TELL IT TO JAN

She thinks 25 is soon enough to date

Dear Jan:

Do you think 16 is old enough to take company and expect phone calls from boys?

My mother and father won't allow me to go outside without being watched for fear I might be talking to a boy.

My boyfriend has threatened to quit me several times because he is unable to see me and call me when he wants. According to my mother, I would have to be an old maid before I am able to date a boy alone (25 at least).

They won't let me dance or attend any parties. They have made me feel that I have lost my place in society and I should never have any friends because I can't have fun.

Please inform them of the times. BEWILDERED

Dear Bewildered:

My God! Your mother can't be serious. No society in man's history ever forbade the boy-girl relationship until the girl reached 25!

I can't believe anyone living today with all the free education available could be so backward.

Short of having them committed to an asylum I suggest you have your teacher call on them.

She can inform them on simple things like the telephone and television and the automobile.

Then you take them by the hand and lead them out of 'Sleepy Hollow' or wherever it is you live. It'll take a while but if you're patient you can bring them around to 1967.

Dear Jan:

I am 18 and very much in love with a boy 20. We have been dating for three years.

My problem is that I love him, but he goes around too much and hangs around my best friends a lot.

We were supposed to get married in August, but we didn't. He tells me if he catches me with any one else, he will kill me. I don't want anyone else but him.

I told him if he didn't stop running around, I would quit him, but he knows I wouldn't do that. I suppose this is why he does these things to me. Please give me some advise. USED

Dear Used:

If you don't wake up and dig yourself that's what they'll call you all your life.

Tell this boy that you're not getting any younger and while you still have something to bargain with you're going shopping for a husband.

He has first bid. Get a date, a ring and a preacher. If after three years he blows the wedding again, you'd better try to want someone else.

It's a sure bet you won't be getting him.

Dear Jan:

I am 16 and love only one boy, one I used to date and who now wants me back. Things just won't work with the fellow I now date. He won't leave me alone.

I dated other fellows when I was dating the fellow I love and I feel that he doesn't really want me but just wants to prove he can get me back. MIXED UP

Dear Mixed Up:

As long as you feel that he's shamming, make him pay up.

Ask him what makes him think that after being away for so long he can come back and take up where he left off.

Tell him that you're well pleased with the boy you're dating now but if he makes it interesting you'll consider dating him again.

What he does with the challenge will add a little light on the subject.

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.

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.

LONESOME HEARTS

Wants tall guy who is 48-58

● BY ALBERTINE ASHE ●

Interesting, business woman with nice habits, pleasant, attractive and honest wants to meet a tall gentleman. I'm 47 and would like him 48-58, my type and height. —MISS NEWARK

Divorced

I'm a tall young woman, stately, 28, divorced and have five children. I'm lonely for companionship, a nice tall gentleman, 30-40, who wants to marry and rebuild a good life. MISS CRISTAL

Intelligent

Widow, 58, would like very much to meet a nice clean man around my age. He must be intelligent and living in or near D. C. —MRS. MALIBU

Lady

Single lady 38, would like to meet a nice gentleman 35-45 with clean habits and intelligent. Someone who respects and appreciates a lady. —MISS TULLY

Sincere

I am a widow, 52, and would like to meet a nice man around 50-60. He must be employed, sincere, with nice clean habits. — MISS ROSALEE

Clean

Lonely lady seeking nice gentleman, age 57-60. I will do my part toward real happiness and clean living, will you? —MISS ARLENE

Gentleman

Lonely widow, 63, would like to have a nice gentleman, near my age, type and has nice clean habits — MRS. EARLENE

Employed

Widow 34, medium size, employed, looking for real companionship. I would like someone near my age and type. I have a lovely son, fourteen. — MRS. ORISON

Uplifting

Divorced woman, 46, with married children wants companionship. He must be a Christian, 50-59, who likes sports, things uplifting and real happiness. —MISS HOGAN

Widower

I've been a widower te years, age soon fifty, brow and honest. I want to meet an honest lady near my age, brown or sun tan who will be a real companion. — MR. BOND.

Honest

Lonely, middle-age man who is sincere, honest and companionable wants a real nice gf. She must be around my age, type, always honest and living near Long Island. —COLUMBUS, C.C.

