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To the Editor

BE OUR VALENTINE

Dear Readers!

"Read my lips!"

Every time George Bush slapped us with this bullying quip during this past campaign, I wanted to pull one of my man friends up close to me, smack a luscious kiss together and retort, "Read My Lips, George!"

Despite the bad press and the dismal return on the money we pay our government, we all know that our lesbian/gay love, our sexuality, our relationships, our way of seeing and being in the world, are potent and powerful. We are also learning that our love empowers us when we let the world see it, alive, healthy, creative, even demanding! Soon we'll be celebrating Valentine's Day, a day of love and lovers. This year I'd like to inundate the White House, Congress, the Supreme Court, ABC, CBS, etc ... with Lesbian/Gay Valentine's wishes. So, I invite you all to play along and head for your favorite lesbian/gay cardshop, find your favorite postcards of men or women kissing, color them with a few red hearts, inscribe them with a "Read My Lips!" and any other quips you fancy. Then send them off to George Bush, Justices Rehnquist or O'Connor or to whomever you'd like to read your lips. Let our collective lips daringly speak our love. Do Be My Valentine!

Michael Neisen
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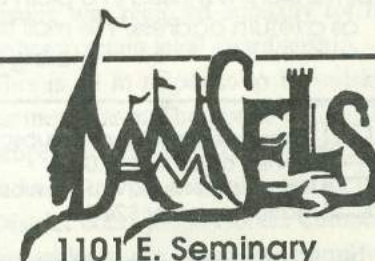
Dear Dimensions

She says you can never have too much Tupperware, I say I can't get enough of her! Nancy Ford's column is the greatest, I just wish it lasted longer. No matter how slow I read it, it's always over too soon.

The rest of your magazine is great too - Keep up the good work!

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News

From Around the Region, the Country & the World

Armstrong Amendment Struck Down

WASHINGTON - U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth ruled that the U.S. Congress does not have the constitutional power to compel the District of Columbia and its council members to enact legislation, including anti-gay legislation.

The amendment, sponsored by Sen. William Armstrong (R-Colo), would have allowed religiously associated educational institution to discriminate against "any person or persons that are organized for, or engaged in, promoting, encouraging, or condoning any homosexual act, lifestyle, orientation, or belief."

Congress coerced the Washington D.C. City Council to pass the amendment by the end of 1988 or face the cutoff of all city funds.

Judge Lamberth held that council members have the right to exercise their own judgement in voting for or against legislation and that the U.S. government has no right to force council members to vote for any legislation.

Doctors Confirm Kowalski Can Communicate

MINNESOTA - Sharon Kowalski can understand and communicate her needs and wishes say three court appointed doctors.

Kowalski was severely injured in an automobile accident in 1983 and has been kept in a nursing home since 1985. This is the first full evaluation for competency since 1984 although such testing was required annually for her father to retain legal guardianship.

This is all in response to Kowalski's partner, Karen Thompson's, fight for proper medical care for Kowalski and the right to visit and help care for her. District court judge Robert Campbell has ordered the Kowalski be moved from her present location to a rehabilitation unit to receive communication rehabilitation. Visitors will be allowed based on Kowalski's wishes.

Thompson and her attorneys were elated with the evaluation.

Oak Lawn Counseling Center Changes Name

DALLAS - Oak Lawn Counseling Center has changed its name to Oak Lawn Community Services (OLCS).

The change was official on January 1, 1989.

The name change reflects the growth of the diversity of services offered. OLCS now encompasses Health Services and Public Information and Education in addition to Counseling Services.

Health Services includes the Buddy Project and PWA Care-A-Van transportation system.

Public Information and Education will include a 24-hour bilingual AIDS Hotline, all media relations and publications within the OLCS, a speakers bureau and corporate education.

The Counseling Services division includes all group, individual, AIDS, career and relationship counseling. Also under this division are the wellness programs, educational seminars and the Oasis Recovery Program for drug and alcohol abuse. OLCS is also offering special programs of interest to the lesbian community. Women-only therapy groups, lesbian AIDS education and space at the center for lesbian organizations are just some of the outreach programs planned.

If you would like more information on workshops, events and services, contact the OLCS at (214) 520-8108.

Herland Sister Resources Moves Into New Building

OKLAHOMA CITY - Herland Sister Resources is all moved in to their new building at 2312 NW 39th. The new

resource center is also expanding its services to include free showings of lesbian and gay films on the second and fourth Friday of every month.

