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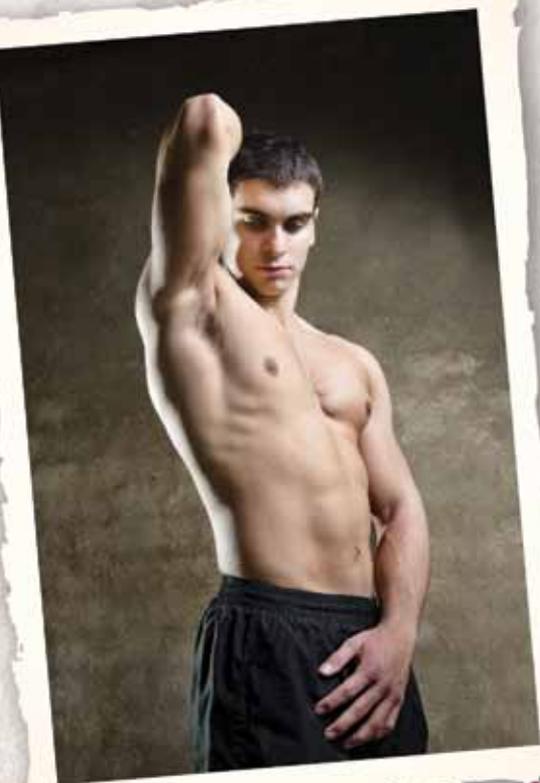
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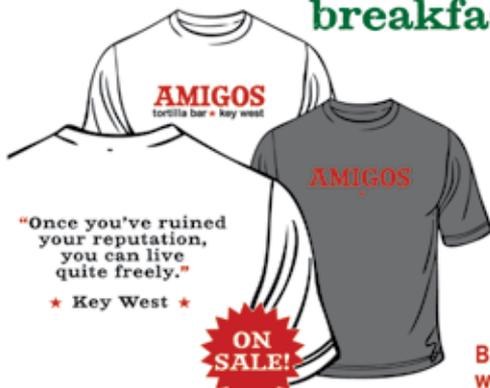


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THE 47%

by: **Brad Loekle**



As of March 6th, my manager worked out that we've spent 47% of this year, so far, on gay cruises. I know, I know, some of you will say, "I wish I had your problems!" And I completely understand your perspective on that. I know I'm very lucky. I also know my lucky life is an odd combination of extreme situations that I now realize take place, for the most part, while in the middle of the damn ocean. For instance, as I write this, the sun is attempting to come out over a massive rain storm as we sail between Melbourne & Sydney, Australia and I'm trying to type softly enough to not wake up my manager... who is sleeping ass up in a jock strap, body glitter and bunny ears (from last night's White Party). There is also a semi-retired porn star sleeping on my floor that seems to be cuddling one of my motorcycle boots as if it were a teddy bear or a "binky". I can't remember how he got in here. I never remember how they get in here.

Living half your life not only at sea, but also on these massive, amazing spectacles that are "gay cruises" really does skew your sense of reality. For instance, during this 47% of 2015, I've had sex with a doctor (see last month's article), got topped by a midget (no really), been quarantined with the flu in a room with no windows for 2 days (I don't advise that excursion), seen two furies fuck in a gay bar in Melbourne (imagine if you say Teddy Rucksbin doing reverse cowgirl), met a 32 year old gay virgin (no really), learned how to play craps with Kathy Najimy (we lost), learned the coochie-coochie from Charo (her tits are amazing... still), oh and may or may not have ended up on someone's private jet who may or may not have worked for a drug cartel (those details continue to be sketchy... thanks Xanax!). So I ask you, after all of this how on earth am I expected to get my laundry done and pay my cell phone bill?! Also, if it makes you feel any better, there are a few downsides to #MyBigGayLife.

