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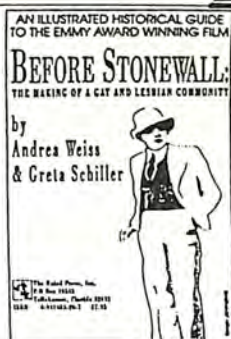
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From the Editor

In my life, I have seen the gay community go from a shy group who met at a guy's house to "get to know each other" to a well organized political and social machine. We have gone from ground zero to one of the most organized political and socialized groups in the nation. That by no means implies that we are perfect – yet.

I grew up in a small West Texas town with a population under 800. Needless to say, when I discovered that I was a lesbian, it was socially and emotionally traumatic.

When I came out in high school, it wasn't popular to be a lesbian – still isn't for that matter. I was the center of attention for all the old gossips in town. My first lover left town while I was still in high school and got married.

I moved to Lubbock for "higher" education and found my second and third lovers. During the first years, there were no bars in Lubbock and we really did go to Johnny's house to party. That was the beginning of the first Gay organization on the Tech campus. I remember the first meeting on campus. There were four girls; me, the girl I lived with, and a couple from Colorado who had read about it in the university paper and dropped in. The meeting was disrupted when a cameraman from the newspaper came in. We threw him out. This was the 70's, and although we weren't around during the "great gay purge" in the '50's, we had heard horror stories, and we were all afraid of losing our jobs, being thrown out of our homes, etc.

As for partying, if you wanted excitement, you went to the bus station with the guys. Then, we discovered the bars in Odessa and Amarillo. On Saturday night, we would get three or four people and go party.

Then Lubbock started to get bars, currently we have three. None of them are lesbian. Just Magic closed about a year ago, after being open for five years. Yes, it was sad to see it close, but based on Lubbock history I'm just glad we had one. We have a number of organizations – strong organizations – and the MCC church here. Some of the brightest and best leaders of the lesbian and gay community come from Lubbock.

We have made major strides in our struggle in the past few years. The surest way to judge how far a movement has grown is to look at the foothold it has in the smaller communities. We are here and here to stay. At last, we are recognized as the minority we are. No one ever has a right to tell you who to love or discriminate against you because of it. Our communities have their problems, as most communities do, but we can overcome all obstacles if we stand united.

Roxanne Hunter
Editor

To the Editor

GREAT VACATIONS

Dear Dimensions:

I just wanted to say that it was good to see the article about "Summer Vacations for Women". I am a travel agent, and information on trips for "women only" isn't something easily found.

SAS

Denton, TX

Dear Dimensions:

I was in San Antonio recently and picked up a copy of Dimensions. I am thirty-eight years old and have been out for years, however, I did not know there were so many options for lesbian travel.

I was delighted to find the addresses for the guides. I just got my first copy of Places of Interest to Women and it is great.

I am making vacation plans now!

Thanks,

Name Withheld

Boerne, TX

T-SHIRTS & APPRECIATION

Dear Dimensions:

Thanks for the hand-written note included with our T-Shirts. We really appreciate your publication — and you!!!

Vicki & Cheryl

Ft. Worth, TX

BOOK REVIEWS

Dear Dimensions:

I am just writing to say thanks. I

have always been a reader, of anything I could get my hands on—romances, murder mysteries, psychological thrillers, etc...

I just finished reading To The Lightning by Catherine Ennis. I found it delightful, but I hope there will be a sequel. Lessons in Murder by Claire McNab kept me guessing up until the end about "who done it".

I just want you to know that when Ms. Sumner says "read it", she is right on target. I haven't been disappointed yet. She is very objective about the literature that passes her desk. I think she is an asset to your magazine.

Julie

Dallas, TX

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News

From Around the Region, the Country & the World

Dallas Judge Puts End to AZT Waiting List

DALLAS - A Dallas County district judge has ordered Parkland Memorial Hospital to eliminate the AIDS patient waiting list for AZT and to begin offering an experimental drug treatment for those who need it.

Judge John Marshall ruled on the suit filed by the Dallas Gay Alliance, five Parkland patients and seven deceased patients. The seven patients died while on the waiting list for AZT.

The lawsuit accused Parkland of violating state and federal laws by not providing enough doctors to handle the number of AIDS patients at the clinic and by withholding some treatments that are readily available to patients at other hospitals.