Herland is a women's collective that provides a framework for a variety of projects for the support and enjoyment of Oklahoma City's women's community.

Gay Spirituality Workshop Slated

AUSTIN - Daniel Helminiak will present an advanced workshop on gay spirituality at Metropolitan Community Church of Austin, 1100 Springdale Road, on Saturday, February 18 from 10am to 4pm.

The workshop is designed for people who are already religiously comfortable being lesbian or gay and who want to explore how their sexuality can foster spiritual growth. Although the program will touch on issues specific to Christianity, the workshop will be appropriate for any person of good will, including those who do not believe in God.

A ten-dollar donation is requested, but no one will be turned away because of inability to pay. All proceeds go to the MCCA building fund. Participants should bring their own lunch.

Dr. Daniel Helminiak is a Roman Catholic priest and theologian. He is author of The Same Jesus and Spiritual Development and numerous articles on psychology, theology, and spirituality.

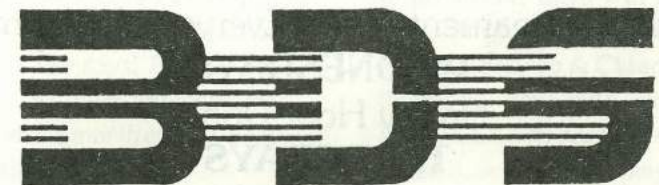
He has lectured nationally on sexuality and spirituality and is an instructor in human sexuality at Austin Community College. He is also the Director for Spiritual Growth at Omega Point Counseling Center in Austin. For further information about the workshop, call (512) 338-0577.

National Lesbian Conference in Planning Stages

WASHINGTON, D.C. - According to the *Herland Sister Resources Newsletter*, a group of east coast lesbians convened an open meeting to begin to set goals and establish the initial planning structure for an all-lesbian conference tentatively

scheduled for late 1989 or early 1990. The conference envisioned is the first of its kind: broad based coalition effort to set a lesbian agenda for social, economic, and political change, to increase lesbian visibility and to acknowledge lesbian diversity and common ground.

Regional planning meetings on the national conference are being organized throughout the country in the months ahead. The first national steering committee meeting is set for March 4-5 in Raleigh-Durham, NC. Lesbians interested in getting involved should watch for future announcements of planning meetings. For more information write: National Lesbian Conference, P.O. Box 3057, Albany, NY 12203.



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A Monthly Listing of Special Events All Around Texas, Oklahoma & New Mexico

AUSTIN - PETTICOAT JUNCTION will be celebrating its **2nd Anniversary** on Ground Hog's Day, Feb. 2nd! Happy Birthday PJ! If you couldn't make it to New Orleans for **Mardi Gras**, come celebrate at **NEXUS/PJ's**! The party starts on Saturday and Sunday the 4th and 5th and winds up on "Fat Tuesday" the 7th! Of course, a **Valentine Ball** will be held on Feb. 14th - dress up in your best duds and come on out!

DALLAS - Well, ladies, you've got your own bar at the Crossroads these days - **SUE ELLEN's** opened officially on Jan. 19th and they are going strong! Monday thru Sat you can get **3-In-1's** (that's 3 shots in 1 drink) or **Happy Hour** prices from 3pm-8pm and all night long on Mondays! Be sure and check out all the other drink specials listed in the ad this month and say hello to **Kathy** while you're there!

AUSTIN - **Kate Clinton** will be appearing at the **Austin Opera House** on Friday, February 17th - courtesy of **Live Wire Productions**! Look for more concerts and women's events coming in March & April!

SAN ANTONIO - The **CIRCLE** always brings you the best in live entertainment but they've outdone

themselves this month. On the 3rd catch **Shake Russell** with opening act **Lennie & Sylvia**. On the 16th, catch **Kate Clinton**. A **Valentine Celebration** will be held on Tuesday the 14th. Be sure and check for topics of **Tuesday Night Discussion Sessions**!

AUSTIN - A **Lesbian Mother's Brunch** is planned for Feb. 5th at 11am. Call **Karen** at 339-8508 or **Maria** at 834-0933 for details. Don't miss the **Austin Lambda** and **ALGPC Valentine Dance** to be held Sat. Feb 11th at the Unitarian Church!

