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# TO THE EDITOR

EXPRESSING THE OPINIONS & VIEWPOINTS OF DIMENSIONS' READERS

## WANTS ACTION NOT WORDS

**Dear Dimensions:**

This is utterly ridiculous. Can't we, as a community, find something better to do than fight about whether to call ourselves "lesbians" or "gay women"? Either way you say it it means homosexual and that means discrimination in this country.

I must say I feel the same way about the continuing fight about "women" vs. "wimmin". Words are just that—words—and, as we all know, actions speak louder than them.

So, let's quit the petty disagreements and get started on the real issues. Regardless of what we call ourselves 21.06 still says we are "law-breakers", and until that issue is settled we don't really have time to argue semantics.

Job discrimination, family ostracism, gay bashing, and the general attitudes of straight society should be our real concerns. No matter what you call me, I still love women, and that is what causes the problem.

**From A Woman Loving Woman  
Dallas, TX**

## GF SEEKS TRANSLATION

**Dear Dimensions:**

I'm confused. I just recently came out and picked up your publication for the first time a couple of months ago. In reading the personals I see alot of "GWF's" and a few "GBF's". What does that mean anyway? I noticed in the men's magazines it usually says "GWM".

Please give me a translation, I would like to reply to some of the ads, but I don't want to until I know what they mean!

**Sign Me  
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*Ed. Note: Dear New,*

*It may seem confusing at first, but it is really very simple. "GWF" stands for Gay White Female, "GBF" for Gay Black Female, and "GWM" for Gay White Male. On occasion you may also see "GF" (Gay Female), "BWF" (Bisexual White Female) or "DWF" (Divorced White Female).*



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# THE NEWS

FROM AROUND THE REGION, THE COUNTRY & THE WORLD

## THRF Seeks Summary Judgement Against Sodomy Law

AUSTIN, TX - The Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF), filed a motion on July 9, 1990 for summary judgement in the case of *Morales et al. vs the State of Texas*, which contests the constitutionality of the "anti-gay" statute of the Texas Penal Code. The lawsuit seeks to have §21.06, or the sodomy law, declared unconstitutional and barred from enforcement on the grounds that it violates the plaintiffs' rights to privacy, equal protection, and due process. Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code makes it a crime for adults of the same sex to engage in sexual intercourse. The motion for summary judgement would have the question of constitutionality decided by a district court judge, making a full trial unnecessary.

Texas is one of only seven states in the country that criminalizes the intimate and private consenting relations between two men or two women. Over 700,000 gay men and lesbians in Texas are branded as criminals by the statute. The motion is part of the ongoing battle by the Texas Human Rights Foundation against §21.06. The law itself is virtually unenforced, but is used to provide a legal basis for discrimination against lesbians and gay men throughout the state. For example:

- In 1988 Judge Jack Hampton of Dallas gave a man convicted of two "execution-style" murders a thirty year sentence, rather than life in prison or death. Judge Hampton defended his actions by saying that since the victims were

"queer," they were "less innocent" in their deaths than others, because they were criminals under Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code.

- In 1989 the Texas Legislature slashed \$15 million from proposed AIDS funding, despite the fact that Texas ranked 5th nationally in the number of AIDS cases, because legislators considered the funding "the same thing as gay rights." Representative Debra Danburg summarized the prevailing attitude as, "Why should we waste money trying save the lives of criminals?"

- In 1989 the Dallas police department was so severely understaffed that it was engaged in a campaign to hire over 150 new officers. Yet, the DPD refused the application of a gay woman because, Police Chief Mack Vines said, "We don't hire people who violate the laws of this state and who will continue to violate the laws of this state. Deviant sexual behavior is against the law in Texas."

The plaintiffs in the lawsuit against §21.06 are all practicing homosexuals who claim that the statute unconstitutionally criminalizes their private sexual relations; encourages disruption of their family relationships; limits their employment opportunities; encourages hate crimes against gay men and lesbians; and encourages discrimination in the judicial system and harassment of gay men and lesbians by law enforcement officials. Plaintiffs in the case include Linda Morales of Houston, Patricia Cramer of Austin, Charlotte Taft of Dallas, and John Thomas of Dallas.

