

PARTY DIARIES

By SALENA DE LA CRUZ

What is it about parties that makes you just want to kick your shoes off and let your hair down? Here's my dance-til-I-drop account of my most recent party experience.

8:00 p.m. Time to start getting ready. I'm supposed to be at the party at around 10 p.m. I slip into a pair of flare jeans, a tank top and flip flops. (Tip: Be sure to wear something comfortable to allow for movement. When determining wardrobe, take into consideration where you are going and what you'll be doing.)
9:00 p.m. Called my friend Ty to see if she was ready. Called Jay to make sure party was still a go. (Tip: Bring a friend just in case the party is a total wash-out, at least you have someone to talk to. Tip: Double-check plans, you could show up and no one's there.)
9:15 p.m. Left my house to pick up Ty on McLoughlin.

10:00 p.m. Arrived at Ty's apartment as she was putting the finishing touches on herself.
10:15 p.m. Left Ty's to go to the party on Division in Portland. (Tip: Make sure you have directions or a general idea of where you're going.)
10:45 p.m. Arrived at Jay's house. There were about 15 people with more on the way. I think I knew, maybe two people there. It's a start, anyway. (Tip: Mingle, what better way to meet new people?)
11:00 p.m. More people were arriving. Ty and I went outside for a bit. Stuffy, stale cigarette smoke kind of gets to you if you're not a smoker, which I am not.

11:15 p.m. A guy named Randy met us outside. He asked us who we knew at the party and how we got invited. Well, I was invited by Jay. I used to work with him at the local mill. I, in turn, invited Ty. He asked about our interests. Then the subject of engagement came up. I swear every guy I've talked to asks if I have a boyfriend or if I've ever been engaged. Yes, I have, no we're not together anymore. No, I don't want another steady relationship. Any other questions? (Tips: Ask questions—how else will you get to know people?)
11:45 p.m. Jay came out to talk to us. *Wow, I swear the party was moving outside.* I answered the same questions again. I asked some questions and we all knew each other a little better. We went back inside.

12:00 a.m. A couple other girls showed up, Tiffany and Stephanie. *What is it about other girls who automatically put a red flag up? It's like you're in competition or something.* As soon as they walked in they glared at Ty and me. O.k. Ty was ready for a rumble. I was laugh-

ing because Randy said one of them looked like a bird and I just couldn't get that picture out of my head.

12:30 a.m. Some people started leaving. Everyone was getting a little tipsy by this time. I had only one Coors Light because I like to drink in moderation to enjoy the effect more. One of the guys, Reuben, was kind of like our d.j—he was whipping the tunes out. "Rumpshaker," *I know everyone remembers this song. Yes, shake that booty.* Reuben made a drink he named a Smurf. He added Everclear, vodka and blue kool-aid. It tasted all right. (Tip: Don't mix a whole pack of kool-aid to vodka, soda and juice or you'll be hurting in the morning; not to mention projectile vomit can ruin the evening.)

1:00 a.m. Only the few and the proud were left. Randy, Reuben, Stephanie, Tiffany, Jay, Ty, Troy and I. Beer run. Tiffany and Reuben volunteer to run to the store. I talked with Stephanie and found out she wasn't so

bad; we decided to exchange numbers so we could go have a girls' night sometime. (Tip: Make it your mission to get at least one number from someone. It shows a night not wasted.)
2:00 a.m. Tiffany and Reuben finally showed up. Where the hell were they? I figure they probably stopped for a quickie. Where's Ty? She's disappeared. So has Troy. *Wow, that wasn't a good sign. Well actually I guess it depends on how you look at it. She's a big girl and she can handle herself. Jay pulled me into the kitchen and asked if he could kiss me. That's interesting. I've never been asked—most guys just go for it. I had to say yes, because it was a sweet request.* (Tip: Ever hear the song, "It's in his kiss"; you get the point.)
2:30 a.m. Still no sign of Ty. The music is bumping and I thought for sure cops would show up at any minute. No, five-os present.

Fabulous. Back that ass up. WHOOOP! WHOOOP!

2:45 a.m. Ty reappears and says hick boy wants her. So, go for it, if you want to. She said there's this little problem called conscience. *Damn, Jiminy Cricket shows up at the worst times doesn't he?*

3:00 a.m. WWF. Randy was looking for a little bit of beat-down and I was just the person to do it. Body slam, pile driver. OUCH! You butt-munch, you don't play fair. He actually stepped on my foot. It wouldn't have been so bad, but I was wearing flip flops. I

showed him the mark, and the prick stepped on my foot again. Then he tried to hug me to make amends. *Like that would help? I was bleeding, for the love of God!* Ty was ready to beat Randy down, but I told her to chill. I think she had a little too much to drink. (Tip: Always watch out for your buds.)
4:00 a.m. Ty disappeared again. Jay and I went to his room and he asked if he could kiss me again. O.k. *The first kiss was dynamite. Wow! The second was explosive.* Ty was pounding on the door. 'Salena we have to go now.' 'Just a second' I said. Jay didn't want me to go. He said he'd take me home. It's my car I said, I have to go. He kissed me again and then I left.

