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## STEVE HARVEY AND WIFE MARJORIE TALK ABOUT FAITH, FAMILY AND LOVE IN ESSENCE'S DECEMBER ISSUE

PLUS, ESSENCE NAMES THE COMEDIAN ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR!

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**COVER STORY: YOU'RE ALL I NEED TO GET BY**  
*"God took us all the way around the block, halfway around the world, and we got back to each other..."—Steve Harvey*

After the most successful year in his career, radio personality, best-selling author and "love guru" **Steve Harvey** knows life's true reward is having faith, family and love—especially now with his wife and soul mate **Marjorie**. The couple invited ESSENCE into their Atlanta home to talk about real love, making their house a haven for their blended family and how she helped to save the comedian's life. (Page 120)

#### ESSENCE'S 25 MOST INFLUENTIAL LIST:

In 2009, African-Americans made tremendous gains across the playing field: welcoming not only the first Black President, but also a Fortune 500 CEO, the first Black attorney general of the United States, Pulitzer Prize-winning writers, educators and more. Here, ESSENCE features its annual list of 25 African-Americans—including **The First Family**; U.S. Attorney General **Eric Holder**; U.S. Congresswoman **Barbara Lee**; Xerox Corp. CEO **Ursula Burns**; power couple **Beyoncé** and **Jay-Z**; NBA MVP **LeBron James** and more—who were at the top of their game in 2009 and changed the game entirely. Plus, see the next generation of movers and shakers. (Page 129)

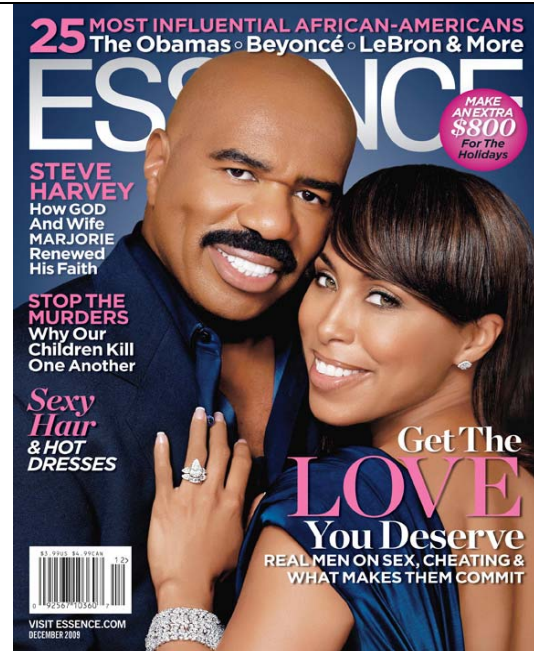
#### YOUR ULTIMATE HOLIDAY SURVIVAL GUIDE:

ESSENCE has you covered this holiday season with its **HOLIDAY SURVIVAL GUIDE!** In **THE \$100 PARTY**, celebrity restaurateur **B. Smith** creates a menu for an unforgettable celebration for less than \$100. (Page 152) In **THE CURVY GIRL'S GUIDE TO BEATING HOLIDAY WEIGHT GAIN**, ESSENCE helps you find 15 clever ways to party hearty—without going up a dress size! (Page 158) Then in **DOLLAR STORE DÉCOR**, HGTV's **Kim Myles** gives you holiday festive for under \$40 (Page 164). In **ONE-STOP SHOP**, ESSENCE creates the ultimate buying guide for the savvy spender. (Page 168) And in **GIFT SOLUTIONS UNDER \$100**, get affordable gifts starting at only \$4! (Page 176)

#### WHAT MEN THINK: REAL TALK:

*"Women think guys want a lot, but we don't want much..."*

5 men. 2 hours. No censors. Relationships editor **Demetria L. Lucas** sat down with five single Black men to ask them the burning questions women want them to answer about sex, love and putting a ring on it. (Page 97)



THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF ESSENCE  
HITS NEWSSTANDS NOVEMBER 12TH!

### PLUS...

- **VERY PRECIOUS:** An R&B diva, a comedienne and a talented newcomer pull off the year's most heartbreaking film. (Page 77)
- **TOUGH LUXE:** R&B princess **Monica** reenters the scene in sumptuous leathers and furs. (Page 142)
- **BEAUTY: YOUR TIME TO SHINE:** From glosses, hair accessories, designer spritzes and more, ESSENCE has the beauty goods that'll bring high-wattage glamour to every holiday party on your calendar! (Page 47)
- **LIGHT UP THE NIGHT:** Getting ready for New Year's Eve? Designers are giving shine and sequins a fresh spin this season—you just add the sexy! (Page 63)
- **HUSTLE FOR HOLIDAY CASH:** Three entrepreneurs share their secrets to snagging an extra side gig for the holidays. (Page 91)
- **PATRIK'S PICKS: THE YEAR'S BEST: ESSENCE** Senior Editor **Patrik Henry Bass** picks 2009's best page turners. (Page 84)
- **BLOOD ON OUR HANDS:** The beating death of 16-year-old **Derrion Albert** sparks educator **Steve Perry** to insist that our love for "thug culture" is really what's killing our community. (Page 108)

ESSENCE'S experts are also available to discuss:

- **GLAM ON IT:** Ring in the season with all the right trimmings for \$100 or less. (Page 68)
- **ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS:** Glosses, shadows, perfume—aren't you glad you were good this year? (Page 52)
- **SWING LOW:** No matter your style, chandeliers earrings and ornamental pumps will glam up any outfit. (Page 72)

