

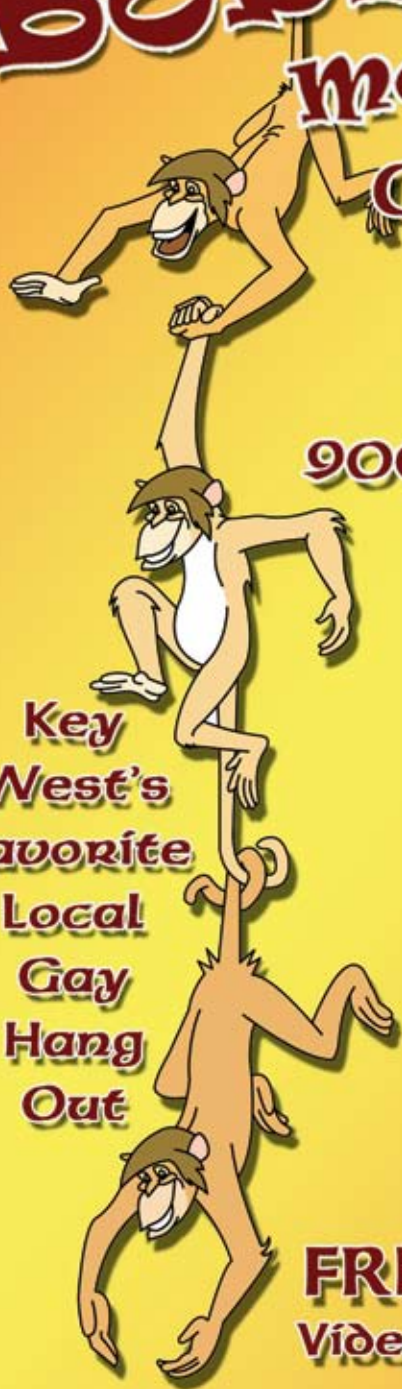
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A photograph of two muscular men on a beach. The man in the foreground is wearing white briefs and a necklace with a cross. The man behind him is wearing blue briefs and has a tattoo on his left arm. They are both smiling and embracing each other. The background shows the ocean and a clear blue sky.

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-Confused Christopher

Oh Chrissy!

Sounds to me like someone got back into the honey pot too soon and now he's not just sticky... but covered in bees! Listen, boo, you could well be falling back in love with your old flame. But you need to not drag another person along for the ride and you need to think before you act. I don't know why you left your ex.... But you did. Don't look at your past with too much rose coloring... roses have thorns too. And for God's sake don't be an asshole and break this new guy's heart!



Nana,

I went a little overboard this holiday season and ate way too much. Any old school advice for getting that weight back off?

Advice?

You want nutritional advice from an old lady with the bone structure of a sparrow?!

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

Reality is a Drag Show at 9:00 PM

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

KWest - 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 - Vanessa DiGenarro performs live starting at 6:00 PM

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

One Saloon - Cock Shock wet jockey contest - Midnight

Saturday

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

Aqua - World Tavern Poker Tournament at 4:00

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 - Dancers on the bar starting at 10:00 PM

KWest - 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 and 6:00 PM

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

Locations

801 - 801 Duval Street

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Getting Around Key West

Now that you're in Key West, you probably don't need a car. Parking is challenging and expensive. After a night of drinking on Duval, you definitely don't want to drive anything. Even riding a bicycle while intoxicated will get you a DUI.

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.

Scooters and bicycles are inexpensive to rent and can be a fun way to see the island. Please ask for proper training and information about local laws. Scooters may be parked at designated motorcycle spaces and there are bicycle stands all over. If you forget to lock up your bike, you won't see it again.

Electric cars are fun to explore but still require a standard car parking spot. Electric cars are not permitted on North or South Roosevelt Blvd.

Don't drink and drive. You might spill your drink.

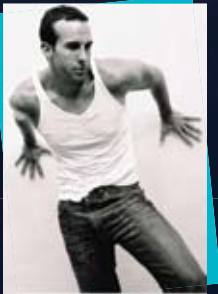
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by: **Brad Loekle**



It was December 15th and I had just gotten off a five hour flight from New York City. Due to my road schedule leading up to this flight, I hadn't slept. So, although I was in a city that was just one hour behind my nature time, I had also been awake for the better part of 24 hours. Then as I walked out of the airport I saw it.... Not the splendor of Mexico, not the brilliant Pacific Ocean, but RV Beaumont! I found out, only days before leaving for Mexico, that she was going to be in a theater down the street from where I would be performing; and would be in town for my whole run. As dozens of people clamored to look for family and friends getting off of numerous planes, all I could hear over the Spanish speaking din was the dulcet tones of RV's guttural cry, "HOOKER! OVER HERE! HOOKER!!!!!"

I travel a lot for work. Though TV and radio pay far more, road work is still a big part of my income and my life. And, the truth is, I love it. And though most times I'm stuck in the most God awful and unusual places, once in a great while I get a chance to be someplace really wonderful... and get paid to be there! This was the case this holiday season when I got booked to open a new comedy club in Puerto Vallarta Mexico. Comedy clubs are always odd places. I really have yet to find one, outside of New York & LA, that doesn't have either some sordid history or a staff comprised of the out-patient list of a local nuthatch. PV was no exception. The hotel that club was housed in was lovely, and the owner and staff couldn't have been more giving and excited. They even gave me a suite with views of the ocean and sunset from every room. And what the club lacked in attendance the owner made up for in personality. His name was David. An American ex-patriot in his early 60's, he used to be an anesthesiologist... and I think he still

practices, but only on himself. He has an all-over-the-place accent that makes him a cross between George W. Bush and Roscoe P. Coltrane from the Dukes of Hazzard. One night he regaled me with stories of his best friend, John C. Lilly (the man who invented sensory deprivation tanks...and believed dolphins were aliens) and how he built him a tank in his home in exchange for large amounts of Ketimine. I thought, "God, I love my job. There's no 401K... but there's Special K!"

