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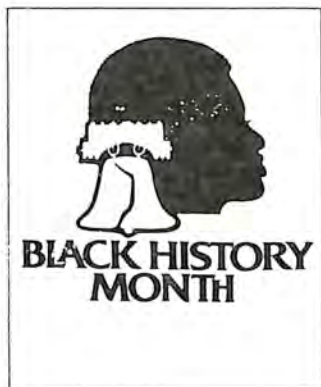
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TO THE EDITOR

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Ladies,

Happy New Year! May your new year be as prosperous as the last few have been for me.

You all do a marvelous job on "Dimensions." It is a very professionally organized magazine which I enjoy very much. Keep up the good work!

Name Withheld
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Dear Ms. Hunter:

At a time when Texas specialized publications are "biting the dust" one

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after another you are due congratulations on surviving this past year and a half! Thank you for providing a publication — at long last — in Texas that is produced and run by women.

As the owner of a small business, now seven years old, it is easy to appreciate the difficulties of keeping an enterprise running.

Conscious of the truth of the old adage: "Free advice is worth what it costs you", ... if there is any worth in it for your magazine's survival, it would be a pleasure to join with other interested business or professional women in Houston (via some monthly or bi-monthly forum) interested in putting some of their business acumen to use to come up with fund raising ideas to help sustain your important publication, clearly such a group would be spared any editorial input and not interfere in anyway with the running of your operations or publication.

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LESBIAN/GAY TV PROGRAM AIRS IN AUSTIN

Austin - LesbianGay Straight Talk is a new television magazine of news, culture and opinion serving the Lesbian and Gay communities of Central Texas. It airs at 7 PM each Monday evening (except for the second Monday of each month) on Austin Cable Channel 10.

The program is produced and hosted by Tom Doyal and Linda Farin. Interview quests include lesbian and gay writers, community activists, and artists. Austin writer Georgia Cottrell, author of the best-selling Shoulders, contributes bookolas, brief book reviews, during most programs.

Future programs will feature representatives from Austin Lesbians Speak Out, San Francisco activist and writer Sally Gearhart, novelist Toby Johnson, Green Party activist Charles Dews, author Georgia Cottrell, lobbyist Glen Maxey and Dara Gray, Executive Director of the Texas Human Rights Foundation. Tune in Monday evenings for an extraordinary television experience.

NEW TRUSTEES ANNOUNCED FOR TEXAS HUMAN RIGHTS FOUNDATION

Austin - The Texas Human Rights Foundation has announced the addition of two new members to its Board of Trustees: Marvin Prevost, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas in Austin, and Joel Martinez of the Martinez & Anderson law firm in Houston.

Prevost is one of the founders of The Ebony Connection in Austin, an organization for black lesbians and gay men that provides cultural, educational and networking opportunities for its members. In addition, he serves on the Waterloo Counseling Center Board of Directors and is past chair of that group.

A University of Texas law school graduate (1982), Prevost spent over two years as a Staff Attorney at the Department of Community Affairs before joining the Attorney General's staff in September of 1985. Mr. Prevost is from Houston.

Joel Martinez has been in private practice for the past five years and specializes in immigration. Prior to opening his own firm, he worked for six years with a large Houston law firm. A graduate of Columbia University's law school in 1977, he returned to his home in Texas, having grown up in Brownsville, and completed his undergraduate work at Rice University.

He is currently serving Political Action Chair for Gay/Lesbian Hispanics Unidos and as a board member for the Houston Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus. In Addition, he is a volunteer for The AIDS Legal Hotline. In his spare time, Joel enjoys the opera and serves on the Houston Opera Company's Board of Directors.

THRF President Lee Taft noted that "the THRF Board of Trustees is particularly pleased to have Joel and Marvin on the board in light of their extensive contacts in minority communities.

Having sponsored the "AIDS, Minorities and the Law" Conference, the trustees are committed to the recognition of the minority position in gay/lesbian rights litigation."

The Texas Human Rights Foundation is a statewide non-profit litigating organization devoted to the protection of legal rights for gay and lesbian citizens of Texas.

