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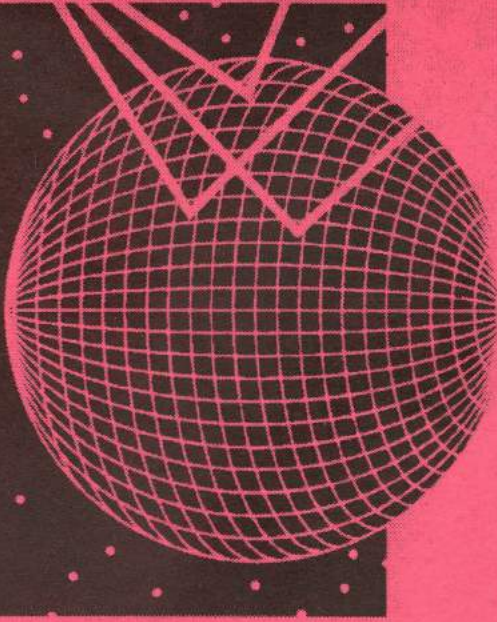
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From The Editor

It's ironic that 25 years after Stonewall, lesbians and gay men still do not have civil rights. Even more amazing is the number of people who truly believe that the rights we want are "special rights."

Well, if it's special rights to want equal protection under the law, protection in employment, and the opportunity for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, you bet we want it. There is not a clause in the constitution that reads "except queers."

As long as the white moral majority can sit on their throne and dictate how we (and everyone else) should live, and continues to sell the idea that what we want is "special rights", there isn't a chance in hell anything in this country will change.

Our challenge is to inform people that the rights we want *aren't* special. They are the same rights afforded to every other group in this country. We are not trying to take over the world or induct their children into the ranks of queendom. What we would like is the opportunity to live our lives as we see fit without the constant attempts to convert us to heteroism, without being hated for who we love, without being bullied about our lifestyle. After all, with 5 billion people, the world can well afford ten percent that are not reproducing.

So, the next time someone (friend, family, co-worker) tells you that the rights you want are somehow "special," explain your position. Tell them all you want is the right to hold a job without fear of being fired if you boss finds out you live with a woman. Tell them you want to be able to visit your lover when she's in the hospital without filing a court document. Tell them all we are asking for is the right to love who we love openly and without fear. It is as simple as that, but with all the propaganda floating around out there, they may truly believe that the right to love is a "special" right.



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FROM AROUND THE REGION, THE COUNTRY & THE WORLD

STONEWALL 25

A MAJOR CELEBRATION

NEW YORK, NY - New York City will be awash with lesbians and gays from June 18th through July 3rd. The Stonewall 25 March on the United Nations will take place on Sunday, June 26th. Gay Games IV will be held June 18-25. In addition to these two major events will be hundreds of conferences, parties and other events. What follows is a partial listing of events. Since space requirements limit the number of events we can list here, please contact the Stonewall 25 committee for a more complete listing. For tickets to any event without a phone number, call Ticketmaster at 1-800-450-9494.

JUNE 18-25

- The Gay Games IV/Unity '94. The Games will feature thousands of gay athletes from around the globe. For a complete listing or tickets to athletic events associated with Gay Games IV, call 212-633-9494.

JUNE 18-24

- The National Lesbian/Gay Health Conference and 12th HIV/AIDS Forum. 212-740-7320.

JUNE 18

- Grand Slam at the Country Club

JUNE 19

- Hot, Young & Lesbian at Nocturnal

JUNE 20

- Pride Agenda at Nell's

JUNE 21

- A Night of Comedy with Sandra Bernhard
- New York Gay & Lesbian Film Festival

JUNE 22

- Boy Oh Boy Dance Party
- Dyke TV at Nell's

JUNE 23

- Combined Concert of 500 Musicians, Lesbian and Gay Bands of America. 713-522-4282.

- Sober Celebration.

- International S/M Leather Fetish Celebration. 212-727-9878 (23rd-26th)

- Astrea at Nell's

JUNE 24

- 15th Annual International Conference of the Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition. 202-583-8029. (24th-25th)

- Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. 213-464-5100

- Gay/Lesbian Architects & Designers. 212-982-7650

- Asian & Pacific Islanders. 310-390-2193 (24th-25th)

- The Stonewall Generation — Under 25 Party

- Meet the New Girls in Town at Webster Hall

- The Butch Leather Ball

- Operation World Pride aboard the USS Intrepid

JUNE 25

- International Lesbian Gay Catholic Pride Liturgy. 212-866-8047

- Pride Weekend Computer Bash. 718-951-8998

- Heritage of Pride Dance on The Pier. 212-80-PRIDE (25th-26th)

- Girlworld Dance & Party

- Girl-A-Thon at MARZ featuring Suzanne Westenhoefer

- The Homo Hoedown

- The Queer Carnival

JUNE 26

- STONEWALL 25: The International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People. A rally will follow the march. Phone: 212-439-1077.

