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# TO THE EDITOR

EXPRESSING THE OPINIONS & VIEWPOINTS OF DIMENSIONS' READERS

## COMMON GOALS

Dear Editor:

I am very sorry to hear that there are some individuals that feel the 'lesbian or gay women' issue is not resolved. The hard-working activists that I have been working side-by-side with for the last few years consistently use the 'lesbian/gay' label, and these people (men and women) are spread throughout the state of Texas, the U.S., and even Europe and South America.

Although I consider myself a Lesbian, I do respect the right of each individual as to what label they would prefer. My preference in being labeled a Lesbian came after reflection and research which involved the understanding that 'Lesbian' is a word with much herstory and background. To many people, 'gay' implies male, and my preference in using the label 'Lesbian' is to further validate that, yes, there are female homosexuals; and, further, to take back the word 'Lesbian' and remove any

negative connotations and help re-empower the word.

My hope for the future is that, despite what individuals want to be called, we can keep directing our energies towards the common goal of (in Texas) eliminating the 21.06 ordinance and working together for "homosexual" equal rights. Local newsletters and statewide publications, such as Dimensions, have helped tremendously in communicating the impact of the two above-mentioned issues.

I hope everyone will consider giving her interest, input, and help in volunteering with the organization of her choice to work for our common goals and not the issues which diffuse our energies.

Dimensions has a complete directory in the back of their magazine that could help direct all of our energies towards a more positive and productive direction.

Sincerely,  
**Deb Elder**  
Dallas, TX



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## THRF Receives \$1600 in Grant Support

AUSTIN - The Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF) announced the receipt of two grants totalling over \$1600 from DIFFA and from Razzle Dazzle Dallas. The monies will go toward support of THRF's two main current areas of work — it's AIDS Legal Resource Project and prosecution of it's challenge to the constitutionality of the Texas sodomy statute in the 21.06 case.

Of the grants awarded, one is for \$1000 from the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS (DIFFA). DIFFA was the main producer of the national tour of "Heart Strings: An Evening of Hope for the Healing of AIDS," which featured President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter as national honorary chairpersons. The \$1000 will be utilized by THRF to help pay overhead costs in operation of it's AIDS Legal Resource Project. During the 12 month period ending March 31, 1990, THRF's AIDS Legal Resource Project served a total of 528 clients. The project is a statewide counseling and referral service for persons who have AIDS-related legal problems.

THRF has also received a grant of approximately \$600 from Razzle Dazzle Dallas. Razzle Dazzle Dallas is the annual lesbian and gay pride week celebration staged in Dallas and drawing thousands of participants. The \$600 grant represented additional proceeds held back by Razzle Dazzle Dallas after

its 1989 event as an emergency fund, to be distributed to organizations in the lesbian/gay community if not tapped sooner for an appropriate need. THRF had previously received \$6,120 from Razzle Dazzle Dallas as a beneficiary of the proceeds of the 1989 event.

THRF board member David Bryan said that the monies from Razzle Dazzle Dallas would be used to help pay legal fees and educational costs in THRF's lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Texas sodomy statute, Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code. The case, known as *Morales et. al. vs. The State of Texas* seeks to invalidate the Texas law which criminalizes the private, consensual sexual relations of two persons of the same sex.

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## San Antonio Launches New AIDS Awareness Project

SAN ANTONIO - San Antonian Fran Mendez and Jamison Holt have begun distributing a small stained glass white candle with a blue flame throughout the city. Their concept is simple. They want everyone (patient, family, friend, doctor, healthcare or social worker) affected by AIDS to display the candle, hanging it from a car rearview mirror, or in the window of the home or office. A \$5 donation to benefit the San Antonio AIDS Foundation is suggested for each candle. "Blue Light Candles" will be widely available beginning in June

at the San Antonio Gay Pride and ARTS FOR LIFE events through July. They are also available at local places of worship (River City Living MCC & MCC of San Antonio) and at local businesses (Tienda Guadalupe, Scott O'Shea Restorations & Dos Carolinas).



## Women's Motorcycle Festival Roars Into View

LEROY, NY - The Women's Motorcyclist Foundation (WMF) has announced that it's Women's Motorcycle Festival '90 will be held August 23-26 in the beautiful Allegany Mountains of Western New York.