## Position Open at LGRL

AUSTIN, TX - The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby (LGRL) of Texas has announced that it is currently seeking a second staff person to serve as a Lobbyist/Community Organizer.

The Lobbyist/Community Organizer will be responsible for the development and implementation of a community outreach program specifically targeting the lesbian community throughout the state of Texas. The chosen applicant will be responsible for working closely with the Executive Director to carry out the various programs of the LGRL, as articulated by the Board of Directors.

Some of the other duties of the Lobbyist/Community Organizer will be to develop, in consultation with the Executive Director, legislative strategy for Regular and any Called Special Sessions of the Texas Legislator; coordinate and facilitate inclusion of traditionally under-represented communities in LGRL's work — particularly the lesbian community and lesbian/gay people of color; serve as a statewide public spokesperson on matters of concern to the lesbian and gay community; and assists with LGRL fundraising activities as needed.

The qualified applicants should have knowledge of issues of concern to the lesbian community. Previous experience working with grassroots organizations or political organizations is helpful. In addition, previous experience working with the Texas Legislature is beneficial, although not required.

For a job description, application procedures and salary information, applicants are requested to write: LGRL, P.O. Box 2579, Austin, Texas 78768. Targeted hiring date will be October 1, with tentative starting date of early November 1990.

## NOW Conference Highlights Thompson and Kowalski

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The presentation of "Women of Courage" awards to Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski was greeted by a standing ovation and tears at the National Organization for Women's 1990 National Conference on July 1 in San Francisco. When NOW's Action Vice President Sheri O'Dell presented the awards, along with a tribute to the courage and accomplishments of both Thompson and Kowalski, Thompson responded that, "We could not have done what we did without NOW."

Joining the tribute was Supervisor Angela Alioto who read a proclamation from the city of San Francisco declaring July 1 "Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski Day". Following Thompson's comments, NOW president Molly Yard concluded, "We often talk about the power of love in trivial ways. But I think that you have demonstrated the power of love and what it will achieve." The Conference also featured elections for national NOW officers with President Molly Yard, Executive Vice President Patricia Ireland, and Secretary Kim Gandy all being re-elected. Joining their slate as Action Vice President, was Rosemary Dempsey, a long-time NOW activist who has been particularly involved in lesbian rights.

Dempsey has been active in local, state and national roles in NOW since the early 1970's and has also been involved in the lesbian and gay community through such positions as board member for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. Since 1985, Dempsey has served as chair of NOW's Lesbian Rights Conference Implementation Committee, NOW's equivalent of a national task force.

In addition, delegates at the Conference overwhelmingly passed a resolution on outing, after heated debate. While recognizing the frustration of activists who advocate outing, the resolution clearly stated NOW's opposition to outing "as a feasible or acceptable strategy to achieve our common goals of equality and liberty . . . in the spirit of our respect and regard for each individual's right to self-identity, and in keeping with the organizations historical efforts to denounce attacks on personal choice".

## THANKS BARBARA!

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Barbara Bush has written the head of an organization of parents of gay children that "we cannot tolerate discrimination against any individuals or groups in our country."

The letter was addressed to Paulette Goodman, president of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG). It came in response to Goodman's plea that the First Lady

"speak kind words to some 24 million gay Americans and their families to help heal the wounds and to keep the families in loving relationships."

Mrs. Bush replied that "your words speak eloquently of your love for your child and your compassion for all gay Americans and their families."

Mrs. Bush frequently has made clear her distaste for discrimination based on sexual orientation, according to an Associated Press report of her letter to Goodman.

In May, President Bush aroused protests from some conservatives when he invited representatives of gay groups to attend the signing of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, which targets bias-motivated violence.

Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, lobbying arm of the movement for gay and lesbian civil rights, said Mrs. Bush's letter "reinforces values that American mothers and American families are all about."



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A MONTHLY LISTING OF SPECIAL EVENTS ALL AROUND THE AREA

**OKLAHOMA CITY** - A **Regional Lesbian Conference** will be hosted by **HERLAND SISTER RESOURCES**, a women's resource center, at their **Fall Retreat at Arrowhead State Park** in east central Oklahoma on August 31 and September 1-3, 1990. This conference is in preparation for the **National Lesbian Conference** which is to be held in Atlanta, Georgia on April 24-28, 1991.

