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Committee to Free Sharon Kowalski Disbands

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - The National Committee to Free Sharon Kowalski closed its doors on June 30th.

"Everything is set in place for a secure future for Sharon," said Tacie Dejanikus, co-chair of the Committee. "With Sharon's move, we have substantially completed the agenda around which we organized in 1987." On June 12, Sharon was moved to Trevilla of Robbinsdale, an extended care facility near Minneapolis, MN. The facility provides rehabilitation and transition to less structured care for brain-injured persons. This move is the first step in the rehabilitation plan recommended by Kowalski's therapists at the Miller-Dwan Medical Center in Duluth.

Sue Wilson, Karen Thompson's attorney, said Sharon's father Donald has asked St. Louis County District Court Judge Robert V. Campbell to terminate his guardianship of his daughter, "because if he can't do it his way, he doesn't want to do it." Campbell has specified that he will not appoint Thompson as guardian. His selection of a third party is pending. Thompson praised the work of the National Committee, "the Committee

has achieved a great deal," she said. "Any further areas of question in Sharon's future can be hammered out by my lawyer in court. This nightmare is almost over, and Sharon and I can be free to determine what the future holds for us."

The Committee reiterates that the story of Sharon Kowalski represents a powerful lesson about the need for all couples who choose not to marry, or do not have legal access to marriage, to create durable power of attorney documents for their own protection.

While awaiting a vacancy at Trevilla, Sharon spent several weeks at the Ebenezer Caroline Center in Minneapolis and participated for the first time in a medical staffing conference about her care. She also received a pass to attend a barbecue with Thompson and other friends. It is expected that her medical team at Trevilla will be aggressive in recommending further activities that allow her to leave the facility.

Sharon may receive cards, flowers, etc., at Trevilla of Robbinsdale, 3130 Grimes Ave. N., Robbinsdale, MN 55422.

For further information, contact Karen Thompson at 3070 Fulton Circle, Clearwater, MN 55320.



National Museum of Lesbian and Gay History to Open

NEW YORK - The Lesbian Gay Community Services center in Manhattan New York has announced the founding of the first museum in the United States devoted to lesbian and gay history. It will be called the National Museum of Lesbian and Gay History.

"This is a crucial step in preserving our heritage," says Executive Director Richard D. Burns, who convened a six-member committee that is coordinating the organization of the museum.

The Center is acquiring a substantial portion of the contents of the International Gay History Archive, a major collection amassed over ten years by John Hammond and Bruce Eves. It includes periodicals, books and memorabilia.

The archive will be stored in rooms in the basement of the Center that are now being cleaned and repainted. It will be exhibited in the Center's meeting spaces on a rotating basis, with all of it accessible to students, scholars, historians, and writers, by appointment. "The Center will serve as a safe place to store the archive and the many items we expect to add to it in future years," says Burns.

The museum's first independent project, a multi-media exhibition commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall rebellion, took place in June, Lesbian and Gay Pride and History month. Entitled "Imagining

Stonewall," the exhibit included audio, video, pictures and documentary display. The Center has already successfully displayed the photographs of Robert Giard and Marilyn Humphries.



JUDITH SLOAN

3rd Annual Key West Women's Week Sure to be a Success

KEY WEST - The Key West Business Guild announces "WOMEN IN PARADISE", a week of events for women to be held September 11-17. During the entire week there will be sailing, boating, snorkeling, scuba, windsurfing, basketball, music, dances and other activities primarily designed for women participants.

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(out of town entries are encouraged) featuring entertainment from South Carolina band, Sensible Pumps.

On Friday, September 15, comedian Judith Sloan will perform "Responding to Chaos" in what is sure to be a terrific concert.

There will also be a block party and street fair with arts & crafts exhibits, food and dancing in the street.

Most of the 25 Key West Business Guild member guesthouses will be catering to women during the week, as hundreds of women are expected for the event.

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HOUSTON - If Beer Bust is your faaaaaavorite thing to do - check out the **RANCH!** They've got **Beer Bust 4 night a week** on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Thursday. If you'd like some entertainment with your beer there will be two **Big Softball Benefits** in August - dates weren't set at press time but ask at the bar. Also, get ready for Labor Day and kick off the fall season with a great big **Labor Day Weekend** - details will be available soon so keep your eyes and ears open!

