

# 'Something New' tackles long-taboo subject

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pens to be the same man Kenya pushed away at the Magic Johnson Starbucks (the movie is set in LA and is there anything Magic Johnson doesn't own in the black neighborhood?)

Kenya hires Brian to revamp the yard at her new house and they develop a friendship that turns into an awkward relationship.

To make matters worse, her prissy mom, played by Alfre Woodard, has a problem with Kenya dating the white guy and so does Kenya's player brother (Donald Faison), who accuses her of "going to the O.C."

To complicate matters, Kenya does meet the black man of her dreams. When they start dating, she realizes

that her dreams have changed, she'd already pushed Brian away.

The movie tactfully deals with issues that surround interracial relationships and it shows that every time someone dates outside of their race it doesn't make them bitter.

Kenya didn't hate black men and that was important to show in this movie.

Though I'm tired of seeing Lathan starring in relationship movies, she did a great job in this one. Professional

black women everywhere should be able to relate to her portrayal of a hard-working woman who is second-guessed because she is black. Lathan also surrounded herself with other professional black women who were having the same issues. Like most of us single sisters, we travel in packs.

While the dominant issue is the story of a white man and black woman, there are other aspects of Kenya's life that offer great lessons, like trying something new and not just

doing "the swirl."

Too many of us live our lives for other people and doing what they expect us to do. In a cute and funny way, "Something New" tells us to loosen up, have fun and make yourself happy.

This is definitely a feel good girlfriend flick or if you need some place to take your white boyfriend, head out to see this movie.

Release Date: Friday  
MPAA Rating: PG-13 for sexual references.

Distributors: Focus Features  
Starring: Sanaa Lathan, Simon Baker, Blair Underwood, Alfre Woodard, and Mike Epps.

**\*Must be 18 and older no exceptions\***  
Auditions for a Independent film will be held at CPCC in the Bojangles lobby on Feb. 11, 2006 10:30a-3:00p  
For any questions or additional information please call 704-512-1025 or email at mdotfilms@yahoo.com  
**\*\$15 Registration fee required\***

## Novels draw on color line

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ing, only one person showed up. But when I sold my books, I sold out. I was surprised because of the response that I had gotten at the reading. But people flock to the topic automatically.

In Carter's novel, she left room for a sequel to explore the ups and downs of interracial love.

- Other interracial novels:
- "Taking Care of Business" by Brenda Jackson
  - "The Color of Love" by Sandra Kitt
  - "Beyond the Rapture" by Beverly Clark
  - "Milk in My Coffee" by Eric Jerome Dickey



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