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Dear Nana,

My girlfriend likes to top me with a strap-on and basically screw the hell out of me. She really only likes me to be in one position and that's the "roasted chicken" (where I'm on my back with my legs bent up in the air). I love having eye contact with her when we're having sex and I know she totally gets off in this position... but the problem is she is really starting to beat the hell out of my bush. I'm sore for a days afterwards and it hurts to pee... or even walk sometimes. I don't want to blow out the flame in our love life, but I also don't know how much of this I can take anymore...

First of all, I just had to throw out a perfectly good chicken that I had defrosted and intended on cooking for dinner tonight. So thank you very much and go fuck yourself. You could have just said "on my back"... I'm a woman too, and there's only so many ways you can punch a lady's kitty when you're on your back! But on now to the pressing matter at hand... your battered Bush Gardens. For all that I've heard from you lesbians over the years and the problems with "bed death", I understand your desire to not throw a wrench in the works... but it seems like your partner is literally throwing a wrench in your works! So we have to work on that. I would wager a bet that if she knew that her lovemaking left you unable to walk to the bathroom, more or less go to the bathroom; that she would naturally ease off the trigger a little. It's all about loving communication. Tell her how hot it is when she makes love to you... but you'd love to not piss blood and break a hip at 30! She'll get the point... and you'll get less of the "point". And I think that was the point of your letter in the first place XO

Dear Nana,

My ex won't stop texting me! We've been broken up for almost a year, something that he initiated by the way. And though he isn't doing this to try and get back together with me; he also won't just let go of me. I've moved on and let go and though I try to stay friends with many of my exs, the truth is I just really don't trust him anymore. If I ignore his texts, he just increases the volume of them until I'm basically forced into texting him back... even just to say "fuck off and move on". It just seems so passive-aggressive and I don't know that there's anything I can do? And ideas??

Darling, it sounds like you've got a Grade-A serial ex-boyfriend! Nice work, Nancy boy!! See, in my day, a serial ex had to write you a creepy letter, then mail it, then hope the pony didn't die while trying to deliver it! But nowadays, between the texting and the emailing, it seems it's easier to get rid of



a case of Tiawana crabs than it is to wash that man right out of your hair. I hate to turn your summer into a Lifetime movie, but I think it's time to take things to the next level. Tell him that if he doesn't stop contacting you, you'll go to the police. Then do it! At the least they will show up at his house to tell him he needs to quit it, or risk a restraining order. Then, I think you need to get a new phone number and email address and carry a mace pen in your man purse!

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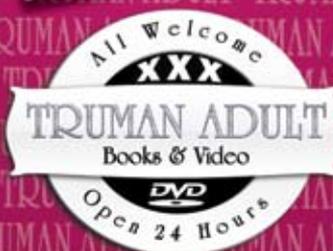


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Aqua Idol starting at 6:30 PM

Reality is a Drag Show at 9 PM

Bourbon

Karaoke starting at 6 PM

American Idol starting at 8 PM

KWest

Men dancing for men starting at 9 PM



MONDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Dueling Bartenders 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Reality is a Drag Show at 9 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Movies in the Garden Bar starting at 8:30 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

KWest

Men dancing for men starting at 9 PM

WEDNESDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Reality is a Drag Show at 9 PM

Bourbon

Karaoke starting at 6 PM

American Idol starting at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

KWest

Men dancing for men starting at 9 PM



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Aqua- 711 Duval St.



Bobby's- 900 Simonton St.

T H U R S D A Y

801

Karaoke starting at 5 PM

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Reality is a Drag Show at 9 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

KWest

Men dancing for men starting at 9 PM

F R I D A Y

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Lenore Troia performs live starting at 4 PM

Reality is a Drag Show at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

KWest

Men dancing for men starting at 9 PM

One Saloon

Cock Shock contest starting at Midnight

S A T U R D A Y

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

World Tavern Poker Tournament starting at 3 PM and 6 PM

Reality is a Drag Show at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bobby's

Pool Tournament starting at 2 PM

Bowling Tournament on the Wii starting at 5 PM

Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

KWest

Men dancing for men starting at 9 PM

S U N D A Y

801

Karaoke starting at 5 PM

Gay Bingo starting at 5 PM

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

World Tavern Poker Tournament starting at 3 PM and 6 PM

Reality is a Drag Show at 9 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