JACKSON CAMPAIGN NAMES LESBIAN/GAY DESK

Washington, DC - Jerry Austin, national campaign manager for Jesse Jackson, announced the hiring of Randy Miller to staff the lesbian/gay desk of the campaign. Miller is a former staffperson of the October '87 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Prior to the March on Washington, Miller worked as a program director in the national headquarters of the United Methodist Church.

Addressing why he supports Jackson's Presidential Campaign, Miller said, "Jackson's politics are very much in line with many in the lesbian/gay community. He's the only candidate who talks about needing to fight racism and homophobia as part of the struggle against AIDS. He's the only one who understands the homophobia. Jackson's policies of social justice and peace and his methods of coalition-building are in tune with our community. He brings our issues--all of our issues-- to the national political scene with a strength and vision unmatched by any other candidate."

Miller's hiring coincides with the launching of local Lesbian and Gays for Jackson Committees around the country.

NATIONAL BLACK GAY & LESBIAN CONFERENCE TO BE HELD

Los Angeles - The National Coalition of Black Lesbians & Gays and the Los Angeles Chapter of Black & White Men Together are co-sponsoring the National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference in Los Angeles, California, February 12th through the 14th. The conference has been endorsed by many individuals and organizations across the country.

The conference is a three day forum designed for Black Gay men and Lesbians to come together and share the wealth of information gained from their particular viewpoints and experiences as members of both the Black and Gay communities.

Focus areas at the conference will be "Creating &

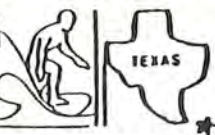
Strengthening Black Gay and Lesbian Institution", "Building a Stronger Political Voice," "The Quality of Life and Relationships," Black Gay and Lesbian Enterprises and Financial Stability" and "AIDS! What Does it Mean to Black Gays and Lesbians."

Speakers and workshop presenters will include political and civil rights leaders and well as leaders from organizations in the Black Gay and Lesbian Community.

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WHAT'S GOIN' ON

A Monthly Listing of Special Events
All Around Texas, Oklahoma & New Mexico

AUSTIN - The word on the streets is that **NEXUS & PETTICOAT JUNCTION** are having a formal **Valentine's Ball** on Sunday the 14th! Of course, formal attire won't be required but is suggested, so get your prom dress to the cleaners and call the florist, it's gonna to be a big event! On the 21st it is the ever-popular **Employee Drag Show** featuring the band "**SMOOCH**". Keep an eye out for **Phillip**, (he's the one with the mustache) I'm sure he looks darned cute in a dress! Also, be sure to check all of **NEXUS/PJ's** daily specials and goings on in their ad in the center of this issue of **Dimensions!**

HOUSTON - The big news at the **RANCH** this month is the **Sweetheart's Ball** to be held on Valentine's Day, Sunday the 14th! There will be prizes for the best dressed couple and lots of romantic music to dance to! If you are headed for the rodeo at the **Astrodome**, be sure to save your **ticket stub** - present it at the bar and get your **first drink for only 50¢!** **C&W** singer **Pepper** is coming soon to the **RANCH**, keep an eye on this space for dates and

details! Also, be sure to ask your favorite bartender about the **Super-Duper Drag Shows** that are up and coming. Don't forget to say hello to **Betsy** and **Ida** while you're there, after all, they are the one's responsible for all the fun you're having!

DALLAS - Its gonna be a big month at **RUMORS** in February! Starting on the 10th, **Lesbian Visionaries** will be holding there first anniversary party at **RUMORS** with live entertainment from a number of local performers. On the 12th, **Bill Green** will be doing his impersonations of **Joan Rivers** and **Lily Tomlin**. On the 18th, it is a **Beer Tasting Party**, you'll get a chance to sample all kinds of imported beers! On the 19th it's **Country & Western** music and dancing with the **Little Rainbow Band**. And, Last but not least, on the 26th, **Las Vegas Night** comes to **RUMORS**. Of course, if you can't make it to these special events, there are always the weekly specials! Tuesdays there are **Wine Specials**, Wednesdays its **C&W Dance Lessons** and **Longneck**

Specials, Thursdays are **New Music Nights** and \$1.50 Vodka Well Drinks. **After Hours** come to **RUMORS** on Friday and Saturday beginning in February and finally, there's the free **Sunday Brunch** with entertainment and an open mike following. A special **Valentine's Brunch** will be served on the 14th with Tenderloin, pasta primavera and other good things to eat!

