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Q Culture

the drag rag

Greetings, readers! Here we are again to celebrate the wonderful thing we call drag! I have greater 'tea' to pour this time, since pageant season is in full swing. Let's begin with the most recent national pageant that took place, then we'll cover prelims from the others!

Miss National took place in Atlanta during their Pride weekend, and another sister with NC roots took the crown! Terri Vanessa Coleman, formerly of Fayetteville and now living in KY, won the contest! I remember the year she and Shawna Brooks (who crowned her) emceed the America prelim at Greens-boro's XTC which took Kymber Raines on to Miss NC! Now there's a blast from the past! Terri Vanessa's runners-up included, in order, Nicole DuBois, Iowa's Anjila Richards, Martina Diamante, and Atlanta's Raven. Rounding out the Top 10 were Chelsea Pearl, Nazhoni, Penny Holiday, Xena, and Kendra Monroe. Here's a big ol' Tarheel smooch for Shawna and Terri Vanessa! Pageant owner Chris Dunn tells me they are looking at having Miss National at Large in Orlando possibly, and it just may be the first weekend in November. Check back here for more details.

The 28th Female Impersonator's Miss Florida was held July 3rd, and Amy DeMilo finally pulled it off on her eighth (I think) attempt! You may have seen this Beauty on a Budget on *Maury Povich*, or on a Miss Continental tape. She won every category, and I hear she was on it, including her AMY2K futuristic talent that was propped to death! Her runners-up included Valentina, Natasha Richards, Nazhoni, and a new fish to the water, Orlando's Maya Andrews who is supposedly divine! Congrats to the outgoing Miss FL, Danielle Hunter, who is the current Miss NC Continental.



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the Spanish channel, Univision. I'll get back with you on the airdate, 'cause she's lovely!

The only America prelim I know about at this time is Miss Mecca, held in San Francisco, which Hollywood of DC won. I failed to mention that NC's Necole Summers was first-runner-up at Gulf States America — sorry, gal!

Winners of prelims leading to USofA at Large are Miss Missouri Dieta Pepsi, Kofi won Miss Louisiana, and Bridgette Lee won Miss Oklahoma. Nationals are in October, but not the same weekend as Miss America as in years past! Hooray!

Two prelims that owner Nancy Newton told me about—Miss NC will be Sept. 15, and the new Miss All-States will be the 17th.

While on the subject of big girls contests, Miss World at Large Tajma Hall of Raleigh tells me she'll relinquish her title November 5, with prelims preceding Nov. 1-4. On the local scene, Kysha Wellington recently won NC Black Entertainer of the Year; her RU was Elaine Davis. Celeste Starr recently won Miss Scandals in Asheville, with runners-up LuAnne Landreth and Brittany Shane. Miss Pretty Patio pageant, the employee turnabout fundraiser at Legends in Raleigh, was won by my dear friend Robbie, known that night as a leggy, sexy Natasha Scott.


Felicia Powers, Miss NC America until the end

of the month, reports on two more prelims — Miss Greenville, which Ebony Summers won; her RU was Michelle Warren. Shana Nicole took her broom and swept Miss Winston-Salem; her RU was a new child, quite talented I hear, by the name of India Dreams. Miss NC takes place at Charlotte's Scorpio, July 28-30. Miss Mid-Atlantic EOY at Mythos was won by Brittany Michaels; her RU was Kysha Wellington.

Until next time, take a look at a web site of one of my favorite people in the world, Hot Chocolate at www.LarryEdwardsLive.com and tell him I sent you! We'll cover more EOY prelims next time — I've got a ton of 'em! ▼

Late-breaking news

As this issue of Q-Notes was going to press, we learned that Miss Continental Tommie Ross was injured in an automobile accident in Texas. Ross was thrown from the back seat of a car and suffered multiple broken bones. Based on preliminary information, she is expected to make a full recovery. Cards and letters (only, due to intensive care regulations) may be sent to: Tommie Ross, East Texas Medical Center, Room 3353-A, 1000 S. Beckham, Tyler, TX 75701.



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