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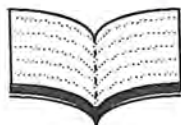
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From the Editor

In June of 1986 I was in Dallas and North Central Texas talking to anyone who would listen about this great idea for a lesbian magazine. There were a lot of encouraging words from the people I met and talked with, almost all of whom were strangers. I had my mind made up before the trip – that I was going to try the waters with a publication directed to the women's community.

The encouragement stopped once I came home except for a handful of friends (all of whom I can count on one hand). I got comments like – “You can never make a publication directed at women work. They don't have the income to keep one up and they won't support it!” Others flat did not like the format because I had chosen to stay away from politics and direct it toward entertainment. Several “friends” told me that I was nuts. Well, friend's advice can be great, but I have never believed you should hinge your life on what people think or say. Otherwise, nothing would ever get done.

I am proud to say that Dimensions is two years old this month! And without you – the advertisers, the subscribers, the distributors, and the readers we would not be here trying for our third year of publication.

At the risk of sounding like the Academy Awards, my thanks would not be complete without adding to the list, my staff, made up of mostly volunteers, who also believe in Dimensions and have contributed long hours and weekends to meet deadlines. We would not be here without you. A special thanks to Tasha Sumner who gave me the courage to build a business from a long suppressed dream and the determination and foresight to work with me.

This by no means implies we are perfect, or that the job is easy, or has been easy. I would tell anybody who is considering starting a business of any kind that the horror stories are true: there are long hours and I don't mean eight to ten hours a day. I mean sixteen to eighteen. Don't think you are “going to fly” for the first year because odds are you aren't. It is real easy to over estimate what you think you can do. And if you expect support, especially from close friends – think again. To this very day, only one of my friends has a subscription to Dimensions. They think it is fine, but I “dedicate too much time to it”. But for all the negative aspects there is the reward of knowing you are doing something you enjoy and making it work, in spite of set backs.

Our first year was by far the hardest both emotionally and financially. Emotionally we got practically no feedback and had very little advertising, it was frustrating, and at times, I began to wonder if my friends weren't right – “I was nuts.” The second year was somewhat easier and that can mostly be attributed to the added support from our subscribers, readers and advertisers. For all the plusses, it is still hard financially, but together we are making it happen!

THANKS TO YOU ALL

Roxanne Hunter

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News

From Around the Region, the Country & the World

AIDS Education Grants Available

Washington D.C. - The United States Conference of Mayors released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for funding of community based AIDS risk reduction education programs targeting racial and ethnic minorities. Approximately 15 grants will be awarded for projects up to 12 months in amounts ranging from \$20,000 to \$42,000.

Between January 1981 and June 1988, over 62,000 persons have been diagnosed with AIDS; a disproportionate number of these persons are in black and Hispanic communities. The primary goal of this RFP is to provide education on AIDS and HIV infection to racial and ethnic minorities through funding community based, community service organizations with an emphasis on those organizations with established ties to racial and ethnic populations.

Funding for these grants was made available to the Conference of Mayors by the federal Centers for Disease Control. Over \$1 million in grants has been given to fund over 50 projects in the five previous rounds of funding.

Copies of the RFP and additional information are available from Matthew Murguia at the Conference of Mayors, (202) 293-7330.

press release

UFMCC Women's Spirituality Retreat

Dallas - Women from all over are invited to attend the First Annual South Central District UFMCC women's spirituality retreat. The retreat will be held near Dallas over July 4th weekend. For more information contact your local MCC.

Lesbian & Gay Couples Needed for National Survey

Seattle, WA - A national survey of lesbian and gay couples is being undertaken by Partners. The research will help determine the nature and needs of this often invisible segment of the gay community. The last major survey of gay and lesbian couples was conducted almost ten years ago.

All lesbians and gay men in a relationship are asked to participate in the survey. The short, anonymous questionnaire requests general information on subjects such as discrimination, finances, children, relationship problems, and sources of relationship support.

To request survey forms, write Partners, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109, and include a self-addressed, stamped business envelope. Groups or organiza-

tions are encouraged to request and distribute multiple copies. The Partners' mailing list is confidential; never sold or loaned.

According to publisher Demian, "This information promises to be of immense interest, and it will arm social service providers and civil rights organizations with information they need."

Partners is an eight-page monthly containing interviews, news, and features of interest to lesbian and gay couples.

press release

\$20,000 Grant Awarded To AIDS Legal Resource Project

Austin - In an important development for the AIDS Legal Resource Project, the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation announced on June 8 its award of \$20,000 to the program.

