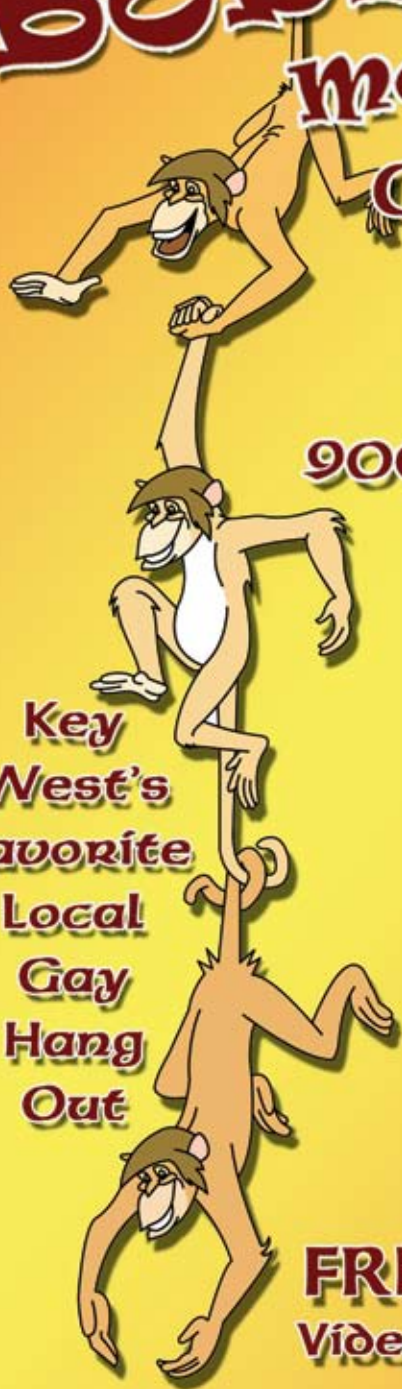


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Dear Nana,

*I've started seeing a really nice guy. We are compatible in almost every way. But there is one issue in the bedroom and it's my fault. My guy is "versatile" and I have always labeled myself a bottom. But the truth is this is only because of my severe insecurity about my penis size. It just seemed easier to be a bottom than deal with my feelings of inadequacy. My new bf is not insanely hung, but he is definitely bigger than me. I've never had a boyfriend complain or mock my size, so I don't even know where this comes from. But it's real and I don't want it to get in the way of this relationship!*

-Stewart Little

Okay Stew, SNAP OUT OF IT!

Listen, you didn't give your measurements, but if you're saying that no man in your life has ever commented on your size then I'm guessing you're average. And, FYI queens, the average American man is 5 ½ inches. You heard me! That means there are as many men walking around with boy bindles that are bigger than that, as there are who are

SMALLER than that. So why don't you all stop pretending you're all 9X10. It's a penis, not lumber. And besides, you're scaring other guys into mental impotency. Listen, sugar, unless you're new boyfriend in a bottomless pit ANYTHING you've got will be more than enough to punch his kitty. And, just for the record, the reason you're obsessed with your size is simple: you're a MAN! You sad sacks of skin are obsessed with the size of everything... except you're brains ;-)



Dear Nana,

*I just started seeing a new doctor. She is very nice and seems very open, but, in our initial physical when she took my medical history she asked me if I was a lesbian. Not out of nowhere, but in the context of whether I was single or married. I said single and she said, "Do you sleep with men or women"? Now, I am a lesbian, but have never had a doctor ask me this before. I don't really see why it would be that important and my first thought was that she was throwing it out there because she suspected me to be gay and wanted to know. Am I over reacting? Or is she crossing a line?*

*-Perturbed Patient*

Dear PP - (you walking into that joke!) – in this case, I would say you are waayyy over-reacting. Listen, doctors are like penises: each one is special and unique! Are there nosey doctors out there? Definitely! Should you be with a doctor you are comfortable with and have an open dialogue? YES! But, in this case, the problem seems to lie on your side. It is actually very important for your doctor to know your sexual practices, and thus, your sexual orientation. The fact your doctor includes this in a standard medical history is a great thing. Think about it, wouldn't it be odd if she started pushing you to discuss birth control options? Your doctor should customize your care to your life. To do that, she needs to know about your life. Now, since this seems to be a sensitive topic for you in the examination room, I would keep an eye on it. If you feel she's fixating on your sexuality over time, then talk to her. But usually when a doctor asks you a question and you don't think it's relevant it's because THEY have the medical degree and you don't. She was probably thinking about what STD's she was going to have to inform you about for prevention control... and you were thinking she was just poking around your panty line because she saw you pull up in a pick-up truck!