DENTON - In addition to **One-Dollar beer** on Thursdays and **25¢ Draft** on Tuesdays, TJ's is having a **Valentine's Party** with all the trimmings on Saturday the 13th. You can get your picture taken with your sweetheart and get a sweetheart drink and dance close all night long ... just like at your junior/senior prom! Get out your guitar and your dancin' shoes on the 27th for the **Hometown Variety Show!** An array of talented Dentonites will be on hand to shock, amaze and entertain!

HOUSTON - Marion Coleman, owner of **KINDRED SPIRITS** will be celebrating her 7th year in "the bar business" on **Valentine's Day!** Be sure to stop in, a big party is in the works. **KINDRED SPIRITS** is also the place to go for some unusual entertainment throughout the week. Monday's are **Movie Nights** with some of your

favorite movies and a free buffet. Tuesdays you can find out what the future holds for you with **Tarot Card Readings** and a free buffet. There's **open stage** on Thursdays, **Band Night** on Fridays and **Dancin', Dancin' Dancin'** on Saturdays!

DALLAS - The newest bar on the Dallas landscape is the **ZOO** and it sounds like fun to me! Every Wednesday and Sunday the consummate performer, **Cozy White** will host some very **special shows**. Sunday at the **ZOO** you can also get **brunch** from 11:30-3pm, **Beer Bust** from 4-7pm and the show starts at 9:30. Thursdays bring you **Jazz** during **Happy Hour** and

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ALBUQUERQUE - Gil and the rest of the gang at **CORKY'S** have conspired to bring you the best in live entertainment on Valentine's Day with a **Valentine's Show!** Don't miss out, it could be the event of the year! Check at the bar for weekly drink specials and other entertainment!

SAN ANTONIO - If your last 12 relationships lasted one month apiece, maybe you should attend the Valentine's discussion group at the **JEZEBEL** on Tuesday the 9th ... the topic is **long-term relationships**. On the 23rd they ask the burning question: What is a normal family? **The Destructive Myth of Ozzie & Harriet**. If you aren't in the mood for serious discussion, there will be many things to entertain! **Debbie Fier** will entertain on the 14th, a **4th Anniversary**

Blowout is scheduled for the 26th with an **Anniversary Pool Tourney** on the 21st. **Happy Anniversary!!!**

DALLAS - Looking for something unique for your special Valentine? Look no further - this is **OFF THE STREET's** favorite time of year and it shows! Everything from **cards & T-shirts** to **sculpture** and **prints** can found there. It's a great place to shop for your sweetheart!

HOUSTON - A word of appreciation is extended to **Narene Kee** at the **ROCK 'N' HORSE**. **Narene** is currently making plans to relocate by early February! She should be open and ready for fun in the near future!

SAN ANTONIO - In case you aren't aware, the **NOO ZOO** has re-opened after not one but two fires! Welcome back girls! Re-decoration isn't quite complete but that doesn't stop these two ... **Pam & Lolly** say it has been tough but plans are in the works for a **4th Anniversary Party** and it should be a big one! The date was still up in the air at press time so be sure to check at the bar for details. Also, on Sunday the 14th there will be an early **Valentine's Show** with lot's of entertainment and plenty of time to snuggle up on the dance floor afterwards!

FORT WORTH - Barbara at **PARTNERS** tells me that **J. Christopher** will be appearing Saturday the 13th to help you celebrate Valentine's! Also, be sure to check out their ad in this issue for a complete rundown of weekly specials!

HOUSTON - February is going to be a busy month over at **BACCHUS**. On February 5th, there will be a **Community Fundraiser** at 9pm. It will be a musical variety show with comedy & live entertainment. On the 6th, **Becky & Amy** will exchange their wedding vows. And last, but certainly not least, **Mark** will be celebrating his birthday on the 15th.



