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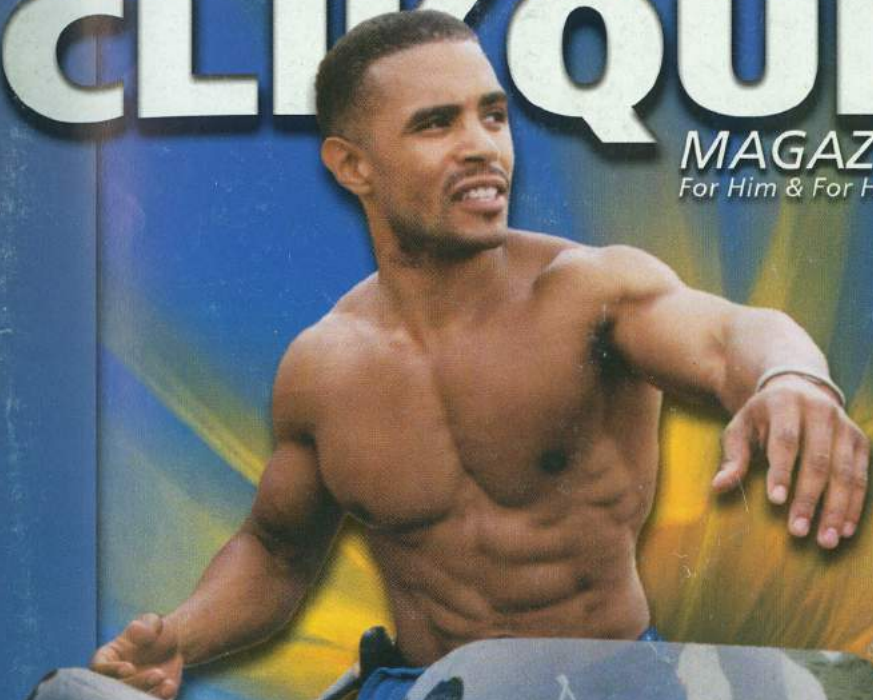
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Thursday - May 4, 2000

"The Engagement" 3rd Annual Strip Down -N- HTown Party
Place: Incognito The Club **Time:** 9:00pm - 4:00am
 Come see as the country's finest strippers battle for cash prizes totaling \$ and the title of Stripper of the Year. Hosted by the Atlanta's own Dominique Rashad, with music provided by DJ - Tony Powell. Contest is not limited to professionals only so anyone interested please call 713.237.9431 for more information.

Friday - May 5, 2000

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Place: Holiday Inn **Time:** 5:00pm - 9:00pm
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Place: Incognito The Club **Time:** 10:00pm - 4:00am
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Saturday - May 6, 2000

Operation Mall Take Over

Place: Galleria Mall **Time:** 11:00am - 3:00pm
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"The Reception"

Place: SKYBAR **Time:** 4:00pm - 8:00pm
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"Bachelor Party"

Place: The Hangar **Time:** 10:00pm - 4:00am
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"Bachelorette Party"

Place: Incognito The Club
Time: 10:00pm - 4:00am
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Sunday - May 7, 2000

Houston Splash "2000" Beach Party

Time: 10:00am - 6:00pm **Place:** Stewart Beach in Galveston
 (Just follow I-45 South until you hit water)

"The Wedding" Southern Diva/Stripper Extravaganza Party

Place: Incognito The Club **Time:** 3:00pm - 4:00am
 Come witness a marriage that has lasted the test of time with your emcee Cookie LaCook and Chicago's own "Heavy Diva" Otis Mack along with the country's best Male/Female Performers. But why have one wedding when you can have two, "Who will be crowned Mr. & Mrs. Hot BODY 2000!!" (Best Male, Female and Female Impersonator) Show time will begin at 9:00pm sharp! Special guests Dirty Sally, Leah Halston, Tammie Ross, Jasmine Bonet, Neisha Dupree, Alphonse Dupree, Tim Bohart, Akedrain Adams, Tevin St. James, Nicole Dupree, Alicia Kelly, Sophia McIntosh, Dominique Rashad. The patio will be open for your dancing enjoyment.

****For those of you who chose not to have fun in the sun in Galveston and prefer to stay in Houston. Incognito the Club will be open and offering free admission from 3:00pm - 6:00pm However if you leave you must pay to re-enter anytime after 6:00pm. ****

Monday - May 8, 2000

"The Honeymoon"

Place: Incognito The Club **Time:** 10:00pm - 3:00am
 Featuring The Male and Female Hot Body Revue, hosted by Cookie LaCook with special guest Randy Rochelle

Houston Splash VIP Passes are only \$60 and are going quick, so get your pass before it's too late. VIP passes may be purchased at Incognito the Club for more information contact 713.237.9431. Or visit us at www.houstonsplash.com for more details. Otherwise we will see you in the lines

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The Hangar

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 Follow same directions above continuing pass Incognito the Club on McKinney making a right turn on Polk. The Hangar is located 2 to 3 blocks on your left hand side on the corner of Roberts and Polk.

Galleria

From Holiday Inn: Exit the Holiday Inn onto Main Street and make the U-Turn at Holcombe, so that you are now headed toward Downtown Houston. Continue down Main Street, until you approach Blodgett which is the cross street for Wendy's and Day's Inn. Make a left turn onto US 59 South then to 610 North exiting at the Westheimer exit. Make a left turn at the light under the freeway and the Galleria Mall is located on your left.

Galveston Beach

From Holiday Inn: Exit the Holiday Inn making a right onto Main Street continuing straight down Main (No U Turn) until you get to 610 Freeway. Make a left turn onto 610 East on the Freeway. Continue on 610 until you approach Interstate 45 South. Continue on I 45 South until you hit water and see Stewart Beach.

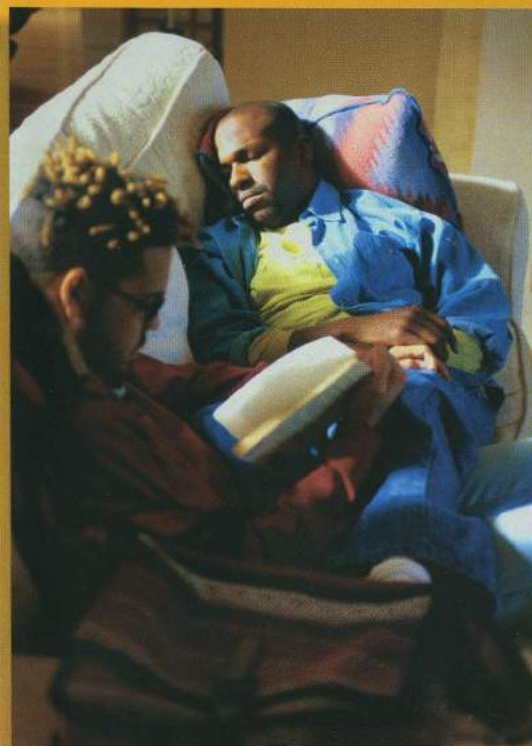
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Houston Splash May 4-7th 2000

Scoring a Perfect 10:

Houston Splash & Unity Pride Splash 2000

By: Darryl!

If you ever watched Olympic divers making their attempt to win the Gold Medal by trying to make the smoothest entry, with the graceful form, and the slightest splash you would understand why **Houston Splash™** is winning Gold in the hearts of Texans and fellow party seekers around the country. Although Houston Splash has been going on for decades it's still a fresh entry into the prime time of the Black party circuit. Over the past few years **Houston Splash™** has grown into a magnificent explosion of food, fun, fashion, and folks! This year will be no exception as the sponsors of Houston Splash bring you the greatest in party events known to Texas and the creators of **Unity Pride Splash 2000** bring you the most sun-tastic of Pride parties and functions designed to tantalize your senses and wet your wild spot while supporting one of the South's powerful AIDS service organizations, **Project Caesar & The AIDS Foundation**. And as a special treat **Clikque Magazine** will also host its annual anniversary pool party on Saturday in Houston.

Houston Splash, began as a first Sunday in May Summer "splash" party. Texans, and friends, could be found sunin' and funin' themselves into a frenzy at Galveston Beach. Over the years the African American community became more and more involved and eventually the party evolved into the largest Black gathering of gay, lesbian, transgender, bi-sexual, and same gender loving on the hot sands of Galveston Beach. Coining the phrase "Houston Splash" the original promoters set in motion a tradition of fun and entertainment serving fantasy and excitement bigger than Disney or Six Flags.

Because Texas is known for "bigger", this years promoters, although offering separate events promise to be bigger and better. Derek Miles of In-Cognito, the Club, as the official hosts of "Houston Splash" vow to bring splashes the legendary events- sights and sounds that has made the event known world wide. This year Miles and supporters will produce "The Big Wedding" - Texas Style. Join them as they present a marriage of fun and freedom as only Houston Splash can do. Beginning with the Engagement (3rd annual Strip Down-N-Htown party), The Rehearsal (Houston Splash Kick-off party), The Reception (@ SKYBAR) to the Bachelor (@ The Hanger) and Bachelorette (@ In-Cognito) parties, Beach Party (Sunday @ Stewart Beach), culminating with the Wedding (Southern Diva/Stripper Extravaganza Party) and the Honeymoon.

While you get your wedding fever on, the first Unity Pride Splash celebration will make Houston the Hottest spot in the New Millennium. Bruce Johnson and the UPS2000 crew are promoting the next wave in Pride festivals "we are a people's event- 1 Love, 1 Nation." Its about all nations of people coming together for a big splash! Proceeds from selected events from this festival will go to support Project Caesar & The AIDS Foundation. The Unity Pride Splash 2000 promoters are hosting events that are designed to compliment Houston Splash events by augmenting the weekend and offer splashes more opportunities to enjoy Big Texas Hospitality and the Big Texas Seascape.

Special offerings from Rascals include: Thursday night's National Talent Search (\$300.00 prize)-register by 10:30 pm, Friday's hot bodies contest for male strippers (300.00 prize), Saturday Hosting the after party for UPS2000, and Sunday The Rascal's Untouchables and special guests.

With all this going on it's easy to see why **Houston Splash™** and **Unity Pride Splash 2000** will be the biggest, best, and hottest event to start your summer off. Houston Splash and Unity Pride Splash 2000 hope that you will be their honored guests for this years festivities. It won't be a party/festival without you!

Oh, yeah, don't forget to join **Clikque Magazine** as it joins into the festivities in Houston with it's own Anniversary Pool Party- in the city where it all began. **Clikque's Anniversary Pool party** will be hosted at the Sheraton Houston- Brookhollow Hotel. Hang with us and register to win \$1000.00 in cash and accommodations at DC Black Pride, Memorial Day Weekend.

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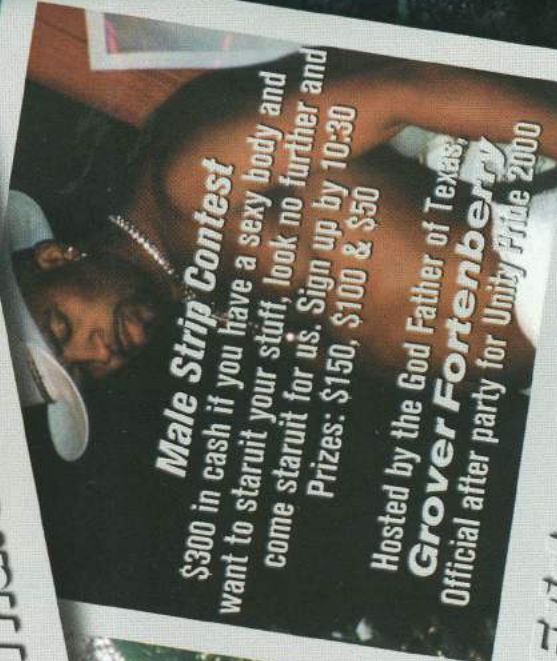


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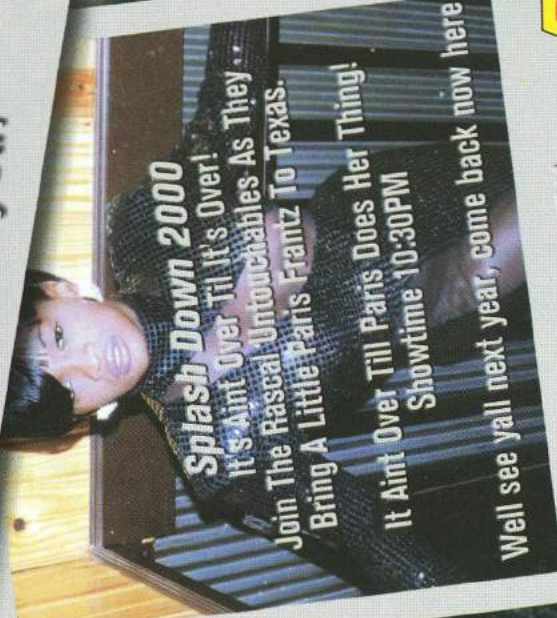


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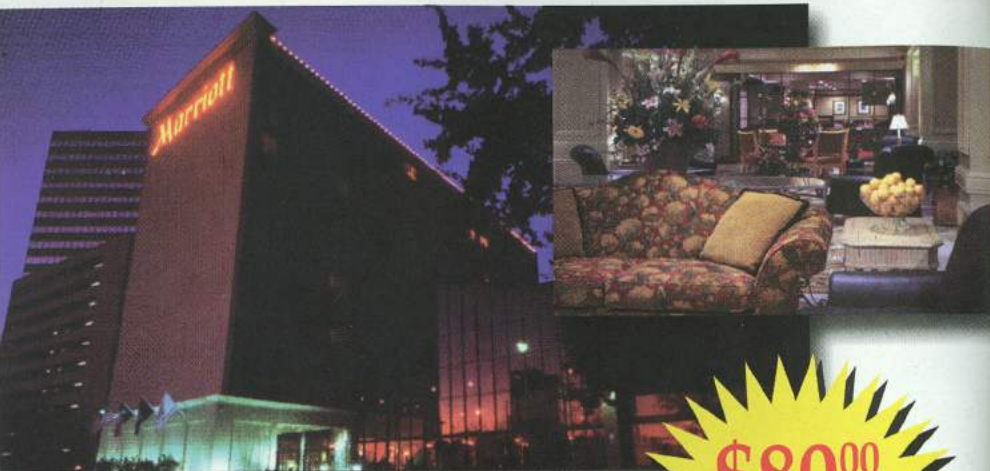
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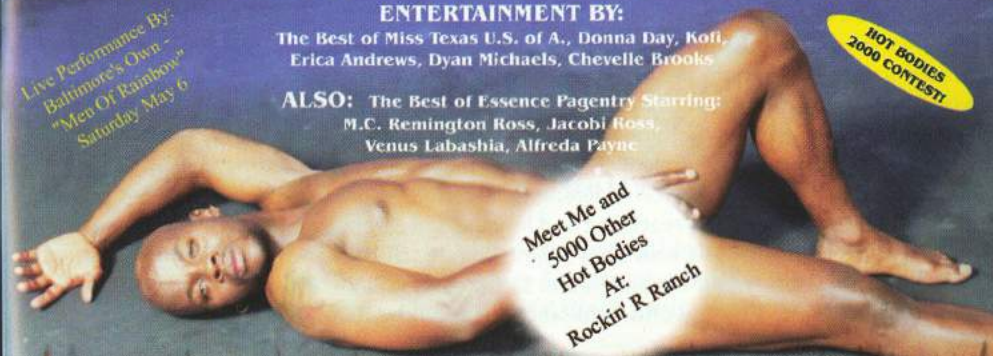
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From Don't Sweat The Small Stuff

So many of us hold on to little resentments that may have stemmed from an argument, a misunderstanding, the way we were raised, or some other painful event. Stubbornly, we wait for someone else to reach out to us—believing this is the only way we can forgive or rekindle a friendship or family relationship.

An acquaintance of mine, whose health isn't very good, recently told me that she hasn't spoken to her son in almost three years. "Why not?" I asked. She said that she and her son had had a disagreement about his wife and that she wouldn't speak to him again unless he called first. When I suggested that

she be the one to reach out, she resisted initially and said, "I can't do that. He's the one who should apologize." She was literally willing to die before

reaching out to her only son. After a little gentle encouragement, however, she did decide to be the first one to reach out. To her amazement, her son was grateful for her willingness to call and offered an apology of his own. As

is usually the case when someone takes the chance and reaches out, everyone wins.

Whenever we hold on to our anger, we turn "small stuff" into really "big stuff" in our minds. We start to believe that our positions are more important than our happiness. They are not. If you want to be a more peaceful person you must understand that being right is almost never more important than allowing yourself to be happy. The way to be happy is to let go, and reach out. Let other people be right. This doesn't mean that you're wrong. Everything will be fine. You'll experience the peace of letting go, as well as the joy of letting others be right. You'll also notice that, as you reach out and let others be "right," they will become less defensive and more loving toward you. They might even reach back. But, if for some reason they don't, that's okay too. You'll have the inner satisfaction of knowing that you have done your part to create a more loving world, and certainly you'll be more peaceful yourself.

