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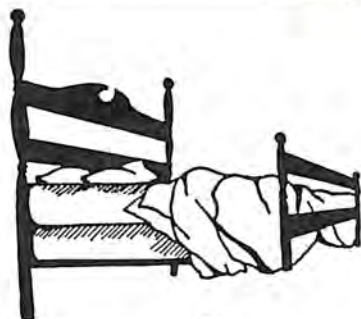
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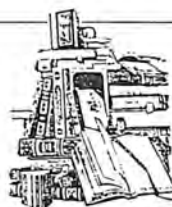
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From the Editor

With one political convention behind us and another still ahead, I find myself tired of all the politics. I believe the politicians of this country will tell us anything we want to hear to get into office: "Yes, I'll endorse women's rights.... Yes, I'll help the middle class taxpayer.. Yes, I'll work to change the laws in your favor (whoever you are)... No, I won't raise taxes (that's the classic)..." but once they get into office, everything runs in the same old ruts as always.

I recently attended a corporate meeting that addressed Political Action Committees (PAC's), now I've attended these meetings before, but this one left me mad as hell. Not only did they want my money for this conservative organization, but their lobbyist didn't talk about issues, he talked about all the "homosexuals and drunks" that grace the Texas Legislature in Austin. To explain PAC's the way they were explained at this meeting (in the conservative fashion), everyone gives a little money to the PAC (that way no one has to give alot) and then the PAC makes donations to certain political candidate's campaigns. Once the PAC "gives", that candidate is more likely to lend an ear when the organization you support has an interest in a bill that is before the legislature.

Now, if "paying" for laws sounds like so much bull to you - it is! But that, my friends, is how the system works. The only way we are going to bring change to our community is with money, because unfortunately, that is the key to the American political system. Donations are something easily put-off, but the next time you pay your bills just make a check out to the PAC committee in your area. It takes a few minutes, but it is time and money well spent. It is for your future and the future of the lesbian/gay community.

In Texas: Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby Of Texas, P.O. Box 2505, Austin, TX 78768

In Oklahoma: Oklahoma Gay Political Caucus, P.O. Box 904126, Tulsa, OK 74105

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Timing is everything and with an election coming up in November (they thought they had to remind us of this at the meeting), I urge you to put this month's Dimensions with your bills and make a check out to the PAC of your choice. Don't wait until you have to sit through a meeting with a right-wing conservative discussing homosexuality to make you mad enough to donate money.

If you have questions or do not know the location of the PAC's in your state or area consult the 1988 Gayyellow Pages or call the Dimension's office (office hours are 1p.m. to 6 p.m. Mon.-Sat., (806) 797-9647). We will be glad to assist.

Roxanne Hunter
Editor

To the Editor

"VACATIONS" A HIT

Dear Dimensions,

This is another letter to thank you for your "Summer Vacations for Women" article (May 1988, Volume 2, Issue 10). I have always wanted to take a vacation with a group of lesbians or go to a lesbian resort but was never quite sure where to look. Since that issue came out, I have made reservations at the Galisteo Inn and I am thinking about going on your Getaway Weekend at Lyle's Deck.

Your publication is not only very entertaining, it is also a great resource for women like me to find out about opportunities and happenings in our community. Thanks!

Anne H.
Dallas, TX

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dear Dimensions,

I just wanted to write and congratulate Dimensions on its second anniversary. I have to admit, I was fairly skeptical when I first started picking up your publication at Kindred Spirits. I had seen many lesbian publications come and go, usually within six months.

I am very glad that you seem to be doing well and are still here to tell about it. The lesbian community needs its own voice and you have given us that. Thank you and congratulations!

Name Withheld
Houston, TX

FEELING CONNECTED

Dear Dimensions,

I live in a very small town in East Texas and I want you to know how much I love your publication. When it comes in the mail every month, it makes me feel connected to the lesbian community and lets me know what is going on in the outside world. I don't get to the city often, but when I do, it's nice to know what's happening at the different bars and about other activities.

I also have two friends that share my copy of Dimensions. We have often felt forgotten and isolated but your magazine has helped us realize that we are not alone! Keep up the good work!

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News

From Around the Region, the Country & the World

THRF Supports Suit Charging Parkland Hospital with AIDS Discrimination

AUSTIN - The Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF) Board of Trustees has acted unanimously to participate in the AIDS discrimination lawsuit brought against Parkland Memorial Hospital of Dallas. The litigation seeks to halt illegal limitations on health services delivered to persons with AIDS.

Parkland had been the only public hospital in the state with a waiting list for persons with AIDS who need AZT therapy. It also has limited the number of beds used by persons with AIDS at any given time and declined to provide Pentamidine (an experimental drug often given to HIV-positive persons to prevent pneumonia) to indigent patients.

In recent months, leaders of the Dallas Gay Alliance (DGA) worked with Parkland administrators in an effort to correct the discriminatory policies. When early promises to modify hospital procedures were not fulfilled, DGA, acting through Dallas attorney M. William Nelson, filed suit in state district court. THRF President Lee Taft and Vice President Mike Anglin have

been actively involved in the case strategy development since its inception.

State District Judge John Marshall has granted a preliminary motion to order changes in hospital procedure while the lawsuit is pending. That order has been appealed by Parkland. The THRF Board, in recognition of the state-wide importance of this case, has committed to raise an initial amount of \$2000.00 to help fund the costs of filing fees, depositions and other immediate expenses.