- Girl Ball on Stonewall

- Night of 5000 Women at Palladium

- Pier Party

- Big Guns — Dance on Manhattan

JUNE 27-JULY 3

- 16th Annual Conferences of International Lesbian & Gay Associations. 217-620-7310

Also to be held in conjunction with Stonewall events in New York City will be a symposium entitled "International Rise of the Right Wing." The symposium will be sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. The panel presentation will feature international speakers addressing the rise of Right Wing extremism in Europe, Central and South America and Islamic countries, as well as the exportation of U.S. Right Wing extremism to other countries. The symposium will be held at Washington Irving High School in Manhattan on Thursday, June 23rd, from 8-10pm. For more information, call (202) 332-6483.

LARGEST ANNUAL GAY/ LESBIAN CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN DALLAS

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) will host its annual skills-building conference in Dallas, TX this year over

Veterans Day weekend in November. The Creating Change Conference has become the preeminent national forum for lesbian, gay and bisexual activists to share skills, dialogue about the political movement, and discuss strategies for the year ahead. Last year, more than 1,400 organizers gathered in Durham, North Carolina for the conference.

Plenary speakers at this year's event will include: Letitia Gomez, Executive Director of the National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization (LLEGO); Glen Maxey, the first openly gay person to be elected to the Texas House of Representatives.; and Mel White, Dean of the Cathedral of Hope MCC in Dallas, the largest lesbian/gay church in the world.

The keynote addresses will highlight the three-day Creating Change conference, which this year will offer day-long intensive sessions on issues such as Fighting the Right, and AIDS and Youth. This format will give activists the opportunity to meet with their counterparts from around the country, share experiences, examine successful and unsuccessful campaigns, debate theories, develop strategies and set agendas for on-going work.

Skills building, issue organizing, organizational development and movement building training for activists remain a core component of Creating Change. This year's conference will offer approximately 80 workshops in media, fundraising, campus organizing, workplace organizing, anti-violence, health, lobbying and legislation, sodomy repeal, arts and culture, sex and sexuality and more.

The conference will be held at the

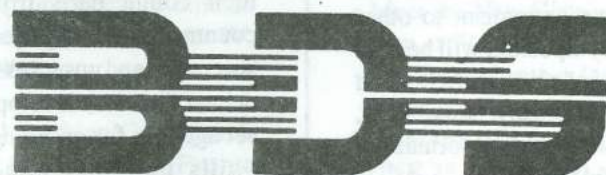
Southland Center Hotel in downtown Dallas on November 11, 12 and 13. Call 800-272-8007 for room reservations and identify yourself as a Creating Change participant for special rates. Conference scholarships are available for low and limited income activists, activists of color and activists with disabilities. for a scholarship application, please send a self-addressed

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HOUSTON - Houstonians will celebrate **Pride Week** (entitled **HoustonWall 25**) a bit early this year to accommodate all those going to the **Gay Games** and **Stonewall 25**. The **Pride Parade** will be held on June 12th at 1pm, and will be followed by a **Pride Rally** in **Buffalo Bayou Park**. Shuttles to the park will be available at Westheimer and Waugh Streets and at Crocker and Pacific. The rally will start at 4:30pm and will feature **Nancy Ford** as emcee, entertainment from **Southern Country Houston**, **Shades of Grey**, the **Gay Men's Chorus of Houston**, the **Triangels Skydiving Team**, **Tranae Chardon** and **Diversehouse**,

Quintessence and more! For more info about "**HoustonWall 25**" call (713) 529-6979.

SAN ANTONIO - ELLAS will sponsor the **2nd Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Dance** at the **Blanco Ballroom** (3719 Blanco) on June 24th from 9pm-1am. Entertainment will be provided by the 1994 Tejano Music Awards "Rising Star" recipient, **Stephanie Lynn and High Energy**. A cash bar and snacks will be available. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance and \$15 at the door and are available at **Textures Bookstore**. For more info, call (210) 684-9237 or (210) 531-9874. Last year's event was sold out, so get your tickets early!

EL PASO - Lambda Services is a non-profit, community-based gay and lesbian educational organization. They offer a **24-hour telephone information switchboard** and many other services including a **Lesbian Support Group** every Thursday night at 7pm. For more information, call (915) 562-GAYS.

HOUSTON - Theater LaB Houston is bringing **The Kathy And Mo Show: Parallel Lives** by Kathy Najimy and Mo Gaffney (performed by **Deborah Hope** and **Dee Maculuso**) to Houston on Fridays and Saturdays through June 18th. **Theater LaB** is located at 1706 Alamo. Showtime is at 8pm. Tickets are \$12 for all performances. Call (713)

868-7516 for reservations and information.

LUBBOCK - The Lubbock Lesbian/Gay Alliance (LLGA) has alot going on in June. Every Friday is **Game & Movie Night** at the **Community Outreach Center** from 7pm-11pm. June 6th will be the **Annual Committee of 100 Membership Appreciation Dinner**. June 13th LLGA will hold an **open board meeting**. June 19th will be a **Sunday Cookout** at the **CO Center** from 2-6pm. **Pride Cafe** will be held on June 24th at 9pm. For more info about these or other events, call (806) 791-4499.