There's a reason why sailors always had the reputation of being drunk. First of all, because they usually were, but also because once you develop real "sea legs" it means anytime you're on land you have a tendency to stumble and sway like you just turned 21 and discovered shots. Also do you know how hard it is to be at a cruise ship buffet with 2000 gay men? It's hell on earth! They will stare at the buffet trying to choose between one dish or another like it's Sophie's Choice! It's all I can do to not kneecap them so I can get to "Taste of Asia" section of the buffet before all the shrimp have been picked out of the Lo Mein. Also, on the ship I'm currently on, my cabin steward's name is "Ding-Dong". He's the sweetest miniature Pilipino man, probably in his early 30's, with a huge smile and questionable dental history... and his name, according to his name badge, is DING DONG. I have to say "Good Morning, Ding Dong!" Everyday and try to not laugh or have a brain aneurism. Oh! I also fell out of bed the other night, due to rough seas, and bruised my hip on a red sequin roller skate... that wasn't mine. I'll also be 37 years old next month. I'm pretty sure those two sentences were never meant to co-exist beside one another.

This cruise will mark my last gay cruise for a while. So very quickly that 47% will drop back down to a normal level. I have to return to LA to begin work on a very large show for a very large network. I can't talk about it yet, so don't ask but as soon as I can I'll blab all about it! It's the sort of show that could be a real career changer for me... or could be over in a flash and leave me right back where I started. But, like some odd gay version of a 17th century pirate, the sea will always be there for me. I'll always be able to jump on a gay boat and have a "Ding Dong" waiting for me.

Though I could live without watching Teddy Ruxsbin get banged like a screen door in a hurricane again... just sayin'.

Brad Loekle is a comedian currently living in LA. He can be seen every week on TruTV's "World's Dumbest", has written for Joan Rivers on E! "Fashion Police" & tours extensively on Atlantis Events & RSVP gay cruises.

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Something new and exciting is in the works for Kamp Key West next month. I won't "slip" the details and let them "slide" out of my mouth.

I'm too much of a lady to divulge who it was, but two guys were having some fun in a somewhat public space the other night while both of their husbands were working. To top it off, the two husbands work together! Maybe those guys should get it on in the walk-in one night!

Someone took a little vacation and kept the destination quiet. Must have been some vacation. He came back looking like a new man. Maybe he was at the island of nipandtuck?

During the summer, many locals leave for the season. Looks like one long timer won't be back.

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My brother Eric is in town. He's testing the waters of Key West, and deciding if he should call it home. I would simply adore having a brother join me, here on this gorgeous island. Therefore, I decided to make his first couple of days... ridiculously-spectacular! I mean, we went over the top!

Day One:

I picked Eric up from the airport. Islands viewed from above? Check! We bee-lined it to Bad Boy Burrito (1220 1/2 Simonton), where I introduced Eric to the Duck Quesadilla. These things are delicious! My best description? It's like a punch in the mouth with pure AMAZING! He ordered it the way I like it, *"no ancho chilies, and please-add-the-seasonal-squashes."* Eric told me "I've never had anything like this! This is one of the best damned things I've ever put in my mouth."

After eating our delicious meal, we walked a few blocks to the Dog Beach. It's

over on the Atlantic side of the island; where the sand is. The view was spectacular and the sound of the waves were tranquil. I loved listening to them lap onto the shore. Eric said, "This is the perfect place to take a date, where would I find one?" I laughed out loud! Our next stop was lovingly changed to the clothing optional bar; the Garden of Eden (224 Duval St.)

The logo for Bad Boy Burrito, featuring the words "badboy" and "burrito" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font on a black rectangular background. "badboy" is on the top line and "burrito" is on the bottom line, both in a slightly irregular, hand-drawn style.

badboy
burrito

It took less effort than I'd expected to convince Eric to take the stairs to the third floor. I suppose it could have been the siren call of naked bodies; grooving on the rooftop. We walked out into a sea of nudity! Tits here, and cocks there. The music was pumping and the dance floor was over-flowing! It didn't take long for us to lose-our-shirts! Then... I pretty much blacked out...

...In the morning we battled our hangovers, at Baby's Coffee (MM15).

We then drove to (MM17), and hung a right for Jump-Bridge. The spring breakers have been in town, which is a huge promise for... inappropriate... good, clean, fun.

The bridge is probably less than 15 feet high. However, in Key West, that's vertigo waiting to happen. Eric wouldn't jump. He was petrified. It took what felt like 9 hours to convince him to jump, but eventually he did take the plunge. He loved it! Then after like 90 more jumps, I managed to drag him away.