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Dear Agnes

*Answers your questions about love,
relationships & personal problems*

Dear Agnes,

As you well know, Valentine's Day is rapidly approaching and I have lived with a wonderful woman for the last six years. I thought it would be nice to share with your readers some of the things we have done on past lover's days. A couple of years we had no money.

The first year we were together neither one of us had money; so I made coupons: Good for one afternoon in the park. Good for an afternoon in bed. Good for quiet evening at home. I drew little coupon looking drawings on plain typing paper and gave them to her. It was one of our nicest Valentine's ever. The possibilities are as limitless as your imagination.

The second year we were together. I took off work about thirty minutes early, rushed home, turned down the bed covers, put a cooler of wine in the bedroom, and made a dinner we could eat in bed. When she arrived home I had a tape we both loved playing real low in the background and I met her at the door in one of my favorite nighties. You can imagine the rest. It was wonderful.

The third year for Valentine's she put balloons and streamers all over the kitchen and study and had made a poster size Valentine's for me. It was a big red heart that simply said *be my Valentine*.

We have also given each other jewelry, flowers, dinner out, and and once she had me called home from work under false pretense but it was great when I got there. I don't really recommend this one unless you know where your lover works or she can lie with a straight face.

Needless to say Valentine's day is a special part of our relationship and we look forward to it each year. It is one holiday that is reserved for just us and what happens is limited only by our imaginations. I am looking forward to whatever surprises may be in store this year.

**"All Hearts"
Santa Fe**

Dear Hearts,

Thanks for sharing with us!
Your letter certainly gives me a few ideas.

Dear Agnes,

I'm 23 years old and have been out for four years. I recently met a woman who has been out for six years. We have a great time together and she says she wants a serious relationship with me. I want one with her too.

The problem is when we go out she sure doesn't act like it. When we are out she kisses everyone in the bar. She sits in people's laps and flirts past the normal extent that most people do. She lets people grab her and frankly acts sleazy.

When we are alone it is a different story. She is very loving and caring, but the minute we get to a party or the bar—it's repulsive.

I have tried to tell her how I feel about her behavior, but she insists I am being silly.

Where do I go from here? Any ideas?

Not Happy
San Maros

Dear Not,

Acceptable behavior means different things to different people. You say you have talked to her. Talk to her again and tell her specifically how her behavior makes you feel and why. Also tell her that you do not think you are being silly.

Where you go from here could be based on her reaction and willingness to compromise. You have got to decide what is best for you and act accordingly.



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The Hite Report
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Poetry

*As the soft warm sunlight peaks through the curtains
I catch a glimpse of the blue sky;
and suddenly this moment is lost in time
For today is only but a memory.
And as I think, visions from the corners of my mind are
flashed upon the screen of my thoughts
Memories so warm, tender and caring.
Able to forget all else for these few brief moments,
I am lost in Paradise.
The thought of togetherness surrounds me
and consumes my being.*

*I am but a creature of passion,
and yet, aren't we all.
We all have our fantasies,
and mine is YOU.*

*-Nina Sutton
Houston, TX*

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LOVE,

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&

INFATUATION

(The Basics)

by Cameron Taylor

Love is a strange and fickle emotion that afflicts almost all humans sooner or later. Countless books and poetry are dedicated to the subject. There are also statues, paintings, buildings, boats, planes, and grave stones dedicated in the name of love. Love even has it's own holiday- not a paid holiday, I might add. But maybe it should be. It is certainly a more exciting holiday than Columbus Day.

Love has many faces and stages and it is never the same for any two people. In fact if you walk up to two different people and ask, "What is Love?" You will get two completely different answers. Like all emotions, love is different things to different people.

There are however some similarities and sure fire signs to indicate when you are "in love". For example: You can't get her out of your mind. Of course, you are at work and this is one of the most critical meetings of the year for your work unit and



all you can think about is her! *Get this meeting over so I can call....* And driving home in rush hour traffic you search for her car. Sure you would recognize it. So what if there are 700 other cars that look just like her's. You look anyway.... And if you are at home-yes, that is her car that just drove down the street. It has to be her's or maybe that is her on the phone so you rush to answer it....And of course there is the jealousy monster which no one likes to associate with but everybody does. It is the fourth time today her ex-lover has called, first it was the cat had kittens and the last three times she called she just couldn't decide where to put them. And you could have told her where to put them the first time!