The grant money will be used to provide legal services to low-income clients of the AIDS Legal Resource Project, a comprehensive, statewide legal assistance and education program of the Texas Human Rights Foundation.

Created in 1984 by the Texas Supreme Court, the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation is a non-profit organization which funds legal service programs for the poor in civil matters. The grant is part of the IOLTA (Interest On Lawyers' Trust Accounts) program which pools funds from the trust accounts of lawyers who choose to participate.

This year, the foundation is giving a

total of \$120,000 in discretionary fund grants-the category of grants for which statewide organizations like THRF are eligible-to 5 organizations.

THRF Executive Director Dara Gray said about the grant: "We are very happy to have been selected as a recipient of these IOLTA funds. The grant will give us the means to go full steam ahead on the AIDS Legal Resource Project. Still, it provides only part of the funds necessary to address the tremendous needs in this area, so we are actively seeking other donations to meet the entire program budget."

The AIDS Legal Resource Project, with a total budget of \$75,000, will consist primarily of a toll-free legal information hotline and the Council of Cooperating Attorneys, a statewide network of attorneys recruited and trained by THRF to take on AIDS-related cases.

Hotline callers will receive assistance from the legal director or trained volunteers and, when necessary, will get referrals to members of the Council. In some instances, legal counsel will be provided on a pro bono (free of charge) basis. Additionally, a public education program will educate Texans on the protection of individual rights of people directly affected by AIDS.

The Texas Human Rights Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting discrimination against lesbians and gay men and against people affected by AIDS through public interest litigation, education, and legal assistance.

Tax deductible contributions to the AIDS Legal Resource Project may be sent to THRF at 1014-G N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78703. Attorneys interested in participating in the Coun-

cil of Cooperating Attorneys should write to the same address or contact Legal Director Tom Doyal at (512) 479-8473.

Press Release

Denver Women's Chorus Seeks Women Composers

The Denver Women's Chorus is currently seeking new choral works by women composers. The text should make an affirmative statement for or about women.

If you compose women's music, submission deadline is August 31, 1988 and there is an entry fee of \$10.

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DALLAS - If your looking for excitement, be at HIGH COUNTRY on Sunday, July 3rd for a Wet T-Shirt Contest - just the way to get started early for the 4th of July! On the 21st its the Lip Sync Contest. Now, if you consider yourself butch then watch out - the 14th is Butch Nite and coming in August, get ready for the Ms. Butch Pageant! Check with Brandi at the bar for registration details and don't forget to shine up those army boots. Also, a reminder that Monday Night Steakout is being held at HIGH COUNTRY, not at the Barracks as I reported last month ... Sorry!

HOUSTON - Hey baseball fans, don't forget to save those Astro ticket stubs - they are good for one Super Happy Hour drink when you take them to the RANCH! Just some of the events coming up in July at the

RANCH are: The Appaloosa Band on the 15th from 9pm-1am & The Jocks and Dresses Drag Show on the 22nd to be put on by the Men's Softball League. Plus, Dance Lessons are back on Tuesday Nights with Larry!

DALLAS - Live entertainment is what you'll find this month at RUMORS: Marge Troyer will appear on the 1st at 7:30pm. Lisa Michaels is up on the 17th, also at 7:30pm, Little Feather Productions will present the Therapy Sisters on the 29th & the TGRA is putting on a Drag Show to benefit the AIDS Resource Center on the 17th. Also there are some new weekly specials: Pool Tournaments on Mondays, Pictionary & Drink Specials on Wednesdays, Thursday is Martini Night & of course Friday & Saturday night its time to dance and party!

AUSTIN - Austin's Metropolitan Community Church has got some great things planned for their fourth annual Summer Program! This summer's theme is "A Whale of a Summer" and it started off with a trip to Sea World in San Antonio on June 4th. Some of the upcoming events include: Tubing the river in San Marcos on July 9th, fun and games in Bullcreek Park on July 30th and a Grand Finale Talent Show on August 20th. If you would like more info on these or other MCC activities, call the church at 512-929-3660.

ODESSA - Something's always happening at the NITESPOT! On the 3rd, it's the Metroplex Irregulars, live from Dallas/Ft. Worth. On Wednesdays it's Country & Western Night and \$1 Longnecks, Thursdays bring you \$1 well drinks and to top off the week you can get 25¢ beer from 6pm-

9pm and there is no cover!