The AIDS clinic is run by Parkland and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. It is currently treating 679 patients suffering from AIDS, ARC or HIV infection.

There are currently 20 patients with ARC on the waiting list for AZT.

No Bags Allowed in Oklahoma!

OKLAHOMA CITY - The first Gay Pride Parade in Oklahoma is being planned for Oklahoma City. Members of the gay community have been meeting weekly since April 14th to brainstorm Gay Pride Week activities. The parade, which touches off the week, will begin at Memorial Park at NW 36th and Classen and end at the annual Block Party behind the Oasis building on NW 39th. The theme for this year's week is "Rightfully Proud in '88".

Gay Pride Week begins on June 19th and runs through June 25th. Planning meetings are being held every Thursday at the Oasis Community Center, 2135 NW 39th, at 7:30pm. Anyone interested in helping to plan this year's festivities is welcome to attend.

It has been learned that it is illegal in Oklahoma for three or more people in any one organization to wear a bag or covering over their heads. The planning committee is discussing other ways to disguise identities so that everyone will be able to march. If

you would like information on this or the march, contact the Oasis Community Center at (405) 525-2437 or Herland Sister Resources at (405) 794-7464.

Razzle Dazzle Celebrates 10th Anniversary

DALLAS - The tenth annual Razzle Dazzle Dallas is once again in the works as a celebration of Gay Pride Week. The event takes place at Fair Park in Dallas on Saturday, June 18th. It will consist of a party, disco, C&W music, a bazaar, food and drink, entertainment, contests and games.

For further information about Razzle Dazzle Dallas, write to Reed Hunsdorfer at P.O. Box 224562, Dallas, TX 75222-4562.

Toll Free Travel Hotline Now Available

ATLANTA - The Lambda Hotline, operated by the Lambda Traveler, Ltd. is officially in service for toll free use by the nationwide Lesbian/Gay public.

The Lambda Hotline is an 800 telephone line designed to help the Lesbian/Gay community plan their travel with ease and affordability. Operators can help the caller with information about most destinations in the United States. The Hotline Service offers information about

hotels/ guesthouses/resorts, bars/ nightclubs, tours, car rentals, major places of interest, and the travel agent nearest the caller.

The Lambda Hotline Network is sponsored by community businesses around the United States that have a special interest in accommodating the Lesbian/Gay lifestyle.

The Lambda Traveler, Ltd. is a travel consulting company dedicated to the lesbian/gay community with a bi-monthly newsletter, Lambda Travel Club and the Lambda Hotline. The Hotline number is 1-800-TRIP-GAY.

Lesbian Nun "Wrecks" Marriage

BROWNSVILLE - Friday, May 20, a jury awarded \$1.5 million to Steve Woolverton who claimed former Sister Mary Kregar of the Brownsville Catholic Diocese seduced his wife and destroyed his marriage. He further contended that church officials were negligent for allowing Sister Kregar to continue working after the affair was reported.

Mrs. Woolverton played the guitar in the church choir of which Ms. Kregar was director. The two supposedly became involved in a lesbian relationship and Mr. Woolverton claims Ms. Kregar used her position to seduce his wife.

After five hours of deliberation, the jury awarded Steve Woolverton \$500,000 in damages and an

additional \$500,000 in exemplary damages from Ms. Kregar and \$500,000 in exemplary damages from the Catholic diocese.

Lesbian/Gay Book Club Open For Business

SOUTH NORWALK, Connecticut -

A new gay and lesbian book club is being introduced. The club is geared to the mail order buyer of gay and lesbian books.

Mr. Letendre, the founder, announced that he will be working with almost all the gay and lesbian presses and that they have been very cooperative in letting him have their most popular books.

Liberation Book Club has few rules. To join, send your name and address to the Club's Post Office Box 453,

South Norwalk, CT 06856. A new brochure will be sent out about every six weeks, with more than a dozen gay or lesbian books from which to choose.

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EVERYWHERE ! ! ! - Gay Pride Parades, activities & festivities will be going on most cities during the month of June. The official dates for Gay Pride Week are from June 18th thru June 25th. Many communities will celebrate on different dates, so, check with your local gay organization or publication for dates and events!