ARLINGTON - Whether you are an entertainer or you just like to be entertained, you'll have to make it out for the **Ms. Bloomers** and **Miss Midcities Metroplex** pageants at **BLOOMERS & BRITCHES** this

month! The **Ms. Bloomers** contest will be held on August 17th and is open to all Texas women. **J. Christopher** will keep you entertained between segments. The **Miss Midcities Metroplex** will be on August 24th with special guest **Dena Malloy** and will also be open to all Texas residents. This is a preliminary to the official **Miss Gay Texas Pageant** so don't miss it.


HOUSTON - **KEYSTROKE** announces its **Summer Closing Party** to be held on Friday, August the 18th at 2401 San Jacinto at 9pm. Originally, **KEYSTROKE** planned to be open every Friday in August. However, that has changed and **KEYSTROKE** will open only once this month. **KEYSTROKE** is produced by **Stop Searching**, a private membership organization for women. For more info, call the **Keystroke Hotline** at (713) 785-9258.

DALLAS - The oldest women's bar in the big D is moving to bigger and better quarters! **JUGS** will hold their official **Grand Opening and 15th Anniversary Party** on August 15th! There will be free well drinks and draft beer from 8pm-10pm plus lots of other surprises all through the night! And, just in case you were wondering, the new address is **3810 Congress**, next door to **Abacus Printing** and **Oak Lawn Records!**

FORT WORTH - Barbara and the gang at **PARTNERS** would like to thank **Richard, Kathy, Rudy, Steve, Robin & Ricky** for their help in making the **4th of July Flag Celebration** a smashing success! Get ready for **Thursday Night Beer Bust** with Guest DJ **Spanky**. The incomparable **Kathy** will still be in the DJ booth on Fridays and Saturdays. Look for the special **Country Night** and **Pool Tournament** coming soon. Be sure you tell **Barbara** about birthdays and other special days—she'll fix it up right for you. If you have any ideas for the bar, **PARTNERS** now has a suggestion box.

DALLAS - It's the hottest time of the year and **SUE ELLEN'S** is ready with **Happy Hour** every night and all day and all night on Monday! Don't forget to join the fun on **C&W Night** on Thursdays! There will be **\$1 Longnecks & \$2 Corona All Night** and a show at 10:30pm. Be sure to brush up on your Air Hockey skills and get out for the weekly **Air Hockey Tourney** on Tuesdays at 10pm. There will be cash prizes, optional **\$2 Beer Bust** and lots of fun!

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Dear Agnes

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Dear Agnes,

I am furious! Can you believe that eight little men in black dresses and one woman can actually sit in judgment and objectively make a decision about what a woman can do with her body?

I have never been politically active. I was one of the "babies" born in the time warp - that time period when all the fuss about civil rights and women's rights was settled. We thought. I never really thought we would start going backwards. What happened to tolerance? What happened to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? What's next?

Well I am writing for some advice, what do we do now?

Activist Seeking Direction

Dear Direction,

It is a little late in the night for guilt, but it is not too late to join the war! First, register to vote! Second, vote. Get involved in the political process — if you aren't a member of your local Political Action Committee join and pledge. Even if it is a small amount each month. Get involved in local issues, seek out the NOW chapter and any lesbian/gay or women's groups in your area and join. There are lots of positions to fill and work to be done. Roll up your sleeves and get with it.

There is no way eight men are objective about the way a woman thinks or feels! And they shouldn't be dictating lifestyles, but they are and they will continue to do so as long as we let 'em.

Dear Agnes,

Bravo to your answer in last month's Dimensions! I have lived in several relationships and the majority of women I have lived with think once you are a "couple", you can't go out of the house without each other. God forbid you should even consider a trip, a visit your family, or even worse a trip with a friend.

This has caused many fights at my house, but thank goodness the woman I have lived with the past four years understands that there are times I want to go on a trip without her. She goes without me sometimes and I do not pitch a fit. Fair is fair.

Stick by your guns, Aggie, just because you are a couple doesn't mean you are joined at the hip.