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HIV/AIDS COMMENTARY

Clikque Magazine

by Don Sneed



Director of Renaissance III, Dallas TX

is estimated that 1 in 50 African American men are infected with HIV. From a global perspective the majority of people dying from AIDS and living with HIV are of African descent. It is my personal fear and will be an African American tragedy that when the statistics are released, in June by the CDC, the majority of people in the United States living with HIV/AIDS and dying from the disease will be of African descent. We are involved in a life and death struggle. For Black people this is the Mother of All Wars. Sadly, this is a war that we are not winning. Unfortunately, on many of our battlefronts, our soldiers are barely holding the line and some fronts are in virtual collapse.

On the Southwestern front we are under heavy siege by the virus. At Renaissance III we have seen our client caseload explode over the last year. We had estimated adding approximately 60 new clients during the last year; three times that many came to our doors seeking help to stay alive. We are under siege. As we embark upon a testing campaign of young MSM, with very limited resources, we are finding an infection rate of approximately 30%. We are under siege. The majority of our new clients arrive with a CD4 count of 250 or less. We are under siege. Since November of 1999 there has been an astounding increase in the number of our clients dying from AIDS. We are under siege. We have seen a significant increase in the number of young African American men diagnosed with HIV infection (25 and under). We are under siege. The majority of the deaths have been in men between the ages of 25 and 35. We are under siege!

On the Southwestern front despite these vicious and unrelenting attacks by the enemy-virus we are determined to hold the line. We shall persevere. We refuse to retreat and we will not give one inch of ground unto the enemy because of fear or failure to do all within our power and resources. We have friends and loved ones of the fallen and falling signing up for duty. We are preparing a counter-attack and pray to have it underway by mid-summer. As a people, African Americans have faced many and great enemies while on these shores. We have met and fought valiantly against them all. However, this is the greatest and most powerful foe that we have ever faced. Let us not dance, party, play and sex our way to extinction.

Dateline: March 23, 2000; reporting from the Southwestern Front: Dallas, Texas. You may wonder why I use the old "dateline" method of opening my column. This was a method used by print reporters during the first and second World Wars. I am a print reporter and again we find ourselves engaged in a deadly vicious World War. This time it is not the enemy-human it is the enemy-virus. As of 1998 there has been a cumulative total of 13.9 million deaths caused by the AIDS virus worldwide. In 1998 there were 2.5 million deaths caused by the AIDS virus. Globally, there are an estimated 33.4 million people living with HIV as of 1998. In the United States, by June of 1998, there were a reported 401,028 deaths due to AIDS. In that same year there were a cumulative total of 325,000 African Americans living with HIV disease. It

For those of you who are HIV positive I caution against the use of drugs, alcohol, isolation, fear, shame and guilt. Many of our clients who have succumbed to the enemy-virus over the last six months have had one or more of those things in common. Eighty percent of them were on anti-retroviral medications. Anti-retroviral medications, alone, will not keep us alive. If we envelop ourselves in fear, guilt, and shame then proceed to isolate, as we consume ever increasing amounts of intoxicants, we set ourselves up for anti-retroviral drug failure. I have seen the results of this strategy: premature death. AIDS is a vicious and cunning enemy. You cannot fight it in a retreat mode. The enemy-virus must be faced and fought in the open without fear, guilt, shame, in isolation or while loaded to the gills off of our favorite intoxicants. A loaded soldier is a soon to be a dead soldier. We are in a war and we are under siege.

As in all wars there will be casualties. I submit that there have been too many casualties and we must stem this hemorrhaging. In America, this is a disease, primarily, of African American men. We have not responded as men do when they are collectively attacked. I do not expect all of us to do what I do. But I do expect all of us to do what is within our power and resources to do. If you have not given to an AIDS organization in your community, fighting for your life, stop what you are doing right now! Open up wallet or checkbook and give what you can. If you are unable to give money, give of your time and abilities. Please do something other than wait for the enemy-virus to attack you or a loved one. You can make a difference. You are under siege!



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The debate on the issues of Gay marriage and domestic partnerships have been going on for many years now but thanks in part to the barrage of court challenges, and the Gay Civil Rights movement, the issues have come to the forefront of American politics, religious institutions, and public forums. It would seem, though, that the debate has been avoided, dismissed, or overlooked within the Black community. This may be true or it may be that African American's are dealing with so many other issues that the personal freedoms and legal nuances regarding marriages and partnerships are low on the list of priorities.

In retrospect we know that people of the African diaspora have been last to consider or confront many ills or issues that eventually leave them at the door of opportunity knocking after others have entered into the house of change and progress. The question for us to consider is can we afford to allow our "other" counterparts to define, debate, and

Houston ladies exchanging vows
Introduction by Darryl

decide the issues that will also impact us and in some strange way limit our access to the table where decisions are made. If we are not at the table when the menu is being prepared we can do little more than complain about the meal once it is being served.

For us the issue is not only political but personal. How much of our personal lives do we want to expose? How much controversy do we want too add to our already difficult existence as People of color and African American's in this society? On the personal side we have and do make choices to live our lives in the most powerful and productive ways we can etch out in this world. Do we want to challenge the delicate balances that have kept our estranged families marginally involved with us? Are we prepared to confront being multiple minorities and add to our lives a new "issue" that not only we, but our children, will have to confront daily? Are we really prepared to deal with the legal and sociological implications of marriage and partnership?

Politically are we prepared to be OUT, publicly? It is one thing to be "assumed such" and an entirely different thing to be "exposed." Are we prepared to charge our leaders with the daunting task of fighting for

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human and civil rights (circa 1960's style) and add gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgendered issues as well. MLKing, Jr., Bishop Desmond Tutu, Barbara Jordan, and many great people have said and resaid that until we are all free...none of us are truly free. Are we prepared to carry the torch of freedom to the next level or are we content to teter on the brink of freedom and just "survive" with pseudo-liberty? Or maybe we are fine just the way we are and no other changes are needed for our total manifestation and actualization. Hummmmm...?

We will not solve the debate today but we can forward the dialogue which may prompt someone - somewhere, to act on their convictions. Here are some of your comments sent to us in response to the topic of the month for April.

Gerald L. Golden, Jr.-

I feel as though gays and lesbians should be allowed to marry one another, however, only in a civil setting. The sacrament of marriage is a religious procedure more so than legal and in the sight of GOD, it would be morally wrong for same-gender persons to exchange vows. Now, that is not to say that persons of other religious backgrounds outside of christianity should not do so, I am not versed well enough on other religions to make an assertion at this time. From a legal standpoint marriage should only be regarded as act of unity by two persons would choose to bond together, regardless of their gender. Same-gender marriages are currently such a hot topic because only now we have persons would have proceeded with them. I am sure they're were persons who may have wanted to but couldn't, mainly due to legal restraints. For example, if my memory serves me correctly, it was once and probably still is against the law in Illinois to committ any acts of a homosexual nature whether public, or private. My thing is this, people should legally be allowed to marry whomever they choose without a lot of bureaucratic red-tape to go through.

Jhahbriel C.E. Moore-Collins, Maryland

It is funny when people speak upon gay marriages and look at you like you are crazy. This is something even today our own homosexual families do. How are straight people going to except gay marriages if our own people don't stand strong behind it, AND act upon it. This year my lover and I will be celebrating our 2nd year of marriage but our 3rd year of being together. We were married in the church here in DC and through prayer and the support of our friends and family we are making it. No relationship is perfect but, in Christ it is.

The court system may not ever grant this to be legal but, as long as we again stay strong behind our beliefs it won't matter. Only we can change the future and with the future comes change. A Positive force brings its own a positive reaction. A negative force only brings a negative counteraction. My people stay strong in what you believe. Don't let a closed mind focus you out. And to answer the question, YES GAY MARRIAGES SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED.

Jennifer Wilford, Houston, TX

Legalizing same gender marriages has definitely become an issue in today's society. Persons in authority see it as a disgrace to society as well as to one's religion. Personally, I am all for same gender marriages, not just because I am a gay female, but I see the situation for what it is. A person's gender should not determine the nature of love. Indeed, love has no color, but it also has no gender. Males and Females of the same sex find security and comfort in one another...something that isn't found in a heterosexual or as society says a "normal" relationship. We deserve the same rights and privileges as heterosexual human beings. The public portrays us as some type of disease that is contagious, when in all actuality, many of them try to be like us. We, as a black gay community, need to join together as one. We need to portray a positive image for ourselves and our younger generation

and not let Ricki Lake and Jerry Springer make us out to be animals. We are humans too and we deserve to have the same privileges as others. I am a proud gay female, I have a lovely fiance', and together 3 beautiful kids. I would never let society define me or my family. I try to portray a positive image for my family and set a good example as a Christian also. God is the only one that is fit to judge anyone, the only one to have the last say about anyone's life. God planned our lives before we were even thought of, so what makes anyone else fit to judge me?

Bryant Brazeal, Atlanta, GA

I firmly believe that gay and lesbian committed relationships should be legally affirmed, however, I disagree with calling those unions a marriage. As an out, gay, same-gender loving black man, I believe that the legal protections afforded by marriage are more important than the simple label of 'marriage.' I think that those rights can be more readily afforded through domestic partnership legislation. The word 'marriage' carries too many religious connotations and I believe therein lies the problem with forcing the marriage issue. Marriage is both religious and civil in nature. Most religious doctrines preach the virtues of marriage, but our governments go one step further by granting legal standing to the 'partnership' that is created through the religious act. It is not the religious act of marriage that allows an opposite-sex couple to file joint tax returns, buy and inherit each others property, or receive spousal benefits from one another's employer. Those privileges are granted because

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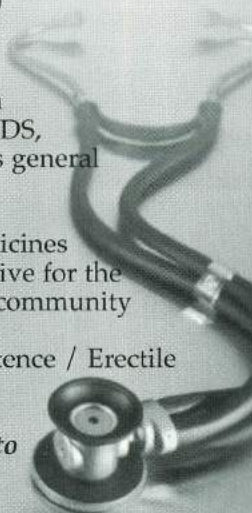


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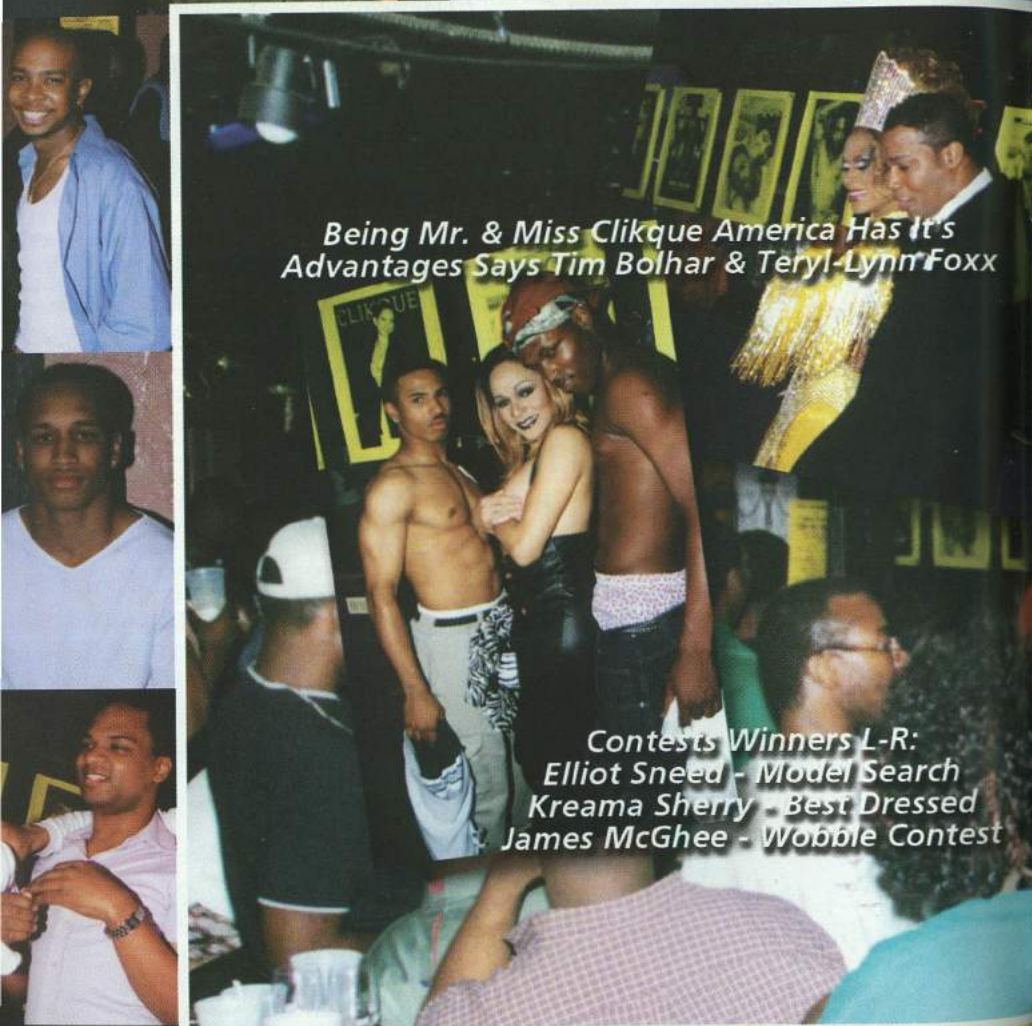
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Our new family in New Orleans showed us that beauty comes with diversity. **Clikque Magazine** went to this city with intentions of promoting the magazine and supporting our Miss Clikque in her hometown. We left feeling loved and with renewed spirit of how beautiful our same gender loving community truly is. Not really knowing what to expect, we were overwhelmed with the congenial personalities we encountered during this trip. This event was not only a success for Clikque Magazine as a thriving African-American/Gay operated publication, but it was also a success in that it displayed love that is all too often over-looked by our community. As an individual in an unfamiliar place, I was made to feel at home. This city is filled with some of the most down-to-earth people you could ever meet.

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—JAMES MARTIN

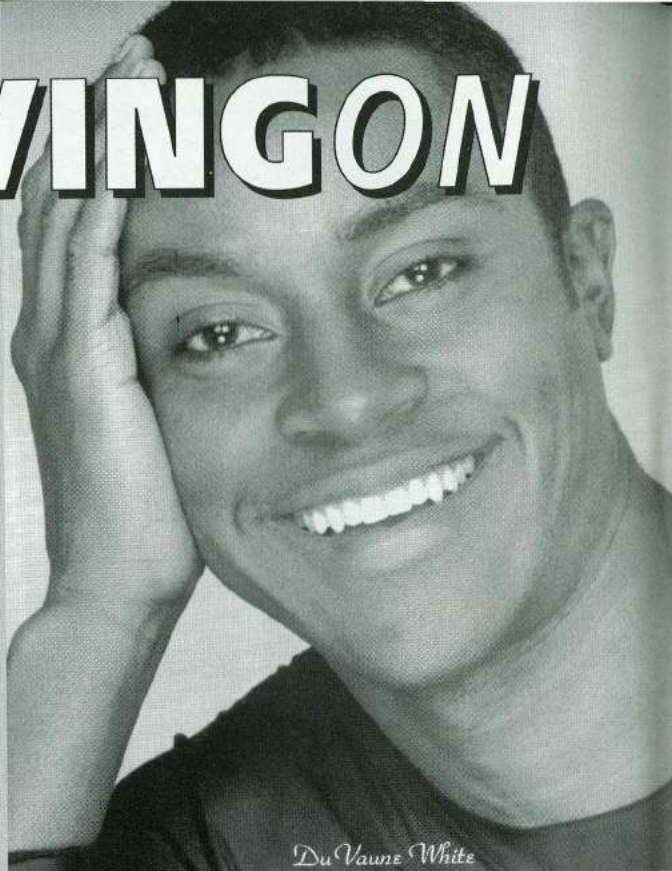
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MOVING ON

by: DuVaune White

When is it time to move on? Having just come out of a five year relationship, I ask myself how did I let it go this far, and why did I let it go this far? Many of us want to fool ourselves into believing that love, and only love made us stay. But why do we stay in an abusive, often times volatile situation? The truth is that we do it for fear of being alone, fear of having to do that dating thing all over again, having to meet someone new, and let them in on all of our idiosyncrasies. For some, it is the fear of not being able to meet our financial obligations. We find comfort in knowing that this person with whom we stay, and commit ourselves to, already knows us: They know our weaknesses, our strengths, our likes and dislikes, and sometimes, if we're lucky the sex is just too damn good to let go.



DuVaune White

Although I am by no means a victim of a physically abusive relationship, I was mentally abused, but mainly by myself, for allowing the situation to continue. In my eyes, my partner was, and still is, a wonderful, loving, caring, and gentle man, I can't say that about many men. Therefore, I won't engage in slanderous statements, or attacks on his character. Most people consider me to be a very strong, in your face, direct kinda guy, who knows what he wants...a guy who would never allow himself to get into a situation that wasn't good or healthy for him. But, I did! And this being my third long term relationship, I'm beginning to see a pattern, a pattern that scares the living hell out of me. However, I take comfort in knowing that I am not alone in this pattern of misguided behavior, I take discomfort in knowing that many of us allow this sort of thing to happen, sometimes repeatedly.

My biggest enemy in all of this is that ole' dreaded organ known as "The Heart". yes, my heart is my biggest enemy. I'm a sucker for tears. If you cry, somehow you steal my emotions, and hence the guilt sets in, and I believe that leaving is probably the biggest mistake I will make, the guilt and everything attached to it soon follows, and before I know it, I have forgiven all, and things are back to the way they were before.

