

Drag Rag

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Peanut butter fudge, pageants and other delicious news

Happy New Year, kids! We're draggin' it into 2008 here, trying to round up tidbits about pageants and such, like we've been doing for 11-plus years. Sometimes it seems like yesterday, and others, much longer than that. At any rate, here I am, carrying on!

I wanted to start off by thanking a dear reader, Stephen, who's a senior at UT-Austin for dropping me a line and befriendin' an old bitch. He's a big fan of the art form and suggested Miss D do a Rag every time the Q-Notes came out. Honey, once a month is enough for this ole gal, but thanks for the vote of confidence. Hope to see your hot little self at some pageant one day. Muah!

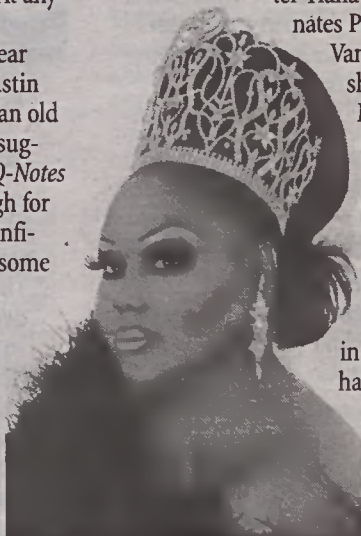
I had the pleasure of dropping into a holiday party here in Charlotte at the home of Macy Alexander and her partner Jason. Damn, I'm still dreaming of that peanut butter fudge! They laid out a spread. I was able to visit with sisters Kysha Wellington, Brooklyn Dior, Elaine Davis and her partner, Kiana Lane, Detra Penucci and the ever-popular Angel Austin, a Myrtle Beach legend who now makes her home in the Triad area. Thanks, Macy, for having me over.

Our picture this time is a newer promo of Miss Continental PLUS, Tajma Hall. She recently has been to such prelims as Miss Shining



Star, which the gorgeous Chelsea Pearl won. She also was at Miss Florida where Tangelo Armani took the crown with alternate Angela

Lovette. Tennessee welcomed her as Miss TN, Raquel Scott, won her pageant with alternate Stephanie Shippae. Also, Miss Heart of America was won by Angel Sheridan's daughter Tiana Sheridan with alternates Patricia Piagette and Vanessa Taylor. Lastly, she headed up to see Miss KY, Mercedes,



Tajma Hall, Miss Continental PLUS, has been visiting a number of pageants across the country.

capture that crown along with her alternate, Keke Velasquez Lord. I can hardly believe it, but it will be time for Tajma to relinquish her crown in just three-and-one-half months. Time really does fly when you're getting designer duds made every week, huh, Taj?

Tajma tells me while she was in sunny Miami for the Florida contests that Champagne Bordeaux

won the "original" contest (y'all know how I hate to say skinny girl or "regular") and Franchesque Richards won the Elite title.

As for recent contests, we have Chyna winning the most recent prelim to Miss NC Unlimited, Miss Winter Wonderland. Over in Fayetteville, Malaysia Black won Spektrum's Miss Winter Wonderland contest as well. No confusion there, right? And, finally, we have a new Miss Night Owls — Needa Samore with first alternate JoAnna Marie Gentry. The old girl can still spin, by God!

Other exciting news in a completely different field. It was just announced that the Gay U.S.ofA. pageants, based in Pearland, TX, will start producing a Mister U.S.ofA. and At-Large. The first ones will take place in gorgeous San Antonio (where the guys are even more gorgeous!) on Sept. 17-19.

Good news of local interest — the movie "Pageant," which stars (among others) Victoria Parker and Coti Collins, has been chosen as one of 10 documentaries for the American Independent Competition at the 17th Annual Florida Film Festival taking place in and around Maitland beginning March 28 for 10 days. I understand there were more than 300 submissions. Y'all girls are gettin' big time on us. I see — congrats are in order, ladies!

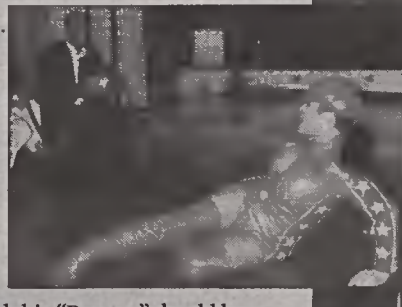
By the time you read this, "Pageant" should have

already been profiled on "The Insider" for the pre-Slamdance excitement. Five clips from the movie were scheduled to air at press time.

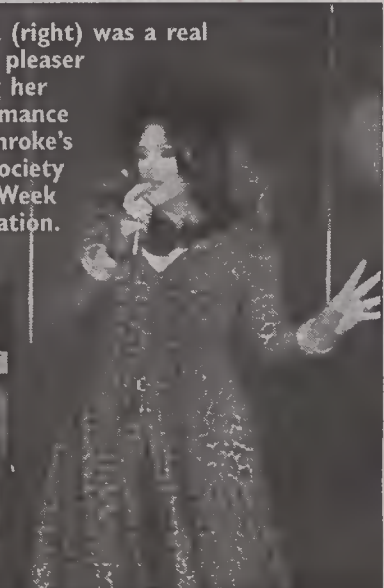
One last thing we need to do is clarify a couple of bits of information from the story in the last issue on the University of North Carolina-Pembroke's 10% Society drag show. Morgan Richards should have been listed as a performer and Dana St. James was shown twice in the photographs instead of one of her and one of Amaya. See the correct photos below. So sorry, Morgan and Amaya! Also, Amaya has been secured to host a workshop there for young ladies who plan to compete in the Miss UNC-P pageant this spring. ▀

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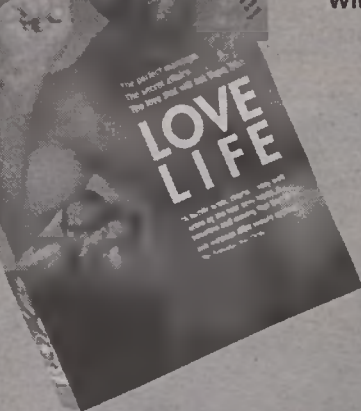
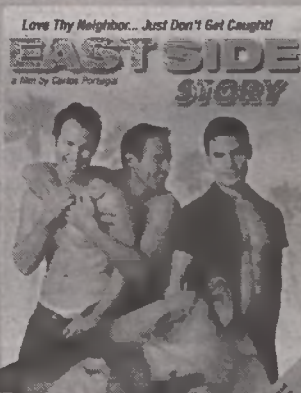
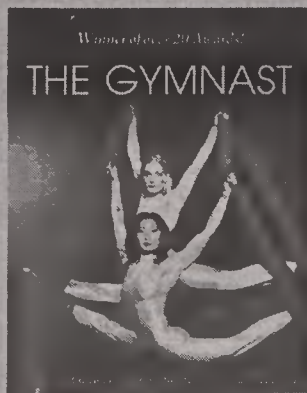
Dana St. James (below) showed real star power while she twirled her way into the crowd's heart at Pembroke's first-ever drag show.



Amaya (right) was a real crowd pleaser during her performance at Pembroke's 10% Society Pride Week celebration.



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