All that jumping and taunting, left us famished! We fled to Hurricane Hole at the corner of Cow Key Channel and Stock Island. We were seriously craving some fish! As luck would have it, Hurricane Hole is an active marina; full of fishing boats. The mahi-mahi, was on the menu tonight. Awesome! We had Rum Runners and Mai Tai's too! So, if this day and a half doesn't have Eric hook, line and sinker... I'm not sure anything will.



To read more of Zachary's gay travel adventures, or to join one of his international gay adventure tours visit online at heTravel.com

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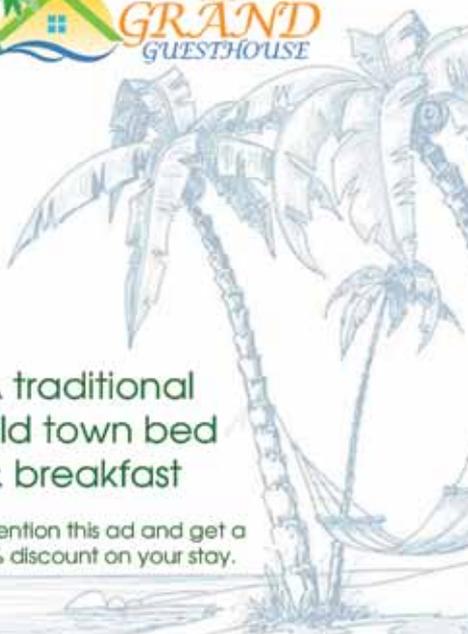
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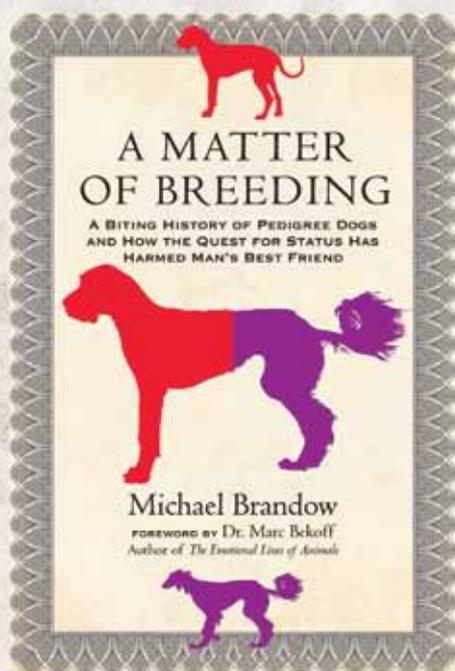
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**“A Matter of Breeding” by Michael Brandow,
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Like most Manhattan-based dog walkers, Michael Brandow met plenty of pooches. He was paid to walk them, play with them, and help them burn energy – and in the meantime, he saw canine fads come and go.

A number of years ago, Brandow walked a lot of Jack Russell terriers. Then he saw scads of Shiba Inus, beagles, Frenchies, each “dog du jour” replaced by another in short order, each with a different “standard” for their breed. But those physical traits weren't always in the dogs' “own best interests,” though they're mandatory in the show ring. Measurements, coat color, head size,

paw shape, they're all required for purebred dogs – even when genetics and health demand otherwise.

It didn't begin that way, says Brandow; in fact, "breeds as we know them are... new inventions..." Dogs used to be just dogs and if a mutt could do a job, that was fine because they were all mutts anyhow.

But then dogs became status symbols, complete with individual breed clubs and fusses over curly tails versus high tails, and black coats instead of brindles. The British initially set those pesky standards, a sort of class war raged in England and North America, the aristocracy spoke up, the pedigree industry "showed an uncanny ability" to make certain dogs fashionable, and dogdom was never the same.

But the dirty little secret? Purebred dogs are hardly that; most were mongrel-bred at some point in their ancestry. Says Brandow, of your dog and his, "... they're all mutts at the end of the day."

When you bring a dog home with you, you naturally expect to have many happy years with him. Here, LGBT author Michael Brandow sounds the alarm: happy years might not be possible. For a dog lover, that's horrifying, as is this: purebred Bulldogs have major, human-made health issues. The low-slung look of modern German Shepherds isn't natural. Docking tails and cutting ears is almost never necessary. That made me cringe, though Brandow explains how those cosmetic issues are increasingly being rejected.

