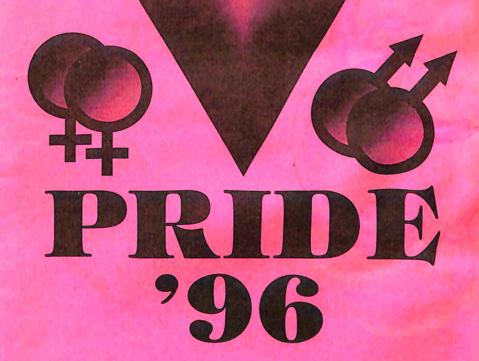
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THE NEWS

FROM AROUND THE REGION, THE COUNTRY & THE WORLD

Supreme Court Strikes Down Amendment 2

Washington, D.C. - On May 20th the Supreme Courtruled against Colorado's Amendment 2. The decision was 6 to 3, with Justices Kennedy, Ginsberg, Souter, Breyer, O'Connor, and Stevens ruling against Amendment 2, and Justices Rehnquist, Scalia, and Thomas dissenting. The measure would have amended the Colorado state constitution to overturn existing protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation and prohibit the passage of any such protection in the future. It was passed by majority vote in Colorado in 1992.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, writing for the majority, said the law "identifies persons by a single trait and then denies them protection across the board." He went on to say, "It is not within our constitutional traditions to enact laws of this sort."

This is the first major ruling on a gay issue since the 1986 decision which upheld Georgia's sodomy law.

In the dissent, Justice Antonin Scalia accused the majority of "imposing upon all Americans" the pronouncement that "animosity toward homosexuals...is evil." He called the amendment, "Colorado's reasonable effort to preserve traditional American moral values" and added that it was not the court's business "to take sides in this culture war."

While lesbian and gay groups nationwide celebrate the unprecedented gay rights victory, some groups suggest that the lesbian and gay community should remain cautiously optimistic. The radical conservatives, they warn, who have spearheaded the move toward passing local anti-gay legislation nationwide, may pursue their agenda with strategies that satisfy the Supreme Court's objections to Amendment 2, requiring future court challenges.

"Despite today's victory, the final test of the Supreme Court's ruling resides in the court of public opinion," said Donna Red Wing, GLAAD's Community Affairs Director. "Even though gays and lesbians have won an important battle, the war on homophobia continues. GLAAD will build on today's victory with a nationwide media effort to bring accurate images of lesbians and gay men to the public. GLAAD's campaign will show, above all, that gays and lesbians want what every single American wants, and expects-fair and equal treatment."

Melinda Paras, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) executive director said, "The Supreme Court decision today on Colorado's Amendment 2 is a profound victory for all who believe in basic equal rights and the fundamental principle that all Americans deserve to live free from discrimination. It would have created special barriers to basic equal rights. It would have blocked the open and free participation in our democratic process for

gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

We commend those justices who defended basic civil rights and stood up to the anti-democratic agenda of religious political extremists. This case was not just about gay, lesbian and bisexual people. At stake are the very principles of democracy: justice, freedom, personal liberty, and the right to be different and still live free from the tyranny of the majority. We are reminded of the words of Justice Blackmun, who in his 1986 dissent to the loathsome Hardwick v. Bowers case that upheld discriminatory sodomy laws, said, 'The freedom to differ as to things that do not matter much is a mere shadow of freedom. The real test of its substance is the freedom to differ as to the things that touch the heart of the existing order.'

Federal Anti-Marriage Legislation Introduced

Alaska Bans Gay Marriage

Washington, D.C. - The U.S. House of Representatives inserted itself into the fray of the same-gender marriage debate when Representative Bob Barr (R-GA) introduced H.R. 3396, the Defense of Marriage Act. The bill would create a federal definition of marriage that would exclude same-gender couples. Under the measure, states would not have to abide by the full faith and credit clause of the U.S. Constitution and recognize the legal marriages of same-gender couples.

Same-gender marriage is not currently legal anywhere in the United States.

