TELL IT TO JAN

'This may seem impossible'

If you are under 21 and have a teen-age problem, Jan might lend you a helping hand. All letters will be answered in this column ONLY. Write Jan, AFRO Magazine, P. O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203. Write all letters clearly and briefly.

Dear Jan:

This may seem impossible but I'm 14 and deeply in love with a boy 17. We are planning to get married as soon as possible. He is going away to Vietnam and though I know I should wait I'm afraid of losing him. Please don't tell me I have plenty of time to fall in love because I don't.

We are so deeply involved with each other now it would be wrong for me not to accept this ring. I feel that I'll be able to take on the responsibility of marriage.

I would like some help in making a wise decision. Should I get engaged now or married? — CONFUSED.

Dear Confused:

You're 14 and you want to get married as soon as possible. Well the age of consent is 18 in your state and it wouldn't be possible to get married any sooner so there's some wisdom to that.

Perhaps we don't have to go any further. You get engaged now and let your boyfriend go away to Vietnam. While he's gone you start learning the few things about marriage that you don't know now, so that in four years when you do get married you'll be even better prepared.

Dear Jan:

I am 18 and in love with a boy 21. Lately, he has been acting very strange. He used to visit me and be glad to see me when we met on the road. Now, he acts as though he is mad with me or something.

I call him but he doesn't return the call. I go down his way but he just waves. Do you think he has lost interest in me or is it another girl? — J.D.N.

Dear J.D.N.

Whether or not there is another girl is hard to say. But it seems to be a safe bet that he isn't as interested as he may have been.

I suggest you look around for other friends. Let him keep on stepping.

Dear Jan:

I'm 17 and confused. I have a friend we'll call L and he treats me nice and he's very pleasant. Boy J is always telling me things that he sees boy L do.

I like both of them very much. Boy J calls me everyday and is trying to influence me. I know I'm too young to go steady but I don't know if I should listen to Boy J when he tells me these things. — UNDECIDED.

Dear Undecided:

If you have no reason to doubt or mistrust Boy L, don't let Boy J influence you at all.

Dear Jan:

I am 15 and like a certain boy very much, but he hates to go to school.

I tell him every day to go to school, but he says he doesn't want to.

What should I do? — Love Sick

Dear Love Sick:

Find friends in school, and forget your 'dropout.'

Dear Jan:

I am 16 years old and I think that I am in love with a boy who is 18. I have been talking to him ever since I was 12. Now he talks to other girls and I talk to other boys.

When he finds out that I am doing this he will always come back and I can't tell him to go because I love him. Do you think I should talk to other boys? — B.L.J.

Dear B.L.J.:

Tell this fella that if he wants you he'll have to stop going with this other girl. Give him a deadline. If he really likes you he will meet it. Don't play second fiddle.

STACEY ANSWERS

'I ran into some problems'

Let Stacey help you with problems, if you are 21 or over or if you have an adult problem. Drop a card or a short letter to Stacey Answers, AFRO Magazine, P. O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203. All names will be kept confidential.

Dear Stacey:

I'm 21. And my boyfriend and I don't see each other much anymore.

We've had some disagreements and he just stopped showing up. So I started going out with another fellow. And this other fellow has fallen in love with me and has even asked me to marry him.

I like this guy very much but I'm not in love with him. I'm still in love with my boyfriend, who isn't ready for marriage, of course.

I want to get married as soon as possible but should I marry this fellow who wants to marry me now, or wait around until my boyfriend decides that he's ready? — Worried.

Dear Worried — Your first job is to find out whether or not you still have this boyfriend whom you haven't seen for sometime. As to the other guy, if you don't love him don't marry him. At your age, marriage shouldn't be such a dire neccessity. Don't rush in, marriage isn't a fad.

Dear Stacey:

I am 16 and although you ask for adult correspondence I think my problem is adult enough to qualify me.

My boyfriend is 19 and we've been going together for about two years. We love each other very much but lately I ran into some problems. I think I'm too immature to handle them.

What I mean is that my boyfriend and I broke up about three months ago because of "the facts of life."

So he started seeing another girl and she got pregnant.

He came back to me then and told me all about it. He said he still loved me and that he didn't want any part of that girl.

He pays child support and works in the south. He calls me often and every week he writes.

We would like to get married in 4 or 5 years but I'm not sure that we have a mutual love going. Do you think I should linger on and wait for him — V.B.

Dear V. B.: Four or five years is a long time and lots of things can happen to you by then. For instance, you might fall in love with someone else. On the other hand you may still be in love with the same fellow. Whatever happens you shouldn't linger on for any reason. Go out meet other fellows, finish school, and try to enjoy the meanwhile. In five years if you two still feel the same, then by all means get married.