Events will include: the "Dice Run", a 70 mile competitive team event; the Four Ring Riding Circus (field events); group rides and a parade run.

Singer Alix Dobkin will perform in concert on Saturday night along with classical guitarist Leah Zicari.

When not involved in riding activities, women can swim, boat, canoe, hike, play tennis, softball or volleyball.

The festival fee includes camping, all

activities, meals, entertainment and a rally pin and tee-shirt. For registration information write: WMF., 7 Lent Ave., LeRoy, NY 14482 or call (716) 768-6054.

## Research Firm Focuses On Lesbian/Gay Opinions

CHICAGO -Overlooked Opinions, Inc. (OOI), the nation's first research firm dedicated to assessing the attitudes and opinions of the lesbian, gay and bisexual community, has formed a National Opinion Panel of lesbians, gay men and bisexuals. "The response has been tremendous," says Rick Dean, Vice President of OOI. "In the panel's first month, over 1,000 people have joined. Further, current members have sent in an additional 5,000 names of lesbian, gay and bisexual friends, family and associates.

"Panel members are sent surveys on a regular basis," says Jeffrey J. Vitale, President of OOI. "With each survey, we include a short summary of the responses from the previous questionnaire. All responses are confidential. OOI collects the data and analyzes the results. In short," Vitale continues, "it is our goal to provide information to the lesbian, gay and bisexual community and to educate the social mainstream. We are in the business of discovering how our attitudes and political beliefs as lesbians, gay men and bisexuals, differ from society as a whole."

One challenge at OOI is building a panel that accurately represents the diversity of the lesbian/gay community. The current panel is about 30% female and 70% male. OOI is con-

cerned with having more women, as well as persons of color, represented in their panels.

If you would like to participate please contact OOI at 3712 N. Broadway, Suite 277, Chicago, IL 60613 or call (312) 792-7800

## Breakthrough in Landmark AIDS Case

SAN FRANCISCO - In the first case of its kind, a settlement has been reached which prohibits an insurance company from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation. The Employment Law Center (ELC) and the National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) announced in a joint press conference that the settlement was filed in San Francisco Superior Court on Wednesday, May 3.

The lawsuit, *National Gay Rights Advocates v. Great Republic Insurance Company*, charged Great Republic

Insurance Company with attempting to avoid underwriting of policies for those presumed to be at risk for AIDS by denying coverage to unmarried men who work in "occupations that do not require physical exertion . . . such as florists, interior decorators and fashion designers." The suit was filed in May, 1986 by NGRA and ELC on behalf of David Hulbert and the members of NGRA.

Under the terms of the settlement, the company is prohibited from using a supplemental questionnaire targeted to single male applicants — and specifically prohibited from using sexual orientation in the determination of insurability. Additionally, the company cannot use marital status, "living arrangements", occupation, gender, medical history, beneficiary designation, zip code or identity of the insurance agent to establish or aid in establishing the sexual orientation of any applicant for insurance.



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A Monthly Listing of Special Events All Around The Area

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**HOUSTON** - The Lone Star Symphonic Band is bringing women's music to Houston! Mark your calendars for June 22nd when you can see Teresa Trull, Deidre McCalla and Monica Grant in concert at the Metropolitan Service Center at 1475 W. Gray in Houston. All proceeds will go to benefit the Lone Star Symphonic Band and their goal of funding their musicians' way to the Gay Games III in Vancouver, B.C. Tickets are \$20 and available at **Inklings**. Call (713) 521-3369 or 524-3314 for more info.

**DALLAS** - Saturday, June 16th is the day! **RAZZLE DAZZLE DALLAS** will kick off Gay Pride Week in the Tower and Grand Palace buildings in historic Fair Park. There will be a Razzle Disco, Razzle Country & Western Dance Hall and the Mr., Miss & Ms. Razzle Dazzle contests. All this is in addition to the Razzle community organization bazaar. More than one hundred organizations will be on hand to spread their message!

**AUSTIN** - Live Wire Productions is bringing comedian and musician Monica Grant to **CHANCES** on Thursday, June 21. There will be an opening act but the name has yet to be announced. Contact **CHANCES** for ticket prices and more info.

