STRICTLY PERSONAL

LONESOME HEARTS

Single, black female, 48, interested in meeting an understanding gentleman, 48-55 for a caring and honest relationship. If possible, send phone number with first letter. Will answer all. For more, write to CC 166.

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42-year-old professional female, caring and confident, would like to meet professional, caring, confident gentleman for serious relationship. Varied interests include, traveling, outdoor activities, movies, theatre, fun-time and music. CC 167.

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Lonely, attractive, intelligent, blonde lady, 52, desires meeting a gentleman, 50-62 who is charming, good looking, nice dresser, educated, affectionate and does not have any other commitment. I'd like a sincere friend, social drinker, to share the pleasantries of a warm relationship. If interested, write to CC 168.

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Washingtonian, loving, secure, one-man's woman, is seeking friendship with gentleman, 39-55 who has similar qualities. I like sports, music and reading. No drug users. CC 169.

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Middleaged, Christian gentleman, loving and sincere would like to correspond and meet middleaged ladies who are loving, sincere and appreciate a good man. Must live in New Jersey. No alcohol or drug users. Serious replies only. CC 161.

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Divorced, Christian, single black lady, mid 40's, would like to meet honest, sincere gentleman for meaningful relationship, possibly marriage. I live in the Baltimore area and prefer someone medium to darkbrown, average height and weight. If possible, send phone number and photo with first letter. No alcohol or drug users. For more, write to CC 162.

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Attractive, black male, 35, wishes to meet a "special" lady, 30-40 for long-term relationship, possible marriage. Must be understanding, kind, considerate, secure and able to travel. Race, nationality no factor. Write to CC 163.

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DC lady, 53, heavy-set, attractive, sincere, honest, affectionate, would like to meet serious-minded black male who is thoughtful, honest, affectionate and considerate for meaningful relationship. No phonies. If possible, send photo and phone number with first letter. For more, write to CC 164.

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Attractive, 45-year-old widow, interested in meeting sincere, Christian gentleman, 40-60. Phone number appreciated. CC 165.

Lonesome Hearts Pen Pals Searching

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I would like my Strictly Personal notice to read:

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To answer a Lonesome Hearts notice, enclose a check or money order for $1.00 for each letter you wish to have forwarded. Be sure to include the box number of the person you wish to contact. All letters, queries and notices should be sent to:

Strictly Personal • Box 1857 • Baltimore, Md. 21201

If you have a problem you feel our counselor Jan might be able to help you with, why not write to her. All letters will be answered in this column.

Write: Tell It to Jan, AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21201.

Tell IT TO JAN

Dear Jan:

I'm a 25-year-old mother with two children. Their father doesn't care whether or not the sun shines.

I have a friend, 23, who is a perfect gentleman, but he has a relationship with another woman. He is engaged to a woman who is engaged to someone else.

When he gets a chance to cheat on this woman, he does. He claims he cares for me and my children.

He helps me with the children, the bills and acts like a family man. I must admit that I enjoy his company very much.

However, I feel insecure and jealous at times, especially when we make love. Often I feel used.

Jan, I'm in love with him and at this point, don't know what to do. Should I give him a chance or drop him like a hot potato?

Please give me some advice.

R. W.

Dear R. W.:

Why continue to see this man when you will never completely be happy with him? You will always be suspicious because of misdeeds and lack of trust.

A lot of misdeeds are performed in the name of love, but a few moments of fiery passion is not enough to make up for days of worry and misery. You are being used - don't continue this relationship.

Be smart - find yourself another friend.

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Dear Jan:

I'm 19 and in love with a man, 23, who is presently incarcerated. When he was out on the street, he was called a "lady's man."

I'm not a "street" woman, but after two months, I fell for this guy just before he got locked up. Presently, I'm in college and plan to become a physician.

When I first met this man, I thought he was God's gift to woman. Now I think differently.

I go to see him often and I thought I was the only one visiting him until I found out another lady also visits. He used to have a relationship with this woman. I questioned him about her and he denies that she visits.

Jan, I love this man and believe I have the potential to make him a better person. I don't want to lose him to someone else.

He is a very well-known person. My friends tell me things about him and he claims he gets information concerning me.

Recently, I decided to leave him alone and just be friends. Now I think he needs me, and I know I need him.

What should I do?

A. G.

Dear A. G.:

Follow your mind and leave him alone. You can, however, remain friends.

Dear Jan:

I'm 19 and in love with a nice, attractive lady, 18.

We are parents of a six-month-old daughter, whom we both love very much. The problem - we argue all the time about nothing.