Now, aside from my work, I absolutely loved the people of Mexico. Uncut drugs and uncut men: how can you go wrong?! It was 14 sun soaked days of corona, cocaine and "calamari"! And, though the men were beautiful, RV and I were taken aback by the women. To be more specific the crotches of the women. I am guessing here, but, I think because of the heat they don't wear any underwear. And then, because they're Latin, they all wear tight clothes. What I'm trying to say is... Camel toe, people. EVERYWHERE! RV and I would go on camel toe safaris to see how many we could spot. I have come to believe that camel toes are like snowflakes: there are no two alike, and they are all God's work. I even saw a camel toe in a skirt! A Skirt!! That was either one tight skirt or one fairgrounds-sized vagina! There was even a woman I would see all the time walking to work in tight grey slacks, no panties, and a clearly defined camel toe. I nick named her "Grey's Anatomy".

All in all, it was an amazing trip. RV and I raised some hell and both had some great shows. I may even try to return in early spring. I hear the camel toes are beautiful that time of year...

Brad Loekle is a comedian based out of NYC. He can be seen Thursday nights on TruTV's "The Smoking Gun" at 9PM & heard on Sirius OutQ Radio.

For more on Brad, go to: www.bradloekle.com

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Political Activism = Key West Vacation?

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Writer, entertainer Bruce Vilanch was asked in the Feb. issue of *Passport*, The Hetero-Friendly Gay Travel Magazine, "What town or place should gay people visit as a political act?" Part of his reply included, "...You could seriously support gay resorts like Provincetown and Key West where there are gay people making money off of gay people and keeping the dollars in the community. That is a serious political act."

If you are reading this in Key West, or online while booking your trip, you can enjoy your stay knowing that you are making a much appreciated statement by choosing to visit Key West; one of the world's first island resort towns to welcome the GLBT community on holiday or to live.

Bruce is right, where the LGBT community flexes its considerable spending-power muscles certainly makes a difference in the overall movement for equality. This fact was painfully illustrated as we learned of corporations that many of us patronize and which had funneled millions of dollars into anti-equal rights initiatives here in Florida, California and other states across the nation.

Lists of those companies have been published, but here in Key West we have a different and positive kind of list. The Key West Business Guild, GLBT & Allied Chamber of Commerce, has the list of all of its business members who SUPPORT equal rights and are keeping Key West a premier destination for our community and all who subscribe to our One Human Family philosophy.

Find the list at GayKeyWestFL.com and in printed guides distributed around the island and the world. Please use this list when you are planning travel arrangements; lodging; bike, scooter, electric car, & auto rentals; dining; shopping; nightlife, health & beauty days; home shopping; tours & attractions, and more.

So, make a political statement while sipping a drink at sunset and please flex your muscles with our Guild members, thank them for supporting our cause, and tell them The Business Guild sent you.

PS Bruce Vilanch, thanks and please come visit soon!

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Aquarius

Jan 20 – Feb 18

You're too damn stubborn. Give in and finally do that laundry that you've been putting off since December. You'll never find a date if you smell like a Key West beach at low tide.

Pisces

Feb 19 – Mar 20

You have finally discovered that alcohol is the answer. This month should be spent determining what the question was.

Aries

Mar 21 – Apr 19

Do something different on the second weekend of this month. Don't drink at all, and instead, read a novel on Friday night. If you make it through the book, reward yourself with a cocktail..... er, a night out... aww, fuck the book; it's the weekend.

Taurus

Apr 20 – May 20

This month you will capitalize on the success of SPAM by inventing SPEEF. Unfortunately, you would have been much better off trying to make SPICKEN, instead.

Gemini

May 21 – Jun 20

Around the 14th of this month, you will find a really big piece of lint in your pocket. That is about the extent of your excitement for this month.

Cancer

Jun 21 – Jul 22

Don't worry too much about the recurring stabbing pain in your eye whenever you drink coffee. But it's important to be proactive this month. Before you take a drink, remove the spoon from the cup

Leo

Jul 23 – Aug 22

A new love affair will have you misty eyed. Either that, or it's the onset of glaucoma, in which case you should seek immediate medical attention.

Virgo

Aug 23 – Sep 22

For most of this month old Neil Diamond songs will circle endlessly in your mind. I recommend screaming and pounding your head on the table.

Libra

Sep 23 – Oct 22

You'll make a furry new friend this month when you find a stray animal. Though it could become a lifelong friend, all that feeding and nurturing gets expensive. Don't touch that nasty kitty; it's just a self-loving money pit.

Scorpio

Oct 23 – Nov 21

You are a free spirit who loves having a good time. Do something creative like base jumping, or go hiking to a campsite that has been abandoned for years. Should you do this, my advice is that if you see anyone in a hockey mask, run.

Sagittarius

Nov 22 – Dec 21

Rome was not built in a day. Nor is your love life. Is a bit of slap and tickle so important that you need to put a paper sack over your head in case his falls off??

Capricorn

Dec 22 – Jan 19

You've had a roller coaster of a month so far, so there's only one thing to do. Buy something really expensive. You just bought something expensive?? Spoiled ass. You're just as bad as those Libras!

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