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Key West has always been a place where you can find places to let it all hang out.

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What good is a trip to a fabulous gay destination if you don't go out and dance?

Key West has many clubs that serve multiple functions such as shows, live singing, movies or sports, fundraisers, competitions, and sometimes even dancing. Here is a guide of where to go to get your groove on.

Bourbon Street Pub plays dance music 7 days a week starting at 10:00 PM On weekends, they open up their larger dance space with a stage so if you feel like showing off your moves, jump up and shake it.

Aqua Nightclub plays dance music on weekends after the last Aquanette's show. This is the largest dance floor in the pink triangle so bring your friends.

Sidebar is the most eclectic dance bar with theme nights every week and a cozy dance floor large enough to break out and small enough to grind on someone if that's what you want.

If day dancing is your thing, we have some options for you as well.

The Garden Bar at Bourbon Street Pub has a weekly Tea Dance on Friday afternoons from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM with DJ Rude Girl spinning all of your favorite disco classics to current hits and everything in between.

Don't fret if you miss Tea Dance at Bourbon, because you can hear DJ Rude Girl again at La Te Da for the world famous Sunday Tea Dance from 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM, don't be late though as the tea dance stops promptly at 6:30 PM to open the restaurant for the night.

Regardless of what type of music you like, you're sure to find it in Key West!

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?

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- 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.







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IMPORTANT FACTS

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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

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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

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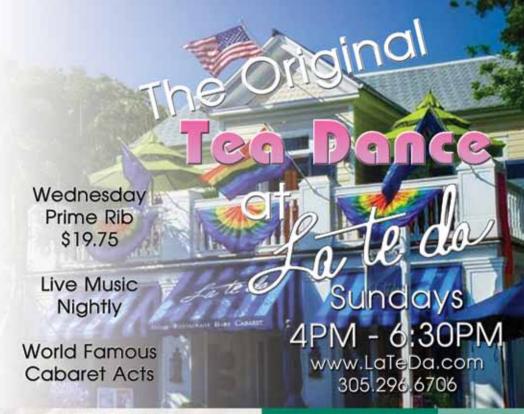














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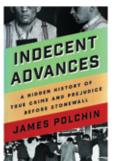
"OUT IN TIME" BY PERRY N. HALKITIS

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 ${f F}$ ifty years ago, it was a busy summer.

Nationally, everyone was glued to their TVs to watch men walk on the moon. Woodstock called to every hippie here, there, and abroad. Charles Manson terrified Californians. And gay and lesbian folks watched closely as a little bar in Greenwich Village became a flash-point for rights.

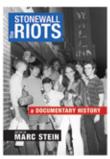
If you are over age 55, you might have memories of the Stonewall Riots; vivid ones that may've become gauzy; or sketchy ones, perhaps, from the viewpoint of a child. If you're under age 55, the Stonewall Riots are undoubtedly just a story to you and there's a lot for you to learn. To mark the anniversary of this event that altered so many lives, look for these new books...



Beginning in the years before the Stonewall Riots, "Indecent Advances: A Hidden History of True Crime and Prejudice Before Stonewall" by James Polchin takes a look at the crimes committed against gay men, long before equality and rights were a notion, let alone even being on the table.

Murder, of course, lines the pages of this book but you'll also read stories of harassment, assault, and minor crimes that were embellished so that they could be charged as more serious. Polchin also looks at how criminal acts committed by and aimed at LGBT people came under controversy when attention was paid to one minority group's safety, and not to that of another group. This, the embedded presence of many (in)famous criminals, and other stories lightly linked to Stonewall make it a unique and interesting book.

Because memories fade, opinions differ, and people die, "The Stonewall Riots: A Documentary History," edited by Marc Stein is a valuable resource to have. Here, Stein collected photographs, court transcripts, notes, newspaper excerpts, and transcripts of documents that prove an intimate timeline for the years 1965 through 1973. His focus was on four major cities but he also includes documents that originated elsewhere; works of fiction also show up in this book. While it's



primarily about gay men, lesbians and "transvestites" are inside its pages, as well.

