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FROM THE EDITOR

As 1987 draws to a close and I reflect back on this year, my sharpest memories are not particularly pleasant ones.... The AIDS epidemic continues to plunder through our community and the world -unchecked while our government is still trying to decide on a course of action. Involvement of the U.S. military continues to accelerate in the Middle East. The stock markets of the world are making the wildest swings in history — both high and low. The U.S. dollar continues to slide against other foreign currencies. And in spite of what the politicians would have us believe — people are out of work. The homeless rate of American's is at an all time high since the Depression of the 1930's. Taxes continue on a sharp upward spiral.

So where is the bright spots of 1987? For the community, it must be October '87 the National March on Washington. The defeat of Bork to the Supreme Court. For West Texas, it is the best cotton crop in 10 years. And perhaps a peace treaty by the end of 1987 with the Soviets. For me personally, 1987 has been a good year. Dimensions is a year and a half old this month, with business, as with youth, I find you count the halves. Our reader base has grown to nine states, the Virgin Islands and Canada, not including our tri-state distribution. Thanks to our many subscribers. Obviously our advertising base has grown too. Without our readers, advertisers, distributors and subscribers Dimensions would not still be in print. I want to thank you all! If you have last years issues, I am sure you will notice we have improved over the past year. We have learned alot we didn't know to begin with. We continue to learn each month. One of our primary goals is to bring you the best magazine we possible can each month. We do have limits and financial limits are still a major obstacle, but as you can see — together we have made it happen. Thank you all and MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Roxanne Hunter
Editor

TO THE EDITOR

INVOLVED WOMEN

Dear Friends:

What a delightful magazine, DIMENSIONS. So well laid out, so well written. We are impressed though we've only seen one issue - November 1987.

Last month during the National March on Washington, we noted that two out of three people arrested on the steps of the Supreme Court protesting the Hardwick decision (a decision that affects mostly men) were women.

We note that in Dallas there are women who call themselves Blood Sisters giving their blood (the safest blood in the world) to anyone in need of it. We note that lesbians have always been pioneers in the Gay and Women's Movements. We note and appreciate what you've done and must help in return. Please enter our subscription.

Sincerely,
Phil Johnson
Dallas Gay/Lesbian
Historic Archives

BOOK REVIEW REQUEST

Dear Sisters,

My lover and I have been receiving "Dimensions" for over a year and fight over who will read it first. (I usually win!) Keep up the good work! I enjoy the book reviews by T. Sumner but I read for more than enjoyment. How about some reviews of non-fiction? I have two suggestions for her, as I am not a reviewer.

1. Sonia Johnson's "Going Out of Our Minds", the Crossing Press, The

Metaphysics of Liberation.

2 Mary Daly's "Wickedory" of the English Language, Beacon Press.

I have read Sonia's book and it is revolutionary! She makes the transition from political activeness to spiritual activeness and that is quite a journey for a feminist! If that is not enough, she makes the journey from an avid heterosexual to a public lesbian. This is a real blood and guts person. We need more examples of courageous sisters like this and she could use our support.

In case you are not familiar with her name...she is the woman who fought the Mormon Church a few years ago over the Equal Rights Amendment and was ex-communicated.

Mary Daly's "Wickedory" of the English Language is bound to be dynamite also. She is a radical feminist writer and lesbian. She is a giant among radical feminist writers and teaches women studies, philosophy, etc. at Boston College, Dept. of Theology. She is humorous but with a cutting edge.

Hope you read these two books and put a review in Dimensions.

A Lesbian

Richardson, TX

From T. Sumner: Thanks for the suggestion, I have ordered the books and will read and review them when they arrive. If anyone else out there has books to suggest or would like to send a review of their own, please feel free, I enjoy hearing from my readers!

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Do you have something you want to get off your chest? Someone to Thank? A comment on "Dimensions"? Send Us A Letter!

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OPINION

A Guest Commentary

"CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME"

This is the time of year for giving. Giving gifts, giving love and giving to charity. That last one is the clincher. Everybody from Christmas Seals to the Santa at the door of the mall is asking for your pocket change or your whole paycheck. This is not to say that there aren't some good causes out there that need your help. But, remember the old saying, "Charity begins at home"? Well, that is what I would like to focus on.

For many in our community, it is a very real possibility that this will be their last Christmas. Yes, I'm talking about PWA's. I can't speak for all of you, but I feel this is the most important cause I could give to this Christmas. After all, these are our brothers, what better cause is there than to brighten their Christmas with a gift of food, money, clothing or simply with our time.

I have heard many lesbians say that AIDS is not their problem because they will never get it. Think again, sister. It is your problem and you could get it. What makes it your problem you ask? The men that are dying have been fighting for the same right to love that you have and many have them have fought for your rights as women as well. They have been your friends, confidantes and party buddies. They have come to meet your parents so that you could stay in your closet. They have loved you and fought for you, and if that isn't enough to convince you, I don't know what is.

I am not affiliated with any organization, I only make this plea for those friends of mine and the friends of theirs and the friends of theirs who need a little compassion and love.

Maybe you don't have any money ... how about some time? No time? Clean out your closet, I'm sure there's someone who would love that old flannel shirt to keep them warm or those extra Christmas cookies you baked. It doesn't take much to make things a little easier for someone in need.

A Sister Who Cares
Dallas, TX

NEWS

TEXAS HUMAN RIGHTS FOUNDATION FUNDS LESBIAN CUSTODY BATTLE

AUSTIN -The Texas Human Rights Foundation has awarded \$2,000 to a lesbian mother in Travis County to help her in a court battle to regain custody of her six year old son.

