

The Gay Rag

A photograph of two young men with short brown hair, smiling and laughing together. The man on the left is leaning towards the man on the right, who has his hand on the other's cheek. They are both wearing collared shirts and sweaters. The background is a soft, out-of-focus gradient of light colors.

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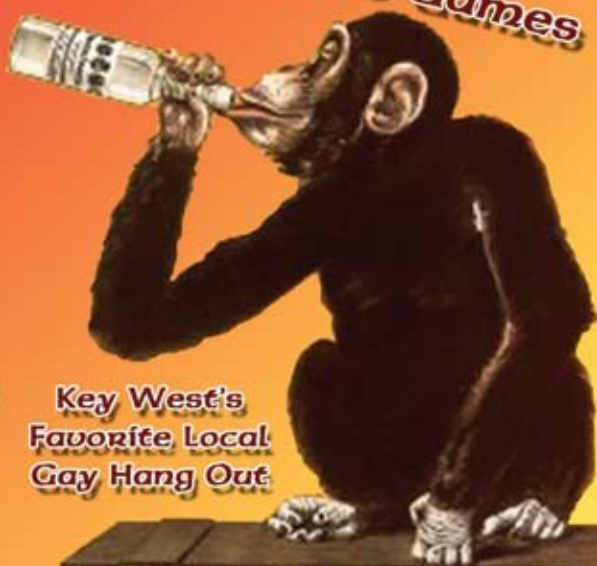
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Ask Nana



E-mail your questions to nana@keywestgayrag.com

Dear Nana,

I have something really embarrassing to ask. It is probably something that I should ask my doctor about, but I am really too nervous to do it face to face. So I am hoping you can help. I've heard for years that one of the signs of certain STD's is a burning sensation when you pee. I have noticed that many times when I pee directly after sex, particularly if it is "drunk sex", I get a very intense burning sensation while I'm peeing. The burning can even last for some time after I'm done peeing. The first few times this happened to me, I was really scared, but there is never pain any other time I pee, so I just assumed that I wasn't diseased. I just want to make sure that this still isn't a sign of something wrong with my downstairs area or if there is anything I can do to prevent it.

-Burning Man

Dear Mr. Man,

First of all, Sugar, let me just say I get a kick out of the fact that you won't ask your own doctor this, but you feel totally comfortable telling a dried up old lady such as myself! Now this one was a bit of a pickle for me, no pun intended, because it's not the usual relationship question that I usually get. When it comes to telling you how to get your big lump of a boyfriend to pick up his socks or how to tell your lover they need to play with your asshole more: I'm aces! Heck, relationships are the same whether your gay or straight, black or white, eight or eighty! But when it comes to a man's undercarriage, it's like a car engine to me: I have no idea how the insides of it work, but I love having one around to ride on! Luckily for you, I have a dear old friend who is a retired doctor and he was able to shed some light into the darkness of your penis puzzle. So, here's the deal!

You don't have an STD! Nor do you have any other penis threatening illness. It is a simple matter of too many cooks in the kitchen so to speak. When you climax and your boy-confetti bursts forth, it is biologically speaking a mild combination of ingredients. And, inevitably, some of will coat the walls of your urethra. Your pee, on the other hand, tends to be very acidic. So, if you pee too soon after your orgasm, there are a few too many ingredients mixing in your urethra and it becomes irritated. That irritation can last for up to 20 minutes, while your body is breaking down all the various proteins and acids and what not that are mixing around in there. The Doc also said you probably notice this more when you're drunk because being drunk usually also means you're dehydrated; which he says just worsens matters. But, all in all, nothing to worry about. If you don't want it to burn when you pee, then you might want to stop screwing ugly people when you're drunk.... Just a thought.