The regional meeting will bring together lesbians from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. A primary objective of the meeting is to elect four regional delegates to the **National Lesbian Conference steering committee** so that this region's issues may be brought to the national agenda. Advance registration fees for the combined conference and retreat are on a sliding scale from \$30-\$40. On site registration will be \$45. If you would like more information about the conference or the retreat, call **HERLAND SISTER RESOURCES** at (405) 521-9696 or (405) 528-3151.

**NEW YORK** - Watch at your favorite bookstore for "**The Right To Light**" limited edition lithograph. Through the efforts of lesbian/gay activists and the **Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)**, the management of the **Empire State Building** agreed to illuminate (with lavender light) the top portion of the building for

this year's **Gay & Lesbian Pride Month**. The Empire State Building has traditionally lit the building with different colors for holidays and special occasions, but this is the first time that the management has agreed to light the building for Gay & Lesbian Pride Month. If the lithograph is not available at your local bookstore, contact **GLAAD** at (212) 629-8140 for ordering info.

**ALBUQUERQUE** - The **New Mexico Foundation for Human Enrichment** is sponsoring a **Lesbian & Gay Spirituality Conference** in San Cristobal, New Mexico August 31-Sept 3. The conference will be held at Lama, a small community of people following different paths toward spiritual awareness. Lama is located north of San Cristobal, which is itself north of Taos. Workshop topics will include: explorations of lesbian and gay spirituality; Zen practice; singing and music; shaman journeying; healing; unconditional love and many other topics. For more information or to register call (505) 256-0595 or write **NMFHE**, P.O. Box 807, Albuquerque, NM 87103.

**AUSTIN** - OOPS! For the last several months I have had the address for **SADIE'S PLACE** wrong in several different places, including the **Dimensions Directory**. I know for sure that I have had at least one couple scouring Austin, trying to find **SADIE'S** with no

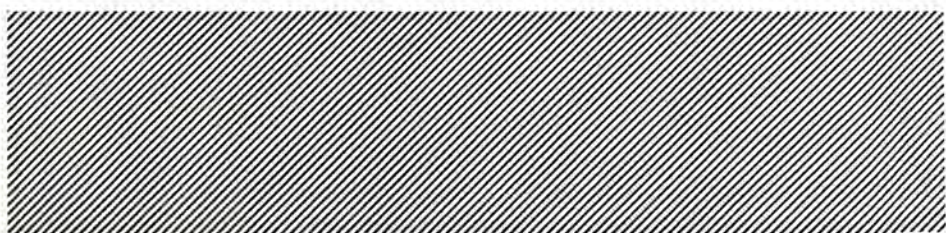
success. My apologies to any of you who were lost and confused as well as to the folks at SADIE'S. But, the address is right now, so look it up and check it out!

**AUSTIN** - Yes, girls. It's true. NEXUS/PJ's is really coming back. I don't have an address or opening date yet — but, I expect to know more next month. Keep your eyes on this space for details!

**SAN ANTONIO** - Have you ever walked into a bar on **Steak Nite** only to find that while everyone else is devouring a thick, juicy steak, you are left out in the cold because you forgot to bring one? Well, worry no more. The **CIRCLE** is now offering to provide your **steak for only \$3.50 + tax!** Fixin's are an additional \$1 + tax. **Tuesday Night Topics** at the **CIRCLE** in August are:

**Alcohol Problems** on the 7th and **Chronic Fatigue Syndrome** with guest speaker **Jan Meador** on the 21st.

**HOUSTON** - The Daily Specials at the **RANCH** are really something to sing about! On Tuesdays you can get **75¢ Draft Beer** from 7pm-Midnight, Wednesdays brings **Happy Hour Drinks All Night Long**, Thursdays are, once again **75¢ Draft** from 7pm-Midnight and Sundays it's **75¢ Draft All Day!** In addition to Drink Specials there is also special entertainment! Tuesdays are **Pool Tournament Night**, Wednesdays it's **C&W AND Dance Music** (whatever the crowd wants to hear), and there is usually some **special entertainment** on Sundays. Be sure and check at the bar for up and coming special events!