Then there is lust, also a four letter word and emotion - hormonal related. Lust is often confused with love. In many relationships, lust does play a key role. For example:

-18- There is a hot passion and you can

never seem to get enough of each other or keep your hands off each other....And who cares if dinner guests are arriving in fifteen minutes— we have time....And who cares if I only have a thirty minute lunch and it's a ten minute drive one way — we have time....And yes, it is three-thirty in the morning and you have got to get up at five — we have time. Now thank God this phase of love wanes after a few years and we begin to realize there is still a world out there or all of civilization, as we know it, might come to a halt. Now for some people when this phase of the relationship is over, they are off to "greener pastures" and to chase lust again and again...

But there are the die hards, who realize what lust is and put it in it's proper place within a relationship. These people also realize there is nothing wrong when you grow beyond the point where you can't keep your hands off each other anymore.

Now no discussion about love would be complete if infatuation were left out. Infatuation is simply being in love, usually with whoever is available at the time, for the sake of being "in love". As with the lust chaser, the infatuationist can often fall in and out of love in a matter of weeks or in some cases days. The major difference between these two is the infatuationist really believes they have found love with each and every relationship. If you aren't acquainted with an infatuationist you may be missing out because often the infatuationist has fascinating stories. Beware — after six months or so all the stories began to sound like reruns of Dallas.

Romance and love seem to go hand in hand. Unlike love, romance is action:

sending flowers, having a champagne dinner in front of the fireplace, doing weird and unexpected things to and for a potential lover. Now romance is practiced by all participants in the game of love from the lust chaser to the infatuationist. Some people get love and romance mixed up. It's an easy mistake.

Love, like all emotions, is difficult to explain. The dark side is so dark; hurt, pain, tears and the thought, *I'm never going through that again*. But we so quickly forget and that is because the bright side cancels out the dark. The heart has wings and there is passion again. It is all consuming. And the nicest part about love is there are no restrictions. Anybody can find it!



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Poetry

How does it feel to come to me,
so wounded, broken, fragile, free?
How can I fill up your world,
now that your heart has opened up to me, unfurled?

To cup your love inside my hand
is folding wings from sky that softly land,
I gather now and guard the spills,
and all my mind and soul it quickly fills.

Can you touch me now and see and feel
that all of this is really real?
Are there more softer words to say
to seal your heart with me to stay?

I see your heart and feel its beat
with no more chains, no more retreat
Suspended, healing in its place
yet slowly waiting, mending with its grace.

Now turn around and look to see
all I am you formed in me.
At last I earn your treasured smile
I feel so whole, complete somehow.

-tommie
San Antonio, TX

Graffiti

CB - HOPE IT WORKS!
IT SHOULD BE INTERESTING
TO FIND OUT - RH

MENTEK: WATCH THIS SPACE!

Happy Birthday Mark.

JUDY,
HAPPY B-DAY!
R & T

HAPPY WEDDING
BECKY &
AMY.

HAPPY
V-DAY!
EVERYBODY!

WOOGIE,
HOPE THIS HUG REACHES THE
OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD &
HAPPY 5TH ANNIVERSARY!
ALL MY LOVE,
POOGIE

JAMES -
S___ HAPPENS!

ZANE,
I HOPE THINGS ARE
GOING WELL IN
FLORIDA.
RENA

JEFF, KEEP LOOKING,
YOUR NAME ISN'T
HERE THIS MONTH

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help to keep
only will always
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A Discussion of Lesbian Literature Both New and Old

This month T. Sumner Reviews:

The Love of Good Women

by Isabel Miller

Say Jesus and Come To Me

by Ann Allen Shockley

Valentine's Day is upon us and even though spring isn't here quite yet, the anticipation can be felt in the air. What better time to talk about books that concern love and romance? This month I will review two novels about love...the love of women for other women, men, children, independence and strength.

