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Welcome to Paradise!

The weather is getting warmer and the outfits are getting skimpier!

As the days get longer, this is a great time to take a sunset cruise, get a little dinner then head out on the town.

During the day, hit the beach and show off that tan when you get home!

Enjoy!

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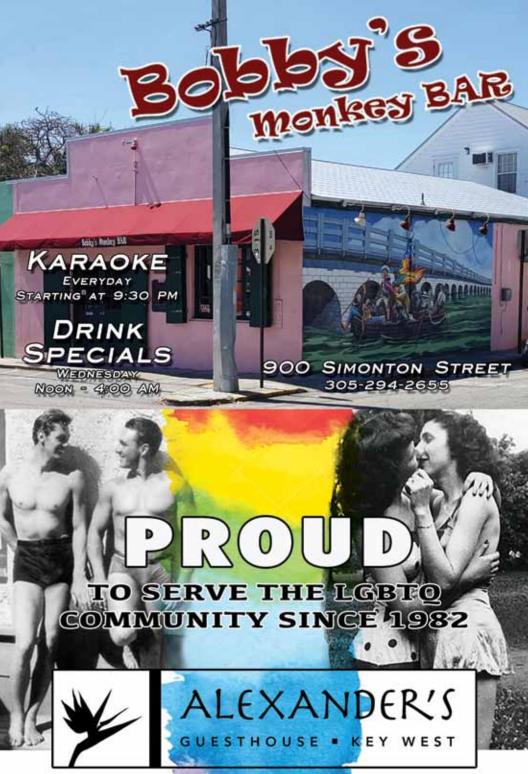
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LEZ GO OUT



Happy March to everyone! It seems rather funny that my first article to you all should be during a time of quarantining and travel bans considering it's called "Lez Go Out". This little colomn will feature local hot spots and off-the-beaten-path sights and events to see and partake of. So let me start by introducing myself. My name is Stephanie Wise. I am a realtor on the island with a fun history that got me down to this little rock in the water. I look forward to telling you about why I love this little island, my favorite secrets regarding local fun and giving you my perspective on what makes our island sassy, crazy, incredibly loving, one-of-a-kind and many other adjectives that I will come up with along the way.

Until the Corona-scare is over, I have seen something rather ingenious floating about on the various Key West Facebook pages that I would like to share with you. I don't know it's origin, but it's message is an important one. It reads, "Fear of the Coronavirus may keep people away from restaurants and small business who usually operate on small margins. So here's something you can do - go to your local favorite business and buy a gift card. Buy it directly from your favorite so they get the use of your money for the next few weeks. Then, when things have settled down, treat your sweetie to an evening out or buy something for someone and use your gift card. What's your favorite local restaurant or small local business?"

We are a small island of interwoven cultures, friends and strangers and I have never known a place more capable of helping one another regardless of our differences. So for my first message to you, I would like it to set the tone and encourage you to help where you can and keep businesses running as usual during such a tumultuous time. Thank you for reading this. Hello for the first time and once the uncertainty calms down.. Lez Go Out!

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

What is the most important information I should know about BIKTARVY*?

BIKTARVY may cause serious side effects:

Worsening of hepatitis B (HBV) infection. If you have both HIV-1 and HBV and stop taking BIKTARVY, your HBV may suddenly get worse. Do not stop taking BIKTARVY without first talking to your healthcare provider, as they will need to monitor your health.

Who should not take BIKTARVY?

Do not take BIKTARVY if you take:

- dofetilide
- rifampin
- any other medicines to treat HIV-1

What are the other possible side effects of BIKTARVY?

Serious side effects of BIKTARVY may also include:

- Changes in your immune system. Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any new symptoms after you start taking BIKTARVY.
- Kidney problems, including kidney failure. Your healthcare provider should do blood and urine tests to check your kidneys. If you develop new or worse kidney problems, they may tell you to stop taking BIKTARVY.
- ▶ Too much lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis), which is a serious but rare medical emergency that can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these symptoms: weakness or being more tired than usual, unusual muscle pain, being short of breath or fast breathing, stomach pain with nausea and vomiting, cold or blue hands and feet, feel dizzy or lightheaded, or a fast or abnormal heartbeat.

