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# TO THE EDITOR

EXPRESSING THE OPINIONS & VIEWPOINTS OF DIMENSIONS' READERS

## MICHIGAN SPEAKS

Hello, Dimensions!

Your "I prefer 'gay' to 'Lesbian'" opinion piece appeared in a Chicago gay/LESBIAN newspaper and I used it in a keynote address to Michigan State University's LESBIAN/Gay council to kick off "Pride Week". Hmmm . . .

J.D. asks what others think.

A LESBIAN is a 'gay woman' who does not allow IGNORANCE to keep her from who she is. Unity does not begin or end with having a common name! Unity comes from acceptance of diversity, not covering up diversity! Unity cannot be gained by causing a gay man or Lesbian to become invisible. The whole point is to retain our individual specialness, appreciate individuality AND unify to reach those goals which are common. Not ALL lesbian goals are gay men's, nor are all gay men's goals Lesbians'!

Why must some people over-simplify? We are complex! We are not clones of one another. The real work comes in learning about our commonalities AND our divisions. It is difficult and it takes time and honesty to truly learn about another person and we must do this work with one another before assuming unity. Some nebulous "umbrella" name — gay — won't do this.

So call me LESBIAN, call yourself and the men gay and let's sit down and talk! Love Us All!

**Terri L. Jewell**  
Lansing, Michigan

## THANKS TLC '90

Dear Dimensions:

I recently attended the Texas Lesbian Conference (TLC) '90 in San Antonio. It being my first experience of coming together with "Women of Women", I was totally impressed with the outcome of the conference. Each area of a woman to woman life was covered in the workshops that were available.

I've been a resident of Dallas for four years and have yet to meet a circle of strong-minded women such as those at these workshops.

Indeed, there is a great demand for lesbians who want social and personal growth to come together more often than once a year! Also, I want to applaud the "Women of Color" for their input. These women are truly survivors!

I only hope the next conference will be where these same women can come together for another healthy, intense workshop!

Let's do it again real soon!

**Mychelle Enelou**  
Dallas, TX

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## Hate Crimes Phone Line In Operation

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Victims of homophobia and racism can now have their voices heard at the federal level. New legislation calls on the Justice Department to collect statistics on hate-motivated crimes including homophobia. The number to call to report hate-crimes is 1-800-347-HATE.

The passage of the Hate Crimes Bill represents a "first" in many areas: the first time lesbians and gay men have been specifically referenced in federal legislation; and the first time a delegation of lesbians and gay men have been invited to attend the President's signing of a law.

## International March Planned for Houston Economic Summit

HOUSTON - The Miami Based Organization CURE AIDS NOW (CAN) has announced plans for an International March and Rally in downtown Houston during the International Economic Summit.

The purpose of the march is to make world-leaders more aware of the devastating effects of the AIDS epidemic throughout the world.

The Economic Summit represents the only time in recent years that this many world leaders will be gathered together in a U.S. city. In addition, Houston will host over 15,000 media personnel and thousands of other concerned citizens

from around the world.

The objectives of the March are: an adoption of a set of universal laws to provide protection against discrimination for persons with AIDS/HIV and other physically and mentally challenged persons; creation of a global medical/scientific research organization; and, a commitment from our world leaders to relegate 18 billion dollars to cure AIDS now.

The March and Rally will be held on Sunday, July 8th. The March begins at Texas and Smith streets and the rally will be held at city hall. For more information contact the Houston Chapter of CURE AIDS NOW at (713) 529-2898

## Western Union Takes On Gay Rights Law

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Western Union, the telegraph giant, has launched an attack against local laws that protect lesbians and gays from discrimination. Armand Ertag, a former Western Union executive in San Francisco charged the firm with harassment and intimidation based on his sexual orientation. Rather than denying the charge, Western Union is arguing that the city's gay rights law is unconstitutional, claiming only the state government can enact anti-discrimination legislation.

The case is now winding its way through the courts. If Western Union is successful, gay rights advocates see a potential domino effect, state by state.

According to the Human Rights Campaign Fund (which will no longer use

the communications firm to deliver its "Speak Out" constituent messages), "What Western Union is doing presents a greater threat to the rights of lesbian and gay Americans than any other corporate action in recent memory."

If you wish to express your opinion to Western Union, write: Robert J. Amman, President and CEO, Western Union, One Lake St., Upper Saddle River, New Jersey 07458.

