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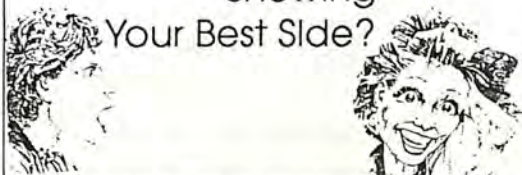
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From The Editor

TEXAS RIGHTS LOBBY IN TROUBLE

Our Texas LGRL (Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby) is in serious financial trouble, and without immediate action faces closure in June. There are not enough funds to pay expenses or our lobbyist, Glen Maxey's, salary.

Now I realize everyone wants your money these days. I have a desk stacked with letters from people trying to talk me out of my money, they range from The National Museum of Women in the Arts to the Cub Scouts.

So why should we make a check out to LGRL, today? Without a paid lobbyist in Austin, we can march until hell freezes over and it will never change the laws. You and I, as common everyday citizens who do not live in Austin, Texas [most of us anyway], have no possible way of keeping up with what laws are up before our Texas Legislature. That is where Glen Maxey comes into play. He keeps up on continually changing bills that affect each and every one of us. He is our spokesman, but we cannot expect him to work for free.

The best investment we can make in our future is the action we take today! Write a check and mail it. I don't trust our law makers to look out for our best interest, and based on their past performance I hope you don't.

It seems like there are a lot of people who believe politics has nothing to do with them. Well maybe not, but lets see. If you are employed the labor laws affect you, if you are self-employed business and labor laws affect you, if you have AIDS there are a multitude of laws affecting you and hundreds pending before the legislators of each state and the Federal Government. If you walk down the street and are attacked for "looking queer", that could fall under hate crimes and hopefully Hampton ain't your judge, if you sleep with certain people and have certain kinds of sex you are violating the law. Now if you still think the laws and politics don't affect you, save your money for a new security system because you're gonna need it.

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News

From Around the Region, the Country & the World

Texas Human Rights Foundation Sponsors Second Challenge to 21.06

AUSTIN - The Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF) announced the filing of a lawsuit in Travis County District Court on April 12, 1989, challenging the constitutionality of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, which criminalizes the private sexual relations between consenting adults of the same gender.

The case was filed against the State of Texas as defendant, by five plaintiffs: Linda Morales of Houston, Tom Doyal of Austin, Patricia (Pat) Cramer of Austin, Charlotte Taft of Dallas and John Thomas of Dallas. The five plaintiffs are represented by Austin attorney J. Patrick Wiseman with THRF acting as "of counsel".

The lawsuit seeks to have 21.06 declared unconstitutional and barred from enforcement on the grounds that it violates the plaintiffs rights under the Bill of Rights of the Texas Constitution and under the common law right of privacy as recognized by the courts in Texas. The plaintiffs allege that they are all practicing homosexuals who deeply fear prosecution under 21.06. Specifically, they contend in their petition that the statute:

1. unconstitutionally criminalizes their private sexual relations with other

consenting adults of the same gender;
2. encourages disruption of their family relationships, thereby causing them alienation and separation from their families;

3. limits their employment opportunities, thus requiring them to tailor their career choices to avoid discrimination;
4. encourages hate crimes against gay men and lesbians, tacitly condoning such practices as "gay bashing" and verbal assaults;

5. encourages discrimination against gay men and lesbians in the judicial system, and harassment of them by law enforcement officials; and

6. subjects gay men and lesbians to emotional stress because of the state-sanctioned stigma attached to the nature of their private consensual relations.

In commenting on the reasons for the bringing of the lawsuit, Houston attorney David Bryan, the legal director of THRF said:

"The State of Texas is one of just six states in this country that criminalizes only the intimate and private consenting relations of two men or two women. The rationale given to support this criminalization is frequently that the majority has the right to dictate its view of morality to the populace — precisely the same reasoning used in this country until 1967 to criminalize interracial marriages. To borrow words from Justice Blackmun of the U. S. Supreme Court, it is precisely because the issue

raised by this 21.06 lawsuit touches the heart of what makes individuals what they are, that we should be especially sensitive to the rights of those whose choices upset the majority."

THRF also has pending at this time its formal complaint with the Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct to remove Judge Jack Hampton of Dallas from the bench.

Lesbians To Keynote State Conference

HOUSTON - Two native Texas Lesbians will keynote the second annual Texas Lesbian Conference (TLC), June 2-4, 1989 at the Astro Village Hotel.