LONESOME HEARTS

'I love the . . . Christian way!

● BY ALBERTINE ASHE ●

Lonesome hearts, write a short letter to me giving full particulars about yourself and the person you'd like to meet. Sign your correct name and address to all mail. Enclose $1.00 in currency and stamped self-addressed envelop for each address wanted and general handling. —ALBERTINE ASHE, AFRO-AMERICAN, P. O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

Hoping

We are two nice women who want to marry and have something. We are 35 and 40 enjoy church and things uplifting. Wt are hoping the right type answers. — LUCY and BERTHA

Employed

Young man 27, government employed, and would like meeting an interesting young lady 20-30. I love sports, reading, dancing and nice things. — MR. DAUPHIN

Intelligent

Hard working man, 44, wants to meet an intelligent woman living in Pa., to D.C. Want someone nice looking who likes sports, music and nice clean living. — MR. LINDSAY

Children

I'm 20 with two small children. I like sports, home life, things uplifting and would like to marry. Prefer him to be 24-28, who loves children and is an understanding person. — AMELIA

Nice

Hard working man forty looking for an intelligent woman 25-35. I want the nice type because I'm very sincere and hope she lives in D.C. or Baltimore. — MR. FULTON

Single

I'm single, 5 feet 4, intelligent with good habits. I want to meet a nice man 25-30 who enjoys church and clean living.—MISS JOHNNELLE

Looking for someone

If YOU have lost a friend or relative, write Looking for Someone? Write in care of AFRO Magazine, P. O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203. BE SURE to enclose $1.00 to cover cost of handling.

Mrs. Hester Hall, 1112 McAllen Court, Baltimore, is looking for a friend — MRS. MARY MILNER, last heard of at 1400 Duncan Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Mrs. Mollie Brown, Bremo Bluff, Va., is looking for the family of the late JOHN W. LEWIS of 715 New Pittsburgh Ave., Dundalk, 22, Md., the last known address. Mildred H. Lewis Campbell, children-Thomas M., John W. Jr., Andrea E., Gordon Russell and Gary Lewis.

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Mrs. Lena Mae Mack is seeking her husband MILELOW MACK. He was last known to be living in Miami, Fla. Anyone knowing his whereabouts please contact Mrs. Mack at Post Office Box 151 Blair, S.C. or call (803) 635-2061.

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ESTHER LEE INGRAM COLLINS, who may also be known as BURT PITTS, last known to be staying in New York, is urged to contact her mother, Mrs. Lucy Carter, telephone area code 205-429-3675 or write 3031 Carolina Ave., Bessemer, Ala., 35020.

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The family of the laet JOHN W. LEWIS of 715 New Pittsburg Ave., Dundalk 22 Md. MILDRED H. LEWIS CAMPBELL, THOMAS M. JOHN W .JRD,NAEAE., .R JOHN W. JR., ANDREA E., GORDON RUSSEL, and GARY E. LEWIS is being sought by Mrs. Mollie Brown, Bremo Bluff, Va. 23022.

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Mrs. Laura Davis, is looking for her sister MISS SALLIE YOUNG and her uncle VAUL YOUNG both of Conyers, Ga. They left that city around 1899 or 1900. Their father's name was Robert Young; their sisters are Miss Mary Young, Miss Julia Young and Miss Martha Young. I am Mary's daughter. Please contact me at 1231 Branch St. Augusta, Ga.

LONDON — "Revisionism" as Communist China sees it comes in many forms—even so lovely a one as that of Nikica Marinovic who, as "Miss Yugoslavia," placed second in the "Miss World 1966" contest here. Miss Marinovic, the first girl from any Communist country ever to enter the competition, was chastised by the Red Chinese radio as "a perfect example of the revisionism of the Tito regime."

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed

"Here, Doris — just as a precautionary measure, you might study my wallet, too."

PATTERNS CLOTHES Make Your Man

By Harry Juster

How To Fit A 6-Footer

Dear Mr. Juster:

How about answering some questions on tie knots? First, are there three kinds or just two? We all know there's a windsor knot and the regular kind. Then there's the four-in-hand knot or is this another name for the 'regular'? Secondly, which knot is in vogue with young men?—S.P.

There are three basic knots. The four-in-hand, which is another name for the regular knot; the windsor; the half-windsor, a less bulky version of the windsor. All three are in vogue with young men and the one to use depends on the collar style.