"A victory in this case will set an important legal precedent and send a clear message to other public institutions that they cannot discriminate against people with AIDS," said Taft. "This case is very important not only in Texas but nationally."

Other THRF involvement in the case may include assistance in taking depositions of state health officials who have information concerning administration of AZT programs at other public institutions.

Nelson is also a member of the THRF

Council of Cooperating Attorneys.
Contributions towards support of the
case may be sent to THRF, 1014-G N.
Lamar, Austin, Texas 78703.

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Lesbian Info Line In Service In SA

SAN ANTONIO – A new lesbian information line is in service in San Antonio. It is a volunteer run telephone information service called Lesbian Information San Antonio, or L.I.S.A. The number is (512) 828-LISA (828-5472).

Callers will receive a list of weekly meetings and events happening in the San Antonio area and some national listings. L.I.S.A. will also serve as a network resource for businesses. Business owners who would like to be on the referral list leave a name and phone number with LISA. Businesses will be given any names and numbers of women looking for their services rather than giving the business number directly to the person, unless otherwise specified by the business.

LISA is currently looking for events, business listings, and volunteers to return messages. Donations of any of the above can be sent to: L.I.S.A., P.O. Box 12327, San Antonio, TX 78212.



Lesbian Mothers Forming Organization

HOUSTON – Lesbian mothers in the Houston area are forming an organization of their own. “Dykes with Dykes” will be a support group for lesbian mothers, their co-parents and any other lesbian that is either considering motherhood or in the process of becoming a mother.

According to the organization’s press release, “there are gay women, and men, that feel a woman is not a “true” lesbian if she has borne a child.” One of the goals of this organization is to change that perception.

If you are interested in Becoming a member of this organization, please contact (713) 772-4406.

Abortion Law Before House

WASHINGTON, D.C. – A bill before the House of Representatives could radically change the health care options of 44 million women who depend on the federally funded health care system. Under the current system, abortion is an option only if the mother’s life is endanger or because of incest.

The Reproductive Health Equity Act (RHEA) – HR 4168 would give government employed women and

poor women the freedom to choose abortion if they so elect.

Austin Lambda Seeking Volunteers

Austin – Austin Lambda, a non-profit educational, social and cultural organization, is looking for volunteers to help with newsletter production, specifically paste-up and ad sales. If you are interested in helping, contact Dianne Draper at (512) 471-5931.

Austin Lambda is also updating their educational files. Information will be used for student research, newsletter staff writing, and Lambda's speaker's bureau.

Submissions of articles on: homosexuality, AIDS, alcoholism and drug abuse, lesbian/gay relationships, gay parenting, etc.. are welcome. If you have articles (magazine or newspaper),

books, or recordings that meet this criteria, please contact: Austin Lambda, P.O. Box 5455, Austin, TX 78763.

THRF Employment Tips

THRF has received numerous telephone calls related to employment discrimination against lesbians, gay men and persons with HIV infection. A few words of advice about handling employment problems:

1. Do not answer employer questions about your private life. These questions are usually inappropriate and in no way relate to your ability to do the job.
2. Do not resign. A voluntary resignation will often prevent you from seeking legal remedies for the way you were treated on the job.
3. Seek legal counsel if you believe your job is in jeopardy.

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

NEW ORLEANS - Just in time for the Republican Convention . . . (I'm sure they'll appreciate it) Dimensions is now being distributed in Louisiana! At this point in time, we are only in bars in New Orleans, but we're working on Baton Rouge, Alexandria and Shreveport. And, speaking of New Orleans, THE OTHER SIDE has recently opened a Coffee House called the DAILY GRIND! Ya'll be sure and stop in and be sure to say "Hi!" from Dimensions!

AUSTIN - The place to get ready for fall is NEXUS & PETTICOAT JUNCTION! On Thursday, August 25th, you can catch the "Girls will be Girls" Fall Vintage Fashion Show. The following weekend, Friday & Saturday the 26th & 27th, get ready for the Fabulous Dress-up Weekend. Get out your tux, or your ball gown, or whatever it is you wear when you dress up, and get on out there and party! TGRA will be holding the Official State Meeting on Sept. 3rd at 10am at NEXUS. And, last but not least, catch Last Splash on Sunday, Sept. 4th at Hippy Hollow! Also, while you are at PETTICOAT JUNCTION, be sure to get your boots shined at Debbie Does Boots - Debbie will be at PJ's every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday night.

HOUSTON - Don't miss out on all the great weekly specials at the RANCH this month! Start your week out right on

Tuesdays with **Beer Bust**, Wednesdays you can catch **Happy Hour**, Thursdays it's **Beer Bust and Amateur Night** and Friday and Saturday you can dance the night away on the RANCH's big beautiful dance floor. On Friday, August 12th be sure and catch the **Country Express Band** from 9pm to 1am. And be sure to hang on to your Astros ticket stub, it's good for a **Super Happy Hour Drink!**

DALLAS - Well, Brandi said we caught her show on a night when she "wasn't in the best humor", but that didn't keep us from enjoying it! She is the hostess of HIGH COUNTRY's Thursday and Sunday night shows and boy is she exciting! We would also like to apologize to her girlfriend, Uneak for getting her name wrong on last month's Graffiti Page - Sorry! Be sure and check out all the specials at HIGH COUNTRY that happen every week: Monday is **Steakout**, Tuesday & Friday you can get **25¢ Draft**, Wednesday is **\$3 Beer Bust**, Thursday is **75¢ Draft** and Sunday is **Happy Hour** from 2-8pm. You can't beat it with a stick!