I am extremely jealous and she tells me that I am ruining her life and causing the conflict that exists between us.

She's a wonderful person. We plan to be married soon and I don't want to lose her to someone else. She means the world to me.

What should I do?

S

Dear S:

Stop being so jealous and be more understanding.

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Dear Jan:

I'm a college student with a serious problem.

All my life I have gotten around it, but it keeps coming back in my face. I have the basic reading skills, but I want more than that.

I'm a 22-year-old student who is afraid to ask for help.

R

Dear R:

Overcome your fear and tell your counselor what you told me. They are there to assist you with this type of problem.

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Dear Jan:

I'm in love with a gentleman, 37, whom I think loves me. I am a little shy and fearful of rejection, so therefore I don't tell him how I feel about him. However, I love him very much.

I'm 23 and we have known one another for a year. We have been intimate several times, but I still will not tell him how I feel about him.

Should I write him or call him to let him know just exactly how I feel about him?

K. K.

Dear K. K.:

Since you think you're in love with this guy, why not try talking with him. Let him know you are interested. The feeling could be mutual.

You will never know until you try.

Good luck.

Dear Jan:

Before I file for legal separation, I would like your advice. Ten years ago I married my widowed brother-in-law. We weren't in love, but we were both lonely and I guess I felt sorry for him.

It didn't take long for me to realize that I had made a mistake. He is not the affectionate type and never has a kind word for me. I worked the first six years of our marriage just to get away from him.

I took care of all of my own expenses and helped him do the taxes because he insisted I do so. He didn't like my children to visit, so I had to pay for extra food when they would come to dinner.

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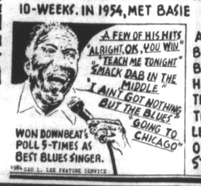
Contrary to popular teenage beliefs, many children DO ask to be born

INTERESTING PEOPLE

HE SINGS THE BLUES

JOE WILLIAMS

LEGENDARY BLUES SINGER WHO ADDED SOPHISTICATION AND EMERGED A SINGER OF SOUL, POP AND JAZZ. BORN IN CORDELE, GA., IN 1918. RAISED IN CHICAGO FROM AGE 2. HIS MOTHER SANG IN A CHURCH CHOIR AND INFLUENCED HIS MUSICAL CAREER. AT 17 HE SOUGHT A CHANCE WITH JOHNNY LONG'S BAND FOR NO PAY...LATER $5-A NIGHT. IN THE 1940'S SANG WITH MANY GROUPS...HAWKINS, TATE, KIRK, HAMPTON. IN 1950 MET COUNT BASIE IN CHICAGO AND SANG FOR 10-WEEKS. IN 1954, MET BASIE



AGAIN IN N.Y...THIS TIME JOE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE BAND. THEY RECORDED A SMASH HIT IN 1955..."EVERY DAY I HAVE THE BLUES"...JOE SKYROCKETED TO NATIONAL FAME. IN 1961 HE LEFT BASIE AND WENT ON TOUR. OVER THE YEARS HIS DISTINCTIVE STYLE...BETTER THAN EVER!

IN THE STARS

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): You notice friendly glances that have romantic overtones. Put money in a secure place, but do not invest now. Plan for a future business trip. Be careful with what you say to others; try being more patient with loved ones. This is a good week for traveling without the influence of drugs.

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CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): Your life picks up speed. Resources come from distant family members. A self expansion cycle has you moving in a personal fast lane. This is a week for good fortune; a new door may be opened, just stay positive. Resist the sense of depression and disillusionment; hang on, God hears all and helps all.

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AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): The company you keep may be limiting your scope. Eliminate hangers-on who deplete your resource. Be independent and creative at this time. The opposition, in romance, that you have been dealing with for the last month is over. Before you start a new relationship, take a deeper look into yourself.

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PISCES (February 19-March 20): You rise to meet a career challenge. Superiors approve of your work. A subordinate is interfering. Avoid wasting energy on small talk with strangers. Luck is on your side this week. Make sure your home is secure this week and keep up with all your valuables.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Charged with energy and confidence, you can get your work done ahead of schedule. Enjoy nocturnal excitement throughout the week. Look sharp! This week is full of energy for many of you; make sure you direct this energy toward the positive. Visiting a friend in an institution is at a high.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You late born Taurians should be on guard and ready to deal with whatever opposition that pops up in your relationships. Advance toward someone you are crazy about. It could be a reunion with the past. Use your resourcefulness to entertain your near and dear friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A so-so day at work is caused by your low level of energy. Stay with the familiar and catch up on some much needed rest. Don't ask for advice. If you have new projects that you want to start, you must get them on the way before next month. Spend sometime alone with yourself.