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Bourbon - Movies & Showtunes starting at 8:00 PM

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 - American Idol at 8:00 PM

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 - American Idol at 8:00 PM

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 - 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 - 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 - 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

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 - Porsche Live starting at 7:00 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10:00 PM

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

## Locations

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# Angie Baby

## My big ol' movement



I feel it coming.

There will be tremendous strain. Sudden yelps of pain. Bending of the knees. Squatting. Plenty of wiping. A change of clothing might be warranted.

Oh: and peanuts, lots and lot of peanuts.

I refer to my impending relocation to 33040.

You thought my reference to something scatological. Your Analogous Angie likes to keep you on your toes or, in some of your cases, hooves. I say "Hello, Dolly!" in this month of April, and "See 'ya, Fuckstick!" to my parole officer and Grandmother Yvette, now in an overcrowded, understaffed convalescent center. She suffered grave injury when she fell from a utility pole, "sharing" a neighbor's cable TV, and I wasn't about to pollute my new southernmost life with her southernmost stank. I said my goodbyes as she lay strapped to a gurney in a hallway, still awaiting a bunkbed. Delirious from the Lithium I'd loaded her with, she still managed to leeringly ask about Obama's stimulus. I kissed her taupe forehead and explained no, he wasn't coming by to mount her.

"See you in Hell, Mamaw," I whisper. "Wear lipstick."

'Quit Your Job And Move To Key West.' That's the name of the inspirational book I stole. Too bad I can't read. I haven't a job to quit; I've been mostly on the dole since 1997. And I'm not so much moving as fleeing. I only show up at the 'Good Rid-dance!' celebration at my flophouse to wedge some coldcuts and cubed cheese into my Hello, Kitty purse for the long drive down.

I comport myself as confident, but my change of scenery, from flatlands to flora, does not come without reservation. Questions bounce around in my head like my big girl panties in the laundromat dryer. Will I be immediately loathed or I will be granted a small grace period of community acclimation? Will I be Ground Zero for erectile dysfunction and the antidote to Cialis? Will I fit in?

Granted, I'm no Kenny Chesney. I actually have a chin. I don't make friends easily. I was called a demanding bitch at delivery by the attending doctor...I was jeering at fatasses from my stroller...by my first detention, my bed was being made every day by one of the intimidated juvies. Many say Key West is a forgiving island. I am counting on it. I will need them to forgive personal loans, my vomit in their flower urns and the many vague fundraisers I benevolently organize then brazenly pilfer "expenses" from.

I quote some of the sage advice offered me by some greasy locals:

"Don't treat every hour as Happy Hour." - This will not present a problem. Drunk or sober, I am desperately unhappy 24/7. I bring my own preexisting black hole.

"Simplify. We in Key West don't need much." - Like dental floss, a decent hem in slacks or Ped-Eggs, I note, looking around me. I come with very little: cans of Sterno, duct tape, a couple of haggard cats so flea-bit they get weekly transfusions. I will even ditch the Kia I borrowed from a trusting friend to go unnoticed on Stock Island. The see-through blouse I have on doesn't have a care tag and my bra has no cups. How's that for minimalist?

"Tighten your belt." - If you mean my waistline, you first, Mr. Mayor. That Tommy Bahama could tent a damn house. If you mean my budget...you first, Mr. Mayor. How many mortgages are you not making? Oh, and, Mrs. Acevedo, talk to me about those \$300 sunglasses.

"Beware. Everyone is a grifter, drag queen, drug dealer or cockblock." - Where do I pick up that membership application? Can I check more than one box?