Says Stein, "there is always more to the story..." and this books displays it.



And it's normal to want to compare the way things were in 1969 to the way things are now. In "Out in Time," Perry N. Halkitis does exactly that with three generations of gay men to show that, while there are differences in social attitudes, health, legalities, and politics, there are also striking similarities in challenges and in gains. Done with mini-interviews woven through narrative to hold together the words of everyday people, this is an easy book to step into, with short chapters and browse-able segments.

Readers should note that these books are historically-based and may be on the scholarly side, eye-opening, and quite entertaining. If you have keen memories of the summer of '69, what's here may pull you back fifty years. If you're too young to remember what happened then, these books on the Stonewall Riots will keep you busy all summer.



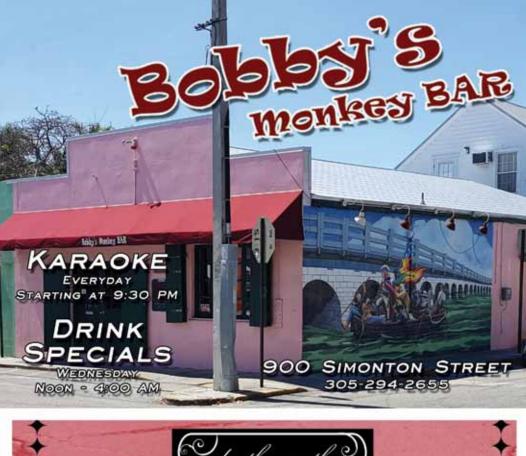
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MYBIG GAY LIFE Brad Toekle



SLIP OF THE TEXT

It's happened to all of us. We've all accidentally texted something to the wrong person. In our modern age that has made us trade phone calls for fingering (our phones) it is the newest, most embarrassing faux pas we can make. You're texting your fuck buddy and your best friend at the same time and then it happens. You accidentally send "the door's unlocked, breed me, Daddy!" to a 47-year-old African American woman who is an art history professor at a noted and accredited university. When what you meant to do was send that to the 47-year-old African American personal trainer who takes his job to the next level when it comes to you. Or rather, when it comes in you. And it/he does. But not your BFF! Oh my (no such thing as) God! What have you just done?! Now you have to have a whole talk with her about what you just sent her, by accident. Because, she's certainly not gonna let that one go!

It's a tale as old as time. Or, at least, as old as texting. And lately it's been happening to me a lot. Like, a lot, a lot. I'll be having a perfectly normal conversation with my manager about upcoming travel dates and then, BLAM! I get "Show me that pretty little hole".

Excuse me? I'm your client and you only fuck Asian twinks. What the hell is going on?! Now I've just come to expect it. That at least once a day someone I know or work with is going to tell me way too much about themselves thanks to a misplaced thread. And why haven't our phones evolved to prevent this? My phone costs as much as some people's mortgage payments and you can't make it a little clearer who I'm texting? My phone can track if I say "Jonas Brothers" ever... so that it can then put ads for "Jonas Brothers: Chasing Happiness" in all my

MY BIG GAY LIFE

feeds. Even though when I wrote "Jonas Brothers" I had written "I'd rather have someone fuck me with a pinecone than watch anything about the Jonas Brothers' personal journey". But my phone can't catch the difference between me texting a contact that's name "Steve Grindr" versus me texting a contact that's named "Claire from Accounting"? Come on, smart phone... take an Adderall and learn faster.

Just today it happened again. And I had finally hit my limit. I wasn't even texting with the person at the time. Our last text had been days ago. And all of the sudden I just get:

"I can't wait to have you inside me..."

Then two seconds later, "Oh my God, I'm so sorry! That wasn't meant for you!!!"

And I texted back, "Well I certainly hope it wasn't.... Mom."

You heard me. That's what my mother accidentally sent her only child. Or she sent it just because she thought, "Hey, my kid seems to be pretty much over his childhood... let's stir this shit up again!". In any account, she was profusely sorry. And wanted to make sure I wasn't mad at her. I explained to her that I didn't see how I could be mad at her for something I now know I inherited from her. "Like mother like son", I said. To which she said, "Oh Bradford, that's disgusting. I'm your mother! I don't want to think about some man fucking you!"