Gloria Anzaldua, chicana, tejana and co-editor of This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color, will keynote the Saturday morning session. Her address will focus on the borderland experience: caught between two cultures, an alien in both.

Capturing the social diversity in Texas communities, Sunday's presenter and lesbian novelist Antoinette Azolakov explores the contrasting views of the feminist and the non-feminist and of women in traditional versus non-traditional occupations. Her published works include Cass and the Stone Butch, Skiptrace and Contactees Die Young.

The objectives of the conference are to create a network of lesbians to facilitate communication, promote grass root organizations and increase visibility. The conference is being produced by All Mujeres Interested in Getting Active (AMIGA) and Womynspace of Houston. AMIGA is a lesbian latina

organization committed to increasing the visibility of Latinas and which works toward civil rights for all. Womynspace of Houston is a non-hierarchical feminist organization founded to create an alternative space for womyn in a chemical free, women only, supportive environment.

For more information on TLC '89 write: P.O. Box 980134, Houston, TX 77098-0134 or call (713) 520-5667. A TLC volunteer orientation is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, all interested women should call or write. A press conference is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 4 at 4pm, in the TLC Hospitality Suite at the Astro Village Hotel.

The Fund For Human Dignity Announces New Lesbian/Gay Publications

NEW YORK, NY - The Fund For Human Dignity (FFHD), the educational organization of the lesbian/gay community, is pleased to announce the availability of three new publications. Workshops on Homophobia and Homosexuality for College Campuses (\$6) is a collection of three workshop designs successfully used at Wesleyan, Brown and Cornell Universities to combat anti-gay bias on campus. These workshop outlines have proved helpful to many students, faculty and administrators across the country who are working to raise consciousness about lesbian and gay issues within their institutions.

Lesbian Projects: Public and Private

ducted by the Working Group on Funding Gay and Lesbian Issues. Based on two surveys of over 600 organizations sponsoring or potentially sponsoring lesbian projects and of 265 funders, the report analyzes patterns of funding gay and lesbian organizations as well as recommendations for breaking down barriers to funding lesbian projects. This land mark study will interest lesbian and gay organizations who are seeking funding as well as foundations who are seeking to increase their support of lesbian and gay concerns.

Technical Assistance For Lesbian and Gay Organizations (\$5) is a series of articles compiled by The Working Group on Funding Gay and Lesbian Issues which deal with such topics as

long-range planning, organizational evaluation, funding resources, and fundraising. This compilation is a vital tool for gay and lesbian organizations in the process of expansion, as well as, those who are just beginning to contemplate such change.

Each of these new publications is available from The FFHD's National Lesbian and Gay Resource Center, the nations only clearinghouse solely devoted to lesbian and gay educational material. To order any of these publications or obtain a catalog of publications, please write to: The National Lesbian and Gay Resource Center, The Fund For Human Dignity, 666 Broadway, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10012.



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

DALLAS - Look for the **1989 Women's Film Festival - A Woman's Experience** on May 11, 12 & 13! Thursday Night's program will be held at the **Dallas Museum of Art Theater** on Ross Avenue in downtown Dallas. Friday and Saturday's program will be held at **SMU's Hughes-Trigg Student Center Theater** at 3410 Dyer St., at Airline on the SMU campus. If you need more info - call **Lesbian Visionaries** at (214) 528-2426. They will point you in the right direction!

AUSTIN - Join the gang at **NEXUS** to celebrate their **3rd Anniversary**. The Celebration goes on all weekend on May 12, 13 & 14! And, join in the fun starting Wednesday, May 10th, and every Wednesday to come, for **Danceteria Go-Go Rama with "His Boy Elroy"** - It's New Wave for the 90's! Don't forget that **Mug Club** and **C&W Dance Lessons** happen every Wednesday in **PETTICOAT JUNCTION!**

OKLAHOMA - **Herland Sister Resources** is holding its fourth annual **Spring Retreat** at **Boiling Springs State Park** near Woodward in north-western Oklahoma on May 19, 20 & 21. There will be fishing, hiking, spelunking, softball, volleyball, football and just laying around. **Judy Fjell**, humorist and singer/guitarist from Oakland, California will entertain Saturday night. Scholarships and work exchanges are available but, they are in limited supply. If you would like to at-

tend, please call (405) 672-4141 for more info! Also, call this number if you have a workshop suggestion.

HOUSTON - The women of Houston have spoken! You asked for a place to go on **Monday** nights - Now you've got it! The **RANCH** will be pen every Monday with **Happy Hour Prices** all night long and **Dart Tournaments!** And, don't miss out on **Memorial Day Fun** - it happen all weekend!

