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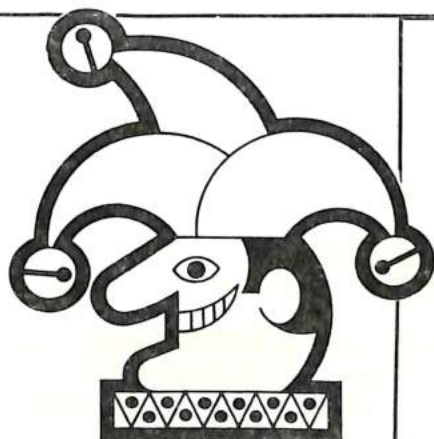
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FROM THE EDITOR

When we started Dimensions I had people (some of them friends) tell me: "It won't work! You will never make it work if it is geared strictly to women! Women will not support a publication of their own!" Well my first reaction was that I had already made up my mind for Dimensions to be a Lesbian publication; so I just listened, and nodded, and put out the first issue anyway.

The first six months was hard! We hardly received any feedback, finances were terrible, we were never sure if what we were doing was right or wrong. It was alot like being in a big, dark room and not having any idea where the light switch was.

Then about last March something happened. We started to pick up advertisers and then the mail-pouch started to get fat and people were actually starting to submit articles. The subscription list started to grow and then phone started to ring. It was strange, but it felt good.

I have learned alot doing Dimensions; about people, about operating a business, about friends, and about our community. When you read about being an entrepreneur one thing most businesswomen say, "You will lose most of your friends and you will feel isolated". Believe it!

Recently in Dallas, we were sitting in the ZooBar and after meeting several women, I got the distinct impression because we were with Dimensions we weren't suppose to be human or something along those lines. Well I'm here to tell you we are! And we are not some awsome company on the edge of the world. We don't have endless contacts, or endless financial resources, or some magical insight into the communities you live and work in.

We like to keep up with what is going on in the communities and keep you informed. We don't always do a good job at that and until we can afford a paid staff we will have to continue to rely on our readers, advertisers, subscribers, and writers to help keep us informed. If there is an event you think we should carry, pick up the phone or drop us a card in the mail. Not only will it inform some of your sisters in other communities in the tri-state area, it could help bring folks to your community for the event.

Our *What's Going On* column is free! It is not limited to our advertisers. We do have space limits, but we will make every effort to include your submissions. So, if your community is not included, you can do something about it. Tell us what you are doing and when. Our deadline is the 20th of the month prior to publication (i.e. deadline for July issue is 20th of June)!

Roxanne Hunter
Editor

TO THE EDITOR

MINNESOTAN ENJOYS DIMENSIONS

Dear Ms. Hunter,

I just received my first copy of Dimensions, and I'm delighted with the fine quality. The cover art of the Valentine's Day issue was lovely, and I also enjoyed the graffiti page and the literature reviews.

I appreciate your enthusiastic invitation to you readers to submit their own work for publication. I am taking you up on the offer by submitting my poem "Eve of '85."

I live way up in Minnesota, but I do visit friends in San Antonio now and then, and I can't wait to check out the clubs advertised in your magazine. In the meantime, I look forward to many moments with Dimensions. Bravo and thank you. Sincerely,
Nell Garden
Richfield, MN

REFRESHING CHANGE

Dear Dimensions,

I pick up my copy of Dimensions at the Ranch in Houston. I truly enjoy your magazine. It's such a refreshing change from all the men's magazines. Enclosed are several poems I have written over the years. If any of these fit in with your publication, please use them, I would love to see some of my work in print.

Thank you,

Mary T. Gregory
Houston, TX

Ed. Note: Mary's poetry can be found on page 25 in this month's issue.

FEELING PRIVILEGED

Wonderful Womyn,

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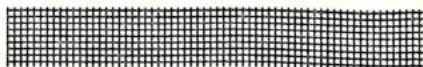
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Texas Lesbians to Meet in Dallas

DALLAS - The first Texas Lesbian Conference will be held in Dallas on May 6, 7, and 8 at the Ramada Hotel near Love Field. The conference is being sponsored by Among Friends, in collaboration with Lesbian Visionaries.

Sonia Johnson will be the keynote speaker. Sonia was excommunicated from the Mormon church because of her support for ERA. In 1984, she ran for President.

For further information, contact: BJ at (214) 328-3792.

