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CLICK INTO THE HOLIDAYS

Not enough time in between the holiday office parties, shopping for the kids, Christmas dinner with your family, Kwanzaa with your girlfriends and New Year's with someone special? Let us help. Log on today and discover how to make this season one to remember.



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READERS' CHOICE
AFRICAN-AMERICAN OF THE YEAR

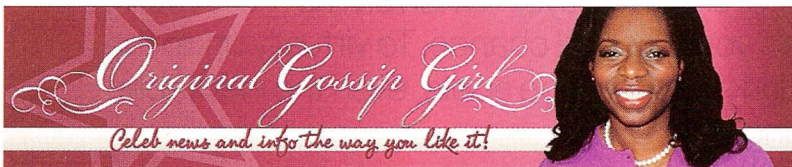
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS!

Didn't get around to losing those extra ten pounds, tithing more at church, or spending more time with your kids? Next year might be around the corner, but there's still no time like the present to plan. Regroup and read our list of must-make New Year's resolutions and tips for sticking to them to achieve your goals.

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THE 25 MOST INFLUENTIAL AFRICAN-AMERICANS OF 2008

It took months for us to agree on a final list, but at last we've determined the 25 people who we believe had the most power to effect change in our world this year. Help us celebrate the great achievements that people like Barack Obama, Will Smith, Gwen Iffill, Candace Parker and Tyler Perry have made in politics, media, sports, fashion, entertainment and culture with the ESSENCE 25 Most Influential of 2008 list. Plus, take a closer look at the person you picked for the number one spot.



NEW BLOG

Entertainment blogger Kelly E. Carter is going to hook you up to what's going on with your favorite celebrities. Read her daily blog, OGG: Original Gossip Girl, to receive your dose of dish on who's dating whom, who was out last night doing what, and all the latest celebrity news from Tinseltown to the Big Apple. Post a comment to let her know what you think of what she has to say.

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HOLIDAY GIFT SPECIAL

Not sure what to buy that favorite nephew who's on his way to college or your best friend who spends all her free time doing for everyone else? Tune in for new episodes of our exclusive holiday-gift-giving show on Essence TV. Get advice on what to purchase for all the special people in your inner circle—12 great ideas in 12 days just in time for Christmas, all while keeping your budget in mind.



Presents galore

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