ALBUQUERQUE - Katherine V. Forrest, one of the country's most prolific lesbian authors, will be at the **Methodist Church** across the street from **Full Circle Books** on Tuesday, June 14th at 7pm. A \$5 donation to benefit **Lesbians For Change** is requested. The "**Caught in the Act, Gay Pride Talent Show**" will be held at the **KiMo Theater** on Saturday, June 25th at 7pm. For more info on these and other events, call **Full Circle Books** at (505) 266-0022.

SAN ANTONIO - Nexus/SA and Miller Lite cordially invite you to the **First Annual Statewide All-Womens Volleyball Invitational** over the July 4th weekend. Tournament Play will be on Saturday & Sunday, July 2nd & 3rd. Entry fee is \$50 for 5X5 teams with rosters. Entries must be in by June 24. For more info and hotel location, call **Mary** at (210) 341-2818.

AMARILLO - The Amarillo Lesbian/

Gay Alliance Gay Pride Picnic will be held on Saturday, June 18th in **Thompson Park** (spaces 40, 41 & 42). There will be carnival booths and games. For more info, contact **ALGA** at (806) 374-3947.

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Dear Agnes,

This is starting out to be a really stressful summer and I need some advice on how to handle the situation I'm in.

I'm 22 years old and my sister is 24. She is getting married in June.

We were always really close until I came out to her two years ago. She doesn't like my lifestyle and is almost hostile toward me about it.

Every since we were little, it was understood that we would be each other's maid-of-honor. Well, she has not asked me to be the maid-of-honor, or even a bridesmaid. In fact, she hasn't even invited me to the wedding. She says she doesn't want me or any of my "dyke" friends to be there.

I am a dyke, but I don't look like I just got out of a truck or off a Harley. I guess she thinks I would come to her wedding in leather or in hiking boots and a flannel shirt.

What should I do? Should I call her and tell her how much my feelings are hurt? Should I just write her off for good? Should I even buy a gift? She's the only sister I've got and I really don't want to lose her.

Left Out
San Antonio, TX

Dear Left Out,

Honey, it's your sister who has the problem! It shouldn't make a bit of

difference if you do look like a dyke (Now really, what does a dyke look like anyway?).

By all means, call her and let her know that your feelings are hurt. You might also add that she is being a self-centered, immature bitch. Sorry, but facts are facts.

And by the way, where does your mother stand on all this? A little nudge from her would probably get your invitation in the mail right away.

I would let the gift hinge on whether or not you receive an invitation.

Dear Agnes,

I work in an all gay establishment. A couple owns and runs the business. They have been together for twelve years.

I have worked here for three years and I love my job — or at least I did.

Three months ago one of the owners went out of town for a couple of weeks on business. Her partner tried repeatedly to get me to go to bed with her.

I refused and now things just don't feel right around here.

The woman I turned down has been openly hostile — almost to the point of verbal abuse. I am getting the cold-shoulder from several co-workers and have been dropped from two important staff meetings. I'm sure I'm being punished for refusing her advances.

What should I do? I've always loved this job and I don't want to quit. I want things to go back to the way they were. I feel like I'm being black listed for not sleeping with my boss — it's just not fair.

Being Punished Dallas, TX

Dear Punished,

Not only is it not fair, it is sexual harassment.

Pull her aside at work and talk to her in private. Tell her about the change in everyone's (including her own) behavior and the fact that you have been omitted from two staff meetings. Explain to her that you love your work

and that not sleeping with her has nothing to do with business.

If things don't improve, you should look into hiring a lawyer. You wouldn't put up with this kind of behavior from a male boss and you shouldn't tolerate it from a woman either.



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It all started on a hot night in June in New York City. The Stonewall Inn on Christopher Street in Greenwich Village was raided by the police — again. The bar was a private club with a diverse clientele and no liquor license. Young gay Hispanics, black drag queens and a sprinkling of dykes came to the Stonewall to dance, drink and cruise. Music came from a jukebox where one of the popular tunes was "Downtown" by Petula Clark.

Police visited the Stonewall and most other gay bars with regularity. When the police were coming the lights would blink and same-sex dance partners would separate to dance with members of the opposite sex, people necking would break up and sit demurely at their tables and bartenders would jump over the bar and mix with the crowd so that they could not be identified as

employees.

Most times the police would just walk through the bar and then go on their way. Other times, they shut down the club, arrested employees and checked ID's. Minors, people without ID's and sometimes the drag queens were detained or arrested.

On June 27, 1969, police raided the Stonewall Inn. Deputy Inspector Seymour Pine, along with seven other officers from the Public Morals Section of the First Division of the New York City Police Department attempted to shut down the Stonewall for selling liquor without a license. Although this was a fairly common occurrence, the people in the Stonewall that night had had enough. They decided to fight back. The patrons of the Stonewall Inn were angry as police herded them into the street. Officers held the more

flamboyant patrons and the employees inside the bar. More than 200 people were milling in the street and were cheering as, one by one, the people in the bar were released.