Clean Type

I am interested in a light-skimmed lady around 34-35 with good habits and understanding. I am an industrious working man, the clean type and I enjoy church work. —JOHN JONES.

Willing

I'm a lonely widow, 68, who wants to make the right man happy. He must be a Christian 68-74 and willing to marry if suited.—LONELY 68.

STACEY ANSWERS

I'm pregnant... and would like to join the Job Corps

Dear Stacey: I'm 21 and pregnant. The father of the child is married although I didn't know this in the beginning. I found out later and continued the relationship.

I have completed high school and I'd like to join the Job Corps but I don't know if they'll accept me in this condition.

Can you tell me something about the agency as I don't think they have as office in the town I live in. B. K. T.

Dear B. K. T.: Try looking in the phone book or call the information service to find out whether or not there's a Job Corps office in your area. As for your condition, the Corps cannot accept you while you are pregnant. However you can attend one of the maternity centers they have set up in many cities. Contact the one nearest you and inquire about these things. It's the best method.

Dear Stacey: Whenever my husband starts drinking, he gets very dangerous. I have become a nervous wreck.

I have tried to be a good wife to this man but now I'm at the end of my rope. I can't take it anymore.

I have thought of leaving but I can't bring myself to do it. We have a son, and besides I'm very much in love with my husband. VERY NERVOUS

Dear VN: You must somehow bring your husband to the understanding of what his drinking is doing to his home and to you. Chances are he won't stop but if you can get him to sit down while he's sober and talk it over then you may be able to reach a workable compromise.

Dear Stacey: I'm very unhappy because I've always wanted to live in Detroit. I'm 19 and since graduation I've been working. I've saved my money and now I'm ready to move but my mother tells me that I won't be happy in a big city all alone. She says that I should stay home and work.

I don't want to leave my mother but I really do want to go to Detroit. What should I do? UNHAPPY

Dear Unhappy: Your mother is right. A 19-year-old girl alone in a city like Detroit could never be happy. What's more you are likely to be confronted by problems that you are not equipped to handle. The thing to do is to obey mother and be disappointed at home. It's better than disobeying her and being lost in Detroit.

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Dear Stacey: I'm in love with a married man. We've been going together for about six years, but he's only been married a year. His wife and I have had several confrontations and I stil refuse to stop seeing him.

He makes every effort to see me. He insists that we have a future together all I need do is be patient and wait.

Do you think this man loves me and will we really have a future together? PLEASE HELP

Dear PH: As long as you're available when he's able to get out of the house you'll have a future together. You're assured of togetherness at least once a week.

And to think that you have the nerve to ask if this man loves you. Better to ask yourself why didn't he marry you.

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Dear Stacey: I'm really confused. I'm living with a 21 year old boy and I'm 25. I once loved him. I don't now.

I'm in love with another fellow. I have three children, neither of these men is the father.

The fellow I love wants to marry me but my parents object. The fellow I'm living with wants to marry me also and my parents approve.

I want to marry the fellow I love but then my family would not approve and I don't want to upset them. What shall I do? CONFUSED

Dear Confused: It's a little late for you to start worrying about what others will think of your actions. Marry the man who offers the best future for you and your children.

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Dear Stacey: I have been married for 9½ years but for the last two years my husband has been acting funny.

He fusses at me for the slightest thing I do. My nerves are cracking. I've been to several doctors hoping to get aid but nothing helps.

Every time I begin to feel better he jumps on me.

Not long ago he told my son that I hated him (my son) because I had chastised him for misbehaving.

I'm going to pieces and I can't do anything about it. He claims to still be in love with me but I don't believe it.

I think I hate him for what he's doing to me. Please give me some advice. NERVOUS WRECK

Dear N.W.: Have you tried asking your husband if something is bothering him? Have you sought to find out if he's unhappy at home and happier elsewhere?

Have you even considered the fact that if he has changed there is a reason and you just may have something to do with it?

Or have you spent most of the time feeling sorry for your nervous condition and neglected to maintain martial communication with him?

Think it over, the answer may be right under your nose.

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.

WE ALL TALK

By MARCUS H. BOULWARE

"Ennuied to Death"

The first time I heard "ennui" used, it was by a lady who said, "I was ennuied to death by her company."

"Ennui" means a feeling of boredom and is a noun. However, it may be a verb as used in the first paragraph.