DALLAS - Sunday's are hot on Cedar Springs when you join in the fun at **SUE ELLEN'S! M.C.**, **Kathy Jack**, kicks off the great **Show** at 10pm! And with summer coming on fast - you'll enjoy **SUE ELLEN'S** frozen drinks!

AUSTIN - **Lesbian Mothers** are getting together in Austin! We are trying to have monthly activities but would like to have more. We need organizers for events and get-togethers. If you are a lesbian mother, co-parent or mother-to-be and would like to hold an event, call us! We will help you plan and get the word out. Our goal is to have a place where mothers can get support from other mothers and to have activities where our children are included. For more information call **Karen** at (512) 339-8508 or **Maria** at (512) 834-0933. A **Lesbian Mothers Game Night** will be held Sat., May 20th, 7-10pm at the **Women's Peace House**, 1305 E. 1st St.. A supervised childrens play room will be e provided, please bring drinks, snacks or games - no alcohol please!

DALLAS - Kick off the **Memorial Day Weekend** right with **Free Hot Dogs** on the patio at **JUGS** on Thursday, May 25th!

HOUSTON - **Alexandra E.** invites the women of Texas to join in the **Celebration of Springtime** at the Hottest All New Club for Women and Friends. In May **KEYSTROKE** will be opening Friday the 5th and Friday the 19th at 2401 San Jacinto, 9pm.

We want to thank Houston for its support and would like to announce that **STOP SEARCHING/KEYSTROKE** is sponsoring the **Texas Lesbian Conference** that will take place in Houston June 2-4.

For more information call the **KEYSTROKE HOTLINE** (713) 785-9258.

ARLINGTON - **BRITCHES & BLOOMERS** are open and ready for you! There's a great new atmosphere and lots more room at **BLOOMERS**, plus a **game room**, **great dance floor** and the **restaurant** will be opening again soon - don't miss it!

DALLAS - While in the Oak Lawn area, don't miss **TRUE COLORS GALLERY** - it's a great new, women owned, art gallery. It's a little out of the way, but well worth the stop! Check it out at 4233 Cedar Springs.

SAN ANTONIO - Beginning on the 14th of May, you can enjoy **sun, fun & games**, beginning at noon on the **patio**, every Sunday at the **CIRCLE**. Also, don't miss the music of **Beth Williams** on May 7th at 8pm - and ... no cover!

FT. WORTH - If you play **softball** - join the **PARTNERS** team! Get in touch with someone from the bar for more info. Don't miss the **PARTNERS All Girl Benefit Show** on May 21st! The proceeds will go to help make this year's **GAY PRIDE WEEK** Fort Worth's best ever!

SAN ANTONIO - There's a new bar in town! **MEMORIES** is a place for women to meet and dance! The jukebox is primed and ready, so bring your quarters and check it out!



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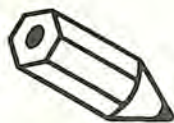
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Answers to your questions about love,
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Dear Agnes,

I am very attracted to an entertainer in a gay bar here in Dallas.

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I've been watching her for a while, and I have noticed she doesn't socialize much with the bar patrons on a personal level. She will serve drinks and be friendly, but that's it. She seems very reserved.

I have been afraid to approach her because I don't want her to think I am like most other women that probably approach her - out for one thing.

I am really interested in getting to know her. I have considered sending flowers, taking out a personal ad, asking her to lunch, etc... Lunch presents a problem because

I'm sure they have been warned about being personally involved with patrons.

HELP!

Desperate In Dallas

Dear Desperate,

The only thing you can do is ask. Of course, it won't hurt to set yourself

apart from the crowd with a single red rose or something of that nature.

Remember that underneath the makeup and glitzy clothes, entertainers are just like other women. They aren't goddesses, although a few I've seen certainly look like goddesses.

Be yourself and ask her out - the worst that can happen is that she will say no. At least, then you will have asked and will know if she's the least bit interested. You can always chart another course from there - either ask her again or forget about her.

Dear Agnes,

My lover is a militant lesbian separatist. We have been together for 8 months.

She hates men - her father is dead and there are no men in her life at all. She even works for an all-woman company. So, here's the problem ... my brother, who is also gay comes to town every few months and she won't even let him in the house. She says this is her space and she doesn't want it "spoiled" by a man. I say it's my space too and I can have whoever I want in my home.

I've even tried to talk her into going somewhere for awhile so my brother can come over, but she won't budge.

