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My wife and I got married smack dab in the middle of the pandemic in 2020. We delayed our public ceremony, reception and overt celebration until further notice however, we decided to take our honeymoon this summer... in the ongoing pandemic. In order to do so safely, we decided that we should go a remote corner of the country where being socially distant was not a challenge. If Yellowstone National Park wasn't far enough, we added the Grand Tetons for some complete removal from the technical world. No cell. No wifi or what I would call wifi. My wife enjoys telling the story of how I was trying to put a home under contract in a timely fashion in Yellowstone. In order to get a strong enough signal to send documents I had to stand next to one particular tree 1 ft tall pine tree, face north while sitting on a pointy rock 18 inches from a pile of Buffalo dung. I'm a dedicated realtor. What can I say? Many people were watching and snickering. Other's were joining me in my plight standing 6ft away trying to get their own fraction of the unreliable signal. Good times.

Despite the fact that we were in acres and acres of wild wide open we still (and not surprisingly) saw other women couples on our trip. It's always a challenge to determine whether they are "family" as we used to say growing up in the 80's-90's. This sparked a long conversation on the drive through the wilderness. How do we signal to one another that we are friendly lesbians with a mind to say hello and meet our kind in the wild. I think that I have described "the nod" in a previous story but it bears explaining again.

Lesbians have developed a kind of secret code... The head nod. It appears to be universal. I'm not sure who the first lesbian to develop the technique was, but almost all of us seem to know it. So... first.. I make eye contact. Then there's a slight smile. Not too flirtatious. Maybe just a little. Not creepy stalker-like smile, just a casual "hi" kind of smile. If the eye contact lasts longer than a second... then you do it. "The nod". It's a simple little raise of the chin and short nod of the head while gently smiling. This

says, "I see you. Yes, I'm gay. I think you're gay. I want you to know I see you". It all happens very quickly. Usually, this unintrusive signal is returned in kind. Proceed with caution... If the nod is returned you have a 99% chance of being correct. Subaru's and Jeeps are often reliable signals as well. In 2020 the younger generation developed the eyebrow slit. I am not cool enough to rock this look so I remain an extremely feminine lesbian who needs to be accompanied by my handsome butch wife to be noticed by my own kind.

After breakfast at the Lake Yellowstone Hotel one afternoon we went to the other side of the lake where you could park and watch the lake in campsites but there was no camping allowed. Camping always attracts lesbians. In the campsite next to ours there was a group of four older women with folding chairs and a Subaru. As we walked past I recognized my elder family and wanted deeply to go up and make conversation but I had no idea what to say, "Hi, we're lesbians and wanted to say hello"?? I just didn't think that that would fly. My wife smirked at the struggle on my face that I often have while we're walking around our little island home and I see other women who I am SURE are lesbians. I ALWAYS want to say hi. I've been excited to see other lesbians out in public for as long as I can remember. But how?! Other than walking up and saying "hi, I like you're style". What are my real options?

We have this problem while traveling everywhere we go so I am reaching out to lesbians across the world. Can we PLEASE develop a handshake, a button, a code word or something to take the guesswork out of making friends with other traveling lesbians?? The only handshakes that my giggling love and I have come up with are reminiscent of scissoring or a softball winning grasp and shoulder shake. Not really effective with strangers. We did laugh for about two hours overlooking a herd of buffalo while trying a few handshake options out. While it was good times, we are no closer to a solution that is publicly acceptable. Please send help, ideas, suggestions, experiences with signals that work for you! Let me know how you introduce yourself to other lesbian couples in the wild. Lez Go Out and be BOLD in our Hello's. How do you do a lesbian hello?



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LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*



**"HORSE GIRLS: RECOVERING, ASPIRING, AND DEVOTED RIDERS REDEFINE THE
ICONIC BOND," EDITED BY HALIMAH MARCUS**

c.2021, Harper Perennial | \$17.00 | 304 pages



You were determined not to get bit.