> Severe liver problems, which in rare cases can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these symptoms: skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow, dark "tea-colored" urine, light-colored stools, loss of appetite for several days or longer, nausea, or stomacharea pain.

The most common side effects of BIKTARVY in clinical studies were diarrhea (6%), nausea (5%), and headache (5%). Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or don't go away.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking BIKTARVY?

- All your health problems. Be sure to tell your healthcare provider if you have or have had any kidney or liver problems, including hepatitis virus infection.
- All the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, antacids, laxatives, vitamins, and herbal supplements. BIKTARVY and other medicines may affect each other. Keep a list of all your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist, and ask if it is safe to take BIKTARVY with all of your other medicines.
- If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if BIKTARVY can harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare provider if you become pregnant while taking BIKTARVY.
- If you are breastfeeding (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed. HIV-1 can be passed to the baby in breast milk.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Ask your healthcare provider if BIKTARVY is right for you.







(bik-TAR-vee)

IMPORTANT FACTS

This is only a brief summary of important information about BIKTARVY® and does not replace talking to your healthcare provider about your condition and your treatment.

MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT BIKTARVY

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BIKTARVY is a complete, 1-pill, once-a-day prescription medicine used to treat HIV-1 in adults. It can either be used in people who have never taken HIV-1 medicines before, or people who are replacing their current HIV-1 medicines and whose healthcare provider determines they meet certain requirements.

BIKTARVY does not cure HIV-1 or AIDS. HIV-1 is the virus that causes AIDS.

Do NOT take BIKTARVY if you also take a medicine that contains:

- dofetilide
- rifampin
- · any other medicines to treat HIV-1

BEFORE TAKING BIKTARVY

Tell your healthcare provider all your medical conditions, including if you:

- Have or have had any kidney or liver problems, including hepatitis infection.
- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- Are breastfeeding (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed if you have HIV-1 because of the risk of passing HIV-1 to your baby.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take:

- Keep a list that includes all prescription and over-the-counter medicines, antacids, laxatives, vitamins, and herbal supplements, and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist.
- Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist about medicines that interact with BIKTARVY.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF BIKTARVY

BIKTARVY can cause serious side effects, including:

- Those in the "Most Important Information About BIKTARVY" section.
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These are not all the possible side effects of BIKTARVY. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any new symptoms while taking BIKTARVY.

Your healthcare provider will need to do tests to monitor your health before and during treatment with BIKTARVY.

HOW TO TAKE BIKTARVY

Take BIKTARVY 1 time each day with or without food.

GET MORE INFORMATION

- This is only a brief summary of important information about BIKTARVY.
 Talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist to learn more.
- Go to BIKTARVY.com or call 1-800-GILEAD-5.
- If you need help paying for your medicine, visit BIKTARVY.com for program information.





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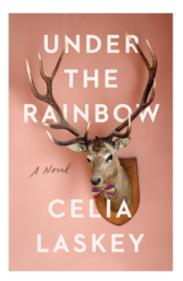




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"UNDER THE RAINBOW" BY CELIA LASKEY c.2020, Riverhead Books | \$27.00 | 288 pages



It's worth a try.

You never know what's going to happen when a new endeavor begins. You only know what it'll cost: time, money, effort, and a lot of patience for a great unknown. This experiment could end well, or it could end very badly but either way, as in the new novel "Under the Rainbow" by Celia Laskey, it's worth a try.

It was a scientific fact: Big Burr, Kansas, was the most homophobic place in the U.S.

