

STARGAYZER

Randy May bursts proudly Out with spit and fire in its soul. Maybe that's because there are so many planets careening through pioneering Aries and sensuous Taurus. Follow some sound New York advice and don't take nuttin' from nobody. May is the month to throw caution to the wind... as well as a few choice articles of clothing.

ARIES

(MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Both astute Mercury and lovely Venus pass through your own sign this May, you charmer you. This is no time to sit back and play the wallflower, gay Ram; you've got oodles of time, energy, and money to wine, dine, and just be divine. The Sun and Mars in Taurus loosen up your purse strings and make you feel downright charitable. Well, let's not go that far...

TAURUS

(APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Happy birthday queer Bull. Both the happy Sun and zesty Mars are in your sign which means one thing — new beginnings. Toss off the old and stale in your life (no names please...) and shed your worn out skin for a new lavender you. (Who is that looker??) By the 4th, when Venus moves into Aries, prepare to telepathically connect to people. Mind control the religious right.

GEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

How generous are you proud Twin? The acid test comes in May when both the Sun and Mars encourage you to go one step further for a great gay cause. Reincarnate as Mother Theresa but bag the sari. Do yourself a favor, as well, this month by cheerfully dumping the contents of your dank closet before the 25th. Mars sez it's never too late for a little spring cleaning.

CANCER

(JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Gay Crabs are social directors of the pride fest as pals look to you for a good time. Festive Sun and zesty Mars leave their mark on any social calendar if you bosanova before the 25th. After that, you might as well hang up your dancing shoes as you grow more introspective. What exactly do you want to be when you grow up? Expect surprising answers cousin.

LEO

(JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

If your career track becomes a little less congested this May, thank enterprising Mars and the courageous Sun for the leg up. But gather your corporate rosebuds while you may proud Lion; After the 22nd, the thrill of the hunt is gone and after the 25th, your energies will be more focused on having a great gay time. Just as well; they say it's lonely at the top.

VIRGO

(AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

Take some summer courses and learn a thing or two this May. Queer Virgins are ready and raring to expand their worldly knowledge for most of the month. Explore all corners before the 25th. After that, you'll be back to earth and forced to concentrate on more practical matters, such as how to curry favor with bosses and other assorted skanks.

LIBRA

(SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

If you feel a refreshing breeze in your pants, thank gusty Sun and Mars for the surge. Gay Libras begin the month on a lusty sexual rampage, shifting to merely heavy flirting after the 30th when Venus enters Taurus and lightens your load. Probe all secret places before the 25th and all corners of the world after that. Who said life is boring?

SCORPIO

(OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

The focus is on relationships this May when both the Sun and Mars turn up the heat. Proud Scorps give the appearance of being very independent souls but in fact they secretly ache for connection. It's there for the asking until the 25th cousin. After that, wanderlust gets the better of you. Ah, but two can travel as cheaply as one as long as you share the same bunk.

SAGITTARIUS

(NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

Since it seems a little harder than usual to let loose and have fun, smart gay Sags are best served by concentrating on work or on toning that bod for swimsuit season for most of the month. The serviceable Sun and energetic Mars encourage you to roll up your sleeves and accomplish the impossible before the 25th. After that, all bets are off; let it all hang Out.

CAPRICORN

(DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

Even intensely directioned gay Goats are encouraged to relax this May when the Sun and Mars tickle your fancy. It is the time of year to be creative and tap into your gay muse. Either that or party hearty; your choice. Enjoy every pleasant zetz until the 25th. After that, you return to your naturally serious ways and become a worker ant extraordinaire.

AQUARIUS

(JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

Focus your attention on home related projects this May when feisty Mars and the inspirational Sun warm up the hearth. Do what needs to be done Aqueerius and don't look back. Put your personal life in order before the 25th. You'll be too busy hauling your ashes all around town after that to engage in quiet contemplation. You lucky thing!

PISCES

(FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

There seems to be so much to say and only until the 25th of the month to deliver it properly, pink Fish. Prepare your pride treatise and deliver it with gusto while the passion and thoughts flow. But wait; there's more — Mercury moves from Aries to Taurus on the 16th and enters the communications fray. That means you must think globally and act locally.

the Cybershark

by Miki Thomas

a monthly look at the internet & the web

Summer is coming and with it are thoughts of traveling. At least my thoughts are of traveling. I am what is known as the "armchair tourist." Since I can't afford to go anywhere exotic and exciting, I read about those who have, either in hard copy (what used to be referred to as "books") or online. The web offers myriad sites geared to the GLBT traveler, from city guides to tours. The following are just a few of the sites that are sure to whet your appetite for adventure.