Then a dyke was taken out of the bar and put up a struggle with the police escorting her to the paddywagon.

People began shouting. Someone threw a handful of coins and the officer went back into the bar. The crowd was swelling with people from other bars in the neighborhood. The coins were soon

of the more blatant queens — in full drag — were loaded inside, along with the bartender and doorman, to a chorus of catcalls and boos from the crowd. A cry went up to push the paddywagon over, but it drove away before anything could happen. The next person to come out was a dyke, and she put up a struggle from car to door to car again. It was at that moment that the scene became explosive. Limp wrists were forgotten. Beer cans and bottles were heaved at the window, and a rain of coins

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followed by beer bottles, and then by bricks from a nearby construction site. Someone pulled up a parking meter and used it as a battering ram. Someone threw a burning garbage can at a plate glass window. Others were busy rocking the patrol car, trying to turn it over.

The police soon turned a fire hose on the crowd in the street and while the gay forces were trying to regroup, police reinforcements arrived and cleared the streets.

The next night, the Stonewall was closed, but even larger crowds were out in Sheridan Square. People who had been there the night before mixed with others who had come to party at other bars. The riots lasted for three nights. Journalist Lucian Truscott wrote about the riots in the July 3, 1969 issue of *The Village Voice*:

"Suddenly the paddywagon arrived and the mood of the crowd changed. Three

descended on the cops."

Though they were a watershed event in gay history, the Stonewall riots were small compared to other uprisings of the 60's. Only about 13 people were arrested. An undetermined number of people were hurt including six police officers.

In the months after the riots, it became clear the Stonewall had been a turning point. During the four years prior to the riots The Mattachine Society (a gay male organization) had held a march called the "Annual Reminder" at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. The women wore high heels and the men wore coats and ties in an effort to show that they were "just like" other Americans.

After Stonewall there was an influx of new, more radical activists into the gay liberation movement. The Gay Liberation Front was one of the more

prominent groups that came into being. Unlike previous "Homophile" organizations, the GLF welcomed women, men and people of color.

In the fall of 1969, the GLF participated in the Eastern Regional Conference of Homophile Organizations (ERCHO) and helped pass a resolution to expand the "Annual Reminder" to a more dynamic and festive occasion. They proposed that "the demonstration be held on the last Saturday in June in New York City to commemorate the 1969 spontaneous demonstrations on Christopher Street and that this demonstration be called CHRISTOPHER STREET LIBERATION DAY..." They also wanted other groups across the country to hold demonstrations on the same day.

On June 28th, 1970, thousands of people marched up Sixth Avenue carrying signs that read: "Gay Liberation Front," "Lesbians Unite," "We Are the Dykes Your Mother Warned You About," "Sappho Was a Right-On Woman," "Free Oscar Wilde," "Gay Power," and "I Am A Lesbian and I Am Beautiful." The march ended with a "gay-in" in Central Park.

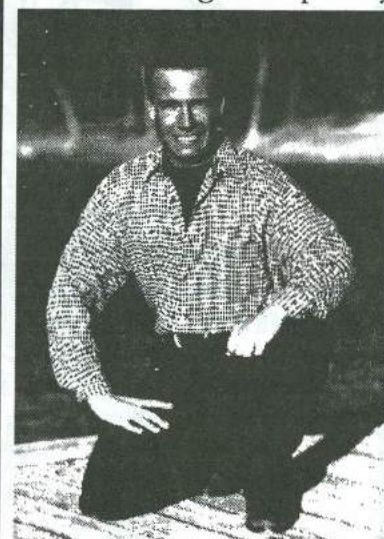
Gay Pride Week, as it has come to be known, blossomed and spread across the nation. Many local marches were planned and carried out. The first National March For Lesbian and Gay Rights was held in October 1979 in Washington, D.C. The first open lesbian or gay man was elected to public office in 1972.

The lesbian/gay rights movement has come a long way since that hot June night in 1969 when a bunch of dykes and drag queens decided that they had had enough. We now have many openly

gay elected officials, including a U.S. Senator. The President has appointed an open lesbian to a high cabinet post (and got her confirmed in the Senate). There have been three Marches on Washington beginning with the one in 1979 that was attended by more than 100,000 people, one in 1987 with over a half-million participants and last year's march that has been estimated at being more than a million strong.