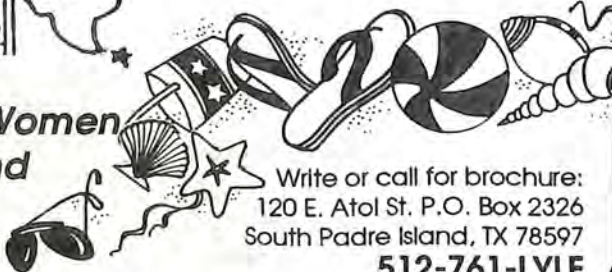


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**Dear Agnes,**

This is a long story but, I will try to make it as short as possible.

I am deaf and got my first lover (also deaf) in August 1989. We both went to the same college and graduated in May of 1990.

Not long after we broke up, she invited me to go to the bar. After the bar closed that night we went to a friends house for a party. My ex-lover introduced me to her new (hearing) girlfriend. All I did was look at her new girlfriend and I fell in love. They quit seeing each other after just a few weeks so I felt free to pursue this woman.

For months after that I would see her in the bar and she was always looking at me. I finally got my nerve up and wrote her a note telling her that I liked her, she wrote back saying she liked me too. That night we talked for hours and the next day at a party she kissed me.

Later, at the same party, I caught her staring at me and she told me she needed to ask me something — she never did. That night at the bar she didn't even speak to me.

Now it's been awhile and I still haven't heard from her. So, last month I wrote her a note and I still got no response. Right now, I'm still in love with her even though I don't know how she feels about me. She made me very happy and made me feel special.

So, should I keep writing her letters?

Send her funny cards? Flowers? I don't want to go too far, but I really want to keep in touch with her.

**Ex-SWCID College Student  
Big Springs, TX &  
Monroe, Louisiana**

**Dear Ex,**

You have made an effort to keep in touch. She is the one who is not responding! Save your money, I'm not sure someone who doesn't even speak to you at the bar deserves flowers. Sounds like this woman is into *head games*.

I am sure you can find someone who will be better to you . . . and certainly better for you.

**Dear Agnes,**

My lover and I have been together for the last nine months and recently became engaged to each other. Rings and all!

Recently she moved back to the San Antonio area because of a promising job situation. She was promoted her first day on the job. We now commute back and forth from Dallas and San Antonio.

My concern is that I have never had to suppress my life style in a city or town (childhood in Lubbock).

But when I visit S.A. I feel a certain "hush" thing. My lover and I have had various conversations pertaining to this

concern.

How do I deal with me being openly lesbian in and out of my living area if I move to S.A.?

In Dallas it hasn't been a problem because I live in the gay community. After all, San Antonio and Austin will hire and employ lesbian and gay men on their police force. Yet, I still can't hold my lover's hand on the Riverwalk!

My lifestyle is OK in Dallas, but my heart and soulmate is in San Antonio where gay bashing is express! Help!

### **Crossroads of True Love, Dallas, TX**

**Dear True,**

It must be wonderful to never have had to restrict your behavior. However I can assure you that there are many places in the Metroplex area that would not look kindly on your holding hands with your lover. Many patrons of Greenville Avenue establishments would not care for

two women holding hands.

I realize that you are referring to the Oak Lawn area when you refer to being open with your sexuality. I also realize that Austin and S.A. do not have a 'strip' comparable to Cedar Springs, however, both cities boast many gay and lesbian establishments and very active lesbian/ gay communities.

I would also point out that gay bashing is not limited to any one city. Every major city has its share of violence against gays — and Dallas is certainly no exception.

If San Antonio is where your true love is, give the city a chance, you may be pleasantly surprised.