The more than thirty measures introduced in state legislatures across the country this year and this U.S. House bill are in reaction to a Hawaii legal case that is at least two years away from winding its way through the courts. Many legal experts believe the case will ultimately provide same-gender couples access to the legal contract of marriage in Hawaii.

"This is clearly a mean spirited election year ploy," stated NGLTF Executive Director Melinda Paras. "The treatment of this Congressional measure will give a real indication of whether Presidential Candidate Dole and the Republican Party will embrace the extremist agenda of Pat Buchanan," added Paras.

Historically, the issue of marriage and the granting of marriage licenses has been left to the states. Should Hawaii legalize same-gender marriage, anti-gay marriage laws are likely to ensure costly legal chaos. Same-gender couples legally married in one state, may not be legally married in other states. When crossing state lines, legally married same-gender couples could have their rights as a married couple, such as hospital visitation, filing joint tax returns, access to joint insurance policies, etc., denied them, depending on what state they are in.

"It is also clear that groups such as Concerned Women of America, Focus on the Family, and the Report have developed a very clear plan to pass model resolutions against same-gender marriage in each state that have culminated in this effort today. While they would have us believe that they seek to "preserve legalized, traditional marriage," the truth is that they seek to

impose their own narrow agenda on every American by playing on people's real fears and concerns about the changing American family,"

"We resent that the Halls of Congress are being used once again to promote the agenda of a small band of narrow-minded extremists in this country," said Paras.

At the state level, Alaska became the eighth state to ban the recognition of same gender marriage. Governor Tony Knowles let SB 308 pass into law without his signature. Action on Alabama's anti-marriage was "indefinitely post-

poned," effectively killing the measure for the remainder of the Alabama legislative year, which ended May 22.

The eight states that ban recognition of same-gender marriage are AK, AZ, GA, ID, KS, OK, SD, and UT. States with anti-marriage legislation still pending are CA, DE, IL, MI, MO, NY, SC, and TN. In Seventeen states this year, anti-marriage legislation was introduced, but has since been defeated, withdrawn, or killed. Those states are AL, CO, FL, HI, IA, KY, ME, MD, MN, MS, NM, RI, VA, WA, WV, WI, and WY.

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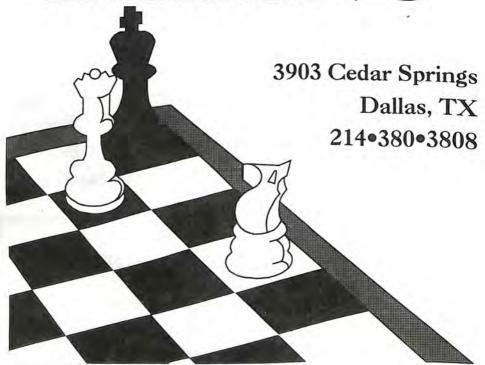
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HAT'S GOIN A MONTHLY LISTING OF SPECIAL EVENTS ALL AROUND THE AREA

HOUSTON-Houston's 1996 Lesbian/ Gay Pride Week will run from Friday, June 14th through Sunday, June 23rd. The week begins with a Kickoff Party on the 14th and the Rollin' With Pride Picnic at Memorial Park (100 Picnic Lane) starting at 1 lam on the 15th. Also on the 15th, a benefit concert featuring the Gay Men's Chorus, Bayou City Chorale and the Turtle Creek Chorale's ensemble group, "Acafellas" will be held at the Wortham Center, Cullen Theater at 8pm. Admission is \$10-\$20 and will benefit AFH Stone Soup Pantry. Lots of other activities will be held throughout the week culminating in the Pride Parade and Pride Fest '96 on Sunday, the 23rd. Pride Fest will start immediately after the parade on Lovett Street between Whitney and Taft and will feature food, drink, merchandise and information booths, a concert featuring Bronski Beat and Ce Ce Pennaston as well as lots of local performers. For more info on Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week events, call (713) 529-6979 or check page at their web www.pridehouston.org/~pridehou.