*From the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) Bulletin*

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## Fourth Annual Key West Women's Week Scheduled

KEY WEST, FL - The Key West Business Guild announces it's fourth annual "Women In Paradise", a week of events for women to be held September 10th through the 16th. During the entire week there will be sailing, boating, snorkeling, scuba, windsurfing, baseball, music, dances and other activities primarily designed for women.

Many of the Key West Business Guild member guest houses will be offering specials and packages for women during the week.

For registration information write: Women In Paradise, c/o/The Key West Business Guild, P.O. Box 1208, Key West, Florida 33041, or call (305) 294-4603.

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## Two Jehovah's Witness Groups To Meet In Houston

HOUSTON - The leaders of two national support networks for gay and

lesbian ex-Jehovah's Witnesses have announced plans for their 1990 conference.

Reach Out! of Portland Oregon, will host a one-day conference on Saturday, August 25 and the members of "A Common Bond" of Pittsburgh will meet on Saturday, September 15.

Unlike some religions who condemn homosexuality but welcome the homosexual, Jehovah's Witnesses tolerate neither. Besides gays and lesbians, this strict religious order excommunicates, or disfellowships, thousands of Witnesses each year for offenses ranging from tobacco usage to open disagreement with the sect's doctrines. Witnesses who wish to remain in good standing with the faith — including family members — are required to shun all those who are disfellowshipped.

Dan Restid, founder of "A Common Bond" says, "Jehovah's Witnesses are a relatively small group compared to other religions. The disfellowshipped gays and lesbians are few and far between. Our two groups have instilled a sense of belonging to two-hundred disfellowshipped gays and lesbians. We are no longer alone."

For further information on conferences or to receive either group's newsletter contact: Reach Out!, Box 1173 Clackmus, Oregon 97015, or "A Common Bond", P.O. Box 405, Ellwood City, PA 16117.

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## National Gay Youth Conference Scheduled For Houston

DALLAS - The National Gay Alliance for Young Adults, Inc. (NGAYA) is proud to announce the 1990 National

Gay Youth Conference to be held in Houston, August 10-12. The Conference is being hosted by the Gay/Lesbian Students Association at the University of Houston and is intended to give gay youth the opportunity to learn and understand many of the aspects of life that will affect them as a gay person, and thus help them plan as productive a life as any other individual. The Conference is also designed to help people who help youth increase their understanding of gay/lesbian youth issues. The conference will begin on Friday evening with a reception and dance. Starting Saturday morning there will be a series of meetings and workshops designed to help educate gay youth and those who wish to have a better understanding of the gay community from a

younger perspective.

Workshops are planned in over fifteen areas including: Health; Communications; Gay Youth Groups; Leadership Development; Parents; Religion; and more. The workshops will be conducted by a variety of individual representatives from several community and civic organizations and agencies as well as accredited professionals in private practice.

Sunday will be a continuation of the workshops in the morning, a meeting for members of NGAYA, and the closing ceremony.

For more information on the Conference, write to: National Gay Youth Conference, c/o NGAYA, P.O. Box 190426, Dallas, TX 75219-0426.



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A MONTHLY LISTING OF SPECIAL EVENTS ALL AROUND THE AREA

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**AUSTIN** - If you are looking for a great place to go camping, check out the **RECREATION PLANTATION** in Dripping Springs. They've got swimming, hot tub, volleyball, horseshoes and wooded campsites. You'll want to call 512-858-5655 to let them know you're coming and get directions.

**CALIFORNIA** - The First Annual Book of Lesbian World Records will be published in 1991. All lesbians are welcome to make their accomplishments, humorous or serious, known. These are non-competitive, herstorical records. All notarized, released entries will be published. For more info, send a legal sized SASE to: **Color Pink Productions**, 1918 Lake Shore Ave. #32, Oakland, CA 95606.

**AUSTIN** - The **Annual Fourth of July Party** happens again this year in **Pease Park** on Wednesday the 4th. There will be free beer, coke booths and lots of fun. Don't miss it!

**HOUSTON** - Stages Theatre presents **Torch Song Trilogy** by Harvey Fierstein. The production runs through July 7th so you'll have to hurry to catch it. For tickets & more info, call (713) 52-STAGE.

**DALLAS** - If you have been looking for Ms. Right and can't seem to find

her, maybe you should try **MATCHMATES** — it's a new video dating service just for Dallas women. It works like this: with the help of **MATCHMATES**, you make a tape describing yourself, it is put on file with all other member tapes, then you can browse through and find the ones you like (while other women are doing the same), then you arrange to meet the women whose tapes you liked! If you'd like more info, call 214-980-8290.