4:15 a.m. Ty and I were in my car and I was driving her home and asked her what happened. She said Troy was really drunk and she was going to do the deed, but Jiminy Cricket came back to haunt her. *Damn, and I was getting along so well with Jay.*
 Oh well, there's always next week. We were invited to come back. Parties are fun, especially when everyone gets drunk and starts doing things you can laugh at later. Hey, at least no one took off their clothes and streaked down the road. Until next week, enjoy life...be happy...have fun!



ARIES (MAR 21-APR 19): Take time to ponder last weekend. Wow did you really do that? Late drunk nights play too large a role. Scorpio may push hard, so have your feet planted as next weekend approaches. Make boundaries and keep them (translation don't be a lush).

TALURIS (APR 20-MAY 20): You are in the spotlight. Your flirtatious nature may get out of control because of the abundance of attention. Have fun and delight in the fascination people will see in you, but don't let yourself get too carried away. If you do, it could result in the loss of a close friend. Nobody likes a tease.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): Money matters are controlling your thoughts. Control your spending, don't let it control you. Rent a movie (it's cheap and that suits you) and pay attention to your relationship that is suffering due to your money matters. Time will work money matters out.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): Just you...that's right spend time alone. It may sound simple but try it. Personal issues are brought to the surface. Change comes with work and time spent with you. Take care of yourself and evaluate what is important (it will come in handy in the future).

LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22): If you've got it, go ahead and flaunt it. Wear bright colors and be seen. You are coming out of a shy phase and into your crazy summer self. That's right, go out there and raise some hell (hang out with Aries who are in their drunken phase, those kids can party).

VRIGO (AUG 23-SEPT 22): What's up control freak? Calm down and have a little faith. You are scaring people with your obsessiveness. It will pass, and you need to let it go right on by. You are fun, so let yourself have a little. Three words: Just Simmer Down.

LIBRA (SEPT 23-OCT 22): Your passive nature is high this week. Watch out baby, you are a person and not a doormat. Being passive is cool but being a small piece of carpet that people wipe their feet on is not. So pick yourself off the ground and stand up for yourself.

SCORPIO (OCT 23-NOV 21): Get up off the pity pot and flush. Time to move on and stop that bitchin'. You are coming up on some opportunity that will pass you by if you look only at the negative. Let things come your way with little or no effort. Oh, and be patient with your family, you are a lot like them (that's what angers you the most).

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22-DEC 21): Capture the innocence. It may be in another person, but it is intriguing. Meet new people and the excitement of learning about a person will flow through the week. Be honest to people. White lies are lies, for real they are, despite what you have been told.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 19): Writing is a form of therapy. Write and learn. You have many things to explore. You may get writer's cramp but a little discomfort is worth it in the end. Vent and be honest. It could be a week of old information in a new light.

AQUARIUS (JAN 20-FEB 18): Old habits die hard. You are in a rut and need to dig yourself a new groove. You had a giant shovel and you just dug and dug in the same spot. Go and dig somewhere else—you may dig up some gold or something (you know what I'm talking about so pick up your shovel and get movin').

PISCES (FEB 19-MAR 20): Once you get to one point, you don't move back. This is truth, keep on moving forward. You are on a bus that only goes forward and you are leaning to go with the flow. Doors continue to open and they are your doors to enter if you choose. This is a good time to be independent—a relationship could hold you back.

MAY 17TH HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
 Guess what? You share a birthday with Sugar Ray Leonard. As if that were not enough, you have quite the year ahead. Sexy, vibrant and on the move. That sums you up in a nutshell. A year of adventure is in store. A move will have you a little worried in the beginning but you will settle right in. Make friends and build relationships with people. People will be drawn to you so don't worry about fitting in.

just
Don't Go To College
 WHO
 JOIN A COMMUNITY

If you want a great education and outstanding preparation for any career—and you want to get those things in a special place — Warner Pacific is the community for you. There is so much to discover about Warner...give us a call or visit us on the world wide web today.

Warner Pacific
 A College of Faith, Scholarship and Service

Admissions Office 503/517-1020
 800/582-7885 Fax 503/517-1352
 Web: <http://www.warnerpacific.edu>
 e-mail: admiss@warnerpacific.edu
 2219 SOUTHEAST 68TH AVENUE
 PORTLAND, OREGON 97215-4099



montage
 southern bistro cooking
 301 s.e. morrison ~ 234.1324
 dinner: sun-thurs 6:00pm - 2:00am
 fri-sat 6:00pm - 4:00am
 lunch: mon-fri 11:00 - 2:00