SAN ANTONIO - The Annual Lesbian Gay Pride Picnic, sponsored by the San Antonio Lesbian/Gay Assembly will be held on Sunday, June 9th beginning at 12 noon in San Pedro Park (next to San Antonio College).

The Picnic features booths, food, drink, music and lots of fun for everyone.

AMARILLO - The Amarillo Lesbian/ Gay Alliance will hold its Sixth Annual Pride Picnic on Saturday, June 22 in Thompson Park beginning at 1pm. Included will be the MCC Carnival and The Groobees (presented by French & Company and Hastings Books, Music & Video). For more info, call the ALGA Info Line at (806) 373-5725.

SAN ANTONIO - Make a note on your calendar for ELLAS' Fourth Annual NightOut Pride Dance to be held Saturday, June 22, 1996 at the Blanco Ballroom. This year's featured entertainment is the Leslie Lugo Band. The band plays a variety of music including pop, salsa, merengue, boleros, cumbias, tejano and more. Tickets are available at Textures Bookstore and are \$12.50 in advance, \$15 at the door.

HOUSTON - The Montrose Clinic is offering a low-cost women's health clinic every Wednesday from 5pm-8pm. The clinic includes a complete gynecological screening including diagnosis, lab work, medication and referrals. There is a \$40 fee but no one will be turned away. For more information, please call the clinic at (713) 520-2000.

SAN ANTONIO - The Ninth Annual Student Pride Soiree will be held on Sunday, June 23rd at the Olmas Park Party Pavilion from 6-11pm. The even includes participation by civic groups and business and is set up specifically for students and organizations to meet and network. The Soiree is held every June as part of Pride Month. For more information or to rent space at Soiree IX, call Jim at (210) 736-4329.

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DEAR AGNES

Answers to your questions about love, relationships & personal problems

Dear Agnes,

I broke up with my over of six years over a year ago. Now, I feel like I'm ready to start dating again, but I'm having a hard time. We moved to a new city the year before we broke up and we didn't really cultivate any friends here, so I'm pretty much on my own. Although I'm interested in a romantic relationship, I'm also interested in making some friends.

Every time I go out to the bar, I feel lost. For the last six years, the only time I set foot in a bar was for a special occasion. Now when I go out, I feel like all the women are so much younger and "hipper" than myself — I just don't know where to start. I'm shy, I don't know the music and I feel like a clod on the dance floor.

So do you have any suggestions on how to meet women. I can't just go up to them, "Hi, wanna be friends?", it's not my style.

Any help you can give me will be greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance.

SHY City Withheld

Dear Shy,

The best place for you to start is to call the local Lesbian/Gay alliance in your area and find out what kind of activities and groups are offered in your city. Although the bars can be fun, you may have an easier time making friends in a less intense environment.

In most major cities there are non-political gay and lesbian groups to suit almost any interest. You can go to a gay church, sing in a gay chorus, join a gay gardening or camping or get play any number of sports. There are also lots of volunteer opportunities that would help you make friends while you are helping those who need it.

Dear Agnes,

My lover and I are having a big problem
— her pets. We currently have four dogs, 6 cats (one pregnant), 4 hamsters and three big aquariums loaded with fish.

Maybe this wouldn't be so bad, but it seems like every other week she brings home another stray. I have managed to find homes for most of them, but our animal population keeps growing. I can't get the grass to grown in the backyard because of all the dogs, our carpet is in ruins, all our furniture has teeth marks and our whole house smells like a cat box.

On top of this, the vet bills, food bills and general upkeep of all the critters is making a huge dent in our budget.

I've asked her to please stop bringing home new animals, but every time she sees a stray she gets all sad and picks it up anyway.

Can you help?

CRITTER CENTRAL Austin, TX

Dear Critter,

Although I admire your lover's compassion for animals, I can see how this could be a big problem. The way I see it is that you either have to put your foot down and say absolutely no more, or learn to live with it.