But "A Matter of Breeding" isn't just informative; it's also an outraged rant against dog shows, the pedigree industry, breeders, and owners of purebred dogs. Eventually, it feels incessant, and that tends to overwhelm and even numb a reader. It also can detract from the books' main point.

And yet, though it's not easy reading, I do think this book is worthwhile. Just beware - it could start a few arguments, too. Depending on where you sit, with mutt or unmix, your side in "A Matter of Breeding" could land someone in the doghouse.



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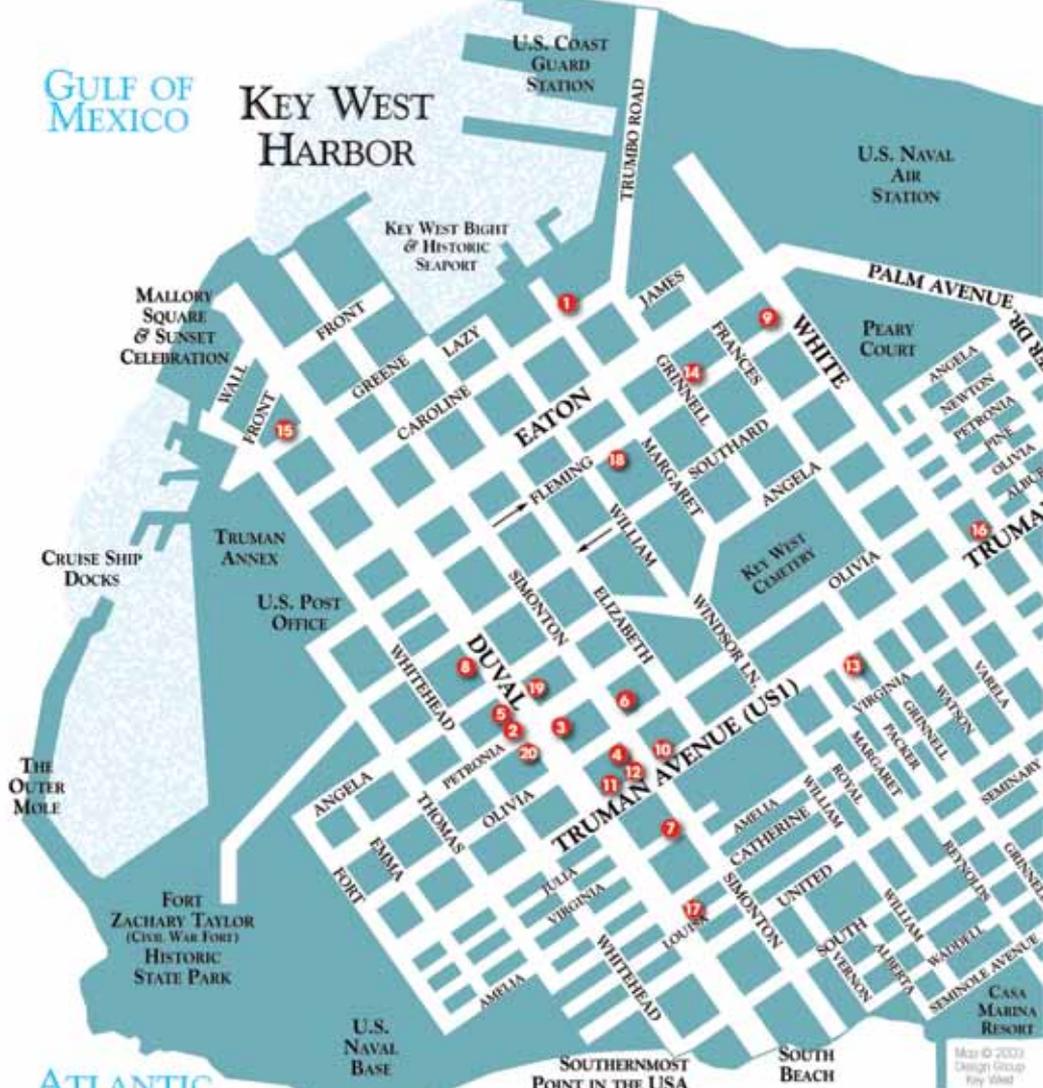