I can understand why she feels this way

about men (kind of) - but I think this is a little too extreme. Any suggestions?

Locked Out Houston, TX

Dear Locked,

Everyone is entitled to their opinion and lifestyle; provided it doesn't hurt anyone else. Probably this situation doesn't do much for your relationship with your brother. You can't change the

way she feels or alter her behavior, but you can change your residence.

Confidential to H.C. in Austin,

GWF stands for gay white female, GBF stands for gay black female. I have no earthly idea what DWF stands for. Hopefully one of our readers will fill us both in.



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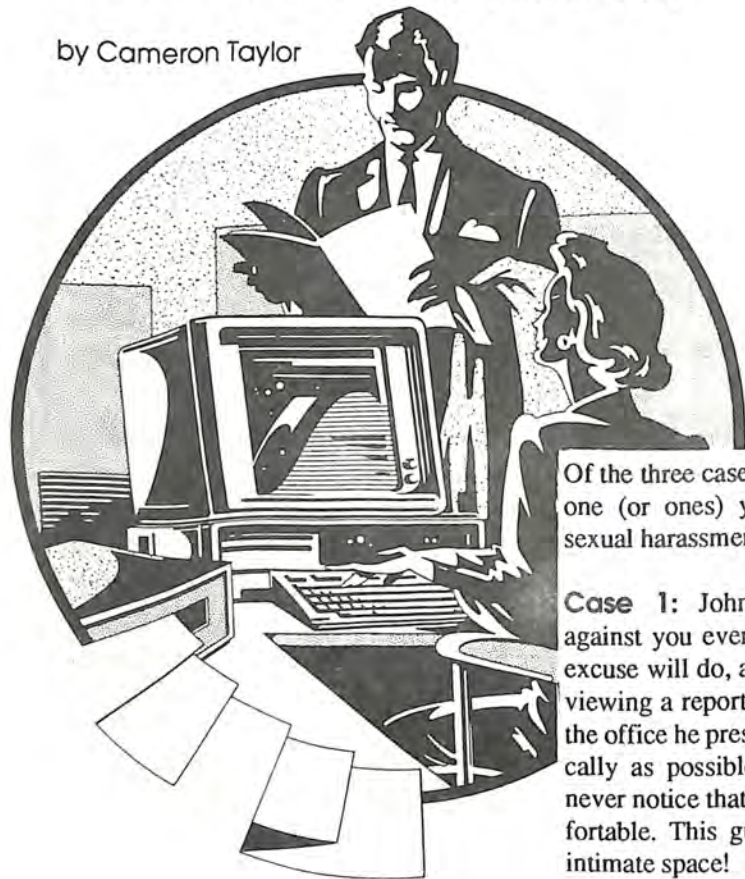
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SEXUAL HARASSMENT

What You can Do about It.

by Cameron Taylor



Of the three cases below, pick the the one (or ones) you think constitutes sexual harassment.

Case 1: John Freshman presses against you ever chance he gets; any excuse will do, asking a question, reviewing a report... When he comes in the office he presses up as close physically as possible and then seems to never notice that it makes you uncomfortable. This guy is always in your intimate space!

Case 2: Fred Slez is the company trash mouth. There has never been a sexist or dirty joke that has not passed his ear or lips for that matter. It is Monday morning and he is loaded with a new list and here he comes, "Do you



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Case 3: "Yes, Jamie your work here is really appreciated, but if you ever

expect to get a raise or promotion around here, Honey, you better lighten up and start socializing.. Know what I mean?.."

Since 1986, employers are held responsible for a harassment-free environment as well as for the prevention of sexual harassment.

ronment. This can be a result of teasing, comments, the presence of suggestive posters, or sexual jokes. The second is unwelcome physical or verbal behavior of a sexual nature. This behavior may

be implied or an outright condition of your employment, wages, or advancement.

Once upon a time, a person who was being sexually harassed at work had to either put up with it or leave the job, hoping that a new job would offer a more professional work environment. By 1980 things began to change, you had the option of filing a complaint, but a final resolution of the case could take years. Then, in 1986, the Supreme Court handed down a decision that said the employer was responsible for a harassment free environment and further responsible for the *prevention* of sexual harassment.

Today most major companies have a sexual harassment policy.

But, what is sexual harassment???

There are no clear cut guidelines for determining what is and what isn't sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is what ever makes you feel uncomfortable. There are two categories of sexual harassment: Legally the first is defined as an intimidating or hostile work envi-

What to do.... ...if you are being sexually harassed?