A Fan in Houston

Dear Agnes,

I have worked for the same company for the past ten years as a manager. My immediate boss is a jackass, and the fellow who is one step up the ladder from him is just as bad. I have always done these people an excellent job, but like most companies about three years ago they got "merger-mania" and things are worse than ever. Half the people running things now don't have what it takes to get in out of the rain.

I thought, at one time, when my immediate boss retired I would be moved into his job, but the way things are going now—I don't know. I'm well

thought of in my field and it is a very specialized profession.

This old goat could retire, but I doubt he will for at least five years. In fact he may work till he's seventy. The ego-mad fruit cake over him does not like me and I seriously doubt I will ever get a promotion again.

Neither one of these guys is very well thought of in the company. Do you have any advice?

Stuck with a jackass

Dear Stuck,

Unfortunately if your bosses are not well thought of in the company, odds are, you are stuck.

You could try talking with with your immediate boss, but don't make him mad. Tell him, up front, you want to be considered for his position when he retires and feel out his reaction. Even if he is a jackass — don't tell him. Tread lightly around his boss, especially if he has an ego problem. Do not neglect P.R., it is the only thing lots of people get promoted on today. Playing politics at the office may not appeal to you, but it may be the only way to get ahead.

You did not indicate why you haven't looked around for a new job, but considering your situation and specialized field, I recommend "fishing" around. Talk with some professional contacts and see if there are any openings in your profession. It could mean relocation, but odds are you have many more years before you have the option to retire. Find a company you are happy with and be sure to tell any prospective employer that you want more responsibility.

Another option could be a business of your own, but do your home work first. Good luck!



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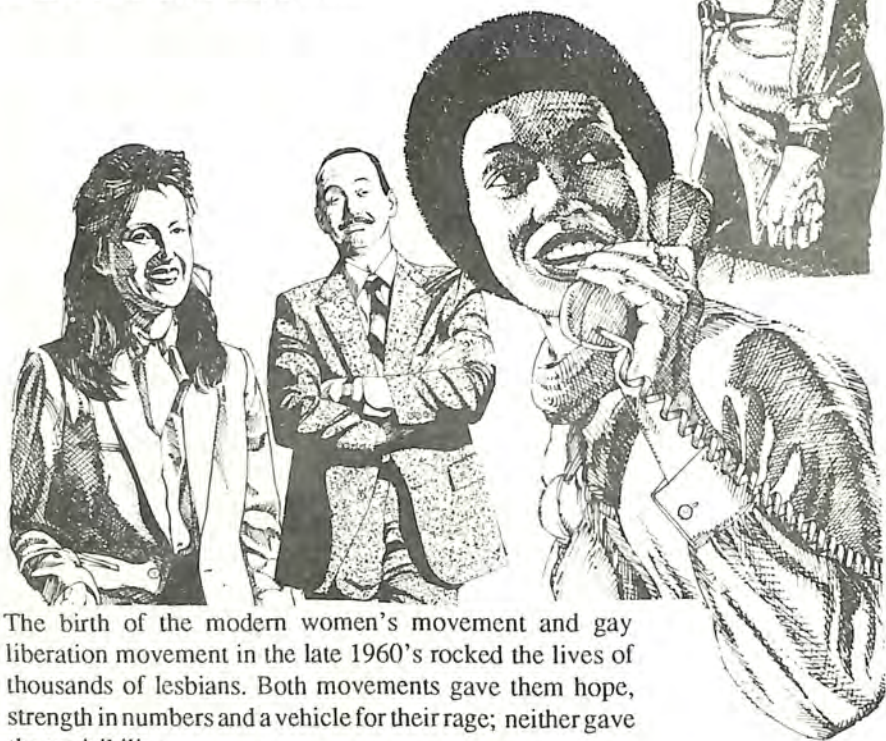
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Lesbians, Feminism and Gay Rights

by Patricia Yollin of the San Francisco Examiner

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The birth of the modern women's movement and gay liberation movement in the late 1960's rocked the lives of thousands of lesbians. Both movements gave them hope, strength in numbers and a vehicle for their rage; neither gave them visibility.

The alliance between feminists and lesbians was problematic from the start, especially in mainstream groups like the National Organization for Women.