**HOUSTON** - **HEARTSONG**, Houston women's community chorus, presents its third annual concert, "**Heart Stories . . . A Voice for Unity**". The performance will be presented at Underwood Hall on the Episcopal High School campus on June 16th at 7:30pm. Tickets for the performance are available at **Lucia's Garden**, **Inklings** and from **Heartsong** members. Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$11 at the door.

**SAN ANTONIO** - The San Antonio Lesbian Gay Assembly (SALGA) is proud to be the sponsor of the Alamo City's 8th Annual Lesbian & Gay Pride Celebration. The Pride Picnic and Unity Walk will be held on June 24th. There will be live music, games, & booths at the picnic. Many other activities are planned throughout the month of June. For more dates, times and a complete list of activities, please contact the **CIRCLE**.

**AUSTIN** - You heard it here first! **NEXUS** is on its way back. Look for grand opening details in next month's **Dimensions!**

**HOUSTON** - If you are looking for entertainment check out Sundays at the **RANCH!** On the 3rd you can catch the live sounds of the **Little Bit of Texas Band**. On the 10th Mr. & Ms. **TGRA**

Candidates 1991, Felicia Webb and Mark Coleman will host a TGRA Benefit and you can catch the finals for the Ms. Ranch Contest. On the 24th join in the celebration after the Gay Pride Parade!

**SAN ANTONIO** - Are you ready for some serious discussion? Check out the Tuesday Night Discussions at the CIRCLE. On Tuesday the 12th the discussion will center on Humor, and on the 26th it will be the Rituals of Commitment. If you would rather be dancing, come out on Wednesday for Dance Night with no cover, 50¢ draft beer from 5-10pm and \$1.75 Kamikazes all night long!

**FT. WORTH** - Everyone at PARTNERS would like to wish you a happy Gay Pride Week. Ft. Worth's festivities will be held from June 1-9, with the Parade on Sunday the 3rd and the Picnic on Sunday the 9th. Of course PARTNERS will be joining in the cele-

bration with an All-Female Show on the 3rd after the parade and other activities all week long. While I'm at it, I would like to apologize for getting a date wrong last month. As most of you know by now, the Hawaiian Luau was held on Friday the 25th, not Monday the 28th as I reported. Sorry girls . . .

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## Dear Agnes,

I am a Black Female lady – sort of good looking. I think my personality is OK. But everytime I meet another Black lady all she does is play games and joke with me. I am always honest and sincere, and at all times say what's on my mind. I am kind, and giving. I work hard, and earn everything I get.

“What in the world am I doing wrong? Should I just stay away from Black women, period?” I would like to just live and be happy.

**I Need Help!**  
**Ft. Worth, TX**

## Dear Need Help,

The very first thing you need help with is your attitude. What on earth makes you think that relationships or behavior relate directly back to skin color as your letter suggests? Generalizations about anyone based on the color of their skin, their sexual preference or any one identifying characteristic is what the lesbian/gay (and Afro-American) community has been fighting against for years. Every person deserves to be judged on their merits as person.

There is a possibility that you are expecting too much. Some people want a relationship so much they forget to look at people in any other light, except as

prospective partners. It helps to keep an open mind and remember that you could come out with a friend. Many romantic relationships develop from friendship. focusing so much on only the romantic can make us blind to other possibilities. Once romantic expectations are eliminated it (often) takes the pressure off a relationship and allows it to develop more fully.

## Dear Agnes,

My lover is seeing another woman. It's been going on for about 6 months from what I can figure. I just recently found out from a friend and looking back I can see that it hasn't just started. So, here's my question — should I confront her about it or let her continue to think I don't know.

I'm afraid if I confront her, she'll leave. Obviously she wants to stay with me or she would have left by now, so if I just let things ride, maybe she'll give up this other woman. I don't want to push her over the edge.

We've been together for four years now and I don't really want to give up all we have built together over some silly sexual attraction that will fade in time. If I sound callous, it's because I've been thinking about this for some time and this is the best solution I can come up

with. Do you have any better suggestions? My friends are no help at all — they are all urging me to pack my bags and not even give it a chance. I feel rather lost. Please help.

**Silent**

**Dallas, TX**

**Dear Silent,**

Your solution is logical, but remember that some people can carry on affairs

for years — especially if they believe their lover has no idea what's going on. Let her know that you know. Don't be confrontational, and do tell her that you have no intention of leaving her. Tell her that you expect her affair to end and set a time limit.