The word, a noun, should be pronounced EN-nwe, with the accent upon the first syllable. EN is pronounced to rhyme with "ahn" but not quite "on"; while the second syllable "new" rhymes with "we."

Businessmen prefer the rhyming system, but the scholar likes the diacritical marking system. The oral communications expert likes the IPA, or the International Phonetic Alphabet.

For the laymen, the rhyming system is good but it must be prepared by the expert who transcribes it from the IPA.

CLOTHES Make Your Man

By Harry Juster

Single-brested suits OK in checks and plaids

Dear Mr. Juster:

I hope you can put my mind at ease. Recently, I bought a single-breasted, blue-gray check suit with a double-breasted vest.

The coat has long vents and peak lapels. I was pleased with it until the boss started to kid me about my "race track" suit.

I thought this style is supposed to be popular now. S. G.

It is — with men who like suits with a little flare. And there must be quite a number in this group, as checks and plaids in this sharper model are currently among the top style sellers.

Evidently, your boss goes for more conservative clothes, but as long as he's only kidding about your outfit, don't let it bother you too much.

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Dear Mr. Juster:

My wife doesn't think much of the hats I wear. She says there is something wrong with my choice of styles because, as she puts it, "they don't do a thing for me!"

I'm 5 foot 7½, 185 pounds. I have tried both narrow brims and the wide ones when they were in. What's the answer? G. B. W.

Watch those brims. Neither extreme is for you. Narrow brims are out of harmony with your build and too wide a brim accentuates your breadth. Also, avoid low crowns as they will create a squaty look.

A medium width brim with fairly high crown is the best proportion for your build and also gives the illusion of added height.

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Dear Mr. Juster:

I have a problem in regard to buying shirts that fit properly. If I buy a size 16, it's perfect around the neck, but otherwise too big and roomy. A size 15½ or even 15 is fine in the body, but tight in the neck. Is there any way of obtaining a good fit without going to expensive custom-made shirts? L. R.

Yes, there is, unless you are abnormally small waisted. Check the tapered body model which practically all shirt manufacturers are now making. They're not as full through the body as the regular cut. Incidentally, the shops catering to young men are a good place to find the most tapered styles.

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Dear Mr. Juster:

I am a widow with two boys, ages 13 and 10, and we are invited to an informal evening wedding. Would it be proper for the boys to wear navy flannel blazers and gray slacks? If suits are required, I'm afraid we can't attend as they haven't any and I can't afford them now. Mrs. M. J.

Don't pass up this wedding because the boys can't go in suits. That would be the recommended attire, but the important thing is a neat, dressy appearance. And a blue blazer with gray slacks, white shirt, tie and black shoes, while not as formal looking as a suit, can be a satisfactory substitute for youngsters.

TIP FOR THE DAY

Are you wearing one of the new "shaped" style suits or a double-breasted? The flared spread collar shirt with French cuffs ties in perfectly with these new suit silhouettes.

WES MONTGOMERY

He is one of the world's greatest jazz guitarist. He's been playing the guitar for 24 years. In the last five years he has grown to the stature he has today. He's played before audiences around the world. In the U.S. his latest album, California Dreaming, is among the top jazz LP's. For the movies the guitar of Wes Montgomery has become the pacer for themes on city life. On the night club circuit only Sammy or Sinatra could draw a bigger crowd. Wes Montgomery is the king of the jazz guitarist and he can't read a single musical note.

PATTERNS

3201 12-20 — 3301 14½-24½

This is a versatile pattern: it makes a jumper and blouse. It can also make a sleeveless dress, since there is a higher Vee neck in the pattern. No. 3201 comes in sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20. In size 14, jumper takes 1 7/8 yards of 54-inch fabric; blouse, 2¼ yards of 35-inch.

Send 40c plus 5c postage for this pattern to IRIS LANE (care of AFRO Magazine), Morris Plains, N.J. 07950. Add 15c for first class mail and special handling. Name, address and zip code.

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

You'll find nice details of seaming in this skimmer, simple as it is. Pull in the waistline with the sash, or wear it loose as you choose. No. 3301 comes in sizes 14½, 16½, 18½, 20½, 22½, 24½. Size 16½ takes 2¾ yards of 44-inch fabric.