My situation, however is somewhat unique-that's what we all say! -in the sense that this was a semi-long distance affair. You see, I'm not now, nor did I in the beginning think of this situation as a relationship. I've always considered this a "situation", but my partner felt otherwise, and often referred to this thing as a relationship, and in his eyes, I'm sure he believed it. In all honesty, and I may contradict myself here, if this brotha had lived here in Atlanta, GA, I don't think we would have lasted as long as we did. Our characters are very different, but the sex was fuckin' on, we would tear some shit up. And if we were to get together again, the same would apply. So I figured, "Hey", there's no one in the works here (although there were plenty of guys knockin)...This is perfect, or so I thought in the beginning, and so the saga begins. First, we must ask ourselves what is a relationship? What do we desire from this relationship? What do we desire from our partners. After you have come up with suitable answers, then you must ask

yourself are you getting everything your heart desires? If the answer is "no", then, my friend, you are not in a relationship, you are in a "thing!" And sometimes this thing beats the living crap out of you, sometimes this thing verbally abuses you, sometimes this thing doesn't have your back, when you think he/she should, and sometimes this thing doesn't give you the sexual and physical pleasure that you need to make it through a 24 hour period. And from this you start to look for other avenues of pleasures (alcohol, drugs, other sexual partners, overeating, and the list goes on). And these pleasures can ultimately wreak havoc in your ordinary, mundane life. To stay in a situation that is not healthy, is nothing short of suicide. You'll begin to lose your will to live, to create, to conquer as "The Almighty" has intended for you to do.

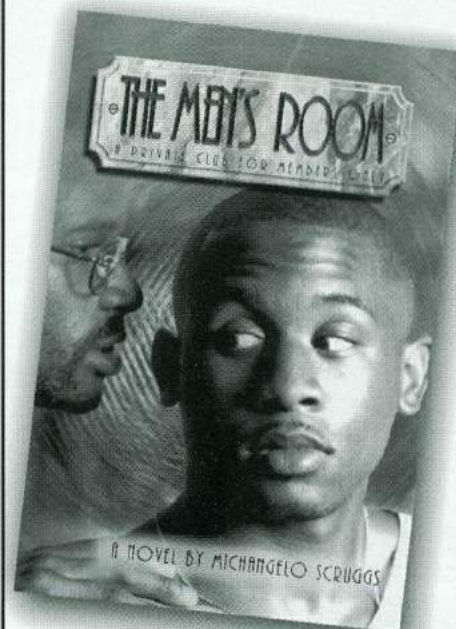
If you are a brotha, or a sista in a relationship (especially you brothas), and your partner is not 100% committed to pleasing you in every @#\$!&' way possible, you are a chile' of abuse, and you need to Run For It Run! If yo dawg ain't givin you the booty (whole nother topic), but expects you to bend ova, and let him rip yo insides out, you need to Run For It Run! If yo girl ain't eatin' your punani, and bringing you to heightened levels of multiple orgasms, but willing to serve you da platter all the time, just pack yo shit, and git the hell outta dodge girl (stagecoach leaving at 1pm). What I'm saying is that we are not alone here, we have all been, at one time or another, in a situation where we weren't treated fairly, or equally. We've all allowed ourselves to be a victim at one time or another, and this is not a bad thing; in fact, it's a very good thing, because it allows us to learn from our mistakes, enabling us to grow stronger, not weaker, and learn to accept that being alone isn't always a bad thing. Sometimes it is the most incredible thing that could happen to an individual, because this should be a time of reflection, a time to sort out your life, your finances, and all of your desires.

My brothas, and sistas, it's ok to check out a movie, or dinner, or take a vacation by yourself. You'll be surprised at how many doors will open for you when you travel alone. But if you are one of those people who just can't do it... Call Charter! Seriously, get into some sort of group thing, whether it be a church, or community social function, and if this don't work for you, then, by God, GET A DOG!

But when the storm has come through your neighborhood, and caused great damage to the structure of your home, you are forced to make some assessments: Do I stay and repair, or is the damage just too great? Some structures, are beyond repair. So we make the painful choice of moving on, but this is how you should treat your heart. Follow it, and when it says "move on", then it is indeed time to move on!

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THE Cycle OF DEPRESSION

In my last article I wrote very candidly about my battle with depression. Since that time I have been on a journey of some sort of self-discovery. Some of the trip I am enjoying; other parts are annoying the hell out of me. After I recognized my depression, I decided that I needed some time away by myself. So I ventured off to London to visit some friends that I had not seen in a while. Everything was fine for most of the trip. I went for long walks by myself. I did some light shopping. Harrod's and Harvey Nichols were having their annual January sale (in case you are wondering I paid for everything in cash). I met up with friends and had dinner and drinks. The entire trip was just the escape that I needed until it was time for me to leave.

When I arrived at Gatwick Airport I found that my 1:00 PM flight was now a 10:00 PM departure. Initially, I seemed to be ok with this lateness. But as I sat down and began to look for things to occupy my time, it became all to clear that I was not in control of anything around me. And

that is when "it" happened. My chest started to tighten, paranoia was setting in (I felt as though everyone was watching me), I could not control my breathing, the tears began to roll down my face- I was having another panic attack. The only thing that I could think to do was to call my mother. For some reason none of my calling cards were working so I had to call her collect. Of course because my decision to take this trip was last minute, no one knew where I was-least of all my parents. So when the overseas operator announced that she had a collect call from Scott, my mother was completely caught off guard. Once we established that I was not in any trouble, she began to calm me down. After about thirty minutes of consoling, I was back to my rational state. That was 3 months ago.

Today, I have been taking the Paxil (an anti-depressant) and attending therapy on a weekly basis. The medication is helping me more than I ever would have imagined. I am more focused. I have a lot more clarity with my thoughts. I have more energy. It has taken away my compulsive habits. I am not anxious about anything. Overall, I think that I am a more pleasant person. The medication has allowed me to clear all

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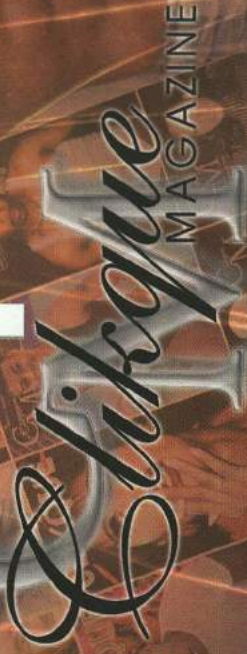
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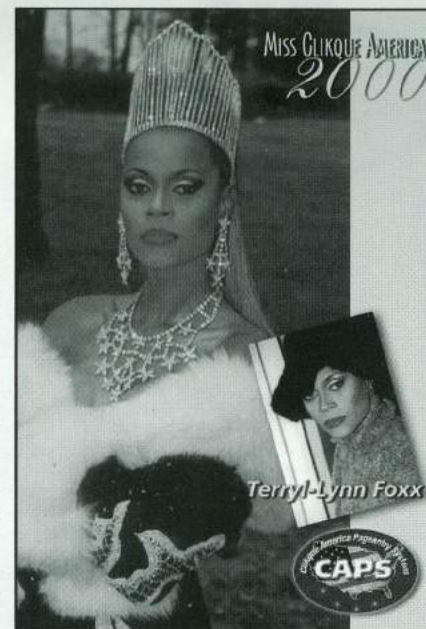
For many transgenders, whether transsexual or transvestite (cross-dresser), being transgendered and enduring the scorn and ridicule of society is not just merely a whim. It is a deeply felt desire to live or dress in the clothing of the opposite sex. However, in the fear of loss of their jobs or relationships with their families, many transgenders do so in the safety of their homes in private or at club gatherings. Some men may even wear female underclothing beneath their male clothing at work (hello Missy!). Many crossdressers are heterosexual, not gay or lesbian and some are married. This puts these crossdressers in a peculiar position not only with the heterosexual world but also with gays and lesbians and transsexuals (those persons who perceive themselves as members of the sex opposite to the one they were born).

If one were to have a conversation with a transgendered person, they would soon realize how long and painful the process has been for recognizing their particular uniqueness, accepting it and doing something about it. Their lifestories tell of the pain and questioning, hatred and prejudice we go through, the attempted suicides, disownment by families, divorces, firings from jobs, verbal and physical assaults, loss of self-esteem and self-worth. TGs do not fall into a convenient category. We're neither fish (no pun intended) nor fowl. Why would anybody go through all this merely on a whim? For a transsexual desiring gender reassignment, it is a long process. Before there can be surgery to correct their physical sexual identity to that of their perceived gender identity, there is prolonged therapy. A therapist probes the desire for gender reassignment to ensure the reasons are real and valid. This stage frequently comes after years of anguish, starting in early childhood, when one wants to wear the clothing of the opposite sex and incurs the wrath of parents and the threat of an eternity in hell for this great "sin."

If the therapist gives approval, the candidate then undertakes a real life test, living as a member of the desired gender. This means that a male begins living and dressing as a woman and a female lives and dresses as a male—at work, with family, and in all activities. A legal name change is required, as is a change in driver's license, etc. The transgender may be discharged from his job, be divorced from their spouse and children, and disowned by parents, brothers, sisters, families, friends, and the public prejudice. If they are to achieve their surgery, they must surmount these difficulties.

During this period, the TG is taking hormone treatment to accentuate the characteristics of the desired gender. For male to female TGs, there is the expense and pain of electrolysis and/or laser treatments to eliminate body and facial hair. One really has to be dedicated to go through some 200 hours of that painful procedure. Women changing to men undergo hormone treatments to suppress their breasts and to grow beards. Hormone treatments cost upwards of one hundred dollars per month and must be continued for life.

As silly as it may sound, one of the biggest challenges becomes the restroom. That issue always comes up—What restroom do I use? Most transgenders avoid the restroom because they are afraid of the reaction of others. There was an incident in a casino in Biloxi, Mississippi, where a TG who was living as a woman used the casino's ladies restroom. The casino security force swooped in and forcibly removed her from the casino. Can you imagine the stir she would have caused entering the men's room dressed as a woman? Recently in New Orleans, during a Mardi Gras Ball of a gay krewe, the announcement was made over the loudspeaker that "the cross-dressers" were not to use the lady's restrooms. I view that announcement as both stupid and demeaning. With individual stalls, there would be no problem—and I am definitely not interested in the least in the private parts of other females. But the misguided krewe members gave in to the hysteria and stupidity of their



heterosexual guests—at the expense of the transgendered guests.

Anytime during the real life test, the therapist can halt the process and withdraw approval. Once the life test is completed, gender reassignment surgery may proceed. Once the surgery is completed, it is irreversible.

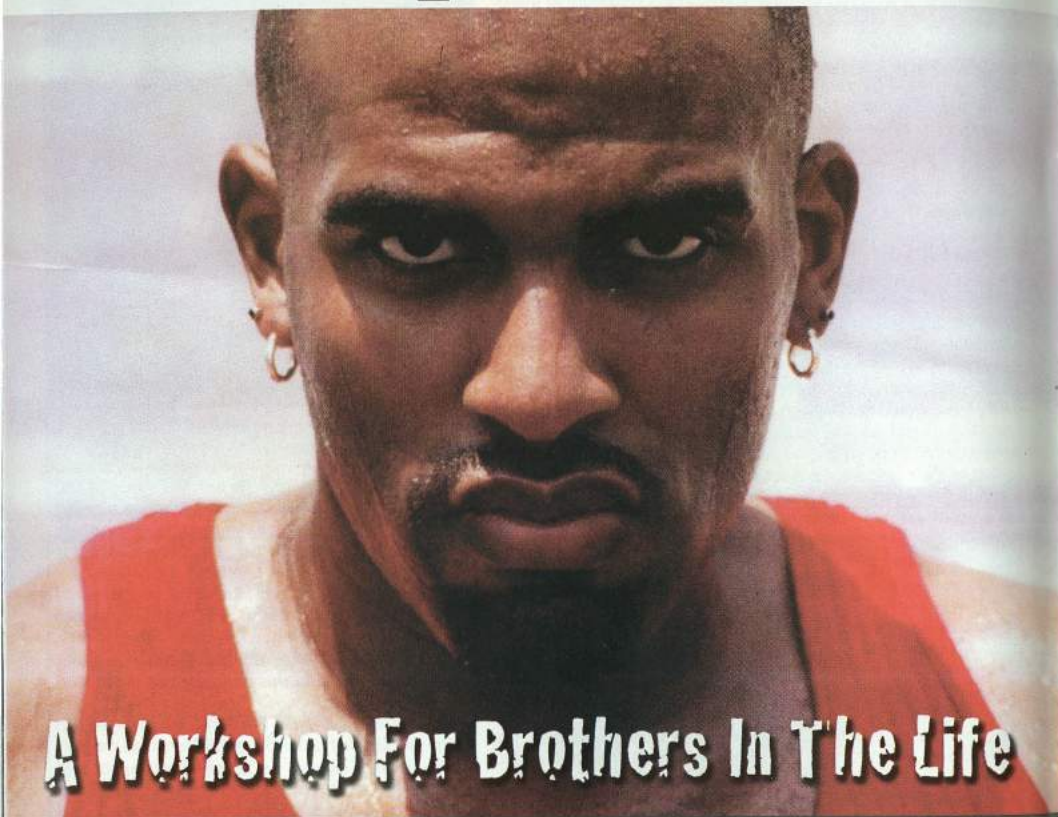
Why endure all this, the humiliation, the pain, and the expense on a whim? Clearly nobody goes through all this lightly. I believe the answer is peace of mind, the becoming of the gender of our urgings, that has told us all along this is our destiny.

Of course, if you are a Black TG, you have to add the problems of racial discrimination to all the horrors outlined above. As Sammy Davis Junior said when he converted to Judaism, "Now I belong to two discriminated groups at the same time!" And so it is for Black transgenders. There have been significant accomplishments by Black TGs. Tommy Ross, Cezan, Tasha Long, just to name a few, all of whom have won major transgender pageants. But for every one of us who are in the spotlight and the public eye, there are hundreds more worrying, wondering, and suffering, trying to reconcile inner feelings with external plumbing and society's prejudice.

Thank you for reading this column and learning more about what makes transgenders tick. Many of my gay, lesbian, and bisexual readers and friends have endured similar rejection, ridicule, and harassment in pursuit of their sexual orientation and can identify with the problems faced by the transgendered. Thank you for that understanding.

Endless love,
Teryl-Lynn

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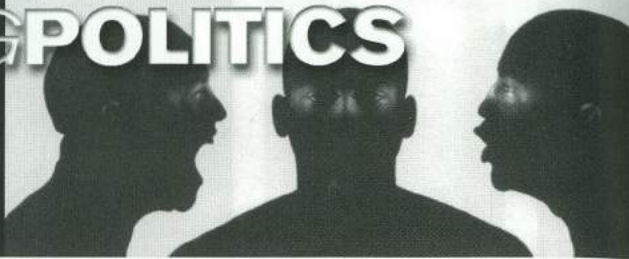
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Same Sex Marriage-No / Domestic Partnerships - Maybe?

The people of California have spoken on the issue of marriage. Their overwhelming verdict: married status should be exclusively a "one-man/one-woman" arrangement, according to the results of a March 7 ballot measure. Proposition 22, also known as "the Knight Initiative" bans the state of California from recognizing same-sex marriages.

In Vermont, however, the state legislature is under a court mandate to give same-sex relationships equal standing to "traditional" marriages. A sweeping Domestic Partnership proposal has been passed by the Vermont legislature. Upon ratification, it will be the most comprehensive measure of its kind in the United States, offering most of the same legal protections to same-sex partners as those that are available to married couples. At press time, the state senate and Governor were expected to approve the measure.

Groups like the Human Rights Campaign are applauding the move, but caution that this "separate" status will never be equal to full marriage. A more pressing concern is the inevitable anti-gay furor that will come as the right-wing seeks to prevent domestic policy measures from being pursued in other states.

Gay and lesbian families counted in 2000 Census

Whatever the term, households where there is a same-sex partnership are being counted in the Census. Although there is no mechanism to count people based on sexual orientation, the census will track how people are related to each other in the household. People who live with a same-sex partner are encouraged to mark the "Unmarried Partner" category in order to be properly counted. Same-sex partners that mark the "Spouse" category will also be counted. Strong participation by people of color will also help demonstrate our presence and potential power as a community. The Census's self reported

written by
DyShawn Muhammed atlanta, ga.

203 year perfect confidentiality record should calm fears among those who do not want their relationships to be public knowledge. For more information, check out www.census.gov.

Gore and Bush go head to head.

With Bill Bradley and John McCain off the trail, the race to November has officially begun. Texas Governor George Bush has seen his lead over Vice President Al Gore drop to a statistically narrow margin in recent weeks. The fight for turnout of minority and other "base" voting blocs on the Democratic side, and an appeal to so-called "Reagan Democrats" by Bush are expected to be the featured elements of the campaign.

African American political pollster and analyst Harry L. Ross has stated that Bush's alignment with hard-line religious conservative groups will create problems for him in the General Election in the fall. Thus, he can be expected to try to move more to the center. Ross, noted for his 95% accuracy, also predicted that if Bush faces Gore in a debate, he will lose in November. Meanwhile, Gore's connection to the tumultuous Clinton administration will be a persistent drag on his campaign for support from scandal-weary voters.