The only other suggestion I can think of is to get her to volunteer at your local Humane Society or SPCA. However, that could backfire. Either it would help her get it out of her system somewhere other than you house, or she may bring home even more animals.

Anyone else out there had this problem and figured out how to solve it? Send your suggestions and we'll print them here.

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LESBIAN & CAY FACTORS

June is Lesbian/Gay Pride Month and in honor of this, we have compiled a collection of little known facts relating to the lesbian/gay community and its history.

POLITICS

Many think Harvey Milk of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors (1977) was the first openly gay politician elected to public office. Although he is the most widely known, he wasn't the first. That honor goes to Elaine Noble (Massachusetts House of Representatives) and Kathy Kozachenko (Ann Arbor, Michigan City Council), both elected in 1972.

Allan Spear, a Minnesota State Senator was first elected in 1972. He came out publicly in 1974. He is now serving his

sixth consecutive term and was elected Senate President in 1993.

Virginia instituted the first Sodomy Law in America in 1610. It called for the death penalty.

Edward Hyde, governor of New York from 1702 until 1708 dressed in

SCIENCE

Dr. S. Josephine Baker (1873-1952), a woman who dressed as a man, was the public health specialist who isolated "Typhoid Mary" and was listed in "American Men of Science."

In 1994 *Sesame Street* roommates Bert and Ernie were accused by fundamentalist ministers of being a gay couple.

women's clothing every day and frequently made public appearances in women's dress. He even posed for his official portrait in a low necked dress holding a fan with lace in his hair. He later went on to serve in Britain's House of Lords.

MEDIA

Linda VIllarosa, Senior Editor of Essence magazine came out in a 1991 Mother's Day article in that same publication. She is the first African-American lesbian to head a major national magazine.

The New York Times did not substitute the term "gay" for "homosexual" until June 1987 after negotiations with GLAAD (the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation). George Washington Carver (1864-1943) was an inventor, researcher and President of Tuskegee University. He was also openly gay. his long-time lover, Dr. Austin W. Curtis, Jr. succeeded him as President of Tuskegee University.

CHURCH

The United Church of Christ ordained its first openly gay man in 1972 when Rev. Bill Johnson was made a UCC clergyman.

ARTS

The earliest gay movie still in existence is a Swedish film, *The Wings* (1916), by gay director Mauritz Stiller. It's about a sculptor who falls in love with his male model.

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WHAT A WORLD, WHAT A WORLD QUICKLIES

BY NANCY FORD

QUICKLIES - Unrelated items that may or may not be funny to anyone else.

GAY PRIDE

First of all, Happy Gay Pride Month. June is historically recognized as gay pride month in honor of the battle of Stonewall, so named for the New York Christopher Street inn where patrons first resisted unprovoked harassment by the police. And so, most say, began the modern movement for gay and lesbian rights in the United States. It was already tense in the drag/hustler/queer bar, the air of the city still heavy with the scent of Judy Garland's funeral. Talk about a good place for a Stik-Up.

Second, it was in June, 1977 when I kissed my first girl. Nineteen years of service to the community — thank you, thank you very much. there are a number of ways such an occasion could be celebrated. Perhaps a reenactment would be appropriate. That would involve my first lover's and my return to northeastern Ohio for a torrid arm wrestling match on the floor of her living room. I'm sure her current husband and 2-year-old daughter might have something to say about that.

