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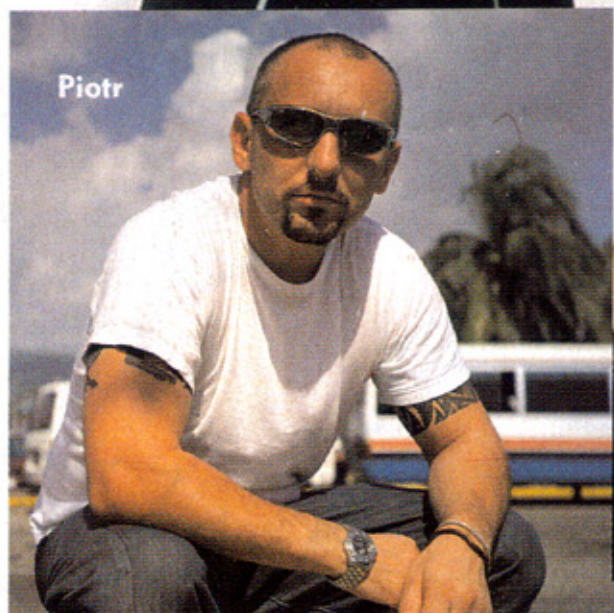
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Melissa de la Cruz

In "Guys: An Owner's Manual," (page 80) Melissa de la Cruz gets answers to all of the questions honeys want to know but just haven't asked about the perplexing habits, hobbies and various points of interest about the opposite sex. "Men are funny and fear rejection more than we think," she notes. A newlywed and an ultrabusy author, Cruz is working on a comic novel on how to be famous, as well as ghostwriting a maternity stylebook and writing a young adult novel. Her work can be seen in *Marie Claire*, *The New York Times*, *The New York Daily News*, *Rosie* and *Harper's Bazaar*.

Regina Robertson

Unfortunately, many of us have had either awkward or nonexistent relationships with our fathers. Writer Regina Robertson explores whether unresolved daddy issues affect women's adult relationships in "Where's Daddy?" (page 104). Robertson found that "[many women] run the risk of repeating the cycle in their own families." She splits her time between L.A. and New York, which lets her enjoy her favorite hobbies: riding her bike on the beach and reading.

Chanty Vincent

Our online contributing writer Chanty Vincent conceived and helped produce this month's Ear Candy Special ("Oh, Boy," page 36) featuring the hottest guys in music. "This assignment allowed me to listen to advance copies of music," says the hardcore reggae fan. Vincent's currently studying at Baruch College and hopes to continue her "Honey adventure" after graduation.

Piotr Sikora

New York City-based photographer Piotr Sikora traveled to the Dirty South to shoot Monica and Trina ("Southern Comfort," page 90) on the streets of Atlanta and then shot Lil' Bow Wow, Da Brat, Fundisha and Jermaine Dupri at his Atlanta mansion ("So So Def," page 96). "I wanted to shoot very familiar icons of our culture in a new, unfamiliar way," says Sikora, who fled his native Krakow, Poland in 1982, when it was communist, and now resides in Brooklyn. He's served as photographer-in-chief for *Vibe* and counts Jaguar, Sony and MTV among his clients. He's also directed videos for artists like Mos Def and Talib Kweli, Les Nubians and Ky-Mani Marley.