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CANCER (June 21-July 20): Buy a gift for someone this week while your creative ideas are fresh. Don't proscrastinate. A good impression brings you many well-deserved rewards. Looking life right in the eye should be where your head is. Deal only with the real. If you enjoy fantasizing, try getting paid for it.

LEO (July 21-August 22): You are on the ball at work and have important contributions that bring rewards. You feel restless. Don't buy anything on credit now. Be for real in whatever you are dealing with. Only the truth will set you free. Be careful with the law and drive with care. This week is not the time for travel.

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VIRGO (August 23-September 22): Your need for perfection gets carried too far at times. Avoid blaming others. This fuels dissension and has a backlash. Break from the conventional. If you are planning something for the holidays, relaxation can be found at home this weekend. Your happiness is found within.

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LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Sometimes it is necessary to let go of a problem in order to solve it. Let things happen naturally. Appraise the situation before acting on anything. Someone that you consider to be perfect may prove to be less; be on guard. Do not be satisfied with less than perfection where work is concerned. This is a very romantic week for many of you.

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SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Tension grows until you want to blow up. Rumors are just that - rumors! Pay no attention and let them die down on their own accord. Romance will improve next week; keep your cool. Many of you find it difficult to say what is on your mind for the fear of being manipulated.

Tell IT TO JAN

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It wasn't long before I experienced headaches and my blood pressure went sky high.

I saved my money, moved away, rented a small apartment. Now, for the first time in years, I am happy and my nerves are much better.

My husband is always calling, asking me to come back. Our marriage was really in name only, there was no bond between us. Still I feel guilty for leaving.

Do you think I did the right thing?

A

Dear A:

I think you are doing the right thing and I commend you for having the gumption to do it. Now stick with your decision and don't give in.

You were a wife of convenience only and you deserve better than that.

Good luck!

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Dear Jan:

John and I have been dating for four years. He is 19 and I am 20. I'm not sure John loves me as much as I love him. Sometimes he ignores me when I'm with friends, and he's been known to mess around with other girls. It could be he is not ready to settle down.

We have a little girl and another child is on the way. Maybe we had kids too soon — the responsibility isn't easy to carry.

John says he loves me, but every time we set a date, something fouls it up.

Maybe he just says that to make me feel good. What is your opinion?

Confused

Dear Confused:

I think he might be saying that to make you feel good. There's nothing you can do to make John marry you, but you can see to it that he contributes to the support of your daughter, if he isn't already.

Raising a child is the most responsible — and some say difficult job in the world. It's not for kids. So unless you plan to continue producing babies for John, with no commitment or responsibility coming from his side — a bleak future, indeed — dump him.

At 19, most guys are only beginning to sow their wild oates, and marriage is the furthest thing from their minds.

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Dear Jan:

There's a boy around my school who won't leave me alone. He is always annoying me.

He tells me he loves me, but I don't love him, however, I don't want to hurt his feelings.

I'm in the eighth grade and doing fine.

Please tell me what to do.

Jean

Dear Jean:

Tell that boy if he doesn't stop worrying you, you will report him to the principal. If this doesn't put an end to it, then you report him.

PEN PALS

Incarcerated male, 40, 5'9½", 165 pounds, warm, considerate, understanding and very romantic, would like to correspond with understanding female for friendship. Lee Daniel, 73152, CN 861, Trenton, NJ 08625.

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African American male, 40, 5'11", incarcerated, but totally committed toward change as I realize the positive power within me. I am spiritually motivated, independent and a CCB student with a wide range of interests. I would like to correspond with all people willing to share interests and positive ideas. Will answer all. Write to: Joseph Ritch, 6654, P. O. Box 700, Jessup, MD 20794.

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40-year-old incarcerated male seeks friendship through correspondence. Gregory Powell, H-8509, Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612.

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Confined female, 25, seeks friendship through correspondence. Janet Everage, 21860, 1479 Collins Avenue, Marysville, OH 43040.

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Confined female, mid 30's, would like to correspond with interested males. Wesley Cunningham, 1479 Collins Avenue, Marysville, OH 43040.

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Black male, presently confined, seeks friendship through correspondence. Derrick Davenport, Y-6578, P. O. Box 200, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

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Incarcerated male, 28, would like to correspond with interested, sincere female. Donald Pitt, Y-5638, Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612-0286.