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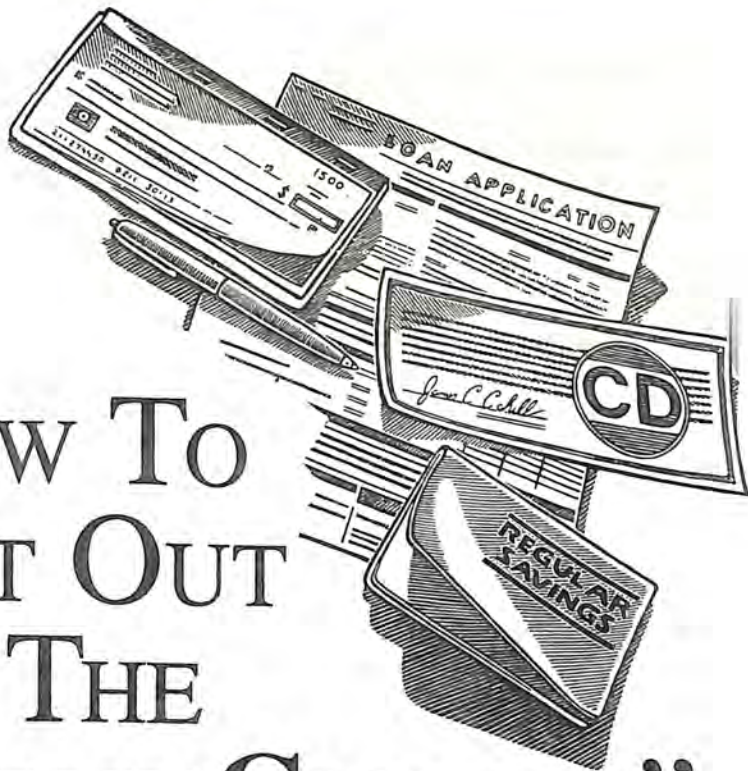
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# How To GET OUT OF THE “CREDIT CRUNCH”

BY CAMERON TAYLOR

It's no wonder that so many Americans are in trouble with credit. At least once a week many people receive a "pre-approved" credit application in the mail, and sometimes you can open an envelope and find a card you never requested or applied for. Some companies will even send you (unsolicited) a check for anywhere from \$1000-\$8000 in the mail — all you have to do is cash it — and start making payments.

These offers are hard to resist. We justify another credit card with the "in case of emergency" theory. We cash the fifteen hundred dollar check with the thought that "it won't take long to pay it back". But, do you really need an-

other credit card? After all, you've got three already. And that \$1500 check you cashed went to pay for new furniture when your old furniture would have been fine for another year or two. After a few years (or even months) of this kind of spending on credit, you suddenly wake up one morning and discover that just the minimum amount you must pay on all that debt is equal to half of you take-home pay.

It's a good thing you've got new furniture because you can't afford to do anything but sit in the house for the next three years while you dig your way out of debt.



## THE SYMPTOMS

So, how do you know if you are in trouble with credit spending?

- You can't pay the minimum on your credit cards without juggling payments on other expenses.
- You have no money left after all the bills are paid.
- You pay the minimum amount month after month and have no idea what percentage interest you are paying.
- You have no emergency back-up money in savings so you are forced to buy more and more on credit.

Careless spending is not the only way you can get into a credit crunch. Loss of a job, an extended illness, or even a

Whether or not you decide to get credit counseling, you should cut up your credit cards. This is a very hard (and very emotional) thing to do and most of us can think of a hundred reasons to keep just one — but, don't do it. This is what got you into trouble to start with and one card is all it takes to start the cycle over again.

## THE PAYBACK

The first step to take in getting out of debt is to write down everything you spend. Buy a small loose leaf notebook and sit down with your check book and make a list of all your expenses over the past three months. For the next month,

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**A credit counselor can help you set up a new budget, make a plan to pay your debts, and help you deal with irate creditors.**

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slight drop in income can put your finances into a tailspin. How do you pull out? A good place to start is with Consumer Credit Counseling. A credit counselor can help you set up a new budget, make a plan to pay your debts, and help you deal with irate creditors. They may even take your credit cards away from you if you are in really big trouble.

To find a reputable credit counselor in your area, write or call:

**The National Foundation for Consumer Credit**

8701 Georgia Ave., Suite 507  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
(301) 589-5600

They have over 250 offices nationwide that help individuals with serious debt problems. Fees are on a sliding scale but they will not turn anyone away.

write down everything you spend money on — whether you pay with cash, check or credit. Once you do this you will have a fairly accurate picture of where your money is going.

Then, on a separate sheet of paper make a list of your creditors and what you owe each one. The example below should give you an idea about how to start.

CITIBANK VISA – \$1100.00  
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LOAN FROM DAD - \$500.00

Don't include mortgage or car loans on this list unless you are having problems meeting payments. For the most part, payments on these types of loans are fixed and non-negotiable.