But in a totally different meaning of the word, you were equally determined that your horse would accept one. Without a bit in his mouth, he wouldn't turn, slow down, or stop when you wanted to ride – and of course, as in "Horse Girls," edited by Halimah Marcus, the ride's the thing.

Or is a sense of freedom the best part of owning a horse? Many girls think so, while others just want their very own Flicka or Ginger or Pie. Whatever it is, Marcus says that there's a difference between "horse girls" and "a horsewoman." The latter, she

writes, is "tough, no-nonsense... riding every day... unsentimental about horses but devoted to them for life" – unlike many of the women in this book who gave up riding as young women and re-established their love for it later in life.

But what makes a horse girl?

Marginalization, in the stories here. These horse girls often felt shame for not fitting the norm, for being queer, Black, "chubby" or poor – but they still loved horses. Some of the writers are lesbians, but they didn't understand it until their girlhoods were over. Alex Marzano-Lesnevich writes of cross-dressing cowboys in history; Sarah Enelow-Snyder writes about Black cowboys and of "curly Afros shoved into unaccommodating

cowboy hats." C. Morgan Babst writes of cruelty and anorexia, a two-pronged part of her childhood.

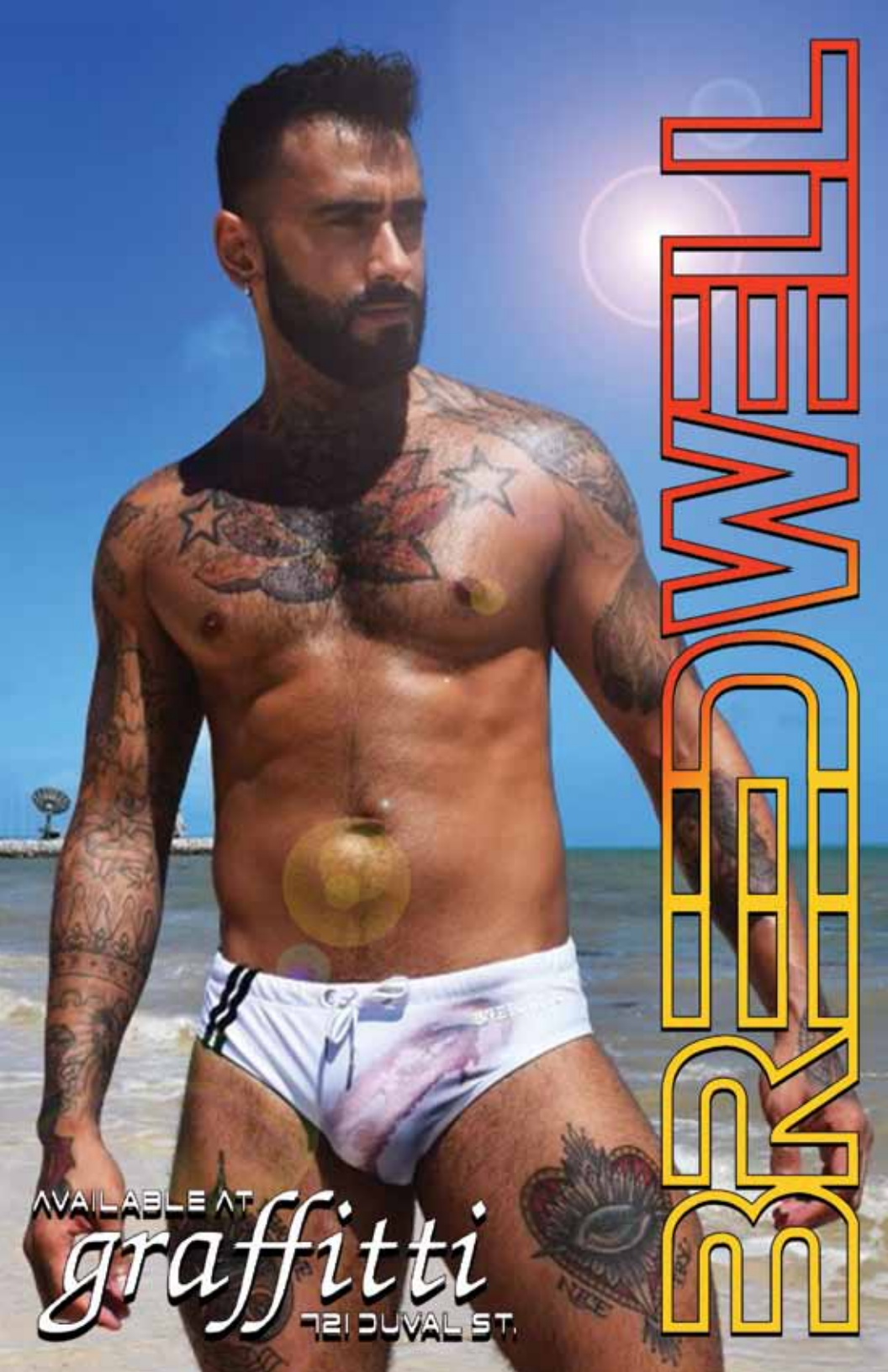
Horse girls worry. A lot. They worry about where their horses went after they were sold or given away. On the day she got it, Adrienne Celt worried about how she was going to bury her horse if it died. They worry about disappointing horse-loving parents, and they fret about the best way to introduce their daughters to riding.