It is perfectly O.K. to stay with her, but don't put yourself through hell. If she refuses to end her affair — leave. After all, you have the right to be happy, too.



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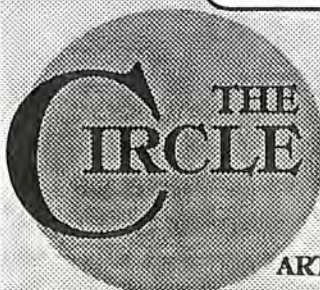
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# MILESTONES

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE WOMEN'S & GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENTS IN THE 20TH CENTURY

BY TASHA SUMNER

There are those who believe that "you can't really appreciate where you are going until you understand where you've been."

June always brings numerous celebrations of where we are and where we are going. Gay Pride parades, picnics, parties and rallies will happen all over the U.S. in the last weeks of this month. Leading up to all the hoopla, this is an appropriate time to look at where we came from. So here it is — a short history of both women and the lesbian/gay community in the 20th century.

## 1900s & 1910s

At the beginning of this century, women in most states were the property of their husbands (or fathers, brothers or other close male relatives) with no legal control over their own earnings, children or property. Women were not allowed to vote, one fourth of the states did not allow wives to make contracts, and women could not enter into business partnerships without male consent.

But, it wasn't all bad news. From 1890 until the beginning of World War I, the women's movement was alive and well. By 1900 twenty percent of women were employed outside the home and beginning to dominate professions such as nursing and teaching. Out of 369 occupations listed in the census of 1890, women could be found in all but nine. In the 1900s many municipalities allowed women to vote in local elections, and four states (Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, and Idaho)

allowed women to vote in state and federal elections. By 1914 six additional states had given the vote to women.

Lesbians and gay men were isolated by a largely rural population and homosexuality was rarely mentioned outside the realm of church or medical journals. There were a few pockets of gay life in the larger cities, evidenced by the opening of San Francisco's first gay bar, The Dash, in 1908. By and large, lesbianism was not thought to be possible, thus the advent of "Boston Marriages", close "friendships" (with definite romantic overtones) formed by middle class women.

## 1920s

On August 18, 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment gave women all over the U.S. the right to vote. With this victory came a definite downturn in the Suffrage movement — with no great cause to unite them and bring in new members, women drifted from the movement. The "New Woman" waited until later to marry, wore shorter skirts, smoked cigarettes and generally had more freedom.

The freer morals of the 20s brought increased freedom for women as well as homosexuals. Many homosexual men had encountered the relative freedom of gays in large European cities and brought this expanded view back to the States with them. The growing shift of the population from rural to urban also helped things along.



## 1930s

The Great Depression brought severe setbacks to women's employment opportunities. With fewer jobs to go around, many women were forced out of the job market. Those that did hang on to their jobs were often faced with wage and hour cuts. When an advertisement for 150 jobs as soap demonstrators was advertised in St. Louis, over 1,000 women stormed an office building to apply for the jobs.

Homosexuals were also affected by the Depression. With urban areas being especially hard hit, the small gay communities that had formed in the twenties were forced to focus on economic instead of emotional needs. As a result, they retreated further underground so as not to lose hard earned jobs, apartments and family support.

## 1940s

More than 6 million women went to work for the first time with the advent of World War II. In the media, women at work were pictured as positive role models. Many state governments repealed legislation that prevented women from working in "dangerous" positions to encourage women to work in war plants. Women were also seen in military uniforms.

This explosion of women in the work force gave lesbians the opportunity (many for the first time) to make a comfortable living without the aid of a man. Many women discovered that they were lesbians during this time.

## 1950's

The attitudes of Senator Joseph McCarthy and the House UnAmerican Activities Committee influenced both the women's and the gay communities. The overriding conservatism of the

decade did not allow for any radical action by women's organizations. Many women did not re-enter the work force after World War II and the media image of women shifted from "Rosie the Riveter" to the perky housewife.

Persecution of homosexuals came into vogue with massive military purges and fear of communism. The early fifties saw the first forerunners of our modern gay organizations founded in California—West Coast-One, Inc., the Mattachine Society, and, in 1955, the first lesbian organization, the Daughters of Bilitis. The groundwork for the gay rights movement had been laid.