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lawyer Donna Hitchens, 41.

She said lesbians personified all the things feminists didn't want to be labeled — and they feared their credibility would be undermined by the lesbian connection.

"When I first became a feminist, I was petrified of lesbians," said Oakland, CA writer Valerie Miner, a 41-year-old lesbian.

"Then I saw that mainly lesbians were the ones who founded battered women's shelters and answered phones at the rape crisis center and the people who often worked the hardest at the abortion rights campaign," she said.

"Their lifestyle was consistent for many of them with their politics."

"I was very intimidated by A Woman's Place (a San Francisco feminist bookstore)," said hospital ward clerk Susan Thompson, 34, of Oakland. "All I knew was bar life."

If lesbians' dealings with heterosexual feminists encompassed one reality, their ties to gay men took on a separate set of complexities.

Gay activist Torie Osborn recalls a panel she participated in during the mid-70's in Chicago with a gay man who went on to explain the appeal of being gay: They had more disposable income, didn't have to support families and could go to bars. It was a life free from constraints, she said.

Lesbians were less affluent than gay men — and more concerned with things like social responsibility and building a community.

Most significantly, lesbians had to fight both the pitfalls of being gay in a heterosexual world and of being female in a sexist one.

"We were from different planets," Osborn said. "We were the oddest

political bedfellows."

Black lesbian activist Gwenn Craig, 37, who lives on San Francisco's Potrero Hill, said gay men often exhibited the same sexist attitudes as heterosexual men.

When she became the first female president of the Harvey Milk Democratic Club in 1981, she had to fight harder than her predecessors had for recognition.

As a result of problems like these, many lesbians abandoned or avoided the gay movement. Today they're going back. Twenty years of the women's movement have created self-confidence. The threat from the new right also played a unifying role. It is AIDS, however, that has been the biggest bridge of all.

"It has changed the gay male community markedly," Osborn said. "It has so radically altered the value system of gay men as to put them more in line with women on things like family issues, respecting long-term relationships. And I'm not talking about neotraditional conservatism here."

The overwhelming response of lesbians as caretakers in the AIDS epidemic also has helped erase the fears and suspicions of the past.

"AIDS has put us in dialogue," Mary Dunlap, 40, said.

CHANGING NOTIONS OF POWER

The shift in power between gay men and lesbians has been accompanied by a turnabout in lesbians' views on power itself.

"I'm somebody who's living this

alleged contradiction between being feminist and having power," Osborn said.

The preoccupation with process and abhorrence of hierarchy often bogged down lesbian politics in the 70's. There is less patience now.

Osborn mentioned a grass-roots organizing meeting a few months ago in Durham, NC, to discuss the idea of a national lesbian conference. The participants didn't have an agenda and spent a day and a half arguing over what it should be.

"I'm glad I was not in Durham because I can't tolerate that," she said. "Fifteen years ago, I thought it was great. Today I don't"

Alice Molloy, 53, tried to explain how things are run at Mama Bears, her women's bookstore in Oakland, CA.

"It's kind of like being in the army and kind of like being in the Zen Center," said Molloy.

Much has been written about post feminism and the demise of the women's movement. Lesbians tend to dismiss these notions as a media creation.

Molloy said vigorous networks of

women's communities are thriving all over the country, fueled by the efforts of lesbian separatists.

"They are linked by ex-lovers, mothers, daughters, sisters and by people who've worked together or gone to school together," she said. "This is how women organize. Women are anarchists."

In the 70's, as lesbians became more politicized, even their sex lives were affected. The role playing of earlier was frowned upon; "butches" and "femmes" fell out of favor. But politically correct lovemaking had its limitations.

"There was a kind of purist notion that the only true lesbian sex was lying on your side, face to face, with no roles, no power," Osborn said. "You had to listen to Cris Williamson (albums) and smell incense. It was fairly boring, fairly vanilla and fairly repressive."

Things started loosening up in the late 70's. In 1984, *On Our Backs*, the country's first lesbian sex magazine, was published in San Francisco. Five years later, it still exists, buoyed by a lesbian culture more adventurous and less rigid than at any point since the women's movement began.