They ride with joy. They met spouses through horses. They remember the smell of a box that once contained a plastic horse – because, says T Kira Madden, "the thing about a horse is, it's never about the horse."

Nope, it's also about stories. Fifteen of them, to be exact, all inside "Horse Girls," but unless you're the horsey-type, you grew up in a saddle, or your shelves once held plastic 1:9-scale horses, you can just mosey along. In that case, you'll haaaaate this book and that's okay. It's not for you anyhow.

If you fit the former, though, pommel, stirrup, and all, then editor Halimah Marcus offers stories you'll devour, stories of loving horses, even when (especially when!) doing so made you an anomaly. There's strength in that but loss also looms large here, particularly loss of childhood, innocence, or imagination. Fortunately for many of these storytellers and for the readers invited along on this ride, though, recollections are resolved, reasons for them are reconciled, and the endings are mostly satisfying.

If you ever trotted around the yard, pretending to be a horse, or if you actually spent your girlhood in a saddle, this book will bring back memories. "Horse Girls" is a book you won't want to miss, not even a little bit.



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By Tammy Hernandez Realtor

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Key West also is fortunate to have a collection of awesome LGBTQ realtors. Some of which can be found in this edition of Q magazine. These professionals can guide you through the process of buying your new home or business in paradise. The official motto of "One Human Family" can be found in all the communities of Key West along with property values proving to consistently be a solid investment.



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MY BIG GAY LIFE

Brad Loefle



QUESTION & ANSWER

So, I abstained from sex for pretty much all of covid. I'd say this was mostly a "choice". I mean, first of all, I wasn't exactly in the mood after reading the news each morning. And then there was the pandemic pounds I packed on. It turns out cooking and eating an entire Thanksgiving dinner for 6... for one... every four days really is an effective way to bulk up!

But now that I've lost some of the weight, been vaccinated, and am finally able to perform in front of live audiences again (at least a little bit), I've noticed my sex drive has returned! Like Haley's Cumet, it suddenly reappeared in my night sky, and I decided to take it as a good omen that it was time for me to return to the world of the living. So, like any lazy, horny, gently-over-forty gay male; I hopped on Scruff and Grindr and swiped around until I found what I was looking for. It was meant to be just a simple one night... or preferably one-hour-or-less... stand. And it was just about an hour but it was more basic than simple.