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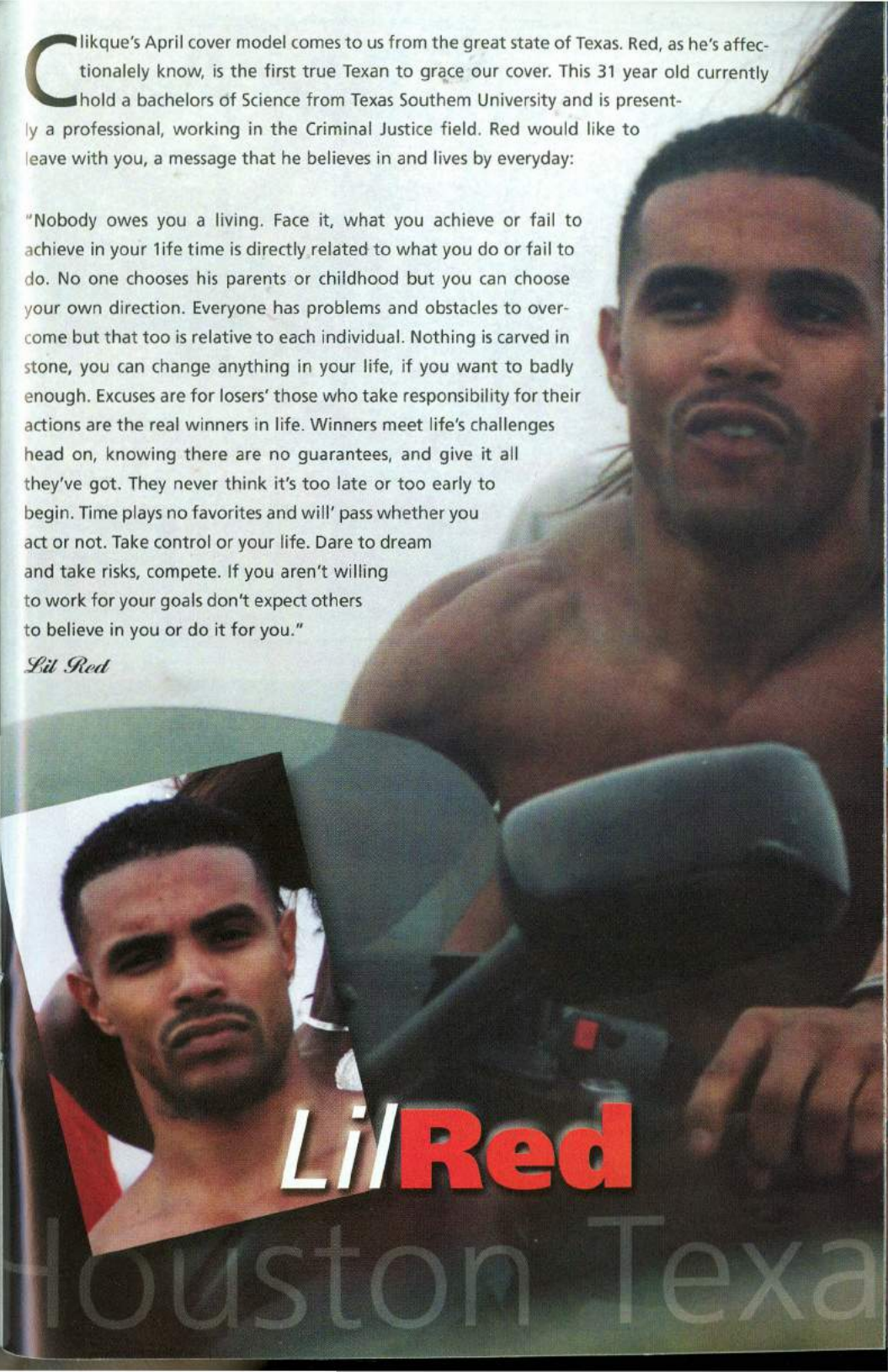
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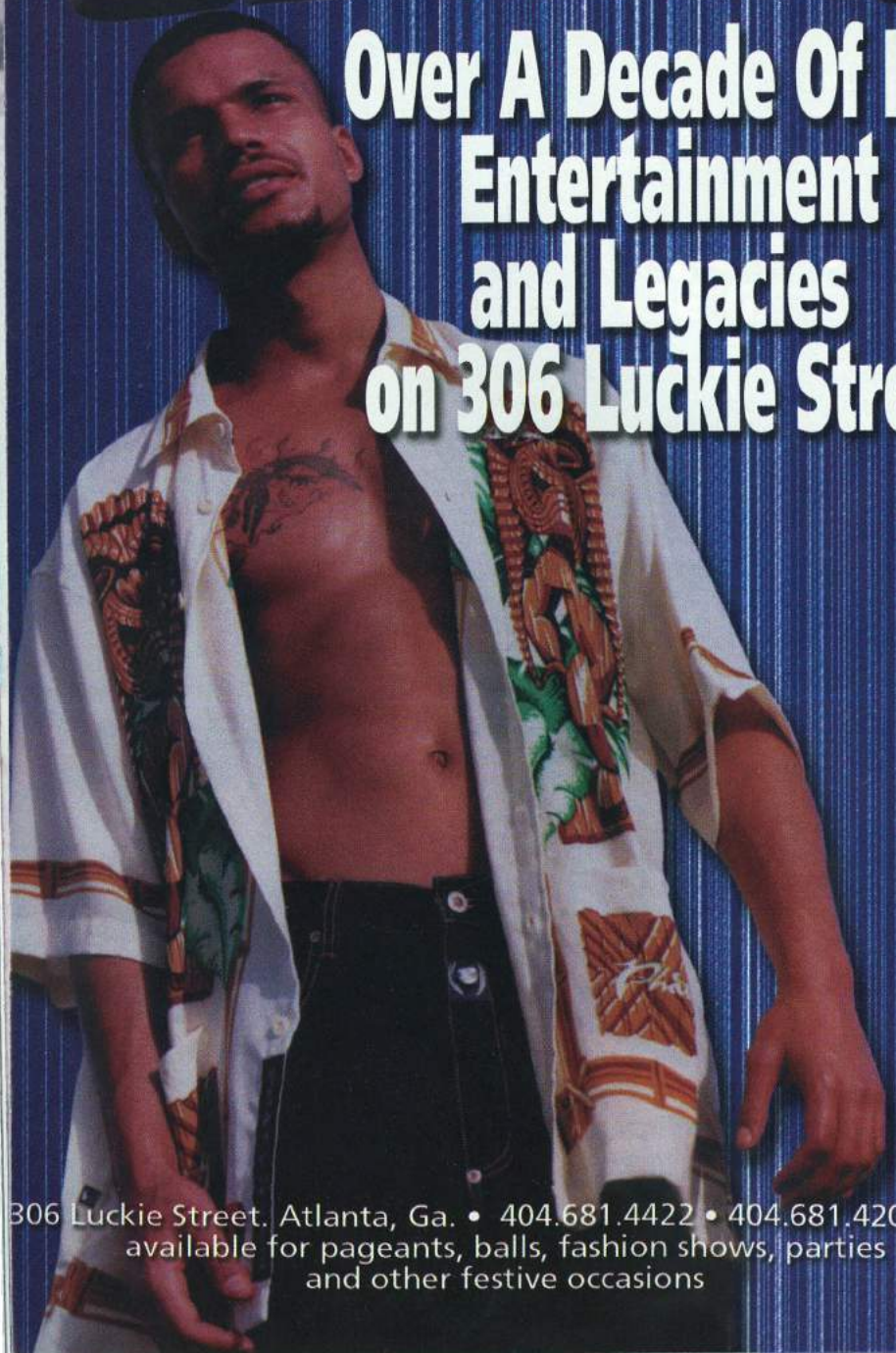


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Pride Weekend and Memphis Pride. Details will follow in the next issue. This month Clikque Magazine would like to wish DON SNEED (HIV/AIDS Editor) a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

Don't get caught in FREAKNIK Traffic! Come join CLIKQUE Magazine as we host our 2nd Anniversary celebration during Freaknik Weekend (April 21-24) in Atlanta. Festivities will begin at the Clikque office with an Art Show featuring work from the MARVINES art collection entitled "I AM WHO I AM" (please notice this advertisement found on page 28). Immediately following this exhibit come and begin your FREAKNIK with Clikque Magazine as we hold our anniversary kick-off party at Fusions Nightclub. Come ready to sweat as DJ Smash spins hip-hop & reggae along with the infamous DJ Cedric giving you house music like you've never experienced before. On Saturday, April 22, Clikque Magazine gets down at TRAXX Nightclub with many surprises throughout the night and FREE food for everyone. On Sunday, 12:30 p.m. come join us back at Fusions Nightclub to enjoy strippers from across the country along with your host Sophia McIntosh and Maxine Blue. We will cap off our weekend celebration with "The Stars of the Century" and special guest Teryl-Lynn Foxx (Miss Clikque America 2000).

See you there!
James Martin/ EVENTS MANAGER

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May 4-7 — Houston, Tx
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May 26-29, Washington DC
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June 9-11, Tampa, FL
Tampa Jamz 2000 (Beach Party)

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Memphis Pride - Party

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New York Pride - Party

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both the state and federal government have legally acknowledged the partnership created by the religious act of marriage. When opposite-sex couples marry they are required to complete a marriage certificate. This legal document acknowledges these two people intend become a legal partnership through the act of religious or civil marriage.

As for why isn't this a hot issue within the SGL community, I believe that there is are enough out and vocal members of our community to make our issues known in the public. Even in a city as large as Atlanta, with questionably the largest population of gay black men in the country, our voices are not well known in the political community. There is internalized homophobia within the SGL community and the fear of reprisals from our family, friends, colleagues, church, and the larger black community keeps our voices quiet on issues important to our community. I also believe that with the strong religious background that most people in the SGL community were brought up to believe, there are a lot of people who may believe that two men or two women marrying in the traditional sense of the word is outside of the framework of their belief system.

So, I believe to change the definition of marriage is to undo thousands of years of religious doctrine. It would require a complete overhaul of the belief systems of every recognized religion in the world. I believe that to legally afford the recognition of gay and lesbian couples better addresses our needs. I think further, that our gay and lesbian community and national leaders should ensure that our message is not that we want to change the church or its teachings, however, what we want to change is the state/federal law to afford us the same legal protections. Our society provides for the separation of church and state, we can change the law without forcing the church to accept gay marriages or even creating the term 'gay marriages'.

Ahotep Adodi

to many times i see bru and sisters living their lives thought their sexuality instead of allowing their sexuality to be a part of who they

are.

Our rights are not about our sexuality but our political and civil stance. It is not a fight for economic freedom or the color of our skin. we can get bus'n, eat in any restaurant, etc... We are talking about spiritual and political issues that need to be addressed. We are talking about our sexual orientation not our sexual preference. If ya are in to S&M it is a sexual preference. If you are into drag while having sex it is a sexual preference. If you are into swinging your titties from a chandler it is a sexual preference.

Our sexual orientation simply deals with the fact that we are men who love men, women who love women or simply men and women who love both. we are attracted to them. we are desirous of them.

There needs to be a national march not to the washington monument but to the steps of the senate and house of representative. and there needs to be a reality enforced. We should be targeting our sexual orientation. A leather man is not going to wear his chaps and bare azz while grocery shopping. A drag queen is not gonna wear a full length evening gown at the corner drug store. A fem brotha is not gonna wear coochie cutters at their job. A lesbian is not gonna have her titties swinging in the wind and beating a bongo drum while pumping gas.

Lets get to reality in our everyday beingness; we don't do those things. Then why in marches for our equality do we enlist every steroytype that ever existed. If we would stop believing in the race cons. and create our own. We can change the perception the world has about us.

Muc Luv, peace and blessings

David- Cambridge, Massachusettes

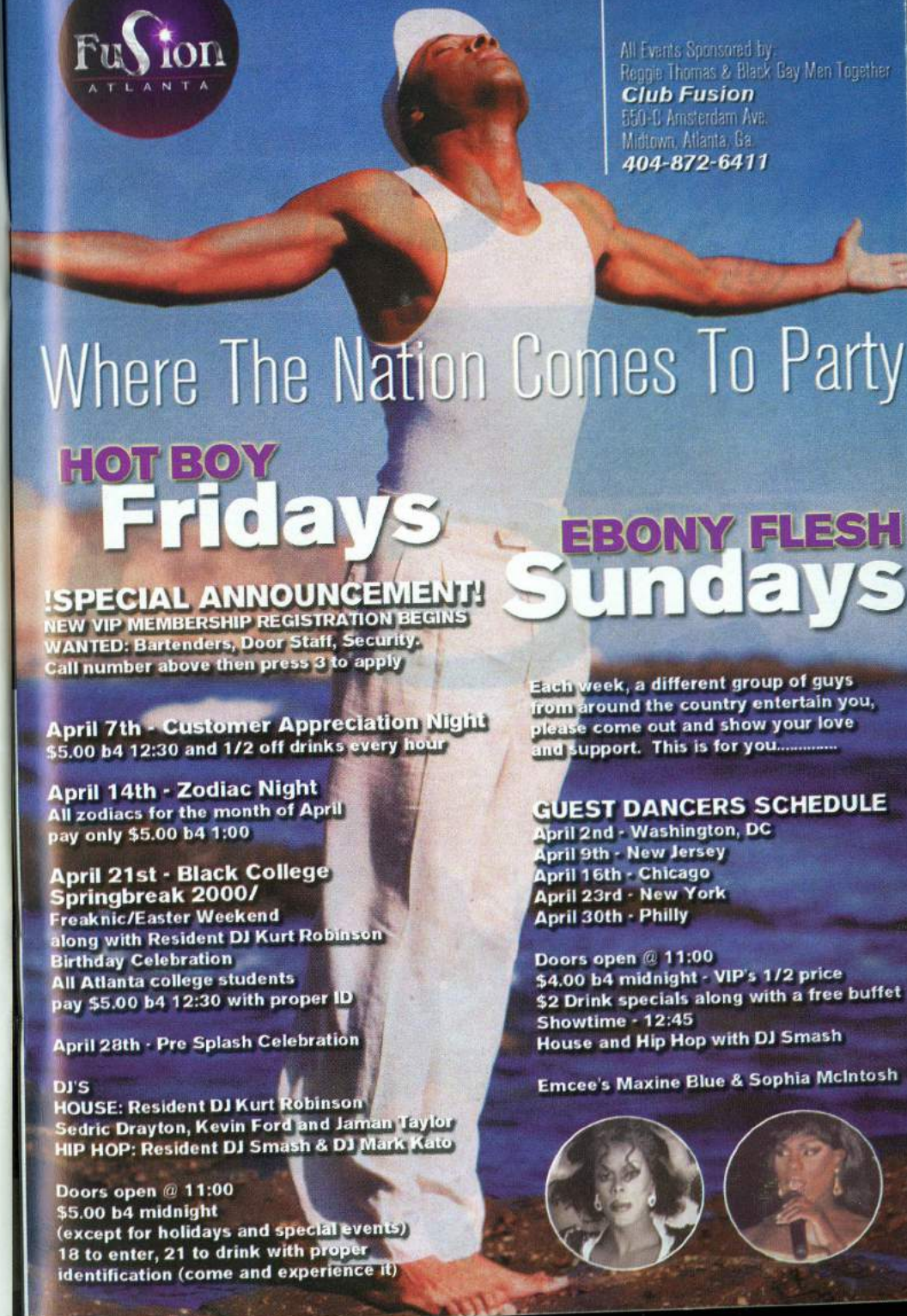
The current marriage debate raises questions regarding the value that a SGL community adds to our society. Whether for security, property, money, or social standing, there has always been a motivating factor for marriage. Today, the motivating factor for the SGL community is access. Equality notwithstanding, access to the privileges ascribed to marriage, such as health care for families and partners, parental rights and

greater access to adoption, and legal and financial protection for spouses/partners, are just a few of the key drivers in the marriage debate. Marriage is not a hot issue for the "SGL community of color" because we have not articulated which of the issues above is important to us. Furthermore, to be involved in the marriage debate requires that we become visible—and that's something that we are clearly not prepared to be. God need not worry about joining us together because we will put marriage asunder ourselves.

Chris Thurston, West Palm Beach, FL

It should definitely be a concern within our own community. I believe that a lot of people don't consider it a problem; especially those on the DL. I have a lot of white associates (being a student at FSU makes it easy), and most of them are gay. They generally plan to live normally with the love of their lives forever. I know personally a lot of the younger generation (our generation) don't normally think about it, or just not that far in the future. Right know everything's a party and will continue to be a party until around 26yrs old. Of course that's not with everyone.....some people take longer!!! Never-the-less, as I said before, I also think it has to do with the amount of people on the DL. I understand everyone can't be me.....we can't all be Openly GAY and proud of it. However there are issues at hand! I also know that within our community people are nervous of others finding out. A lot of us wouldn't even think of going to a pride march, or a public place where we may be seen!

I really feel that this needs to be targeted an nipped in the bud! That way future generations won't have the same mentality. I know it seem like I'm rambling on, but I really feel strongly about this. The lovers that are together and have been together for a while are basically just shacking up!! Most of them have no plans for marriage or even an engagement.....If your going to nip the nector might as well sample (or buy) the fruit!!!!!!