That was the determination made by Acceptance Across America, an LGBTQ nonprofit that needed to know before

launching its grand experiment. For two years, AAA hoped to keep a task force in Big Burr to live, work, integrate, and to see if it was possible to change bigots into open-minded, rational people.

Much to her dismay, that's why Avery was taken from her very happy California home: one of her moms volunteered to head the Acceptance Across America experiment. Karen was a lesbian and a feminist; Avery was straight and she hoped that nobody in her new high school would ever think otherwise. It was bad enough that Billy Cunningham's hate-fueled gang found out who her mother was.

Bible-quoting mom-blogging Christine Petersen tried to have Acceptance Across America's billboard removed from downtown and when that didn't happen, she took matters into her own hands. Pastor Jim preached against homosexuality; the police ignored hate crimes; and Arturo, having recently moved to Big Burr from New Mexico because of health issues, struggled to accept his son's husband.

But things weren't all bad in Big Burr: Linda, who recently lost her son in an accident, was delighted to find friends who didn't treat her like broken china. Lizzie finally seized the happiness she'd been putting off. Elsie, who hadn't seen her children in years, found Harley, who was a good substitute and a good friend. And Gabe Cunningham learned that the newcomers to Big Burr would open more than just a few minds...

Here's a bit of advice: just before you start reading "Under the Rainbow," take a deep breath. It may be the last one you get until you're finished.

That's because author Celia Laskey will knock the wind out of you with the pearl-clutching folks in the fictitious town of Big Burr, the authenticity of their thoughts and actions, and the real-life things they do to deny this (almost implausible) social experiment. Better yet, the haters are only half the story: Laskey's tale is also told through a series of first-person points-of-view of some of the activists who serve as glue to hold everything together.

This all amounts to a bunch of concentric circles that are tangled like a cheap necklace in a small box: everybody's tale is tied to half the town through barely-kept confidences and they all know it – although, like any good novel, secrets ultimately become not-so-secret.

For lovers of novels with bite, just the first page is this book will snare you and keep you rapt. Absolutely, "Under the Rainbow" is worth a try.



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MYBIG GAY LIFE Brad Toekle



MY LEFT FOOT

Not too long ago I had my first ambulance ride. After a week of being on crutches and not being able to put any weight on my left foot... for what I thought was a gout flare up, I woke up at 3am with my foot twice its size and purple. I called the nurse's line of my health insurance to see if they would cover me dying. Oddly enough, their only real question was "what shade of purple is your foot?" I said, "light Aubergine"... which was apparently the secret code word because they said I should call an ambulance right away.

When the EMT's arrived, I immediately noticed that they were both hot. One very tall, one very short, but both really hot. I guess even EMT's need headshots to get work in Hollywood. The tall one would not make eye contact with me. I immediately thought I must be in pretty bad shape if he can't look at me. But then my housemate whispered to me to "look around the room". And that's when I saw my house with fresh eyes. My house is filled to the brim with homoerotic art. And by that, I mean, naked pornstars holding their dicks... but their balls are resting on an orchid and it's all in black and white... so ART.

Now I tend to be very attracted to tall guys. But short guys tend to be very attracted to me. And if Hollywood has taught me anything it's that you go where the work is. So, since the tall guy couldn't even look at me... it was the little Mario Cart guy who talked to me and rode in the back of the ambulance. While the tall guy, I assume, "Bird Box" ed us all the way to Cedars-Sinai.

MY BIG GAY LIFE

After an entire day of tests, the doctors still didn't know exactly what was wrong. But my body seemed to just get better. The doctor asked how long I'd been like this and how bad it had been. I explained that I hadn't had a shower or a masturbated in seven days. The doctor, a middle-aged man who until now had never raised an eye brow, looked at me in shock and said, "Mr. Loekle it's important for prostate health that a man of your age masturbates at least once a day!"