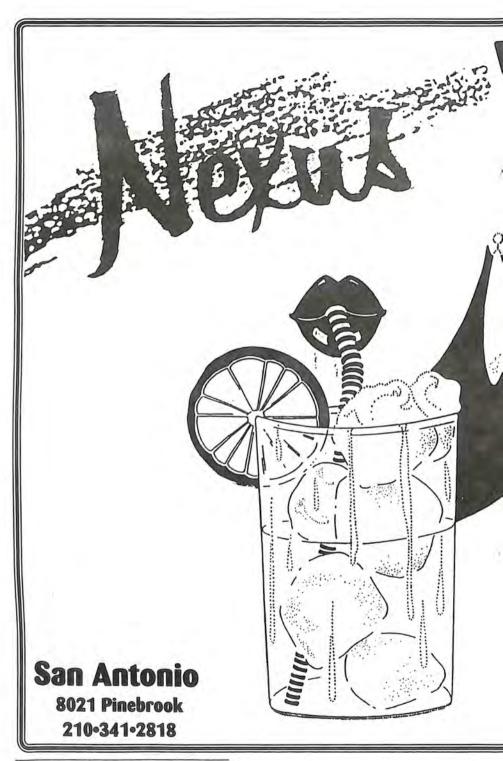
And finally, in 1996, twenty-seven years after the first nail was broken at the Stonewall Inn, the United States Supreme Court, with a rousing 6-3 decision, has overturned Colorado's Amendment 2. It is now illegal in the state of Colorado, or any other state, to pass or enforce laws which would threaten civil rights based on sexual orientation. This is a big deal, guys. History has been made. Happy Gay Pride Month to us all!

CRAMPS

Today I paid \$1.39 for a gallon of gasoline and \$3.25 for an eight-pack of tampons. Is it just me, or does anyone else find this imbalance disturbing?

BETTE DAVIS EYES, MELISSA ETHERIDGE KNOWS

It was far more difficult during the Stonewall Era to be out and gay than it is now. There were no openly gay, successful role models for the gay and lesbian community. Instead of Martina and k.d., there was Liberace and Rock Hudson. Some say many of Hollywood's top stars have long been gay, lesbian or bi. Even Bette Davis — bless her raspy, pop-eyed, nicotine-stained little self — was said



Austin

305 W. 5th 512•472•5288 Many film buffs consider the first lesbian film to be the Austrian produced Pandora's Box (1928), although others point to the American films, Dangerous Hours (1920) and My Lady of Whims (1925).

There are 39 International gay and lesbian film festivals held everywhere from Cape Town, South Africa to Budapest, Hungary.

In 1994 Sesame Street's Bert and Ernie were accused by fundamentalist ministers of being a gay couple. Children's Television Workshop, producers of the show, denied the charges.

Bewitched (1964-71) was the queerest TV show cast ever. Gay cast members included one of the Darrins (Dick Sargent), one of the twins who played Tabitha (Diane Murphy), Uncle Arthur (Paul Lynde) and Endora (Agnes Moorehead).

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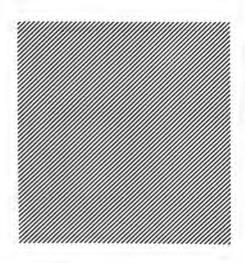
The Double Header in Seattle is the oldest continuous gay bar in the U.S. The bar opened in 1934 and is still run

by the same (straight) family. P a u l i n e Newman, a Jewish lesbian, served as the International Ladies Garment Workers Union's first female organizer from 1909

until 1913. She and her longtime lover adopted a a baby in 1923.

If you are interested in more lesbian/gay history and other interesting information, check out "Out in All Directions: The Almanac of Gay and Lesbian America", edited by Lynn Witt, Sherry Thomas and Eric Marcus. (Warner Books, Inc., 1995). All the information in this article was compiled from this wonderfully entertaining and informative book.







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WE DESERVE A BREAK TODAY

Speaking of hustling, McDonald's is hiking it's skirt to the adult market by announcing it's new Arch Deluxe, the burger with the adult taste that children are eschewing instead of chewing. Considering myself something of an adult taste market all by myself, I tried the A.D. as soon as it hit my neighborhood drive-thru. Stop me if I'm wrong, but I'm pretty sure that this mature breakthrough in junk food is little more than

a Big Mac in a designer bun. If Ray Kroc's kids really wanted to kiss up to the grown-ups they've been missing demographically, give us a grown up version of a Happy Meal,

complete with a toy surprise. Being adults, we get to pick our own toy, of course. Picking my own toy almost always makes me happy, and generally inspires repeat business for all concerned.