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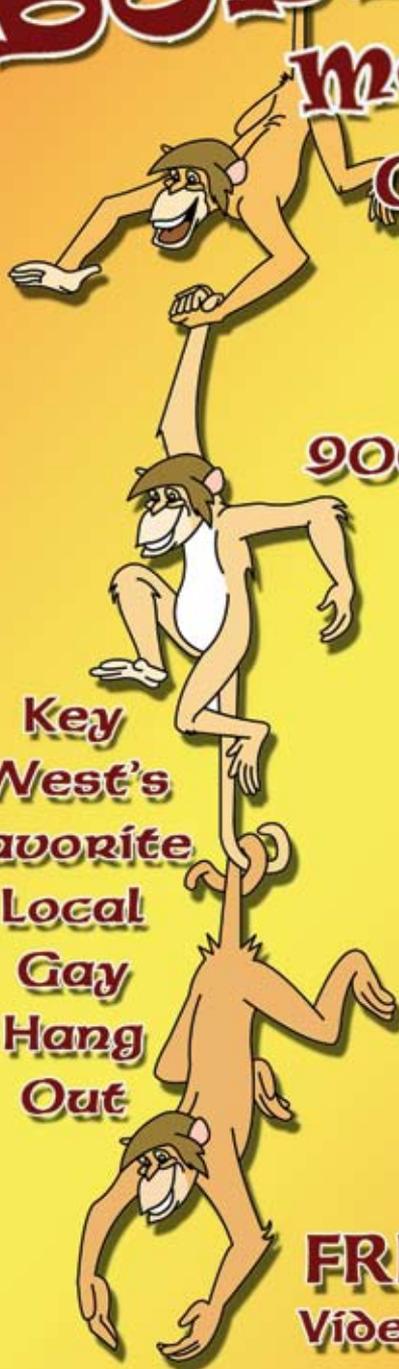


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by: **Brad Loekle**



I recently got the chance to test drive my seldom used Shirley MacClaine impersonation. Gays young and old all know the scene I'm talking about: Shirley goes out to the nurse's station to ask why her daughter hasn't been given her pain shot yet... cinematic brilliance ensues. Ever since I was a small gay boy, anytime one of my parents or grandparents was in the hospital, I waited impatiently for a momentary lapse of care so that I might swoop in and be the heroine I always knew I was born to be. I'm 32 now and the moment finally came to pass... but not quite how I imagined.

You see, my Dad recently fell and broke three ribs. When he went in for the scans to check out the ribs, they found some seriously concerning growths on both his lungs and his pancreas. Growths they probably never would have known were there since my Dad is an old school redneck and never goes to doctors. Talk about a lucky break with the ribs! They scheduled him for exploratory surgery to take a look at everything and, as the only child of divorced parents; it naturally falls on me to return home to help whenever something like this occurs. Now my father doesn't live in the middle of nowhere... but on a clear day you can see "nowhere" from the top of the hill. Of course, this is not the sort of surgery you want to have done in our local community hospital/tire care center. So, I packed up Pops, his two basset hounds, and little gay me and drove him the 2 hours it took to get to a hospital where bloodletting through leeches and dancing with snakes were not on the menu of medical services.

They prepped my Dad for surgery, wheeled him out, and then came the long wait. While he was in surgery I was left in the little curtained off area where my Dad's bed had been. I could hear the sassy old Black lady in the curtain next to ours commenting on The View to her husband. "Whut in the HELL is that Black Lezzzbian wearing today?! Are those over-alls??" I'm going to go out on a limb and say she was referring to Whoopi. If you've ever seen the show, you'll probably agree.

After what seemed like days, they brought my father back out to me. He was still almost completely unconscious from the anaesthesia. I sat there, my hand on his shoulder, and tried to look less scared than I was as he began to come around. He looked at me, almost as if he didn't recognize me, and said, "Young man... there's no need to feel down". I panicked inside my head. My Dad doesn't recognize me. Oh God. Oh God. Something happened in surgery. My mind races: maybe he's had some sort of stroke, or reaction to the anesthesia, what's happening. He continued to speak, "young man.. pick yourself off the ground...because you're in a new town..."

