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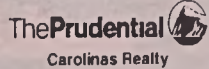
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Quote du Jour:
**"Life is a mystery to be lived,
 not a problem to be solved!"**
 —Unknown

Dear Trinity,
 If a man sleeps with 12 different people in one year, one person a month, is he considered a slut? Moreover, if a man sleeps with 12 different people in one month, and no one else for the rest of the year, is he also considered a slut? And lastly, am I a slut?

Thanks.

— Slut Worries

Dear Slut Worries,
 To the first man I would say, "What the hell are you doing for the rest of the month. Living off blow-up dolls and Ben And Jerry's ice cream?" And to the second man who is spending 11 months on his knees praying for forgiveness, I would say, "Honey! Get off your knees, pull your face out of your hands and start enjoying your biological urges and healthy appetite. One night stands are acts of survival and pleasure *not* religious persecution and emotional bondage!

Feeling like a slut means not respecting your sexual instincts or carnal desires. It also means not respecting your mate. Thus, in order to rise from the bowels of Slutdom to the garden of Healthy Abundance then first, *respect your instincts*. They are real! And secondly, *respect your partners*. They are real as well! And in that magic moment of revelation, you will no longer feel like a slut but rather a healthy, sexual being, dinning out at a plentiful buffet, not obsessing over your last supper.

Oh yes! Even though you may not be a slut, you may be... a hypochondriac.

—Trinity

Dearest Trinity,
 I rented out my spare room to this great girl. We then started spending a lot of time together. Now it's time for her girlfriend to move in and I think I am falling in love. I don't want to loose her or the rent money. Did I screw up?

— Renter's Love

Dear Renter's Love,
 Yes you did! And how! Now honey, I assume you knew about the girlfriend and I assume you spent the rent money already. The act of love? Doesn't it just enrapture you in the smell of roses then prick you in the butt with it's thorns. It's time to channel Joan of Arc and/or Melissa Ethridge. Joan would say, "March boldly forward. There's work to be done!" and Melissa would write a very strong love song which goes like this, "Move on! Get over it! And find another girl. No two ways about it!" Now, about face. Forward, march.

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by the Gay and Lesbian
 Alliance Against Defamation

Into the closet for Gay TV

Gay TV, an all-gay television channel based in Palm Springs, Calif., recently changed its name to Triangle Television Network and deleted all references to the words "lesbian," "gay," "bisexual" and "transgender" from advertising submitted to GLBT publications.

Officials at the channel confirmed the name change as a business decision to ensure a continued association with their satellite provider, the Dish Network. Triangle Television Network representatives report that they were compelled to do so after pressure from Dish Network ex-

Kisses.
 — Trinity

Hey Trinity,
 I'm about to start breeding Jack Russell terriers. Any tips?

Yours.

— First Time
 Breeder



Hey First Time Breeder,
 Now breeding? That's something I haven't thought about in a while. And when I do think about breeding, I think more about maternity dresses and child support than I do about dogs named Jack. Sorry, honey! But I know as much about breeding dogs as I do about parading frogs, dancing in clogs or driving through fogs! Call a vet or try a bookstore.

Good luck.

— Trinity

Dear Trinity,
 The other day, this oh-so-gorgeous guy started flirting with me. But for some reason I got a sense that he wasn't single. How do you know if someone who is flirting with you is married or partnered off?

— Flirting Woes

Dear Flirting Woes,
 I'm afraid to say that I know exactly what you went through. Especially, if you're single and easy... I mean... single and easily thrown by the kindness of strangers. I think I can help! Here are:

Trinity's Top Ten Tips For Finding Out If Someone Is Married Or Partnered

10. Married — If he invites you to dinner 100 miles away from where he lives.
9. Married — If he says, "I only have email. I don't have a phone!"
8. Married — If he says "I live in the suburbs, in a big house, with two dogs."
7. Single — If he plays hard to get, with an attitude.
6. Married — If he plays eager to get with a nervous twitch.
5. Single — If he says, "I'd like to invite you to a party!"
4. Married & Psychotic- If he says, "I don't like parties. I'm afraid of crowds!"
3. Married & Naughty — If the forth finger on the left hand has a sun burn in the shape of ring!
2. Married & Trouble — If you see him a lot, at the club, talking about his relationship troubles!
1. Lastly, Married & Single du Jour — If he says (my favorite), "I'm married but we're not sleeping together!"

[Don't let your questions go unanswered! Send an e-mail to Trinity at trinity@telltrinity.com or write Tell Trinity, PO Box 1362, Provincetown, MA 02657-5362. Just do it! If you are craving more of Trinity's sage advice, visit www.telltrinity.com, sponsored by: America's Gay & Lesbian Alliance (AGLA).]

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Although Triangle Television Network's Web page does make reference to its audience being the GLBT community, GLAAD is concerned that a media company wanting to market to the GLBT community has, in fact, removed all references to our community in its advertising. In addition, by changing its marketing mantra from "the first and only Gay TV Channel" to "the first Television Channel for America's Alternative Lifestyles," Triangle Television Network wrongly reinforces the stereotype of a "gay lifestyle."

GLAAD encourages those concerned to contact Triangle Television Network and the Dish Network.

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