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What A World, What A World! Kindergarten Entrance Exam

by Nancy Ford



There is a little ritual that I go through prior to Krogering that saves me time and money, sometimes, and I want to pass it along to you. I divide my coupons into three stacks: one stack for items I desperately need and want and will buy, one stack for items I *somewhat* need and want but won't buy unless they are "unadvertised specials," and one stack for items I don't need or want and for that reason shouldn't buy, but what-the-heck-I've-got-a-coupon.

Recently, because what-the-heck-I-had-a-coupon, I purchased a magazine, the genre of which does not normally grace my coffee table. This particular magazine had a picture of tulips on the cover, no spicy personals in the classifieds, and no interviews with anyone wearing snakeskin. This magazine's table of contents included articles about poaching fish, how it feels to become a grandmother, and a recipe for dog biscuits. Cheese/garlic dog biscuits. What the heck, I had a coupon.

Among these articles was a well-placed list boldly entitled *80 Skills Kids Should Have Before They Start*

Kindergarten. Based on the expectations of this list, Kate & Allie are right — children today *do* live in a different world than we did at their age. I seriously question that many of us possessed these 80 skills by the time we graduated from high school, unless we count "knowing the alphabet" as twenty-six individual units.

The list was compiled by researchers for World Books, Inc. on the basis of a survey of 4,500 Kindergarten teachers' assessments of the physical and mental capabilities they expected of their pupils.

As I scanned the criteria it became excruciatingly clear that the difference between those who *are* five years old and those *act* five years old is vast. This difference is as vast as the difference between hearing "We Are The World" two hundred times in the course of a lifetime and hearing it two hundred times in the course of a weekend.

It became even more clear that sitting accordion-style in those little molded plastic chairs has a tendency to make Kindergarten teachers unreasonably demanding. At least 4,500 of them. If you doubt this, run yourself or a few of

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☐ *repeat a 6-to-8 word sentence.* The words "nail tips", "girlfriend", and "Shirley MacLaine" don't count.

☐ *identify his own first name in writing* in places other than on a restroom wall or on a subpoena.

☐ *print his own first name.* Granted, this one is a gimme.

☐ *look at pictures and tell a story.* 'tell a story, not 'give a critique'.

☐ *know some nursery rhymes* other than the kind that begin 'There once was a man from Nantucket.'

☐ *know the meaning of simple words* like "no", "good" and "credit limit".

☐ *know age and birthday.* And, when asked, replies with an answer at least close to the realm of reality.

☐ *retell a simple story in sequence.*

No problem. It's knowing when not to retell a story that is a true sign of maturity.

☐ *draw and color beyond a simple scribble* without feeling the need to frame it and charge fellow human beings money to look at it.

☐ *express self verbally* without quoting Goethe, Gibran, or Shirley MacLaine.

☐ *identify others by name.* Disqualified names: Mary, Louise, and Shirley MacLaine.

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A Discussion of Lesbian Literature Both New and Old

An Interview With Author Kim Larabee

by Jill Pollack

Kim Larabee is the author of
Behind the Mask
Alyson Publications, Inc.
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Kim Larabee is not sure whether she's
"a writer who owns horses on the side,
or a horse-owner who writes on the
side."

Whichever definition she chooses, 26-year-old Larabee is pursuing both careers. Her first novel, *Behind the Mask*, was published by Alyson Publications this summer - the same time her horses began training.

Writing from her horse-breeding farm in Michigan, Larabee is definitely far from the madding crowd. (Her closest neighbor is sixty-four acres away.) But that's just fine for the "painfully shy" Larabee who prefers to spend her time with her partner Bea and, of course, her



horses.

The idea for *Behind the Mask* came from two folders filled with stories she had started in high school. Larabee saved these but put her writing career on hold because of some shortsighted advice. My high school creative writing teacher told me I was horrible and that I should stay way from writing altogether." So much for the critics.

Behind the Mask is a regency-style lesbian romance about the budding love affair between two ladies of London's 'haute ton' (high society). "I wanted to create a total fantasy — something fun that would make you feel good."