FT. WORTH - Undeclared. That's right, I said that the **PARTNERS Baseball Team** is undefeated! Congratulations! And, in addition to celebrating this, **PARTNERS** will also be commemorating their **4th Anniversary** with a **Grand Opening Celebration and Show**, featuring **Riana Lea** on the 3rd. On the 6th there will be a **Variety Show** (you remember - like **Sonny & Cher & Dolly**). **PARTNERS** would also like to salute all those people who worked so hard to make **Ft. Worth's Gay Pride Week** a smashing success — **SAAAALUTE!**

SAN ANTONIO - There's a fairly new bar in town and it's called the **BLUE ANGEL WEST!** They've been open since earlier this year but they want you to know that they are a mixed bar and now have women employees including **Cocktail waitress & bartender Sam**, and, formerly of **Our Place**, **Linda!** Some of the things to catch at **BAW** are **Tuesday C&W Night** with **\$1 Well Drinks** and **\$1 Longnecks**, **Thursday Night Amateur Night** and a **Free Buffet & drink specials** Sundays at 7pm!

AUSTIN - Want to get involved in your community? Austin **LAMBDA** is holding regular **Women's Meetings** every Thurs-

day at 7:30pm at 4107 Medical Parkway!

HOUSTON - Don't forget that the **37th Annual Warren Payne Women's Fast Pitch Tournament** will be in Houston July 8, 9 & 10 at Memorial #'s 1, 4 & 5 & there's only one bar where you can get your tickets - **KINDRED SPIRITS!** They will be sponsoring the tournament and you should be able to catch a glimpse of some of these women from all over the country while you are there. Also, remember that **KS** is open 7 days a week! Monday thru Thursday the doors open at 5pm with **Happy Hour** from 5pm-8pm and Friday thru Sunday at 4pm with **Free Pool and Happy Hour** also beginning at 4pm. **Happy Hour** last all night on Wednesdays and Sundays you can catch **Beer Bust and Buffet** from 4-7pm!

SOUTH PADRE - Sun anyone? **DIMENSIONS**, along with **LYLE'S DECK** is sponsoring a **Women's Getaway Weekend** at **South Padre Island**, October 7-10th and you are invited! There will be plenty of fun in the sun and time to refresh your tan for the winter months, plus **free cocktail hour** Friday & Saturday nights, **free dinner** Sunday Night and **free continental breakfast** every morning! For more info and reservation information see the back cover of this issue. Surf's Up!



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Dear Agnes

Answers to your questions about love,

Dear Agnes,

My lover and I just came home from a "dream vacation" that we had saved for years to take. We had a wonderful time and spent the last two weeks in Paris. I am into art and spent several days in the museums and galleries while my lover did the sight seeing tours.

My lover met a beautiful French woman during one of these afternoon excursions and proceeded to talk me into a three-way. It was wonderful. We spent a week having blissful, erotic sex. But I would never do this kind of thing at home.

The problem is, now that we are home, my lover seems distant and depressed. I have tried to get her to talk to me about it, but she refuses. I told her that she shouldn't feel guilty, but I don't think guilt is all there is to it. Do you think she may be in love with *our* French woman?

Not Talking

Houston, TX

Dear Not Talking,

Your letter does not mention how long you have been home. It is not unusual to be depressed after a long, spectacular trip such as the one you have described. This could be part of the problem. It may be that, after all the anticipation, the trip is over and now it is time to get back to a normal, routine life.

No matter how old we get or how long we are in relationships it does not insulate us against falling in love. However, even if she did feel something for this woman, you must keep in mind that she came home with you.

It could be many to things other than that she has fallen in love. It could be guilt. She may even think you are in love with the French woman.

No matter what is wrong, you will have to give her a chance to come to terms with it. Do try to talk to her about the trip, the woman and how you feel, but don't push for an explanation of her feelings. She will come around when she feels ready.

Dear Agnes,

I am living with a woman who makes over \$50,000 a year. We have been together for almost a year and a half. We have a wonderful lifestyle and take trips often. In fact we just came home from two weeks in Mexico. I love her very much, but I by no means pay my half. I have asked her about how she feels concerning the big difference in our financial situations, but she seems to think there is no problem.

There may not be for her, but I feel inadequate. I make about \$13,000 a year and no way could I be taking a two week trip to Mexico on my income. I do pay some on the house payment, buy groceries, make a car payment. I also

help around the house, but I don't think this makes up the difference. What do you think, any advice or suggestions?