Gay Parents Day to be Celebrated May 8th

LOS ANGELES - In recognition of the love and commitment represented by lesbian and gay families, Couples, Inc. has designed May 8, 1988 as Parents Day. That Sunday, which is also traditional Mother's Day this year, will be marked by celebrations in several cities.

According to Cary Junkin, Executive Director of couples, Inc., "we plan to honor Gay Fathers and Lesbian mothers for the love and care they give their children. Just as Couples, Inc. did with the Wedding at the National March on Washington, we plan to show the non-gay and gay communities that our families are based on love. Same-sex couples and gay families everywhere are organizing for this celebration."

"Same-sex couples make up a large and mostly quiet segment of the lesbian and gay community. While many of the couples are raising children, there are also large numbers of lesbian and gay parents without partners. These families deserve the same rights and privileges as heterosexual families," noted Walter Wheeler, the President of Couples, Inc.

Couples, Inc. is inviting other organizations, gay and lesbian families, same-sex couples and individuals to organize family celebrations in their local communities. While the form of the celebrations will vary, plans already call for large family breakfasts with honored guests and speakers on family issues. These events are also to be fundraisers for Couples, Inc. and local organizations working for family rights.

According to Carol Mortimer, V.P. - East for Couples, Inc., "The celebration of Parents day to honor Gay Fathers and Lesbian Mothers will further emphasizes our organization's slogan, 'Love makes a family. Nothing else, nothing less!'"

Organizations that want to co-sponsor local events, and individuals and families that want to help organize or participate should contact Couples, Inc., P.O. Box 13323, L.A., CA 90013-0323, or at 109 Myrtle Ave., Merchantville, NJ, or P.O. Box 77266, Atlanta, GA 30057. Or call: (213) 550-7549 or (609) 663-3460.

13th Annual South Eastern Conference Scheduled

ATLANTA, Ga.- The 13th Annual S. E. Conference for Lesbians and Gay men will be held on April 14-17, 1988, at the Pierremont Plaza Hotel in Atlanta.

This conference is a major educational, social, political and cultural event. There will be a variety of workshops, speakers and entertainment.

For more information contact: SECLGM 1-404-982-0544.

NGAYA Implements New Fund Raising Program

DALLAS - The National Gay Alliance for Young Adults, Inc. (NGAYA) has implemented a new fund raising program.

"A New Tomorrow" is engineered to be a long term funding program that will allow individuals, as well as, organizations to help raise funds for the future development of our community. The program also allows contributions to be made to specific projects and special funds of NGAYA, including our new National Gay Youth Fund for AIDS Education and the National Gay Youth Fund for Crisis Intervention.

If we all work together, we can build a "...New Tomorrow."

For more information on this, or any other program of NGAYA, contact NGAYA at P.O. Box 190426, Dallas, TX 75219-0426.

Liberty Books Celebrates 2nd Anniversary

AUSTIN - Liberty Books owner Tom Doyal announced plans today to celebrate the bookstore's second anni-

versary. The event will be held at Liberty Books, 1014B North Lamar in Austin, on Saturday afternoon, April 9th, 1988, from 3pm to 7pm.

The celebration will feature local writers, door prizes, refreshments and self-inflicted entertainment.

"Liberty Books has become a central meeting place for the alternative culture of literate lesbians and gay men. Their enthusiasm and warmth have sustained us during a period of difficulty for area retailers," said Doyal.

The event will showcase a newly acquired inventory of books that will more than triple the number of books in the store. "Liberty Books has purchased the contents of a comparable store in Houston. The new inventory will be on the shelves in time for our second anniversary celebration," said Doyal.

Women's Conference Agenda Challenged

DES MOINES, IOWA - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) strongly challenged the failure of a national feminist conference to address lesbian rights issues. A national Women's Agenda Conference held in Des Moines on January 22-24, 1988, and

endorsed by most major feminist groups failed entirely to address lesbian and gay issues. During the conference, NGLTF staff lobbyist Peri Jude Radecic repeatedly questioned the exclusion of lesbian /gay concerns and pressed for their recognition.

"It was clear that lesbians were not a welcome agenda issue," said Radecic. "The word 'lesbian' was never voluntarily spoken or written by workshop moderators, panelists or conference speakers during the entire weekend."