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Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

TUESDAY

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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

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Aqua Idol at 6:30 PM

Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM

Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM



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Karaoke starting at 6 PM

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM

Bourbon

Jessica Grabbit singing live at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Island House

Hot Naked Humpdays starting at 5 PM

T H U R S D A Y

801

Karaoke starting at 5 PM

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

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Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM

Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Jessica Grabbit singing live at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

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*Drag Shows at 5 PM, 9 PM
and 11 PM*

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Tacos & Trivia at 5:00 PM

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Dance Party starting at 11:30 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Jessica Grabbit singing live at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

One Saloon

*Cock Shock contest starting at
Midnight*

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*Drag Shows at 5 PM, 9 PM
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Drag Shows at 7 PM, 9 PM & 11 PM

Dance Party starting at 11:30 PM

Bourbon

Pool Party starting at 12 PM

Jessica Grabbit singing live at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

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Karaoke starting at 5 PM

Gay Bingo starting at 5 PM

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

SIN night starts at 10 PM

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Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

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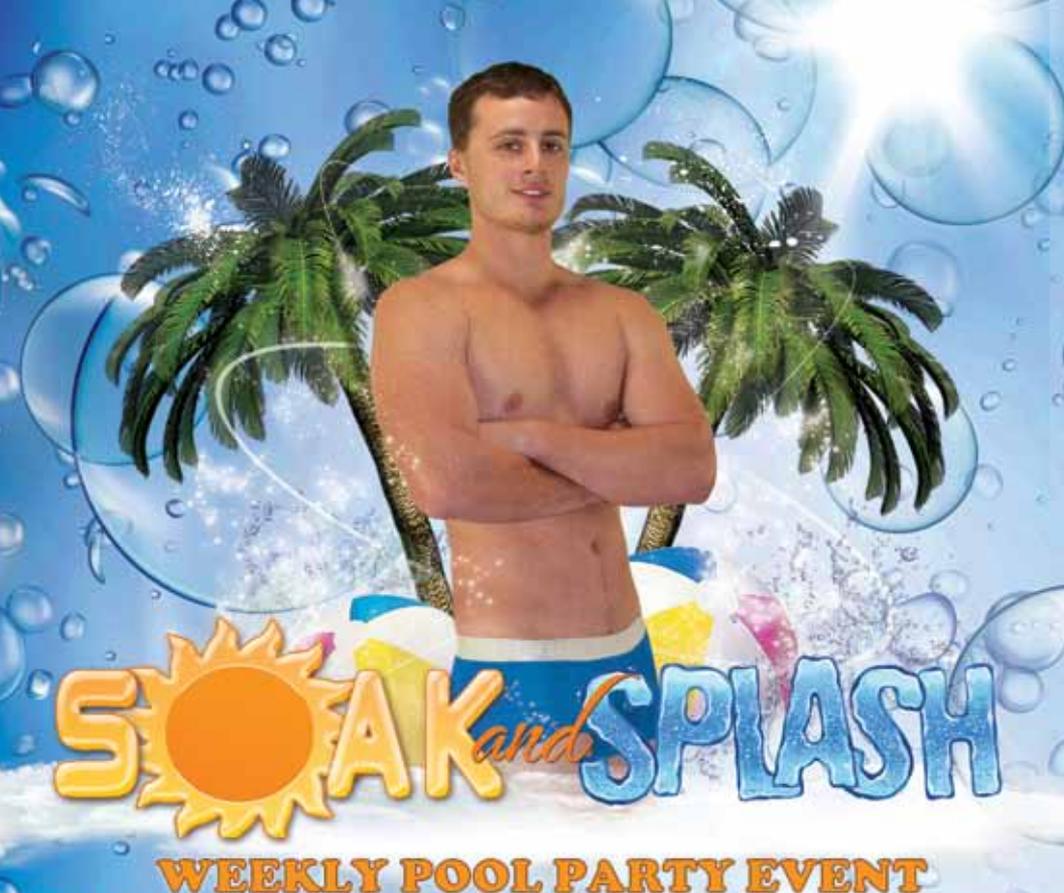
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Q Slang

Fauxgiene - Faking washing your hands after using the bathroom.

He tried to make it look like he washed his hands but he's just practicing fauxgiene.