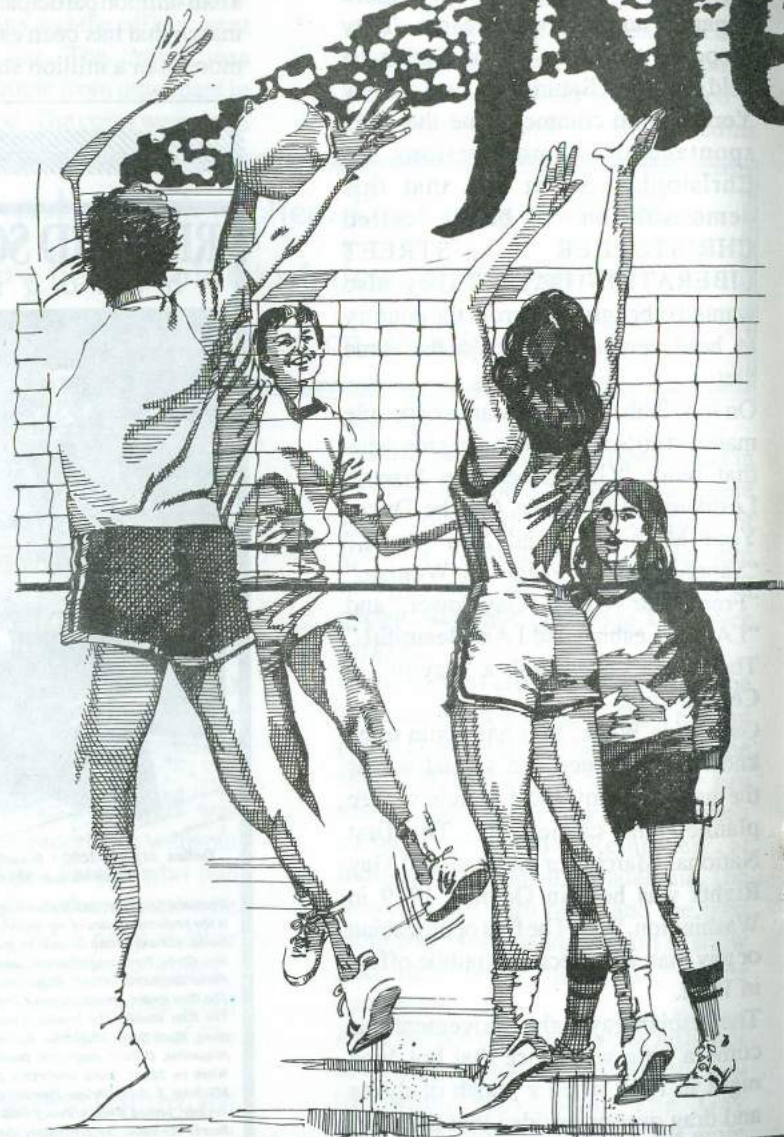
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Of course you have, but that's not what I'm asking. *Have You Ever?* — 391 *Questions to Help You Know Yourself and Others* is the title of a new book by Anna Van Evera, recently released by Alyson Publications. Its jacket explains, "Through questions such as these, Anna Van Evera challenges readers to examine their lives and assumptions. Whether read alone, in a discussion with a partner, or for a lively time at a party, *Have You Ever?* is both provocative and fun."

I don't know about you, but next to a really creamy onion dip, provocation and fun are the two main elements I welcome at any party.

A cross between *The Book of Questions* and the first-draft screenplay of *Claire of the Moon*, Van Evera's *Have You Ever?* is a great vehicle by which to really, really get to know yourself, your lover, your soon-to-be-ex-lover, and all the other people who are fiber in the rich tapestry you call your life. Some of these questions are listed below. Grab a few friends, pop a couple tops and get ready for intimacy like you have never known. Here's a hint: the phrase *It depends* goes a long way as a response to most of the queries in this book. Use it as you would the Fifth Amendment.

If you could have three wishes right now, what would they be?

— World peace, an end to hunger and three more wishes. I ain't stoopit, you know.

Would you describe your lover as a good listener?

— What, I'm sorry — did you say something?

Agree or disagree: Real lesbians don't use dildoes.

— Of course they do. They just use them for different reasons. Some lesbians use them as pleasure enhancement devices. Other lesbians use them as gavels at their various meetings and rallies. Either way, we sit up and pay attention, *ne c'est pas?*

Do you have a safe word?

— If I did, it would probably be *ouch*.

Have you ever been in love with your image of how things could be with someone?

— There we are, standing in a beautiful grotto, surrounded by friends and family. We both are wearing white. Birds are chirping, music is softly emanating from the tuxedoed string quartet. The gardenias are fragrant, and the ice sculpture of two interlocked woman symbols is just beginning to melt. I hear the words, "I k.d. take thee Nancy . . ." When the minister gets to the part about if anyone knows just cause why these two should not be united, let him speak now, Melissa Etheridge comes crashing through the shrubs, and raises her guitar over k.d.'s head El Kabong fashion . . . Yes, oh yes, I do lead a rich fantasy life.

Name five things that you do that you

consider to be romantic.

Breakfast, lunch, dinner, happy hour and midnight snack, if you plan it right.

Have you ever gone to any twelve-step meetings?

— Twelve step? I can barely two-step.

Would you date a woman who broke up with her lover last week? Three months ago? A year ago?

— I know women who have dated other women while their lovers excused themselves to go to the restroom.

For each of your breakups, what or who was the cause?

— I recall that at least one of the breakups was due to poor bladder control.

Have you ever thought that someone was deliberately withholding sex from you?