## 1960s

The advent of "the pill" and the civil rights movement both played a role in bringing feminism back to the forefront of national politics in the sixties. More and more women were moving into the work force out of economic necessity. The National Organization for Women was founded in 1966. Women were not only expressing their discontent, they were translating it into action.

The number of Lesbian and Gay activists were growing all across the country. They were beginning to realize that maybe they weren't the ones who had a problem, and that only by changing the attitudes of those around them would they ever be accepted. Then in 1969, on Friday, June 27th, the gay movement erupted. The Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village was raided by the police — and patrons decided to fight back. The fight moved into the streets and was soon joined by people on the street and from other bars in the area.

## 1970s

Feminism was growing steadily in both numbers and appeal in the early seventies. Women formed feminist theatre

troupes, rock groups and made feminist movies. Ms. magazine went into publication. The Supreme Court gave women the right to choose an abortion in 1973 with the decision in *Roe v. Wade*. By 1975, 32 of the required 38 states had passed the ERA amendment. The San Francisco gay community held the first Gay Freedom Day Parade in 1970 to celebrate the anniversary of the Stonewall riots. In 1972 the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from their list of mental disorders. In 1975 California legalized homosexuality. Harvey Milk was elected supervisor of San Francisco in 1977 and was fatally shot by ex-supervisor Dan White in 1978.

## 1980s - Present

Two of the bastions of almost exclusively male domain were broken when Sandra Day O'Connor was appointed to serve on the Supreme Court in 1981, and Sally Ride became the first woman crew member of a space flight in 1983. Geraldine Ferraro was the first woman on a presidential ticket. Women moved into the medical and law fields and starting their own businesses in unprecedented numbers. More and more women were winning elections at all levels of government.

The gay community was (and continues to be) hit hard by the onset of the AIDS epidemic. Anti-gay violence increased as fear of the disease grew. The Supreme Court upheld the right of States to make sodomy a crime with *Bowers vs. Hardwick*. Despite these setbacks and hardships, the gay movement continued to gain momentum and win small victories in States and municipalities nationwide.

The eighties saw the birth of the AIDS Quilt, Gay TV, National Coming Out Day, the Gay Games, the March On Washington and the National Museum

of Lesbian & Gay History.

## 1990s

It's up to us. The future is what we make it. Both the women's and gay community have seen ups and downs over the past 90 years and that trend will surely continue far into the 21st century. But, without the help and support of all of us, both will have a hard time gaining recognition and support. So, get out and celebrate Gay Pride Week. But, while you are whooping it up, remember where we came from and the brave people who went before and made it all possible. And when Gay Pride Week is over, do what you can to make sure that generations to come will also have the right and privilege to parade through the streets in a show of numbers and pride.



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# WHAT A WORLD, WHAT A WORLD!

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## Some Things You Should Know

by Nancy Ford

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It's been more than a year now since you and I met through "What A World, What A World", and since we apparently are going to continue meeting like this, I feel an obligation to be candid. With the advent of "the personals" in many leading publications (not the least of which is our own Dimensions), more and more relationships are being spawned and developed with each party more blatantly aware of his or her potential paramour's strong points, as well as the weaker areas. Therefore, lest ye, at some point, be led to believe that this column has become rather "Le Path de la Primrose", you need to know that I have some bad habits.

The following is a partial list of these bad habits. A number of these shortcomings I discovered on my own; the rest were pointed out to me by my mother.

### *Spending too much time and money in our city's niteries*

(and dayeries, come to think of it) on strangers, thinking they may one day

become romantic partners. Which they do. Just not with me.

### *Using the Biblical scripture about the lilies of the field being beautifully adorned without toiling as justification for late payment of an overdue bill*

to a certain, unnamed, department store which, as it happens, charges far too much to adorn my lily anyway.

### *Drinking champagne directly from the bottle*

while pretending to be Isadora Duncan. Ever since Vanessa Redgrave made that movie I've had this silly reincarnation fixation.

### *Mixing fine washables and tea towels in the same laundry load.*

What's so awful? Time is money, and money is time, and never does that fact become more apparent than after one has pumped seventy-five cents into

some nameless machine in exchange for thirty minutes worth of hot air. At home my mother gets all the hot air she wants for free. Just kidding Dad.