The sex was fine. Actually, the sex was pretty damn good. I don't know if that was because of him or because I was like a camel who had finally found an oasis in the desert, but I definitely was thinking I might go back for seconds. Then it started talking. And not dirty talk. But post-coital conversation. Which, usually, I enjoy and since talking is what I do for living, I'm usually quite game for a little repartee after my raunch.

The fact he led with, "So you seem like a nice, rational guy, so I should probably tell you I lied about getting vaxxed when you asked", was not a great start. Luckily, I didn't lie about my vaccination so I wasn't really panicked for myself. But, as a general rule, don't lie about your health status when someone you're going to have sex with asks. We've all been through this before. There are rules. He then went on to say how "he was still doing his own research on the vaccines". I then inquired if he worked in medical

research... all the while frantically calling an Uber and looking for my underwear on the floor of his bedroom. He yammered on about believing that “we should always question everything”. To which I responded, “Well, no we actually shouldn’t. You shouldn’t actually questions if the sun is going to rise in the East and set in the West. Or if the Earth is round or flat. There are some things we’ve proven and did so during the Bronze age.”

I was then going to ask him if he knew when the Bronze age was, just to be a dick. But I still couldn’t find my underwear and the Uber was now 3 minutes away. But as I began to come to terms with losing this pair of cute underwear in order to save myself, this crazy little sex pot launched into his theories on Flat Earth. That’s right! I’d managed, on my first time back up to bat, to swing my balls right at a gay, anti-vaxxer, Flat Earther?! I should have known. The better the sex the crazier the cock!

It was only once I had my pants and shoes on, that he realized I was moments away from walking out of his apartment, and his life, forever. And as I opened the door to leave, before I could politely thank him for the use of his genitals, he gave one last ditch effort to convince me of his thesis:

“Brad I just think we should always be asking questions! So, can we see each other again? Because I had a really great time with you.”

To which I proclaimed, as I flew out of sight, “ And See! There’s another perfect example of a question we don’t have to ask anymore, based on what we now know!”

