

Drag Rag

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From our back door to the pageant floor

Oh, boys and girls, what wonderful news to start off with — another Carolina kid has captured a national title. Big time congrats goes to Luscius of Columbia, S.C., who was recently crowned Miss Gay America. (She also calls Charlotte home, too.) Two other Carolinians joined Luscius in the Top 10 — Victoria Parker and Coti Collins (who was named first runner-up). Alina Maletti was 2nd; Victoria DePaula was 3rd; and China Collins was 4th, followed by Chantal ReShae, Savannah DeLorean, Ashley Bannk, and Ginger Manchester. I can't say how happy I am for our former Miss Scorpio and Miss N.C. America LuLu. Get it, girlfriend, and be legendary this year.

And while on the subject of Miss America, one correction from last time: the late Asya Alexander was a former Miss Louisiana America; she never won the national title, but competed and was a finalist.

In other national news, former Miss Continental Dominique Chappelle is your new Miss TN U.S.ofA.; her RU was Myah Monroe; the new Miss Rocky Mountain U.S.ofA. is Sage Summer with RU Frenchie Kiss. In the U.S.ofA. at Large area, we have Chevelle Brooks going back to compete nationally as Miss Goddess, which she won at the Saint in San Antonio with RU Amber Nixx; the new Miss Iowa is Katrina Cass; Miss Rocky Mountain at Large is Nova Starr; BiBi Snow is Miss Southwest; Miss Indiana is Alyssa Williams; and Miss Arizona is

Sache. In the Classic arena, we have Monica West as the new Miss Wisconsin.

On the Continental scene, Crystal is the new Miss Windy City with RU Regine Phillips, and on the same night, Tajma Kirsten Hall won every category but interview at Miss Windy City Continental PLUS; her RU was Kristian Valentino.

On the local scene, we have so much to discuss. Sierra Leone is the new Queen of the Triangle with RU Daphne Starr; the new Miss O'Henry's is Summer Clearance with a tie for the next two spots: Gilda Golden and Charlotte's Cierra Nicole. My phat sister from Greensboro, Paisley Parque, is your new Miss Warehouse 29; Diamond crowned her and her RU was Angel Diamond Sutton. That same night, they did a Mr. contest and the winner was David Bryant and his RU was Taylor Addams. Congrats to Robbie Sutton on giving that title up. The most recent N.C. FFI prelim that I know about was Miss Raleigh, which Breyannah Allure won; her RU was a cute Latina queen from FL by the name of Faith. Jessica Jade's first prelim as Miss NC U.S.ofA. was Fayetteville and a lovely queen by the name of Brittney Ambers Cruise won; her RU was Imaje Deveraux Cartier.

There was recently a fundraiser for the Covenant House in Charleston, WV, that I failed to mention and I hope all the ladies involved will see fit to forgive me. Over \$10,000 was raised and it featured such illu-



sions as Coti Collins as Judy Garland, Reba McEntire and Dolly Parton; Vikki Williams as Barbra Streisand, Liza Minelli and Cher; Big Shirli Stevenz as a big Cher and Wynonna Judd; LaWanda Jackson as Tina Turner, Diana Ross, and Dionne Warwick; and Bridgette Nickles as Bette Midler. Sounds like a fabulous night out for a great cause.

I want to take this time to wish a happy retirement to LuAnne Landreth of the Castle down in Greenville, S.C. The old gal has been dressing cross for 25 years and has been quite successful at it, I might add. Her final show featured Kristen Collins, Tracy Morgan, Brooklyn Dior and Adara McDaniels.

Did any of you get a chance to see Asheville entertainer Tamalah Taylor on "The Insider" a couple weeks ago? She and two other transgender entertainers (Maria Roman and Cassandra Cass), who were in the movie "Trantasia," were featured in a segment about getting done up for the red carpet.

Tamalah was recently asked come on as a correspondent for the "DJ Dirty D show," part of Hard Rock Radio Live.

I was recently in Atlanta for a Continental prelim that never quite took place due to some unforeseen circumstances that we'll not mention here, but Isabella Diamante and Mendigan Iman Starr will represent Woody Brooks' Miss Atlanta Divine next fall. It was so good to see

Miss Continental Victoria LePaige anyway, along with former Mr. Continental Tony DeSario, as well as former NC gal Melania Cortez. Imagine my surprise when Melania came to dinner with guest Eduardo, formerly Akasha Pharrrows, who used to live in NC as well. We later went to take in Atlanta's Drag Idol contest at Wetbar and I got to see emcee extraordinaire Charlie Brown (who looks fabulous, by the way) and boy are they giving some money away for this contest. Drop in one night and see it, please. Shawna Brooks is serving as a judge, too. Oh, almost forgot — the flawless W Hotel is doing a Sunday brunch featuring a

show of big-name Atlanta girls as well. Stop by and tell Carl I sent you.

And speaking of travels, I recently ran across a flawless out-of-state show worth checking into... Flirt in Ybor City, FL, right outside of Tampa, features quite the housecast — Miss Continental PLUS Desiree DeMornay, former NC Continental PLUS Jocelyn Summers, Miss Gay U.S.ofA. Natasha Richards (emcee), former Miss EOY Angelique Ali, former Miss FL FI Amy DeMilo, then on a rotating basis: former Miss PLUS Angelica Sanchez, former Miss Everything Cezanne and

former Miss Everything Erica Andrews; then they have special guests every Sat., someone fab like Miss Elite Maya Douglas, former Miss Continental and International Queen Mimi Marks and Stratton was there on Oct. 14. Check them out at www.flirtybor.com. If you ever stop in on your travels, tell the owner, Miss Darlene, that Della from the Q-Notes sent you. ♡

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