HOUSTON - On August 4th be sure and come out to KINDRED SPIRITS for the **Colt 45 Benefit** with **Rebecca Thurman**. Also, catch the **AIDS Foundation Benefits** on the 14th & 28th. Be sure and come out to cool off on Mondays & Tuesdays for **\$1 Cape Cods and Screwdrivers** and

Wednesday **Happy Hour** all day & all night. The staff at **KINDRED SPIRITS** will always show you a good time, and where else can you play **Free Pool** beginning at 4pm Friday thru Sunday?!

FT. WORTH - We would like to thank **Barbara** and everybody else at **PARTNERS** for their hospitality and the great time we had in Ft. Worth recently! If you haven't been, you really should go! On the 21st, you can catch the **Dena Kaye Show** and, coming in September, it's **J. Christopher**! Also, don't forget that **PARTNERS** has drink specials every night all week, check their ad in this month's issue for details!

SAN ANTONIO - Things are really hopping at **BLUE ANGEL WEST**! On Tuesdays it's **Country & Western Night** with **\$1 Well Drinks** and **\$1 Longnecks** - ya'll come! Thursday is **Amateur Night** with lots of fun and entertainment. And, on Sundays, there's a **Free Buffet** starting at 7pm with drink specials all night!

HOUSTON - If you are in the mood for comedy, you can catch comedienne **NANCY FORD** every Sunday night in August at **Jonathan's Cabaret**! There will be **music, comedy and lots of fun** so be sure and be there! **NANCY** will also be starting a **tour** in Louisiana in August. The tour will be called, "**A Girl in Trouble is a Temporary Fling**" and will feature a variety of guest hosts.

SOUTH PADRE - **Don & Lyle** at **LYLE'S DECK** tell me they've had alot of inquiries for the **Women's Getaway Weekend** coming up in October, so if you are planning on going, you better sign up fast! There's gonna be lots of fun, including a welcoming **cocktail party** with **free margaritas** on Friday, a Saturday, come as you are **lunch** and a trip to **Mexico** Saturday night! Of course, if you just want to lay on the beach and do nothing, that's OK too! For more information, and reservations, check out the back cover of this issue - See ya'll there!



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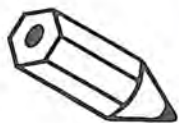
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Dear Agnes

Answers to your questions about love,

Dear Agnes,

I have never seen a letter in your column like the one I am about to write, but here goes. I hope you'll print it. Maybe it will save someone the sleepless nights I have suffered the last six months.

I have lived in a relationship for the past five years. Now, monogamy is not my specialty and never has been. The first two years I lived in this relationship I was sleeping with another woman. It was no secret that I was sleeping with her and things were OK. I ended up giving up my other lover and settling into a more or less monogamous relationship. I have been very happy and so has the woman I live with.

Everything was fine until about six months ago. I got a call at work, from Kay (not her real name) and she desperately needed to talk with me. I thought she was trying to pull one over on me, but I finally agreed to meet her over cocktails that evening. We met at a place we both knew and ordered drinks and then Kay dropped the bomb. Another one of her ex-lovers, whom she was sleeping with the same time as me has been diagnosed as HIV positive. Needless to say, I felt the floor drop out from under me and the rest of the world fall with it.

I have not told my lover about this incident, but I have seen Kay since then. I haven't got a good nights sleep

since the first night Kay and I met for cocktails. Kay is not sleeping either. I have not been tested and neither has Kay. Do you have any suggestions? I know I should tell my lover, but every time I start to, I chicken out.

Sleepless

Dear Sleepless,

First off, tell your lover. I can definitely understand your being "chicken", but news like this should never be kept from a lover. It directly affects her and you should sit down and explain the entire situation immediately.

As I see it, perhaps the best option available to you, Kay and your lover may be to seek counseling. You could also choose testing, but this is strictly your decision. Weight it carefully.

Unfortunately, the lesbian community has lulled itself into believing that they are somehow mysteriously immune to the AIDS virus. AIDS does not discriminate and the sooner we decide that lesbians aren't special or superhuman the better for all concerned. Safe sex is for everyone. The "free" love of the sixties and seventies is over, at least for a long, long time. The sooner we start taking responsible steps for our long term well-being, the better for all of us.

Dear Agnes,

My younger sister, who is also a lesbian, has a drug problem. She is addicted to cocaine. Right now she is living in another state with her lover of two years who is also an addict.

She has asked to come and live with me and try to get off the drugs, but she wants to bring "Jill" with her. I have no objections to having my sister live with me and would like to help her get off the drugs. However, I don't feel I should be responsible for her lover. Not only is she not my responsibility, I also feel that they reinforce this behavior in each other and that it will be much harder for both of them to quit if they are together. I have told my sister how I feel about this and she is angry. I'm not sure what to do now, I would gladly help my sister but don't feel I should have to play host to all her drug addict friends. What do you think?