Wait a second. My Dad isn't stroking out... he's reciting the fucking lyrics to YMCA!?!?! Well, I marched right out into that nurse's station and I said, "Excuse me, EXCUSE ME! I need someone to take care of my father right away!!!"

"What seems to be the problem?" An unimpressed nurse responded, barely looking up from her paperwork. "I'll tell you what the Goddamn problem is! Someone in that surgery room turned my father gay! Now you are gonna get the whole damn team back in here and they are gonna crack that old man back open and FIX IT! I have been the only cocksucker in this family for 32 years and I'll be damned if I'm gonna let this old coot steal my thunder now!!"

So it wasn't exactly the same as Shirley MacClaine, granted. But I did get to yell in the nurse's station. Sometimes you have to take your victories where you can get them, kids!

Oh, PS, Dad's doing well. And back to being the utterly heterosexual old codger that I've known my whole life.

Brad Loekle is a comedian based out of NYC. He can be seen Thursday nights on TruTV's "The Smoking Gun" at 9PM & produces the longest running weekly gay comedy show in New York.

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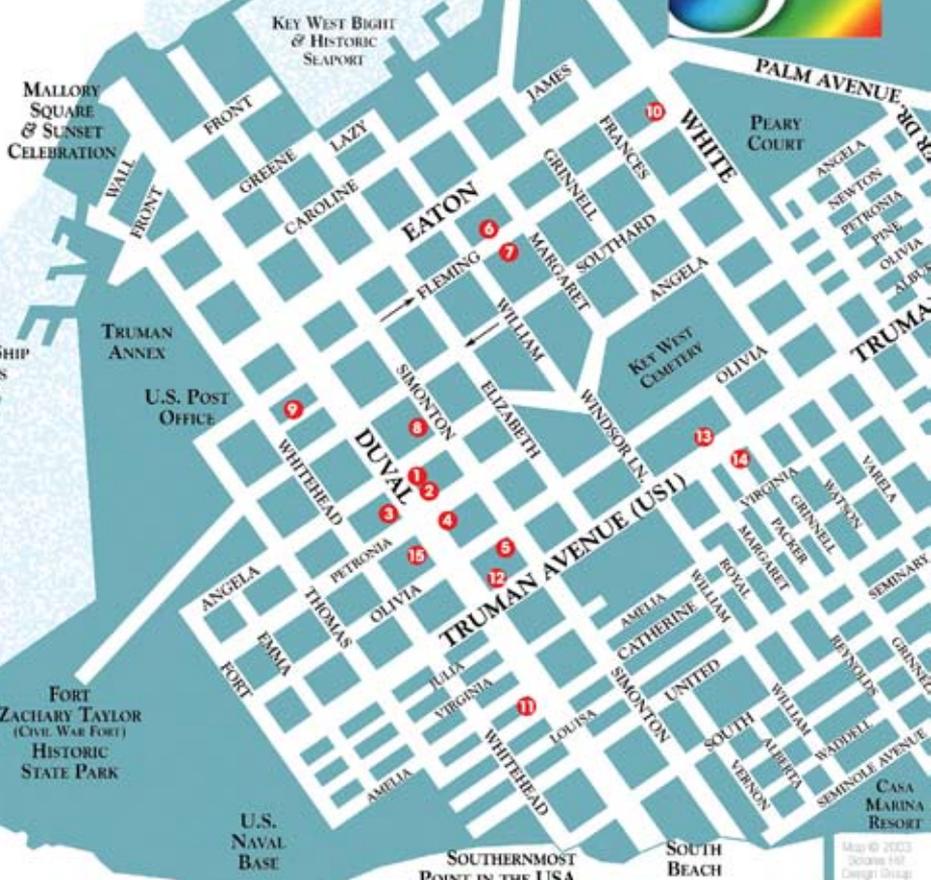
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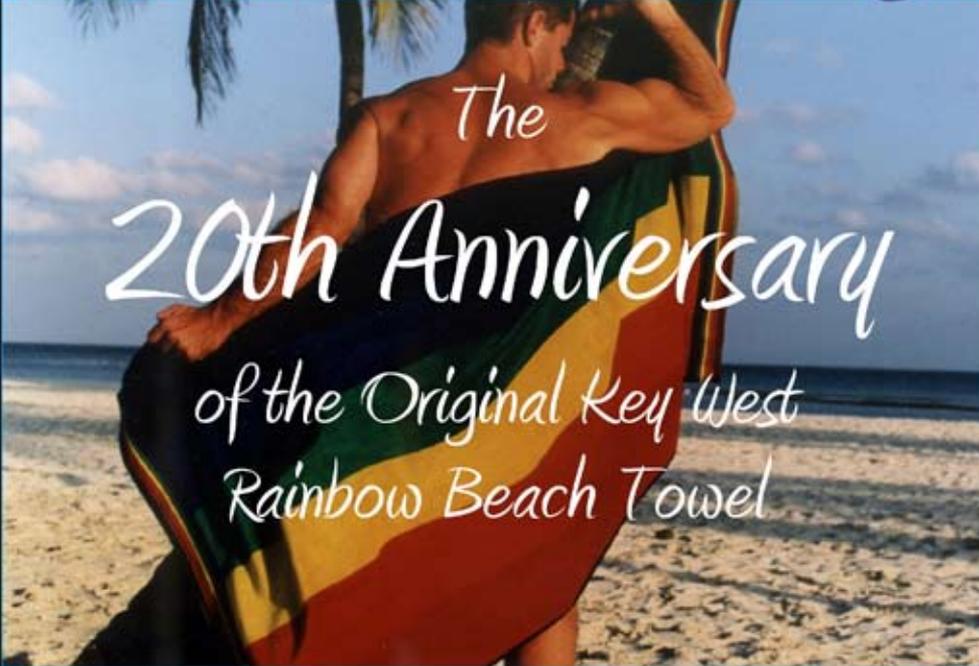
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Angie Baby Pimping My Pride