I'll start with The Love of Good Women by Isabel Miller (Naiad Press, \$8.95), author of Patience and Sarah. I spoke briefly of this book last summer. I have read it again since and was amazed at the things I had missed in my first reading.

This is the story of two women forced by circumstance to review their lives and change them accordingly. It is set at the end of World War II when many women were finding that

they could be more than a servant to men. It is a story of love. It is a story of change. It is a story of strength.

Trudi is tied to a man who has beat her down mentally until she gets a job "to help with the war effort." Her change from a down-trodden, scared housewife to a strong, independent woman is truly inspiring.

Milly is Trudi's sister-in-law and a lesbian. Her husband is willing to allow her fantasies only because they tie in with his. While he is away at war, Milly finally finds that she cannot remain married and find true happiness with her lesbian lover.

Both women come to the realization that love is what has been missing from their lives and in gaining that love, they

also gain their freedom. This book is extremely well written with much hidden humor. If you read it once, wait a few months and read it again, you'll find something new every time.

Say Jesus and Come to Me by Ann Allen Shockley (Naiad Press, \$8.95) is also a story about love and change. This novel revolves around Myrtle Black, a black woman evangelist and Travis Lee, a successful singer.

Myrtle has a bad habit of picking up girls at the revivals she preaches around the South. When she reaches Nashville however, she falls in love with Travis who's lifestyle revolves

around drugs, alcohol and several extremely overbearing men. Their love changes them both. They have to face up to their pasts and remake their futures.

Say Jesus and Come to Me also grapples with racism, women's rights, the conflict between religion and homosexuality and organized crime. Pretty exciting stuff if you ask me!

Both of these books and many more are available from Naiad Press, P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, Fla. 32302. Catalogs are available upon request. Happy Valentine's and Happy reading!



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Quiz

Are You A Romantic?



Action speaks louder than words. We have all heard that one, but probably no where else does it ring so true as in love. How do you rate in the romance department? Have you ever been told, "You aren't as romantic as you use to be." Do your thoughts and actions relay the message you want them to? Take this quiz and find out.

1. When you become interested in something, which of the following statements best describes you.

- A. The rest of my life is put on hold.
- B. I will be consumed for a while and then lose interest.
- C. Most of my interests result in an on-going fascination.

2. In describing your relationship, with a lover you would say:

- A. Her happiness is the most important.
- B. My happiness is the most important.

3. You would describe a romantic evening as:

- A. Watching TV with plenty of beer in the fridge.
- B. A candlelight dinner in a nice restaurant.
- C. Wine and cheese in bed with candle light.

4. You consider spur of the moment:

- A. Calling out for pizza.

B. Making love in the park.
C. Taking a drive for the afternoon and coming home four days later after a trip to the mountains.

5. What do you fear the most?
A. Losing your job
B. Being broke
C. Being alone

6. You arrive home to find flowers all over your apartment. You immediately assume:
A. Your roommate is sick.
B. They are from your lover.

7. Being in love is?
A. A myth.
B. Not something you ever want to experience.
C. Great, even when things aren't up to par all the time.

8. Jealousy is an emotion that you
A. Have experienced.
B. Would never admit to.
C. Have experienced but do not feel it has created any problems in your relationships, past or present.

9. When you fall in love it will?
A. Definitely last for a lifetime.
B. Be good for a few years, everybody knows love doesn't last forever.

10. The word commitment
A. scares you to death.
B. Makes you think of your parents.
C. Gives you sense of

well-being and security.

11. When I meet the right person for me
A. I'll know right then and there.
B. I may be surprised.

12. You come home to find your girlfriend has let herself in and there are candles burning, champagne on ice, and the bed is turned down. You had a terrible day and are not in the mood to see anyone. You tell her
A. I had a really bad day and wish you had called before planning this little surprise.
B. This is the best thing that has happened all day and proceed to enjoy yourself.

13. Your idea of great sex is
A. once a month with the TV on.
B. on the beach back in the dunes away from prying eyes.
C. in the guest bedroom with the full moon shining in the window.