AUSTIN - In the immortal words of Phillip — "It's Fabulous!" "It" is the newly remodeled NEXUS! Etched glass, aquariums and new boom boxes on the sound system are only the beginning. There is now more room to dance, seating all around the dance floor and lots of room to have fun! Of course, there are always **drink specials, shows, pool tournaments, steak night and happy hour at NEXUS / PETTICOAT JUNCTION but now you can have it all in a new, more glamorous atmosphere! Also, rumor has it that there will be an Austin's **Alternative Reunion** coming up in the future ... keep your eye on this column for further info!**

HOUSTON - The RANCH has two big events coming up in June. On Sunday the 5th, check out the women's softball team, the

Hollywood Bears at their Benefit Show. On Friday the 10th, it's Casino Night! There will be Black Jack, Roulette, Craps and just about anything else you could find in Vegas. Casino Night will benefit the Men's and Women's Softball League of Montrose. Take note that Tuesday night C&W Dance Lessons have been suspended for awhile. No word yet on when they start back up but we'll keep you informed. Remember to bring your Astros Ticket stub in to the RANCH. You can redeem it for a Super Happy Hour Drink!

DALLAS - Do you like beautiful women? Then check out HIGH COUNTRY on Thursday the 16th. That's when the "Ms. Gay Dallas Presents" PWA Benefit hits the stage! Of course, your Emcee will be Brandi with co-host Connie McLain of Little Rock, Arkansas. Past Ms. Gay Dallas' to appear, include: Judy Christopher, Lisa Bryson, Bridgett and Vicki Brothers. On the 30th, it's Butch Nite with all butch entertainers! Also, on Mondays, Steak Out is being held at the BARRACKS.

DALLAS - On the 10th of June, be sure to be at RUMORS for Lynne Lavner! The event is sponsored by

the **Metropolitan Community Church** and **Among Friends** and it should be a great night. On the 17th you can **Sing-A-Long with Marge!** There will also be numerous **theme parties** throughout the month of June. Be sure to check at the bar for dates, details and "appropriate attire"!

HOUSTON - The **37th Annual Warren Payne Women's Fast Pitch Tournament** will hit Houston July 8,9 & 10 at Memorial, #'s 1,4,5. Women from all over the country will be there playing their hearts out and you can get your tickets at **KINDRED SPIRITS!** While you are waiting for the tournament to come to town, be sure and catch the **Coors Beer Promo** at **KINDRED SPIRITS** on Friday, June 17th. **Debbie** says it's gonna be fun so be sure and be there!

FT. WORTH - Ft. Worth's **Gay Pride Week** will start Friday, June 3rd with a **GPW Kickoff Party** at **PARTNERS**. There will be entertainment, door prizes and lots of

fun! Remember, Ft. Worth's **Gay Pride Week** runs from June 3rd-11th. The **Annual Picnic** will be held on the 11th at **Greenway Park**. **PARNTERS** supports **Gay Pride Week** and will be open after the **Picnic**. Also, be sure to check at the bar for all kinds of fun summer activities. There will be special appearances by a number of performers including **J. Christopher**, and lots of great activities like the **Boat Trip on Eagle Mountain Lake!**

DALLAS - Look for the **Grand Opening** of **SUE ELLEN'S**, the newest bar on the Dallas scene, sometime in June!

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Dear Agnes

Answers to your questions about love,
relationships & personal problems

Dear Agnes,

Do you think it is possible to love two or more women, then yet yearn for another? In many ways, commitment scares me. And, when I feel I'm getting too involved, I look elsewhere.

Do you think I'll ever change my wicked ways and learn to give love, as well as, receive it? Eventually I hope to fall in love and to release my inner feelings to only one.

Wilde Childe
Austin, TX

Dear Childe,

Yes, it is possible to love two women at one time and there is nothing wrong with it if you are honest about your feelings with all the parties involved. Your letter suggests that once a relationship reaches the point that there are expectations of you — you are off to a new woman. Commitment is a dirty word to many people, but we can't live without it. Everyone has commitments of one kind or another (job, rent, relationships, etc.).

I think you will change your "wicked ways" when and if you ever decide to. If it creates problems or makes you unhappy talk to a counselor and explore why you are afraid to make a commitment to one person.