\$30k Difference

Ft. Worth, TX

Dear \$30K Difference,

If there is one thing you can rest assured of in life: That is the fact that people are vocal about money and how they spend it. If your lover says she doesn't have a problem with your financial situation then I think you should quit worrying so much. If she has the money and wants you to come along on a trip you should stop feeling guilty.

If you threw a fit every time she wanted to go somewhere because you don't have the money to go, that is a different matter, but if she asks you to go, you should stop the negative feelings.

If you were living with her and not paying for anything or helping with the house I could see where you might feel bad or inadequate, but sounds to me like you are keeping up your end as much as possible. Unfortunately, we can't all make \$50,000 plus, but as long as you take care of your financial responsibilities, there is no need to feel inadequate.

Dear Agnes,

Have you lost your "balls"? I can't believe the advice you gave "In The Dumps" from San Antonio in the April issue. If I came home and my woman was sleeping with my best friend, I would beat the hell out of my best friend and drag my woman home by the hair of the head. You can't stand for that kind of baloney in life. You should have told her to do something. No wonder she is depressed.

I've got more business writing an ad-

vice column than you do!

The Boss

Oklahoma City

Dear The Boss,

To answer your first question—I never had any to start with!

If you reread the letter from "In the Dumps", you will notice that she did not ask for advice.

Women are not possessions or property as you imply. And just because you drag someone home doesn't mean you can make them love you or make them stay. Or does that count in your book? I think you could write an excellent advice column, but you may be a few years ahead of your time. Try writing a column for the Neanderthal cavemen, they sound more your style.

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In
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by Cameron Taylor

What will the world be like for lesbians and gay men in the year 2525? I certainly can't answer that question but I do have few ideas about what I'd like to see. World peace and a healthy environment are on my agenda, but this article is about us. You and me. What would you like to see for lesbians? Read on, I'm sure I've left out quite a bit, but then, you can fill in the blanks.

In the futuristic short story, "The Test", by Katherine V. Forrest*, the author describes a world where being homosexual is preferred. In the story, the "normals" try desperately to prove that their children are homosexual. Dr. Newell, the researcher in the story makes the following statement:

"Imagine knowing beyond a shadow of a doubt that all those individuals in your species [humans] with exceptional intelligence or creativity possess a precise genetic configuration [homosexuality], either dominant or recessive - and that you don't."

Now this may sound a bit far-fetched to us, but what if we were an "accepted minority" as opposed to being considered a "deviant lifestyle"? What changes could we expect? Below are some of the differences I see could be made in our everyday lives if this world were closer to perfection.

Families

As in the story described above, we would be able to expect acceptance from our families. Parents would not disown, disinherit, commit or otherwise shun their homosexual children. You would be able to bring your lover home for Thanksgiving without receiving a cold shoulder from your favorite aunt and strange questions from your grandmother. You would be given the double bed in the guest room and not the twin beds in your old room and no one would harass you about being an "old maid". Some of us are lucky

enough to have families like this already, many are not so fortunate.

Work

In this "perfect world" of the future, you could not be fired from your job for your sexual orientation. You would not be the butt of office jokes or the subject of harassment and juicy gossip. You would not be held back in climbing the corporate ladder for being "single", nor would it be taboo to bring your lover to the office Christmas party. You wouldn't be embarrassed to receive flowers from another woman on Valentine's day and no one would question your direct deposit donation to the Gay Alliance.

Military

Of course, in this hypothetical society, homosexuals would not only be "allowed" in the military, they would be judged on their merits as soldiers alone and not on the basis of who they loved. Who knows, they might even have base housing for same-sex couples!

The General Public

Wouldn't it be great if you could kiss your sweetheart goodbye when she is leaving on a long trip without stepping back into the house and pulling the door shut? Or, how about holding hands in the mall, calling each other "honey" in the grocery store and being able to say "my lover" and not "my roommate" when talking to anyone, including your

family and your neighbors. The problem of sidelong glances from bank officers when setting up a joint checking account or loan would be eliminated, as well as, store clerks who give you dirty looks when receiving one of those checks and nurses who don't understand why "the roommate" wants to stay all night at the hospital. In the year 2525, anything can happen.

Politics

Now this covers all kinds of possibilities — from gay elected officials (we already have some of those) to an absence of police harassment. If you wanted to run for political office, you wouldn't fear that your sexual preferences would cause harm to your campaign — it wouldn't even be an issue. There would be no worries about homophobic judges, juries or any other officials. We could go even further and speculate that, after all the human and civil rights are taken care of, our justice system could then focus more on critical issues such as the environment, the population explosion, starvation and disease. Of course, if this were a real Utopia, there would be no need for politics at all, much less a justice system, police, etc.