FT. WORTH - Saturday, February 18th is **Kim's Birthday** at **DAMSELS**! In her honor, there will be a special show with guests **Nancy & Margaret, Karen & Sharon & Claudia**! Also, for those of you who don't know, **DAMSELS** now has 600 square foot of dance floor for you to play on!

DALLAS - **Who's Those Girls?** They are a Dallas-based professional all women's revue that has been together for years under various names. They are unique because they not only have hot women but live comedy and character impersonations like **Bette**

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Midler, Hank Williams, Jr. Crystal Gayle and Kenny Rogers. On Feb. 18th you can catch them at Damsels in Ft. Worth ... watch this column for future dates!

FT. WORTH - The gang at PARTNERS would like to thank Gloria for filling in and welcome Kathy back to the DJ's spot! Gloria will be the **Sunday Guest DJ** now that Kathy is back on her foot! This month at PARTNERS you can catch the **Dena Kaye Show** on February the 4th and a special **J. Christopher Valentine's Show** on February 11th. They will also be opening at 12 noon on Sundays so come on out and have some fun!

HOUSTON - The RANCH is definitely the place to be on **Super**

Saver Sundays! All day and all night, you'll find \$1 Well Drinks, \$1 Beer, 75¢ Schnapps, \$1.50 Corona and \$2 Call Drinks! The RANCH is also planning to help you celebrate **Valentine's** all week long, whatever night you decide to treat your sweetie, the RANCH will be ready! If you're ready to learn how to dance a two-step, you can learn on Tuesday nights while you enjoy **Beer Bust!**

WICHITA FALLS - Don't miss out on the **drink specials** at ODDS. On Tuesday it's \$1.50 Bottled Beer, including Corona!, Wednesday you can get \$1.50 wine coolers, Thursday and Sunday bring a \$3 beer bust from 9pm to midnight with 50¢ Schnapps on Sunday. You can also catch **Happy Hour** every night from 7-9pm!



Dear Agnes

Answers to your questions about love, relationships & personal problems

Dear Agnes,

My lover and I have known each other for 25 years, but we have been lovers for almost 9 years. I've always felt like I was second in her life because of her mother and family. But last year I felt like I had had enough of this so I started listening to lies about her from two people that I thought were my friends. I now realize they were not friends. My lover and I had a bad year in '88. She met another woman, but later decided this woman was not her type. She decided I was her type.

She says she still has strong feelings for me, and we are seeing each other, but she still talks with this woman sometimes. I get very angry and upset when I find out. She says it doesn't hurt to have friends and talk to them. She thinks I should do the same. Go out and make friends—that is.

Should I stand back and let this happen? Hoping it will pass, or should I get on with my life? She says with all the things that have happened, she's confused too, but time will heal. In her words, people break-up and go back together all the time.

This is still going on with her family.

Second

Dear Second,

Relationship counseling could greatly benefit your relationship, help you sort

through your feelings, and clear up some of the confusion that you are experiencing.

Consider individual counseling if your lover refuses to go with you. It can give you a new prospective on why you feel second and offer new insight into the conflicts you feel about your relationship, her family, friends, etc..

Oak Lawn Community Services offers counseling in the DFW area.

Dear Agnes,

My lover has a hobby that just drives me crazy. She likes to hunt! Not only does she like to hunt, when she isn't hunting she is getting ready for the next big hunt. Everything in her closet came from LL Bean, she has enough guns to start the next Civil War. It is like an obsession. I swear it is getting worse and worse the older she gets. We bought a new freezer last winter after she came home from Colorado because there wasn't room in the one we had for all the deer meat.

She has a hunting buddy, but there isn't any hanky panky. I'm sure of it!

When we first started living together she would go quail and dove hunting two or three times a season and deer hunting at least once, but now days it's every damn weekend or vacation day she has. Everything really revolves around the next hunting trip. These are

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I will not hunt! I told her that when we first started living together. I don't think there is anything wrong with it (if you don't do it all the time like she does). She comes from a family of hunters.

What do you make of this situation? What should I do? I don't care if she hunts, but all the time? Soon I am afraid we will be buying a new freezer. Do you know that when she retires she wants to hunt—that's all she has planned.

Hunting Widow in East Texas

Dear Hunting Widow,

Your letter implies that as your lover's income level has increased so has the time and money she spends on her hunting trips. I would say that every weekend and vacation are definitely a

bit obsessive. Buying a new freezer is obsessive—unless the old one is on it's last leg.