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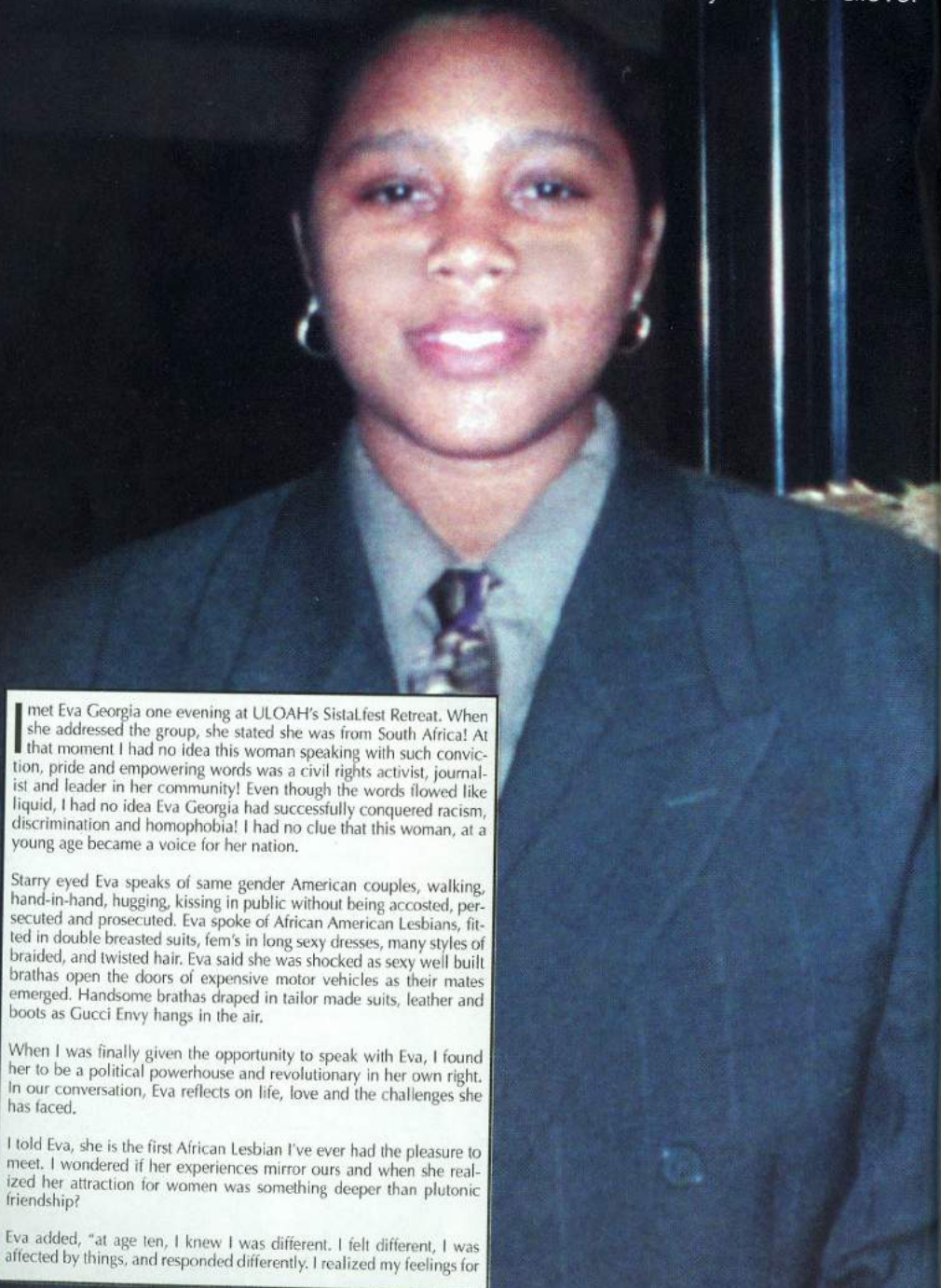
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Trougt African Eyes

Eva Georgia; Civil Rights Activist, Feminist, Journalist By Jenntfer Glover



I met Eva Georgia one evening at ULOAH's Sistalfest Retreat. When she addressed the group, she stated she was from South Africa! At that moment I had no idea this woman speaking with such conviction, pride and empowering words was a civil rights activist, journalist and leader in her community! Even though the words flowed like liquid, I had no idea Eva Georgia had successfully conquered racism, discrimination and homophobia! I had no clue that this woman, at a young age became a voice for her nation.

Starry eyed Eva speaks of same gender American couples, walking, hand-in-hand, hugging, kissing in public without being accosted, persecuted and prosecuted. Eva spoke of African American Lesbians, fitted in double breasted suits, fem's in long sexy dresses, many styles of braided, and twisted hair. Eva said she was shocked as sexy well built brathas open the doors of expensive motor vehicles as their mates emerged. Handsome brathas draped in tailor made suits, leather and boots as Gucci Envy hangs in the air.

When I was finally given the opportunity to speak with Eva, I found her to be a political powerhouse and revolutionary in her own right. In our conversation, Eva reflects on life, love and the challenges she has faced.

I told Eva, she is the first African Lesbian I've ever had the pleasure to meet. I wondered if her experiences mirror ours and when she realized her attraction for women was something deeper than plutonic friendship?

Eva added, "at age ten, I knew I was different. I felt different, I was affected by things, and responded differently. I realized my feelings for

my best friend who was female, were more than plutonic! I was always with and around boys. I was such a tom boy in the midst of finding my true identity".

I told Eva in my youth, I struggled with my identity, my family and their religious stance as have many other Lesbians. I asked her could she relate to the many stories of neglect, abandonment, confusion and exile that binds African American Lesbians?

Eva's response was, "I can definitely relate! As young person, I felt very confused. I felt isolated knowing if my true feelings were exposed I would suffer a terrible fate as did other gays. I was confused in Capetown's Christian society where divorce and homosexuality were not permitted. I grew up with the understanding that I would eventually marry a man! My family was all about the Christian Church and the laws that governed it. The church made it clear that homosexuality is a sin in the eyes of God and it treated gays accordingly! Homosexuality was the ultimate sin worthy of a life in prison. At a young age, I taught Sunday school, I was prominent in the church. I like, everyone else, was expected to fulfill my vows, and deny my true self. It was extremely difficult, painful, and disheartening to hide what I felt and who?

"But not only that, because my family is a mixture of Africans, Dutch & German, my family was considered colored or light skinned. That set us apart from other people. The colored people were affluent. They were respected by the whites of Capetown. I was taught by my mother to be careful, go inside, the Black man will rape you, assault you. The black people delivered the mail, took the trash or cleaned your house. Only, they came in the back door! I did not understand such separation. At a very young age I began to speak out, to challenge, and be an activist for change. I spoke out against the injustices around me. I became a well respected young activist in my community. Soon I became the young voice against apartheid! As I look back, my family never spoke of politics. I learned of politics outside the doors of my home. There was no anti apartheid government mentality. Nelson Mandela, Mahatma Ghandi, and Martin Luther King were my heroes!"

I told Eva from my experiences, in this country homophobic fear and discrimination based on homophobia is a standard practice. It's common place. I asked Eva had she as a lesbian ever experienced homophobia? How did she respond, and how did she rise above it?

"At twenty one I had a huge birthday party, complete with caviar and gifts. A month later, word traveled to my mother that I was gay! My family turned on me. They locked me up and would not let me have one moment alone. I couldn't use the phone, I had no privacy. They beat me up thinking I would change! They beat me for being different, for being gay, and for finally being me! My brother was so angry with me. He said he would make me pay for what I have done! They tried every harsh abuse they could think of, which included therapy and the bishop! The Bishop humiliated me by demanding and lecturing that my emotions did not exist, and that according to Christian belief such thoughts are a sin. The Bishop also relieved me of my Sunday school teaching duties. According to him I was no longer good enough, astute enough to be a Sunday school teacher. I did not understand why everyone, including the church was discriminating against me. I was devastated".

"I was estranged from my Christian Church at a young age. Because of these experiences I stayed away from church for many many years. I didn't return until I came to America and found Living In The Light Ministry!"

"Soon after I was confined, I ran away. My first real girlfriend smuggled me out of town. In weeks my family beat up and raided my friends homes looking for me. I tried to go back to work, but my family had reported me missing to the police! Everywhere I turned there was my family and the police. For

eight or nine months I had no contact with my family which was a devastating blow. In the midst of all that, gays around me were being exiled, thrown into prisons and murdered".

"I lost weight, became ill, and emotionally exhausted. I decided to call my mother. She was extremely happy and relieved. My mother said, she would rather have a gay daughter instead of no daughter. She stated she was willing to learn, but not willing to loose!"

"I eventually moved to another state. I was my mother's dream child, the young activist surrounded by crowds listening to the message. I felt as if I had messed my mothers dreams up and brought my family shame".

"I stayed away from my family for five years. In that time I lived in Johannesburg and Soweto working as a journalist. In those years, I embraced the woman I was through activism. I helped change the face of a nation through the vision of freedom".

"Today my family accepts me completely and have opened their home to gay people. My girlfriend and I even moved into my mother's home at one point. My brother on the other hand housed such anger for me, he swore to get his revenge. During the time my girlfriend and I lived in my mother's home, my brother acted out his revenge. I caught him with my girlfriend!"

Curious, I asked Eva what was South Africa's punishment for homosexuality?

Eva, said "According to the law, it's an illegal act. You could be legally prosecuted. Many gays were exiled and fled to Britain & Europe in the eighties. Those who killed or murdered gays were not prosecuted. According to the law they were well in their right!" Currently, West African Gays are being prosecuted because of sexuality and sexual preference!

I asked Eva in the years she was away from Capetown, what type of journalism was she involved in, what did she experience?

"I was involved in political investigative journalism in Soweto. My focus was children, drugs and gangs. My political influence helped provide schools, outreach programs and sports programs. Instead of gang involvement, the children have turned their attention to soccer. Because of the positive turn around, many businesses and corporations invest in soccer gear! Lots of kids didn't make it, but those that did are examples for the future".

Eva often speaks of freedom in her journalism. I asked her did she feel that we as same gender loving African Americans take the freedoms that we have for granted according to what she has seen, lived or experienced?

"I would have to say yes, definitely! The media plays a powerful role in education, negative and positive reinforcement. Gays here have to be willing to utilize their art & creative gifts and make positive change. There is so much artistic talent in the gay community!"


"I also see the African American people as being the most homophobic people. They push their people away instead of embracing them. African Americans can do more for the African American gays of this country is they chose to. African American gays are exiled and isolated from their own people".

"I am shocked concerning the amount of drug use, the level of disinterest in African American youth. I am shocked that there are so few African Americans in government! Whites make the laws! I've noticed most African Americans live under race classification. They think they are better, she thinks she's better, or he doesn't like her for this or that. Blacks often limit themselves".

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I told Eva I have heard so much about President Mandela's support of gay rights. I asked Eva in her opinion, what has South Africa done for it's gay citizens? How have they progressed or benefited?

"Mandela has always supported and fought for gay rights. He fought for domestic partner benefit, AIDS awareness and education. He fought to pass laws to protect the employment of gays, their families and overall right to life. Today the laws are on your side, they can not discriminate. South Africa has made huge strides in a short amount of time. A little more than a year ago in South Africa, if you look gay you don't get a job, you can't go to church, you weren't treated as a person".

"The perception of being gay has changed in the eyes of religion. Not necessarily the Christian religion, but in New Thought teachings. This is another huge step for gay people. Because of this, I'm sure marriage is not far behind".

I told Eva for the past eleven months, she has experienced how we live, interact, what drives us and what our passions are. What can we as African Americans Gays learn from South African Gays, and what can they learn from us?

"First and foremost the biggest culture shock was American values and moral standards. African Americans must learn, the very fiber of African existence is we are willing to die for who we are. No one of any culture, creed or orientation should ever give up. African Americans must see their freedom through my eyes. American Gays are examples of political strength. Look at Proposition 22, the Limit on Marriage Law. When American Gays do get their rights, Africa will see American gays as a positive role model for change. I feel all cultures can and should embrace a commitment to community".

Being a writer, journalist, and speaker, I asked Eva what keeps her grounded? What or who completes her and makes her whole?

"Because of me and my political outspokenness, children and women had the courage to come out. I was and am a role model in South Africa. I am accepted as being gay and no longer in a derogatory stereotypical light. The over all perception has changed. They no longer equate being gay with something vile because I would not lay down. That's what makes me whole. I have had an incredible life. I hope my life is an example for others to stand and be counted".

I asked Eva, is there something she would like to tell America as a whole?

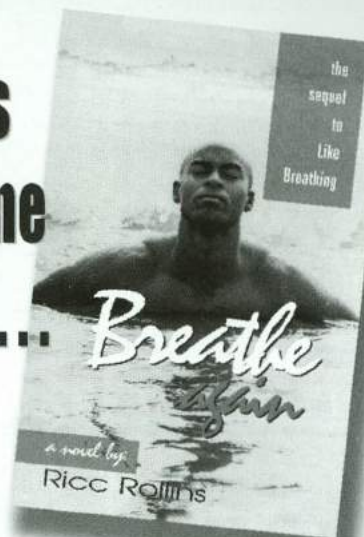
"Yes, definitely! The world often assumes America is the home of the free and liberated. This is not the case! America must place ALL of their focus on ALL of their people, not just the affluent! America's technology is extremely advanced, but they have left their people behind".

As an African American Lesbian, I have learned much from speaking with and befriending Eva. Our levels of freedom may be taken for granted. According to Eva education or the development of the arts for women in South Africa is not encouraged. It remains a dream.

Through her eyes are our true freedoms and conscious choices revealed. Amidst the backdrop of talented writers, musicians, and those politically aware, I know there is nothing and no one that can stop us. We as African Americans are a force not to be ignored.

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GEMINI — Baby keep'em guessing like you always do. Don't obey the limitations that life may place on you. Continue to freely express yourself but always remember to think before you speak, you may not like the consequences of your actions.

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of the extra things that were on my plate interfering with me getting to the meat and potatoes (the real issues). I am truly grateful for this.

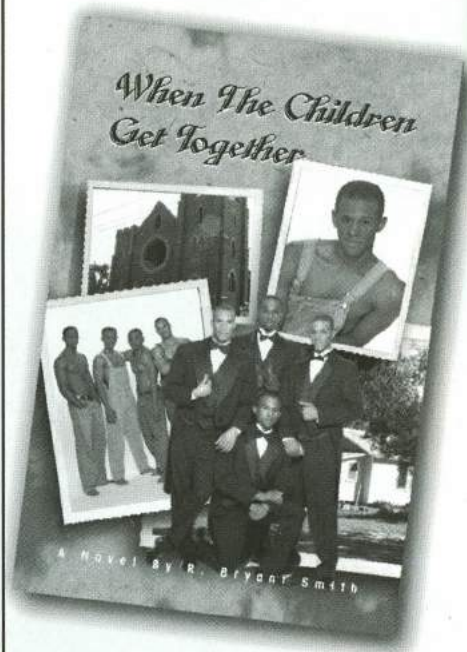
Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you that wrote to me, called the magazine or sent emails during this time. I was truly amazed at the response. Most of you I called or responded by email. If I did not get to you, let me say thank you now. I would also like to apologize to those of you that I offended during our interactions. The reason that I write such candid revealing articles about myself is because I find it extremely cathartic. I have an opportunity to get my feelings out on paper and step back and look at them. There is so much healing in writing (if you can be completely honest with yourself).

Even though my reasons for writing are selfish ones, I am happy when people write to the magazine and identify with what I am going through. However, I am very uncomfortable (although flattered) with people that want more from me. All of the friends that I have are friends that I have had most of my adult life. Because I am introverted and somewhat shy, I very rarely step out of this comfort zone. I realize that this problem may be to my detriment because I could be missing out on some beautiful friendships. But all I can say right now is that I am on a journey and working on me daily and it is MY loss. So again, I apologize to anyone that I offended.

If there is one thing that I would stress at this time it would be therapy. If you have chance to go to therapy, I would suggest that you take it. We as black men have been taught that it is not ok to deal with our feelings. We have to be tough and strong and it is not ok to cry. Or we have been taught that there is nothing that God can't work out for us. Let me be the first to announce that I am a strong, tough black gay man who cries when needed, who gets down on his knees every night a prays to God and I see a therapist. For the same reason that when you get sick you see a doctor, when you have problems dealing with life you need to see a therapist. If you have the opportunity, take it. I promise it is worth every dime. Better yet, you are worth every dime and so am I.

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APRIL FOOLS!!! So did I fool you all last month? Just when you thought your two boys were finally gettin' it on, it turned out to be a dream. Anyway, last month you found a hungover Craig at William's doorstep. He dreams of him and William finally having sex, but its only a dream, or should I say nightmare. Because during the dream, William's face mysteriously becomes Tony, or Uncle Wes. He wakes up to turn off the television and finds a sleeping William on the couch. Although, HE was asleep, his manhood was wide awake. Craig uses this image to masturbate with, right there in the room. However, is William really asleep? The story picks up after Craig has taken a shower.

"Damn, that felt good," said Craig as he dried himself off. He wrapped the towel around his waist and stepped into the bedroom. He walked over and sat on William's bed. His headache was still there, but not as intense as before. Then, slowly, it hit him. All of the events of last night. He had forgotten about it all.....

After finding out that Tony was William's Uncle Wes, it was too much for him to digest. He needed to get out. He drove aimlessly for quite sometime, but driving through the city usually presented him with something, or somebody, to do. Yet, he still could not get William off of his



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mind.