Now all this may sound like just so much daydreaming to you but, as my mother always says, "Anything is possible". As I have pointed out, much of what is written here is already happening in some families, cities and states across this country. In some European countries an article like this might even be considered ludicrous. It can happen.

It's happening now. All we have to do is keep pushing. Who knows, Katherine V. Forrest may be right. In closing the story "The Test"*¹, Dr. Newell turns to her assistant and says:

"From biblical times, from the very dawning of our species, racial foreknowledge told the normals that we represented humankind's next step on the ladder of evolution — that the homosexual is homo superior."

* "The Test" can be found in the book *Dreams and Swords* by Katherine V. Forrest, available from Naiad Press, Inc., P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, Florida 32302.



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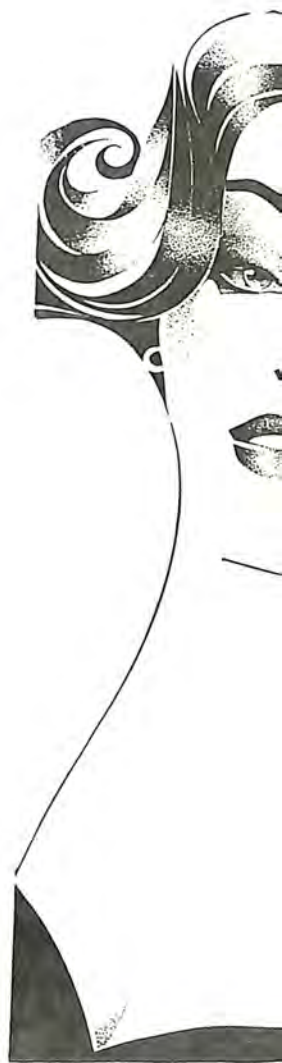
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This month T. Sumner Reviews:

SUNDAY'S CHILD

by Joyce Bright

Summer is here and the heat is on. One good way to cool off is to sit under the air conditioning vent and read a good book. I've got two great summertime books this month.

The first is *Sunday's Child* by Joyce Bright (Naiad Press, Inc., \$8.95). The story revolves around Kate Ashbourne and her best friend Angie. Kate is a runner. She came just steps away from the Olympic Trials in high school and now, 24 years later, she's ready to try again. Kate enlists Angie to coach her. This not only deepens their friendship but also serves to take Angie's mind off the rapist that is terrorizing their town. As the big race draws closer, neither woman realizes that they are on a collision course with the rapist.

This novel involves many aspects. There is mystery, romance and, of

OSTEN'S BAY

by Zenobia N. Vole

course, running. Ms. Bright captures all of it well, but especially the sport. She takes you through the endless stream of thoughts that run through your mind during any lengthy physical activity to the competition and comraderie among the contestants. It even made me want to take up running. (I wear my jogging shoes to run to the refrigerator). There are also some intriguing insights into the mind of a rapist, as well as, the disturbed family life that produced him.

I would recommend this book to anyone interested in sports but also to mystery and romance lovers. This is one of those books where you get it all – right down to the shocking conclusion!

Next we have *Osten's Bay* by Zenobia N. Vole (Naiad Press, Inc., \$8.95). Gail

Murray is a marine geologist working at a small Canadian university. When she is offered a job on an island off the coast of South America, she eagerly accepts. But, upon her arrival, she discovers that the job is not what it appeared to be. With funding from a mysterious, oil hungry corporation and several near-fatal accidents with her SCUBA divers, Gail is reluctant to hand over her valuable research.

In the meantime, Gail becomes involved with Marike Osten, owner of a resort on the island. As intrigue leads to violence, Gail goes to Marike for help and they fight the evil together.

Ms. Vole is a captivating author. Her descriptions of the island, as well as, it's underwater surroundings, are written in vivid detail. The only thing I found disconcerting is the lack of gray. By

that I mean that the bad characters are evil and the good ones are so good it hurts. A few in-between characters or at least some that you could wonder about would definitely have helped my involvement in the plot. Also, the lead character, Gail, lacked definition until very late in the book, almost all you knew about her was that she was a marine geologist and was one of the "good" ones.

This a great book for anyone interested in SCUBA diving or for lovers of melodrama.

