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That's where Gwenn and I spent the last 6 nights... it's where 52 title holders (the big 50 states, as well as Miss DC and Miss Virgin Islands) battled for the right to become the next Miss America...

Am finally home now, and in the next couple of days I'll be posting pictures and stories from Las Vegas, including surprise cameos from a few of the stars of the cult classic memoir, *My Pet Virus*. (No, the cameo isn't by me, Gwenn or Ric Flair. Or Depeche Mode.)

All in all, it was a great vacation for us. And, aside from going to see the pageant and hang out with friends, we were there to celebrate our ten-year anniversary. A fitting backdrop, since Gwenn and I shared our first kiss on a night when she was supposed to go watch a pageant (Miss Apple Blossom 1999), but instead made a surprise trip to see me in Charlottesville.

The rest, is, well history! And I'm so looking forward to the next decade, as well as sleeping in our own bed, which is where I'm heading now.

Positively Yours,

Shawn

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