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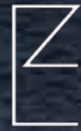
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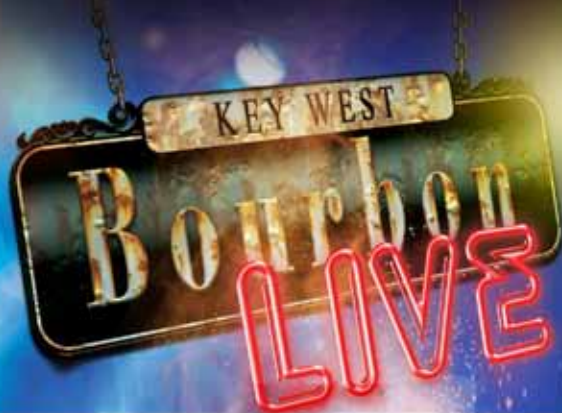
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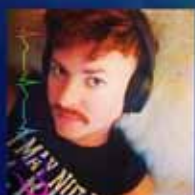
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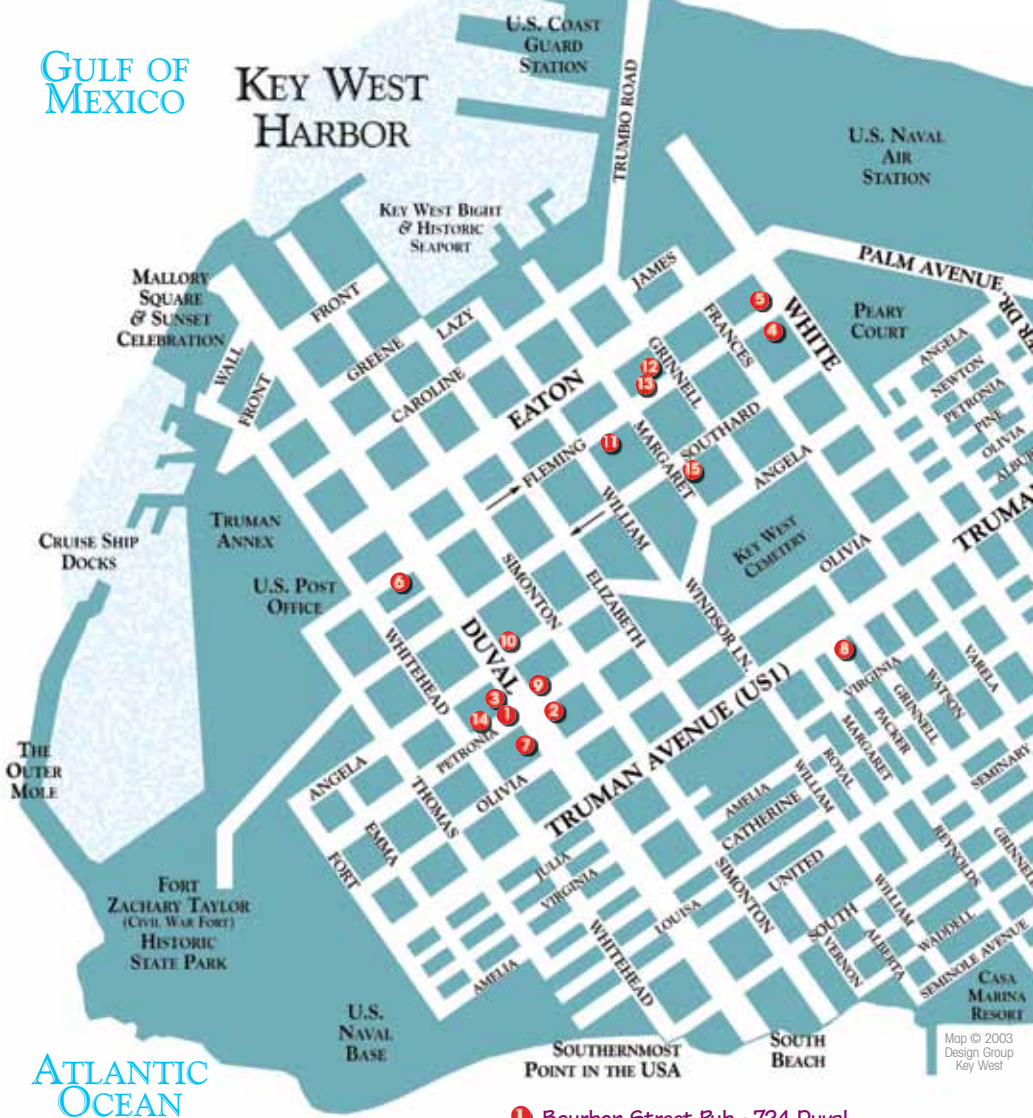


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- 2 801 Bourbon Bar - 801 Duval
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- 5 Island House Resort for Men - 1129 Fleming
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WEEKLY EVENTS



MONDAY

801

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM
SIN night starts at 11PM*

Bourbon

*Bria singing live at 8:30 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

Saloon 1

Beer Blast 9 PM - 11 PM

TUESDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bourbon

*Bria singing live at 8:30 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

Saloon 1

Bottom "less" Chili 9 PM - 4 AM

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801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bourbon

*Bria singing live at 8:30 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

Island House

Hot Naked Humpdays starting at 5 PM

Saloon 1

Blackout Wednesday at 9 PM

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801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bourbon

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8:30 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

Saloon 1

Thirsty Thursdays starting at 9 PM

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801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bourbon

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8:30 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM
Boys Night Out starting at 10 PM*

Saloon 1

*RuPaul's Drag Race at 8PM
Cock Shock contest at Midnight*

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801

Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

Alexander's Guest House

Bingo with Bouvee' at 5 PM

Bourbon

*Naked Saturdays W/Nick at Noon
Jeff Moss singing live at 8:30 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

Marylin's

Booze with Miss Bouvee' at 7:30 PM

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801

*Karaoke starting at 5 PM
Gay Bingo starting at 5 PM
Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

Bourbon

*Masked Tea 7 PM - 10 PM
Jeff Moss singing live at 8:30 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

Island House

Pre-Tea Pool Party starting at Noon

Marylin's

Bingo with Bouvee' starting at Noon

Saloon 1

SLU-T Sundays w/Donald at 9 PM

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L O C A T I O N S
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801 - 801 Duval Street

Alexander's - 1118 Fleming St.