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THIS MONTH, TASHA SUMNER INTRODUCES:

HOODED MURDER

BY ANNETTE VAN DYKE

Roberts' Rules of Lesbian Living

by Shelly Roberts

We'll start this month with **Hooded Murder** by Annette Van Dyke.

The story revolves around Jessie Batelle, who has just finished writing her dissertation on feminist communities in academia. Jessie is thrilled at her luck in finding a position as Women's Studies Director at Burford College, a private liberal arts college in the Midwest. She thinks she is going to work in a supportive, women-centered environment.

What she finds instead is a fraternity-dominated atmosphere where the lesbian staff is less than supportive. Shortly after Jessie's arrival at Burford, Professor Joyce Barnette is found dead in a staged accident. When a colleague of Jessie's hints that she knows who did it, Jessie sets up a secret meeting with her. Before the two women can meet, this woman too dies in an "accident". Unless you live and/or work in an aca-

demic environment, you probably won't find much of interest in Hooded Murder. The characters are stiff and poorly drawn, the plot is predictable and the nuts and bolts of academia only get in the way of the story. Van Dyke has been publishing for years in the "lesbian studies" field, but this is her first novel. It shows. Her writing style is much better suited to non-fiction and research papers.

Next we'll look at Roberts' Rules of Lesbian Living by Shelly Roberts.

This book is the size and style of the very popular Life's Little Instruction Book and its followers. It consists of 172 short truisms (one to a page) that range from funny to touching. It is an entertaining book and could do wonders for a dull party.

Shelley Roberts writes a bi-weekly humor column called *Roberts' Rules* that runs in many gay and lesbian newspapers in the U.S. and Canada.

Below are just a few of the selections from the book:

"The term 'lesbian therapist' is redundant."

"Your Grandmother knows."

"There is no such thing as lesbian divorce. There is only thermonuclear war. And then best friends."

"The average lesbian date lasts approximately three years."

"The word 'lover is always more than non-gay people want to know."

You get the drift. This is a fun and entertaining book and I would definitely recommend it. Hooded Murder is available for \$10.95 plus 15% shipping and handling from Naiad Press, Inc., P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302. Roberts' Rules of Lesbian Living is available for \$5.95 plus \$2.00 shipping for the first book and 50¢ for each one after from Spinsters Ink, 32 E. First St., Duluth, MN 55802. Both books should be available at your local women's bookstore.











Do you usually have some money left over at the end of the month? Or do you usually have lots of month left over a the end of your money? We all overspend from time to time, but overspending on a regular basis can get you in trouble. Answer the following questions to find out if you have a spending problem.

Answer the following True or False

- 1. Do you have trouble imagining how you would live without your credit cards?
- 2. Do you hide purchases from your friends and family?

- 3. Do you often fail to pay your monthly bills on time?
- **4.** Do you own more than five credit cards (including gas and department store cards)?
- **5.** Do you tend to make only the minimum payment on your credit cards?
- **6.** Do you ever take a cash advance on one credit card to pay the balance on another credit card?
- 7. When you and friends go out to eat, do you collect cash from everyone else and then pay the bill with your credit card?
- 8. Do you often pay for groceries with a credit card?
- 9. Do you spend more than 20 percent of your income on credit card bills?
- **10.** Do you count on the "float" period (how long it takes to mail & process) to keep from bouncing checks?
- **11.** Do you spend money on the assumption that your income will rise eventually?
- 12. Do you fail to keep accurate financial records?

SCORING

Give yourself points as follows 0 points for each False answer. 10 points for each True answer.

If you scored: 40 points or below

Although you may have an occasional spending spree, you don't make it a habit. For the most part, you keep your spending under control.

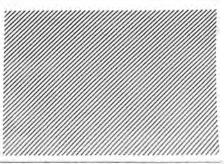
50-80 points

Your spending habits are a little over the top. Although you manage to get along, you are walking a tightrope. You could wind up in big trouble if you don't pay off debts now and put yourself on a budget. Try to determine where your trouble spots are (eating out, clothing, etc.) and work on finding ways you can do those things either more cheaply or less often.