Between A Rock And A Hard Place
Dallas, TX

Dear Between,

It is generous of you to extend a helping hand to your sister, but you are not responsible for her or her lover. It is your house and therefore, you call the shots. Your cards are on the table, so you sister needs to decide if she wants to play - your way.

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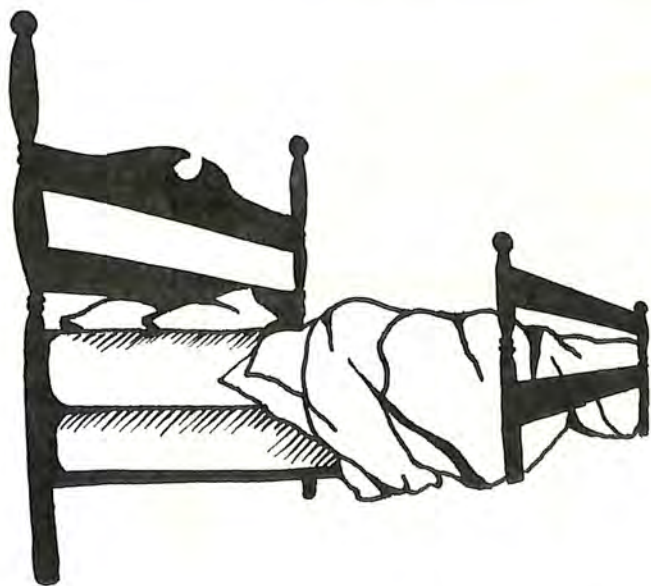
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A BAG OF TRICKS

A Discussion of the "One-Night Stand"

by Kelly Chambers

Once, a long time ago, when I was much younger, much thinner and just out of the closet, I was a novelty in the bar in my hometown. Of course, there was only one bar and I was the youngest of it's patrons. I suppose youth, in itself, was enough to make me "desirable". Every time the bar closed I was swamped with offers of breakfast, after-hours parties and sex (only the most forthright would actually state this as their goal).



Now, in the naivety of my youth, I thought it was great fun to have at least three girlfriends at one time, as well as, a "trick" every now and then. Of course, this didn't last long. Eventually I was found out, and by then there were newer, prettier faces to play with. Obviously I can't claim to be a monogamous saint but neither am I a "bad" person. In my case, I feel it was probably a period of

exploration. The old rules of marriage and children, or even something as simple as holding hands in public, didn't apply anymore. I was trying to learn a new system, learn what I could get away with, and what was out of bounds. Oh, I learned alright, but at the expense of many, who might have been friends, had I not slept with everyone in sight.

Now that you have heard my confession, I'll get right to the point - lesbians do sleep around. You aren't surprised? You shouldn't be. Despite the view of some that lesbians are monogamous, basically non-sexual beings, there sure is alot of bed-hopping going on. I would like to throw out some ideas discussing the pros and cons of the one night stand. I'm not going to moralize on the virtues of safe-sex, you've heard it before - but

it is a good point when considering a one night stand. Many lesbians have the mistaken idea that they are somehow "immune" to AIDS or that lesbians are a "chosen" group

They seem to be playing some mixed up version of musical beds - when the music stops...jump in!

Many lesbians have the mistaken idea that they are somehow "immune" to the AIDS virus...

of people. Not so! Besides, AIDS isn't the only sexually transmitted disease around. You also have to consider the risk of contracting herpes, syphilis,

gonorrhoea, etc. Not a pleasant topic of conversation to be sure, but once you have contacted one of these diseases; the reality is much less pleasant.

In the past, there was more of a stigma attached to the one night stand in the lesbian community than in the gay-male community, but that has changed somewhat with the advent of AIDS. Most gay men no longer consider it kosher to pick up a trick, but lesbians seem to be doing it more all the time. No matter how much I try to tell some of my friends about the dangers of disease, they go along their merry way. They seem to playing some mixed-up version of musical beds - when the music stops...jump in! I wouldn't deny them their fun, but a little discretion never hurt anybody.

Another question that comes to mind, is one of maturity. There are many who believe that sleeping around is a definite sign of immaturity. Monogamy is the grown-up thing to do, right? In my mind, monogamy and maturity do not necessarily go hand-in-hand. Emotional maturity means not only knowing when to stay, but when to go. For some people, that may mean the next morning.

You decide who is the more mature: the woman who has many partners for one night only, or the woman who is in love (and monogamous) with a different woman every three months? Personally, I would rather find her gone in the morning than to find her on my doorstep with a suitcase and her wall-hangings in hand after only one night in the sack.

Monogamy also does not always add up to love. Many people stay faithful for a variety of reasons which may or may not include love. These reasons range from financial and emotional security, to prestige, to low self-esteem, to fear. I won't argue with the fact that many women are in loving, monogamous relationships, but one does not always lead to the other.

Last but not least, I have noticed that many women believe a relationship can be built on one drunken night in bed. Needless to say, many wonderful, long-lasting relationships have started out just that way, but there has to be a much firmer foundation to hold a relationship together. Sure, you can find that foundation after a night in bed, but one night, in itself, is not enough to build on. A few days between sleeping together and living together is usually well advised (sarcasm intended).