Neil, the publisher of this placemat with staples, begged me to write a few words about PRIDE.

"You've been away too long," he implored in that Boston accent that too-often comes across as irritable. "Your five fans miss your keen insight."

I momentarily mistook this for "clean insides" and wondered how people knew I abused laxatives. As I chewed the mint from my mojito, hoping it would suffice as mouthwash, he fell to bended knee. I saucily suggested other chores of a sensual nature. He could, for example, worship in The Church Of My Poisonous Behind.

Instead, he buffed some dogshit off of my Crocs. I was grateful.

Some chronology is in order. Your Angie relocated to Key West just over a year ago, fleeing bleak Midwest winters, a wizened probation officer who looked like Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer and some overdue library books on the Marquis deSade. I figured that I would flourish, as I always have where graft and theft, if you read the daily Citizen, are the principal industries. Ahhhhhhhhh! Life in Paravice!

But I floundered.

I secretly slept upright in an unlocked storage shed until the surprised owners one morning mistook me for a deck broom and I screamed. Any romance lasted about as long as a rinse cycle. I laid as dormant as a sink sponge and smelled about as good, gargling the 33040 mantra "It's 5 o'clock somewhere" until someone grabbed my martini to remind me it meant P.M., not A.M. I took no pride in my appearance, if you ever stared at me loping down Duval in a dirty bra, warmup leggings and one Louboutin heel. Didn't I just ignore your catcalls and then snag someone's abandoned half-cocktail at Mangoes?

So I'm the wrong person to ask about pride. I have none. I also have no dignity, certain teeth or a functional uterus.

Pride, it's tricky, it's uniquely individual, in the milky eye of the beholder, why! why! it's a snowflake! Christ knows mine melts on contact. My Grandmother Yvette is proud when she sneezes and doesn't shit herself. The Monroe County School Board gets all puffed up when a vendor invoice is signed, dated and bears a faint resemblance to the original bid. My mail carrier is proud of how psychic he is, since he'd he's been delivering only 5 days a week for over a year.