Well join the club, lady!

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

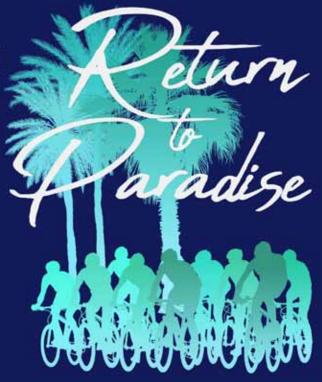


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Pup (Kevin) and I (The Naked Realtor) are very excited to share this 2019 Bone Island Bare It All with our many returning friends. We are excited to introduce to the continuing newcomers to our weekend of all-male naturist fun as only Key West can offer! We



promise you will leave after the weekend with new friends, new experiences, and maybe just a little worn out. We hope you will enjoy all the fun we have in store for you.

Bone Island was started thirteen years ago as a way to gather naturist men for a weekend of camaraderie and share with them the beauty and fun of Key West. It wouldn't happen without the support and encouragement of my friends in the local community. This event is without question a community effort and I thank all of our business partners for their continued assistance. They welcome us on their properties with open arms, and they are their staffs provide us fantastic venues to enjoy our weekend together. During your weekend, please show your support to all of our sponsors and partners, including the servers and service people who are working hard to make sure you have a fun and comfortable visit.

I'm very proud of how far Bone Island Bare It All has come since the first weekend in December 2006. Each time, more men discover our unique brand of fun and go home telling their naked friends about it. I'm also thrilled with our distinction as one of The Huffington Post's "'Top 13 LGBT things to do in 2013" and 2015.

Finally, thank YOU for making Bone Island Bare It All the joy it is. Without you guys, I'd just be sitting in my backyard naked. So, thanks for choosing to make the trip down the Keys. Remember the sunscreen and to play safe. Enjoy our Bone Island!

Dean Townsend The Naked Realtor of Key West thenakedrealtor@nakedkeywest.com



Schedule of **Events**



Bone Island Pass Event



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Wednesday, July 10

10PM - Until

ROCK OUT WITH YOUR COCK OUT

SideBar, 504 Angela Street, \$10 (free with pass)





Start the long weekend off at SideBar. Dance to fresh beats or lounge on the patio with new and old friends.

Thursday, July 11

12PM - 5PM

REGISTRATION AND POOL PARTY

Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, \$25 (free with pass)

Pick-up your pre-purchased weekend pass then hang out around the pool for a casual afternoon gathering.

5PM - 7PM

GREET THE MEAT HAPPY HOUR

Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, Free Kick off cocktail hour. Complimentary appetizers.



10PM - Until

THE BLACK PARTY

Saloon One, 504 Petronia Street at Duval Street, \$10 (free with pass)

Key West's leather and levi bar welcomes back Bone Island for an evening of dark fun. Show off your kink.

Schedule of Events



LATE NIGHT HAPPY ENDING PARTY

Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, \$25 (free with pass)





Friday, July 12

1PM - 5PM

PARTY IN THE FLESH

Equator Resort, 818 Fleming Street, \$15 (free with pass)

A fun, frisky afternoon in the pool, DJ, pizza, drinks and silly pool games.



9PM - 10:30PM

DRAG CABARET

801 Bourbon, 801 Duval Street, \$10 (free with pass)

The girls of the 801 Bourbon Cabaret present their famous and funny show. Naked seating section available.

10PM - 1AM

FULL MOONS ON THE WATER

[Bone Island Pass Event]

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LATE NIGHT

HAPPY ENDING PARTY

Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, \$25 (free with pass)



Saturday, July 13

10AM - 1PM

NAKED RETAIL THERAPY

Graffitti, 721 Duval Street, Free

25% discounts off everything in the store during this naked, flash sale.