— Yes, but I don't take it personally. I know she's busy, what with *Maverick* just being released, not to mention the whole John Hinkley mess . . .

Agree or disagree: Asking someone to dance is flirting.

— Of course not, unless the dance is the Horizontal Hula.

Name three different sexual techniques. I'll see your three techniques and triple them: 1) ORAL — Vanilla, chocolate and Rocky Road. 2) VISUAL — Lacy, Kinky and Mo'. 3) BIBLICAL — Youshack, Meshack, Tobedwego.

If you had to choose between living with recurring migraines or having your heart broken again and again, which would you choose?

— Is there a difference?

If your lover has an interest that you don't share, do you try to become interested in it, fake interest, encourage

her to do it without you, or something else?

— Suppose that interest is another woman?

How would you react if your lover were arrested and charged with a serious crime?

I hated it when it happened in *Funny Girl* . . . Nicky Arnstein, Nicky Arnstein . . .

Where and when do you make love most often?

— Right here in Texas, when I'm awake. Usually.

If you and a close friend were both single, do you think it would ruin the friendship if you decided to have sex with each other?

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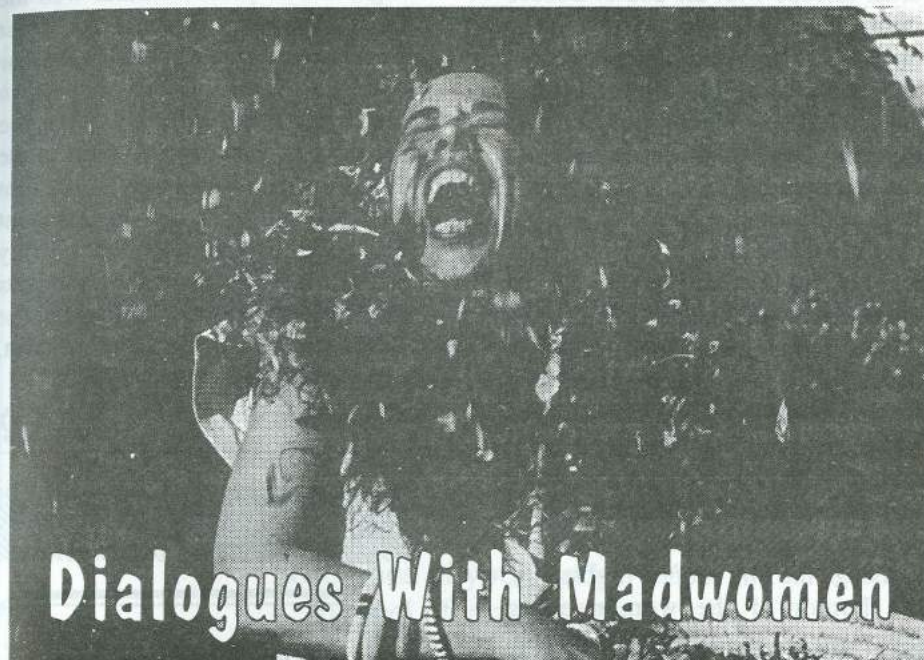
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Although the title is more than a little forbidding, *Dialogues With Madwomen* is an enlightening, sometimes funny, often scary, documentary by Academy Award winning filmmakers Allie Light and Irving Saraf.

Dialogues With Madwomen tells the story of seven women (two of them lesbians) who have experienced "the dark side of imagination," — multiple personality, manic depression, schizophrenia and euphoria.

Filmmaker Light tells her own story while narrating the stories of the six other women. She recounts that she

never told anyone where she was when John F. Kennedy was assassinated because she was institutionalized. When the news was broadcast, a fellow inmate ran down the hall yelling that the President had been shot. Light's psychiatrist told her to ignore the man since he was obviously having delusions. When Light first went to a doctor to get treatment for her depression, he asked her if she liked to lick her husband's penis. She recalls wondering if there was any right answer to such a question. The other six women also have compelling stories. Mairi went through

childhood with a father who not only molested his children, but would not allow his family to wear any clothing or to even close a door when inside the house. She created 25 personalities in order to cope with the abuse. Deedee went to Catholic school where the nuns taught about stigmata (where the devout will spontaneously bleed from the palms and the feet in an imitation of Christ on the cross). Deedee and her friends would cut themselves to try to get in good favor with the nuns. The other girls got over it, Deedee didn't. Her counselor told her that her problem was that she didn't sleep with men, and tricked her into committing herself to an institution. Several of the women recount terrifying incidences of abuse from family, friends and even therapists. Nearly all point toward psychiatrists, doctors, drug therapists and institutional experiences as more disorienting than helpful.

Although the film is often frightening, the humor of the women being interviewed helps to lighten things up. Hannah was not only obsessed and in love with Bob Dylan, she even got a spot on a local newscast because of her obsession. Mairi tells about the time all 25 of her personalities tried to buy and hide Christmas presents for each other. Karen tells about coming out of an institution during the Reagan years and having nothing to put on a resume except "ex-communist madwoman."