Radecic noted the irony of the Agenda's failure to raise gay/lesbian issues at a time when all Democratic candidates have stated their support for lesbian/gay civil rights. "For the first time in American history, all Democratic candidates have gone on record with NGLTF to endorse gay/lesbian rights. Now is not the time for any segment of the civil rights community, especially the feminist movement, to back away from the critical battles our community is fighting. This conference was indeed a step backwards for lesbians."



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AUSTIN - There's a new line-up of weekly specials at NEXUS/PJ's! On Tuesdays there's a **"Girls Only" Pool Tournament** starting at 8:30pm, there'll be a \$50 first prize and \$1 Draft so don't miss out! On Wednesdays you can learn how to dance **C&W** and get \$3 pitchers "to boot". Thursday is **New Music Night** with \$1.25 Well & Margaritas. Friday's bring another **Pool Tournament** and of course, there's always **Beer Bust** on Sundays at 6pm. Also, the patio is open so you can get romantic under the stars. Plus, don't forget that **Happy Hour** happens every day, Tuesday through Saturday from 6pm to 9pm.

DALLAS - Mark your calendar! **Mischiff** will be appearing at the **HIGH COUNTRY** on Friday, April 15th. I haven't had the chance to hear them but I've heard that they are wonderful! The **Ms. Razzle Dazzle** contest is also coming to **HIGH COUNTRY** and the **NORTH 40** sometime in April, check at the bar for date and time! Be sure to check the **Thursday Night Show** with **Mahogany** if you haven't caught one yet ... you'll love it! Remember that **HIGH**

COUNTRY is open 7 days a week now - the better to party with my dear!

HOUSTON - What a party this one will be! The **RANCH** will be celebrating it's **Second Anniversary** with a big bash on Sunday, April 24th. Doors open at 4pm and starting a 5pm and going until 7pm, there will be free well drinks, free longnecks and a free buffet! Then, at 6pm catch the **Firecreek Band** playing live Country and Western Music until midnight! Also, be sure to catch **Dana Fitzgerald** for the **Survivors** on April 17th. Remember, Wednesdays are **Rock 'N' Roll and Disco Night!** Be sure to congratulate **Betsy** on two years in business while you're there!

DALLAS - **RUMORS** always has alot going on and this month is no exception! Starting this month they will be **open everyday** from 5pm-2am and 3pm-Midnight on Sundays. Also, there will be a **cookout** on Sundays from 6-8pm with a wide selection of goodies ranging from tacos to barbeque! On the 11th catch the **Academy Awards Party**. The 15th is **Customer Appreciation Night** with half price drinks all

night long and, **Las Vegas Night** makes a return engagement on the 29th to benefit **Among Friends**. Live entertainment this month includes **Judy Christopher** on the 1st, **Marge Troyer** on the 8th & 22nd and **Diane Pierce** on piano on the 21st & 28th. And, last but not least, be sure to wear your uniforms out on Tuesday and Friday, they'll net you a bucket of beer for only \$6.50

DENTON - Picnic Season is here and TJ's has heard the call! The 3rd is the date and the bar is the place! Check it out, should be fun. Live entertainment in the form of **J. Christopher** is also on the way on the 22nd!

SAN ANTONIO - A big **Easter Egg Hunt** is in the works at the **JEZEBEL** on the 2nd. But, the real fun comes later with **Fiesta** from the 15th thru the 23rd! **Sharon** at the **JEZEBEL** says that there are going to be parties and drink specials all that week but the

details hadn't been worked out at press time so check at the bar! **Steak Night** returns this month on Thursdays! **Tuesday Night Discussions** this month are **Affirmations: Positive Thinking** on the 5th and **Healing with Stones** on the 19th.

FT. WORTH - Don't miss out on **Thursday Night Beer Bust** at **PARTNERS**! It will be a blast with **DJ Spanky**. Also, check out the **PARTNERS Daily Cocktail Hour** with \$2 Pitchers, \$1 Beer, \$1.25 Well and 75¢ Draw!

SOUTH PADRE - Now is the time! "Spring Breakers" are gone and the beach is waiting for you at **LYLE'S DECK**. Get an early start on your tan and improve your attitude at the same time! **Lyle** and **Don** will be glad to have you anytime but remember that the **3rd week** and **3rd weekend** of every month is a good time to meet other women!