O.K. - now maybe I've made some of you mad and maybe I've made some of you laugh but mostly I hope I've made you think. I'm certainly not one to judge anyone and I truly believe everyone should do what makes them happy, as long as they don't harm anyone in the process. If you have different views, I would certainly like to hear them. Who knows, maybe we'll find something we can all agree on!



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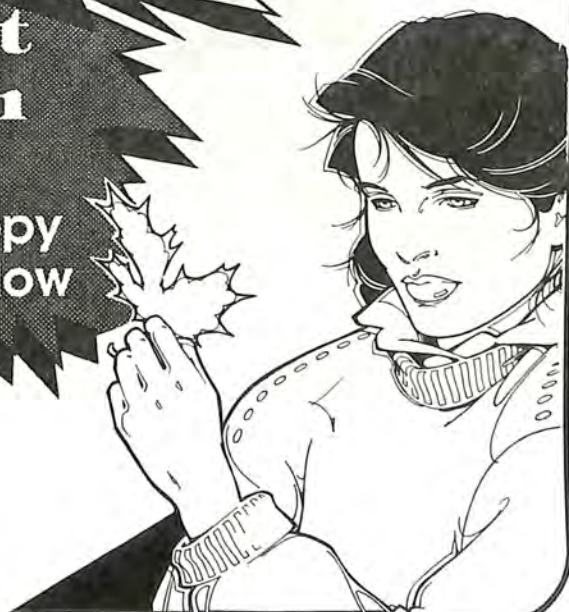
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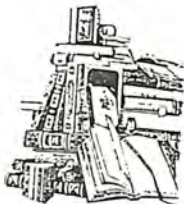


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A Discussion of Lesbian Literature Both New and Old

This month T. Sumner Reviews:

You CAN Do Something About AIDS

edited by
Sasha Alyson



The first book we're going to talk about this month is, You CAN Do Something About AIDS, a free paperback produced entirely through donations from the publishing and bookselling communities. The book is published by the Stop AIDS Project which was established to coordinate the effort.

The book is edited by Sasha Alyson, head of Alyson Publications, and contains many short chapters written by politicians, activists, PWA's and celebrities. Some of the authors included are: Elizabeth Taylor, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, Whoopi Goldberg, Cleve Jones of the Names Project and many others.



The Crystal Curtain

by Sandy Bayer

You CAN Do Something About AIDS is not an AIDS prevention manual or safe-sex guide, it simply makes a great number of suggestions on what average people can do to make a difference in the lives of those who have AIDS and help educate and inform others.

In addition to countless recommendations and ideas from the many contributors, there is also a handy appendix that lists national, state and local organizations that are involved in AIDS prevention, legislation, counseling and services. There is also a bibliography listing additional reading materials.

You can pick up a free copy of You CAN Do Something About AIDS at

Waldenbooks or B. Dalton Bookstores. For inquiries and contributions, write to: The Stop AIDS Project, c/o Sasha Alyson, 40 Plympton St., Boston, Mass. 02118 or call (617) 542-5679.

Now, let's talk about The Crystal Curtain, a novel by Sandy Bayer (Alyson Publications, \$7.95). The story revolves around Stephanie Nowland and her lover Marian Damiano. Stephanie has psychic abilities that she sometimes uses to track down murder victims and murderers. She is called on by an out of state police department to help find the missing Betty Jean Warren. When Stephanie finds her, she has been brutally raped and fatally stabbed. She eventually leads police to Betty Jean's killer, Frank Talbot, who is prosecuted and sent to jail. The action really begins

when Frank escapes and vows to "kill the bitch" that put him in jail. Thus begins a seductive, terrifying game of "cat and mouse" that will make your skin crawl.

Ms. Bayer has created some memorable characters in The Crystal Curtain. Her unique combination of detective story and psychological thriller is something I hope to see repeated. Stephanie and Marian seem like old friends by the end of the book and you can't help but hope you will see them again.

The Crystal Curtain is available from Alyson Publication, Inc., Dept. 40 Plympton St., Boston Mass. 02118 for \$7.95 plus \$1.00 postage and handling. A complete catalog is available upon request.



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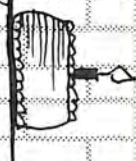
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What Would You Do If You Were The Boss?

Quiz



Some bosses are overly demanding, some could care less what you do as long as you leave them alone. What kind of boss would you be? Would you take all the credit for your employee's work or spread the glory around? Answer the 10 questions below and find out. Remember, in this quiz, there are no right or wrong answers, just different styles.

1. Your boss comes up with an idea that you don't think will work. You tell her that:

- a. She should bring it up at the next staff meeting and see how it goes over.
- b. She is wrong and then give a detailed explanation of why you think so.
- c. Her idea has its points but may need some work.
- d. Although you think it sounds good, you aren't in a position to judge.

2. You are asked to organize the annual client Christmas party. You:

- a. Start looking for dependable people to help you get things going.
- b. Panic because you don't know if you'll be able to handle all of the details by yourself.
- c. Are glad to have the chance to show off your organizing abilities.
- d. Feel pressured and aren't sure you are up to the task.

3. An employee that works under you has not been handling her job well and you have to fire her. You:

- a. Tell her you are sorry and try to make the dismissal as un-stressful as possible.
- b. Tell her why she is being fired and that maybe she can learn from her mistakes.
- c. Enjoy the chance to tell her what a lousy employee she was.
- d. Put a note on her desk and avoid talking to her at all.