Once you have a clear idea about where your money is going, call each of your creditors and work out arrangements for payment. Tell them what you can afford to pay. Be realistic — even if you can pay only five dollars a month most creditors will work with you to settle your debts.

One option you have is to consolidate all your debts under one loan. This could give you a lower monthly payment as well as lower interest. But don't even consider doing this unless you are prepared to change your spending habits drastically — otherwise you could end up running up new bills while you are still paying on the old ones.

Keep track of your progress as you are paying off your debts. Log each payment into the spiral notebook. This will help to keep you focused on your goal and give you a boost in confidence each time the total balance shrinks a little.

One of the most important things to remember is not to neglect yourself. This means two things: 1. that you should try to put a little into savings each month. Having a small savings account will help you feel more secure about handling your finances and being able to weather an emergency., and 2. that you should treat yourself at least twice a month. Buy yourself a new blouse or go out to a nice dinner every paycheck. If your debts are sky high you have probably been neglecting yourself while trying to meet your payments. "Luxuries" are always the first to go in a

money crunch. Pay cash for these treats. Once you remember how good it is to spend your money on yourself and not paying debts, you will be more determined to start managing your money better. As you go along, paying off your debts, you will become more and more confident in handling your finances, and you will have more and more money to spend on yourself.

If you encounter problems in following these guidelines, or just can't seem to do it on your own, contact Debtors Anonymous at the address below. They will help you find a group already meeting in your area or will help in forming a new chapter. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**Debtors Anonymous**  
**General Service Board**  
P.O. Box 20322  
New York, NY 10025-9992  
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By following these steps, you should be well on your way to getting your finances under control. You may even be surprised by how much money you really have when you aren't paying interest charges to every Tom, Dick and Harry of the credit issuing world!



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## THE PERILS OF CABLE ABUSE

BY NANCY FORD

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I was in my mid-to-late 20's, as was my spouse. We had the house, the mortgage. The health club membership.

I was prosperous. I was upwardly mobile. I was America.

And I got busted.

It's true — mine is not a delicate story. But it's one that needs to be told. I'm a cable T.V. con.

It all began innocently enough. One Saturday afternoon I was sitting in my Strato-lounger flipping through the networks via my remote control. What a power cruise! — flashing past Pat Summerall, stopping briefly at "Happy Days", then a smooth glide into the news. But something was different approximately a half-click in-between Maria Shriver and "Star Trek". I detected the faint but unmistakable opening credits for "Clash of the Titans." I recognized this immediately as one of the pay movie stations (being an avid *T.V. Guide* Reader and, from that, knowing that "Clash of the Titans" can be seen on at least one cable channel at any given time of day or night). It was there, just a slight fine-tuning adjustment away. I crept toward the control panel,

my remote control box slipping ominously out of my sweat-soaked palm. A twist — and there it was!

The Movie Channel! In full technicolor, pirated glory! For free!

I hadn't ordered it — I hadn't invited it in. It just appeared, like a divine countenance. DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?!? It came to me! Visions of satellite dishes danced in my head. Was there more? I felt my heart pound in my throat with excitement. Flushed, I dove at the abandoned remote control lying on the floor. Trembling, I switched to another normally static-laden station. AND MTV SPRANG BEFORE ME! That was all it took. The prospect of having Julie Brown (the funny one) in my own home night after night pushed me right over the edge.

I roamed the dial 'til Cinemax, Nikolodeon, and HBO were mine. Then on to the SUPER STATIONS — WGN, WTBS, CBN, CNN — I could almost hear Ted Turner's stock slipping.

Two hours and 32 channels later it was finished. I had fine-tuned myself into video nirvana. My fingers bled. I col-

lapsed exhausted in the Strato-lounger preparing to enjoy the first fruits of my larcenous labors.

As I was trying to decide between Arts & Entertainment Network and the Playboy Channel an ominous warning flashed across the screen. It implored me and all other T.V. pirates to turn ourselves in by means of dialing a toll-free amnesty hot-line number. I can only assume that doing this would once again make the airways safe for respectable paying viewers.

"Ha! Amnesty hot-line indeed!" I scoffed. I'd flee to Canada first. Besides, if I got up now to make a phone call I'd miss the Interview where Christie Hefner reveals her secret to success.