90-120 points

You are headed for financial disaster. Your spending is out of control and you have accumulated a mountain of debt. You should cut up your credit cards and consult a credit counselor or financial planner immediately to help you get your spending and debt under control.





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WHAT'S IN THE STARS FOR YOU THIS MONTH?

ARIES

Your work life and home life could be at odds during the first part of June. Try to give equal time to both to avoid problems. After the 10th you'll be able to find time for some social outings that give you the opportunity to meet new friends. Someone you consider a friend could be hinting at a more serious relationship toward month's end.

TAURUS

Avoid arguing over who's to blame for a problem during the first part of June. Set your sights on solving it instead of finger-pointing. Someone in power is watching you around the 16th. A bold career move could really pay off now. Pay attention to the advice of a loved one towards month's end. It could mean the difference between success and failure.

GEMINI

Although practical matters are at the forefront during June, it won't hurt to let your hair down a bit and get away for a short vacation. After the 17th you may have put your personal concerns aside for awhile and concentrate on taking care of conflicts that arise in your family. Don't put your trust in someone you met recently—trust your old friends to steer you in the right direction on an important decision towards month's end.

CANCER

You may be feeling a bit restless during the first part of June. A change of scenery could be just the ticket to lift your spirits. After the 15th someone you were kind to in the past could repay you by giving you a boost up the career ladder. Towards month's end you may find that money just slips through your fingers. You may have to leave your checkbook at home to keep your spending in check.

LEO

You may have to give in on an ongoing argument to maintain a relationship during the first park of June. After the 9th you'll have a chance to prove your worth to the higher ups at work. A good impression now could put your career on the fast track! Your social life also picks up after mid-month, but don't overdoit. You'll need all your energy to take care of a dispute at home towards month's end.

VIRGO

A promotion as well as increased pay could be in the works during the first week of June. Added responsibilities may wear you down at first, but you'll bounce back soon enough. After the 17th, a long-standing family feud could erupt into fireworks. Try to stay out of the way and don't pass judgement. Your involvement will only make things worse. To avoid conflict, try to divide your time evenly between work and home towards month's end.

LIBRA

A long-term goal you've been working towards for some time can be reached during June. The secret is to relax and let things follow their own course. An argument with a loved one after the 17th can be cleared up in no time if you are willing to compromise. Your personal appeal is at a peak towards month's end. Use it to further career interests and make new friends.

SCORPIO

Romance is in the air and a serious commitment could result during the first two weeks of June. After the 14th the focus will switch to career matters. It will pay for you to keep a watchful eye on a competitive co-worker who may be undermining your efforts. Towards month's end you may have to put career on the back burner once again as you focus on a family problem that needs resolving.

SAGITTARIUS

Money and partnership matters could be under stress during the first part of June. Take your partners wishes into consideration before you act to avoid emotional upset. Plans you've had in the making for some time could come to fruition if you play your cards right. After the 15th you should start "tooting your own horn" at work. Your boss may not notice what great work you've been doing if you don't point it out!

CAPRICORN

Your finances could be a bit tricky early in June. You'll need a lot of planning and a little luck to smooth out money matters this month. Job demands will keep you close to home all month, but you can find time to get away for fun and relaxation if you will put your nose to the grindstone during working hours. Don't let all this work stress you out, you could get emotional and say things you don't mean to someone close to you.

AQUARIUS

Although the focus will be on home and family during the first week of June, you may find yourself away from home more than you'd like due to business and social activities. Things will settle down after the 14th and allow you to (finally) focus on problems that need your attention at home. You'll be itching to get out of town during the last part of the month, but it isn't in the cards. Tend to personal obligations now so that you can get away early next month.

PISCES

Home and family responsibilities may be weighing you down during the first week of June. Make time to get away, if only for a night, to lift your spirits. A creative project begun around the first of the month could pay off big later. Your timing is great and your ideas are on target. Take advantage of this to boost your career, improve your finances and put some "zing" in your love life.

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