Since the custody battle is being fought solely on the grounds that the woman is a lesbian, the Foundation's Board of Directors felt that the case warranted support from the Foundation's Legal Rights Fund. As President Lee Taft explained, "Each custody case is unique, because the overriding criterion in each one is: 'what is in the best interest of the child?' Since this lesbian mother is a competent provider who loves her son and takes excellent care of him, there should not be an impediment to her having custody of the boy just because of her sexual orientation."

Scientific research has shown, and both the American Medical Association and the American Psychiatric Association confirm, that sexual orientation that differs from the majority is not considered sexually dysfunctional nor is it

considered a mental disorder. Homosexuality in no way prevents a parent from raising children using appropriate love and attention. In addition, recent psychological evidence has proven that there is no higher incidence of homosexuality among children raised by lesbian or gay parents than there is among children raised by heterosexual parents. THRF funds will be used for preparation of supportive expert testimony to this effect.

The Texas Human Rights Foundation funds cases dealing with AIDS discrimination and other lesbian/gay discrimination in areas such as employment, housing, or custody. Foundation President Taft remarked, "We have many cases requesting funding from us right now. Many, of course, deal with AIDS discrimination. Our Legal Committee examines each one carefully. We'd like to eventually reach the point where we can support every case that needs help. We're working diligently to make sure that there are enough funds available to help as many as we can."

ARIZONA GAY RODEO JANUARY 15-17

PHOENIX, Arizona- The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association presents it's third annual rodeo January 15-17, 1988 in Phoenix. The New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association is the co-sponsor of this Wild West Desert Adventure. For more information call or write: 602-230-1170 or 602-938-3932; P.O. Box 16363, Phoenix, Arizona 85011.

project of the Dallas Gay Alliance and the Foundation for Human Understanding.

The posters are free, but donations to help defray the costs are readily accepted. Each poster cost approximately \$1.00, plus handling costs, or \$5.00 for the entire series if mailed.

Anyone may receive the posters by calling the AIDS Resource Center at 214-521-5124 or by writing the Center at 3920 Cedar Springs, Dallas, TX 75219.



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DALLAS - The AIDS Resource Center has four posters available to groups, schools, organizations or businesses that promote education awareness about AIDS.

The attractive series was developed as part of the recent public service campaign by the AD2 Division of the Dallas Advertising League. One is directed to gays, another to blacks and Hispanics, IV-drug abuse and the final series highlights services of the AIDS Resource Center, an outreach



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HOUSTON - Over at the **RANCH**, **Melissa** will be celebrating her birthday on December 13th! **Happy Birthday!** Beginning on the 13th, the **RANCH** will have an **All New Sunday Show** every other Sunday starting at 9pm. It will be hosted by **Dyan Michaels, Miss Gay-Metro Houston** & the cast will include **Paivi, Lady Supreme & Crystal Delorean**. On the 20th, music will be provided by **Rose Ezell's Band**, so be sure to stop in!

DALLAS - Did you wake up last Sunday morning hungover and hungry? **RUMORS** serves a **Free Brunch** every Sunday just to get you out of the kitchen! Be sure to check out the afternoons at **RUMORS** also! There's a **DJ** who 50's, 60's, C&W and top 40 hits all afternoon and **Happy Hour** is every day from 4pm-8pm! On the 18th of December, **Black Pearl**, an all-girl band will play at 10:30 and midnight and on the 20th, you get a chance to sing with a **Christmas Carol**

Sing Along! **RUMORS** features drink specials every night and while you're there, be sure to check out the art on the walls! It's all by women artists and for sale! And, of course, there's gonna be a **New Years bash** to ring in 1988 so don't miss out!

HOUSTON - Everyone we've talked to is planning a huge blowout on **New Year's**, so get your reservations in now at your favorite waterhole — Check with **Mark or Becky @ BACCHUS, Bea @ CLUB ROMEO, Marion** or any bartender **@ KINDRED SPIRITS, Betsy or Ida** at the **RANCH** and **Narene or Darlene** at the **ROCK 'N' HORSE** for details.

HOUSTON - **Darlene** of **ROCK 'N' HORSE** deserves a little recognition this month. During recent **Newlywed Games**, it was discovered that **Dar** had introduced several of the couples playing — keep up the good work! Don't forget that the **ROCK 'N' HORSE** has **\$2 Draft Pitchers** on Tuesdays, **\$1 Schnapps** on Wednesdays, **\$1 Beer Bust** on Thursdays and hangover cures on Sunday with **\$1 Bloody Marys**. Be sure to say hello to **Narene, Debbie & Coogle** when you're there!

DENTON - **TJ's** is having a **Christmas Party** on Dec. 18th and guess who's going to be there! Give up? **Santa**, of course! There will also be a big **New Years Eve Party** with free champagne and buffet at midnight and drawings every 30 minutes for champagne, bar tabs and all kinds of fun stuff! Don't miss it!

Show will be making an appearance at PARTNERS on January 22nd. What a way to start a new year! Every Sunday at 6pm come and join in the Jam Session! Bring your voice, instrument or just your sittin' and watchin' clothes ... either way you can't fail to enjoy!

HOUSTON - Mark & Ric at BACCHUS would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday! Be sure to make your reservations early to spend New Year's Eve at BACCHUS!