There is not much you can do about this situation except tell her how you feel. And if you want to live with her after she retires—get a hobby!



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WINTER TRAVEL FOR WOMEN

A Look At Lesbian/Gay Travel Opportunities In The Southern Rockies

by Tasha Sumner

I've attempted skiing a couple of times and although I won't say I was good, I will say I wasn't too bad for someone who never did master the art of stopping. Now, I always claimed that skiing was too expensive and dangerous for a klutz like me, but I just might be willing to try it again since I've discovered a number of lesbian and gay guesthouses sprinkled throughout the ski areas of the Rockies.

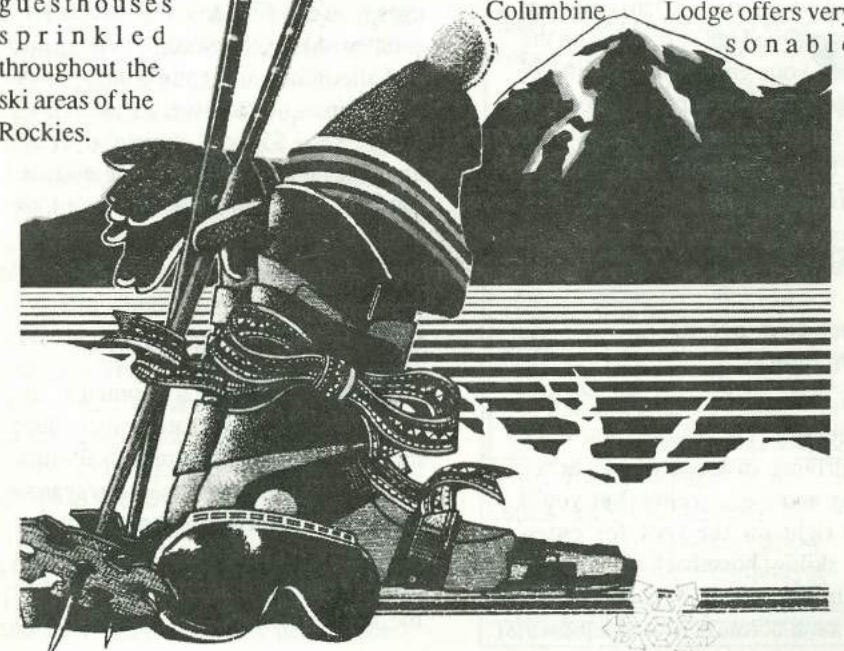
Of course, downhill skiing isn't the only thing you'll find to do! There's also cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, tubing, sleigh rides, and of course romantic nights by the fire with snow piling up outside.

Listed on the following pages are some of the guesthouses in Colorado and New Mexico. You'll also find some winter activities, events, and info for "family". So, get out your snow chains, your gloves, your ski clothes, and get ready!

COLUMBINE LODGE

P.O. Box 267,
Green Mountain Falls, CO 80819
(719) 684-9062

Located about 8 miles west of Colorado Springs, the
Columbine Lodge offers very reasonable



rates and lots of specials! \$30 per couple, per night is the basic rate. Over Valentine's you can get a room for \$25 per night or \$36 per night including flowers, champagne, and a dance for sweethearts! Things to do nearby include: cross country skiing, sleigh rides, ice skating, ice fishing, and downhill skiing just 20 minutes to an hour and a half away. Summer fun includes white water rafting, fishing, hiking, etc. Owners Barbara and Marty also plan women's music concerts, dances and a group campout in the near future.

BRECKENRIDGE MT. HOUSE

Breckenridge, CO
(303) 453-6475

This is a little different concept. You can rent this 2 1/2 bedroom plus a loft house for a minimum of four, or up to ten women. Rates vary between winter and summer. Winter rates run approximately \$275 per night (\$27.50 per person based on a group of ten), summer rates are \$120 and up, depending on the number in your group. All the linens, cooking utensils, etc. are provided, but you must bring your own food (and cook). The house is about 1 mile from the ski area and from the town of Breckenridge.

THE GALISTEO INN

Box 4
Galisteo, NM 87540
(505) 982-1506

Just minutes from Santa Fe, you'll find this little Inn. Of course, you'll be within driving distance of ski areas, shopping and sight seeing, but you'll also be right on the spot for cross-country skiing, horseback riding etc... The main house is 250 years old and situated on 8 acres. A heated lap pool,

spa, and indoor sauna a just some of the amenities. Winter rates range from \$45-\$90 and summer rates from \$50-\$115. Women only times are available upon request.

