

THE LAST WORD

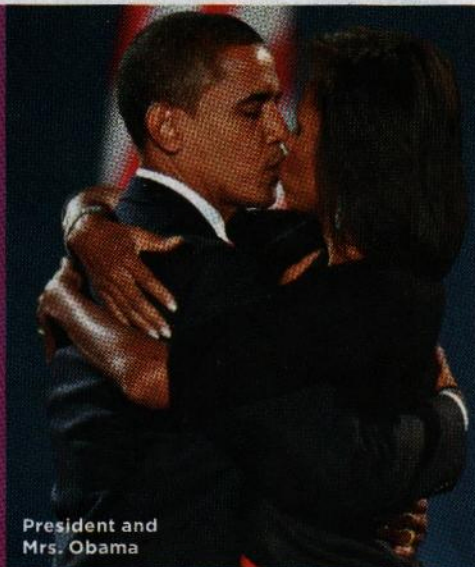
BLACK LOVE

by the numbers

This month we wanted to leave you with our own special Valentine by counting the many ways we give, share and express *amore* BY SUZANNE RUST

52.7%

of African-American couples say they are "very happy" in their marriages, according to a University of Chicago study. And according to analysis of U.S. Census data by the Institute for American Values, 52.8 percent of our first marriages are intact. President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama, our vote for one of the best couples ever, will celebrate their twentieth anniversary on October 3. We'll toast to that!



President and Mrs. Obama



Akwaaba D.C.

12 LETTER PHRASE FOR SEXY TIME: BED & BREAKFAST

It's the perfect getaway for you to unwind with your loved one. Our favorites include Akwaaba D.C. in the nation's capital and Morehead Manor Bed & Breakfast in Durham, North Carolina.

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THE COST OF A **GODIVA'S DARK CHOCOLATE GIFT BOX** FOR YOU AND YOUR SWEET ONE ON FEBRUARY 14. DELIGHT IN 16 VARIOUS ASSORTMENTS OF DARK CHOCOLATE, FROM MIDNIGHT SWIRL TO RASPBERRY GANACHE TWIRL.



Jay-Z & Beyoncé

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THE NUMBER OF WEEKS **JAY-Z AND BEYONCÉ'S HYPNOTIC JAM "CRAZY IN LOVE"** TOPPED THE U.S. CHARTS IN 2003.

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WISE WORDS from actress Ruby Dee on how she maintained her more than half a century union with her late husband Ossie Davis: "A trustworthy marriage has weathered temptation and anger and jealousy, resentment and a little bit of selfishness. When you get over and get through that, then maybe you can see the light to love."

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