But that was before. Before they caught me. Acting on a tip that our cars had not left the drive for six weeks, two oversized goons appeared at the family room patio doors and witnessed me and my whole family watching "The Parent Trap" on the Disney Channel.

Caught dead with the goods. No where to run, no where to hide. Not even Haley Mills herself could help me now. As one agent read me my rights and dragged me out the door, the other maniacally clipped our co-axial cable. In front of the dog. That was the worst part of all.

EPILOGUE: But that was long ago. Now I'm in a rehabilitation program designed to help cable junkies lead controllable lives. Once a week I attend a behavior modification workshop where they tape our eyes open and make us watch continuous re-runs of "Bosom Buddies". This procedure, with time, is said to, without fail, transform the

prospect of watching television from a means of entertainment to a purgative. Eventually I intend to speak to high school assemblies, warning students of the perils of cable abuse. Hey, I know it's corny, but if I can save one kid from picking up that first movie channel, then I'll feel like I've made a difference.

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## MONTANA FEATHERS

BY PENNY HAYES



## PRIORITIES

BY LINDA LYONS

Get ready for a ride! This month we're going to look at two novels from very different settings.

The first is Montana Feathers (Naiad Press, Inc., \$8.95) by Penny Hayes. This is the story of Elizabeth Reynolds, an upper-class debutant from New York City. She has only one wish before she

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Montana Feathers is a realistic look at life on the American frontier and the women who made a life there. It is well written and an easy read.

Our second book this month is Priorities: The Controller Series, (Naiad Press, Inc. \$8.95) by Linda Lyons.

Amelia Roberts is the Director of the Earth's elite robot-hunting organization, the Controllers. She and her second in command, Valentine, have set out to find the Earth's most dangerous criminal — "the Doctor".

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Since her appointment to the Directorship of the Controllers, Amelia has been under suspicion of being a robot. Now she must prove herself on a personal level to both the President and his wife. Priorities is one of the best novels of lesbian science fiction I've read. It is entertaining, thrilling and thought provoking. Ms. Lyons has scored a coup with this, the first in the Controller series. I, for one, am looking forward to future installments with great expectations.

Both Priorities and Montana Feathers are available for \$8.95 from Naiad Press, Inc., P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, Florida 32302. Please include 15% for shipping and handling. Full catalogs are available upon request.



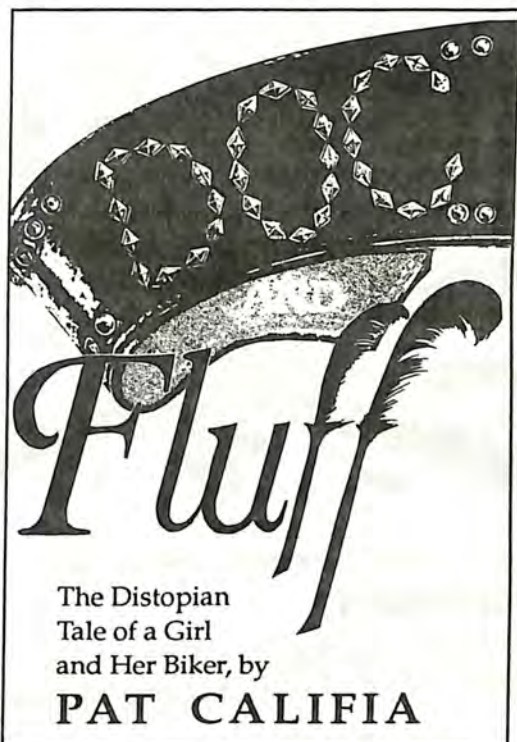
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# POETRY

FROM OUR READERS

## VIOLET

*Violet, the word seemed to stick in her mind  
like a memory of a lost day;  
a time where words are no longer necessary.  
It was as if she was walking into every corner;  
torturing herself of this weary existence.  
She thought about how trees look in the dead winter,  
and how men lie.*

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WHAT'S IN THE STARS FOR YOU THIS MONTH?

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## ARIES

Romance is in the air during the first week of August. You will also find that you have a great control over financial matters right now. Your expenses could rise unexpectedly due to a car breakdown or other mishap during the third week. Don't worry, it's nothing you can't handle. Avoid travel after the 20th, especially if it is an unplanned trip. This is a good time to get in touch with a long-distance friend, they can help you avoid jumping to conclusions.