"What is it?!" he questioned himself. "Why did you put this man into my life, God? Why? You must got somethin' really good planned for me." Craig continued to drive aimlessly. Brandy's raspy, yet mellow voice blurred through his speakers, calming his nerves. Lights, buildings, even people were a blur to him as his heart and mind battled each other. But suddenly his eyes gained focus. As he slowed down, he saw the sign clearly. He didn't realize that he was in the particular area, but here was the sign. "PINE STREET" Now, he had been down this street many times, but not at this hour. He made the turn on to the street. "What in the hell," he thought to himself. He couldn't believe he was actually there. There could be no harm in checking out the 'Hoe Stroll', what the locals called it. As soon as he turned onto the street, he spotted three other sets of headlights coming his way. The first two sped by. However, the last car slowed down. As it approached Craig's car, Craig too, slowed down. The car got closer and closer. Craig's heart pounded. He had never done anything like this before. Well, he had looked at guys at intersections and grocery stores, but never in a situation where he absolutely knew what was going on. As the car slowly passed Craig, he got the disappointment of a lifetime. There, just feet away from him was a big gray-haired, No, white-haired, white guy. It wasn't so much that he was white, the man just appeared to be in his late 60's. Craig sped on by and laughed to himself a hearty laugh. He needed that laugh. He decided to circle around one last time and call it a night. He

would get some sleep, relax, and talk to William about everything tomorrow. As he drove up to the next cross street, an image appeared from the darkness. It was almost as if it was a shadow, not an actual human.

The figure stood against one of the buildings across the street. As Craig got closer, his head lights shone on part of the shadow's body. Boots; tan, Timberlands, sloppily laced.. Jeans; oversized, sagging and bunched up at the top of the boots. Boxers; navy blue plaids. Shirt; baby blue, sleeves ripped off, hands stuffed in the pockets. He had one foot propped against the building. That was all that Craig saw as he drove by. He continued driving, but decided to turn around to get one last view. He stopped at the end of the strip and made a U-turn. He slowly approached the building where the guy stood. This time, his view was quite clear and crisp. The image, now a being, was a light skinned guy with a small afro. He licked his thin upper lip, then the slightly drooping bottom lip, as Craig pulled closer. Craig stopped at the intersection and made eye contact with the stranger. He looked at Craig and shrugged his shoulders with his hands out as if to say, "So, whassup?" Craig pulled over and turned off his engine. The stranger looked to the left, looked to the right. He loosened up and pushed himself away from the wall. He was on his way to Craig's car. His boots dragged as his bowlegged walk made Craig's heart beat faster. The stranger leaned down onto Craig's window.

"What da deal, yo?" he said. Then, out of nowhere, he smiled. The stranger licked his lips and smiled.

"What's so funny," asked Craig.

"You, nigga. Check you out. You mad cute. You got a nice ride. You got all yo teeth and shit. What a nigga like you doin' on da strip?" he asked as he comfortably got closer to Craig. This would have made Craig uncomfortable, but he was cool. He was actually enjoying the guy's company. Craig smiled and decided to ignore the stranger's question.

"So how old are you?"

"Old enough to look yo ass in the eye and say you need to get the hell off dis strip and go home!" he said with a sexy grin.

"Whatever.." Craig said. Just then, it started to drizzle. "So you getting in or what?" The guy looked around and looked up into the sky.

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"Shit!" he said as he made his way around to the passenger side. He jumped in and made himself comfortable. Craig didn't know what to say at this point. Soon, the stranger began to talk.

"Yo, on the real, what a nigga like you doin over here?"

"Just a lot of shit goin on. Just kind of ended up here."

"Me too."

"Say, what," asked Craig.

"Nothin, yo...So...um...Where we goin?"

"Um...I don't know, man, you tell me."

"Aite, drive up this street, turn right and just keep goin," the stranger said. Craig followed directions and started driving. The rain really started to pour down as Denise William's, "Silly," began to play on the radio. Craig reached to change it, but before he reached the button, the stranger grabbed his hand. "Leave it yo." And so he did.

"The name is Silas, yo ,but people call me Red.... Yo! Turn right here! See, park ovah there." Craig parked the car as Denise kept pleading for love to stop making a fool of her. Her voice floated through the car as the rain drops tattered on the car's roof and windshield. Then out of nowhere, he turned to Craig and asked:

"You evah made love in the rain, yo?" Craig almost choked. He began to cough uncontrollably.

"I can't say that I have, man."

"Come on!" Silas said as he jumped out of the car into the pouring rain. He ran and sat on the hood and just stared into the sky as the rain poured all over his light, smooth face. Craig sat in the car, still in awe. He was not about to have sex with some stranger that he just met off the street. But the kid was fine, though. And there he was sitting on the hood of Craig's car, looking into the sky like he was some witch doctor or something. The boy had it going on. His toned, tight arms revealed tender muscles with strong protruding veins. Then, with rain pouring down his face and a drenched baby blue shirt, Silas turned to look Craig dead in the eyes. And with those two beautiful pink lips, he spat some excess water to the side of the car then mouthed to Craig, "Come on." And it was as if Craig was hypnotized. His legs and hands, his entire body began to move on their own accord. Before

he knew it, he was standing in the pouring rain staring at Silas. Silas reached out and put his hands on Craig's hips. For that one moment in time, Craig felt the strangest feeling. It was a mixture of love, lust, passion, desire, fear, and confusion all bottled up. But before he could separate all of these emotions, his lips were being devoured by Silas. The rain poured between their faces and ran down their necks. Silas pulled Craig closer so that he was lodged between his legs as he sat on the hood of the car. He then slid off the hood, colliding into Craig's wet body. Craig could feel his rock hard manhood as it pressed through his now soaking wet jeans. The complete wetness of their clothing pressing against each other was completely sensual. Craig's hands slid up and down Silas' wet, muscular arms as he tried to feel every wet part of him. Silas suddenly ripped away his shirt and then grabbed Craig's. Soon they were both chest to chest. The rain poured down their backs as their tongues probed deep into each other throats. Craig began to moan and hump up against Silas rigid dick.

"Yeah, kid...This is the shit, right!" Silas moaned into Craig's ear as he then licked every inch of his ear, inside and out. Craig could not respond, because Silas had already reached and grabbed his tight ass with one hand and his dick with the other. He was in ecstasy. Before he knew it, his pants began to fall. The rain had drenched his boxer briefs. They stuck to every rigid curve of his ass and his now hard dick. Silas, then unzipped his pants and let them fall to his ankles. He turned Craig around and pulled that round, hot ass closer to his dick. Craig's ass merged with Silas' with a wet "SMACK!" Silas began to bite and lick Craig's neck as he humped his wet ass. The rain poured down their bodies. Not a soul was in sight in the secluded parking lot. With his back turned, enjoying the hot moment, Craig didn't see Silas reaching down for a condom in his pocket. He pulled down his boxers and rolled on the condom in two swift moves. He continued to kiss and bite Craig's neck. He then tugged at Craig's underwear. They slowly slid down. Craig could not believe this was happening. He just thought to himself, "What the hell." Then all thought he felt Silas' bare dick rubbing against his ass cheeks. The hell of a sudden, he felt this unbearable pain! Silas had permeated his entire soul with his rock hard dick.

"I got you baby...I got you...Just hold on...Hold on..." he said as he held Craig tightly. It hurt so bad, Craig let two tears roll down his cheek as he gritted his teeth to bear the pain. Slowly, Silas began to pump in and out of Craig's ass. The pain slowly subsided and pleasure began to take over. Craig could not believe it. He was having sex in the rain. Their bodies began to smack into each other with loud, wet claps. It was so hot. Silas went hard. Hard and fast. He grunted with each thrust. Their bodies slipped and slid against each other. Silas was getting close.

"I'm about to nut, yo...I'm about to nut!" And with those words, he pulled out, ripped off the condom, and hot shots of cum spattered all over Craig's wet ass. He jerked and jerked until he had every drop out. Craig had already come. They just stood there holding each other as the rain poured on their bodies. Craig, against the hood with his back towards Silas and Silas pressed close against Craig's back....

Craig tried to remember what caused him to go drink so much. Was that all they did? The sex was off the hook. It wasn't that. He then

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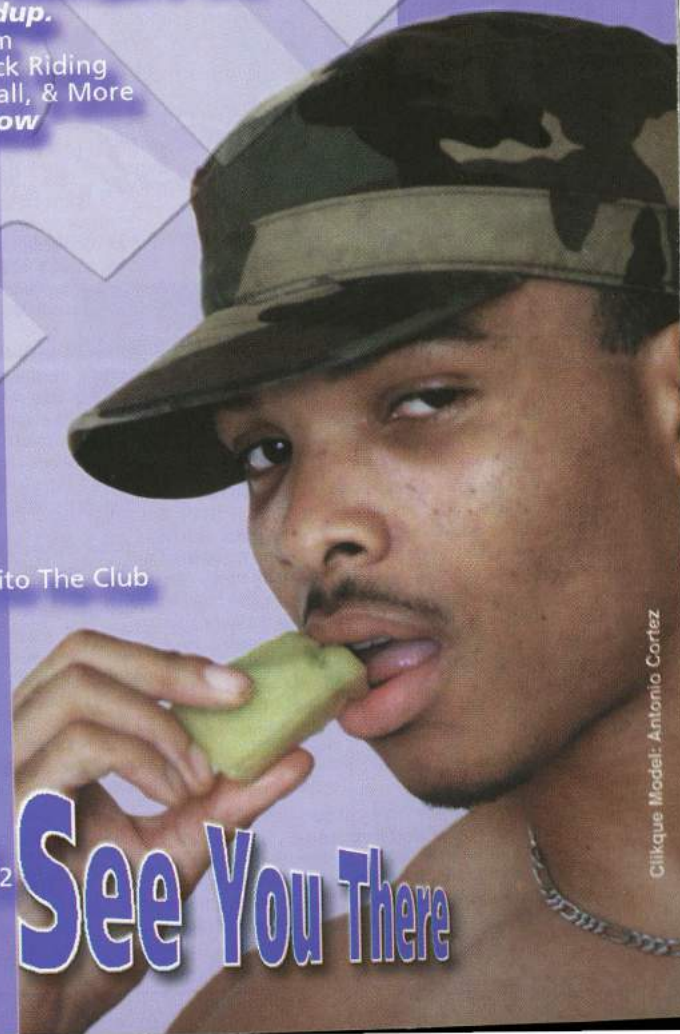
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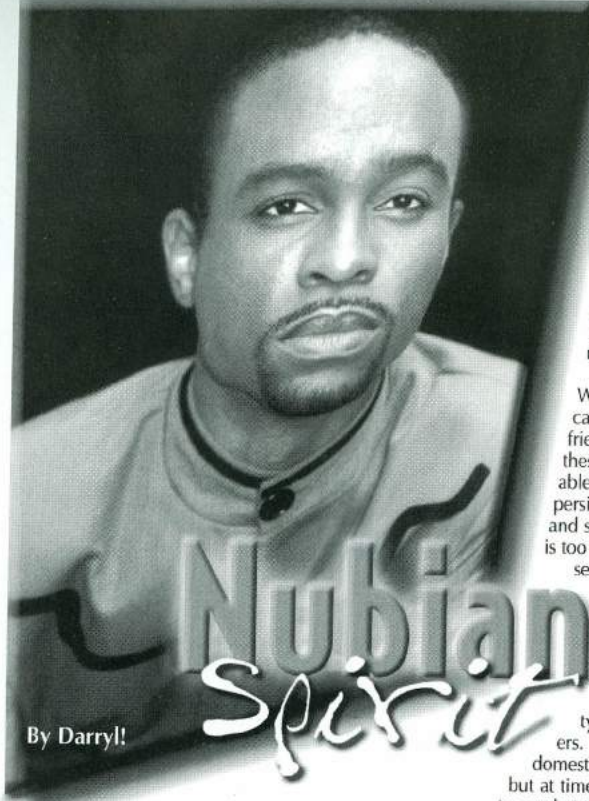
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What can we do and how can we confront the issues that affect us which lead to suicide? We can first begin to look for the signs of behaviors or attitudes that can lead to self-destruction: depression, social withdrawal, extreme stress, financial difficulties, sexual confusion or discomfort, rejection, isolation, break-ups, disconnection from family, religious oppression, societal intolerance, and other life stressors. We all experience most of these from time to time. Some of us may experience many of these things simultaneously; but we handle them. But for some the pressure and stress is too great and the ability to manage deteriorates over time.

What we, those of us on the outside looking in, can do is NOT be silent. We must talk to the friends and family members we see going through these times and not assume that they can or will be able to handle everything on their own. We must be persistent and consistent in our unconditional love and support. We also must know when the situation is too much for us to address and a professional counselor, social worker, psychologist, or psychiatrist is needed to assist the person in developing appropriate coping skills and alternative behaviors for their survival.

Collectively we need to be willing to be open and honest about the negative effects of society on how people feel about themselves and others. The messages of hate do not always result in domestic terrorism or hate crimes perpetrated on others but at times can be turned inward on ourselves. In order to combat this evil we must be willing to stand up for who we are and what we believe. And at the same time we must be willing to accept others where they are as well; without condemnation.

Most of us look to some kind of spiritual example from which we draw our perceptions and develop our foundations of inter-relating with others. In none of those spiritual examples are intolerance and anarchy acceptable models of behavior towards others. We are very aware of religious persecutions and the rise of powers and wars in the name of "god." Even so does this mean we have to perpetuate these beliefs on others or ourselves?

In the end we are all we have and we must choose to love ourselves and each other. If we can do this then the over-whelming and burdened lives of our other sisters and brothers will not be too much for us to be involved with and as such will not be too much for them to bear. Over the years we have coined some wonderful phrases and songs such as "Lean On Me," "I'll Be There," "We Are Family," "This Little Light of Mine," "Ain't Gon' Let Nobody," "Ease On Down The Road," and a host of other songs that have carried us over. Beloved, we must now make those songs reality in our experience and collective consciousness. Pain will subside, depression can be conquered, and healing is possible if we believe.

Take care of yourselves and remember "Live in love and let love live in you, through you, and around you." Peace and blessings.

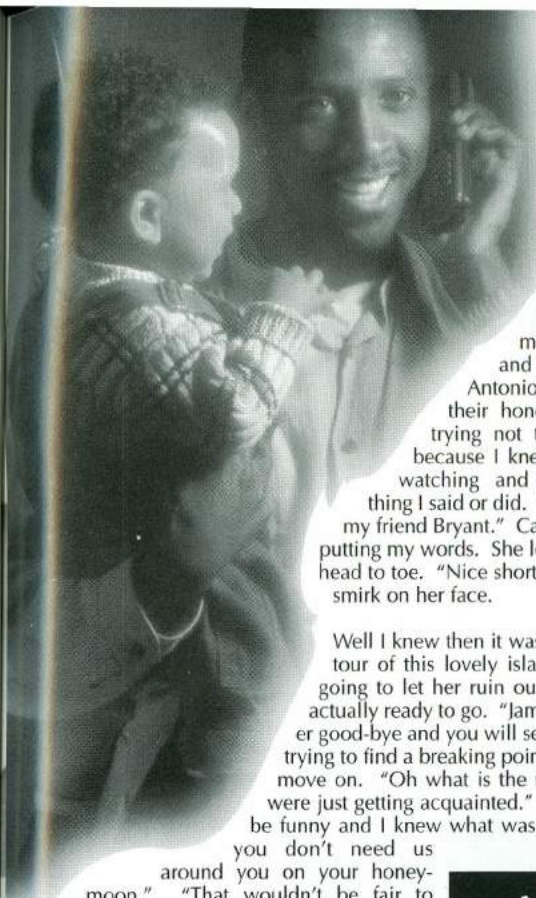
Over the past few weeks I have had several conversations about things that are affecting our people, such as personal choices and the politics of those choices, relationships and the issues faced in navigating through past hurts and hopes, as well as suicide and the issues that lead people to choose death as opposed to life. Over time, the later has become increasingly more and more prevalent in the African-American community and it is time that we begin the healing process from the pain that leads to suicide.

Beloved, let us stop and take inventory of our lives. There is so much that society throws into our path and we have to determine what is valuable and what is clearly trash. We have to be strong enough to discard the trash and humble enough to accept and integrate the good into our lives. So often this is hard to do and it is important to have a solid support system around us. This support system can include your friends, family, or family of choice; but it must consist of persons who have your very best in mind. They must be willing to give you deep honest criticism or sincere praise for the choices you are making. They should be your refuge.

Unfortunately, over the years many of our sisters and brothers have not been able to find their refuge. They became overwhelmed and with no where to turn they turn their anger, frustrations, disappointments, and fear on themselves and become self destructive. The problem is not that these precious children kill themselves but that they could not see any other alternative.

Nubian Spirit

By Darryl!



"Surprise, thought you might need a drink!" Bryant gave me that look as to say who are they. We all stood there like it was a KODAK moment.

"Bryant, this is little Jamal's mother Shawanda and her new husband Antonio." "They are on their honeymoon". I was trying not to sound nervous because I knew Shawanda was watching and listening to everything I said or did. "Shawanda, this is my friend Bryant." Careful of how I was putting my words. She looked at him from head to toe. "Nice shorts," she said with a smirk on her face.