In writing Behind the Mask, Larabee followed the style of her childhood heroine, British author Georgette Heyer. The novel is written as a regency-style romance, set in England in the early 1800's. "Heyer was the originator of the genre," explains Larabee. "She wrote with a great deal of humor and many of her books were really just a comedy of manners."

According to this definition, Behind the Mask is a credit to the regency tradition. The love affair between the two unmarried women who court society's disdain while courting each other is a charming story. It comes complete with mysterious midnight rides, gentlemen callers, spinster aunts, and a few delightful twists to see if the reader is paying attention.

Behind the Mask is a thoroughly enjoyable book, and an unusual one; lesbian romances are not gracing our bookshelves in great numbers. In fact, as Larabee points out, romances in general have received less-than-favorable reception: "Many presses have a real prejudice against romances. I feel they are a real part of woman-culture. They were my first taste of strong women characters — it was the women who really affected what was happening.

"Because they are written by women and the main characters are usually women, we get to see life from a woman's point of view. These are not just male fantasies. There's a concentration on who people are."

After tackling

England's regency period and expounding on the virtues of romance, Larabee is moving on to writing about her first love: horses.

"Horses have always been such an important part of my life — I've been horse-mad since childhood.

"Right now, I'm working on a kid's book about horses. People have the idea that humans are above animals so I thought I'd write a book from the horse's perspective to dispel this myth.

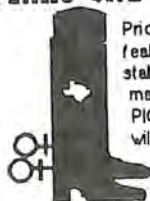
"I'm really writing it for a child that I was — that 13-year-old girl who would have loved to see this kind of book on the library shelf.

When asked about future plans Larabee casually mentions the frightening world of reviews and book signings. Although Larabee may be nervous about the future publicity she'll receive, she's really concerned with carrying on the regency romance tradition. "I hope I haven't committed any glaring errors that would make Georgette Heyer turn over in her grave!"

• Based in Chicago, Jill Pollack is a free-lance writer and public relations consultant for *People Like Us Books*.



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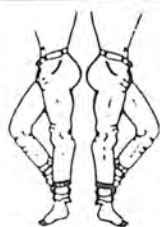


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5. Is it hard for you to make promises because you hate to feel obligated?

Group 2

1. Do you read books and articles on self-improvement?
2. Do you keep a close check on your finances?
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What's in the Stars for You this month?

LEO

(July 23rd - August 22nd)

A close relationship is likely to have same ups and downs during the **first week of August**. You could end up being the bad guy, but things will come out all right. From the **9th thru the 16th** luck is with you in business affairs if you will watch your step. Emotions may get out of hand at home, keep a cool head. From the **17th thru the 23rd** be generous with your praise and affection and keep a tight rein on your money. The urge to splurge could be overwhelming. From the **24th thru the 31st** the emphasis on finances continues. You can write your own ticket at work right now.

VIRGO

(August 23rd - Sept 22nd)

A romantic fling could have you walking on air during the **first week of August**. Be sure you aren't fooling yourself into thinking it's serious when it's all in fun. From the **9th thru the 16th** get out and socialize. You tend to be a loner at times and this could be just what you need to get rid of the blahs. From the **17th thru the 23rd** try not to expect perfection from those around you — they are doing their best to please you! From the **24th thru the 31st** keep a secret that has been entrusted to you. A friend would not have given you their confidence if you were not trusted.

LIBRA

(Sept 23rd - Oct 23rd)

Your personal affairs are best kept under cover during the **first week of August**. Be very discreet, especially at work right now. From the **9th thru the 16th** you may be feeling bored by your routine. If you can't get out to socialize, try entertaining at home. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you could be in a dreamy mood — someone you have been interested in for awhile is beginning to show an interest in you! From the **24th thru the 31st** a good friend could be worth her weight in gold right now. They will get you out of the house and out on the town where you'll meet some very interesting people!