1. Confront the "harasser"! Tell him that his behavior is offensive and that if it continues you will report it. [Document the date you confront him. This can be a simple note on your calendar at home.]

...if he doesn't stop?

2. Warn him verbally and in writing that if his behavior continues you will notify his supervisor or manager and the personnel department. [Document this on your calendar too.]

All documentation should include the date, time, specific behavior, and details involved. Be sure to note any witnesses present. Always keep copies of all your records.

...If the behavior persists?

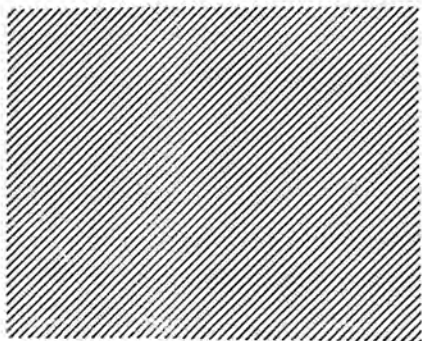
3. Use the company complaint procedure. If there isn't a complaint procedure go to the next ranking supervisor in the department. Remind the supervisor, manager, or employer that it is the company's responsibility to correct the situation.

4. Further contacts include your States' Labor Department and the EEOC [Equal Employment Opportunity Commission] 1-800-USA-EEOC. They will direct you to a regional office and tell you what needs to be done.

It is essential to follow these guidelines and to document your actions. You should always confront the person verbally first. That gives them the benefit of a doubt; and there is always a possibility that they really do not realize their behavior is offensive. Further, a sexual harassment charge can ruin a career and won't leave either party untouched. Following the steps listed above can help resolve the problem with less career and emotional damage.

At the beginning of this article we asked you to choose which case(s) represented sexual harassment. As you now know, all of them constitute harassment. If it makes you feel uncomfortable, embarrassed or pressured - it is harassment. Keep in mind that even though the examples in this article refer to the male harasser/female harassee, this is not always the case. Harassment can occur at all levels of employment and can come from

members of either sex. It is very unprofessional for a supervisor, manager, or anyone of authority to solicit sex for favors. Under the law you are entitled to a comfortable, harassment-free work environment.



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The Attack Of The Killer Puppy

by Nancy Ford



A column or two ago you were introduced to my Significant Other. You remember — she's the one who rearranges the living room furniture once every 20 years (whether it needs it or not,) and was quite upset when I took the initiative 19 1/2 year prematurely. This week she got even. S.O. brought home a puppy. Actually a dog. Probably a soon-to-be very large dog. Ah, the patter of little feet. Four of them to be exact. *We are a family like a giant tree.* I guess. Please don't misinterpret my lack of enthusiasm as well, lack of enthusiasm. It's just that I've never been what you'd call an Animal Person. I'm more of an Electronics, Jewelry and Fast Cars Person. This is at least partially due to the fact that congenitally, I'm one of those weepy-eyed wimps who is allergic to nearly everything with hair and a heartbeat. Even the Muppets make me sneeze. As a result, I never, ever owned a pet, either as a child or an adult. Admittedly there are one or two relationships in my past which had a very definite *keeper/pet* tinge to them, but up until now, no Puppy Chow has been involved.

S.O. and I had frequently discussed the possibility of adopting something hypo-allergenic, considering co-reproduction is pretty much out of the question for us in this lifetime. For a while, we even had custody of two goldfish named Fruit and Fibre. But one day Fibre, in a survival-of-the-fittest feeding frenzy, took a very large bite out of Fruit. Fibre himself then expired of the resulting bloat. Believe me, it ruined the whole weekend.

But so far little Cuji's (a derivative of Cujo. Sorry Stephen), stay has been a successful one. No unpleasant situations have occurred that haven't been rectified with an Allerest or a rolled up *TWI*. In fact, having a dog in the house has given me a new found sense of security: already she's barked at an unidentified pizza delivery man who came to our door in the dead of the night. It's comforting to know that should anyone ever try to assault us with a large-pepperoni-with-extra-cheese concealed weapon, the Cuji will be there.

And it's alarming how suddenly becoming an Animal Person has altered

my previous misconceptions of that side of life, here are some of the lessons I've learned in just 48 short hours:

◆ Though puppies should not be expected to understand commands spoken in clear, even, adult-like tones, they fluently habla baby talk.

◆ When we flip through the new Sharper Image catalog, we find that electronic flea collars hold much the same appeal as once did the remote video phone.