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Dear Agnes

*Answers your questions about love,
relationships & personal problems*

Dear Agnes,

I just came home from a two week trip to find my lover living with my best friend. I have lived with this woman for six years and I went to college with my best friend. I think they have lost their minds and I feel like I am losing mine.

I feel like killing them both. How could this happen. It is like things were fine one day and screwed up the next. I don't know what to do. I really don't have anyone else to talk to but these two and I'm sure as hell not talking to them.

I know that I have got to make new friends but right now I'm so depressed I don't want to do anything.

**In the Dumps
San Antonio, TX**

Dear In the Dumps,

It sounds like you are handling the situation. You understand what needs to be done and you'll be able to do it when you are ready. There is nothing more painful than being burned by a friend. Good luck!

Dear Agnes,

I wanted to write and ask your opinion about my relationship. I'm with a woman I love very much. I'm 29 and she's 37. She is married to a man who travels about three days a

week. I get to see her during that time and we are very happy. I hope someday she will leave her husband for me.

My friends think I'm nuts because it's like having only a piece of pie instead of the whole pie.

I've never spoken to her about leaving her husband, but she will eventually. I have a gut feeling.

Do you think I am a fool for waiting on her?

**Wanting more in
Pasadena, TX**

Dear Wanting,

I think you better talk to the woman. Gut feelings are great and often right, but don't ever think you can out guess what people will do.

Friends often react negatively to any relationship that they consider out of the norm. Friends also have a way of playing mother because they don't like to see someone being hurt or setting themselves up to be hurt.

Only you can judge how happy you are in this relationship. Some people don't want all the pie. I suspect, by the way you signed your letter, you want more! And you'll never know if you don't ask.

Dear Agnes,

I have an ex-lover that I can't get to

leave me alone. We've been broken up for five months. She had an affair for six of our eight months together. There was so much lying and cheating on her part, it was worse than a soap opera.

I finally left her and all of a sudden she wants me back worse than anything. She calls at all hours of the night, comes over, calls my friends for advice etc.. She starts fights with whoever I have dates with. It's gotten extremely out of hand.

How can I make her realize-it's over and she needs to go on with her life?

Name Withheld
San Marcos, TX

Dear Withheld,

It is ironic that people don't want what they have and when they don't have it they want it. Unfortunately

this applies to relationships too.

Apparently you are speaking to this woman when she calls so tell her just what you wrote in the last line of your letter. "It's over and go on with your own life!" Quit answering the phone in the middle of the night or change your number. Do not acknowledge her bad behavior. Some people feel like as long as they have some attention either negative or positive there is hope to rekindle a romance.

Good luck and let me know how it goes.



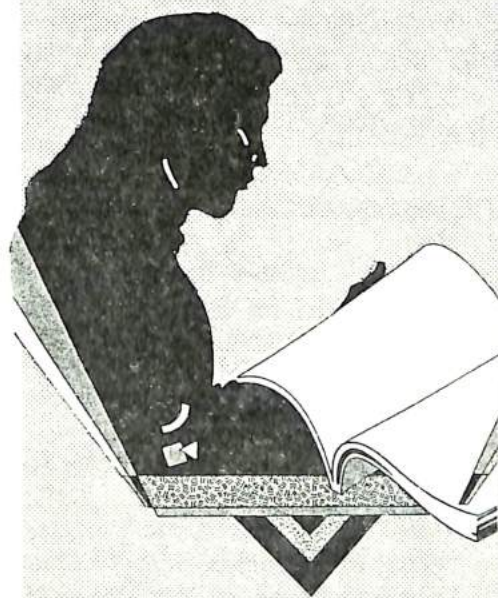
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Lesbian Couples & the Law

by Linda Monroe

You've met the perfect woman, fallen in love, moved in together and you're going to live happily ever after, Right? Well, "maybe" might be a better answer. Many things can happen in the course of a relationship and quite a few of them can be devastating and involve legal questions.

Since lesbians and gay men are denied the right to form a legal partnership, such as marriage, you are also denied the rights, privileges and recourse given to a heterosexual couple. This includes, but is not limited to: denial of hospital visitation rights, no legal recognition if a death occurs, child custody, no joint income tax filing and no legal divorce proceedings.

Some of the legal problems and questions that come up and some solutions to those problems are listed below.

PROPERTY

While you may think you will never break up with your partner, it is a possible reality that needs to be considered. Since there is no "marriage" for lesbians in the eyes of the law, this also means there is no "divorce". No means for property division in the event of a dispute.