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Island House - 1129 Fleming St

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Saloon 1 - 514 Petronia St

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- Blackout Wednesdays

- Thirsty Thursdays

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ASK NANA

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Dear Nana,

I recently went on vacation with a friend. We both agreed to split the cost of hotel. I put the whole hotel on my credit card because he couldn't afford to pay the full half when we wanted to book. But it's now been a month past when he said he would have the money and he still hasn't paid me. He just keeps saying his check is late from client, but he also just posted a photo of "new shoes he bought for himself". I googled the shoes and they're \$500! Is it wrong for me to confront him about this or just wait and see if he pays me soon? I certainly don't want to ruin our friendship, but I also want the money he owes me.

Well, sugar britches, now you know why they say, "The easiest way to make someone disappear is to loan them money". If you don't want an awkward moment, or a fight, I would just calmly (but persistently) bring up that you still need the money. Maybe even make it sound more dire than it is: you're late on a bill, or something like that. Or, if it were me, I'd go over to their house and pull the damn shoes off their feet, put them on myself, then, as I walked out the door, I would pick up their cat and say "The pussy is mine too, asshole!"



Dear Nana,

Can you settle and argument for me and my sister? I'm a gay man and she's a straight woman. Every other woman I know has always told me that they hate anal sex and that the reason is because men have a prostate and women don't. So gay men can enjoy anal sex in a way women can't. But my sister says she really likes anal sex. So, is the prostate really as important to enjoying anal sex as I've been led to believe? Or is my sister just really a gay man haha?

Well, I don't know why you think I'm going to be able to be your prostate professor. I've got lot of balls for a broad my age, but no prostate. I've certainly been told by men of all sorts that poking at the prostate certainly does seem to ring the dinner bell in your balls pretty hard. But that doesn't mean your sister, and all women, can't get plenty of pleasure without one. After all,



there are all sorts of nerve endings in your nether regions that are there for a plethora of purposes. Also, you and your sister have some tremendously open conversations. Sounds like a fun family to have Thanksgiving with! At the end of the day, I'd say trust your sister's gut... literally. The hole wants what the hole wants. And there is no good reason to yuck someone else's yum. Or in this case, to yuck someone else's bum.

DO YOU HAVE PROBLEMS? OF COURSE YOU DO! WHY NOT LET NANA HELP YOU?!

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WHORE--SCOPES

AQUARIUS JAN 20 - FEB 18

When was the last time you saw your feet?

PISCES FEB 19 - MAR 20

Who picks out your clothes for you? They clearly want to be sure you never get laid.

ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19

Grace and Frankie just released some new episodes so you have an excuse for being anti-social.

TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20

Don't think of it as getting fatter, think of it as losing more of your penis each day.

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20

Does time fly when you're having sex or was it really just one minute?

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22

So you met a new boyfriend names Chris. Chris P. Bacon.

LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22

Just when you think you can finally make ends meet, somebody moves the ends.

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22

It's so simple to be wise. Just don't speak.

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22

If everything seems to be coming your way, you're probably in the wrong lane.

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21

You're in shape. Round is a shape.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21

You should try to exercise early in the morning before your brain figures out what you're doing.

CAPRICORN DEC 22 - JAN 19

The one good thing about the way you smell is that mosquitoes avoid you, the flies, not so much.

Lesbians & Daddies & Bears – Oh My!



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