The film combines home movies, reenactments and vintage footage of women's asylums with still pictures, drawings and the women telling their own stories. The result is a disturbing, yet strangely entertaining vision of what it means to be mad in this society. The film puts in stark relief the fact that

many of the things we "sane" people do everyday could be considered to be mad in another context. It will certainly make you stop and think about some of your own supposedly rational behavior. Light and co-producer Saraf won the 1991 Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature for *In The Shadow Of The Stars*. *Dialogues With Madwomen* has already won the Freedom of Expression Award at the 1994 Sundance Film Festival. The film will play an exclusive engagement Friday, July 1st through Sunday, July 3rd at the Museum of the Fine Arts (1001 Bissonett Street) in Houston. For showtimes, tickets or more information, call the Museum at (713) 639-7530.



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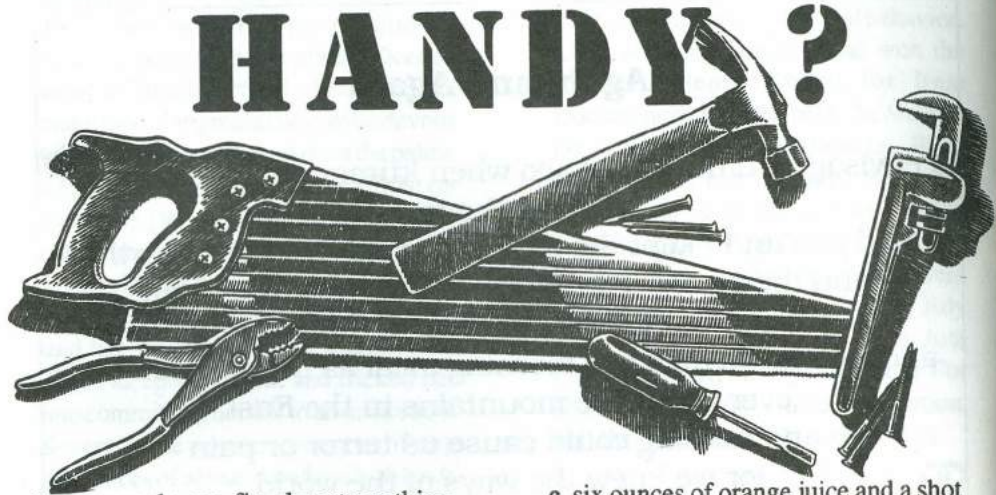
I envisage a time of long ago when kumquats bloomed and
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and you and I kept the eternal fire aglow in the hearth,
and the air from the North came crisp and clean,
and we passed our days in harmony,
and we rose to take our morning meal as the sun climbed
over above the mountains in the East,
and nothing could cause us terror or pain
for we knew the ways of the world,
and we celebrated with great joy each and every day.
I grew to know the crease in your smile,
the touch of your hand,
the lines of your body,
the feel of your hair,
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- a. drop the bracket and rehang it.
- b. call maintenance.
- c. leave it alone. After all, you're moving out in a few months anyway.

2. On the way to work your right rear tire blows out. You:

- a. pull off the road, jack up the car and change the tire.
- b. call triple-A.
- c. drive to work on the tire rim.

3. A screwdriver is:

- a. a tool for tightening or loosening screws.
- b. a tool for prying off lids.

c. six ounces of orange juice and a shot of vodka.

4. Your tool box contains:

- a. all the basics and a lot of extras.
- b. a Phillips and a flat screwdriver, pliers and a hammer.
- c. nail files, makeup brushes, tweezers and earrings.

5. A stud is:

- a. a supporting beam inside the walls of a building.
- b. the place your supposed to hang heavy pictures.
- c. what your neighbor thinks he is.

6. When a pipe springs a leak in the middle of the night, you:

- a. turn the water off and fix it.
- b. turn the water off and call a plumber in the morning.
- c. call your dad at 3am and ask him what to do.

7. What power tools would you like to own?

- a. Table saw, power miter and router.
- b. Cordless screwdriver and drill.
- c. None. Your lovers should come with their own power tools.

8. You plug in the vacuum and all the lights go out. You:

- a. check the breaker box and switches.
- b. call an electrician.
- c. light some candles and wait for the power to come back on.

9. When painting a room, you use:

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42-65 POINTS

You are sufficiently handy to get along without always coughing up money for repair bills. You can make simple repairs around the house, you can change

a tire (if you feel like it) and may even take on a big project every once in awhile. However, you do know your limits. You understand that sometimes it is more cost and time efficient to call in an expert.

18-41 POINTS

Your problem isn't lack of ability, but lack of interest. Why should you take the time to change the oil in your car when you can call someone to do it for you? You do have your own ways of fixing things. A case of beer and a pizza can entice your friends into fixing the little stuff for you and the Yellow Pages do the rest.



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Balancing the physical, emotional, and mental demands placed on you during the first week of June could be tough. A romantic alliance could have you walking an emotional tightrope after the 8th. Talk with friends to ease your anxieties. Tensions ease towards month's end if you get differences out in the open and talk them through.