**NEW YORK** - **Juicic Fruit Cards** is bringing out a new line of Lesbian greeting cards. The cards are humorous and great for all-occasions. Look for them coming soon to your favorite women's book store or you can order them by mail by writing to: **Syracuse Cultural Workers**, P.O. Box 6367, Syracuse, NY 13217 or calling (315) 474-1132 for a catalog or to order cards.

**ARLINGTON** - Be sure you make it out to **COYOTE CONNECTION** for a howl of a good time on the 4th of July. There'll be **Beer Bust** from 8pm-1am, **Liquor Bust** from 8pm-12 Midnight (25¢ refills and 50¢ Juice drink refills) and **Drink Specials** throughout the night. There are big changes in the air at **COYOTE CONNECTION!** Keep your eyes on this space for details. Coming soon, you'll find **Female Dancers**, more women's entertainment and all sorts of fun! Get ready!

**HOUSTON** - Everybody's favorite band, **The Little Bit Of Texas Band**, is coming back to the RANCH on July 1st and 22nd — so get those boots polished up and get ready! If it's a party you're after, check out the RANCH on Wednesday nights. They've got **Happy Hour** drinks all night long, plus the DJ plays what you want to hear, whether you're in the mood for C&W or Dance Music - there's something for everyone. And, last but not least, all the folks at the RANCH would like to extend their congratulations to the winner of the **First Annual Ms. Ranch Contest** — **Teresa Smith**.

**SAN ANTONIO** - O.K., get your excuses ready. The **CIRCLE'S Community Skip Work Day** has finally arrived and will happen Monday, August 6th at Crane's Mill. Whether you call in sick or take a vacation day, you'll have a blast! Contact the bar for more info

and directions. Tuesday Night Topics at the CIRCLE this month are: **Maintaining Long Distance Relationships** on the 10th; and, **What Color is the Hole in Your Parachute** (career workshop) on the 24th. And, don't miss the live music this month with **Pamela Bamela** on the 6th, **Beth Williams** on the 15th, and **Girls In The Nose** on the 29th.

**AUSTIN** - After the **4th Of July Party** in Pease Park, head on over to **SADIE'S PLACE** for hot dogs and a **Mini-Beer Bust** from 6-8pm! The celebration will continue into the night so don't miss it! On Sunday the 8th be sure and catch **Brandi & Family** - Dallas' premier female entertainers. On Tuesday the 17th it's **Talent Show Night** and Tuesday the 31st you can sit back and enjoy the **Lingerie Fashion Show** (Ooo La La)!



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# DEAR AGNES

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT LOVE,  
RELATIONSHIPS & PERSONAL PROBLEMS

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**Dear Agnes,**

My lover of six years has recently gone wild with her credit cards. I can't really recall when it first started happening, but she is out of control. She knows no limits — no pun intended.

At first we would go out to eat two or three times a week at really expensive restaurants and Ann would pull out a card to pay for dinner. I really didn't think much about it. Then there were gifts for me and various members of her family. I don't mean little "I'm thinking of you gifts", I mean fifty to one hundred dollar apiece gifts.

This behavior has been going on for a while, but it has become worse over the last six to eight months.

Ann has never handled her money this way. She was always very responsible, paid her bills on time, and used credit cards very conservatively. In fact, she always insisted the bills be paid off at the the end of each month.

But now! Well let me put it this way, the Visa bill came the other day and it was \$3,515 and I nearly died when I saw it. Two days later the Discover bill came in the mail and the balance on it was \$1,500. I am afraid what will arrive tomorrow. I really had no idea this thing with her credit was getting so out of hand.

Ann makes good money, but she can not keep spending at this rate, we will be broke. We don't have the money in

savings right now to pay off our credit cards.

Do you think I am being nosy? What should I do? What can I do?

**Up To The Limit,  
Santa Fe**

**Dear To The Limit,**

The first approach you should take is talking to her. Let her know you are aware that she has run up all her credit cards to the max. I get the impression you think this situation is none of your business. After six years in this relationship, unless you keep very secret financial arrangements, I would say you definitely should have some input. If you don't say something now, when Ann is so strapped for money that she can't pay her part of the rent or house payment, you will have a different attitude. It may be too late then!