14. The only reason you would be unfaithful to your lover is
A. revenge.
B. lust.
C. boredom
D. because you are in love with someone else.

15. Special occasions
A. never slip your mind.
B. occasionally slip your mind.
C. always slip your mind.

SCORING

Check your answers against those below and then add them up and see where you are on the scale.

1. a-1, b-0, c-2
2. a-3, b-0
3. a-0, b-1, c-2
4. a-0, b-2, c-1
5. a-0, b-0, c-3
6. a-0, b-3
7. a-0, b-0, c-3
8. a-2, b-0, c-1
9. a-2, b-1
10. a-0, b-1, c-2
11. a-1, b-2
12. a-1, b-2
13. a-0, b-2, c-1
14. a-0, b-1, c-0, d-2
15. a-2, b-1, c-0

if you scored: 34-23

You are definitely a true romantic! Love finds you at your best. You can spend hours or sometimes days planning something special for a lover or friend. Rarely do you miss birthdays or anniversaries. Love could be a lifetime preoccupation with you. The only disadvantage the true romantic usually encounters is that love doesn't measure up to all their expectations.

22-11

You have a healthy and realistic outlook about love and romance. You certainly are not the most romantic person in the world but when you do commit yourself – look out! There can

be some real surprises for the person who has captured your attentions. Love is not necessarily something you are constantly on the lookout for, but you certainly know how to enjoy it when it is around.

10-0

If you have problems in the romance department, it is no wonder. You are either the biggest pessimist about love in the world or you just don't take time to be creative. Try changing your thinking, be imaginative, do something unexpected and surprising for your lover or girlfriend. Try a candle lit bath, or dinner in bed, or an evening in front of the fire. Let your imagination run wild, you will be surprised with the results.



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What's in the Stars for you this Month?

Love, Money, Travel

AQUARIUS

(Jan 20th - Feb 18th)

Everyone seems to want your attention during the first week of February. From the 7th thru the 14th you will need to make a budget and stick with it. First of the year spending has finally caught up with you. Romance is on the agenda from the 15th through the 21st. You may also find yourself making the rounds of parties with your friends. Take your new love along, your friends will like her. From the 22nd thru the 29th, a short trip to visit loved ones could be in order or you may find yourself with visitors from out of town. Either way it will be a relaxing week.

PISCES

(Feb 19th - Mar 20th)

You get just what you deserve during the first week of February. If you have worked hard, you will reap rewards. If you've been goofing off, expect to pay the consequences. From the 8th thru the 14th you could find yourself on an unexpected trip due to business or personal affairs. From the 15th thru the 21st watch out for romance! This, mixed with a raise or bonus from work will make this a great week for Pisces. From the 22nd thru month's end you may be feeling a little short tempered. Try to censor your words and watch out for people trying to pull you into an argument.

ARIES

(Mar 21st - Apr 19th)

A party given in your honor during the first week of this month could lead to a new romance! From the 8th thru the 14th your new romance blossoms. However, even with your new love life, you will have tendency to be short tempered. From the 15th thru the 21st your jealous tendencies will come to the forefront. There is no reason at all for you to be jealous. Learn to trust your loved ones. From the 22nd thru month's end you may be unhappy even though you are in love. This restlessness may be due to an ultimatum or a threat to leave from a friend. Concentrate on work and this will help you feel better.

TAURUS

(Apr 20th - May 20th)

You may be on the lookout for a new romance that can give you an advantage at work or in a new social group during the first week of this month. Give it up. You'll have to make it on your own or not at all. From the 8th thru the 14th problems at work will dominate your time and not leave you with time for a social life at all. Everything calms down again from the 15th thru the 21st and your social life is back in the forefront. Don't try to climb any social ladders right now, just go out and have fun. From the 22nd thru the 29th an unexpected turn of events

puts romance right in your path. Take advantage of it. It may not last forever, but it will sure be fun while it does.