Dear Agnes,

I'm having a major problem. It is between me and my child, an eleven

year old boy. He's a good boy and very bright, yet he seems to try and tell me which woman is right for me. We have talked about the fact that this is my life.

He wants me to settle down with this girl that I don't think is right for me. She's very sweet, clean and loves me, but, its all to perfect. I can't find anything wrong to complain about.

I guess I want to just be free and stay away from the hurt that goes along with love.

How should I handle this problem? Is there a way out?

Unwanted Chains
Austin, TX

Dear Unwanted Chains,

The way you signed your letter said it all. Don't get yourself into a relationship just because your son wants you to, but don't run from one because you are afraid of a commitment. That is like choosing not to live because you know you will die.

Sit your son down and explain how you feel about this relationship and why. Often adults explain what they are doing but not why. Maybe this will help close the gap. You should encourage him to talk about why he wants you in this relationship and maybe it will help you understand.

Dear Agnes,

I have a friend that loves to live in a crisis. If she doesn't have a crisis, she

creates one. Everytime she gets involved in a group of people there is trouble, everything from fights to hard feelings. To make matters worse, she is a liar and I have caught her changing stories to suite herself on a number of occasions.

I live in a small community and we do not need any help fighting with each other. In fact, things were better here before she came.

I can't figure out if she enjoys being a bitch or if she is just so ignorant she doesn't know she causes all these problems. What do you think?

Just sign me—

Tired of the Crap!

Dear Tired,

I think in order to be dramatic most people need an audience. If the audience disappears these people usually disappear too. No community needs this kind of "crap". Read the way you signed your letter and act accordingly (leave her alone). Even if you stick around and figure this woman out, what have you gained?



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A Glance Back At Gay Liberation

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Although nostalgically remembered by Hollywood as a time of soda-shops, boy-meets girl romances, and pink Cadillacs, for lesbians and gay men the Fifties was an oppressive, fearful time. McCarthyism ushered in the new decade: not only Communists (or those suspected to be) but also homosexuals, unmarried women and other non-conformists became victims of a veritable witchhunt conducted by Senator McCarthy in one branch of Congress and by the House UnAmerican Activities Committee in the other.

In a carefully orchestrated campaign to direct the political, social and economic life of Americans into a conservative, homogenous, anti-Soviet force, our country's leaders criticized McCarthy's extremist tactics while supporting his devastating campaign. In this period of American history, known as the Cold War era,

homosexuals were deemed to be security risks and unstable personalities, and were systematically investigated and fired from their jobs. Because homosexuals for the most part were full of fear and internalized self-hatred, the idea of fighting back against this repression was practically impossible. One man, Dr. Frank Kameny, a government scientist at the beginning of his short career, was called into his superior's office, and told:

"We have reason to believe that you are a homosexual. Do you have any comment?" And I said, "What's the information?" And they said, "We can't tell you, that might reveal our sources."...By the end of the year, sort of as a Christmas present, I was out.

In the military, where homosexuals were relatively tolerated during World War II, the tone had changed to one of rigid intolerance. One woman ... tells of her painful experiences when the military launched an investigation of her. She had joined for the very reasons they advertised — to meet new people, to travel and learn a skill, to escape the confines of her small

hometown. For the first time in her life, she felt good about herself and about her contributions to her country. But this would be short-lived.

I was in the service during the McCarthy era, '51, 2 and 3. The OSI started an investigation of me because some of the women I had been associated with were under investigation for homosexuality. There was no time of day when they wouldn't come and get me. I'm not easily intimidated but I was totally intimidated by these men. This had been going on for 10 or 11 months, and I knew I was at an emotional, a physical, and a mental breaking point. I knew it was either tell them and get out now, or see myself in some hospital someplace.

Homosexuals were no more welcome in social circles than they were in the work force. Parents tried to have their children "cured," or failing that, "disowned" them. Marge Summit, a bar owner in Chicago, remembers the pain of such experiences:

When we were growing up, most of our parents, when they found out we were gay, we were excommunicated from the family, or we were just totally dropped. We weren't invited to alot of family affairs. My mother tore up my brother's wedding invitation to me because she didn't want the "queer" coming to the wedding. There were alot of things like that happening to gay kids growing up in the Fifties...