4. A friend at the company where you are applying for a job tells you that, to get the job, you must be

aggressive during the interview. You

a. Just be yourself, you don't want a job where you have to be something you aren't.

b. Act aggressive and forceful even though you are usually soft spoken.

c. Don't change a thing - you are very aggressive anyway.

d. Try to act aggressively but without success.

5. You have just delegated a big project to an employee under your supervision. The work must be done by a deadline. You:

a. Check on her progress regularly.

b. Help her along to make sure everything is done right.

c. Threaten her with dismissal if it isn't done on time.

d. Move up the deadline to make sure it is done on schedule.

6. Because of a promotion, you have to hire an assistant. You look for someone:

a. Who is not necessarily the most experienced person, but the one who demonstrated the most natural ability.

b. With the right education, experience and outstanding qualifications.

c. With the attitude of a subordinate and that will do what they are told.

d. With the best personality and that you feel you can work well with.

7. You are in charge of reorganizing your division of the company. To get things rolling, you:

a. Try to convey a feeling of unity that extends to all corners of the department.

b. Study all your possible options very carefully before you take the

first step.

c. Get rid of everyone in top positions and replace them with "your own" people.

d. Ask everyone in a decision-making position to present proposals on how to improve operations.

8. A woman you just hired has come in more than thirty minutes late on three occasions. You:

a. Tell her how angry her tardiness makes you.

b. Make sure you are in the reception area every time she comes in so she will know that you are watching.

c. Tell her that if she is late again, she will be fired.

d. Tell her that it doesn't bother you, but if your boss finds out, she will be fired.

9. You have hired a decorator to redecorate your office. To make sure a good job is done on time and within the budget, you:

a. Stay out of the way but keep a close eye on the progress.

b. Supervise their work closely to make sure everything is done the way you want it.

c. Explain, in explicit terms, what you want done, and leave them to do their work.

d. Let them know that if they do a good job on this project, you will recommend them for bigger, future projects.

SCORING

Mark your answers on the tally sheet on the next page and add up the total for each column.

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Now, read the answer for the column in which your score is highest. If you have less than 3 points between your two top answers, read both those answers.

Column A

Even though you may be the boss, you are also a team player in every sense of the word. In this day and age, your leadership style is favored in many companies. You know how to delegate, not only work, but authority. You always involve those that work under you in the decision making process. You know when and how to use your authority to discipline your subordinates, but you also know how to make them feel like they are part of the team.

Column B

You live by the old adage: "If you want something done right, do it yourself." You are great at "being the boss" but you aren't very good at delegating. As a consequence, you may find yourself mired in work. Even when you do delegate a task to someone else, you may take so much time checking over their work that you could have done it yourself. There are many successful executives who have this style of leadership,

but it is an exceptionally good style for entrepreneurs. If you are feeling overworked, try delegating work to someone else and try to trust their judgement. You may find out your employees are much more trustworthy and capable than you thought.

Column C

You are the stereotypical boss. You just love wielding your authority like an iron fist. Nothing suits you better than to give orders, make demands and generally make people uneasy. Your leadership style is great for dictators, military officers and coaches and, on occasion, business executives. However, while you are enjoying using your authority, you may overlook rule number one, getting your job done effectively. You may even be called "power-hungry" by some. Try to find a sense of humor - and relax! You'll find that this can make you much more effective than before.

Column D

You may not really like being the boss, you would rather avoid authority than handle it. You may have a tendency to make suggestions instead of telling someone what you want done. Even though you may think you are being nice, you may actually be hurting your employees more than you are helping them. They cannot read your mind and your lack of direction leaves them unsure of what to do next. Try to be a little more forceful, tell your employees what you want done and then follow that up with support. You will not only feel better about yourself but your employees will like you better too.



Poetry

I am the rock,
the caretaker,
I maintain the balance,
though sometimes precarious,
that you may walk
on steady feet
wherever your spirit leads you.

I minister to your wounds,
external scrapes and
the less tangible ones inside.
a gentle kiss
to anesthetize the sting
and a Wonder Woman band-aid
to make a painful reminder
something worth taking
for show-and-tell.

I nourish you,
making you take three bites
of everything
(just in case you might like
the green stuff)
making you finish dinner
before dessert,
sustaining your body
through your days of wonder
and adventure.

I tuck you in
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Horoscope

What's in the Stars for You this month?

LEO

(July 23rd - August 22nd)

Don't let anyone stand in the way of your success during the **first week of August**. You may get off to some false starts on a project at work, but once you get things going, you'll be hard to stop. From the **9th thru the 16th** you may find yourself with some new friends. One of these may be influential to your career. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you could be feeling the urge for change either at work or at home. A change in decor or to a new position could be just the change you are looking for. From the **24th thru the 31st** a friend could let you down and change your plans for the weekend abruptly. Your best bet is to stay at home and enjoy a romance that has been brewing.