10AM - 1PM

OUT NAKED IN TOUCH

In Touch With You, 706-A Duval Street, Free

Schedule of Events



10AM - 1PM

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In Touch With You, 706-A Duval Street, Free

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11AM - 1PM

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Leather Master, 418 Appelrouth Lane, Free
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12PM - 5PM

PENII IN THE POOL

Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, \$30 (free with pass)

5:30PM

FINE DINING

The Flaming Buoy Filet Co, 424 Eaton Street, \$60

Reservations required. A private no-clothes dinner party at one of Key West's finest restaurants. Reserve at NakedKeyWest.com

10PM - until

THE MASKED BALL

[Bone Island Pass Event]

Bourbon St. Pub, 724 Duval Street, \$20 (free with pass)

Your face is the only thing you're allowed to hide tonight. The premiere evening party of the weekend includes Bourbon's pool, giant hot tub, and high-energy tunes.

LATE NIGHT

HAPPY ENDING PARTY

Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, \$30 (free with pass)

Sunday, July 8

12PM - 4PM

HOT NAKED SUNDAY

Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, \$25 (free with pass)

Our recovery pool party offers a fun afternoon floating in the pool and enjoying brunch in the café.

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Schedule of Events



5PM

BOING!BINGO

801 Bourbon, 801 Duval Street, Free Local celeb & funny man QMitch hosts the weekly bingo extravaganza.

7PM - 9PM

KARAOKE

801 Bourbon, 801 Duval Street, Free

The fun at 801 Bourbon continues with their zany karaoke kraziness.

9PM - until

NO CLOTHES CLOSING BEER BUST

Saloon One, 504 Petronia Street at Duval Street, Free

The last official event of Bone Island sends us off in style with a good old fashioned beer bust. \$10 all-you-can-drink beer specials.

LATE NIGHT

HAPPY ENDING PARTY

Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, \$30 (free with pass)

If you haven't passed out from exhaustion yet, have one more happy ending.

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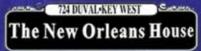
















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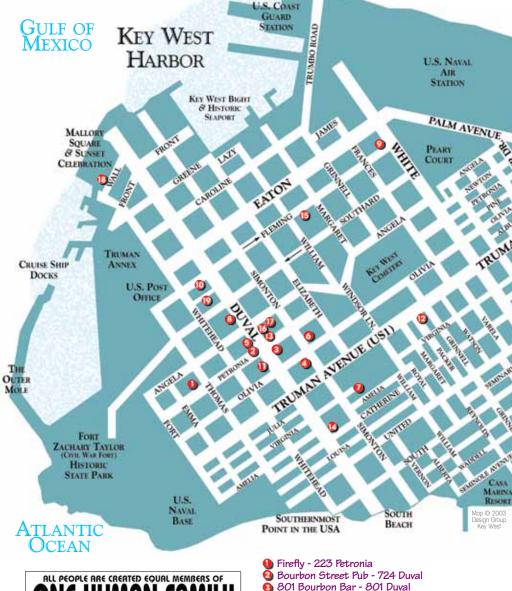


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Aqua

Dueling Bartenders at 5:30 PM Drag Show at 9:00 PM Karaoke starting at 11:00 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

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

TUESDAY

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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Agua

Aqua Idol at 6:30 PM
Drag Show at 9:00 PM
Karaoke starting at 11:00 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

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

WEDNESDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM Aqua

Drag Show at 9:00 PM Karaoke starting at 11:00 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

Sidebar

Drag Queen Trivia at 5:30 PM Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

THURSDAY

801

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

Aqua

Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM Karaoke starting at 11:00 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

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

FRIDAY

801

Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

Agua

Happy Hour & 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

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

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

SATURDAY

Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

Aqua

Drag Shows at 7 PM, 9 PM & 11 PM Dance Party starting at 11:30 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

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 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

Aqua

No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Poker at 2:30 PM and 4:30 PM Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Back Bar

Hotdog Church starting at 3PM

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

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

LOCATIONS

801 - 801 Duval Street

Aqua - 711 Duval Street

Back Bar - 711 Duval Street

Bobby's - 900 Simonton Street

Bourbon - 724 Duval Street

Island House - 1129 Fleming St

La Te Da - 1125 Duval Street

One Saloon - 514 Petronia St

Sidebar - 504 Angela St

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ASK NANA

E-mail your questions to nana@keywestgayrag.com



Dear Nana,

I recently had a hook up with a guy I like and I bottomed for him and it didn't go well. I hadn't bottomed in a while, so I was really tight. It took us forever to really get going and then... well, we had to stop because it turned into a little bit of a shitty situation. It's not like I fully pooped on him. But we had to stop and shower and that really killed the mood. I know him socially and I'd really like to hook up with him again, but I'm scared to go initiate it now, out of fear that he'll say "no" because of this last experience. Any thoughts on how to break this ice or engage with him?