...In the early 1950's, at the crest of this wave of political repression and social conformity, two organizations of self-defined homosexuals were founded on the West Coast — One, Inc. and the Mattachine Society. In an effort to thwart pre-conceived notions

that gay people were only interested in sex, the Mattachine Society called itself a *homophile* organization.

The idea for this secret, cell-like organization originated with an ex-member of the Communist Party, USA. An elaborate system of membership and leadership was proposed by Harry Hay and his fellow travelers.

We didn't know at that point that there had ever been a gay organization of any sort anywhere in the world before. Absolutely no knowledge of that at all. So [we] felt that we had to be very, very careful in everything that we did, and think about it very carefully, or we could make a mistake. If we made a mistake, and got into the papers the wrong way, we could hurt the idea of a movement for years to come. And we were terrified of doing that.

Over the decade, Mattachine's activities grew to include fighting police entrapment and sponsoring discussion groups. The Mattachine Society and One, Inc. published America's first openly homosexual magazines, *The Mattachine Review* and *One*. While these activities sound tame by today's standards, in the 1950's simply to congregate as a group of gay people was a defiant act of courage. At this time, same-sex dancing was illegal, references to homosexuals in movies were illegal, and gay bars were routinely raided by the police.

...The few women who found their way to the Mattachine Society discovered it wasn't the most supportive place for lesbians, and instead turned to yet a third organization to emerge in the Dark Fifties, the Daughters of Bilitis.

Founded in 1955 by a lesbian couple in San Francisco, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, its primary goals were to educate the lesbian general public about lesbianism, and to provide a social gathering place outside of the bars. Barbara Gittings, an early gay activist and member of the DOB, recalls that its publication, *The Ladder*,

...somehow got passed around from hand to hand and they got mailed from one subscriber to another in some other part of the country ... and the little organizations office would have letters and phone calls from isolated gay people, sometimes even to afraid to give a name on the telephone, who would say things like "I'm just grateful for your existence, for the sheer existence of groups of my own kind that I can turn to."

...Like an underground stream spouting above ground now and then, the gay subculture and homophile movement went largely unseen by those not privy to it. But a dramatic confrontation changed this course, when Allen Ginsberg's *HOWL*, a book of poetry with graphic homosexual imagery, was seized by the police in 1957. The ensuing censorship battle, in which the prosecutors tried to have Ginsberg's book declared obscene, resulted in a victory for author and publisher. The following year, *One Magazine* won a similar case against the U.S. Postal Service, which allowed all gay publications use of the U.S. Mail. In effect, as Allen Ginsberg claims, the censorship forces acted as publicists for a new sensibility. More people than ever now knew about these publications, and more people than ever wanted to read them. By the end

of the decade, paperback books with lesbian and gay themes appeared in relatively large numbers, and took on great significance in the lives of lesbians and gay men: they recognized themselves in the characters and came to New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco, looking for the gay world these books often portrayed.

So, while the Fifties were a time of repressive conformity, they also laid the groundwork for the changing consciousness among gay people — from despair and self-hatred to minority group identification — that would reach fruition only a decade later.

The book, *Before Stonewall: The Making of a Gay and Lesbian Community*, An illustrated historical guide to the Emmy-award winning film, is available through your local bookstore or Naiad Press, P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, Fla 32302 for \$7.95 plus 15% postage.

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translation by Josephine Balmer

SPLENDORA

by Edward Swift

In the spirit of Gay Pride, I am introducing you to a brand new Lesbian/Gay press this month — Meadowland Books of Secaucus, New Jersey. I'll show you two of their first offerings, one fiction, one non-fiction.

We'll start with non-fiction. Sappho: Poems & Fragments is an award winning translation by Josephine Balmer.

Sappho was the first and one of the best loved lesbian poets. Ms. Balmer tells us that the ancient Greeks considered her one of their finest poets. Plato called her the 'tenth Muse', her face could be found on coins and vases, there were even statues built of her.

In later years, hundreds of years after her death, Sappho's name

was surrounded by scandal. A medieval pope ordered all copies of her poetry burnt because he considered the overt eroticism to be subversive.

This translation not only gives you all of Sappho's poetry in one volume, but in an easily readable form with insightful commentary and historical perspective. If you've ever tried to read the stodgy, earlier translations, you will find this book delightful not only in completeness but also in its accuracy and openness.