Ask her why she has suddenly stopped paying off her bills at the end of each month. Don't make her defensive, but try to get her to talk about her sudden attitude change toward money. Such a drastic change in behavior could signal a serious underlying problem. If she refuses to talk to you suggest a counselor.

If she will talk, try talking her into cutting up the credit cards. It is the only way to clear this mess up.

An organization that can offer advice and assistance is: Debtors Anonymous,

General Service Board, P.O. Box 20322,  
New York, NY 10025-9992, Phone:  
(212) 642-8222. Inquiries are strictly  
confidential. DA has a volunteer staff  
so the response may be a little slow, but  
this is an excellent support group.

### Dear Agnes,

I read the letter (I NEED HELP) in the  
June issue of Dimensions from a woman  
in Fort Worth. I know what she is going  
through, I feel the very same way. But  
I try my best to stay strong and not give  
up. It is not easy!

I would like to hear from the woman  
who wrote that letter. I feel like we  
could offer each other encouragement!

### Hanging In There

Dallas

### Dear Hanging,

Here it is! And if (I NEED HELP) will  
write I'll see that it gets forwarded to  
you immediately! Good luck to both of  
you!

### Dear Agnes,

I just wanted "Silent" (June 1990) to  
know that, yes, affairs can go on forever  
if you don't put your foot down.

Several years ago my lover of 7 years  
began an affair with a woman at her  
work. I knew about it almost from the  
beginning, but chose not to say any-  
thing because I thought it would "blow  
over". Two years later, she was still  
having the affair when I packed my  
bags. It was then that she told me that-  
she knew that I knew about the affair,  
and took my silence as a sign that I no  
longer cared.

We are living separately now and trying  
to work things out...if I had just spoken  
up, we could have avoided all this.

### I'll Know Better Next Time

Austin, TX



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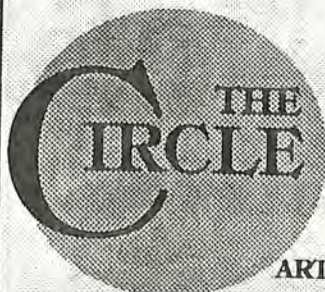
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If it's the mountains you've set your sights on, check out New Mexico. Fly to Albuquerque, rent a car and in no time you'll find the altitude rising and the temperatures



dropping. If you prefer to stay in the Albuquerque area, the **Corrales Inn Bed & Breakfast** [(505) 897-4422] may be the place for you. Only 15 minutes from the heart of the city this B&B is in a prime location for day trips both into the mountains and the desert. If Santa Fe is more your style, then the **Triangle Inn** [(505) 455-3375], 11 miles north of Santa Fe on the road to

If the ocean is more to your liking — head south. South Padre's **Lyle's Deck** [(512) 761-LYLE] offers private baths, maid service, kitchen facilities and a pool. Women are welcome all the time, but if you want to meet other women, go during the third week and weekend of the month. Further north on the Texas coast is Port Aransas and the **Sea Horse Inn** [(512)-749-5221]. Located on

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## **No matter where you choose to stay, you'll have a chance to soak up the local culture as well as the scenery.**

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Taos might be the ticket. All their guest cottages include a full kitchen and bath. Still further north, in Taos, you'll find the **Ruby Slipper** [(505) 758-0613]. Located near the "square" in the heart of Taos, the Ruby Slipper offers private or shared baths, standard or water beds and a kiva fireplace or wood-burning stove.

No matter where you choose to stay, you'll have a chance to soak up the local culture as well as the scenery. Art galleries, historical monuments and interesting gift shops are numerous and worth visiting. In most areas, you'll also find fishing, hiking and horse back riding within a short distance.

Check with your host or hostess for names and addresses of local nightspots that cater to lesbians and gays. As locals they will have the inside info.

Although the days in the mountains of New Mexico are warm, the nights in the mountains are usually cool. So, be sure to pack a jacket and a long-sleeved shirt.

Mustang Island the Inn features a pool and kitchenettes.

Here again, you should check with your host for local attractions and nightspots. For a little different view of the ocean, check out **Olivia Records women's cruises**. Olivia's next cruise is a 7-night Halloween (October 28-November 4) Caribbean cruise to San Juan, St. John, Nassau/Blue Lagoon aboard the S.S. Seabreeze, or you can catch the Valentine's cruise (February 11-15, 1991). Also in the works is a possible Alaskan cruise. For more info call 1-800-631-6277.