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WEEK'S TOP TEN

Number one for this week is "You're My Everything" — Temptations. In the number two spot we have Funky Broadway — Wilson Pickett. Here is how the others rank.

3. Baby I Love You — Aretha Franklin
4. Cold Sweat — James Brown
5. Your Love Keeps Lifting Me Higher and Higher — Jackie Wilson
6. Reflections — Diana Ross and Supremes
7. Groovin' — Booker T. and MG's
8. Casanova — Ruby Andrews
9. In The Heat of the Night —Ray Charles
10. Get On Up — Esquires

TOP FIVE ALBUMS

1. Reach Out — 4 Tops
2. With A Lot O'Soul — Temptations
3. I Never Loved A Man — Aretha Franklin
4. Cold Sweat — James Brown
5. Here Where There Is Love — Dianne Warwick

LOOKING AHEAD

1. Big Boss Man — Erma Franklin
2. There Goes The Lover — Gene Chandler
3. Sweetest Thing This Side Of Heaven —Chris Lartley
4. Baby I'm Lonely — Intruders
5. Soul Man Sam and Dave

HISTORY QUIZ

Black boon in 19th century politics

People who talk about the colored people's recent political gains often forget that colored people held more high governmental positions during the 19th century than they have held in recent years.

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THURGOOD MARSHALL'S appointment to the U. S. Supreme Court is offset by the fact that colored citizens served as state legislators, lieutenant governors, and even a governor during the 19th century.

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COMPARED TO TODAY'S six colored Congressmen, 22 colored people were elected to Congress from the South in the years after the Civil War. At one time after that war, the South Carolina legislature had a colored majority.

This week's Baffler will test your knowledge of the 19th century politicians. Scoring: 4-5: tops; 3: fair; 0-2: poor. The Bonus Question at the end counts two points. Here's the multiple-choice quiz:

1. Two colored persons served in the U. S. Senate in served in the U. S. Senate in the years after the Civil War. They were:

A. Frederick Douglass and P. B. S. Pinchback; B. John Jones and Richard Allen; C. Blanche K. Bruce and Hiram Revels.

2. These two men were from:

A. Texas; B. Mississippi; C. New York.

3. In what state did two colored persons — Alonzo Ransier in 1870 and Richard H. Graves in 1874 — serve as lieutenant governor?

A. Illinois; B. Louisiana; C. South Carolina.

4. Who was the Louisiana politician who served as acting governor for 42 days in 1868, and later was elected both to the U. S. House and Senate, but denied his seat?

A. P. B. S. Pinchback; B. Huey Long; C. John H. Smythe.

5. This South Carolina politician sat in the U. S. House of Representatives from 1875 to 1887. He was largely responsible for the passage of the 19th century Civil Rights Act. A navigator in the Union Navy during the Civil War, he was:

A. George Washington Carver; B. Robert Smalls; C. William Still.

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BONUS QUESTION: This 19th century leader is best remembered as his people's eloquent spokesman.

But he also served for a while as recorder of deeds in Washington, D.C. and minister to Haiti.

ANSWERS: 1. C; 2. B; 3. C; 4. A; 5. B. BONUS: Frederick Douglass.

HEALTH

Accident proneness often result of impulsiveness

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

Accidents on the highway and in the home continue to occur at an alarming rate. One important contributing factor appears to be accident-proneness.

Statistics on this factor are hard to determine. Those who have studied this problem believe that a person's accident-proneness varies at different times and that some persons are generally more accident-prone than others.

Fatalities

As an example of the former, a person who is not ordinarily accident-prone, may incur an accident when he is overfatigued, worried, intoxicated or in a generally rundown condition.

As might be expected, young persons are more accident-prone than are older persons.

This, in part, is because they lack experience, and in part, because fatal accidents in their early years weed out many of those who are extremely accident-prone.

Study

A study was made of a series of 58 men who had incurred serious injuries as a result of accidents. An effort was made to determine the extent to which the victim was himself to blame for the accident.

Each victim was given a personality test by a psychologist.

In this comparative study, it was found that those persons whose own rash acts had been a causative factor in their injuries were those whose personalities were judged to be impulsive.

A course of personality rehabilitation was undertaken in an effort to modify the impulsiveness of these victims. Such modification is admittedly difficulty, but it should be given a trial in order to give the accident-prone person a better chance to go through life without being a menace to himself and others.