

Ask Yolonda

Should ex-boyfriend's threats be taken seriously by woman?

By YOLONDA GAYLES
Syndicated Columnist

Dear Yolonda: I'm a young woman of 25 with a problem. I never thought I'd write an advice columnist, but I need a second opinion.

I dated a guy for four years. He couldn't hold a job, and really didn't want very much out of life, so we broke up. Now I am happy and dating someone else, but my former boyfriend seems to be hellbent on making my life miserable. He doesn't like the fact that I have gotten myself together without him. He tells everyone how wrong I was for leaving him when he stuck with me for so many years. The last time I saw him he even threatened to kill me or any man he sees me with.

Lately, things have gotten worse. About a week ago, he came by my home and rang the door bell for about half an hour. The next day he called and said: "Women like you end up in the morgue."

I'm very much concerned about him. What should I do? I can't hide from him forever. Would you take him seriously? My brother says he's bluffing.



Yolonda

Lenora

Dear Lenora: Yes, and so would the police. You see, they know that many of those senseless killings seen nightly on the news spawn from similar bluffs.

I urge you to consider filing a legal complaint. Your friend needs help, but you need legal protection.

Church Over Marriage

Dear Yolonda: My wife and I have been married for 18 years. We had a good relationship until about four years ago; then it seems that my wife

became involved in a church that evidently does not believe in the family. Since joining this church, my wife is much more involved in the church and her church members than she is with me and our son.

Before joining her church, my wife used to go places with me. Now, if alcohol is being served, she refuses to go. She has never met my boss or any of my other co-workers because she only wants to associate with other church members.

Additionally, she has turned our frontroom into an altar. When you step into our living room, the first thing you see is a five-foot statue.

I can't stand the change that has taken over my wife since joining her religion. Whenever I try to talk to her about this, she tells me that she's being directed by God.

My son is embarrassed by his mother, too. He refuses to bring any of his friends to the house because of the atmosphere. He also has told me that, as soon as he reaches 18 (next year), he intends to leave home, even if it means joining the Army. He has told me that he would never do that. We live in a rather small town, and my wife would find out.

I don't know what would happen if I ever left my wife. I don't know how she would take care of herself.

What should I do?

E.E.R.

Dear E.E.R: It's been my practice not to interfere in religious customs, so I won't start with you.

Most religions, however, have counseling programs for spouses and family members who are non-members. Call and find out if her denomination offers such a program.

I must admit that your wife's religious customs have piqued my curiosity. Write back and give me the name of her faith, and let me know if her religion offers some help to you and your son.

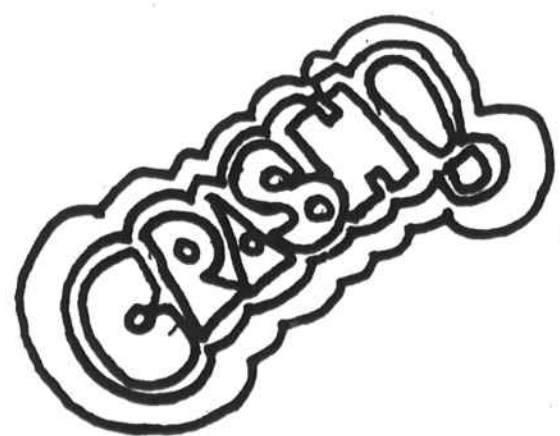
Got a problem or a gripe? Write Yolonda Gayles, P.O. Box 19112, Chicago, Ill., 60619.



The Pointer Sisters appear to enjoy themselves as much as the thousands who came to see them recently at the Hampton Kool Jazz Festival. Also featured at the annual black music fest were Al Jarreau, Patti LaBelle and Stanley Turrentine (photo by Joe Daniels).



By MIKE CAMPBELL



Musical Notes

Jackson tour dates set

After months of anticipation, three dates have been announced for The Jacksons' "Victory" Tour, which shapes up as the largest in the history of the entertainment industry.

The Jacksons -- Marlon, Tito, Randy, Jermaine and Michael -- will play Kansas City, Missouri's Arrowhead Stadium July 6-8, Dallas' Texas Stadium July 13-15, and Jacksonville's Gator Bowl July 21-23.

And they'll reveal a show whose details they have kept

top secret during eight months of preparation. To date, more than 60,000 man-hours have been expended on the show's creation.

The Jacksons have made the elaborate arrangements, their publicists say, to protect the public from ticket scalpers. Tickets will be sold by mail order and ticket orders will be processed by a major bank and a big eight accounting firm to insure that each ticket request has an equal chance of

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Hollywood Today

Billy Dee Williams to join 'Dynasty' cast as Diahann's beau

By VINCENT TUBBS
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Sex symbol Billy Dee Williams will become gorgeous Diahann Carroll's wealthy estranged husband (a record mogul) this fall on TV's hottest nighttime soap, "Dynasty," rubbing shoulders with Joan Collins and Linda Evans and those other filthy rich Denver video characters.

Rumor has it that Diahann is going to reveal she is kin to Blake Carrington (like she said) and will disclose how and why that happens to be....

While Hollywood was all a-squeak a couple of weeks ago, celebrating the 55th year in show business for Mickey Mouse, you may have missed the fact that Las Vegas was celebrating, at the same time, the 55th anniversary in showbiz for Sammy Davis Jr. It took a whole week, during which a 90-minute TV special was made, with all of Sam's friends entertaining him (for a change), and it culminated in an all-night reception at which Bill Cosby was one of the star hosts....

The good news on Page 1 is that pretty Jennifer

Beals is set to co-star in the ABC production of F. Scott Fitzgerald's "Tender Is the Night," with top-drawing actors Peter Strauss, Mary Steenburgen and John Heard.

The filming of the production in Switzerland and France will begin in August and the finished series will consist of six one-hour episodes to be shown on pay-TV in mid-1985.

On a similar note, Oscar- and Grammy-winner Irene Cara is co-starring with Tatum O'Neal in the action-adventure "A Certain Fury," filming now in Vancouver....

Powerhouse femme Debbie Allen, actress and choreographer for the hit TV series "Fame," and basketball player Norm Nixon, whose marriage was announced a couple of months ago, welcomed their heiress, Vivian Nicole, in the midst of their honeymoon a few weeks ago. At about the same time, Debbie became a partner-producer of the internationally-acclaimed "Fame" series.

Meanwhile, Debbie's sister, Phylcia Ayers-Allen, has won the enviable role of Bill Cosby's

wife and the mother of Coz's four kids (he's got more'n'at in real life) in the new NBC-TV series coming from that very clean family man in the fall.

It'll make us proud. Coz wouldn't touch it if it didn't....

Pay attention to that fellow you saw as the Harlem friend of Robin Williams in Columbia's "Moscow on the Hudson." His name is Cleavant Derricks and he's also featured prominently on camera in Columbia's sports-oriented flick titled "The Slugger's Wife," to be released this Christmas....

Sorry, ladies. St. Louis' Robert Guillaume, star of the "Benson" TV series, is going to marry CBS-TV producer Donna Brown come August, about the same time "Benson" takes off to Hong Kong to film a couple of episodes in order to avoid the crush of all the visitors expected hereabouts for the Summer Olympics....



Billy Dee Williams