Pre-text - A neutral text sent before an important text so that they can't act like they didn't see it.

I sent him a pre-text asking how his day was before I told him about him giving me crabs.

Pirate bath - Washing just your armpits and privates.

I was late for a work so I just took a pirate bath.

Pornfolio - The folder on your computer that you store porn in.

I let my mom use my laptop. I hope she doesn't find my pornfolio.

Flavorgasm - Eating food so good you accidentally moan with pleasure.

I was so embarrassed at the restaurant. I totally had a flavorgasm.

Palm Treeing - Swaying back and forth

He's so stoned he's palm treeing,

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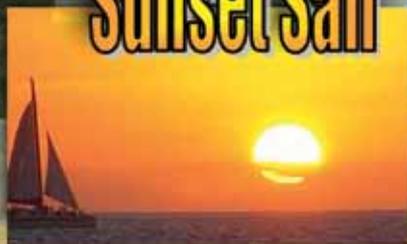
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Ask Nana



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Dear Nana,

Lately my mom has really been ragging on me about getting back into the dating pool. I know she means well but it's really starting to get annoying. How do I tell her that I'm an adult man and I'll start dating again when I'm ready and I actually meet someone I like? Also, I've only been single for about a year so it's not like I'm the 40-year-old virgin or anything!

Oh, darling, if you could ever convince any mother anywhere that their kids aren't forever 10-year-old little boys and girls, the world would be a much easier place to live in. Unfortunately, you're probably not the homo to break that code. But it is fair to "lovingly" remind her that if you managed to get to work on time for the last 15 years without her there to get you out of bed and make your lunch... you can probably be the master of your own love life too. And if that doesn't work, try this: every time she asks you when you're going to get back in the dating pool... ask her when she's going to get back to the gym and lose a

few pounds. When she says that's catty and hurtful... say, "I know! So is what you're saying, bitch! Get it?!" Or however you want to phrase it. Maybe you like your mother too much to call her a bitch. If so, good for you! Also, when are you going to start dating again??



Dear Nana,

What's the best way for a man to get nail polish off his fingernails quickly? Sometimes when my friends and I go out for a night on the town we'll do up our nails just for shits and giggles. But on Monday morning I have to go back to work in my regular office job and I don't need stares from the cunts around me. Any tips?

Well, dumpling, I haven't worn nail polish in many, many a moon. My hands get a little too shaky at this age and I don't want it to look like Michael J. Fox did my manicure. But, I do know a few old sluts who still paint the town, and their nails, red and I gave them a ringy-ding-ding. One suggested a bit of a complex process but swears it works like a charm. She said that if you just soak a cotton ball in the remover and the secure it to the top of your nail with some tin foil, then just wait a few minutes, and the polish should wipe off with just one swipe! Let me remind you that while you're walking around with ten little foiled up fingers.... Soaked in acetone...

that it's probably best to avoid electrical sockets or being seen by any attractive tops in the neighborhood. You're welcome.



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Feb 19 – Mar 20

You refer to your body as your money maker? Clearly you are going to live a life in bankruptcy.

Aries

Mar 21 – Apr 19

Stop being such a cunt. No one wants to talk to a negative Nancy!

Taurus

Apr 20 – May 20

As you get ready to celebrate your birthday, remember that even cheese needs to be aged to perfection. However, after that time, it starts to smell like rotten feet real quick!

Gemini

May 21 – Jun 20

That's a bad sunburn you got. It's a shame that when your skin peels that it won't take some fat with it,

Cancer

Jun 21 – Jul 22

You are handsome, smart and clever. April fools!!

Leo

Jul 23 – Aug 22

You think you're God's gift to the world. In reality, you're just a warning to everyone reminding them how not to turn out.

Virgo

Aug 23 – Sep 22

Wondering why you're still single. The next time you ask your date if he wants to hear some music, don't bring out your tuba!

Libra

Sep 23 – Oct 22

Stop sending out Snapchats. No one wants to see your teeny weeny!

Scorpio

Oct 23 – Nov 21

You call yourself "butch?" You're so gay that you sweat glitter!

Sagittarius

Nov 22 – Dec 21

I know you love Elvis but it's time to see your doctor when you refer to your cock as "Burning Love."

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