GLBT@ travel.com

There are two print magazines that cater to the GLBT traveler that have an online presence. *Our World* is monthly glossy featuring color photography and articles that thoroughly cover destinations around the world for the GLBT traveler. Its web site (<http://www.pimps.com/ourworld/>) however is not as comprehensive nor as slick as its sibling in print. Like most web sites for print magazines, the *Our World* site is mostly an advertisement to snag a few prospective subscribers. It does offer a few reprints of articles about GLBT destinations such as Key West and San Francisco but no photographs, color or otherwise.

A better site is the one for *Out and About* (<http://www.outandabout.com/>), the newsletter for GLBT travelers. It is updated monthly with a "highlights" section spotlighting a specific destination or tour; a "Gay Travel Calendar" listing tours and events around the world; articles that cover everything from car rentals to traveling with HIV and links to GLBT travel sites. Of course, the editors of *Out and About* would like you to subscribe to the newsletter, but if you can't wait till the next issue comes in the mail, check out this site.

Ferrari Guides, publisher of *Inn Places*, has a web site called Q-Net (<http://www.q-net.com/qnet/htm>) that is updated as soon as new travel information is available. A recent visit to the site found information regarding accommodations for that ban of Southern Baptists, the Gay Day at Disney World, being held this year on June 4-7. There is also tour information for the upcoming Gay Games, being held this August at Amsterdam. In addition, there are articles about tours, activities, and accommodations for a number of destinations around the world.

Another GLBT travel guide publisher, Damron, also has a web site (<http://www.damron.com/>) but it is nowhere as impressive as Ferrari's. For one thing, it is an online catalog for its line of guides. If you want detailed information about a specific place, you would need to order the guide. It does have an online database which works much like a search engine. Plug in a country, state or city, click on the "search" button and pray you get results. However, the places I plugged in came up nada. I KNOW the Yukon has a gay presence; someone ought to tell Damron that.

If your budget can only cover a weekend trip, the popular choice among the GLBT set is Provincetown, or P-Town as it is known among the initiated. There are two helpful web sites to help plan your trip. One, which can be found at <http://www.pinkweb.com/ptown.nav.html>, has a clickable list of businesses that cover everything from accommo-

tions to veterinarians. "The P-Town Guide" (<http://www.ptownguide.com/>) features photographs, a ride board, and even a contest to win a weekend trip.

However, if even that is beyond what you can afford, perhaps a visit to the Prime Time Travels site (<http://www.gayweb.com/105/ptvideo/html>) can help. Prime Time Travels offers videos "with [the] Gay and Lesbian traveler in mind" of different gay meccas such as Montreal, Amsterdam, San Francisco, and Provincetown. Each video features information on the accommodations, restaurants, bars, local events and history. Vicarious travel as provided by Prime Time Travels is certainly better than not traveling at all.

UPDATE: The Faerie Camp Destiny URL, featured in the March 'Cybershark,' is no longer valid. If anyone knows the new URL for the Faerie Camp Destiny web site, let me know at gossamer@together.net.

Bechdel releases her latest book

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borne... he began sprouting wings. It was clear to me that getting the wings was painful but ultimately a good thing."

I disappeared for one entire evening into the section of *The Indelible Alison Bechdel* that features reprints of her calendar art. This is a terrific boon to those whose collection might be incomplete. My favorite of these is a single panel depicting the cast of DTWOF in the 'green room.' Lois complains of gratuitous sex scenes as a very butch Toni offers her apartment as rehearsal space, Mo (sans striped shirt) paints her toe nails, and the ever talented Raffi picks his nose while he plays with a toy machine gun. The artist essentially created alter egos for her alter egos.

The marginal comments here and throughout the book give the feeling that Bechdel is sitting next to you alternately beaming with pride and explaining why something didn't work or how she should have done it differently. The experience is intimate and warm and pleasurable.

The final section of the book is a sampling of comments Bechdel has received over the years from her readers. These run the gamut from suggestions for story lines — "More Jewish Dykes!! 'We're here, We're queer, We're not just eating Matzoh!'" — to true confessions — "DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE CRUSH ON A CARTOON CHARACTER?!!?"

Like all good vacations, this cerebral holiday of mine was over all too soon. Knowing that another trip is just around the corner — *Split Level Dykes To Watch Out For* will be released in October — makes the return to the real world a bit easier. But, after spending time inside the head of one of today's most intelligent and talented wits, it was tremendously difficult to go back to work.

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