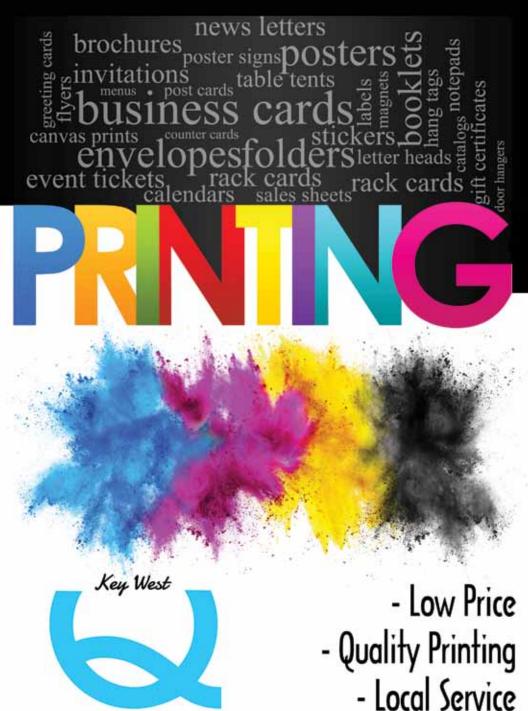
First of all, a man of MY age?! How very dare you, sir. I am a lady in her perpetual late 30's and to say otherwise is to take your life in your own hands! But also, what is this about me now having, in essence, doctor's orders to jerk it on the regular?

The doctor explained that masturbating is very important for prostate health. And so, I should masturbate one to two times a day as part of my daily routine. And then the doctor said something I never thought I'd hear any mammal say:

"Brad, you should think of masturbating just like you think of brushing your teeth and do it twice a day."

Alright, Doc, if you say so. But I have to say there is one big difference for me between jerking off and brushing my teeth. And that is that I have never needed a belt around my neck to "finish" brushing my teeth.

Brad Loekle was a semi-finalist on NBC's "Last Comic Standing". He can be seen every week on TruTV's "World's Dumbest", has written for Joan Rivers on E! "Fashion Police" & tours internationally. His book, "My Big Gay Life" is available on Amazon and at www.bradloekle.com



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As we get ready to go to press, there is some disease named after a beer heading this way. Gurls, we've had more lives in this town ruined by beer so this is nothing we can't handle.

There are plenty of people in town that can't handle their beer so this may be a problem for them.

It looks like there are a few locals that have no problem asking for the locals pricing at different establishments but seem to forget that tipping is not optional. Overheard was something along the lines of "we are all in this together, so they understand." They understand that you're a cheap fuck and as far as being "all in this together," you better hope you don't need any help during the next hurricane because servers in this town always remember those that tip well, and more importantly, those that don't.

As for the rest of you, tip your servers as if you might need a kidney from them next week.

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Local Bartender Interviews
By Fameson Rabbitt



VAMPIRES, BUTT-PLUGS, AND FANGS, OH MY!

This bartender serves Island-Vampire Fantasy, shaken with two olives.

Cody Babin didn't just come out of the closet. He fell-out and hit every branch of the gay tree.

Cody was born in Lewisville, TX. After his parents split up, his family quickly made his was to sunny San Diego where he spent his middle school to high-school years being a 3.8 GPA student. After a 3 semester on-going college party stint, he decided to follow in his father's foot steps and joined the Navy, where he quickly became a talented photo journalist and print shop master while keeping his sexual orientation under wraps.

"I've only been out for four years" and it took a Romanian stud to get Babin to say "I do" and "jump" out of the closet into the bar at Bourbon Pub. His go-to shot? Shots of green tea for everyone! Cody's recipe goes something like this:

- 1.5oz of Jameson
- 1/2oz of Peach Schnapps
- Splash of Pineapple juice, shaken with a hit of Sprite at the end.

Cody has only lived in Key West for five years, but he clearly remembers the first day he got his start behind the bar at Aqua Night Club.





Without any former training, he got his start during Fantasy Fest two years ago! "It was the fetish party at Aqua, and I wore a butt-plug for eight hours which after I was done, I farted for 30 seconds".