TAURUS

Learning to "quit while you're ahead" should be your first priority during the first part of June. If you can do this, you'll make great gains in all areas over the next few weeks. After the 17th you may have to spend some time finishing up personal projects. Outside responsibilities take up all your time after the 24th. Take an occasional time out or you won't make it through!

GEMINI

Put old hurts behind you and look to the future during the first week of June. Big (positive) changes are on the horizon and you need to be ready to take advantage of them. After the 10th your social life will take a turn for the better. You have what it takes this month to attract new friends and romance. Someone close to you might not be leveling with you towards month's end. Pay attention and don't get taken.

CANCER

You tend to be more serious than usual during the first week of June. An emotionally draining situation could be

at the heart of your black mood. Make changes now and the mood will improve immediately, if you wait the rift may be permanent. Watch your dollars closely after the 18th, your financial picture looks murky for the rest of June so batten down the hatches and cut out some frivolous items in your budget.

LEO

Tension that has been building in the past few months starts to diminish during the first week of June. Both financial and emotional worries will be eased by a few happy coincidences early in the month. The biggest problem you'll have is juggling home and career interests. A good balance between the two works well until after the 24th when you'll have to put all your efforts towards your career.

VIRGO

A project you started months ago will finally start to pay off during June. Everything seems to be looking up this month. Your career, which seemed at a standstill, gets a jump start and your love life is definitely improving. Change is the watchword for June, so get ready! After the 24th you may finally have time to get away for a long awaited vacation, even though it may be a short one, it will cure your wanderlust for awhile.

LIBRA

Don't let gossip making the rounds at work upset you during the first part of June. The rumors are untrue and you

can only hurt your career by repeating them. Things on the job and at home calm down considerably after the 11th. The hectic pace of the past few months lets up and you can finally relax. You may even be a bit bored toward month's end. Inviting friends over will help improve your mood.

SCORPIO

Someone you care about could be playing on your sympathies to get what they want during the first part of June. Be firm and say "no", you won't be sorry. After the 13th your social life takes the spotlight and you are the prime attraction. Your cheerful attitude draws people to you like a magnet. After the 24th the pace will slow a bit and allow you to catch your breath and focus on career matters.

SAGITTARIUS

Your charm will help you make new friends and let you enjoy old ones during the first week of June. After the 6th, a shock to your budget could cause some friction between you and a partner. Be careful what you say after the 20th or you could make things even worse with a tactless remark. Stay focused on the positive and you'll get through this trying time just fine.

CAPRICORN

Your social calendar fills up quickly during the first week of June. Pick and choose which invitations you accept since demands on your time will be high. You'll probably need to rest up after the 9th. A short trip could be just what you need to recharge your batteries. After the 21st a new money-making project could put a dent in your wallet temporarily. Don't worry — you'll get you investment back . . . with interest!

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AQUARIUS

Problems at home or with family may cut into your free time during the first week of June. Keep your cool — a nice getaway is in the works after the 12th. A romantic attraction around the 19th may be fleeting. Keep an eye on your pocketbook or you could wind up overspending. Your emotions swing wildly after the 24th. Try to think things through logically instead of emotionally.

PISCES

An unpleasant argument with a close friend could have you feeling down during the first week of June. One of you may want a more intimate relationship while the other does not — talk it out and you'll be alright. Your creativity is in the forefront during the second and third week. Tension on the job could mar your good mood after the 25th — don't let it get to you.



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support group for lesbians • 523-9398
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businesses

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organizations

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Community Outreach Center & Outreach AA (Tues. & Thurs.
@ 8pm) • 102 N. Ave. S • 762-1019
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P-Flag (Parents/Friends Lesbians/Gays) • 799-8529
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4204-B 50th St. 79413 • 1-800-627-7079 • 796-7068

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Affirmation: United Methodists for Lesbian/Gay Concerns
PO Box 1021 • Evanston, IL 60204
AIDS Action Council • 729 Eighth St. S.E. Suite 200
Washington, DC 20003 • (202) 547-3101
AIDS 800 • 1-800-221-7044
Conference For Catholic Lesbians
PO Box 436, Planetarium Station • New York, NY 10024
GLAAD/USA • 80 Varick St. #3E • NY, NY 10013
Hate Crime Line • 1-800-347-HATE
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Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund
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National Gay Alliance for Young Adults, Inc.
PO Box 190426 • Dallas, TX 75219 • (214) 307-7203
National Gay/Lesbian Clearinghouse
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National Gay/Lesbian Task Force
1517 U Street NW
Washington D.C. 20009 • 202-332-6483
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organizations

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P-Flag (Parents/Friends Lesbians/Gays) • 822-4135
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SALGA - San Antonio Lesbian/Gay Assembly • 733-7300
SALSA - San Antonio Lambda Students Alliance
PO Box 12715 78212 • SALSA Line 733-1225
San Antonio AIDS Foundation
PO Box 120113 78212-9313
San Antonio Tavern Guild • 822-2823

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organizations

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