Well I knew then it was time to finish my tour of this lovely island and I was not going to let her ruin our vacation. I was actually ready to go. "Jamal, tell your mother good-bye and you will see her later." I was trying to find a breaking point so that we could move on. "Oh what is the rush, Bryant and I were just getting acquainted." She was trying to be funny and I knew what was next. "I am sure you don't need us

around you on your honeymoon." "That wouldn't be fair to Antonio." Tony just stood there looking as if to say what is next. I felt somewhat sorry for him. He didn't have a clue and nor did Bryant of what Shawanda was capable of. I like to think of her as Amarelda the Queen Witch.

"Well, you are right, I have more important things to do in my honeymoon suite than stand out here with you." "Except for looking into those precious eyes of my baby boy". "Which I can do all day," she hugs little J and kisses him on the forehead. He starts to run off to play in the water. "Mama, will I see you later on?" He gives her a look only a son could give his mother. "I will call you later OK baby?" By the time she could finish her answer he was already in the water. You see, I have always wanted her to have a relationship with her son. She has always had problems dealing with me. The guilt of being an unfit mother consumed her.

"So Bryant who are the roses for?" "You have a girlfriend here with you or....?" Bryant looked at me as I looked back at him. Not knowing what was going to come out of his mouth. Was he going to tell the truth? Was he going to back down for argument sake and lie? I didn't know what was next. Bryant's temper can be a bit much at times

"Shawanda, is your life that unimportant that you need to know by personal business." "I don't think we know each other that well." Bryant then was getting kind of tired of her remarks, I could tell. Bryant never met Shawanda but he had heard quite a bit about her via my mother,

grandmother and sister. She wasn't well liked by the women in my family so; he felt he didn't have to either. "My aren't we testy." She put her towel back down on the sand and folded her arms ready to do battle. At this point, Antonio and I were kind of in the dark. We both didn't know what to expect. I was trying to leave and didn't want Bryant to get into it with her. His mouth is a lot worse than mine. "You know Bryant or whatever your name is, you are right, my life is too important to be figuring out what you two faggots are doing!"

Before I knew it, the waves on the beach got quiet. I couldn't hear anything. Bryant looked at her then looked at me and that was all she needed to say. "Let me tell you one damn thing Miss Shawanda or whatever YOUR name is this week, I don't think you want to go there with me!" "You don't know what I am or what we are!" "Why don't you just get on your broom and fly away! And start trying to be a parent; which I have been to your son for the

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last couple of years!" Bryant had to go there. "Oh, and what are you, the mother now," Shawanda cut her eyes at him!

At this point, Antonio is speechless and so am I. He starts getting their things together as if to say, I am not ready for this. I am just standing there wondering what was next..... TO BE CONTINUED.....

Next month.... Shawanda and Bryant finish their battle Shawanda wants to meet with Jamal over cocktails Jamal and Antonio meet in the spa.

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Get Hooked on aJAYwa!

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Grab a glass of wine, light a scented candle, turn down the lights, turn up the CD player, sit back and get ready to be lifted. Performance artist, playwright and poet Nana Agyeiwaah Anan (aJAYwa!) is about to take you on a journey. Her new CD release, "Hooked on Rhythm," marks the solo recording debut of this gifted cultural artist. aJAYwa! delivers thought provoking, inspiring words in her rich contralto voice, lusciously layered over smooth, well-balanced tracks (composed and produced by the gifted Juan Fannin) that keep you in the flow.

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beautiful introduction to the woman and her work as a writer. Here aJAYwa! slows the familiar hip-hop refrain of "My mic sounds nice/my mic sounds right" and blends it with sensual and sensuous original verses. It's a wonderful introduction to the woman and her words. In 3 A.M. Revelation aJAYwa! tells us clearly, "I dance to a different drum." My personal favorite is You Don't Hear Me, Though, an inspirational and individual wake-up call to quit crying into that bowl of ice cream and get out to make your own dreams come true. This is one of the smoothest and most moving tracks on a velvety set.

The rest of the collection continues with the brief Interlude, leading into We Are At War, which combine to form a thoughtful exploration of Black feminism and Black activism. Probably the most wrenching of the tracks is Against My Will a first-person narrative of date rape and a victim's struggle to maintain self-respect in the aftermath. (aJAYwa! has a one-woman show by the same title in her repertoire.) The title track Hooked On Rhythm closes out the CD with an invitation to start the set over again.

Fans of aJAYwa's live performances will appreciate having this piece in their collections. For those who have never seen or heard aJAYwa! perform, don't miss this chance to get into her flow. The bad news is this CD is an independent production, and not yet available in stores. Connoisseurs of spoken word art may obtain copies from the fledgling, nonprofit arts organization Dance to a Different Drum. (Call 404-485-4839 for details.)

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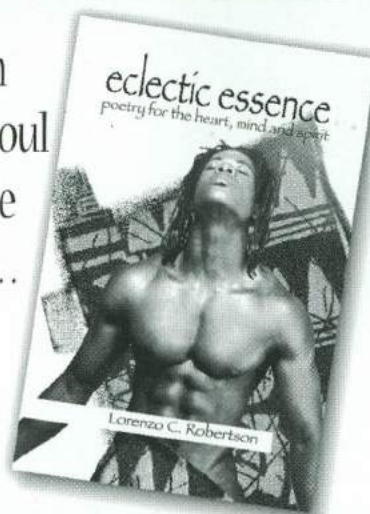
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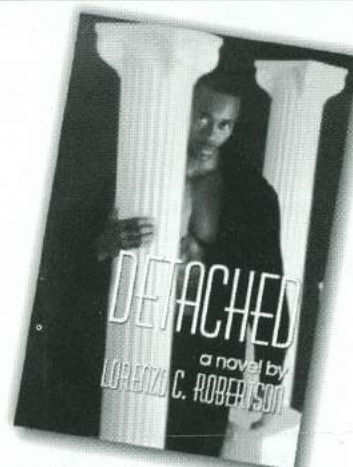
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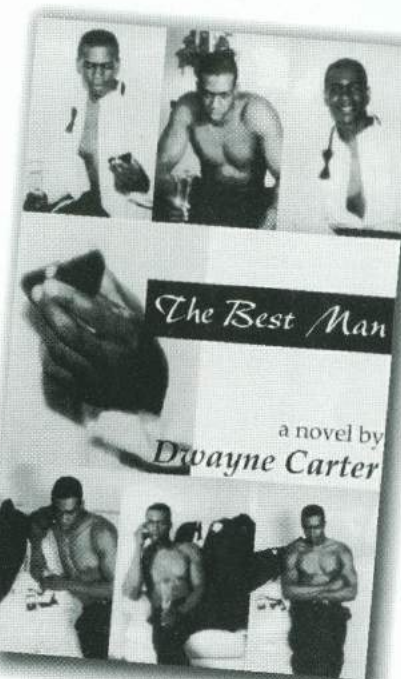


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Dear Bianca,

I am a good looking, sensual sexy brotha of 31. I have been trying to settle down since I was 18. I am trying to figure out why I keep drawing to me men that are in a relationship, getting over a relationship or just jaded from a relationship. I have a good job, working on my Ph.D, work out and stay fit. I know that I am the love that I desire and I am whole and complete. I am wondering now if I will ever meet my soul mate. It seems that every brother I meet is so attached to the hurt of a past relationship; I have no way to even get my foot in the door. It seems they want one of two things, a steady sex partner or a psychotherapist. Is there anyone out there that is truly single in heart, mind and spirit? Does love for African American In the Life men mean loving the hurt of the pasting? Hanging on and giving power to those no longer in your life? I just don't get it and I very rarely hang out. I only have a few close friends. I don't know where to go to meet brothas. I let go and let God but In the Meantime...help me out Bianca, What should I do?

Frustrated and Fed up, Atlanta

Dear Frustrated and Fed up:

From the way you describe yourself, you seem to have all the qualities that anybody in there right mind would appreciate. Child believe me I can relate to how it feels to be FIERCE and single. These tired queens come from everywhere and I have to swat them down like flies on a hot summer day. Now I do have one concern. You described everything about yourself with the exception of your preference. Are you a top, bottom, versatile-top, versatile-bottom, plumber, or rough-bottom. These things are essential to know for me to better serve you. So give me that bit of crucial information and I will respond to you in detail about your problem finding girl scouts or dirty trade next month.

Good Luck with your self-evaluation!

Bianca

Dear Bianca,

I am a hairstylist with a really big crush on one of my clients. The problem is that I know that he is in a relationship because he always discusses his problems with me. I've met his lover and I can't stand him because he has somebody that I want. He doesn't seem happy at all and I think that he is really eager to get out of this relationship. I am losing my mind trying to wait for that bitch to slip up. How can I speed up the process?

Anxious, New Orleans

Dear Anxious:

Its queens like you us good girls have to look out for. Did you ever think that there is always two sides to a story. He is telling you all his problems and I bet that he brings it to you like he is the innocent party. Bitch please! You couldn't be old enough to be reading this magazine.

You must do hair out of your kitchen, huh! Put your daddy's book where you got it from and go in there and clean up that damn room you Sloppy HO!

Don't write me no mo!

Bianca

Dear Bianca,

I am a bi-sexual female and I've been dating a butch lesbian for about three years now. My dilemma is that as much as I love the person that I am with, I have desires to be with a man. I am afraid to ask her how she would feel about us having a threesome with a man because

Write Bianca Today!

she really acts like she hates men. Our sex life is suffering and I believe that it is because of me and my unfulfilled fantasy. What should I do?

Miserable, Memphis

Dear Miserable:

You horny little kitten! You need some plumbing done thats all. Be open and honest with your spouse. All relationships should be that way. She might surprise you and whip it out from some place that she kept secret. Now wouldn't that be your dream come true! Take it from an alcoholic dick addict, gliir! you don't know what you missing. Now I'm not trying to imply that you should cheat on your mate, but if that bitchnigga don't understand, then you might want to think about whats more important to you. You can continue a sexually unsatisfying relationship, or you can skip around town glowing. When they ask you what you use for your skin, you can simply tell them that you switched from MAC products to SD(Strictly Dicky) skin conditioner and exfoliates.

Your Welcome!, Bianca

recalled getting angry about something. He sat there on the edge of William's bed as tears began to roll down his face. It hit him like a death in the family. The tears poured and poured. His whole body began to shake. He remembered.....

As Craig and Silas sat in the car in wet clothes and some towels that he had in his trunk, the radio talked of dangerous rain storms. The two sat in silence. They were driving through the city, still a little distance from Craig's house. Then out of nowhere Silas unleashed a dragon.

"I'm positive, yo." It really didn't register with Craig. He continued driving. "Say what, Red?"

"I'm....positive."

"You positive about what?"

"No, nigga, I'm positive. You know HIV positive?" Craig immediately screeched on brakes! His heart raced.

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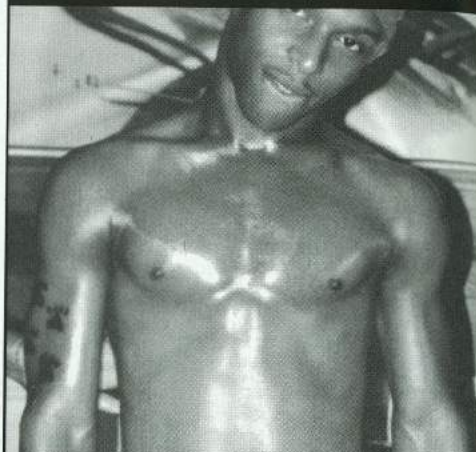
"I wore a condom!"

"GET OUT!!!!GET OUUUUUTTTTT!!!!!" he yelled with the look of Satan in his eyes. Silas quickly unlocked the door and jumped out. Craig sped off, leaving Silas standing in the rain in the middle of nowhere. The rain pouring on his face blended with the tears that fell from his eyes as he watched Craig speed off.

Craig sat on the edge of the bed. "He was HIV positive," he cried to himself, over and over again. "....and I let him fuck me...."

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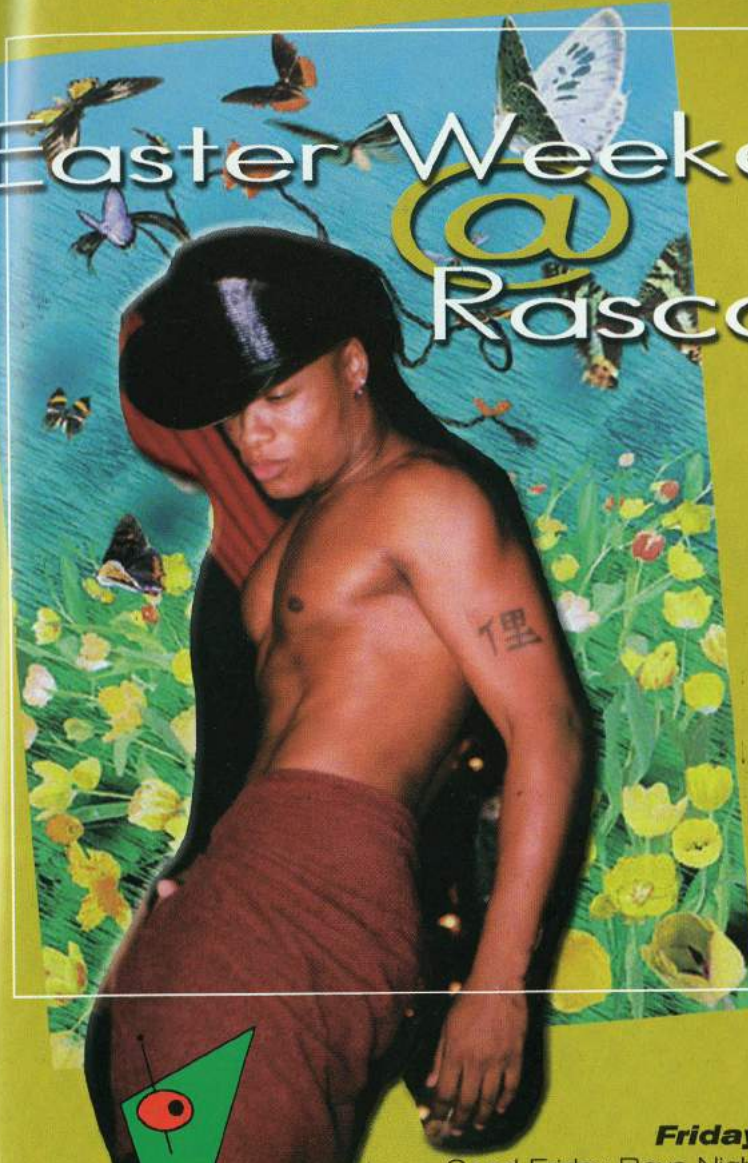


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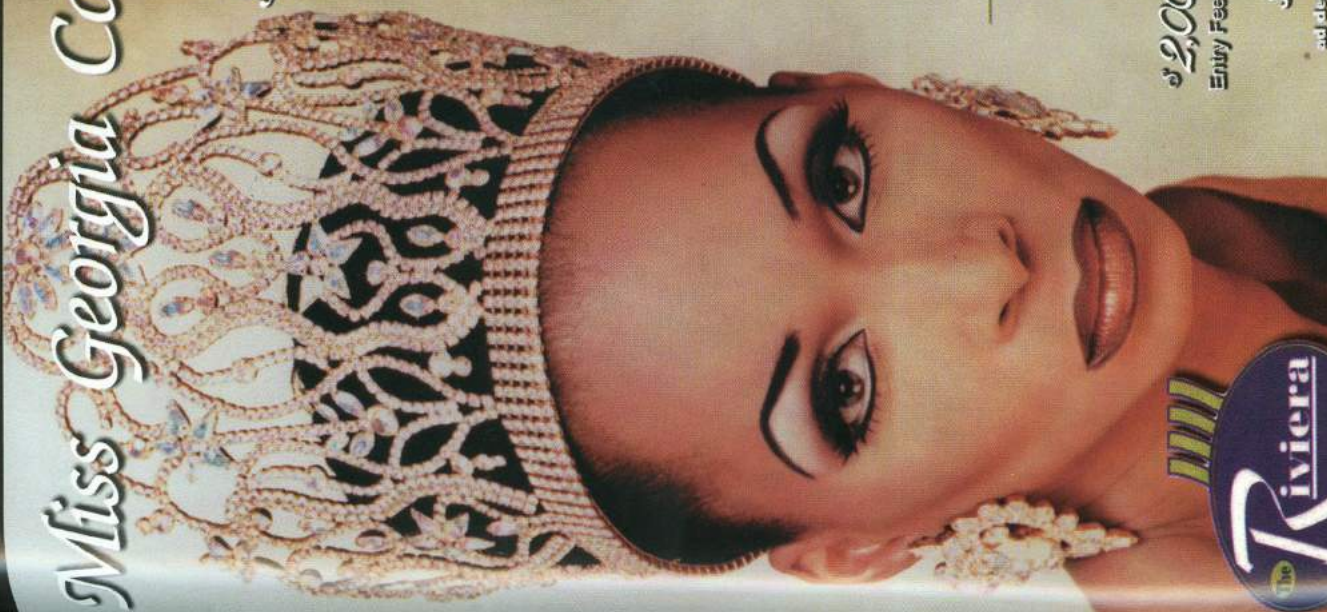
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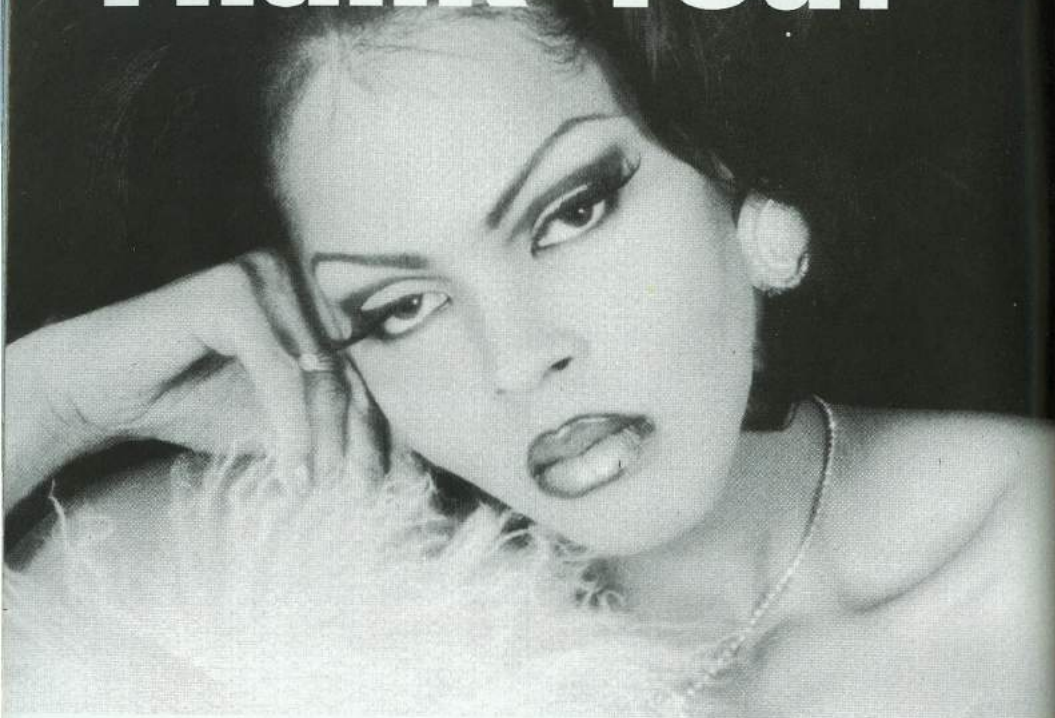
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I want to take this opportunity to thank as many people as possible: Much thanks for all the cards and gifts from across the state. Thanks to the staff and owners of Traxx who opened their doors as well as their hearts for little ole' me. To cast: Stasha, Neisha, Raquell, Necole, Monte, and

R'Darius thanks very much.