Did You Know?

by Debbie Marshall

The Texas Gay Rodeo Association recently held its annual rodeo in Dallas Nov. 20th thru 22nd and congratulations go to the following TGRA Royalty winners:

MS. TGRA— R. C. Cuellar

MS. TGRA 1st Runner Up—Diane Barnett

MISS TGRA— Jessica Renee

Mr. TGRA— David Chapman

All of the above winners are from the Houston Chapter of the TGRA. Some of

the contestants and Belt Buckles were sponsored by NEXUS/PETTICOAT JUNCTION of Austin and Houston's BACCHUS, BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM and KINDRED SPIRITS. Davie and Myra from NEXUS/PJ's were just two of the partiers spotted in the crowd. And a big thanks goes out to Pearl at High Country and Becky at Rumors in Dallas for their hospitality (call when you're in Houston!).

H.B.I.T. — Fall Variety Show

by Lisa Mustacchia

The Houston Billiards Invitational Tournament Committee which held their 1987 Fall Variety Show on November 13, 1987 at CLUB ROMEO'S was a rousing success. The show raised \$500. dollars. Proceeds are to benefit the H.B.I.T., and the Omega House. The show was truly a variety show in every sense of the word. The acts included standard drag numbers, as well as, high camp comedy, and dance numbers. The finale involved the entire H.B.I.T. committee, who appeared on stage dressed as raisins and proceeded to amuse the audience with a dance number to the tune "I heard It Through the Grapevine". This was an evening of fun and laughs and it appeared as though the audience loved every minute of it.



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Dear Agnes

*Answers your questions about love,
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Dear Agnes,

I've been living with this girl for about two years. We're not lovers. We sleep together every night. She is constantly reminding me that she is not looking for a relationship. She gets angry when I tell her that I am not in the mood for sex.

We are two different people living two different life styles. I think that if we were to get into a relationship that things would become worse between us. We both come and go as we please. I spend a lot of time alone. Everytime I bring up our relationship, she does not want to discuss it. I am tired of the way things are.

Please give me some advice. I care about her. I am really confused about why I care or even to what extent.

"Confused"

Oklahoma

Dear "Confused",

No wonder you are confused. Your letter sounds like you are lovers. 1. We sleep together every night. 2. She gets angry when I tell her I'm not in the mood for sex. Well in my book, if there is no commitment, sex

isn't part of a package deal for roommates unless you have some kind of verbal agreement. Your letter indicates, you want much more from this "girl" than what you are getting. There is also a hint of anger and underlying hostility. Often one of the best ways to sort out your feelings is write. You do not have to be a writer or worry about style or grammar - just write. Write about your feelings. You could even write her a letter. It might help express some of the feelings she does not want to talk about. Writing does wonders and you can often get a new perspective on your feelings.

Your letter leaves the impression you stay home instead of going out. It would be most beneficial to make some friends. Get involved-join an organization or go see an old friend. A support group is very important during emotionally trying times. This relationship is not good for your self-esteem.

Dear Agnes,

I have a problem I have never seen discussed in your column;

I am a bed hopper. Now don't get me wrong, when I am in a relationship I do not sleep around. Most of the time I am in a relationship, but when I am single I tend to sleep with several people before I settle down again. I know this sounds corny, but I really think I have a problem. I am constantly in search of "The Relationship". I am not happy by myself. Any suggestions?
Bed Hopper
San Antonio, TX

Dear Hopper,

First of all, you should realize that most people are always on the lookout for love and/or relationships. That's human nature. The problems start when you will settle for anyone just so you don't have to be by yourself. You need to analyse why you feel you must be in a relationship. Are you not happy with yourself as a person? Do you not feel complete? Do you feel you need someone else to make you a whole person? When you can answer these questions and understand how you really feel you should be able to work on making you happier. It should also help you realize, "it is not necessary to always have a lover or someone to sleep with". ♀

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How could I be asleep? Everything is so vivid! I know it is Christmas. Yes, Christmas — December 25, 1987 and I know I am at home and I know you aren't suppose to be here. But you are. It must be a dream, after all you moved away over five years ago. There were no letters, no cards, no calls. There wasn't anything but an unfilled vacuum for so long.

But there you are standing in front of the fire. Ann, you look just as you did the day you left. Tall with long blond hair spilling over your shoulders, and those intense blue eyes piercing through me.

I pinch my arm, hard. Surely I will wake up. No, I am awake. Henry bounces onto my leg and licks my hand and I stare in amazement. It is you and Henry, that crazy little dog who went everywhere with us. Ha, he still remembers me. After five years, he still remembers me.

But this still has to be a dream because the house is locked. All the doors are locked, and I had to have the locks changed after you left. All those crazy roommates, I had. There was

that one who moved in and I found out her hobby was shoplifting and then there was a dope dealer — well that's not important now. Is it?

"You still leave a key at Kay's."

"Ann, it is you. Really you."

I stand staring.

"It's really me," you repeat and smile, that beautiful irresistible smile.

I hug you and finally I am convinced this is not a dream. You really are here, standing in front of the fire, it's almost like you were never gone.

I've grown to detest that word — gone. It haunted me for so long. Yes, it really has been five years. You have been gone and there is still a scar. A big ugly scar, but at least, it is a scar and not a wound any more.

"Can I get you a glass of wine or a drink?"

I am nervous, very nervous. Why? I was angry at you for so long. Where is it now that I need it? Emotions are so fickle.

I open a bottle of wine and watch you sit down on the sofa with Henry at your feet. I fiddle with the glasses and put another log on the fire before I

join you. Trying to sort through feelings that spin through my head like a record on too-fast-a-speed. This is a surprise attack, I had no time to prepare. I am sure you know that.

"What brings you here, Ann? After all this time, I assumed you were settled or off on one of your save-the-world trips?" I try not to sound too sarcastic.