GEMINI

(May 21st - June 21st)

You may feel that a current love relationship is going nowhere during the first week of February. You may just be feeling the winter doldrums and things will get better as the weather warms up. From the 8th thru the 14th your work will keep you busy enough to keep your mind off problems at home. Social gatherings also provide some relief. From the 15th thru the 21st you may find yourself in the mood to spend. Go ahead, your budget can stand it right now. Buy a nice gift for your loved one, it will be received with great appreciation. From the 22nd through month's end try to control your urge get caught up in the social whirl. You will be happier and less likely to get in a jam if you stay at home.

CANCER

(June 22nd - July 22nd)

During the first week of February you will have to resist your impulse to spend money heedlessly. You have just gotten into the habit of spending wisely, don't backslide now. From the 8th thru the 14th you may be feeling slightly depressed, don't worry though, you'll snap out of it toward the end of the week with a little help from your friends. From the 15th thru the 21st a short trip may be on the agenda. This will help relieve some of the tension that has been building up on the job. From the 22nd thru the 29th you may receive letters or phone

calls from someone far away that you don't want to hear from. Be sure you make it plain that you would rather not be bothered or you will never get rid of them.

LEO

(July 23rd - Aug 22nd)

Don't let your friends and associates influence your decisions during the first week of February. Your gut feelings are probably right, go with them. From the 8th thru the 14th you will be in a period of great luck. Romance, career and monetary matter will all be influenced for the better. Coast along and let it happen. From the 15th thru the 21st the social scene calls to you and you follow. You could meet someone very affluent or influential, use it to your advantage. From the 22nd thru the 29th watch out and don't let your ego get the best of you. Once again, Luck will be on your side and your ego can only get in the way and make things hard on you.

VIRGO

(Aug 23rd - Sept 22nd)

During the first week of February what seem to be problems on the job could actually lead to a promotion or a new and better job in the near future. From the 8th thru the 14th your charisma hits a new high and you are in the spotlight at social events. This could lead to a new romance or involvement with a new group of friends. From the 15th thru the 21st commitment is emphasized whether in the romantic sense or career-wise, your long-range outlook will change. From the 22nd thru the 29th some disruptions in your routine will keep you interested on the job and keep your romantic life going in

full-swing. Don't underestimate the power of a lover or business partner to help you reach a goal.

LIBRA

(Sept 23rd - Oct 23rd)

New directions in both your social life and your career could mean a busy time for Libra during the first week of February. Take time out for yourself. From the 8th thru the 14th the trend started last week continues and this brings the potential for romance and a boost in earnings. Take advantage. From the 15th thru the 21st new contacts in business or on the job could bring a lasting change to your life. From the 22nd thru month's end you may want to take some risks in business and in romance. Playing everything by the rules does not always pay off and luck is on your side right now.

SCORPIO

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)

Nitpicking will get you nowhere during the first week of February. Friends, lovers and co-workers will only resent your intrusion. From the 8th thru the 14th a plan for romance could send you on a shopping spree to update your wardrobe and dress up your home. Go ahead! Not only will it lift your spirits but your romantic interest will be impressed with your taste. From the 15th thru the 21st you may find yourself moving away from old friends and co-workers due to a transfer or events beyond your control. Don't despair, new friends are just waiting to find you wherever you may go. From the 22nd thru the 29th a decision will have to be made that could effect the rest of your life. Don't let anyone influence you right now.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 24th - Dec 21st)

Social occasions call during the first week of February and you come running! This could be just what you need to get you out of the emotional slump you've been in since January. From the 8th thru the 14th look forward to increased power and money on the job, a higher up could recognize your leadership qualities and all the hard work you've put in over the last few years finally brings you some reward! From the 15th thru the 21st a new romance where there was only friendship could take you by surprise. From the 22nd thru month's end some difficult choices that come your way could be settled for you before you even get a chance to evaluate them.

CAPRICORN

(Dec 22nd - Jan 19th)

There are many things you want to do during the first week of February but your budget may not allow for them. From the 8th thru the 14th everything is going your way...money, social occasions, new friends, romance and increased recognition on the job can all be yours! From the 15th thru the 21st this trend continues but you start to feel things are going to fast. Don't take yourself so seriously! Sit back and let it happen. From the 22nd thru the 29th you are starting to feel comfortable with the new direction your life is taking and this make you feel much more confident. The time is right to move ahead.





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