He attributes his skills and bar knowledge to his bar mentor and local bartender Mark Watson and the friendly staff at Bourbon, where he hosts his self-proclaimed "Vampire Fridays".

Cody's obsession with vampires started in middle school where he picked up Bram Stoker's Dracula for the very first time (which was way ahead of the reading comprehension of his middle school mates) as a reading assignment. Since then the bloody obsessions with vampires began, and now you can catch Cody wearing no underwear, pleather pants, fangs, and sometimes full fantasy vampire attire completed with red contacts while serving his favorite cinnamon delight, a shot of Fireball.

Dracula was only the beginning of his obsession, during his spare time Cody enjoys reading gay erotica, and anything with vampires, in the future Cody hopes to become a writer and publish his very own gay vampire erotica, which has earned him the title of "Gay-Ann Rice."

Cody also enjoys his martinis "filthy" And to the point! Vodka, olive juice, with two olives, and Babin is ready to feel his rich-woman fantasy. His favorite poison is Jack and Coke but he sticks to Stoli and Sprite in order to contain the vampire inside, "I've been told Jack and Coke makes me mean" which is not a surprise since vampires drink blood and not Jack and Coke.

You can find Cody bartending at Bourbon weekly and make sure to check him out for Vampire Fridays and let him pour you a Vampirita, his own bloody twist on the classic margarita!

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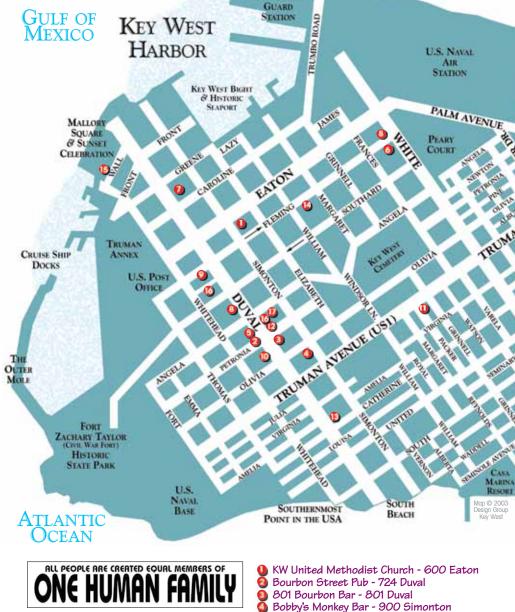












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MONDAY

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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Bria singing live at 8:00 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

TUESDAY

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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Bria singing live at 8:00 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

WEDNESDAY

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801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM Bourbon

Bria singing live at 8:00 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM
Island House

Hot Naked Humpdays starting at 5 PM

SATURDAY

801

Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

THURSDAY

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Karaoke starting at 5 PM Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

SUNDAY

801

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

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Jeff Moss singing live at 7 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Island House

Pre-Tea Pool Party starting at Noon

La Te Da

Tea Dance starting at 4 PM

FRIDAY

801

Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Tea Dance starting at 5 PM Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

One Saloon

Cock Shock contest at Midnight

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Bobby's - 900 Simonton Street

Bourbon - 724 Duval Street

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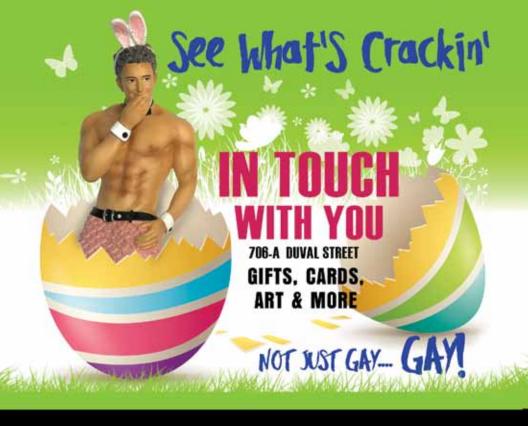
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Dear Nana,

My new puppy won't stop peeing on the rug when I leave the house. He never does it when I'm home. He even goes outside when it's dark and raining. But if I leave the house for more than 15 minutes, he pees on the same rug every time.