I like how you sort of buried the lead... the real issue is that you shit on him. Not that "it didn't go well" or "I was tight". Oh, sweet fecal Christ, when will you kids learn that porn lied to you? There is no such thing as an always-ready-bottom. Bottoming takes time and care and maintenance. You can't just have the pizza delivery guy drop his pants and start ham-slamming you like it's Christmas morning in Cock Town. An ounce of preparation can prevent... well... an ounce of manure! But hey, don't get too down about your brown town experience. Just like the bumper sticker and the children's book taught us: shit happens... and everybody poops! If he's a grown-up gay (and you are too) you should be able to laugh this one off. Be honest with him. Make it clear you don't intend on letting that happen again and that you're into him. But obviously not too into him... because we all know gay men hate it when you're too into them. (Work on that, by the way). If he's into you, and not some childish gueen, he'll probably be happy to make another trip down your Hershey highway. Especially now that you've done some road work. No matter what his response is, don't get too down on yourself about what happened. It's happened to all of us. It's like my mother used to say about anal: "If you're going to go down a rabbit hole, don't get mad at me if you find a rabbit!"

Dear Nana,

How do you deal with the one friend in your group who is always a Debbie Downer? I mean, he is just the most unhappy person any of us know. It's gotten worse over the years but not like, actual depression or suicide bad; just always mean and unhappy. He thinks that buying someone a drink at a bar is all he needs to do to spend the rest of the night being horrible to people. All of us have confronted him over the years and asked him to really look at his behavior. Some of us have talked about just ending our friendships with him, but that seems extreme. Help!

There's nothing extreme about getting rid of toxic relationships. And toxic doesn't just mean lke and Tina Turner. It can mean anyone who consistently makes your day or night worse than better. And yeah, buying a margarita isn't a free pass to being a dick. However, continuing to accept that margarita is also enabling a terrible behavior this person already possesses. It seems like you all have made it increasingly clear over the years that his behavior is a problem for all of you. And, since you're all adults, the fact might be that he's not going to modify his behavior to keep any of you around. He's telling you exactly who he is by the way he acts... so why won't you all believe him? Life is hard enough without every party being ruined by some tailless Eeyore walking around pissing in everyone's cocktail. I think it might be time to cut the cord on this one. Maybe that's the wakeup call he needs? Also, maybe not. Either way, everyone has a right to set the bar for what is acceptable behavior in their life. The hard part is then holding other people, and yourself, to it. Best of luck, dearie!

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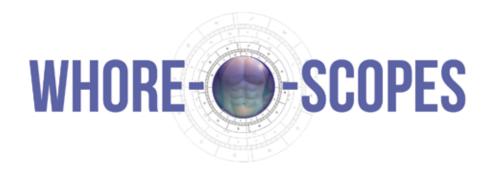
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You're so ugly, you scared the crap
out of the toilet.

PISCES FEB 19 - MAR 20 Behind every fat man there's a beautiful man. No seriously, you're in the way.

ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19
They say opposites attract. I hope you meet someone who is good-looking, intelligent, and cultured.

TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20 Your mind is on vacation but your mouth is working overtime.

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20 I'm not insulting you, I'm describing you.

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22 Some babies were dropped on their heads but you were clearly thrown at a wall. LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22
I've seen people like you before but I had to pay admission.

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22
You're so fat that people thought there was an eclipse when you went outside.

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22
Your house is so dirty you have to wipe your feet before you go outside.

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21
If you really spoke your mind, you'd be speechless.

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