Dear Nana,

I recently had an old buddy of mine from college visit me. He is straight and though I was always attracted to him, I never really thought anything would happen and, to be honest, never really gave it much thought. During his visit, though, he seemed different. He was a lot more frisky and physical with me. On his last night in town, we went out and got wasted, he kept saying stupid "straight" guy stuff like, "I wish you were a girl, if you were a girl I would marry you", etc. etc. I just shined it off as drunken guy talk. When we got back to my place, we ended up having a few more beers while laying on my bed: listening to music and talking. He told me how much I meant to him and how if he was ever gonna be with a guy it would have been me. I, of course, never got up the courage to dig deeper, or, even bolder, to lean in and kiss him. We both went to sleep and I thought that was that. Except, I woke up the next morning to find that I was getting morning head from my "straight" friend. I didn't know what to do, except lay back and enjoy it... so I did. After I came, I tried to return the favor, but he said that it wasn't insectary and then went and took a shower. We were normal the rest of the day, and then he flew back to his home state. I guess my question is... what do I do now?!?!?!?

-Blown Away

Dear Blown Away,

Well, looks like someone had a busy weekend! But seriously, Hon, good for you! I mean, life is short (believe me!) so whatever fantasies that you can have come true in this life... enjoy them! Clearly, your friend has some sexual issues. This doesn't mean he is insecurely gay, or straight, but just that he needs to work some stuff out. Considering the fact that you were asleep when the blow job was initiated, (...and kudos to your member for being able to go to work while the rest of you is asleep... you men never cease to amaze me!), it was clearly something he very much wanted to try. Perhaps it was a one time deal, perhaps he just has strong feelings for you and wanted to begin to explore them, perhaps he is 6 months away from slapping on a wig and some heels and calling himself "Ivana Man". Just let time tell! And, most importantly, take care of yourself in this whole scenario. Don't think he is moving in with you tomorrow, or that even if he wants to that he has any idea what he really wants or needs. You just worry about you. As long as he is respectful of you and your feelings, and keeps wanting to blow you like the morning breeze, then keep up the good work, and please keep me posted. And remember the more detail you go into in your letters, the happier I am... I may be old, but I ain't dead... so sex it up when you write the old lady, kids!!!

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Wednesday 5-8 pm

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Weekly Events

Monday

801 - Drag Shows at 9:00 PM and 11:00 PM

Aqua - Dueling Bartenders 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Karaoke starting at 8:30 PM

Bobby's - Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon - Dancers on the bar starting at 10:00 PM

KWest - Men dancing for men starting at 10:00 PM

Tuesday

801 - Drag Shows at 9:00 PM and 11:00 PM

Aqua - Aqua Idol starting at 6:30 PM

Reality is a Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Bobby's - Pool Tournament at 7:00 PM

Bourbon - Dancers on the bar starting at 10:00 PM

KWest - Men dancing for men starting at 10:00 PM

Wednesday

801 - Drag Shows at 9:00 PM and 11:00 PM

Aqua - World Tavern Poker Tournament at 5:00 PM

Reality is a Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Bourbon - Dancers on the bar starting at 10:00 PM

KWest - Bobby Nesbitt is on the piano starting at 5:30 PM

Men dancing for men starting at 10:00 PM

Thursday

801 - Karaoke starting at 5:00 PM

Drag Shows at 9:00 PM and 11:00 PM

Aqua - Reality is a Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Bobby's - Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon - Dancers on the bar starting at 10:00 PM

KWest - Men dancing for men starting at 10:00 PM

Friday

801 - Drag Shows at 9:00 PM and 11:00 PM

Aqua - Reality is a Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Bobby's - Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon - Porsche Live starting at 9:00 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10:00 PM

KWest - Men dancing for men starting at 10:00 PM

One Saloon - Cock Shock wet jockey contest - Midnight

Saturday

801 - Drag Shows at 9:00 PM and 11:00 PM

Aqua - Reality is a Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Bobby's - Pool tournament at 2:00 PM

Bowling tournament on the Wii at 5:00 PM

Bourbon - BBQ in the garden bar starting at 1:00 PM

Porsche Live starting at 9:00 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10:00 PM

KWest - Bobby Nesbitt is on the piano starting at 5:30 PM

Men dancing for men starting at 10:00 PM

Amateur Strip Contest at Midnight

Sunday

801 - Karaoke starting at 5:00 PM

Gay Bingo (Not your mother's bingo) starting at 5:00 PM

Drag Shows at 9:00 PM and 11:00 PM

Aqua - World Tavern Poker Tournament at 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Reality is a Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Bobby's - Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon - BBQ in the garden bar starting at 1:00 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10:00 PM