Well, first off, you're going to have to get rid of that rug. Maybe he just hates the hell out of that rug? Is it ugly? Do you have terrible taste in rugs? Is your puppy a bitch? These are all the things you should be asking yourself. Maybe it's time to just go with the tile or hardwood floors. But then again, it's never good to let your pets win. Once you start



giving up the high ground it isn't long before you're sleeping at the foot of your own bed while they stretch out as the new king of the hill! I, myself, have cats. Specifically, because they only like to pee and poop in their own box and because they make you earn their love and affection. I like a challenge. Dogs are a bit more like little boys... so maybe every time he pees on something you love; you pee on something he loves. Or just pee on him! I think he'll get the message if you piss directly in his face. Or you'll just reinforce his watersports fetish. Either way you'll both be in a new place in your relationship. Thoughts and Prayers and Paper Towels!

Dear Nana,

My mother makes a huge deal out of Easter. And not just the baskets and the bunny but also the whole Jesus thing. She's oddly more into Jesus at Easter than any other holiday. Even Christmas. My husband and I have a child together and we're not raising them at all religious. How do we balance making sure our kid doesn't drink the Jesus Kool-Aid on Easter but also be respectful of my mother's traditions?

Just cut to the chase with your kid and explain to them that Gam-Gam is a bit goofy in the head. I mean, statistically speaking, your mother is likely to, at some point, start going around the bend in the brain department. So why not prep the little kiddo for that now? It will be less shocking when Grandma is dancing to Laurence Welk in her housecoat... in the rain... in the neighbor's yard.

But if you think that isn't the route... I'd consider just explaining to your kid that people believe all sorts of things. People once believed that the sun went around the Earth, not the other way around. People believed that the shape of your head determined what sort of personality you'd have. People still believe that the stars in the sky can tell you your fortune. And then, some other people believe that Jewish guy rose from the dead in order for people to be forgiven of sin they inherited from a Rib-woman who ate a piece of fruit that a gossipy snake told her to. And we each have to decide what we believe in ourselves and for ourselves only. No one gets to tell you what to believe and you don't get to make other people believe your beliefs?

But I'd still lead with "Gam Gam is a bit of nut job, so take what she says with a grain of salt". You never know what she's gonna tell them when you're not around.

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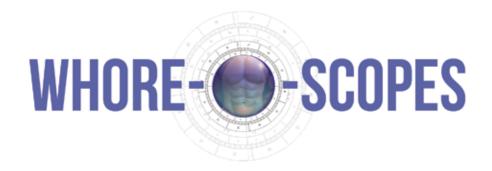
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AQUARIUS JAN 20 - FEB 18
I guess that being a douchebag is tax deductible?

PISCES FEB 19 - MAR 20 Is it the botox in your face making everything you say stupid?

ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19
I don't want to take up your time you've got kegs to tap, mayonnaise
sandwiches to eat, pro-wrestling to
watch....

TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20 At what point in your life will you stop eating paint chips?

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20 Do you hear the word "Morbidly" a lot?

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22
Arguing with you is like reading the Software License Agreement. In the end, you just ignore everything and click "I agree".

LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22

The next time someone breaks up with you, don't cry because it's over, cry because you're ugly.

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22 Enjoy the little things in life... like your dick.

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22
I heard that you shower after sex.
Maybe you should have sex more often.

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21
Stop thinking that you're hot because the only thing you can turn on is the microwave.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21
The fastest way to turn on your
front facing camera is to ask Siri
why you're alone.

CAPRICORN DEC 22 - JAN 19 You're like a cloud, When you leave, people are happy. FANTASY? REALITY!

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