For example, wide spreads look best with a windsor; most button-downs take the regular or the half-windsor; tabs and other narrowly spaced collars call for the regular knot.

Dear Mr. Juster:

There is no man around the house to help outfit my 15-year-old son and now I find I'm in urgent need of advice. He's 6 feet tall, and all the slacks I buy are both short-waisted and short-legged. I also got him a sport coat recently and that, too, is so short, it looks like he has outgrown it. What am I doing wrong?—Mrs. M.G.

You must be buying regulars and a six-footer needs long in clothes. Long slacks are cut with a higher waist and longer legs. And a long sport coat has the added body and sleeve length a tall fellow requires. Stay with this proportion and your son's clothes won't have that outgrown look.

Dear Mr. Juster:

I seldom run across any tips on hair styling and would like to get your opinion of the English cut for a man close to 50. I understand this is popular now, but wonder if I'm too old for this kind of cut.—H.G.

I assume you are referring to the British cut which is worn longer on the top, heavier on the sides and lower on the neck. If you are, and want to wear your hair that way, don't give your age a second thought. It's far more becoming than a close clipping high on the sides and neck, with little left on top.

Dear Mr. Juster:

I'm going to an evening semi-formal high school dance and plan to go in a sport coat outfit as that's what the other boys will be wearing. What about using a solid colored or striped shirt? Several of us are wondering whether it has to be white and would like the answer.—F.R.

Any dress guide will tell you that evening dress-up occasions call for a white shirt. However, when the occasion is a high school dance and sport coats are being worn, I feel a colored shirt that blends with the jacket can be used. When it comes to striped shirts, though, I'd save those for more informal wear.

Teen Man Fashions

If you're among the older generation, you may remember that famous boxing champ, John L. Sullivan. Believe it or not, the skin tight, horizontal striped, just-above-the-knee length trunks John L. did his fighting in, will be a popular swim-wear fashion with young men this summer.

'Oh, my goodness!'

Here's an overblouse costume with the special interest of a new neckline: a neckline that's in perfect harmony with the raglan cut of the shoulder. No. 3280 comes in sizes 14½, 16½, 18½, 20½, 22½, 24½. Size 16½, takes 3 yards of 44-inch fabric.

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Free pattern is waiting for you. Send 50 cents for our new Spring-Summer Pattern Book which contains coupon for pattern of your choice.

WE ALL TALK

By MARCUS H. BOULWARE

OCCASIONAL SPEECHES

Within the next several months, there will be occasions for the Memorial Day speech, Mother's Day speech, and Fourth of July Speech. These types of talks or addresses are termed speeches for special occasions, or occasional speeches.

The speeches can vary from five to thirty minutes depending upon the demands of the situation and the organization sponsoring the program.

Usually, the speaker calls attention to the historical background of the occasion which usually sets the emotional tone thereby arousing sentiments of varying degrees.

In the Mother's Day speech, a speaker calls attention to certain symbols that typify the universal mother and the values for which she stands.

Often, the speaker discusses the symbols of the ideal mother, those to which all mothers should subscribe and seek.

In preparing occasional speeches, the speaker should read and take notes, prepare an outline to prevent rambling thoughts, and then intensive practice should be undertaken to provide the necessary confidence neded by every speaker.

READERS

For my free pamphlet on public speaking, send two stamps and a self-addressed long business envelope to M. H. Boulware, Florida A and M University, Box 310-A, Tallahassee, Florida—32307.

DEE DEE WARWICK — A singer since childhood is a pro of the first caliber. Beginning her career as a gospel singer along with members of her family, who formed The Drinkard Singers, (the first gospel group to sing at the Newport Jazz Festival) Dee Dee has been a performer nearly all of her life. Of her career Dee says 'Five years ago I wouldn't have recorded rock and roll. I was waiting for something that meant more to me than the music of that time. Now rock and roll is in a new groove — it's music you can listen to, enjoy — it's something I can really get in to.

PRAYER

Help me, O Lord, to keep guard over my lips. Save me from words that hurt: from gossip and slander and lies. Let me speak only to encourage and cheer and to keep people on their feet, so that all my words may minister grace, to thy honor and glory.

HEALTH

First Born May Cause Death Of Second Child

By SAMUEL L. ANDELMAN, M.D., M.P.H.
Chicago Commissioner of Health

Since the cause of infant deaths from erythroblastosis was shown some 25 years ago to be Rh incompatibility in the blood of the parents much has been done to prevent these deaths.

Erythroblastosis, a disease characterized by destruction of red blood cells, is rare in a first born child even when the blood of the parents is incompatible.