◆ If I wouldn't be caught dead wearing the exact same article of clothing day after day — say, for example, a red, sleeveless pullover that only covers four of my breasts — why should I expect my dog to feel any different.

◆ When the dog has just been Vidal Sassooned and blown-dry to perfection, she's Our Daughter. When she chooses to wait until it starts raining to visit the fire hydrant, she's of unknown heritage.

◆ Just as there are day people and night people, there are also day dogs and night dogs. Hopefully ours will never get a driver's license or learn about 976 numbers.



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A Discussion of Lesbian Literature Both New and Old

This month T. Sumner Reviews:

The Adventure of Magnificent Kong and Brawny Mouse

by Lucina Kathman

Of Love and Glory

by Evelyn Kennedy

The first book we're going to talk about this month is The Adventure of the Magnificent Kong and Brawny Mouse by Lucina Kathman. Now, if you think the title is confusing, just wait until you read the book!

Brawny Mouse is a white woman who travel from Chicago to Alcapulco with her black lover, Magnificent Kong. The trip is made in a attempt to reconcile their differences abut monogamy. Be-

fore they even reach Mexico City, Kong has already fallen head over heels for a black model she meets on the plane. Then there is the Mexican bus driver, Barbara, to whom Brawny Mouse tells the story of her relationship with Kong before they have driven a hundred miles. Once they reach Alcapulco, Kong and Brawny Mouse are surprised by the presence of their friends from Chicago, Maggie and

Green, who won a trip to Alcapulco sometime in the 12 hour period it takes Brawny and Kong to reach their destination - confused? Don't worry, so am I. All this brings us to page 65!

After this, the whole troupe gets invited to a party at a reclusive millionaire's home, get their pictures in all the gossip columns in the States, and find their fondest dreams coming true.

OK - this is fiction and there is bound to be some unlikely coincidences, but this is out of hand! Although the writing is not bad and there are some humorous moments, I found the plot to be totally non-existent. The story wanders around until it finally gets lost. I never did get to like any of the characters because there were so many that I couldn't keep up.

If you would like to order The Adventure of Magnificent Kong and Brawny Mouse, it is available for \$8.95 from Liberty Press, P.O. Box 50421, Austin, TX 78763.

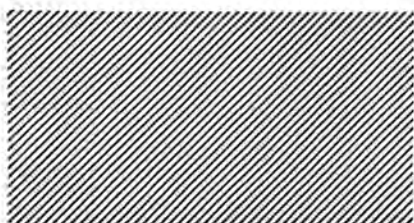
Our next book is much more intriguing. Of Love and Glory by Evelyn Kennedy is a story of passion in the midst of war. The setting is 1943 London. England is

under siege from the Germans when Jenny and Maggie meet in an air-raid shelter. Jenny is a nurse in England with her husband David. Maggie is journalist covering the war for American newspapers. Jenny does not understand her attraction to Maggie but fol-

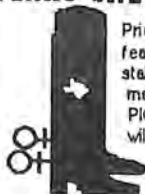
lows her instincts to find love and passion. David is infuriated and his threats convince Jenny to break off her affair with Maggie. Then, both women are drawn into the war in ways that will change them forever.

This is a story that will draw you in with it's wartime urgency and keep you intrigued with the love that grows between these women. Evelyn Kennedy's description of the bloody battles that raged over Europe will take your breath away with their frightening intensity.

Of Love and Glory is a book worth reading for any fan of good fiction. It is available at your favorite bookstore or for \$8.95 from Naiad Press, Inc., P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302. Please enclose 15% postage. Complete catalogs are available upon request.



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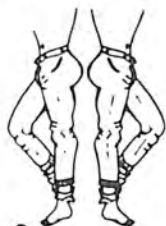


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1. When you redecorate your home or apartment, you:

- a. decorate exactly the way you want.
- b. decorate in a way that makes you happy, with a few concessions to "what's hot".
- c. try to follow the current look as closely as possible.

2. When you're invited to go out with friends, you:

- a. always dress outrageously, after all, you pride yourself on being different.
- b. wear what makes you comfortable and what you feel looks good on you.

c. call and ask what everyone else is wearing so you won't feel out of place.

3. When you go shopping for clothes, you:

- a. try to stay one step ahead of fashion.
- b. sometimes surprise yourself by buying something "way out".
- c. always stick to "your look"

4. When it comes to entertainment, you:

- a. are always trying to find something unusual - going to new places and doing new things.
- b. have things you like to do but are willing to try something new.
- c. have certain things you like to do and rarely do anything else.