Though it may not sound very romantic, it is a good idea to take inventory before you move in together. Each partner should make a list of what they bring into the household. Keep in mind that while you may think you can do things fairly if the relationship ends, you may not be in this same frame of mind when that time comes.

If you make major purchases together

(i.e. home, car, appliances, etc.) you should have a legally binding contract drawn up that deals with the division of these properties in the event of a break up. Making joint property purchases can give the surviving partner the right of ownership in case of a death, but it makes breaking up a mess.

It is possible to take your partner to court for a property settlement but most lesbian women will opt out of this because of possible adverse publicity, job loss or harassment.

Separate checking and savings account should be maintained for at least the first part of any relationship. Although we may not think it could ever happen to us, there are people who will clean out a joint account and disappear.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Often, when one member of a lesbian love relationship is hospitalized, the other partner is excluded, not only from the hospital room, but also from decision making. In the absence of any documentation, power of attorney will automatically be given to the Mother and Father or some other close family member. This is another situation where you may think you know how someone will react, but in times of stress, people can be very different. Your parents would have the right to deny visitation rights to your

partner, take the car that is in your name or evict your lover from your apartment if it is leased in your name only.

The best way to remedy this situation is by giving each other power of attorney. Power of attorney simply means the written, legal authority to

act for another person. You'll have to consult a lawyer for this. Be sure to find out if there are any limitations on the scope or time of power of attorney in your state. There may also be situations

Since Lesbians & Gay men are denied the right to form a legal partnership, such as marriage, you are also denied the rights, privileges and recourse given to a heterosexual couple.

when power of attorney may be revoked. Ask questions, you need to be informed.

INSURANCE

Life insurance is a very good idea for lesbian couples. Both partners should have at least a small life insurance policy with the other partner listed as beneficiary (the person who will receive the benefits). The amount should be enough to cover burial expenses, to pay bills while finances are being settled and to pay legal fees in the case of a contested will.

If the company you work for has a life insurance plan and you do not want to name your lover as beneficiary on their forms; you can name your estate as beneficiary. By doing this, you can leave the money to your lover, by way of your will, without questions about your relationship.

CHILD CUSTODY

Many lesbian and gay couples are having children within their relationships by means of artificial insemination, surrogate mothers, etc. This can cause a great many problems if contracts, wills and custody arrangements are not thoroughly thought out. Custody can go to the biological mother's family in the event of a death, even if the child recognizes the other partner as their "parent". Custody arrangements can be provided for in the will but you need to have your lawyer research the possibilities since laws on this subject vary in different areas. Also, be sure to consult a lawyer when making arrangements for artificial insemination or a surrogate mother.

Many women opt to have a male friend impregnate them, this is an especially touchy area because that male friend can turn around and make custody claims. Once again, *consult a lawyer!*

WILLS

Both partners in any love relationship should have a will. Be sure, even if you don't leave them anything, that you mention your family (Since my mother is already well provided for, I leave her nothing. I leave my sister Ann \$100, etc.) This will keep anyone from claiming you "forgot them". Do everything in the most legal sense. Name a neutral person as your executrix (the person appointed to carry out the provisions of the will) your lawyer is a good choice if you trust her. Also, be sure to choose a stable witness with a permanent address. It is also a good idea to have a new will with identical terms drawn up each year. All this is to ensure that

your family cannot claim that your lover had undue influence or coerced you into making this particular will.

There is much that is not covered here but this should give you a place to start. The main thing is to consult with a lawyer you can trust and be sure all documents are legally drawn up.

None of these legal questions are pleasant to think about when you are in love, but all of them are important. You will be doing yourself and your lover a favor by preparing for the unexpected and making informed, intelligent decisions well in advance of any crisis situation.



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A Discussion of Lesbian Literature Both New and Old

This month T. Sumner Reviews:

The LORD is my SHEPHERD and HE Knows I'M GAY

by Reverend Troy Perry
With Charles L. Lucas

Easter is here and I thought a book with a religious theme would be an appropriate choice for review this month. I chose The Lord is my Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay (Troy Perry w/ Charles Lucas, Liberty Press, \$8.95). It is the story of the Reverend Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) and gay and civil rights activist.

I would like to say that I found this book to be inspirational, but I didn't. The story is a good one and it needs to be told but I found the book to be slow-moving and hard to read. I wanted to skim over much of it just to be done.



