

BRIDEZILLAS TAKE CAKE



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Nineteen brides-to-be (and one reporter) dived into a lemon cake yesterday in search of box containing \$50,000 toward wedding.



THEY'RE NUP TO NO GOOD

The author (right) found herself lying flat on her back under a layer of cake in the middle of Times Square after getting between brides (left) and the bounty. She survived the bride dive; frosting-soaked wedding gown did not.



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THEY SAY NEVER to get in the way of a bridezilla and her dream wedding.

I learned that the hard way yesterday when I got pummeled by 19 crazed wanna-be brides in a dive into a giant lemon cake in Times Square. The goal? To claw our way through the 20-foot confection and grab a ring box worth \$50,000.

Since I'm single, I was just along for the plunge. But the berserk brides-to-be — winners of a radio contest set up by WE: Women's Entertainment network to promote the second season of "Bridezillas" — were willing to throw dignity to the wind to hit the wedding jackpot.

Santa Bonsignore, from Pearl River, Rockland County, said she'd use the money to invite more people to her wedding. Danielle Battiloro, from Staten Island, had her eye on some fancy napkin rings.

Juanita Collazzo, from Fresh Meadows, Queens, just wanted to win. "I believe in good sportsmanship," she said before the dive. "But once inflicted upon, I'll defend myself."

I wish I had been so feisty. But slowed by a flip-flop stuck in the cake quicksand, I became pinned under a pastry layer when an adrenaline-fueled Amazon ripped the top off the cake and hurled it at me.

From the ground, I had a worm's eye view of the Bridezilla war — arms flailing, frosting flying, hands slapping faces.

A nearby faux-groomsman pulled me out from under the toppled edifice. My borrowed David's Bridal gown was so soaked with buttercream that I thought I'd need the jaws of life to disentangle me.

In a twist of irony, the winner, Gina Savastano, from Monroe, Orange County, was the most laid-back 'zilla in the bunch: She'll wed on a beach in Florida with just her parents in attendance.

She'll use the cash, she said, to help fix up her house. No ice sculpture, no caviar bar, no chocolate fountain, no string quartet.

And probably, after this experience, no cake.

0 yes! Orgasm's all in the genes, say Brits

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A BRITISH STUDY climaxed with findings that a woman's ability to reach orgasm has a lot to do with her genes.

"We found that between 34% and 45% of the variation in ability to orgasm can be explained by underlying genetic variation," said one of the researchers, Tim

Spector, a genetic expert at London's St. Thomas' Hospital.

"There is a biological underlying influence that can't be attributed purely to upbringing, religion or race," said Spector, whose findings were published in the June issue of *Biology Letters*, a journal of Britain's Royal Society. The scientists reached their conclusions by quizzing 4,037 women, half identical twins and

half fraternal twins. One in three women, or 32%, said they never or infrequently had an orgasm, while 14% boasted they always had an orgasm during intercourse.

"More women were able to orgasm during masturbation, with 34% always reaching orgasm," the study said. The scientists said further research might pinpoint the exact gene that triggers orgasm. But

Spector said little research has been done on the subject because it's still taboo.

Not everyone accepted the findings as gospel. "It's nonsense," said Dr. Ruth Westheimer, the famed Manhattan psychosexual therapist. "Now they're going to educate women to say, 'It's our genes so we might as well give up.' A woman has to take responsibility for her own orgasm." whutchinson@nydailynews.com