VIRGO

(August 23rd - Sept. 22nd)

Don't try to rekindle an old love affair during the **first week of August**. You will be better off just to remain friends with this person. From the **9th thru the 16th** a conflict of interest could make your head spin. You may have to juggle time to meet all your personal and business obligations. From the **17th thru the 23rd** your finances take a turn for the better but you should still stick to a budget. You have the ability to do wonders with limited funds right now. From the **24th thru the 31st** you should

get away from routine matters. A short vacation could help relieve stress and help you avoid an angry blow-up at home.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23rd - Oct. 23rd)

You may not feel like working during the **first week of August**, but it's best to get organized and get going! The work will only pile up more if you ignore it. From the **9th thru the 16th** there could be a social affair that is related to work. Put on your brightest smile and go, it will keep you in good stead with the boss and help your career. From the **17th thru the 23rd** a problem in a personal relationship could cloud an otherwise perfect week. Your finances are getting better and your charisma is at its peak. From the **24th thru the 31st** avoid dwelling on the past, the future is looking bright and you should get right down to the business of enjoying it!

SCORPIO

(Oct. 24th - Nov. 22nd)

Be diplomatic with those you deal with on a daily basis during the **first week of August**. Bossing people around will get you nowhere right now. From the **9th thru the 16th** you should take time out for fun! All work and no play makes Jill a very grouchy girl. Outdoor activities will especially help you wind down. From the **17th thru the 23rd** be

careful what you wish for - you just might get it! You will certainly be in the limelight right now but be sure and keep a sharp eye on financial matters. From the **24th thru the 31st** you might want to visit relatives or old friends. You may not realize how long it has been since you've seen them.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23rd - Dec. 21st)

You may find that your shoulder is in demand for crying on during the **first week in August**. Be sympathetic and optimistic, you will not only lift the spirits of a friend, but your own as well. From the **9th thru the 16th** there don't seem to be any clouds on your horizon. This is a fun time and your finances can stand the strain of some extravagances. From the **17th thru the 23rd** don't mix love and money. If you go to fast, you could be left out of both. From the **24th thru the 31st** some juicy gossip could liven up an otherwise dull week. Even though your social life is full right now, you may be getting a little bored with it all.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22nd - Jan. 19th)

Don't allow your emotions to affect your health during the **first week of August**. You are probably just upset about a passing problem. From the **9th thru the 16th** everything is looking up. Love and money are right on track but don't get too excited - you could set yourself up for a fall if you go too far. From the **17th thru the 23rd** your love and personal lives are on good footing and you can concentrate on a financial matter that needs your attention. From the **24th thru the 31st** don't indulge in

luxury right now. This is a better time to increase income than to spend. Work responsibilities increase around week's end.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20th - Feb. 18th)

Your pride may have taken a fall during the **first week of August** because of either work or personal problems. Even though you aren't entirely at fault, you still catch most of the blame. From the **9th thru the 16th** take advantage of your good mood and get involved in some social activities. A new romance or rekindling of an old one will add to the fun. From the **17th thru the 23rd** financial matters will be looking up, however, you should stick to your budget. There may be an unexpected expense come up at week's end. From the **24th thru the 31st** there will be many demands on you. Try to meet your obligations but don't ignore loved ones, they will help alleviate stress.

PISCES

(Feb. 19th - Mar. 20th)

Your personal life takes precedence over work during the **first week of August**. Social activities can bring a new romance or spice up your current one. From the **9th thru the 16th** let your logic, and not your emotions, guide you. A raise or promotion could be in the cards right now. From the **17th thru the 23rd** your love life and your finances are looking bright and you have high hopes for the future. This is a great time to go on vacation or change your routine to add in some fun. From the **24th thru the 31st** you may have to resolve a dispute at home. Don't feel sorry for yourself, you can get things

back on track if you will think out your priorities.

ARIES

March 21st - April 19th

You may be having problems with mood swings as August gets underway. Try to relax and don't spread yourself too thin or make promises you can't deliver. From the **9th thru the 16th** you will feel more comfortable with the hectic pace of your social life. However, you will need to take time to be with your loved ones. The **17th thru the 23rd** is good time to take a combination vacation/business trip. You could meet someone very important to your career or a new love. From the **24th thru the 31st** it's time to slow down again. Find the time to do things that you really want to do even if it means rearranging your schedule. You will feel like a new person after some time away from the social whirl.

TAURUS

April 20th - May 20th

You may get caught up in social activities during the **first week of August**, but it may get you into trouble at home and on the financial front. From the **9th thru the 16th** you'll be feeling in more of a stay-at-home mood. This is a good time to work around the house or garden or have a garage sale. From the **17th thru the 23rd** your career can get a boost if you will apply yourself. Don't take any financial risks and avoid losing your temper with loved ones and co-workers. From the **24th thru the 31st** you could be feeling bored. Spice up your life with some unusual social activities or a short trip.

GEMINI

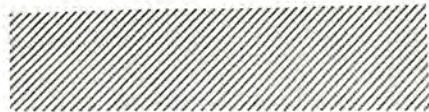
(May 21st - June 21st)

Change may be in the air during the **first week of August** and the quicker you adjust to it, the better off you'll be. From the **9th thru the 16th** you should get all your pressing business out of the way early in the week. Fun activities will keep you occupied for the rest of the week. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you could be feeling a little scattered out. With all the demands on your time right now, you would be well advised to refuse a few invitations so you can catch your breath. From the **24th thru the 31st** don't set your sights too high for a project you've been working on. Missed deadlines or a mistake could throw things off course.