Rev. Troy Perry

The Lord is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay was first released in 1972 and it comes through in the slang that is used throughout the book (groovy bar, etc.). Rev. Perry does point out in his introduction to this new edition that he, "attributed to God a masculine identity...", and that he now realizes the, "God transcends gender and many of the other limitations to which we sometimes blindly subscribe."

There were some passages I found interesting. One in particular was when the Los Angeles Metropolitan Community Church finally got a building of their own, this message was received on the day the building was dedicated:

"I regret prior commitments, March the seventh, will prevent my joining you for the dedication services of your new church building. Best wishes on this special occasion. Ronald Reagan, governor of the State of California."

I commend Rev. Perry for his vision and the success of the MCC organization. It is definitely something the gay community world-wide needed. We all should have the right to worship as we see fit without having to worry that we will be "found out" and asked to move on.

I think this is a story that could have been told much better. The writing is terse in some places

and overly descriptive in others. Choppy is the best way to describe it.

There is much to be gained from this man's story. He has fought for gay rights and won, he has changed a great many discriminatory practices single handedly and he has given all gay people a place to worship. It is a book I should have enjoyed reading. So, unless you have a burning desire to know more about Rev. Perry's life, this is not on my suggested reading list.

If, however, you would like to order The Lord is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay, write to Liberty Press, P.O. Box 50421, Austin, Texas 78763.



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Do you avoid expressing your opinion because someone you love may not agree with you? Do you put off doing small things until they become so big that you can't handle them? Do you find it hard to express how you really feel? Do you run away from your problems? Answer the 15 questions that follow and find out if you need to face up to running away.

Answer the questions below with: Y for Yes, S for Sometimes, N for No.

1. I enjoy learning new things and taking on new challenges.

2. I go regularly to the doctor or dentist, even when I think nothing is wrong.

3. I usually tell people what I think even if it is unpleasant.

4. I consider myself easy going and flexible.

5. I usually act on my "gut feelings"

6. I find it easy to make decisions.

7. I still have friends I made years ago.

8. I am usually on time to appointments and meetings.

9. If I make a mistake on the job, I point it out to my boss as soon as possible.

10. I enjoy doing risky things. (riding motorcycles, etc.)

11. When I run short on cash, I notify my creditors immediately to explain the situation.

12. I would tell my lover if I wasn't satisfied with our sex life.

13. If I am trying to learn something new, I ask for help from someone who knows.

14. If there is something unpleasant that needs to be done, I do it and get it over with as soon as possible.

15. I find it easy to express how I feel about issues that are important to me, even when I know people will disagree.

SCORING

Give yourself points on each answer as follows:

Y=3

S=2

N=1

If You Scored: 35-45

You are very good at facing up to any problem that might confront you. You can overcome almost anything and are usually very honest about your feelings and opinions. You may, however, be too forthright at times and this could cause resentment among your friends and co-workers. Because you are always the first one to jump into any project, you may not be giving them a chance to show their talents. Also, since you always confront your problems head-on, those around you may feel that you will think them

weak if they don't do the same. In other words, you are a hard act to follow. Facing up to your problems is a wonderful trait but be sure you use compassion in your dealings with others.

25-34

Although you don't usually have a problem dealing with problems in your life, you may have a problem in one area. In other words, you may handle things fine at work and hide from problems at home or vice-versa. Or you may just run-away when you feel a problem is too big for you handle. Either way, you should try to identify just what it is you do avoid and set out to change that behavior. When you do find yourself running away from a problem, stop right then and work on it. Use the principles outlined in the section below. Not only will you be happier with yourself, so will those around you, including your boss and your lover.

15-24

You are a runner. you hide from problems and may have symptoms of depression and feel helpless or hopeless that can be attributed to this trait. You may have let so many problems build up that they seem truly overwhelming and this will definitely get you down. The best thing to do is break them down and deal them one at time. Start out by

defining the problem, then examine all possible solutions. Next, decide exactly what you are going to do and stick to it. Start with small goals and work up to larger ones. You may want to tell a close friend what you are trying to do. Not only will they give you support, we all do things better if we know someone is watching. You will find that as you deal with problems you already have, you will be better equipped and ready to deal with new ones as they come up. You will also find that your self-esteem will grow as you become used to taking problems on with confidence.