KWest - Michael Thomas singing with Larry Harvey starting at 5:30 PM

Men dancing for men starting at 10:00 PM

Locations

801 - 801 Duval Street

Aqua - 711 Duval Street

Bobby's - 900 Simonton Street

Bourbon - 724 Duval Street

KWest - 705 Duval Street

One Saloon - 514 Petronia Street

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Monday

Aqua - 8:30 PM

Bobby's Monkey Bar - 9:30 PM

Thursday

801 Bourbon - 5:00 PM

Bobby's Monkey Bar - 9:30 PM

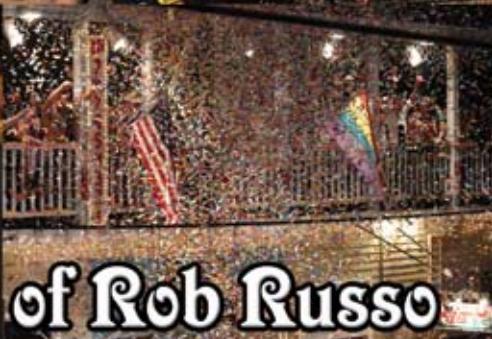
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The Tale of the Manatee

by: Brad Loekle



Well, with my first trip to Key West just around the corner; I feel I should tell you just how I got to be known as “The Manatee”. Especially since I know that Porsche is going to let you all know about it anyway... so I might as well beat her to the punch! And let me assure you that if there is anything in this tale you believe to be too fantastic to have actually happened... believe me, IT DID!

It all started one sunny summer afternoon when Porsche’s “brother”, Brant, and a whole cast of Fire Island entertainers decided to spend the day at the beach. The beach is something we very rarely see all summer, as there is no bar on the beach. No bar = No Brant = No Brad! But so off to the beach we went! Oh, a word to the wise, never let gay people pack your beach bag. I say this because, when I got to the beach and opened up the bag we had trusted the other gays to pack I found: a pair of open-toed heels, lip gloss, moisturizer, an inflatable beach ball, and a 1 lb. bag of skittles. It looked like an autistic drag queen had emptied her sock drawer.

So there we were laying about in the sun and the sand; having a gay old time. While playing in the water, perhaps naked, I may have swam into a little gathering of seaweed. And maybe I put some of the seaweed in my mouth as a joke, not to actually eat it. Well, right then, Brant turned around and announced to all the Fire Island royalty swimming about, “Hey, look at the Manatee grazing over there! What are you doing all the way up here, Mr. Manatee?!”. And so, a legend was born. Within an hour everyone on the beach had gotten word that there was a manatee who had beached itself right near where “Porsche” was laying in the sun. And let me tell you, my friends, do you have any idea how hard it is to get a tan when lesbians keep running up and throwing wet towels on you to keep you alive?!?! Despite my best attempts, I quickly learned that, like it or not, I was now Porsche’s Manatee. Over the next few weeks I began appearing in Porsche’s show as “The Manatee”. Within a few shows I had a name and a job: I was Hugh Manatee and I worked for the Key Largo Manatee Foundation, as their spokesmanatee. And, like everything

else in entertainment, it soon took on a life of its own. Whether it was people gathering to watch the manatee take a late night swim in the hotel pool (during which people would throw billiard balls into the water as if to create a live version of "Hungry, Hungry Hippo".) Or when lesbians would bring me manatee memorabilia: like tee shirts, key chains, and boat propellers.

Once the summer was over, I had assumed that "Hugh Manatee" would be packed away and only be seen on Fire Island, or when Porsche insisted that I do him. But, oh, how I was wrong! My very first show back in Manhattan, when I mentioned Fire Island, the first thing yelled out from a boy in the crowd... "Hey Manatee!!" mentioned Fire Island, the first thing yelled out from a boy in the crowd... "Hey Manatee!!"