***Not having yet borne young.***

There came a knock at my mother's door one day while I was visiting. I said "Mother, someone's knocking on your door." She said, "Are you sure it's not your biological clock ticking away?" What my mother does not realize is that ticking of this magnitude is quite impossible since my biological clock has been on quartz movement since the Beatles broke up.

***Sitting with my legs and feet in any position other than the traditional Jackie O.-Lady Di-cross-em-at-the-ankle-look.***

Even in the privacy of my own home. Perhaps one day I'll have a sudden lapse of consciousness during an important job interview and throw one leg over the arm of my chair while lighting my cigar.

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This month, T. Sumner Reviews:

## Thinking Of You Cathy L



## Closer To Home Jamie Anderson

From books to music — this month we are going to take a look at two musicians. We'll start with *Thinking of You* by singer-songwriter Cathy L. (DaCat Productions, Carrollton, TX). Cathy has given us a tape with a definite Country-Folk feel but with a bit of a Pop twist. This is a collection of mainly upbeat love songs, and although I enjoyed it, I would have preferred more

variation in theme and music.

Cathy has a beautiful voice, but I don't feel she is using it to its full potential in most of the selections on the tape. There is a restrained quality to Cathy's vocals on most of the songs. When she does let loose, as on "Candle Light" and "I Know You Know", it is a pleasure.

Cathy also arranged all the songs on the tape, and she has done an excellent job.



Her guitar solos are wonderful as are the flute and fiddle on several of the selections.

While I enjoyed all of the tape, I must admit that my favorite was "A Little Bit of Baroque". The title says it all, and I found it a delightful surprise.

*Thinking of You* is available (on cassette only) at VVV Records on Cedar Springs in Dallas or send \$11.00 to P.O. Box 117982, Carrollton, TX 75011-7982. You can catch Cathy live at the Dallas MCC Women's Coffee House on the first Saturday of each month and her music is getting airplay on KERA radio and can be heard on KNON's Varied Voices (listen to Lambda Weekly, 2pm-4pm Sundays for day and time of Varied Voices).

Moving on, we'll take a look at *Closer to Home* by Jamie Anderson (Tsunami Records, Tuscon, AZ). This is a true Folk album — full of protest songs and political messages. For all the great songs and messages included, by far and way, my favorite is "Wedding Song" and the lyric: "Sure I'll come to your wedding, but I'll dance with the girls."

There is a sweet but sad quality to Jamie's voice — slightly reminiscent of Janis Ian. On the cut, "Side-walks", Jamie's vocals are shown off to their best advantage. The tune is haunting and the lyrics, about a homeless woman ("Sleeping on side-

walks, at Central and Thomas"), will break your heart.

With very few exceptions Jamie wrote and arranged most of the cuts on the album — and she did an excellent job. The result is a professional album that every lover of "women's" or folk music will like.

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Answer the questions below with a: **Y** for Yes, **S** for Sometimes, **N** for No.

1. I have a problem giving anyone bad news.
2. I usually tell people what I think even if it is unpleasant.
3. I usually act on my "gut feelings"
4. I find it easy to make decisions.
5. I still have friends I made years ago.
6. If I make a mistake on the job, I point it out to my boss as soon as possible.
7. When I run short on cash, I notify my creditors immediately to explain the situation.
8. I would tell my lover if I wasn't satisfied with our sex life.
9. If I am trying to learn something new, I ask for help from someone who knows.
10. If there is something unpleasant that needs to be done, I do it and get it over with as soon as possible.
11. I find it easy to express how I feel about issues that are important to me, even when I know people will disagree.

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### 18-25

Although you don't usually have a problem expressing how you feel, you may have a problem in just one area. In other words, you may be perfectly able to say what you feel at home, but may have problems expressing your opinions on the job (or vice versa), or you may just have problems over the small or the big stuff. No matter where the problem lies, try to make

yourself speak up whenever it is important to you — you will probably be surprised at the results.

### 11-17

You have a tendency to keep your mouth shut — even when it something very important to you. Not only does this cause you to build up resentments, it may also cause you loved ones to question your love for them. Everyone likes to hear the words "I love you" spoken out loud. Even though you may think that your actions speak louder than words, others often do not see it that way. Learning to express yourself is easier than you think. Start small — tell someone how important they are or ask for something you want. You'll get a lot more of what you want and you'll give those around you more of what they want. The results can be surprising!