PIKES PEAK PARADISE INN

Box 5760
Woodland Park, CO 80666
(719) 687-6656

This bed & breakfast is predominantly male oriented but welcomes women. 30 minutes west of Colorado Springs and 1 hour from major ski areas, there is much to keep you entertained here. You can also find cross-country skiing, ice skating, shopping, etc.

CORRALES INN

P.O. Box 1361
Corrales, NM 87048
(505) 897-4422

15 Minutes from the heart of Albuquerque and 40 minutes from Santa Fe you'll find this charming little bed & breakfast. In a great location for day trips, you can find downhill and cross-country skiing, horseback riding, hot air ballooning and a natural hot springs all within an hours drive. Rates are \$45 per person, \$50 per couple with an optional breakfast for a small amount. There is a hot tub in the courtyard, as well as, a fireplace and library in the common room.

WINTER SPORTS TRIPS

WOODSWOMEN, a women's adventure travel organization also offers much in the way of winter activities. The Yellowstone Ski Extravaganza happens February 25th thru March 4th and a Cross Country Powder Ski is offered in Colorado February 11th thru the 18th. Woodswomen also offers ski

and children are welcome on most trips. If you would like more details, write Woodswomen at 25 West Diamond Lake Rd., Minneapolis, MN 55419.

I couldn't reach ARTEMIS WILDERNESS TOURS for a list of their specific activities but I can tell you that they offer cross-country ski trips as well as backpacking, rafting, canoeing and whalewatching trips to locations all across the Southwest. You can reach them at (505) 758-2203 or write P.O. Box 1178, Taos, New Mexico 87471 for dates and cost information.

THINGS OF NOTE

Other information of note for lesbians and gay men planning a winter vacation:

ASPEN has no lesbian or gay accommodations. However, Aspen has had a non-discrimination policy since 1976 and there should be no problems with lodging for same-sex couples.

GAY SKI WEEK is offered yearly in Aspen. It is traditionally held the last week in January but you should call the Aspen Gay/Lesbian Group at (303) 468-1956 for specific dates and details. Although it's too late this year, plan on 1990! This has been a predominantly gay male event but organizers would like to see more women participate.

Also of invaluable interest to those who travel are the guide books for lesbians and gays. Three of the biggest are listed below. Here are some addresses - write to them or check your favorite bookstore for copies of your favorite one.

GAIA'S GUIDE

412 Archway Road
London, N. 16, England

This guide book is for lesbian women and lists accommodations, bars, restau-

rants, etc. Bars are rated on a "four-star" basis on what percentage of their clientele are gay women.

PLACES OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

P.O. Box 35575
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Lovehunt '89

by Nancy Ford

Happy, Happy Valentine's Day to all my little Sapphic cherubs out there in Dimensions-land!

Ah yes, *Valentine's Day* - taken from the Latin *valen* meaning "love gift" and *tine* meaning "prong of eating utensil". Translated, Valentine's Day is the annual celebration of forking over a token of affection to your Loved One, be that Loved One your Husband, Wife, Significant Other, or even the One you actually love.

This celebration of the heart can be the most heartwarming of holidays, providing, of course, that one of the above is actually in your possession. (Note to psych majors: Usage of the word "Possession" is merely descriptive terminology — not a Freudian slip. Chill out already.)

Conversely, for those who have no Significant Other, Valentine's is that predisposed Day set apart as a reminder that THERE IS NO SHAME IN LIVING ALONE FOR NOW BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH WE MAY BE QUITE PROSPEROUS

AND PERFECTLY CONTENT IN LIVING INDEPENDENT OF A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP, THE REALITY IS THAT *ONE DAY* THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE WILL WALK THROUGH THAT DOOR AND PUT NEW MEANING INTO THE 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES. WE'LL SEE.

I know this is true because my mother told me so. Verbatim. It's called the "One Day Your Prince Will Come" theory, developed by mothers of unwed, thirty-ish (but remarkably youthful-looking considering what they've been through) daughters.

And who am I to argue? Underscoring the validity of this hypothesis is the fact that *my parents were married on Valentine's Day*. They were, I swear. I wouldn't make something like this up. Perhaps *now* you understand better my obsession with this, the *real* V.D.