Both of these books as well as many more are available from Naiad Press, Inc., P.O. Box 10543 , Tallahassee, Florida 32302 for \$8.95 plus 15% postage and handling. Complete catalogs are available upon request.



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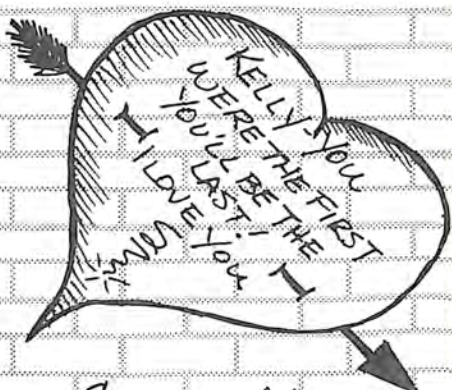
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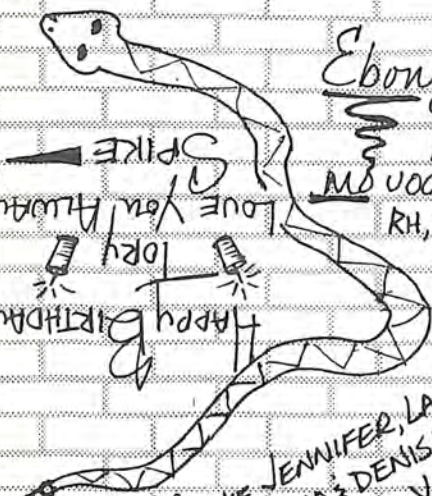
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Competitive Are You?



Most of us think of competition as being mostly confined to the playing field but, in reality, there is competition everywhere you go and in everything you do. We all compete for jobs, love and "to score points" in all areas of our lives. Of course, some are a *bit* more cutthroat and some of us would rather let an opportunity pass us by than compete for it. Which are you? Answer the fourteen questions below and find out. The first one finished wins the booby prize!

1. A former lover begins seeing someone else after you break up with her. You:

- a. Suddenly become interested in her again.
- b. Could care less one way or another.
- c. Are glad that she is happy.

2. A friend, who is an ace tennis player, invites you out for an informal Sunday game. You:

- a. Say "No," because you don't stand a chance of winning.
- b. Tell her that you'll play only if

she'll go easy on you.

c. Go, even though you know you'll get beat — it'll be fun.

3. Your boss decides to throw a party on the night you have already set up a special date with your lover. You:

- a. Cancel your date. After all, not everyone gets invited to the boss's parties.
- b. Tell your boss you can't make it because of a previous commitment.
- c. Say nothing to your boss, go on your date and forget about it.

4. You just found out that your sister or brother has been promoted and is now making more money than you do. You:

- a. Say nothing to them and start really pushing for a promotion for yourself.
- b. Congratulate them and then start working on your own promotion.
- c. Call and send a note of congratulations.

5. While at the bar, you meet a

captivating woman. While you are talking to her, another woman joins in the conversation who is obviously interested in her also. You:

- a. Take the first woman and lead her away to a secluded table for two.
- b. Ignore the other woman and hope she'll go away.
- c. Leave and look for someone else who catches your fancy.

6. When playing softball or any other team sport, your top priority is:

- a. Being the star player.
- b. Winning with team work.
- c. Having fun.

7. Your lover is always telling you that her ex makes the best lasagna in the world. You:

- a. Start taking Italian cooking lessons.
- b. Call and ask her for the recipe.
- c. Avoid making lasagna at all costs.

8. You just found out that the woman you are seeing has a lover of 5 years waiting at home. You:

- a. Continue seeing her. You'll win out eventually.
- b. Tell her she must choose between you.
- c. Quit seeing her immediately.

9. At a friends house, everyone is playing penny ante poker. You don't know how to play so you:

- a. Refuse to play since you know you'll lose anyway.
- b. Agree to play if someone will show you the ropes.

c. Play the game but don't tell anyone that you don't know how.

10. The woman you just started seeing casually brings up her ex during conversation. You:

- a. Become insanely jealous and ask her never to broach the subject again.
- b. Keep your mouth shut and listen even though you don't really care.
- c. Ask questions, after all, you want to know everything about her.

11. When you go out, you always dress:

- a. In the latest style.
- b. Nice, but without regard to fashion.
- c. Comfortably.

12. You don't like to go out of the house unless:

- a. You are tanned, in shape, made-up and well-dressed.
- b. Your hair is combed and your clothes are clean.
- c. You have something to do. You go out however you want, you don't care what others think of your appearance.