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What's in the Stars for you this Month?

Love, Money, Travel

ARIES

(Mar 21st - April 19th)

Try to achieve your goals without pushing too hard during the first week of April. You could wind up trampling on the opinions of others if you're not careful. From the 9th thru the 16th try to accept people as they are and keep your secrets to yourself, things should move ahead smoothly if you take this advice. From the 17th thru the 23rd you can look forward to better times when it comes to finances. This is also a good time to make changes, improvements and corrections in other areas of your life. From the 24th thru the 30th you should work on matters that concern you from behind the scenes, you will make better progress if you keep to yourself.

TAURUS

(April 20th - May 20th)

Let things move at their own pace during the first week of April. Romance and money matters will go much more smoothly without pushing. From the 9th thru the 16th your social and romantic lives will be exciting and dynamic but jealousy can result in some problems on the job. From the 17th thru the 23rd your self-confidence will be high and this will reveal itself in romance and at work. Everything is going right for you now. From the 24th thru the 30th

you should keep an open mind and avoid criticism of those around you. You may have a tendency to overspend right now so keep a close eye on your pocketbook!

GEMINI

(May 21st - June 21st)

During the first week of April, you should show caution in all things. However, in business dealings and your social life you will be able to step up the pace a bit and enjoy it more. From the 9th thru the 16th your home life is in the spotlight, you are content and happy but may have the desire to travel. Try to avoid troublemakers on the job. From the 17th thru the 23rd the focus will be on financial and career matters. A raise or promotion could be coming your way but you'll have to finish projects that you have been putting off. The 24th thru the 30th is a good time for making new friends and enjoying a more varied social life.

CANCER

(June 22nd - July 22nd)

You may find yourself playing the role of peacemaker during the first week of April. Co-workers, family members and neighbors may all need this service right now. From the 9th thru the 16th you should avoid making or listening to complaints, they are a waste of time and you have

better things to do. From the 17th thru the 23rd don't let anyone, particularly a lover, push you into a decision you aren't ready to make. You social life is exciting! From the 24th thru the 30th you should hold off on any major changes in your life. People and projects that have needed you attention for awhile are in the spotlight now.

LEO

(July 23rd - Aug 22nd)

Travel may be on your agenda during the first week of April. Whether it's for business or pleasure, romance will play a major role. From the 9th thru the 16th your love life could be suffering because you are wrapped up in financial affairs. Take time out to give a loved one a special treat. From the 17th thru the 23rd you may have a hard time pinning down how you feel about someone, trust your gut instincts. You could be considering a big purchase. From the 24th thru the 30th romance is definitely in the cards. Member of your family may also need your attention now so be sure to make time for them.

VIRGO

(Aug 23rd - Sept 22nd)

Progress can be made in all things important to you, including money and love, during the first week of April. From the 9th thru the 16th your persuasive powers will be at their best. You have the ability to influence friends, family and co-workers to your way of thinking. From the 17th thru the 23rd a raise or promotion could be right around the corner, be prepared, you may have to push a little to get it to go through!

Your love life is really heating up but try not to focus all your attention on it. From the 24th thru the 30th you may have to rewrite a budget because you underestimated expenses in the past. Family members can be influential in many areas right now.

LIBRA

(Sept 23rd - Oct 23rd)

Money is your strong point during the first week of April. A raise, promotion or other financial windfall could be headed your way. From the 9th thru the 16th concentrate on home and social activities. Your friends and love interest will provide much enjoyment and insight right now. From the 17th thru the 23rd the emphasis will once again be on work and career matters. You will have the energy to push ahead on matters that need taken care of and the time to start new projects. From the 24th thru the 30th a new romantic interest could be headed your way or your current romance could be heating up. Relax and enjoy, everything is going your way.

SCORPIO

(Oct 24th - Nov 23rd)

You get what you ask for during the first week April. Your social life is picking up and people will be willing to grant you favors. From the 9th thru the 16th you will know instinctively what others are thinking. This will enable you to put some ideas of yours to work and get others to go along with your plans. From the 17th thru the 23rd you may be called upon to come up with solutions to a friend's crisis. This is also a good time to invest or change investment strategies. From the 24th

thru the 30th you may feel that your relationships are in turmoil, but it's nothing a little time won't fix. Give of yourself and it will make those around you more content.

