



ASK DEANNA!
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Real Advice*

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Dear Deanna!

I'm dating two different men. I know it sounds bad for me to be seeing two people, but I get different things from each man. One guy makes me feel whole and complete, while the other one makes me feel free, and we have a lot of fun together. I care deeply for both men and would like to ask your advice on which one to select.

Anonymous
Wichita Falls, TX

Dear Anonymous:

I suggest you eliminate both men and take the time out to find yourself. You're obviously lost and deeply rooted in a world of confusion, lack of responsibility, and disrespect. There's nothing cute about deceiving these men, so your best bet is to call it quits before you get caught. If you're smart, you'll act sooner instead of later and avoid being called a garden tool.

Dear Deanna!

I'm a young man and I'm saved. I love the Lord with all my heart, but now I realize that the temptation of the flesh is making me weak. I was sexually active before my walk of faith, and now I feel as if I'm going to slip into fornication again. How do I stay strong with this and not give in to this sinful pleasure?

Douglas
Omaha, NE

Dear Douglas:

The act of celibacy requires prayer and divine intervention from above. This is a worldly sin that can't be conquered alone by man. Pray for steadfast guidance and determination to abstain from sex as you strive in faith to guard your temple until you have a wife. There will certainly be some rough days and long nights, but that's always better than a permanent barbecue in the lake of fire.

Dear Deanna!

My wife tricked me by getting pregnant because she stopped using contraceptives. We had an agreement that we were not going to have any kids. I'm employed in a corporate position that would keep me from being an effective father. This has hurt me so bad and is so serious that I'm thinking of getting a divorce. How do I deal with this betrayal?

Ron
On-Line Reader

Dear Ron:

First, you need some cheese to go with your whine because you sound like a big baby. If you were so serious about not having kids, then you would've had yourself fixed. There are two sides to this story and you and your wife are on different pages. Re-evaluate your life, career and relationship and hear your wife's story on kids and her actions. This child is a blessing and you should accept it and keep it moving.

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Marsalis: Katrina rebuilding like jazz

WASHINGTON (AP) - For Wynton Marsalis, one lesson of Hurricane Katrina lies in the jazz principles of swing. "At the heart of swing, two extremely different instruments — the drums and the bass — must be played with absolutely the same intention," he said Thursday at the National Press Club.

"Swing ultimately tests the limits of your desire to work with other people to

create a mutual feeling," he said. "That's what we've created in our country due to this catastrophe — a wonderful mutual feeling — and we have to figure out how to hold on to it." A New Orleans native and eight-time Grammy winner in both classical and jazz categories, trumpeter Marsalis organized the Sept. 17 "Higher Ground" benefit concert in New York City. He is also (See Marsalis, Page 14)



Wynton Marsalis likened rebuilding efforts to jazz music.

Remake of 'Great Gatsby' gets Black cast

By Kam Williams
Sentinel-Voice

F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby," written in 1925, was a cautionary tale of Shakespearean proportions about the pitfalls of the blind pursuit of the American Dream.

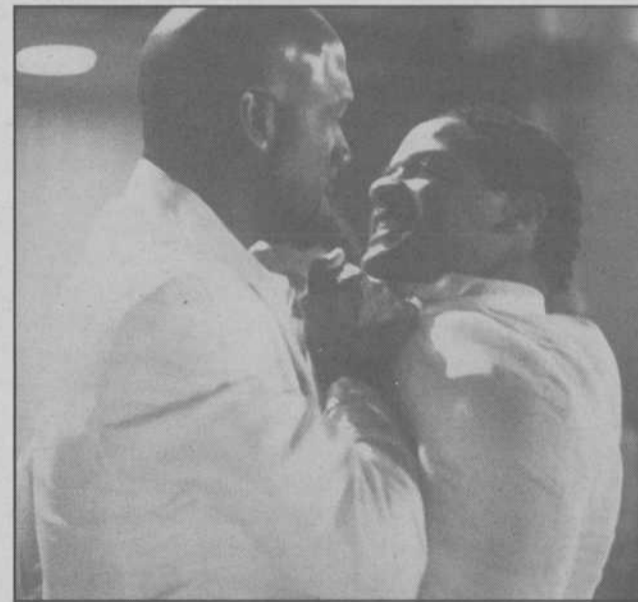
Narrated by the neighbor of a self-indulgent, self-made millionaire, this intricate tale of love and betrayal explored every excess of the Roaring Twenties: greed, ambition, passion, infidelity and more greed, all against the elegant backdrop of Long Island's leisure class.