5. When you go to vote, you:

- a. usually vote for the underdog.
- b. listen to the stand on issues and

ote for the person who best supports your beliefs.

c. usually vote for the most popular candidate.

6. You believe that your "first impression" of other people is:

- a. usually right.
- b. sometimes right.
- c. never right.

7. When choosing a book to read, you:

- a. choose a title that will impress your friends.
- b. read what you like.
- c. read whatever your friends recommend whether it interests you or not.

8. You're going out for dinner with a woman you've met once or twice.

When she picks you up, she's in a dress and heels and you're dressed in jeans. You:

- a. go as you are regardless of what she thinks.
- b. tell her you can change in a second if it will make her more comfortable.
- c. lie and say you were running late and just about to change.

SCORING

Check your answers off on the chart below:

	a	b	c
1.	___	___	___
2.	___	___	___
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if you had: Mostly A's

You like to let all sides of your personality out and that's great, but you may feel the need to *always* come across as different which could be a cover-up for insecurities. You may use this as a way of disguising the "real" you. Also, by always saying, "I'll do what I want, when I want" you can protect yourself from rejection. You have a built-in excuse—when you don't feel accepted you can always say it's because you didn't conform. You've got what it takes to explore all the facets of your personality, just make sure you do it for the right reasons!

Mostly B's

You are secure in your identity, but you're flexible enough to allow for all kinds of different experiences and new ideas. You like going "way out" on occasion, but you also don't mind toning it down to make others feel comfortable. You allow yourself to experience all parts of your identity, but you know your best side. Congratulations!

Mostly C's

While there is nothing wrong with knowing what you want (and who you are) and sticking with it, the idea is to grow in your identity. You may hold yourself back because you are afraid of failure or embarrassment. Next time you think, "If only I could," ask yourself what's the worst thing that could happen. Compare that with the benefits and try it! You may find great things about yourself that you never knew!



Poetry

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then wanted me a-plenty.
I declined.
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You've swallowed him
whole. Respect, if any,
he and I
argued away
on choices in me life's vat.
Happiness.

You've married him.
Slowly, you'd forsaken me.
I sang
at your wedding.
Everybody loved that.
Happiness.

You've married him.
It's been years. How many?
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Are you happy?
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Horoscope

What's in the Stars for You this month?

TAURUS

(April 20th - May 20th)

You just can't seem to keep your mind on your work during the **first week of May** — try to focus on the job at hand and you'll have plenty of time to play later. From the **9th thru the 16th** you'll need to get your finances in order. This may be difficult but it will be to your advantage to do it now, before it gets out of hand. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you may be feeling restless and not quite sure what you want from a relationship. Take your time and you'll make the right decision. From the **24th thru the 31st** watch out for someone who may be using their friendship with you to get what they want. You will take center stage in a group or organization that you belong to.

GEMINI

(May 21st - June 21st)

If you have been operating under the illusion that everyone else is playing by the rules, you are in for a rude awakening during the **first week of May**. From the **9th thru the 16th** think twice about what you are saying — a slip of the tongue could land in you in hot water. An unwise financial decision could come back to haunt you. From the **17th thru the 23rd** the urge to travel could be overwhelming. A short weekend trip with a loved one could quell that urge as well as bringing you closer together. From the **24th thru the 31st** you may

have a tendency to flit from one thing to another and not get anything done - zero in on what needs to be done and do it. Let logic and not emotions guide your actions.

CANCER

(June 22nd - July 22nd)

You may be wishing that things in your life would speed up during the **first week of May**. Nothing moves fast enough for you, but you'll just have to be patient - you'll only mess things up if you push too hard. From the **9th thru the 16th** there may be a new romantic interest in the picture - keep your eyes open - you might get burned. From the **17th thru the 23rd** rely on your own judgement in a confidential matter. Those around you may be unreliable and maybe even untrustworthy. From the **24th thru the 31st** your social life begins a new cycle. New friends and old friends come together for some great times - don't miss out!

LEO

(July 23rd - August 22nd)

If playing detective is right up your alley then you'll love the **first week of May**. What goes on behind the scenes is much more intriguing than outward appearances. From the **9th thru the 16th** social activities may have to be put on hold until you can get a grip on your finances. Work out a strategy and stay with it! From the **17th thru the**

23rd you are able to combine work with pleasure effectively. A friend you make now could have an important bearing on your future. From the **24th thru the 31st** a relationship that has been on the back burner may suddenly heat up again. Go with it .

