

American Hero



During the past two decades there have been numerous country and western music singers who are not even close to being "country" or "western." The biggest paparazzi fodder at this year's CMA awards included an Australian and a former rapper from Michigan. And yet, there is one demographic that is obviously absent in country music. African Americans. At least until now. This week Hootie and the Blowfish (no Hootie jokes from us- those are even easier than Sara Palin jokes) frontman Darius Rucker reached No. 3 on the Country charts with his hit "Don't Think I Don't Think About It," thus making him the first African American to reach the top five in two decades. For this feat *The Clarion* salutes you Darius Rucker: Jackie Robinson of the jukebox and a true American Hero.

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Since this photo was taken on the sidelines of the Brevard High School football field, we originally assumed that "Big O Signs" is some sort of sexual education service offered to high school students who see the fallacies of "abstinence only" sex education. We were wrong. It is just a terribly named sign shop. On a side note, be on the lookout for the franchise's newest business venture, a line of makeup called "The O Face."

Horoscopes

By *The Clarion* Astrolosquad

Aries: It's cool that you're trying to be environmentally friendly, but perhaps you are mistaken as to what corn ethanol is. Pouring corn liquor into your gas tank will most likely harm your car.

Lucky Color: Flaming marshmallow

Taurus: Trying to think of that perfect picture for your Facebook profile? You can't go wrong with an upside down peace sign.

Lucky Color: Towel crust

Gemini: Vanderbilt is ranked in football and Hootie has a top country song so it's probably a good idea to build a bunker and start hoarding bottled water and SPAM because the apocalypse is imminent.

Lucky Color: Camo golf balls

Cancer: Coach Mike Jones will break your wrist with his expert knowledge of police techniques.

Lucky Color: Caf drinking glass brown

Leo: Never trust a fart.

Lucky Color: Taco Bell volcano taco red

Virgo: You will throw away your favorite Popeye tee shirt after someone challenges you to a fight, you pop open a can of spinach, down it, and tell them to bring it on... and then you still get your ass kicked.

Lucky Color: AC Slater's Jheri curl

Libra: That duck is not your friend. He's only using you for food.

Lucky Color: You don't have one, as you will soon move to England. Your lucky colour, however, is purple.

Scorpio: Brace yourself to have an ugly baby. There's nothing you can do except teach it to beat up other children.

Lucky Color: Baboon butt blue

Sagittarius: Try bullfighting. It will get your adrenaline pumping and you look damn good in red.

Lucky Color: Blood stain.

Capricorn: Make a difference in the world. Fill up cans full of gas and hoard it. So what if your "difference" is a bad thing? We can't all be Bono.

Lucky Color: Travis Barker (too soon?)

Aquarius: Want to travel abroad? Save money and just eat Spanakopita. It's like you're actually in Athens.

Lucky Color: Rat cheese

Pisces: A night having fun with Mad Dog 20/20, a unicycle, and a strobe light will lead to you being charged with manslaughter.

Lucky Color: The amalgam of the skin tones of all of Angelina Jolie's children.