If you prefer an outdoor experience, there are a variety of organizations that offer wilderness trips for women.

**Woodswomen** offers outdoor trips all year long. They offer trips all over the U.S. and to a number of exotic locales around the world. They offer a variety of activities including, but not limited to; backpacking, rock climbing, canoeing, snow skiing, bicycling, snorkeling,

rafting and even golfing. From beginner to advanced, there is a trip just for you. Call (612) 870-8291 for more info. **Whelk Women of Boca Grande, Florida** offers sailing lessons, day sailing, and chartered trips. They also offer overnight accommodations and many planned trips. Call (813) 964-2343.

**Hawk, I'm Your Sister of Santa Fe** will help you outfit your wilderness canoe trip. They will help you with everything from food to camping gear and maps. You can either go it alone or take an experienced guide with you. Write to P.O. Box 9109-P, Santa Fe, NM 87504 for more info.

If you would like an outdoor trip close to home, contact your local lesbian/gay organization. They will be able to direct you to the nearest lesbian/gay Outdoor Club.

No matter where you choose to travel, you'll want to pick up a lesbian/gay guide book from your local bookstore or through mail order. Addresses for a few of them are listed below:

#### **GAIA'S GUIDE**

412 Archway Road  
London, N. 16, England  
Women's international guide book. Listings for the U.S., Europe, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean.

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# POETRY

FROM OUR READERS

Place the cloak and dagger in your hand love  
and follow me  
into the darkness.

A smile on our faces - we pretend it is a joyful journey.  
We've kissed the lips of passion — somehow we pay.

I've traced the outline of your soul as you lay  
beside me sleeping.

I turn to kiss your lips, so inviting —  
secrets between us in the night.

Time rests heavy on our shoulders, rushing us into  
tomorrow.

Daylight brings denial.

Surrounding souls do we care of their reaction?  
How? Why? How could you?

Selfish souls they are, lost in a small world of self  
consumption.

It was a long road from the beginning,  
numerous stop signs.

But we've never been much for conformity.

We choose our own path, rather than follow.

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Look at me with your beautiful dark eyes.  
I feel your heart beating.  
I see uncertainty on your face.  
Questions that can never be heard or answered.

I'll hold you one last time — to let you go tomorrow.  
Passion comes as a surprise,  
love and hate tangled together.

I reached deep inside my soul to understand. I run, I fight,  
I fall.  
Now to crumble like sand between your fingers.

Many words I wanted to say warmly in your ear —  
my lips pressed against your neck.

The words never came, partially from fear,  
partially from wisdom —  
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# WHAT A WORLD, WHAT A WORLD!

## SERIOUS ABOUT SUNSCREEN

BY NANCY FORD



*R-r-r-r-r-ringggggggggg.*

*Hello?*

*Hi, Nance. It's me. Well, girl, it's sun day!*

*You need some more sleep. Today's only Tuesday.*

*No, not Sunday — it's sun day! Beach day! Let's go to the beach!*

*Can't. I've got the cramps, and besides, I've got to write an article about skin cancer. But have a good time.*

Thanks to example setters like Gidget, the entire cast and crew of *Beach Blanket Bingo* and Louis Reard (inventor of the bikini), reported incidence of skin cancer has increased 900 percent since the 1930's.

What a coincidence. In the thirties, Ronald Reagan was somewhere in southern California, preparing for a life of acting and tanning, ranching and tanning, and ultimately, politicking and tanning. But, while Ron was searching for his place in the sun (so to speak), his probiscus was developing a bumper crop of one of the most common forms of skin cancer.

Therefore, as yet another special service to all of you out there in WAW, WAW land, the following guidelines are helpful hints for a happy and healthy summer in this hell-like swelterdom we call home.

### TANNING MYTHS —

#### IF I'M LYIN', I'M FRYIN'

— A "base tan" acquired early in the season will prevent skin cancer.

Wrongo. The maximum protective effect of a base tan in sun screen language (see sunscreen decoder in this section) is a factor of "4", meaning the tanner with a base can stay in the sun four times longer than she could with unprotected skin. However, the base tan does little else than hide the redness from that afternoon's fresh burn.

— *People of color don't need to fear overexposure to the sun.* Wrong again. While this skin contains a higher level of the protective melanin layer, it is not exempt from damage.