VIRGO

(August 23rd - Sept 22nd)

Beware of a passing romantic fancy during the **first week of May**. It could play havoc with your current relationship. From the **9th thru the 16th** you should look your best and be on your best behavior at work. Eyes are focused on you. Don't overlook details. From the **17th thru the 23rd** a social gathering in your home could be just what you need to take the pressure off for awhile. Work has got you bogged down and you need a rest! From the **24th thru the 31st** you may have to put an emotional issue on hold for the moment and direct your energies on your career. This is the time to get ahead - go for it!

LIBRA

(Sept 23rd - Oct 23rd)

Don't rely on anyone to carry the ball for you during the **first week of May**. You'll have to rely only on yourself to get things done right now. From the **9th thru the 16th** you may run into some unexpected delays at home because of a money shortage. Scout around, you'll find the money to finish your project. From the **17th thru the 23rd** try to keep your cool when others are losing theirs. If you keep to yourself and don't put your "two cents worth" in a family fight, everything will work out fine. From the **24th thru the 31st** changes may be coming to your lifestyle that

have been needed for quite some time. Don't push it or you may lose friends.

SCORPIO

(Oct 24th -Nov 22nd)

Someone you have grown fond of may be mutually interested during the **first week of May**. Set aside some time to spend with this person. From the **9th thru the 16th** you may be happier as part of a group rather than paired off with one person. From the **17th thru the 23rd** rely on logic and not emotions in your dealings with others - feelings are sensitive right now and your temper could cause problems. From the **24th thru the 31st** you have a chance to clear the air at home. Voice your opinions and give everyone a chance to say what's on their mind.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23 - Dec 21)

You may be working longer hours during the **first week of May**, but time lost playing will give you a fatter paycheck to play on next week! From the **9th thru the 16th** a love interest could crop up at work - be careful! Your social life is enjoyable now. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you could lose more than a friendship if you betray a confidence. Don't borrow or lend money. From the **24th thru the 31st** you might have to turn down an invitation to travel in order to meet work deadlines. Tackle the job first and you'll have plenty of time to relax later.

CAPRICORN

(Dec 22nd - Jan 19th)

Your charisma will make you the life of the party during the **first week of May**

even while an upset at home can knock you for a loop. From the **9th thru the 16th** a message from far away could cause a change of plans. A close relationship could be especially nerve-racking right now - sit tight, things will improve. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you are in the spotlight over recent business and personal accomplishments, but you didn't get there all by yourself so be sure to thank those who've helped. From the **24th thru the 31st** someone maybe envious of your present success. Just go about your business and ignore their grumblings. Social activities are great fun right now!

AQUARIUS

(Jan 20th - Feb. 18th)

Try to get routine jobs out of the way quickly during the **first week of May**. This will give you time to enjoy your social life as well as the great atmosphere at home now. From the **9th thru the 16th** you may want to put a creative project on hold for awhile, your attention is elsewhere and you can always come back to it later. From the **17th thru the 23rd** intense concentration will be required to pull off a big career move. Don't let a new romance slip thru your fingers! From the **24th thru the 31st** it's time to get away for awhile and rest up - you'll be better able to handle everything going on in your life when you come back.

PISCES

(Feb 19th - Mar 20th)

Expenses that you aren't prepared for can start adding up during the **first week of May**. Let the practical side of your nature take over and pull you

through. From the **9th thru the 16th** try to keep your options open in a romantic matter - things may be a little too hot for you right now. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you may be feeling down because things at work aren't progressing as fast as you would like. Get away and relax, things will move faster when you get back. From the **24th thru the 31st** tackle big jobs before they get out of hand and you'll have more time to spend on a neglected relationship. Join friends for a holiday get together.

ARIES

(Mar 21st - April 19th)

You have some big dreams that you want to make reality during the **first week of May**. Go slowly and don't get in over your head. From the **9th thru the 16th** you could change your mind about a career decision you made earlier in the year. Avoid making any big promises - you may not be able to keep them. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you may be so wrapped up in yourself that you fail to see the whole picture. Stay alert to others feelings. From the **24th thru the 31st** you might still be in doubt about a close relationship. Follow your logic and not your emotions.



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HOUSTON: I believe there is someone for everyone and I have a dream of meeting that special someone. I'm a GWF, 28, attractive, feminine. Seeking same for whatever we like - good conversation, dancing, etc... Photo not necessary but if you send yours, I'll send you mine. It work both ways. Reply to Box #185

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