Now, we'll make an about face to some fun fiction, Splendor, by Edward Swift. Splendor is a little town in East Texas that is chock full of interesting characters. Timothy John grew up there but left at an early age

for New Orleans. When he returns years later, it is as a woman, and the town's new librarian.

Now, no one realizes that Miss Jessie Gatewood is Timothy John. Miss Jessie takes the town by storm, all the ladies wear her hairstyle and have dresses made just like hers. She is definitely a trendsetter, but can she keep up the pretense?

Everything is going along fine until the town's assistant pastor begins to fall in love with Miss Jessie. How does Timothy John/Miss Jessie get out of this one? You'll have to read it to find out!

I would definitely recommend this book for all lovers of high

camp comedy. I would almost swear that some of the townspeople are people I grew up around but infinitely more funny.

Both of these books are excellent quality paperbacks with beautiful cover art and easy to read type. I would recommend both to everyone. Sappho: Poems & Fragments is especially wonderful for students of feminism and/or poetry. Splendor is great for anyone.

Both of these books are available for \$6.95 from Meadowland Books, A Division of Lyle Stuart, Inc., 120 Enterprise Avenue, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094.



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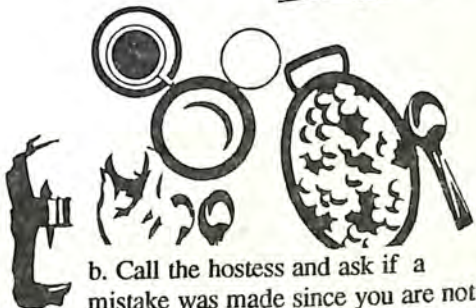
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Most of us know when to say please and thank you, not to put our elbows on the table and to always thank the hostess when we leave a party. But, there are some finer points to etiquette. Take the quiz below to find out if your mother would be proud of you or embarrassed.

- 1. Many of your friends have been invited to a party. You would like to go, but have not been invited, you:**
- Go anyway, without an invitation.

- Call the hostess and ask if a mistake was made since you are not invited.
- Forget about the party and make other plans.

- 2. A very good friend has just bought an expensive, non-returnable outfit that looks terrible on her. When she asks you what you think, you:**
- Tell her it looks horrible (after all, you are her friend and she deserves the truth).

- b. Tell her it looks great.
- c. Say that it looks nice but you like the outfit she had on last week better.

3. While out shopping, you and your aunt run into your boss, you:

- a. Neither, they will work it out for themselves.
- b. Introduce your aunt to your boss.
- c. Introduce your boss to your aunt.

4. You recently met a very attractive woman. You call and invite her to dinner and a movie. You should be prepared to pay for:

- a. Nothing, you invited her, that is the end of your obligation.
- b. Either dinner or the movie.
- c. Everything, including tips.

5. You are out with friends at a restaurant and want a cigarette, you:

- a. Light one up, you know no one will mind.
- b. Wait until after dinner and then light up.
- c. Wait until dinner is over and then ask if they mind your smoking.

6. You have been in the hospital for several days and received many flowers, you:

- a. Say thank you the next time you see the people that sent them.
- b. Don't acknowledge them, after all, they know you aren't feeling well and don't expect a thank you.
- c. Write a thank you note as soon as you feel up to it.

7. You are at the bar with a group of friends. You need one more chair for everyone to

have a seat. You:

- a. Take the nearest chair.
- b. Ask the people at the next table if you can have one of their chairs.
- c. Take a chair from a unoccupied table.

8. You are invited to an after-hours-party. You:

- a. Promptly write down the address and pass it out to everyone you know.
- b. Ask the DJ to announce over the P.A.; even though it is at someone else's house.
- c. Ask the hostess if you can bring a friend.

9. You have dropped by a friend's house and have suddenly decided you are hungry. You:

- a. Dig through the refrigerator to see if there is anything you want.
- b. Invite yourself to hang around for supper.
- c. Tell them you are going to get something to eat and invite them along.

10. A very good friend has given you a house key to use in emergencies and when they are out of town. You:

- a. Stop by to use their bathroom and use the key to go in.
- b. Use the key when no-one answers your knock quickly enough.
- c. Use the key only in dire emergencies or when asked.

11. You have a camping trip planned with three other couples. The week before the trip, one couple breaks up. You:

- a. Dis-invite both of them.