— *Sunglasses are adequate eye protection from the sun.* Strike three, unless those sun glasses are specifically designed to block ultraviolet light. In fact, non-UV treated glasses may actually do more harm than good, inasmuch as darkened lenses allow the pupil to dilate, thereby admitting more harmful rays.

— *Tanning salons are a safe, healthy alternative to natural sun.* There is much grey (or, more appropriately, beige) area when it comes to the topic of "canned tans". The process used in most tanning salons is based on exposure to UV-A which is a specific wave length of ultraviolet light similar to rays provided by the sun in the early morning and late afternoon. UV-B is a more intense wavelength of ultraviolet light more comparable to mid-day sun and considerably more dangerous. Check with your salon to see which type of light

light treatment it provided. However, it should be noted that most dermatologists do not endorse unprotected exposure to ultraviolet light in any form. Specifically, Dr. Leonard Harber, Director of Dermatology at New York's Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, states, "The use of high-intensity light sources emitting UV-A for cosmetic tanning should be discouraged.

#### SUN SCREEN DECODER

Most sunscreen applications available on an over-the-counter basis are assigned a number, or sun protection factor (SPF), based on the amount of protection they provide. For example, a lotion or cream with a SPF of 4 allows its user to stay in the sun four times as long as they could with no protection at all. The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends nothing less than an SPF of 15, especially for the face and tender, generally-unexposed areas.

Skin types are rated from 1 to 6 according to the intensity of sunburn resulting from 30-45 minutes of sun exposure. **Skin type 1** always burns easily, never tanning; **skin type 2** burns easily but eventually acquires a minimal tan; **skin types 3 and 4** experience minimal to moderate burning, and tan fairly well; **skin types 5 and 6** rarely burn and have that George Hamilton look. (Who, incidentally, blends his own brand of tan juice, which is a mixture of aloe, vitamin E, germicide, and PABA with a SPF of 4. Perhaps soon we'll see it on our supermarket shelves next to Paul Newman's spaghetti sauce.)

#### SPF TRANSLATION

**2** — Minimal protection against sunburn and should be used only by those with skin type 6. Never should be used by light complexioned people or children.

**4** — Moderate sunscreen. Recommended for people with skin no lighter than type 5. SPF 4 permits moderate tanning.

**6** — "Extra" protection. Should be used with those of skin type 4 or darker. Allows limited, gradual tanning.

**8** — "Maximal" sunscreen. Does not actually afford maximum protection since some tanning eventually occurs. Recommended for use by people with skin type 3.

**15** — "Ultra" protection for those with highly sun-sensitive skin. Permits lengthy stays in the sun and allows tanning to occur very slowly. Especially good for blondes, red-heads, and fair-skinned people.

**23** — A relatively new product. Intended to be a complete sun block, it will prevent nearly all ultraviolet rays from reaching the skin.



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This month we're going to take a look at a very interesting novel and have a little chat with the author. The book is Doc and Fluff: The Distopian Tale of a Girl and Her Biker (Alyson Publications: Boston) and the author is Pat Califia.

Doc and Fluff is an exciting novel set in California sometime in the future. Society as we know it has crumbled and the effects of the drug war, AIDS epidemic and racial strife are in evidence everywhere.

Doc is a tough dyke biker who makes

her living running drugs between the various factions who produce and sell them. Fluff has been the property of a biker gang for some time, and she convinces Doc to help her escape. The book follows their adventures (and their hot, kinky, sometimes violent, sex life) as they are pursued by the gang.

Among other things, the novel addresses serious issues like addiction and domestic violence.

Pat has some interesting comments to make on the writing of this book and we'll share them with you here.



## Why the switch from erotica to science fiction?

*I don't write erotica, I write porn. Doc and Fluff is futuristic fiction, but if you pick it up expecting to be aroused, you won't be disappointed. I'm a big fan of sci-fi, and a couple of the stories in Macho Sluts are science fiction. It's a potentially radical genre that allows the writer to be more imaginative and engage in some forms of social criticisms that mundane fiction doesn't permit. I was curious about what separatist women's communities are going to look like a hundred years from now, what impact the New Christian Right and the AIDS epidemic are going to have on America. Of course, any description of the future is also commentary upon the present. I like that dialect.*

## Doc And Fluff addresses serious problems like co-dependency, substance abuse, and battery. Why did you raise these issues?