13. You and several co-workers are all vying for the same promotion. You:

- a. Start working harder than usual and make sure that "higher ups" know of your accomplishments.
- b. Let the boss know that you would like the job and think you are capable of doing it.
- c. Keep doing what you are doing, you will get the promotion only if you deserve it to start with.

14. Two of your close friends just bought new cars. You:

- a. Start looking for a new one for yourself even though you know you can't afford it right now.
- b. Are envious but know you don't need a new car right now.
- c. are happy for them since they aren't driving an old clunker like yours.

SCORING

Give yourself points as follows:

A = 3 B = 2 C = 1

if you scored:

33-42

Though your competitive spirit can be great on the playing field, it may not work in your favor in social or job-related situations. Your desire to win could offend others, especially co-workers when a team effort is required on a project. You may also have a tendency to compete with your friends for lovers, the best car, nicest house, etc. You don't want to keep up with the Joneses, you want to stay ahead of them at all costs. Mellow out, you don't always have to be in front. Your friends and lovers will probably appreciate you more if you aren't always right, or always better, or always brighter. Give a little of your limelight away and everyone will be happier — including you!

24-32

You've got a great sense of what is important to you and you are willing to fight for it — when necessary. On the other side of the coin, you don't let a loss get you down for long. You know

when to give and when to take. You also know when to give up a fight when the cost of winning outweighs the reward. Friends and co-workers see you as intelligent but giving and friendly. You also know when to admit your weaknesses and ask for help — a trait that will take you far.

14-23

You have a tendency to rely too much on "luck" for whatever comes your way in life. You have to be willing to ask for what you want and give things push when necessary. You may have a tendency to be shy in social situations because you don't like to express your opinion. At work you need to learn to push for recognition. Ask to be given a special project or more responsibilities and stick your nose out a little to get the boss's attention. Your unwillingness to fight for what you want may be costing you more than you know.



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Horoscope

What's in the Stars for You this month?

CANCER

(June 22nd - July 22nd)

You will have great luck in friendship during the **first week of July**. You will find it easy to make new friends and you will benefit from friendships you already have. From the **9th thru the 16th** you can make great strides both at work and in social situations. You are able to communicate exactly what you want, and get it! From the **17th thru the 23rd** you will make good impressions on the boss and co-workers. This is a great time to push for a raise or promotion that you've been wanting. From the **24th thru the 31st** you may need to pay extra attention to loved ones. This is also a good time to finish up a project that you started long ago.

LEO

(July 23rd - Aug 22nd)

Take time out to relax during the **first week of July**. Social activities or something out of the ordinary will be just what you need to lift your spirits. From the **9th thru the 16th** you may be surprised to find that you are the subject of some vicious gossip. But, you won't have to defend yourself — your friends will come to your rescue. From the **17th thru the 23rd** some sudden developments at work may interfere with social plans you made earlier this month. If you meet your obligations on the job, you may just find yourself with

a raise or promotion. From the **24th thru the 31st** some unusual social events are in store for you. Whether they are fun or not is all up to you. Be discreet about your personal life around co-workers now.

VIRGO

(Aug 23rd - Sept 22nd)

Friends, family and love are the focus during the **first week of July**. Romance is definitely in the air. The days may be boring, but the nights will be unforgettable. From the **9th thru the 16th** a surprise visitor or trip this week could your brighten your days up quite a bit! From the **17th thru the 23rd** friends or a new love interest could help you attain financial success during the first part of the week. During the second part, it is best to keep business discussions in the background. From the **24th thru the 31st** your continued focus on social activities may be taking its toll on your pocketbook. Staying at home this week could take the strain off your budget, as well as, give you time to get to know a new love interest.

LIBRA

(Sept 23rd - Oct 23rd)

Travel plans are in the works during the **first week of July**. You may be feeling a desire to see loved ones who live quite a distance away. From the **9th thru the 16th** try to stay out of arguments when

it comes to a major decision. Your partner could be unwilling to compromise and it is foolish to try and change her mind. From the **17th thru the 23rd** your love life is exciting, finances are improving and you'll be in a good frame of mind. From the **24th thru the 31st** stay away from unconventional solutions when it comes to a problem at home. Be conservative in your dealings with and co-workers.