- b. Make it clear that one is welcome, but not both.
c. Leave the invitations open, and let them work it out.

12. You have a friend who brings drugs (of which you don't approve) into your home. You:

- a. Ignore the situation, even though it offends you.
b. Ask her lover to talk with her about it.
c. Tell her you love her, but that you do not want drugs brought into your home by anyone.

13. You borrowed money from a friend and can't pay it back on time. You:

- a. Avoid seeing or talking to her.
b. Don't bring it up and hope she doesn't.
c. Call immediately and explain the situation.

14. A friend's whose house you frequent always has beer in the fridge. You:

- a. Never take any because they keep beer for company anyway.
b. You don't worry about it because they know you are broke.
c. Bring your own beer, unless they call and invite you over.

15. A friend who works for the same company just received a promotion. You:

- a. Ignore it. She knows you are happy for her.
b. Begrudgingly congratulate her. You know you deserved the promotion.
c. Congratulate her in person and offer to take her out for a celebration drink.

SCORING

Give yourself one (1) point for each "c" answer

if you scored: 10 to 15

Your mother would be proud. You always seem to know just the right thing to do in any situation. Bravo!

5 to 9

Your manners are generally on the right track although you may have an occasional slip. This may be because you just don't think before you act. Use your head to get you through difficult situations.

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Buy yourself an etiquette book and start studying. Good manners are part simple knowledge, the rest is made up of common sense and caring. Your thoughtlessness could be losing you friends and respect.



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Horoscope

What's in the Stars for You this month?
Love, Money & Travel

TAURUS

(April 20th - May 20th)

June starts off with a bang for the Bull. A long sought-after-romance comes into the picture, but you may feel more comfortable with friends for the time being. The **9th to the 16th**, romance takes front and center stage and a positive attitude will help settle the uncertainties you were feeling. The **17th to the 23rd** may find you caught up in a romance and string of social activities. Don't over do it! Gossip may affect not only you, but your friends as well. Handle this situation with the utmost tact. The **24th to 30th** exercise caution in friendship, romance, and money. Keep a close eye on your financial situation and don't loan money.

GEMINI

(May 21st - June 21st)

The first week of June may be a difficult one for relationships. It is a good time to examine your feelings and motives closely. The **9th to the 16th** may find you impatient. It seems like everything is going too slow! Sometimes the harder you push—the slower they go. The **17th to the 23rd** things should get back to a more normal state. The pressure at work should ease up and things at home should fall back into step. The **24th to month's end** should be

smooth sailing! Romance and social activities will be the center of your attentions. Enjoy yourself, but don't neglect responsibilities for fun.

CANCER

(June 22nd - July 22nd)

You may be feeling the urge to kick up your heels in the romance department during the **first week of June** but you'll have to fight these feelings and keep to the straight and narrow until later in the month. From the **9th thru the 16th** the desire to go back to a place where you were happy in the past may be strong. You will deal well with a long-lost love that returns to your life now. From the **17th thru the 23rd** try not to take sides in the disputes of friends. Try also to avoid confrontations with loved ones, cooperation is a much better alternative. From the **24th thru month's end** your work environment improves because of a truce with a difficult co-worker. Avoid making major purchases right now.

LEO

(July 23rd - Aug 22nd)

Romantic spats and an estranged friendships can both be resolved during the **first week of June**. A listening ear and an open mind are all you need to mend all fences. From the **9th thru the 16th** romance and

adventure will be at the forefront. This is also a good time to make progress at work and further your career. From the 17th thru the 23rd you may have to patch up some problems in your love life, any efforts you make will be more successful than they appear at first. From the 24th thru the 30th avoid giving others the impression that you know everything about any given subject, you could make someone very angry.

VIRGO

(Aug 23rd - Sept 22nd)

Don't rush to make decisions at work or in love during the first week of June. Try to see things realistically and don't expect solutions to difficult problems to come quickly. From the 9th thru the 16th romance, drama and adventure are all in store for this week. Your social calendar is full and all kinds of interesting situations can come up. Be prepared to have fun. From the 17th thru the 23rd be sure and leave plenty of time in your schedule for fun, relaxation and social events. If you don't, you may feel bored or antsy. From the 24th thru the 30th use your head and not angry words to solve problems in romance. You may feel explosive right now so keep a good reign on your emotions.