Here are some of the things your Angie is kinda proud of:

That the woman everyone says is the angriest lady in the Keys at our Post Office calls me "sweetheart" (she recognizes a kindred spirit)

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I have been neither shamed nor coerced into sunset at Mallory

Recent pubic hair grooming has, at last calculation, sopped up over 1/3 of BP's oil leak; they persist in asking when I will do my taint

The cemetery iguanas now scare the fanny-packed tourists who have apparently never seen an ironic grave marker before

I am not in the least bit proud:

That our new airport saw fit to drape plastic flowers over their Departure area waterfall

When people mistake my bloodshot eyes for a crying binge. I'm just a drunk, folks

I know Dollar Tree stockpeople by name

We don't have a City Hall but do have gyrating people on cement stilts selling pizzas on Roosevelt

That our gutless town won't allow sand to collect in my many personal crevices on a clothing-optional beach.

Monique can't be forced to stand trial in that saucy French maid costume

Funny thing, this PRIDE business. Surely that is what it has become and, in some cases, commerce has trumped conscience. We've all seen certain boutiques, eateries and ginmills -- not just here -- suddenly unfurl gay flags to herald their diverse values, only to hurriedly stow them away once the PRIDE timeframe is passed. Then comes the parade. The younger people I see and scare at these merely use the steamy afternoon as a pretext to show off their progress at the gym. Do you remember Jerry Falwell and his Moral Majority?, I want to howl. Is Stonewall just something you do with credit card debt collectors? I've no objection to an empowering anthem, but I'd rather hear Cuban treefrogs perform the chorus of 'I Am What I Am' than suffer Heather Small singing 'Proud' one more time.

I'd like to see what constitutes my life presented in a parade, but sunburnt onlookers are rarely impressed by a futon on coasters, scraping the ground with such ferocity it's sparking, weighted down as it is by a wigless, SKOLed-out hag in a plump Depend. Yet this plaint is common. Many in the LGBTOCDACORNPOWFDIC community-- I hope I haven't omitted anyone -- wonder: where am I? Find me the tableaux of middle-aged gay males in matching sweaters tied around their shoulders reconciling their joint checkbook ledger; the lesbian with a keyring as big as Hula Hoop mowing her yard; someone who identifies as bi scouring both genders on Craigslist; a tranny and his trowel of MAC.

Those are too mundane.

Fuck the self-congratulatory mixers, the one-name-only DJs their own parents have never heard of, the drunken procession of ill-conceived floats up closed streets. I'd settle for government acknowledgment that we have the same rights, since we pay the same, or more, taxes than our hetero brethren, without all of the legal documentation that won't amount to sleep drool if someone you share DNA with finds a sympathetic judge.

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MLK Pool 300 Catherine St.(2nd and 4th Wed.)

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Pridefest Key West

Schedule of Events

Wednesday - June 9

- 6:00 PM - Guild Mixer / Kick Off Party - Island House - 1129 Fleming Street
- 6:00 PM - PrideFest/AIDS Help Film Festival, Tropic Cinema - 416 Eaton Street
- 8:00 PM - Miss PrideFest Key West 2008 Pageant - La Te Da - 1125 Duval Street

Thursday - June 10

- Noon - 8:00 PM - Hospitality "Sweet" - Swankey Events - 623 Duval Street
- 6:00 PM - PrideFest/AIDS Help Film Festival, Tropic Cinema - 416 Eaton Street
- 6:00 PM - Women on the Water Sunset Cruise - Sebago Watersports - 200 William Street
- 9:00 PM - Ms. Key West Pride - Aqua Nightclub - 711 Duval Street

Friday - June 11

- Noon - 8:00 PM - Hospitality "Sweet" - Swankey Events - 623 Duval Street
- 12:30 PM - Men's Snorkeling & Sailing - Sebago Watersports - 200 William Street
- 5:00 PM & 8:00 PM - Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS - Waterfront Playhouse
- 8:00 PM - Bad Girl's Party - Pearl's Rainbow - 525 United Street
- 8:00 PM - Mr. Key West Pride - Bourbon Street Pub - 724 Duval Street
- 9:00 PM & 11:00 PM - Reality is a Drag Pride Edition - Aqua Nightclub - 711 Duval Street
- 10:00 PM - Fetish Party & Exhibit - 801 Bourbon Bar - 801 Duval Street
- 11:00 PM - Burning Down the House - KWest Men - 705 1/2 Duval Street