"Well actually I am between settlements and for some unknown reason for the past year I haven't been able to get you off my mind."

You always did have a way with words. For some reason, you always knew what to say and when to say it. Even though it sounds good, I'm not sure I believe it.

"So you just drove or flew or whatever you did — a thousand miles out of your way to show up at my house for Christmas Day. I'm impressed." Did I say that? Well, I am impressed, but there was bound to be more to this story than — "Well I was thinking of you and thought I'd drop in."

"So what happened to calling or writing or any of those other primitive forms of communications?"

"I just wanted to see you, OK! I'm not out to save the world anymore. I'm through with school. I've seen almost everything I want to see and I wanted to come home."

Ann smiles and touches my arm. I pour more wine and let her last words roll around my head for a little while.

There are so many questions. Unanswered questions. Then and now. Where did the impulses of my youth go? I look at your face and I am lost in your beauty. A beauty with thorns, I think, a double edged sword.

I would really like to let the old memories go and savor this day. I

have so wanted to see you. I thought I would go mad when you first left. Life was meaningless and then the pain began to dull and one day I woke up and decided I would not spend the rest of my life fretting over you. Obviously, you were more important to me than I was to you.

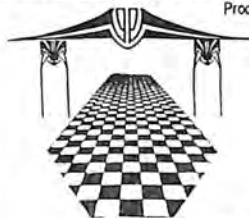
But why are you back? No, I don't believe it is because you just wanted to drop in. I feel your hands on me and I want you. I never stopped wanting you. I want you like I never wanted anyone else. We are such a passionate two. Today I won't care. Tomorrow I may hate myself.

As I sit watching you spread a blanket in front of the fire, I pour more wine and wonder if this is a Christmas gift I can keep?



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I CAN'T IMAGINE CHRISTMAS FUTURE

by Christine Johansen

This story is reflective of a common experience among people during the holidays — loneliness! Everyone I know has experienced a holiday away from loved ones. I believe we all take moments to reflect where we've been and where we're going. This story was written as a tribute to some of my friends who have passed away and the impact of their absence at holidays, in particular. With the severe outbreak of AIDS, most members of the gay community will be addressing one or two less Christmas cards this year. Possibly this account may help someone who is suffering from that emptiness. It is sometimes a comfort to know others have suffered and survived.

It is three a.m. Monday morning, which is quite possibly the quietest time of the week. It's Christmas again. Unable to sleep, I open a bottle of wine. I sip slowly on my first glass as thoughts crowd my head, on this, a significant morning.

I remember the Magic of Christmas as a kid. I long to once again grasp the excitement and wonder I felt at that time. The waiting for Santa Claus, unable to sleep due to my anticipation, being frustrated at the heaviness of my eyelids as the minutes crept slowly into hours...That mad rush to be the first one down the stairs and under the tree. What happened? Now Christmas brings me the blues. I pour another glass of wine hoping to muddle my depression. Though the season focuses on thankfulness and joy, I generally find myself dwelling in the past. My past. I wonder where so many of my friends disappeared, and why I'm not there...out in the world...out of

touch... out of reality...

A stack of returned Christmas cards on my coffee table peer up at me accusingly. It is apparent I have let my Rolodex get out of date. The days became years, and I lost some of the people I love most.

This is the Twelfth Christmas since the passing of my best friend from high school. I have fond memories of lots of life, unmindful of our physical limitations or mortality. How I miss the innocence of our love and friendship. She introduced me to my first lover. She was there two years later to nurse me through my first break-up.

I wonder if my first lover found the pilot husband and three kids she wanted. She seemed content to want these things which I could never give her. She was my First Christmas away from home. Drunkenly in love, I felt I had, at long last, learned the True meaning of Christmas. I was but a child then. The Magic has long since gone away.

This is the Eleventh Christmas since I got Bartholomew, the runt of a friend's collie's litter. The father was anonymous so it seemed Barth-olomew Bastard was an appropriate name. He has filled my years with happiness and understanding.

This is the Ninth Christmas since my Uncle was senselessly killed in a Christmas Eve robbery. Ten minutes later would have found him on his way home from work.

This is the Seventh Christmas since I left my hometown. Once again, In Love, Bartholomew and I packed our bag, closing another chapter of life. When the relationship was over, lost addresses erased the chances of contacting old friends. Thus

I entered the social scene of another community, making new friends.

I sigh at the realization this is the Second Christmas since my good friend/former lover passed away unexpectedly in a car wreck. With a heavy heart, I try to swallow the lump in my throat. Tears threaten to fall. I empty my glass, quickly refilling it. I get up and turn on the stereo for distraction. Soft sounds pierce the silence. My exertions alert me to the fact that the wine is beginning to affect my balance. Welcoming the numbing effects of the wine, I sink back onto the couch, raising my glass to my lips. I try to loose my train of thought to no avail. She's gone.

This is my Third Christmas without my beloved best friend. The First Christmas after his death, his absence haunted me. Bartholomew restlessly paced, as though he too noticed the absence of the familiar shuffling of Jim's approach. That Christmas found me still trying to face my grief, accept my loss. It was a very lonely Christmas. I had a bad case of the blues. As I got some typing paper out of my desk, I noticed I also held a large Christmas card. I opened it, immediately recognizing the scrawled handwriting. I remember feeling reassurance from this unexpected voice of the past. I felt comforted. This is how I made it through Christmas Past.