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# REACH FOR THE STARS

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## ARIES

Beautiful domestic situations and arrangements unfold this month. Investment sense is sound. In the first and fourth week, substantial increases can be yours by following hunches. Romantic complications occurring between the 9th and 14th should be taken seriously. There are unfavorable legal undercurrents brewing. Travel and relatives consume the third week. Enjoy communication on all levels even if travel is denied.

## TAURUS

In June expect to look your best as Venus travels through the romance sign of Taurus. Invitations, gifts and romance come your way in the first and fourth weeks. In the second week, special attention needs to be paid to domestic debts. From the 16th thru the 24th incredible business aspects appear. Expansion exists through beneficial partnerships. New projects get appropriate green lights at last.

## GEMINI

Excellent career aspects fall nicely into place this June. Waiting has not been easy for you. Cash in on hard work now. In the first and third week, ask for the moon professionally, and get it. During the second week, avoid financial extravagance and get-rich-quick schemes. Temptation overrides common sense. Spending the last week of the month with someone special is what you want. Obligations on both ends may be many. Expect to be disappointed.

## CANCER

Tensions can mount on career turf. Compe-

tion could be tough. Expect to win the first and third week. From the 7th thru the 14th restore emotional serenity by using mate or partner to lean on. Travel may be offered. Domestic scene can be appropriate backdrop to new career direction obtained at months end. More time is yours and so is more money. How nice. Love plays second fiddle most of the month.

## LEO

Honors are bestowed in career and business ventures. Expect to shine beautifully in the first and third week. The public approval achieved also means monetary success at month's end. Love aspects from the 8th thru the 15th stinks, however, I guess you can't have it all, can you ???

## VIRGO

Friends and contacts make this month catapult you into the limelight. Enjoy favorable business climate in the first and third week. Obtaining the unobtainable has you on cloud nine between the 6th and 17th. Romantically you have been blind. Waking up now allows good friends to breathe easier. Domestic alliance needs further investigation at month's end. Don't be nasty. You're feeling somewhat invincible.

## LIBRA

Freedom can be yours now. Re-adjusting your work load may mean more time with the same amount of money ... or even more. Special attention should be paid to the first and third weeks when superiors seem to hand you exactly what you want. Love, between the 8th and 15th, may be your only

stumbling block this month. Co-operation seems to come from all those that don't really matter. Travel provides excellent escape at month's end. Thinking it through helps.

## SCORPIO

Travel aspects and romance make a fine pair this month. Much can be offered now. Love or money ??? Go for both in the first and third week. In the second week enjoy creative talents that open other doors. Amaze friends with keen business acumen and skill. Domestic cards need to be laid out for mate or partner at month's end. Fight fire with fire, don't be taken advantage of.

## SAGITTARIUS

Domestic and career opportunities appear simultaneously. Profits in both areas should be great in first and third weeks. Others respond readily to wit and charm in second week. Some may be proposed to. Best matches are more towards month's end when available partners are more philosophically matched. Travel enhances the adventure of romance.

## CAPRICORN

Issues surrounding love include career also. Falling in love with the boss or even co-workers is a strong possibility. In the first week you set the stage. Obtaining this goal should be easy in the third week. The only snag may be a third party. You can still win, but expect some opposition. Domestic differences get settled quite nicely in the second week. Renovation is likely. After the 26th you come even closer to some terrific marriage

aspects. This is no time to be stuffy. If you want to be hitched, this is it!!!

## AQUARIUS

Changes occur in career that are very positive now. Use the first and third week in maneuvering advantages. Superiors may hand you too much between the 8th and 15th but you skillfully maintain. Love appears dubious all month. In the last week someone likes you, but you don't like them. The one you wanted gets away after the 23rd. Become a workaholic.

## PISCES

Travel and romance are an unbeatable combination this month. Meeting dream partners or having partners that behave like dreams should keep you floating emotionally high over the rest of us. In the first and third week wonderful and extravagant gifts can even come your way Family and home can be a burden between the 6th and the 12th, but you address all problems cheerfully. After the 24th great strides in career may be taken due to (once again) romantic advantages.



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