The thing we Unwed Offspring know that our Hopeful Parents do *not* is the fact that keeping a Valentine is no big

trick (you should pardon the pun). It's *finding* one that presents the problem. So, for all those interested in Lovehunt '89 (and I'm not referring to another game show hosted by Bob Eubanks,) here are a few suggestions to assist you in your quest for the Ultimate Valentine. Read, heed, and ladies, *start you engines*.

Avoid the Obvious

Do not rely on the bars as your sole source of serious relationship-type contacts, even if they do provide a complimentary happy hour buffet. Certainly not all, but many patrons of these establishments are there primarily to display padded wardrobes, layered makeup, mundane opening lines, and behavior that makes mothers mad enough to organize and have bumper stickers printed. Truly, these places are little more than meat markets.

Visit Your Neighborhood Meat Market

Take a number and strike up a conversation with a fellow carnivore about the ascending price of rump roast and its influence on our social attitudes. People who eat red meat know about these things, or at the very least have an opinion. But, best of all, in a *real* meat market there is no blaring, computer-generated music to shout over nor exotically-flavored schnapps to throw down your throat on a dare. Except in Dallas, of course.

Read the Personals

Next to the obituary columns, the

Personals are the best place to look for people without partners. Too harsh? Probably so. Sorry, but this love stuff is harsh business sometimes.

Smile Alot Wherever You Go

Who could resist those dimples? This is another of my mother's theories, not mine. However, I have seen it work. Just ask my wife.



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A Discussion of Lesbian Literature Both New and Old

This month T. Sumner Reviews:



by Katherine
Sturtevant

This winter has been so warm that I haven't been able to do one of my favorite things - sit in front of the window with a good book and a cup of hot chocolate and watch it snow. I did get to sit down with a good book - just the snow and the hot chocolate were missing. The book is *A Mistress Moderately Fair* by Katherine Sturtevant (Alyson Publications, Inc., \$8.95). With the seventeenth-century London theater district as a backdrop, we meet Margaret Featherstone, a widow who manages her own affairs and is a playwright. While we may not think this is so shocking, 17th century London would have undoubtedly

thought so. Margaret literally runs into Amy Dudley, a mysterious woman and talented actress, and both their lives are forever changed.

Romance develops and blossoms as Margaret vows to write a masterpiece to launch Amy to stardom. But, Amy has a secret and should her past ever come to light, both she and Margaret could be delivered to the gallows.

Amy never reveals her secret to Margaret in fear that she will no longer love her. When she can no longer keep her secret, she disappears leaving Margaret bewildered and hurt.

Margaret retreats into her shell and vows to write her finest play. The new

work demands a great actress and all believe that only Amy can play the part. The rush to find her leads to a very surprising conclusion.

Lesbian literature has been in need of a good historical novel since *Patience and Sarah* and think I've found it. Historically correct in both language and manner, Ms. Sturtevant has placed two wonderful characters in an accurate setting.

A Mistress Moderately Fair is Sturtevant's first novel but, she has published stories in *Sinister Wisdom* and *Calyx* as well as reviews in the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *San Jose Mercury News*. She has also written an, as yet unpublished, travel book, *Women's Walks: A Feminist Guide to Historical London*.

Sturtevant is a native Californian although she has traveled to England to research material for *Women's Walks*. I would recommend this novel to everyone but particularly those who enjoy history or the history of theater. I hope Ms. Sturtevant will bless us with another novel soon.

A Mistress Moderately Fair is available for Alyson Publications, Inc., 40 Plympton St., Boston, Mass 02118 for \$8.95. or from your favorite bookstore. Complete catalogs are available upon request.



In the gay rights movement, we try to emphasize that we are the same as everyone else except for what we do in bed. The American Indian cultures I studied do just the opposite; they emphasize the difference, but instead of seeing that difference as abnormal, deviant or threatening, they see it as a "specialness," an extra gift.

-Walter Williams

author of *The Spirit and the Flesh: Sexual Diversity in American Indian Culture*, 1987

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How Well Do You Handle Being Alone?

Around this time every year, the focus is on love, togetherness and romance. But, what about the other side? How well do you handle being alone? Answer the following questions to find out how emotionally independent you are.

1. When faced with the prospect of spending a day or an evening alone, you:
a. panic, you hate to be alone.
b. aren't worried, even though you'd rather be with someone.
c. look forward to it, you don't get enough time to yourself.