*Because they are part of my life and my friends' lives. It's hard to be this queer. We take alot of shit, and it makes us angry. There are only so many ways to deal with being under that much pressure. Sex and drugs and violence are three of them. This is not a book about women's studies. These are women who have had to make hard choices if they are going to survive. They will do anything — deal drugs, struggle, fight, hustle their asses on the street, move the mountains and set up their own communities — rather than give up their dyke identities. I honor that tenacity and ingenuity, but I didn't*

*want to ignore the self-destructive aspects of life on the fringe.*

I found Doc and Fluff to be totally enthralling. I couldn't put it down. On top of being one of the most entertaining (and exciting) novels I've read, it also made me stop and think about the consequences of some of things we, and our government, are doing now, that will have a drastic effect on our future.

I really wouldn't want to live in the world Ms. Califia describes, but it was certainly interesting to visit there for a while.

I would love to see a sequel, but I'll let Ms. Califia have the last word on that:

## Any plans for a sequel?

*No. I don't believe in second chances.*

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- a. the youngest.
- b. the middle child.
- c. the oldest or only child.

## 2. You decide what to wear to work:

- a. just before time to go.
- b. first thing when you get up.
- c. the night before.

## 3. Your mother is:

- a. wonderful, but dependent on your father (or the man in her life) for almost everything.
- b. independent and very loving.
- c. a stickler for detail and very strict.

## 4. When single, you date:

- a. to satisfy your sexual desires.
- b. to have fun and possibly find love.
- c. to find a relationship.

## 5. When you go to the dentist, you prefer to be given:

- a. a general anesthetic.
- b. a local anesthetic and gas.
- c. a local anesthetic only.

## 6. When on vacation, you like to:

- a. be totally lazy.
- b. balance your time between lazing around and seeing the sights.
- c. See and do everything there is.

## 7. In high school you:

- a. made good grades, but only when you were interested in the subject.
- b. did well when you applied yourself but were more interested in having fun than homework.
- c. always aimed for high grades.

**8. You usually pay bills:**

- a. just before they turn you over to a collection agency.
- b. by the due date.
- c. the day they come in.

**9. When friends drop by without calling, you:**

- a. love it!
- b. prefer to be warned but you enjoy their company.
- c. hate it. You don't like anything unexpected.

**10. Do you know where you see yourself 10 years from now?**

- a. No, you have no idea where life will lead.
- b. You have an idea but nothing is written in stone.
- c. Yes, you know exactly where you are going and what you want.

## SCORING

Give yourself points as follows:

a-1 b-2 c-3

### if you scored:

## 23-30

You are certainly in control of your life. You know what you want and how to get it. You hate to be thrown off track by any surprise. Although you may accomplish a lot in your life, you may not enjoy it as much as you should. You have always got to get started on the

next plan as soon as possible and don't give yourself time to bask in your success. Try to relax and give yourself time to do nothing. You'll be surprised at how much fun it is!

## 17-23


You have a general idea about what you want out of life but you don't mind changing your plans at the last minute. You do set goals for yourself and enjoy achieving them but you understand that you should balance work with fun. This may mean that you don't achieve quite as much career success as someone more driven, but you'll certainly enjoy yourself more.

## 10-16

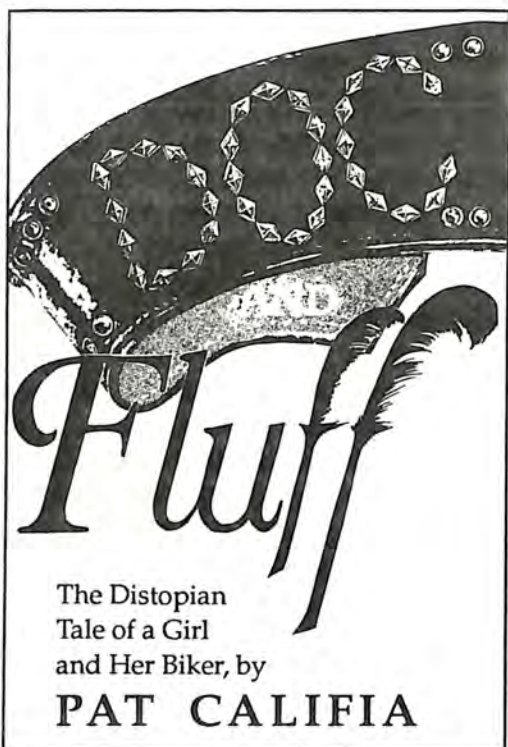
You prefer to live life in the present. You don't like setting goals and would rather go out and play than think about anything as serious as work. You always thought that money, love and success would just drop into your life but that usually isn't the case. Although you may be having fun right now, a little planning for the future wouldn't hurt.