SCORPIO

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)

A special friend could drop in for a visit during the **first week of August**. Plan some time away from work to enjoy their company. From the **9th thru the 16th** be sure to follow your gut feelings when it comes to personal goals. Your inner voice will be right on target and may signal a change of course. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you can improve a strained relationship by giving in to an invitation you don't really want to accept — and you just might have fun! From the **24th thru the 31st** don't be afraid to change plans at the last minute. You'll get farther and be happier if you are flexible this week.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21)

Travel could be part of the agenda during the **first week of August**. Whether you are leaving on a trip or just planning one, your mood should be upbeat. From the **9th thru the 16th** don't try to manipulate others. Gentle persuasion is a much more effective way to get what you want right now. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you may have to decide between career obligations and taking care of a situation that arises at home. Decide which is more important to your security needs. From the **24th thru the 31st** greater prestige and income could be in the picture if you deliver on a recent promise you made.

CAPRICORN

(Dec 22nd - Jan 19th)

Flattery will get you everywhere during the **first week of August**. Just be sure that you are honest with your praise and emotions. From the **9th thru the 16th** any impatience on your part will only slow you down in the long run. Slow down and take your time both at home and on the job. From the **17th thru the 23rd** don't pay any attention to rumors about a friend or colleague. You have more important things to do than worry about untrue whispers. From the **24th thru the 31st** show a loved one how much you care — sometimes you get so involved in your career that you forget to show your feelings.

AQUARIUS

(Jan 20th - Feb. 18th)

Avoid getting caught up in details during the **first week of August**. You could lose sight of your main objective

or a partners wishes. From the **9th thru the 16th** pressure at work builds up. Take advantage of the opportunity to use your business skills but avoid showing off. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you may be intimidated by complicated problem where you feel totally in the dark. Ask an expert for help. From the **24th thru the 31st** what you want and what you get may be two different things. This applies to romance and career. Be realistic and plan logically to avoid getting in over your head.

PISCES

(Feb 19th - Mar 20th)

You may be reading more into a relationship than there actually is during the **first week of August**. Be sure feelings are genuine on both sides before going off the deep end. From the **9th thru the 16th** a friendship of long standing might take a romantic turn — try to keep your composure! From the **17th thru the 23rd** you'd be smart to ignore idle gossip that's going around. It doesn't involve you and passing it along can get you in trouble. From the **24th thru the 31st** a companion could be under some stress, but doesn't want you to know it. Go along with the charade, they will tell you what's wrong in their own time.

ARIES

(Mar 21st - April 19th)

You may want some time to yourself during the **first week of August**. Go ahead and take it but be sure to clue those around you in to the situation. From the **9th thru the 16th** someone close to you could put you in a difficult situation. Take care of problems as they

arise, putting them off will only make them grow. From the **17th thru the 24th** a loved one will be especially sensitive to your needs. This is a great time for a change of routine and a slower pace. From the **24th thru the 31st** don't try to ride roughshod over someone who could be important to your future, be nice and you'll go alot farther.

TAURUS

(April 20th - May 20th)

Don't let yourself get into a relationship that is the least bit restrictive during the **first week of August**. You need room to explore right now. From the **9th thru the 16th** a promise could be just that and nothing more. Hold onto your heart — and your wallet. From the **17th thru the 23rd** a close relationship could be causing a little stress right now. Try to ignore the downside, it will go away quickly if you don't acknowledge it. From the **24th thru the 31st** you attract lots of attention from others — you may even be the target of someone's jealousy. Don't let it upset you.

GEMINI

(May 21st - June 21st)

Be sure to watch what you say both on the job and off during the **first week of August**. You could inadvertently reveal a secret that has been entrusted to you. From the **9th thru the 16th** avoid concentrating on emotional issues at work. Don't allow pressures to build up between you and a co-worker. From the **17th thru the 23rd** a friend who has promised help may not come through. Don't let it upset you — you can do the job alone and there is probably a very good reason for their absence. From the

24th thru the 31st you may feel the urge to go on a spending spree. Don't! Your finances aren't in great shape right now and you'll only make them worse.

CANCER

(June 22nd - July 22nd)

You may be showing the possessive side of your nature during the **first week of August**. Let go of the reins or you risk losing a loved one. From the **9th thru the 16th** you could go all out in an affair of the heart. This could be a lasting relationship if you play your cards right. From the **17th thru the 23rd** a partner who wants your undivided attention could be upset about the time you spend at work. A compromise is the only way out. From the **24th thru the 31st** you could face some obligations you'd rather not assume. Get them out of the way as quickly as possible so you can enjoy the rest of the week.



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