2. When you are alone, you keep the volume on the stereo:
a. turned up loud
b. about medium
c. turned down low

3. Do you have one or more hobbies that you can do alone?
a. Yes
b. No

4. Are you always calling people on the phone for no reason?
a. Yes
b. No

5. Are you unhappy when you have to go shopping or run errands by yourself?
a. Yes
b. No

6. Do you plan time to be by yourself on purpose?
a. Yes
b. No

7. Do you crave something to eat or drink all the time when you are alone?
a. Yes
b. No

8. Are you generally happy with your job and home life?
a. Yes
b. No

9. When you are faced with stress or boredom, you:
a. find something to do - read a book, work around the house, etc.
b. complain to whoever will listen.
c. go to sleep.

SCORING

Give yourself points as follows

1. a-0, b-1, c-2
2. a-0, b-1, c-2
3. a-3, b-0
4. a-0, b-3
5. a-0, b-3
6. a-3, b-0
7. a-0, b-3
8. a-3, b-0
9. a-3, b-0, c-0

**if you scored:
17-25**

You tend to be very self-reliant and are happy with your own company. You know how to entertain yourself and aren't adverse to being alone whether you are at home, the movies or traveling. However, if you answered "B" to question 8, you may be withdrawing too much from those around you.

9-16

Generally speaking, you don't mind being left to your own devices. You may feel lonely at times but this is probably force of habit more than anything else. You have a tendency to get restless and enjoy work that brings you in contact with people but you can get by just fine with your own company when necessary.

0-8

You are one of those people who love anything loud, exciting and crowded. You don't like being alone and take extreme measures to avoid it. Try spending a few moments each day by yourself, you may just find that it isn't as bad as you think!



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Definitely not sane.
It's just not right!

They won't see,
They can't.

The burdens are huge;
I love you,
I love her, too.
Please understand,
It's not your fault.
I tried.
It is right,
Right for me.

I won't apologize,
I can't.
Weeks, months, years pass.
It wakes me up
Ringing and ringing.
What? Dead? When?

In my sleepy haze,
The words finally came—
I'm sorry...
About everything.

In her grief,
The words finally came—
Please come home...
She's welcome too.

Kaye Hunter
Lewisville, TX

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Horoscope

What's in the Stars for You this month?

AQUARIUS

(Jan 20th - Feb 18th)

Love and money are the center focus for Aquariuns this February. In fact your head may be in the clouds. Do be realistic or you could find yourself in a mess. The 9th to the 16th is an excellent time for planning and decision making. Take advantage because plans made now can affect you throughout 1989 and beyond. The 17th to the 23rd be on guard, there is always a "trouble maker" waiting to cause problems. Don't leave yourself open to criticism - it could affect your work or romance - perhaps both. The 24th to 28th could find you flirting with thoughts of a commitment. This is an excellent time for decisions. '89 is off to a good start if you spend wisely and follow your instincts.

PISCES

(Feb 19th - Mar 20th)

The first week of February may find you longing for a love that is not there. Relationships may be stressful. Friends are your best assets, remember that. The 9th thru the 16th romance may be the highlight of your week. Beware of your temper, especially if you are drinking. The 17th to the 23rd don't neglect business for romance. Keep your belongings safely locked - double check your home. This is a good time to decorate or paint or make the changes in your environment that you have put

off. The 24th to the 28th love will continue to be the focal point in your thoughts. Don't be careless with your involvements. If you are in a relationship this could be an excellent time for a little time away together.

ARIES

(Mar 21st - Apr 19th)

"Aloof" probably best describes you as February gets underway.. Stay away from people who do not have your best interest in mind. All is not as it appears- no matter how flattering a person may be. The 9th to the 16th your time can best be spent planning for the future. Make long range plans that include savings and consider new investments. The 17th to the 23rd may be a stressful time in your love life. Be realistic and think things through before speaking or you could hurt feelings. The 24th to the 28th be open-minded in your relationship with friends, lovers, and business associates. Remember that everyone has an opinion and yours is not always right. Take care to protect you home this month.

TAURUS

(Apr 20th - May 20th)

Social activities may overwhelm you the first part of February. This is a good time to pick and choose what you do; don't make commitments you won't keep. The 7th to the 16th your love life may be at odds. Don't let yourself in for

anything you aren't sure of. Stick to your budget especially toward the end of the week. The **17th to the 23rd** a romance you had given up as a lost cause may surprise you. The **24th to month's end**, keep a keen eye on your finances and listen to the advice of professionals. Rely on your communication skills and be ready for change. Remember your actions and decisions may have long range effects.