## TAURUS

The first week of August could bring your boss's attention your way and net you a raise or promotion. You may feel very affectionate toward your friends and loved ones during the third week, but don't let them take advantage of your emotions. After the 20th love and money matters will move along smoothly. This is an especially good time to improve your income if you didn't get that raise earlier in the month.

## GEMINI

During the first week of August you can move ahead with confidence in all matters. But, after the 8th, you should watch your tongue and be careful to say nothing that will hurt another person. During the third week you will be able to set goals and reach them with ease. Don't hesitate when opportunity presents itself after the 21st. Someone close

to you may try to take advantage of your feelings.

## CANCER

Be wary of romantic overtures and those who would use you for money during the first week of August. During the 2nd week you may think that someone is withholding information. Don't go out on a limb trying to find the answer. You may make decisions you will regret and that could hurt you later on. After the 17th pay attention to your loved ones and their needs. Let them have the lead and you will find that you are both more content.

## LEO

Your social life is picking up and people will be willing to grant you favors from the 2nd thru the 11th. During the third week you may be called upon to come up with a solution to a friend's crisis. After the 25th you may feel that your relationships are in turmoil, but it's nothing a little time won't fix. Give of yourself and it will make those around you more content.

## VIRGO

A raise, promotion or other financial windfall could be headed your way during the first two weeks of August. Your friends and love interest will also provide much enjoyment and insight right now. After the 21st the emphasis will once again be on work and career

matters. Towards month's end, a new romantic interest could be headed your way or your current romance could be heating up.

## **LIBRA**

Progress can be made in all things important to you, including money and love, during the first week of August. You have the ability to influence friends, family and co-workers to your way of thinking during the first two weeks. Your love life really heats up after the 18th. You may be in financial straits in the fourth week because you underestimated expenses in the past.

## **SCORPIO**

Travel may be on your agenda during the first week of August. Whether it's for business or pleasure. Take time out to give a loved one a special treat on the 15th. A member of your family may also need your attention now, so be sure to make time for them. During the third week you may have a hard time pinning down how you feel about someone, trust your gut instincts.

## **SAGITTARIUS**

You may find yourself playing the role of peacemaker during the first week of August. Co-workers, family members and neighbors may all need this service right now. After the 21st don't let anyone, particularly a lover, push you into a decision you aren't ready to make. Hold off on any major changes in your life. People and projects that have needed your attention are in the spotlight now.

## **CAPRICORN**

You will be able to step up the pace a bit and enjoy business dealings and your social life during August. After the 14th you are content and happy but may have the desire to travel. Try to avoid troublemakers on the job. The focus during the third and fourth weeks will be on financial and career matters. A raise or promotion could be coming your way but you'll have to finish projects that you have been putting off.

## **AQUARIUS**

Let things move at their own pace. Romance and money matters will go much more smoothly without pushing. Your social and romantic lives will be exciting after the 9th. Everything is going right for you now. Keep an open mind and avoid criticism of those around you. You may have a tendency to overspend right now so keep a close eye on your pocketbook!

## **PISCES**

Try to achieve your goals without pushing too hard during the first week of August. You could wind up trampling on the opinions of others if you're not careful. You can look forward to better times after the 17th when it comes to finances. This is also a good time to make changes, improvements and corrections in other areas of your life. Work on matters that concern you from behind the scenes, you will make better progress if you keep to yourself.



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T-Shirts	\$12.00 ea.	.90
Sweatshirts	\$17.00 ea.	1.27
Golf Caps	\$7.00 ea.	.53

Fill Out Form & Be Sure to Include Check or Money Order For Full Amount  
CIRCLE COLOR & SIZE. FILL IN QUANTITY. IF YOU WISH TO ORDER  
MORE THAN ONE COLOR OR SIZE, PLEASE PUT ON SEPERATE SHEET.

T-Shirt . . . . . Pink, Orchid, Green, White — S, M, L, XL — # \_\_\_\_\_  
Sweatshirt . . . . . Pink, Orchid, Green, White — S, M, L, XL — # \_\_\_\_\_  
Golf Cap . . . . . Pink, Green, White — One Size — # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Allow 2 to 6 weeks for delivery

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