Christmas Present haunts me. It is a reminder of Christmases shared with lovers. My house is empty this year. Bartholomew and I are quiet victims as the hours pass, catapulting us through this day called Christmas. Bartholomew has had a rough winter. His health is decaying and I know this to be his last Christmas. I call him over, letting him find a spot on the sofa. Caressing him, I allow him to drink the wine in my glass. I can't conceive how lonely life will be without Bartholomew. My future looks bleak.

I take an inventory of the good and bad of this Christmas. It's not snowing this year. It's unseasonably hot. Santa's on street

corners, ring bells while sweating profusely. Ho Ho Ho's weakly welcome an irritable public. Dried up trees stand forlorn, uninvited to share the holiday. Homeless, these rejects. Outcasts of society. I wonder if I am the only person spending Christmas alone? Do other people feel this letdown today? I imagine so.

I call my grandparents to wish them well. They lift my spirits. They have survived worse things than I and maintained a positive outlook on life. Cheered somewhat, I hang up the phone.

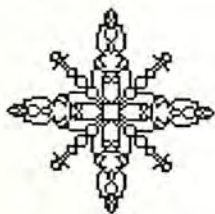
I am lucky to have shared my life as fully as I have. One cannot lose what one has never had. I have a roof over my head, plenty of food on the table, and a steady well paying job. I have friends I love dearly. My parents are still alive and part of my life. Basically I am satisfied with my life. I feel lonely sometimes because I do not have a lover at this time. I am aware that often it's easier to live without, than to live with a lover. I let this thought comfort me.

So my blues fade in and out like a distant radio station. And I find myself anxious for the morrow which is but just another regular day.



**"Lesbians fall in love:
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a friendship that
develops into
something more, an
intuitive flash that says,
"Get to know this
woman!"**

**-J. Lee Lehman
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from Our Right to Love**



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but i've heard how
cold you can be,



and if i were to hold you
well, you'd only melt

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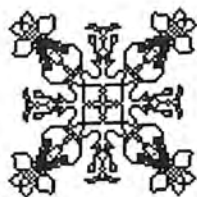
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-by Kathryn Habeger
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A Discussion of Lesbian Literature Both New and Old

This Month T. Sumner Reviews:

The Law of Return

by Ann Bloch



Let's talk stocking stuffers. All of us like to find our Christmas stockings filled with things that are fun, provocative, informative, erotic or all of the above. I've got two books this month that fit the bill. Both are new editions of lesbian books that are several years old, but if you have yet to read them, they are well worth the time.

First we have The Law of Return, (by Alice Bloch, \$8.95, Alyson Publications) a novel of some distinction. The story revolves around a young Jewish girl who is on a search for herself. The search first takes her to Israel and eventually to lesbianism.

It is a touching book that will take you beyond this place into worlds unknown. Alice Bloch writes wonderfully and gives



Coming to Power: Writings and Graphics on Lesbian S/M

edited by members of SAMIOS

real insight into the process of growing up and coming out.

My only wish is that Elisheva (the main character) would have made her lesbian debut earlier in the book. But, alas, that would have been to easy, and coming out, as we all know, is a long, involved process.

All personal complaints aside, I would definitely recommend this book to everyone. Especially those women interested in Jewish culture and Jewish lesbianism.

Next, we have Coming to Power: Writings and Graphics on Lesbian S/M, (\$8.95, Alyson Publications) a

collection of writings edited by members of SAMIOS a lesbian/feminist S/M organization. Just so you'll know, SAMIOS was the name

of the estate of Anne-Marie, a lesbian in *The Story of O*, who pierces and brands O.

Now, while this may not sound like such a great stocking stuffer, it covers all on the list of requirements for such things: provocative, erotic, informative and fun. As Katherine Davis says in the introduction, "This is an outrageous book. It has many purposes and will have many effects on those who read it, on those who only hear about it, and on those who will never know it exists."

This a book that is trying to show that, just as lesbianism is considered a "deviant" lifestyle by the straight community, so is S/M considered deviant by the majority of the lesbian community. It is not so much a plea for tolerance but a definition of S/M

written by many women in hopes to gain understanding.

This is not a book for the faint of heart, nor for the unadventurous. However, if you start with an open mind, you may find yourself coming away with a new understanding of S/M and what it means to these women socially as well as politically. Included in this updated edition are several important articles on AIDS and safe sex.

So, try it, but only if you are comfortable enough with your sexuality to dare.

Both of these books are available for \$8.95 from Alyson Publications, Dept. P-15, 40 Plympton Street, Boston, Mass. 02118. Catalogs are available upon request.



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1. I only go to expensive restaurants when I am with someone I want to impress.

2. When I give a party it is usually BYOB.

3. When I go to a different city, the first thing I like to do is go shopping.

4. I always travel first class and stay at upscale hotels.

5. I wait for my out-of town friends to call me rather than running up my phone bill.

6. When dividing the check at a restaurant, I calculate my own part rather than letting someone do it for me.

7. I collect and use coupons when I do my shopping.

8. I enjoy buying fancy gifts for my friends, family and lovers.

9. I try to buy my fall and winter clothes in spring when they are on sale.

10. If I only need it once in a while, I don't buy it, I borrow it from friends

11. I believe that money is meant to be spent, not saved. After all, you can't take it with you.

12. If I am driving my friends on a trip, I think they should pay for the gas to make up for the wear and tear on my car.

13. I would like to see lesbian/gay marriages legalized just so we could get the tax benefits and deductions that straight married people get.