For more information, call 305-294-4603

Pridefest Key West

Schedule of Events

Saturday - June 12

- 10:30 AM - Pride Historic Gay Trolley Tour - Parking Lot at Simonton & Angela Streets
- 11:30 AM - Carnivale Street Fair - 700 & 800 Blocks of Duval Street
- Noon - 8:00 PM - Hospitality "Sweet" - Swankey Events - 623 Duval Street
- 1:00 PM - Splash for Everyone - Bourbon Street Pool - 724 Duval Street
- 8:00 PM - Dancing On Duval Carnivale Block Party - 700 Block of Duval Street
- 8:00 PM - Lavender Lollipop Lounge - Swankey Events - 623 Duval Street
- 11:00 PM - Pride Ball - Aqua Nightclub - 711 Duval Street
- 11:00 PM - Drop a House On That Bitch - KWest Men - 705 1/2 Duval Street
- Midnight - Amateur Strip Contest - KWest Men - 705 1/2 Duval Street

Sunday - June 13

- 10:00 AM - MCC Special Pride Service - MCC Church - 1215 Petronia Street
- 12:00 PM - Wunderlust - Swankey Events - 623 Duval Street
- 2:00 PM - Parade Watch at Swankey Events - 623 Duval Street
- 2:00 PM - Equality & Diversity Pride Parade - Duval Street (Front Street to United Street)
- 5:00 PM - Pride Bingo - 801 Bourbon Bar - 801 Duval Street
- 4:00 PM - Equality & Diversity Tea Dance - La Te Da - 1125 Duval Street

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Wednesday, June 9th 6-8PM

The Tropic Cinema

416 Eaton Street

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TWOSPIRITS

'Equality and Diversity in Paradise'...it's this

year's Pridefest theme and TWO SPIRITS,

in its exploration of a tribal culture that actually

celebrated gender duality, probes what can happen

when it isn't honored.

Thursday June 10th, 6-8 PM

The Tropic Cinema

416 Eaton Street

Free Admission



Whore--Scopes

Aquarius

Jan 20 – Feb 18

Good news... With the economy in the current condition, Strax Rejuvenation is doing liposuction starting at only \$2500!

Pisces

Feb 19 – Mar 20

Love may be blind but it can still see bad fashion. The Salvation Army Thrift Shop and Ross Dress for Less need to be off your list from now on.

Aries

Mar 21 – Apr 19

The next time you take a "vacation," at least take some pictures from the web and download them to your camera. People are starting to realize you were at Depoo for two weeks.

Taurus

Apr 20 – May 20

It's time to invest in going to the salon to get your hair colored. Using a sharpie to cover the gray just isn't working ya cheap bastard!

Gemini

May 21 – Jun 20

Hair is being collected to help with the oil spill in the gulf. If you would shave your back, the disaster should be over.

Cancer

Jun 21 – Jul 22

You know that cute twink at the grocery store that smiles at you every time you come in? That's his job Mary! He's not flirting and he thinks you're creepy!

Leo

Jul 23 – Aug 22

Ok, poodle, it's time to start pulling back the foreskin when you shower. When people come out of the booths at Truman Books hurling, that should be a sign!

Virgo

Aug 23 – Sep 22

I'm not saying you're ugly.... well, yeah, I guess I am saying that.

Libra

Sep 23 – Oct 22

There is an ancient Asian saying that applies to you. It doesn't translate well but roughly it says "You're an asshole and no one likes you."

Scorpio

Oct 23 – Nov 21

It's time you realized that "you're not all that and a bag of chips." At your size, you're closer to THREE all thats and you probably should skip the bag of chips.

Sagittarius

Nov 22 – Dec 21

Gurrrl... It may be Pridefest here in Key West but don't you think you've gone over the top? Rainbow shirt, pants, bracelet, neck kerchief, socks, underwear, and cock ring? Really? Do you think after wearing all of that anyone will see your cock ring?

Capricorn

Dec 22 – Jan 19

Giving a puppy or a kitten to a friend is a very nice thing to do. Giving them crabs, not so much. Time to hit the pharmacy!

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