SCORPIO

(Oct 24th - Nov 23rd)

Partying can get out of hand during the **first week of July**. You could get yourself into some compromising positions if you are trying too hard to have fun. From the **9th thru the 16th** money could be causing big problems in your relationship. Compromise can end the stalemate but it may take things awhile to smooth out completely. From the **17th thru the 23rd** avoid idle chatter in which you could reveal something best kept secret right now. Don't mix friends and money - you could lose both. From the **24th thru the 31st** things are looking up. Try to stay in a positive mood, this could help keep everyone else's spirits up.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 24th - Dec 21st)

A financial opportunity during the **first week of July** may have some built-in risks. It is better to save your money now and wait for a less risky investment. From the **9th thru the 16th** improvements in financial matters, a great new development in your love life and some wonderful social activities can make you feel on top of the world. From

the **17th thru the 23rd** friends may have some weird ideas that could turn out to be fun, profitable, or both! You may be feeling short-tempered right now. Don't jump to conclusions and try to avoid arguments. From the **24th thru the 31st** your career could get a great boost but you may have to help things along by keeping your criticisms to yourself.

CAPRICORN

(Dec 22nd - Jan 19th)

An old argument between you and a friend or loved one could come up again during the **first week of July**. From the **9th thru the 16th** some financial problems may be keeping you awake at night. Don't worry, the solution will come but you may have to budget to get back on the right track. From the **17th thru the 23rd** the budget could be causing problems between you and someone close to you. Be diplomatic and don't speak in anger, it will only make things worse. From the **24th thru the 31st** money matters are definitely looking up. Romance will also be improving after a rough start at the first of the week.

AQUARIUS

(Jan 20th - Feb 18th)

The **first week of July** is a good time to iron out any problems in your job or relationships. Things may not improve as quickly as you would like, but it's a beginning. From the **9th thru the 16th** there may be a few romantic surprises in store for you. If you are not attached there could be a brand new romance on the horizon. From the **17th thru the 23rd** avoid taking any chances at work

or in love. Stick to the tried and true. Taking risks could cost you more than you bargained for. From the **24th thru the 31st** money matters are improving and your social life is picking up. An old enemy could show up and cause trouble, but don't worry, it fades fast.

PISCES

(Feb 19th - Mar 20th)

Friendships and social matters are in the forefront during the **first week of July**. Your leadership qualities serve you well now. From the **9th thru the 16th** you may have problems expressing yourself both at work and at home. A little romance or a shared creative project should help you say what you want. From the **17th thru the 23rd** new friends, social events and financial matters will have you in a good mood. From the **24th thru the 31st** getting overly emotional could cause you some embarrassment. Play it cool and don't dwell on what is past. Use imagination in romance.

ARIES

(Mar 21st - April 19th)

Don't mix finances and friendships during the **first week of July**. You could lose not only the money but your friend too. From the **9th thru the 16th** there may be a developing romance but don't put too much into it just yet. You could get burned if you don't keep a cool head. From the **17th thru the 23rd** your initiative and drive can help you get ahead at work, but you may step on a few toes if you aren't careful. From the **24th thru the 31st** travel could be in the cards but you will have more control over happenings in your own envi-

ronment. Follow your instincts in romance and money.

TAURUS

(April 20th - May 20th)

The **first week of July** is a great time for travel to faraway places. Your adventurous nature can help you have fun in some very strange places. From the **9th thru the 16th** your social life will be exciting and your calendar filled. This will go on for the next few weeks so avoid overdoing at the start. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you would be well advised to review your financial situation and find some favorable ways to make more money or invest what you have now. From the **24th thru the 31st** you will be busy at work and at play but, your love life will demand more of your time than usual. Avoid making long range plans right now.

GEMINI

(May 21st - June 21st)

You may feel like you are on an emotional rollercoaster during the **first week of July**. Both your love life and your career could be causing violent mood swings. From the **9th thru the 16th** you will be able to relax, but not too much. After last week's turmoil you may have a tendency to be overemotional. This is a good time to travel. From the **17th thru the 23rd** try to avoid being too possessive about your lover and friends. This is a good time to plan a party or start a home improvement project. From the **24th thru the 31st** you will feel relaxed. Quiet nights at home with someone special could help put your relationship back on track.



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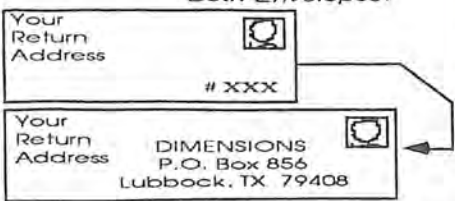
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