14. I pay my bills at the very last moment so that my money can collect interest.

15. I avoid sales. I would rather pay full price than fight the crowds.

SCORING

Give yourself points as follows:

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if you scored: 10-16 points

If you scored in the lower part of this range, you may have a tendency to spend all your money frivolously and come up short for the bills at the end of the month. If you scored in the top part of this range, you like to spend your money but you also know that bills have to be paid and investments take a while to produce income. Both of you like to spend your money on yourselves but don't mind giving expensive gifts either. The question is; do you give for giving's sake or to impress?

A good thing for all those in this range to remember is that spending and investing are two separate things. You need to learn to do the latter.

17-23 points

People in this range are reasonable about their spending. You spend when you need to and save what you need to. You like to give gifts but you do so with discretion. You would never

be described as a gambler and although you are interested in a little risk-taking investment, you like to know the odds and have professional help. You like things reasonably priced but you also like quality and are willing to pay for it.

24-30 points

You think money is too important to be risked and you hang on to it with all your might. You may have a tendency to spend your money only when you are forced to and not when you should. You may think that giving gifts is a waste of time and those around you may resent your apparent lack of affection. You may also have a low view of your self worth. The best advice for people in this range is to loosen your grip on your money. Not only will it make you feel better but you will also have a lot more fun!



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What's in the Stars for you this Month?

Love, Money, Travel

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 24th - Dec 21st)

December 15th - 31st

You'll have to keep out of the limelight right before Christmas so that you can finish a project at work before the holidays. Once you're finished, watch out! Going out and having friends over dominate the rest of the month.

January

Your personal life is looking up for 1988 but you'll have to take a serious look at how you handle your personal finances. Now is a good time to sit down and figure out a budget for the coming year. A hot new romance may come on the scene this month, it may not last, but it will be fun while it does! A raise or promotion early in the month could help you with some of your holiday debt. Your social life is exciting and this could be tied in with your new flame! Take the opportunity to find new friends.

CAPRICORN

(Dec 22nd - Jan 19th)

December 15th - 31st

A holiday bonus or raise could lift your spirits right now, but don't be tempted to spend it all! You may be asked to host a party or assume leadership for an organization that you belong to. Your love life gets a boost around the 20th.

January

The trick this year is to get off to a good start and it looks like you'll have all the right opportunities as January rolls around. Home, business and especially love are all looking up this month. Now is a good time to sit down and set some goals for your career and personal lives. Be sure to include your loved ones when making plans, they will be enthusiastic in helping you reach those goals. If you are currently involved in a relationship, things will certainly be on the right track this month, if you are single, look out for a n exciting romantic adventure that's headed your way.

AQUARIUS

(Jan 20th - Feb 18th)

December 15th - 31st

You feel short-tempered this holiday season. Try to control yourself or you could make everyone's Christmas miserable. Social activities could bring back your good will, so take advantage of all those invitations. After Christmas, you feel more relaxed and you are ready for a festive New Year's celebration!

January

You may feel like everyone is picking on you, particularly at work, as the new year gets under way. The feeling will pass by the 10th but then it's

you that is picking on everyone else. Try to keep your temper under control, it's better to lose a few battles than to lose friends. After the 15th, things smooth out and you're able to get everything back on track at work and at home. Something that has been causing stress will ease up and let you enjoy the company of friends and co-workers again. Your love life will see some improvement during this period.

PISCES

(Feb 19th - Mar 20th)

December 15th - 31st

Focus on your work in the weeks before the holidays and your lifestyle could change for the better after the first of the year. There will be plenty of time for social activities after hours and you will be in the spotlight. Pay holiday bills before the 1st and you can have a relaxing New Year's.

January

If you made any resolutions, you'll have to work hard to keep them this year. Some goals you set for yourself in past years may have been set too high and you'll have to adjust them to more realistic terms now. A raise or promotion at work could be just what you need to lift your spirits after the stress of the holidays. And, a new romantic interest could be pressuring you for a commitment. Don't be afraid to say "yes", it could be the best decision you've made in years.

ARIES

(Mar 21st - Apr 19th)

December 15th - 31st

Your career is spotlighted right now and a raise or bonus could bring the money you need to make this a

special Christmas. You may be in a mood to reminisce during the holiday season and having old friends and family around you is just what the doctor ordered to relieve some of the stress you've been feeling.

January

1988 may start out a bit confusing for Aries. Conflicting orders from the boss and friends who say one thing and do another may be making you crazy. Everything straightens out by the 10th and you'll feel much better about yourself and those around you. A platonic friendship may be heating up this month and the romance you find could be just what you've dreamed of. Be very careful when driving this month, your potential for accidents is very high. Be sure to buckle up and drive defensively.

TAURUS

(Apr 20th - May 20th)

December 15th - 31st

A relationship that has been on the rocks could take an unexpected turn for the better and lift your spirits for the coming holidays. Finances are also on an upswing and you can afford something special for a loved one. Everything is going your way and you couldn't be happier!

January

An argument with a friend or family member could quickly escalate into a major war. Try your best to work out a compromise or you may find yourself in court. Keep a low profile until the 20th and that should help immensely in relieving tensions. Someone you've helped in the past will come back to help you in an unexpected way late in the month. Accept their help graciously and

you'll have an ally for life. Romance is the high point of this month, don't let it get away.

GEMINI

(May 21st - June 21st)

December 15th - 31st

All work and no play makes Gemini a very unhappy girl right now. Everyone is getting into the holiday spirit and you have tied yourself down with work. Try to sneak in some social activities after hours, you may end up tired, but this time of year is short-lived and you don't want to miss out!

