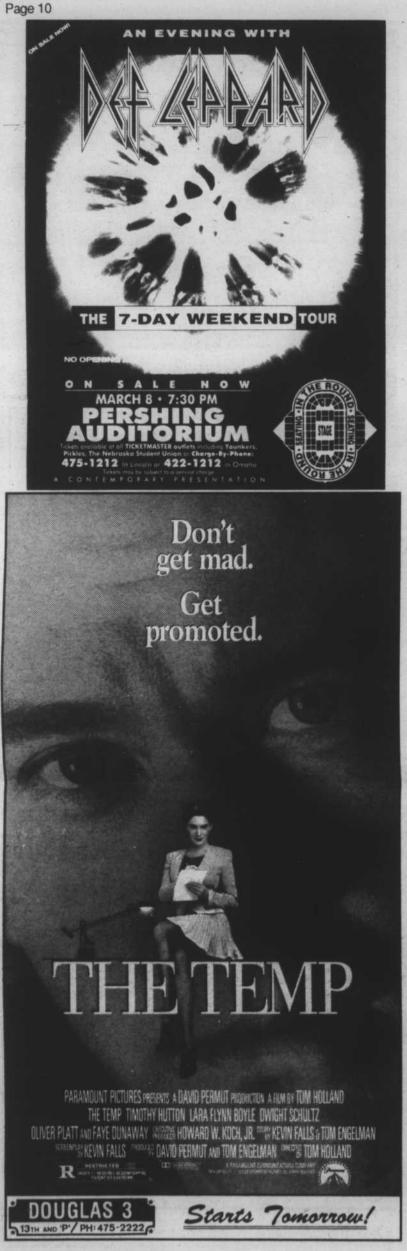
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Love can be difficult to explain Couple tells how relationship works



Shining couple, Tyiesha Turner and Andre Woolridge, brighten each other's days.

LOVE: What exactly is it? I've never known a word to be used so carelessly. How do you know if you are in love? Do birds sing? Do bells ring? I am mystified, terrorized and baffled by the word.

Don't get mewrong, I've been in love before. In fact I may have even been in love twice. But how did I know it was love? The same way millions of other people know they are in love. WE JUST KNOW!

RELATIONSHIPS: That's another scary word. How do you start one? How do you maintain one? But most of all, how do you keep it exciting?

Maintaining a relationship is hard work. But keeping a warm, loving and compassionate rela tionship and going to school full time, along with other school activities, can be torturous.

I'm a firm believer in standing by your man (or woman), but our lives should not center on our mates. You should have other friends whom you can talk to and activities that can keep your mind off your boyfriend/girlfriend. There is such a thing as suffocation!

But for one couple, suffocation isn't in their vocabulary.

Tyhiesha Turner and Andre Woolridge have been dating for three years. They met in the summer of 1990 and declared their love the following year. So here's the question again: How do you really know when it's love

"One day we went out, and it was just all that," Turner said. "You just know that this is the person you want to be with."

Turner said being in love "is just nice." Turner said she had enough faith in her heart to affirm her feelings for her boyfriend as soon as she felt them.

"He walked me to the door and I told him - I said his whole name," she said in a burst of giggles. "'I love you Andre Woolridge,' (and) he just looked at me like I was stupid."

Over the years Turner and Woolridge's relationship has evolved from a weekend affair to an everyday one, Woolridgesaid. Both agreed that being in a

relationship was hard work

"It is hard work because peoplealwayswanttobreakyou up or just see ya not make it,' Woolridge said.

"There's never people who say, 'I want to see you get mar-ried,'" he said. "Sometimes they do, but they really don't mean it." Both Turner and Woolridge are confident that they will be

together beyond college.

"I want to make sure I graduate on time, and I have her in my plans for the future," Woolridge said

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Kente more than simple piece of cloth, contains symbols of tradition, history

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Contrary to what you may have surmised, the brightly colored and intricately patterned piece of cloth worn by some African Americans does not represent a fashion statement nor an attempt to color-coordinate their outfits.

What you are observing is the unifying ceremony was kente. wearing of the kente cloth, a sym-bol of the pride, history and tradi-tion of the Ashanti people of Ghana.

Early in the 1700s, the Golden Stool on which the Ashanti kingsits was introduced into the Ashanti culture as a symbol of unity within the Ashanti empire. For this ceremony an Ashanti weaver wove a special cloth to be worn by the king. The name of the cloth for this

Kente means that which will not tear apart under any conditions.

The first kente cloth was woven from cotton in keeping with cul-tural tradition. The color yellow was used to represent gold, which could only be worn by royalty. Shortly after the introduction of this first cotton kente cloth, an Ashanti

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