This is because the Rh negative mother does not become sensitized to the Rh positive blood of the first child until the hour of delivery.

Allergy

Having developed what amounts to an allergy to Rh positive blood, she produces in her own blood persistent antibodies against that type of blood.

These antibodies destroy the Rh positive blood of her next child.

The first line of treatment to combat their disease was to anticipate its occurrence, and if the second child — who might or might not be normal—showed signs of erythroblastosis, its entire blood supply was replaced with Rh nagative blood from a donor of the same A-B-O blood group.

This is known as an exchange transfusion.

Another procedure was to induce labor about 20 days ahead of the expected date of delivery.

This prevents erythroblastosis because the transfer of the mother's destructive antibodies to the fetus does not take place to any significant degree until the last two or three weeks of pregnancy.

Techniques

More recently, two experimental techniques have shown great promise. One involves giving an Rh negative woman with an Rh positive husband, a blocking antibody immediately after the birth of her first baby.

This antibody prevents her from developing her own antibodies that would destroy Rh positive blood in a second infant.

The second new method is to inject Rh negative blood into the abdominal cavity of the second baby while he is still in the uterus. This procedure has been performed successfully without harm to the mother on a large number of babies.

The chief preventive measure, however, is the recognition of the possibility that a baby may be born with erythroblastosis so that one of the above methods of prevention can be applied before the disease develops.

HISTORY QUIZ

The Primary Issues And Where The Leaders Stand

More and more people are concerning themselves with the issues on poverty, civil strife, and methods of rectifying racial grievances.

Some propose radical, even violent solutions to problems, while others look for gradual improvement through reform and conciliation.

Today's Baffler will see what you know about where leaders and organizations stand on both sides of key issues. Each of the three questions has two parts, each multiple choice. Your job: Find the one which has come out for the idea and the one that disagrees.

Scoring: 5-6 tops; 3-4 fair; 0-2 poor. The Bonus Question at the end is worth two points. Here's the quiz:

1. One top leader has urged that the "fervor" of the civil rights movement be linked with opposition to the Vietnam war; the other opposes any such link.

1. For the link is: a. Dr. J. H. Jackson; b. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; C. Nguyen Cao Ky.

2. Against the link is: a. Roy Wilkins; b. Stokely Carmichael; c. Floyd McKissick.

B. One leader believes colored people should align with the Republican party; the other thinks they should start their own parties.

1. For ties with the GOP is: a. Lawrence Guyot; b. Elijah Muhammad; C. James Meredith.

2. For all colored parties is: a. Cecil Moore; b. Whitney Young; c. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

C. One man blamed recent racial disorders in Nashville on outside agitators; an organization, however, charged a "frame-up" by white officials.

1. Blaming agitators was: a. Nashville Mayor Beverly Briley; b. Stokely Carmichael; c. Adam Clayton Powell.

2. Charging a frame-up was: a. The NAACP; b. The DAR; c. SNCC.

BONUS QUESTION: This Congressman, who headed a special committee that investigated Adam Clayton Powell's "fitness for office," believes Congress ought to seat Powell, in view of his smashing re-election victory. Who is the Congressman?

ANSWERS: A. 1. b; A. 2. a; B. c; C. 1. a; C. 2 c. Bonus: Emanuel Celler.

WEEK'S TOP 10 RECORDS

Number one for this week is WHEN YOU'RE YOUNG AND IN LOVE — Marvelettes. In the number two spot we have "Nothing Takes The Place Of You" — Toussaint McCall.

Here is how the others rank:

3. "I Never Loved A Man (The Way I Love You)" — Aretha Franklin
4. "Dead End Street" — Lou Rawls
5. "Jimmy Mack" — Martha and Vandellas
6. "Dry Your Eyes" — Brenda and Tabulations
7. "Out In Left Field" — Percy Sledge
8. "Hip-Hug-Her" —Booker T. and The Mg's
9. "I Found A Love" — Wilson Pickett
10. "All I Need" — Temptations

TOP ALBUMS

1. "Revenge" — Bill Cosby
2. "I Never Loved A Man — (The Way I Love You)" — Aretha Franklin
3. "Let's Fall In Love" — Peaches and Herb
4. "Carryin On" — Lou Rawls
5. "The Wicked Pickett" — Wilson Pickett

MOVING UP

1. "Together" — Intruders
2. "Something Inside Me" — Ray Charles
3. "Hey Love" —Stevie Wonder
4. "Why (Am I Treated So Bad)" — Cannonball Adderley
5. "When Love Slips Away" — Dee Dee Warwick