January

A temper tantrum early in January could cause you problems throughout the month. Yelling won't solve the problem, it's best to keep your mouth shut and stay out of the limelight, things will solve themselves in time. Your career is looking up after the 10th, a raise or promotion may not be in the cards for several months, but the attention you get from higher-ups is definitely working for your benefit. Take time out for a short, romantic trip towards month end, it could do wonders for a current relationship or help you find another.

CANCER

(June 22nd - July 22nd)

December 15th - 31st

All that hard work you've been doing lets up right now so you can enjoy a holiday rest. A long trip at Christmas may be just what the doctor ordered to help you relieve some stress. Take along a new friend, romance could blossom. Keep a cool head though

when it comes to commitment, it's much too soon.

January

You'll need to set some goals about what you want to do with your career during the first part of January. The perfect job may not be offered but you could find yourself in a position to influence the people who could help you the most. Tax time is a few months away but some organization right now could save you some heartache later on. Romance is put on the back burner this month as more pressing matters take your attention. Try to avoid overspending on January sales.

LEO

(July 23rd - Aug 22nd)

December 15th - 31st

Travel is on the agenda during the holiday season, it may be a working vacation, but that doesn't mean it won't be fun! A new romance could brighten your social life also, new friends come into the picture that can make your holidays even more fun. You may have to watch your finances but you should have enough to carry you through.

January

Any partnerships that you involve yourself in this month will be around for a long time. Romantic commitments could last for years, as could business partnerships set up this month. You will want to work these commitments out in writing or sit down and talk about it in detail or you will feel insecure until you do. Co-workers seem easier to get along with right now and your career is looking up because of it.

VIRGO

(Aug 23rd - Sept 22nd)

December 15th - 31st

Social obligations could be getting you down right now. You want some peace and quiet to work out some personal or family problem that has been bothering you. Turn down a few invitations and focus on your problem. Once it is solved, you'll be ready to get back in the holiday party scene and enjoy it more!

January

Don't give in to the temptation to go off on a wild spending spree or extravagant vacation right now. You could wind up in financial trouble for the rest of the year if you do. Take the time to express your feelings to your loved ones, it will keep them happy and make you feel more secure. Say no to all business deals after the 20th, someone may be taking you for a ride you don't want to go on. Spend time at home working on a project you started before the new year.

LIBRA

(Sept 23rd - Oct 23rd)

December 15th - 31st

You may have a tendency to go overboard on holiday spending if you don't keep a close eye on your pocketbook. Small inexpensive gift will be just as appreciated. Work gets easier just in time to allow you to enjoy the holiday social scene and you've never been happier to get out of the house.

January

Most Librans will find the first part of January a good time to relax and make plans for the coming year. Some, however will be so busy there

won't be time to sit down, much less relax. Some plans that you made late last year won't be easy to get rolling this month. You may find that you'll more details than you thought to work out before you can get things back on track. If your love life has been good for awhile, it can only get better right now, if it hasn't been up to par, now is the time to get things moving again.

SCORPIO

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)

December 15th - 31st

Money is the main focus in the weeks before Christmas. With a little work and thought, you could hit the jackpot! After the 22nd, your focus switches to family and loved ones. A love relationship that has fallen on hard times recently could take on a new glow. Enjoy.

January

Taking criticism personally at work or at home could lead to some anger on your part during the first part of January. Try to control your temper and take this criticism as it was meant — friendly. Overspending on an unneeded item could lead to some financial setbacks. You may be looking for a romantic commitment right now, but don't count on getting what you want. It could turn out for the best though, since it's likely that you will be attracted to someone special towards the end of the month.





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AUSTIN, TX (area code 512)

businesses

Liberty Books
11th St. & Lamar Blvd.
495-9737

clubs

Nexus/Petticoat Junction
401 E. 2nd
495-9553

organizations

Austin Lambda
P.O. Box 5455 78763
458-8050

Gay/Lesbian Student
Association at UT Austin
Box 275 Texas Union 78712-7338
458-3971

Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby
P.O. Box 2505 78768

Texas Human Rights Foundation
1014-G N. Lamar 78703
479-8473

Waterloo Counseling Center
6901 N. Lamar #109 78752
452-5966

821-1653

Dallas Outdoors
P.O. Box 35474 75235
276-5270

Dallas Tavern Guild
3900 Lemmon Ave. #220
526-5292

Foundation for Human Understanding
528-4233

Gay Community Center
3920 Cedar Springs
528-4233

Gay/Lesbian Young Adults
528-4233

Grace Fellowship in Christ Jesus
2727 Oak Lawn 75219
528-2811

Lesbian Information Line (LIL)
528-2426

Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates
528-4233

Oak Lawn Counseling Center
5811 Nash St. 75235
351-1502

Oak Lawn Symphonic Band
P.O. Box 190973 75219
986-1751

Womyn Together
3920 Cedar Springs
528-4233

DALLAS, TX (area code 214)

businesses

Crossroads Market
3930 Cedar Springs
528-4620

Off the Street
3921 Cedar Springs
521-9051

Lobo Bookstore
4008-C Cedar Springs 75219
522-1132

clubs

Rumors
5039 Willis Ave.
828-4471

organizations

AIDS Resource Center
3920 Cedar Springs 75219

Dallas Area Lesbian Visionaries
P.O. Box 710185 75271

Dallas Gay Alliance
P.O. Box 190712 75219
528-4233

Dallas Gay Archives
3930 Cedar Springs

DENTON, TX (area code 817)

clubs

TJ's
1215 E. University
566-9910

FT. WORTH, TX (area code 817)

clubs

Partners
1612 Park Place
927-9546

HOUSTON, TX (area code 713)