Leave it to Andrew Lauren, son of designer Ralph Lauren, to come up with the idea of updating that classic and adapting it as a modern-day morality play with a Black cast. This fairly faithful version explores exactly the same themes, while putting an entertaining spin on the relationships among the principals.

The picture stars Richard T. Jones in the title role as Summer G, a gangsta' rap mogul from the 'hood with a mansion in The Hamptons. Blair Underwood co-stars as Chip Hightower, a bourgeois brother who works for Merrill Lynch.

Chip is a shameless philanderer who cheats on his wife, Sky (Chenoa Maxwell), who just happens to be an ex-girlfriend of G's. The blow-by-blow of all the action is narrated by Tre (Andre Royo), a reporter researching an article on the nouveau riche lifestyles of the newly arrived hip-hoppers.

What makes the movie most interesting is that it honestly addresses a variety of cultural issues currently being debated in the Black community, thanks in part to Bill Cosby, including questions about class, conspicuous consumption, misogyny, family stability, and profane

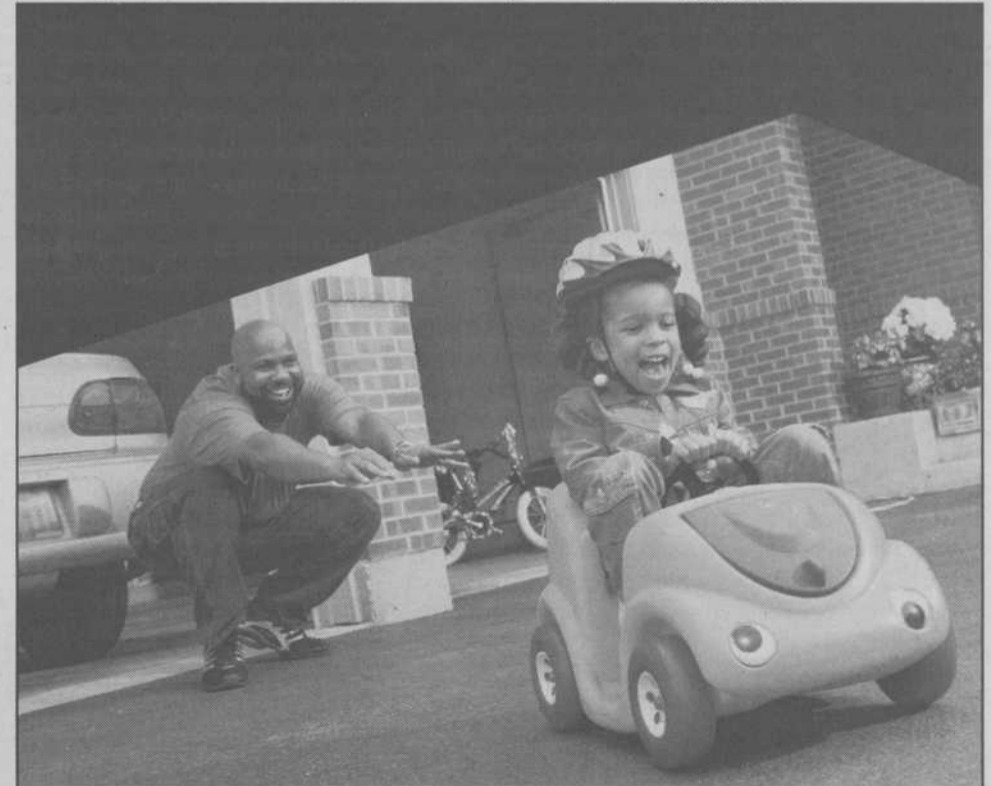


Stunning vistas and solid acting make "G" easy on the eyes.

language. But the film is also easy on the eyes, thanks to some spectacular architecture and breathtaking vistas, which come courtesy of its authentic Hamptons locations.

Among the supporting cast are the author himself, Andrew Lauren, along with Laz Alonzo, Lalanya Masters, Nicoye Banks, and Jillian Lindsey as Daizy. A 21st century celebration of decadence worthy of Fitzgerald.

Excellent (3.5 stars). R for sex, expletives and brief scenes of violence and violent action.



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