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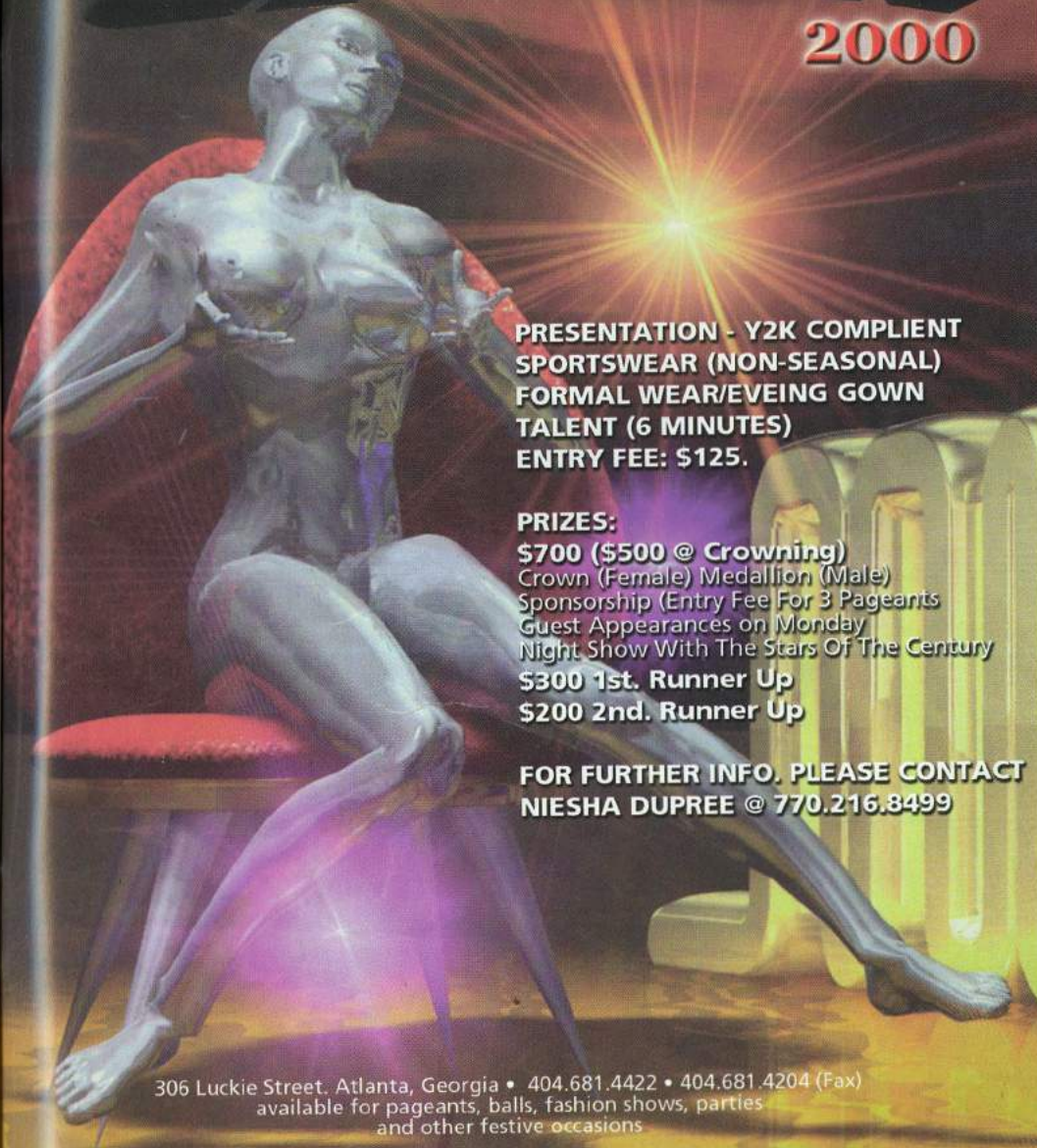
Jasmine Bonet

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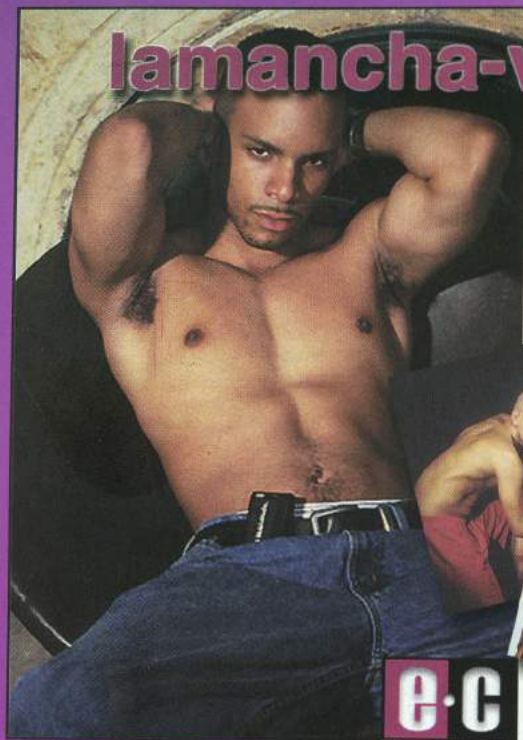
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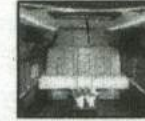


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2627 Hillsboro Road, Durham, 919-286-5032

POWER COMPANY

315 W. Main Street, Durham, 919-683-1151 Blackest -
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LEGENDS

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Sat.

HOUSTON, TX

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WATERFRONT

36th Street near Airport, Miami, 305-635-5696. Blackest
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NASHVILLE, TN

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901 Cowan St., 615-742-1166 Blackest on Thursdays

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834 N. Rampart, 504-596-2236

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141 E. 140th St., Bronx, 718-992-5974. Blackest on
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Wednesdays.

ORLANDO / TAMPA, FL

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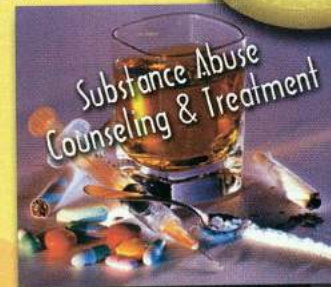
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- Speakers Bureau
- Community Outreach / Prevention
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- Spiritual Programs
- Case Management
- Food Bank
- Primary Medical Care
- PAWS Program (pets)
- Emergency Assistance
- Legal Assistance
- Children's Program
- Support Groups
- HIV Testing
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Caregiver / Family Support Services
- Preventive Case Management



CLIQUE CONNECTION

Personals

MEN: CALL 1-800-546-MENN FOR YOUR FREE PERSONAL

Georgia

FUN THAT'S IT African-American Male, enjoys sports, movies, hanging out. Seeking Male to have fun with. #14094

BIG GUY Kevin is a 33-year-old African-American Male, honest, Seeking cool, down-to-earth, honest, masculine Male, for friendship. (Atlanta) #14593

DAVID ON THE LINE GBM, 5'11", medium build, nice lips, attractive, bottom seeking HBM, for casual dating and sharing good times. We can kick it if we are right for each other. (Atlanta) #14558

SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP POSSIBLE I am for real, GBM, 26, very attractive looking for a possible partner and long-term relationship. If you are serious and are commitment-minded let's see if we are right for each other. No fats or females. (Atlanta) #14285

MATURE WELL-TOOLED Mature very pretty TV pre-op TS seeking loving, versatile oral top who can help me be a real Woman. You will be pleased. (Savannah) #14299

NO STRINGS ATTACHMENT GWM, 23, seeking GM, under 25, race is open, for sexual good times. Does this sound good to you? If so drop me a message. (Atlanta) #14757

LOW FADE GBM Rick is a GBM, 23, dark skin, 5'10", 155 lbs, very masculine, very professional seeking a buddy who caters a new friend. Our relationship would be purely platonic. I am in a committed relationship and all that is wanted is a new friend to share some fun times together. #10053

BROTHER WANTS TO CHILL SBM, 5'9", 148 lbs, 24, discreet, bottom is seeking for a friend, Brother, top who wants more than a sexual relationship. We can have some great times together, let's try to connect. (College

Park) #14401

Illinois

35-YEAR-OLD BWM seeking Male for sexual experiences only. #17579

WRITER 27-year-old BM, 5'8", 170 lbs., enjoys having fun, hanging out, dancing, writing, movies, music. Seeking Male with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. (Chicago) #17989

MICHAEL J. FOX TYPE WANTED Joe is a 40-year-old Male, brown/brown, goatee, moderately hairy, enjoys movies, music, dancing, dining out, quiet evenings. Seeking boyish Michael J. Fox type Male, 40-50, must be down-to-earth, stable, monogamous, n/s. (Chicago) #13939

NEW TO CHICAGO Carlos is a HM, 5'11", black/green. Seeking a new friend to show him around the city. (Chicago) #15064

GIMME A CALL James is a 25-year-old GBM, versatile, open, good-humored, enjoys bowling, cooking, dancing, good sex, parties. Seeking GBM for friendship, possible relationship. (Chicago) #15356

IS THIS YOU? 18-year-old Male, 5'11", 155 lbs., black/brown, enjoys music, intelligent conversation, having fun. Seeking Male with similar interests. (Chicago) #15217

SINCERE, DOWN-TO-EARTH, HONEST GBM, 36, enjoys bowling, walking, music, movies seeking similar Male who has similar likes. Let's try to connect and see where it goes. (Chicago) #14646

LIKES ORDER IN LIFE John is a GWM, casual, laidback, cool Guy, not into the bar scene. ISO counterpart who would like to find out more about me, please give me a call. (Chicago) #13286

Michigan

ROMANCE African-American Male, 5'3", healthy HIV+, employed, enjoys reading, music, people, movies. Seeking BWM, light smoker, social drinker, to show him the romantic side of life. (Detroit) #17639

WESTERN SUBURBS CHICAGO Big bear Larry, 6'3", 260 lbs, very hairy, seeking other bears or cubs for outdining. If you fit this bill give me a call and see where it goes. #10684

WHAT'S UP FELLAS Attractive GBM, 18, 6'1", 220 lbs, 44" chest, intelligent, mature, employed ISO GBM, 26-45, who enjoys the finer things in life. If this sounds like you give me a call, you will be pleased. (Detroit) #14495

New York

LET'S HANG OUT TOGETHER GWM, 42, very handsome, muscular ISO counterpart who is interested in a new friend. Many possibilities exist for a great friendship. (NYC) #14845

HOT TIME IN BIG APPLE GWM, 6'2", 185 lbs, black/brown, 8" enjoys all sports, seeking GM, age and race open, for threesome, four-some or whatever. Give me a call. (New York City) #14810

Tennessee

NEW TO MEMPHIS Chad is 6'1", 180 lbs., blonde/blue. Seeking Male for fun times. (Memphis) #17485

HOT BOY Ex-model GBM, 5'11", brown skin, seeking brother that good times can be shared with. I am nice to be around and you will have a good time. Give me a holler. (Memphis) #14729

MATURE, STOCKY, SOLID GBM, 5'9", 285 lbs, dark skin, open-minded, very loving seeking counterpart that is willing to try a new experience that could develop into a solid relationship. All serious inquiries will be answered. Willing to relocate. #15818

Texas

KEEP IT ON THE DL Dallas is a 26-year-old BM, 6'0", 195 lbs, medium build, medium complexion, low hair-cut, mustache, very attractive, bottom, enjoys movies, bowling, quiet times. Seeking gentle, masculine, discreet, aggressive top Male, with similar interests. (Dallas) #15022

VERY ATTRACTIVE BOTTOM Are you a hot Boy? GBM, 21, intelligent, very attractive, 5'8", 140 lbs, seeking hot, horny BM, bottom. Let's do it. (Dallas) #14629

WILLIAM, 24, MEDIUM build, blonde is seeking a friend to have some new experiences with. If you are dependable, fun-loving, honest and enjoy good times then I am the Man for you. (Texas) #14787

STRICTLY A TOP John, 5'8", 170 lbs, light brown skin, 35, SBM, top, very outgoing, fun to be around enjoys going out, movies, clubs ISO counterpart who knows how to take care of his Man. If this sound good to you, give me a holler. (Dallas) #14417

Virginia

CONSIDERED ATTRACTIVE 28-year-old GWM, 6'0", 170 lbs., black/hazel, 32" waist, very attractive. Seeking straight-acting/appearing Male. #17546

FIRST TIME Attractive WM, 6'0", 190 lbs, curious. Seeking an aggressive, good-looking, slim, uncult Male, for first time experience. (Chesapeake) #15741

pal in her life. Let's see if we can make it work. (Detroit) #17005

COULD IT BE YOU? GBF, 36-ish, seeking a Lesbian friend. If we are right for each other a promising future is ahead for us. No B's. Please give me a call. (Detroit) #17085

FUN-LOVING FEMALE, early-20s, sincere, honest. Seeking Female, for friendship. (Detroit) #16698

THICK AND WANTS FRIEND BF, 21, 5'2", 150 lbs, seeking friend who wants a new Gal

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Florida

BI-CURIOS, MARRIED FEMALE B-curious, Married Female seeking an intelligent, educated, open-minded, soft, pretty, discreet, sexy, disease/drug-free, bi-curious Female, for safe fun. (Miami) #16906

Georgia

VERY, VERY ROMANTIC 32-year-old WF, 5'7", 140 lbs., brown/hazel, very romantic, enjoys the outdoors, long walks, movies, dancing, sports, music, cooking, candle light

dinners, wine, fireplaces. Seeking Female with similar interests, for possible relationship. (Homerville) #17537

WHERE ARE YOU? 22-year-old Female, 5'2", 125 lbs, Seeking Female 25-32, medium to thick build, no children. #15416

Michigan

TOMBOYISH FEMALE Very attractive, 29-year-old GBF, 5'7", 130 lbs., light complexion, n/s, n/drinker, enjoys bowling, playing pool, shopping, theater, dining out. Seeking femi-

nine, SF 24-32, no taller than 5'5", no heavier than 165 lbs., no more than one child, very independent, n/s, for friendship, possible relationship. (Detroit) #17609

VARIETY OF COLORS 32-year-old African-American PF. Seeking an erotic, n/s, n/drinker, passionate, passive, Female who is a good lover, with a variety of colors, for erotic fun and passion. #15349

THICK AND WANTS FRIEND BF, 21, 5'2", 150 lbs, seeking friend who wants a new Gal

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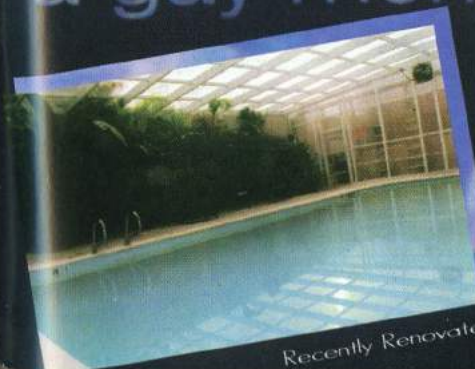
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