businesses

Lobo Bookstore
1424-C Westheimer
522-5156

clubs

Bacchus
523 Lovett

523-3396
Ranch
9125 S. Main
666-3464
Rock 'N' Horse
5731 Kirby
520-9910

organizations

AIDS Foundation
3400 Montrose #700
524-AIDS
AIDS HOTLINE
c/o Switchboard
529-3211
Gay/Lesbian Students
University of Houston
4800 Calhoun
529-3211
Gay & Lesbian Switchboard
P.O. Box 66591 77266
529-3211
Houston Gay Political Caucus
P.O. Box 66664 77266
521-1000
Houston Thursday Nite Mixers
Bowling League
Steve: 699-3732 or Phil: 688-6970
Lambda ALANON
Lambda Center for Alcoholics
1214 Joanne
521-9772
Lesbian/Gay Students
University of Houston - Clear Lake
2700 Bay Area 77058
Lesbian Mothers
Mothers Group
864-3098
**Montrose Pool League/
Billiards**
PJ: 863-8482
PWA Coalition - Houston
3327 Essex Lane, Suite #16 77027
623-4436
Women's Lobby Alliance
4 Chelsea
521-0439
Women's Softball League
6431 Pineshade
868-6256

LUBBOCK, TX (area code 806)

organizations

Lubbock Lesbian/Gay Alliance
P.O. Box 64746 79464
796-2403
West Texas Aids Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 93120
794-1757

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

AIDS Action Council
729 Eighth St. S.E. Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20003
(202) 547-3101
AIDS 800
1-800-221-7044
National Gay/Lesbian Clearinghouse
666 Broadway 4th Floor
NY, NY 10012
National Gay/Lesbian Crisisline
1-800-221-7044
The Fund for Human Dignity
666 Broadway 4th Floor
NY, NY 10012

NORMAN, OK (area code 405)

organizations

Women's Resource Center
P.O. Box 5089 73070

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK (area code 405)

organizations

Oasis the Community Center
2135 NW 39th 73112
525-AIDS

SAN ANTONIO, TX (area code 512)

clubs

The Jezebel
8755 Wurzbach Rd.
697-0413
The Rose
4119 Gardendale 78229
696-4944

organizations

San Antonio AIDS Foundation
P.O. Box 120113 78212-9313
San Antonio Tavern Guild
822-2823

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TX (area code 512)

accomodations

Lyle's Deck
120 E. Atol St.
P.O. Box 2326 78597
761-LYLE

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Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Messages | <input type="checkbox"/> For Rent/Lease | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Books/Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> For Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Investments |
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2" X 1" DISPLAY AD

With Border
Maximum 40 Words

\$25 PER MONTH

Deadline for Classified ads is the 15th of each month prior to the month of publication. Payment must accompany all ads. Please indicate the classification in which you would like your ad to appear. Send ad and payment to: DIMENSIONS, P.O. Box 856, Lubbock, TX 79408. All Classified ads will be accepted at the discretion of Dimensions. Dimensions will not be held responsible for errors in your ad after the first month of publication and cannot be held liable for more than the cost of the original ad.

Personals

FUN LOVING, attractive, professional woman seeks same for friendship and possible relationship. New to Houston area. Will exchange photo and letter. Reply to Box # 115.

CHERYL — "The longer I'm with you, the deeper and deeper in love I fall. You've got the touch!" Merry Christmas Baby! Vicki.

ATTRACTIVE and Fun Loving: Looking for friendships, possible relationship. This is sort of new to me. Prefer Jock and athletic type. DFW Midcities area. No Drugs. Reply to Box # 118.

Messages

AUDITIONS: All Girl, Dallas Band needs new drummer, bass player, keyboardist, lead guitarist and flute, sax or clarinetist. Call Kim Wallace at (214) 350-1941 for auditions or send photo and tape to: 4930 W. Amherst, Dallas, TX 75209. Serious musicians only please.

I am writing a book on the social and psychological significance of hair from a female standpoint. I need input from lesbians. Your thoughts, feelings and experiences pertaining to hair. Everything from mistreatment at a beauty parlor to the pleasure of braiding a lover's tresses. Remain anonymous if you wish. Project, Box 182, 18530 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Books/ Publications

GAY WOMEN write/meet - EVERYWHERE! - through The Wishing Well. Established 1974. Confidential. Prompt. Tender, loving alternative to "The Well of Loneliness." Introductory copy \$5.00 (mailed discreetly first class). Also, "Well-Talk" Tapes. Free information: P.O. Box G, Santee, CA 92071-0167.

ON OUR BACKS, the sexual entertainment magazine for lesbians, in 48 pages of erotic fiction, features, plus timely sexual advice and news columns. We are quarterly, national, unique and provocative. \$15/yr sub or \$5 current issue to: On Our Backs, P.O. Box 421916, San Francisco, CA 94142

Travel

Roommates

SAN ANTONIO — Bedroom with Bath. Kitchen and living room rights. GW 28 years or older, must be mature, responsible and not mind pet. Please respond — (512) 599-2166.

For Rent/Lease

Help Wanted

REPS NEEDED DIMENSIONS needs reps in all major cities; except Houston. Part-Time, Commission Only. Write or Call: Dimensions, P.O. Box 856, Lubbock, TX 79408, (806) 797-9647
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Professional Services

Investments

Miscellaneous

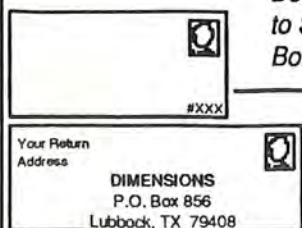
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