So, now, I live as two people: Brad Loekle the stand-up comedian... and The Manatee. And quite frankly, I couldn't be happier! I don't even mind that my animalistic drag persona is a friggin' Sea Cow. And for one main reason: because that name was given to me in love from a group of dear friends. And because knowing me as the manatee, means you know me as a friend. And that makes it all worth it; all the traveling, bad shows, and hecklers in the world can't take away the fun that it is to be able to be someone, and something, that was specially chosen for me by my friends and my fans. And so now, when I arrive in Key West at the end of January, all you readers will also know the manatee. And you too will be my new friends. My new family!

So when you see me up on stage, as the manatee, remember to show your love, say hello, and buy me a drink! Remember... I'm endangered, for Christ's Sake!!!!

Brad Loekle is a stand-up comic, radio personality, and writer based out of NYC. He can be heard Wednesday mornings on Sirius Radio "OutQ in the Morning" from 7-11am. He is also the comedian-in-residence at the Ice Palace in Cherry Grove, Fire Island. For more info on Brad, check out www.bradloekle.com or www.myspace.com/bradloekle .



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If you are lucky enough to be staying in old town, walking is your best bet.

For short trips, try a pedicab. They are a unique way to get around and your partner will give you bonus points for the romantic ride home.

Taxis are just a phone call away and arrive within minutes. Any bartender will call one for you.

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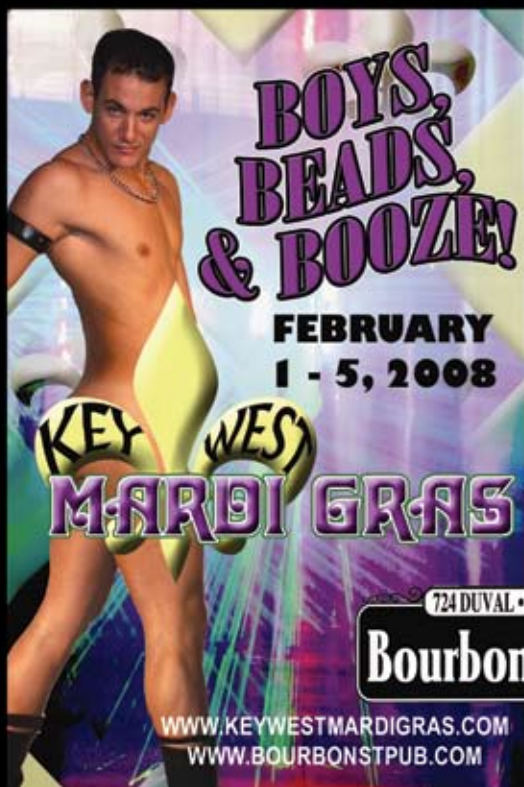
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1. Oh, never mind.....

Pisces

Feb 19 – Mar 20

By the middle of this month, you will wonder if it was even worth chewing through the restraints.

Aries

Mar 21 – Apr 19

Your positive thought for this month....."just like everybody else, you are unique."

Taurus

Apr 20 – May 20

While researching your genealogy, it will be revealed to you that your Indian name is "Runs with Alcohol"

Gemini

May 21 – Jun 20

You will finally realize your true abilities when you begin a government job at the "Department of Redundancy Department."

Cancer

Jun 21 – Jul 22

Sadly, you have all of the virtues that people dislike, and none of the vices that people admire.

Leo

Jul 23 – Aug 22

Tonight, you will reflect on the fact that you had a perfectly wonderful evening.....unfortunately, tonight will not have been it.

Virgo

Aug 23 – Sep 22

True to your sign, you have no enemies in this world. Unfortunately, you are intensely disliked by your friends.

Libra

Sep 23 – Oct 22

A lot of effort needs to be put into getting your ego under control – you are a self-made man who worships his creator.

Scorpio

Oct 23 – Nov 21

Sometimes, you simply have to accept your place in the world. For too long now, you have been suffering delusions of adequacy.

Sagittarius

Nov 22 – Dec 21

For this month, try to think before you speak. So far in your life, you have not once opened your mouth without subtracting from the sum of human knowledge.

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Dec 22 – Jan 19

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