

Drag Rag

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Y'all, the contests keep rolling out!

Hello queens and admirers and thanks for coming back to my ink spot on the page. I have such good pageant news this time, I'm excited to be doing the Drag Rag.

First and foremost, I owe an apology to two N.C. gals who were overlooked last time — I forgot to mention the results of Miss Gay DC America and N.C. was in 'da house!

Victoria Parker, who now lives in Nashville, Tenn., won and Scarlett Dailey of Wilmington was her 1st RU. Well, Lordies mercies — I sure miss Da Fig... I wish that thing would move back this way. Anyway, I guess she's trying to get ready to go back to Miss America now, obviously. Make sure to pack the hairspray, gal. Other recent qualifiers to go to MGA include the new Miss Missouri, Jade Sinclair, and Erica Chandler who won Oregon. I hear our Miss America has really been turning it out wherever she goes, laying a dancing *down*. They say she worked the stage at Miss TX FFI like she was trying to do talent at Miss U.S.ofA. or something and we know how fierce that can be, right?

Speaking of which, a huge congrats goes out to the winners and their courts for the TX pageants. A painted and most talented Layla LaRue won Miss TX with RUs Amber Stevens and Miata Sweet. And a probably even more painted Kelexis Davenport won the Miss At Large, with RUs Yesenia St. James and Lauren Kelly. You'll recall that Kelexis and Layla were Misses U.S.ofA. and U.S.ofA. at Large at the same time, too. Wooh, that's a lot of MAC makeup to look at for a year. [chuckle]

As we go to press, the National Entertainer of The Year has just taken place and Erica Andrews relinquished her title and crowned Dee Ranged of Orlando, Fla. Her first RU was also from Orlando by way of Buffalo, Armani,

who won talent on final night; and 2nd RU was Kitty Litter, a former Miss U.S.ofA. at Large from St. Louis. I hear Miss TX, the fantastic Alexis Nicole Whitney (who happens to be blind) really upset the place, too, and was probably next in line.

Having mentioned U.S.ofA. at Large so many times already, it's only fair to mention Kathryn York's most recent prelim — Miss Iowa, which Adena Renee won, with RU Nova Starr. I understand Kathryn will be here for Miss NC in



October over at Night Owls. Can't wait. They say bar owner Teresa is really gearing up to have some divas come in to work the Tarheel State over.

Another bar getting ready to do shows is Crave inside Velocity. I popped in a few weeks ago and bar owner Ralf showed me how they've redone the cabaret in there and it is to die for! By the time you read this, I will have already attended the VIP party and

show, featuring Sabrina Love, Sierra Santana, Cinnamen and other transistor sisters. How exciting.

In other news, we have a new Miss International, Vickie Valentino, and Intl. Plus, Ivy White. Raven Wood recently captured the title of Miss NC United States with RU Neely

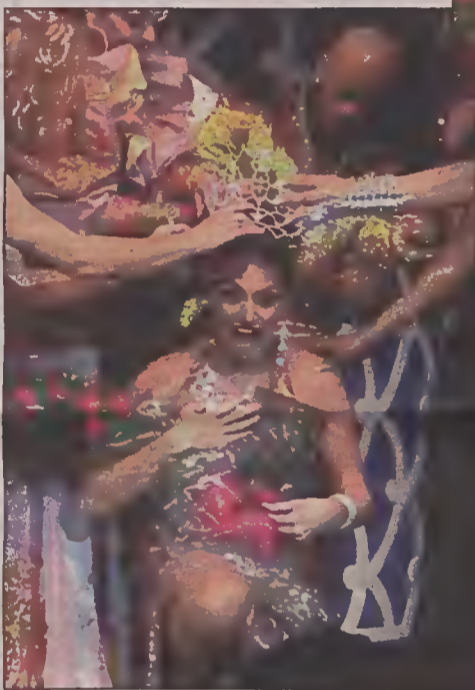
O'Hara. Jessica Jade is the new Miss Legends with RUs Ariel Knight-Addams and Tiffany Deveraux. I hear the formers did a sick-o-ning "Dreamgirls" production that night. Congrats to LaWanda Jackson on a fabulous year. Also, the second annual Miss Maid Marion pageant was recently held. Chyna of Greenville, S.C. (formerly of Asheville) was giving it up. Cierra Nichole of Charlotte won and her RU was Tyra Couture. Since I mentioned shows earlier, I must tell you what good ones I've seen recently at Scorpio. Coti Collins was in town a few weeks ago and worked with her W.Va. sister Gypsy Starr. One

week later, Sister Dorae Saunders starred along with Emery Starr and Angela Lopez who did a fabulous Beyonce production with Carmen Banks and Amber Rachele St. James. By the way, it's only proper and fitting that I thank bar owner Rick Wildes for being the major promoter of Charlotte Pride at this juncture — thanks for the coins, Rick! Miss Universal Icon Kym Moore will be in Charlotte in November for Miss NC

Universal Icon at Scorpio!

In closing, I dedicate this column to a Texas legend, Cookie LaCook, who passed away this past month. She was big in the At Large pageants at one time (and probably others, too) and was a popular entertainer and emcee. Hats off to Texas! ♡

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