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# REACH FOR THE STARS

BY MIKE VOSS

## ARIES

Movement is almost manic now. Overcoming some deception in the first week enables success to be sweeter in the second and fourth weeks. Friends ensure big wins between the 12th and 23rd. Travel may be required all month, because you become so sought after. Biggest problem between 21st and 28th should be equally dividing time between loved ones and business concerns. Go get 'em.

## TAURUS

Partnership concerns change in the first week. Re-evaluation is necessary. Creativity increases profit and enhances domestic comfort in the second week. Between the 12th and 19th love and marriage plans need further examination. Being all too eager to jump out of the proverbial "frying pan" and into the fire should be curbed. Joint financial arrangements made after the 23rd are blessed by angels. Surprise gifts touch your heart.

## GEMINI

Friends and money issues can get this month off to a bad start. Facing up to unpleasant facts and dealing with them early enables you to launch great business plans after the 11th. From the 14th through the 19th contacts can catapult you to the top. Romantic interest dwindles in the 3rd week as ambition

grows. Domestic setting and family demand time and attention at month's end. Profit is the name of the game now.

## CANCER

Usually travel in any form is pleasing to you. Beware of complications while doing so in the first week. Expectations are not met, mistakes are made and disappointment is likely. On the 10th new beginnings are possible in old career fronts. Exercise new found authority between the 12th and the 19th. After the 20th romantic notions become a very nice reality. Showing off your new honey can consume the month's end.

## LEO

Sudden upsets concerning the family can leave you up in the air the first week. Travel may be mandatory. After the 9th financial solutions become easier. Trust is a valuable asset between the 13th and 23rd. Superiors grant more authority in the third week. Ironically this arrangement allows you more free time. Romance takes on a more "mental state" then "physical state" at the month's end. You may be just too damn busy to care.

## VIRGO

Love issues are challenged in the 1st week. Difference in values or financial habits can make you crazy. The fog lifts somewhat after the 9th. Between the

10th and 18th look at your family with new eyes. Help can be found in unexpected places in the 3rd week. Career aspects vs. domestic at month's end. Earning extra money would be best if it revolved around home or domestic needs of others. Nice profit can be yours on both the 26th and 28th.

## **LIBRA**

Communication efforts which usually enhance your career position can endanger you in the first week. Shooting your mouth off can make a full circle really fast. After the 8th climb upwards again. Career interest can dwindle between the 19th and 24th, however, when you experience some pre-mature spring fever. Financial situation with friends can be a business asset at month's end. Everybody uses everybody else quite nicely.

## **SCORPIO**

Opposition from mate or partner eases up after the first week. Attention should be paid to domestic and financial arrangements from the 9th through the 21st. Obligations need to be shared equally. Suggestions from family can be profitable but annoy you between the 22nd and 24th. Even though emotional needs seem truly unfulfilled, you throw yourself into another love affair at month's end.

## **SAGITTARIUS**

Partners, business and financial aspects are all favored after the 8th. In the 1st week expect some sudden romantic shifting. New loves look far more stable between the 10th and 22nd. On both the 23rd and 28th experience some planned financial windfalls. Domestic setting

can't be beat in the last week. Financial picture brightens all month. Make some good hay even if the sun doesn't appear to be shining.

## **CAPRICORN**

Saying goodbye to some one special within career boundaries drastically changes the business horizon. Enjoy new rules made between the 2nd and 10th. In the 2nd week romantic adventures are enhanced by sex and money. Important people find you fascinating in the third week. After the 20th travel aspects couple nicely with business concerns. Big profits come after some big risks are taken.

## **AQUARIUS**

Relationships will be tested this month. Expect an end to one in the 1st week. If a romantic situation does not end, then expect total re-evaluation to take place. Education and connection are your strong points between the 10th and 19th. In the 2nd and 3rd week profits stem from determination, not necessarily skill. Surprise endings to complicated domestic situations between the 16th & 24th allow for more personal freedom.

## **PISCES**

Credentials can be checked now. Keep career bases covered. On the 1st, 17th and 23rd promotions are very possible. Romantic notions come to an end in the 1st week, but blossom in the 4th. Unique windfalls in the third week can be traced back to the family. Success is almost inevitable this month, but partnerships can suffer if consideration is not exercised.



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ALL MY LOVE, [Signature]

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