SAGITTARIUS **(Nov 24th - Dec 21st)**

Be wary of romantic overtures and those who would use you for money during the first week of April. Your home life is satisfying now. From the 9th thru the 16th you may think that someone is withholding information from you but it is possible that they just want you to believe that they know something you don't. From the 17th thru the 23rd you should not go out on a limb in business or personal matters. You may make decisions you will regret and that could hurt you later on. From the 24th thru the 30th pay attention to your loved ones and their needs. Let them have the lead and you will find that you are both more content.

CAPRICORN **(Dec 22nd - Jan 19th)**

You will more content both in relationships and on the job during the first week of April. You can move ahead with confidence in all matters. From the 9th thru the 16th you should watch your tongue and be careful to say nothing that will hurt another person. Relationships with family members will improve. From the 17th thru the 23rd you will be able to set goals and reach them with ease. Older people may be critical, take it in stride, they'll see it your way eventually. From the 24th thru the 30th don't hesitate when opportunity presents itself. Someone close to you may try to take

advantage of your feelings.

AQUARIUS **(Jan 20th - Feb 18th)**

You will be able to work rings around your co-workers during the first week of April. This could bring your boss's attention your way and could net you a raise or promotion. From the 9th thru the 16th you will feel a strong sense of control in your home environment, use it to finish projects started long ago. From the 17th thru the 23rd you may feel very affectionate toward your friends and loved ones right now. Don't let them take advantage of your emotions. From the 24th thru the 30th love and money matters are moving along smoothly and you couldn't be happier. This is an especially good time to improve your income if you didn't get that raise earlier in the month.

PISCES **(Feb 19th - Mar 20th)**

Romance is in the air during the first week of April. You will also find that you have a great control over financial matters right now. From the 9th thru the 16th you will have good luck in all partnership matters, whether it is a business or love relationship, things just seem to crystallize right now. From the 17th thru the 23rd your expenses could rise unexpectedly due to a car breakdown or other mishap. Don't worry, it's nothing you can't handle. From the 24th thru the 30th you should avoid travel, especially if it is an unplanned trip. This is a good time to get in touch with a long-distance friend, they can help you avoid jumping to conclusions.





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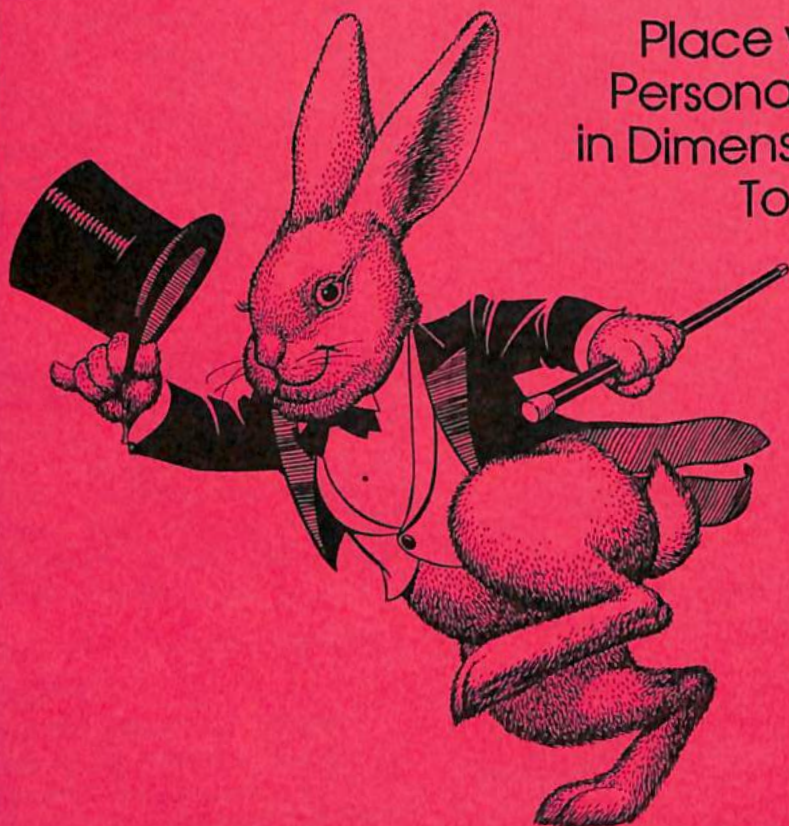
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