GEMINI

(May 21st - June 21st)

Relationships are the primary focus as February gets underway don't neglect friends, lovers, or social responsibilities with co-worker. The **9th to the 16th** conflicts at work may leave you stressed out. Do keep abreast of ever changing situations that may arise. Lean on friends for emotional support. The **17th to the 23rd** avoid people with over inflated egos or there will be problems either at work or in social situations. The **24th to month's end** your social calendar will be full. Your affairs at home should be on good footing. Pick your activities discriminately.

CANCER

(June 22nd - July 22nd)

Relationships with family, friends, and co-workers are the main focus the first week in February. Work on improving your communications—the key to all sound relationships. The **9th to the 16th** try to keep your attention on others and off yourself. Make every effort to control your financial future. Now is the perfect time for shopping, but resist the urge to over spend. The **17th to the 23rd** could find a binding friendship

that may move closer to romance later in 1989. Be attentive to your health and body from the **24th to month's end**. Surround yourself with positive, supportive people.

LEO

(July 23rd - Aug 22nd)

February begins a positive romantic trend for the lion. Beware of gossip and jealousy, both can cause you problems. The **9th to the 16th** relationships continue to be the main force in your life. This is a great time to 'catch up' with old friends. Put off purchases that are not absolutely necessary or finances could be a mess by the end of the month. The **17th to the 23rd** you may feel pressured to make a decision concerning a lover. Don't commit to anything, until you weigh your priorities carefully. This may not be the best time for a decision. The **24th to month's end** could find you the center of gossip. Rely on friends for emotional support and don't shut out the people who care about you.

VIRGO

(Aug 23rd - Sept 22nd)

Love and sex may be the key ingredients of your life the first week of February. Enjoy yourself, but don't open yourself up to critics. The **9th to the 16th** problems may arise in your love life. In fact you may question your whole lifestyle and feel more comfortable in the company of friends. The **17th to the 23rd** the emotional ups and downs of last week will smooth out and you will feel less pressured. Slow down and take some time for yourself. The **24th to the end of the month** may hold some new adventures and romance is at

the center of all this excitement.

LIBRA

(Sept 23rd - Oct 23rd)

The **first week** of February important people come your way and there may be romantic undertones involved but business and work may also be affected. The **9th to the 16th** things may not work out to your expectations for a social function this week, but don't let the situation stress you out. Travel is favored the first half of February, but keep a ready supply of cash on hand. The **17th to the 23rd** a relationship may unravel abruptly, try to concentrate your energies on work or a hobby that you enjoy. The **24th to month's end**, don't neglect financial or health matters that need attention. This is an excellent time to get involved in a long term health plan—diet and exercise.

SCORPIO

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)

The **first week** of February is an excellent time for planning long range goals—a possible move is involved. The **9th to the 16th** be extra careful of your actions and words otherwise a controversy could result. The **17th to the 23rd** there may still be conflict surrounding your life. Talk to a friend or advisor who can give you an objective opinion about how to handle this situation. From the **24th to the 28th** life should start to smooth out and some of the questions about all the controversy from the previous week will fall into place. Don't be pressed for answers, they will come when all the facts are in. Keep your personal goals and ambitions clearly in perspective this month.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)

Don't make hasty decisions concerning your home life the **first week** of February; things will get back to normal. The **9th to the 16th** tie up loose ends at work and keep a close check on your money. Both may need your immediate attention and delayed decisions can cause problems. The **17th to the 23rd** — be happy! This may be easier said than done, but with a little effort you can do it. Friends can be of particular value to you right now. The **24th to the 28th** don't get so involved in a project you forget to pay attention to the people around you. Especially toward the end of the month a lover may need some emotional support. Be there!

CAPRICORN

(Dec 22nd - Jan 19th)

The **first week** of February everything should be going your way. Don't get carried away. Moderation is the key to your continued success in both love and money. The **9th to the 16th** you may be emotionally *swept up* in a new and captivating person to the exclusion of all else— including home and work. Don't make any hasty changes in your life—all is not as it seems. The **17th to the 23rd** will follow pretty much the same pattern as the previous week. Focus on organizing your thoughts and making long range plans for your future. The **24th to month's end** don't shy away from taking the lead in a special project. You have the right stuff to make it work. Keep a high profile and take your bows for a job well done.



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