CANCER

(June 22nd - July 22nd)

Avoid making impulsive or emotional decisions during the **first week of August**, they could lead to the downfall of an important project. From the **9th thru the 16th** your luck will change for the better. Pay attention to details at work and you could be on your way to a raise or promotion. From the **17th thru the 23rd** someone who was important to you in past could make a return appearance, even if the old attraction is still there, it is best not to get involved again. From the **24th thru the 31st** some plans for the weekend may fail to come through, but don't worry, there are plenty of fun things to do around your home base and it will be much more relaxing.



Gone Fishin'?

A Short Story by Cameron Taylor

It's young love and our first trip. We are traveling in two vehicles, me in the truck with the camper, Jean in the car. We are headed for my favorite lake to camp and fish. Our first stop is at my Aunt's to borrow her boat.

"Will this tire make it to the lake?" I ask looking over a tire that is paper thin.

"Sure, Honey, we drove it in that way," replies my Aunt.

The lake is thirty miles away and I have my doubts about the tire, but I have the boat.

Five miles out of town, I am balanced on a lug wrench trying to break the lug nuts off the boat trailer. No doubt they were the originals and had never been off. Jean screams, "Fluffy has a fishhook in her paw." After ten minutes of Jean crying and the dog yelping, I get the fish hook out with a pair of pliers. I go back to the boat trailer where my lug wrench is bent into a perfect "S" and finally manage to get the tire off and the spare on. I throw my bent lug wrench halfway across a North Texas pasture over Jean's objection, "You'll need that."

I wonder if this means something? After all, this is our first trip together. But maybe our bad luck will end.

The lake is as rough as the Atlantic Ocean. It is pouring rain and as I follow Jean toward camp something feels strange. When I look in the rear view mirror, the boat is pointing skyward instead of sitting on the trailer. I stop immediately. The rain is steadily getting worse, Jean's car is no where in sight, and I am in mud up to my ankles trying to "unlaunch" the boat. After twenty minutes of struggling, I have it strapped down and I'm driving around hunting Jean.

She's parked in a full campsite. She starts in, "Where have you been?"

I am wondering if this young relationship will survive this fishing trip.

I lean in the car window while the rain beats

down on my back and Jean continues to question my thirty minute disappearance.

Not only are all the campsites taken, all the cabins are full. We decide to drive to the other side of the lake. My irritation is growing. *What else can go wrong?*

We head for the other camp with Jean in the lead, she heads the wrong direction and I signal her to pull over. She turns around and starts in the opposite direction without stopping. Obviously, I'm not the only one who is irritated, I think as I turn around to follow her. I am right behind Jean, but then I notice – the boat isn't behind me anymore.

I get out and walk to the back of the truck. Only half the hitch is there, and no boat. I panic, jump in the truck and roar back down the road. There, as I top the hill, is my Aunt's boat in the middle of the road. She'd die if she knew this, I think as I get out of the truck. No, she'd kill me. I get the boat off the road and onto the edge of some guy's yard.

Jean is gone. I get back in the truck to hunt her, wondering if the boat will be ok. I find her in the next camp waiting on me and wanting to know, "Where have you been?"

Now, had I known her longer I would have lost my temper, but love has a way of keeping our best foot forward for a long time. I explain what happened to the boat.

We drove to town and rented a motel. The next morning I was lucky enough (if you can call anything on this trip lucky) to find a trailer hitch. I had to chisel on the old hitch for two and a half hours to get it off.

We never launched the boat. By then, I was afraid to put it in the lake. It might've sunk.

Yes, it was our first trip. We went on many more after that. Some eight years later, as I look back on that relationship and that trip, I realize that, if I ever meet a woman who brings me that kind of luck on a fishing trip again, when I lose her I won't hunt her.





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Lambda Center for Alcoholics
1214 Joanne • 521-9772
Lesbian/Gay Students
University of Houston - Clear Lake
2700 Bay Area 77058

Lesbian Mothers
Mothers Group
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Montrose Pool League/Billiards
PJ 863-8482
PWA Coalition - Houston
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623-4436
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LUBBOCK, TX (area code 806) organizations

Lubbock Lesbian/Gay Alliance
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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 Alliance for Young
Adults, Inc.
P.O. Box 190426
Dallas, TX 75219-0426
(214) 307-7203
National Gay/Lesbian Clearinghouse
666 Broadway 4th Floor

NY, NY 10012
National Gay/Lesbian Crisisline
1-800-221-7044
The Fund for Human Dignity
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NY, NY 10012

NORMAN, OK (area code 405) organizations

Women's Resource Center
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OKLAHOMA CITY, OK (area code 405) organizations

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Herland Sister Resources, Inc.
2312 NW 39th 73112 • 794-7464

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The Jezebel
8755 Wurzbach Rd. • 697-0413
organizations

LISA (Lesbian Information SA)
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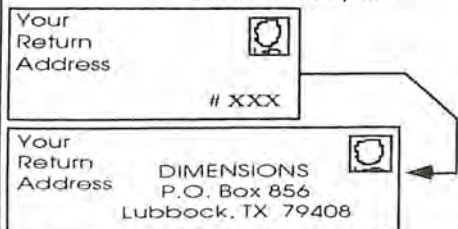
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