LIBRA

(Sept 23rd - Oct 23rd)

You'll be feeling much better about your private life during the first week of June. Your career is also on an upswing right now and you are feeling ambitious. From the 9th thru the 16th the stars favor business and financial transactions.

With a little work, you can increase your income as well as your savings and investments. From the 17th thru the 23rd the financial pattern continues from last week. Don't try to pull any surprises on business partners or at home, they will not be greeted with thanks. From the 24th thru the 30th a dream that you have had for quiet some time now that could come true this week. The month ends on a high note in romance, work and finance.

SCORPIO

(Oct 24th - Nov 23rd)

You may have a hard time taking criticism from a loved one during the first week of June. Get out of the house for awhile and do something fun, you'll feel better. From the 9th thru the 16th you might be wishing for a vacation that just isn't possible right now. The work you do now can help you get ahead. The 17th thru the 23rd is a good time to entertain in your home or fill up your social calendar. Be careful about a new romance, it may not be what you really want. From the 24th thru month's end someone you trusted may let you down. Don't take it too seriously, be forgiving and realize that people make mistakes.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 24th - Dec 21st)

Watch out for someone that may be trying to romance you during the first week of June. This person is not someone you need in your life now. From the 9th thru the 16th you may have to explain something you did in the past that is not easily explained. Don't worry, the incident will soon be forgotten. From the

17th thru the 23rd you should avoid choosing sides in an argument between family members or friends. Stay in the middle in all matters, expressing your opinion now can cause you problems. From the 24th thru the 30th changes and improvements are on the way in romance, career and financial matters.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22nd - Jan 19th)

Try not to get angry over changes that you cannot control during the first week of June. Holding on to the past will only make you feel isolated. From the 9th thru the 16th you may be feeling some tension between yourself and co-workers. This could leave you feeling tired at the end of the day. From the 17th thru the 23rd you could be feeling dissatisfied about the physical side of your love relationship. Talking about it will help. From the 24th thru the 30th others may try to impose on your generous nature, don't be afraid to say no. Avoid a confrontation with someone who has been harassing you recently.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20th - Feb 18th)

During the first week of June there may be some romantic notions in your head that aren't based in reality. Get your head out of the clouds and look at the real situation. From the 9th thru the 16th you may be feeling romantic towards a good friend. Involving sex in this relationship will only bring heartache to you both. From the 17th thru the 23rd your career will be the focal point. This is a good time to ask for a raise or promotion. From

the 24th thru the 30th use diplomacy in your dealings with family and co-workers. Be careful not to insist on having a loved one's attention all the time.

PISCES (Feb 19th - Mar 20th)

June will start off on a slow note. There may be many delays, postponements and cancellations that you will just have to put up with. From the 9th thru the 16th your career is picking up steam and you may find your income increasing through unconventional channels. From the 17th thru the 23rd give a friend the benefit of the doubt in a dispute that comes up. She will appreciate your trust and be all the more loyal in the future. From the 24th thru month's end you could be asked to make a personal sacrifice for love. Some strange but good experiences could be in store for you this week.

ARIES (Mar 21st - April 19th)

Love and romance tend to be the focus as June gets under way. Many of your evenings out may center around social activities. The 9th to the 16th, handle partners with care and don't ignore a problem "they think they have". This is an excellent time to focus on your financial future. The 17th to the 23rd may find you dreaming about a long awaited vacation. Get out the maps and phone book and start planning. The 24th to month's end is an excellent time for traveling and romance. You may be facing a confrontation; don't over-react, but be prepared.





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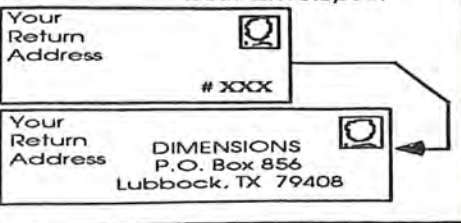
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SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH

GET YOUR
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BEFORE
THE SUMMER
REALLY
HEATS UP!

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MEMO:
Dear Mr. [Name],
I am writing to you regarding the [Topic].
I hope you are well and enjoying the [Season].
I have been thinking about you and the [Project].
I would like to see you and discuss the [Details].
I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.
Sincerely,
[Name]

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