"Never a cover if you're a local." - Remind me to bring a current utility bill, my street sign and a pack of bitter cigarettes as I argue this point with a doorman who's lived somewhere in the Lower Keys for three days.

"You don't need a fancy resume or college degree here." - I don't even have my GED. Will Dairy Queen care?

"Get involved." - Not to worry. I am appointing myself the new Town Crier. Every workplace raid for illegals and drunken antic of an elected official will be my plate garnish. I will dine on the adulterous affairs and botched tranny surgery of others. Dessert will be a gleeful parfait of personal bankruptcy, meth addiction and business closure. Can't wait.

"Use, at minimum, SPF-40." - Does it work retroactively? My face is already a baseball mitt with lips. Being sentenced to a chain gang was not kind.

"Celebrate every colorful sunset as the day's victory." - I will, if I can see it over the goddamn cruise ships and TAMPOA gates. Even then, the sienna, the mandarin, the violet, those are mostly fluorocarbons. You do know you're dreaming on deodorant, don't you? Fuck dusk. It seems more people should pay attention to Sunshine...Law.

But enough of these pearls of wisdom. Your Angie wants a pearl necklace. Put your WELCOME MAT out, Key West. I have dogshit on my left Croc that needs scraped off.

*Angie Baby*

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Are you a karaoke junkie? Do you need a fix? Here are the best places to "feed the need" while you are in town.

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## *Monday*

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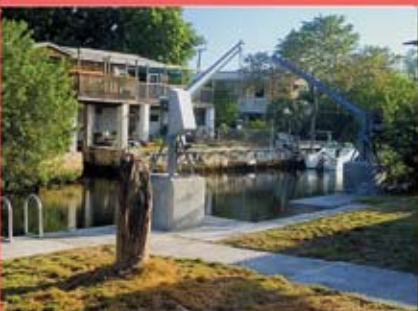




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# Wood / Pecker

by: **Brad Loekle**



Wood... Pecker... Boner... dick, people. We're gonna talk about dick. Sorry lesbians, this bud's not for you. I would like to speak to the gay men in the room. Well, really to all men. About the one thing we have all fixated on since the first time we looked in our diaper and thought, "what the hell is that thing?". I have never met a man, gay, straight or Jonas, that hasn't been obsessed with the size of his dick. And not only his dick but the dicks of every other man walking the earth. I remember the rude awakening I first had when I belonged to an uber-hetero gym and I suddenly realized that all the men casually glancing at my twig and berries weren't cruising me. At all. They were just taking part in the pre-historic male ritual of sizing up the competition. (I don't know if the first cave drawing of men had dicks on them... but if they did, I guarantee you that the archeologists altered them to make themselves feel better.)

The modern proof of our obsession can be seen in the free market. There are more products that are supposed to "enlarge your member" than there are STD's in Amy Winehouse. And I don't just mean in the back of sex shops or mail-order catalogs. I mean we actually advertise bigger boners on national television. My nana could be sitting there watching *Touched by an Angel* and then, BAM! Pecker-puffing products galore! The kind of these would have to be Enzyte. You've seen the commercials; everyone's dressed in sort of retro-60's suburban attire, someone's whistling a tune eerily similar to the *Andy Griffith Show* theme, and they're showing a guy with an Amber Alert grin from ear to ear "impressing" people with his "confidence". Maybe he's playing golf... why? Because there's balls and poles and

holes in golf. My personal favorite is when they have “Dick Dickerson” dressed up like Santa, while commenting on his ample package. Great. That’s just what I wanted: to think about my 6 year old cousin getting his photo taken on Santa’s lap, while Santa’s “helper” turns him into kiddy shish kabob.... I just threw up in my mouth a little.

But here’s what’s so silly about all of these products throughout time. If there was really, truly, any substance in heaven or earth that could give us men bigger boners; we would ALL be taking it ALL the time. Every man in America would be walking around with a baby stroller full of cock in front of us. We would cultivate our cock-a-doodle-does until they were so gianormous that every time we got a hard-on we would stroke out from lack of blood to the brain. We would be all be, every single one of us, slack-jawed, stroke-victim idiots dragging around our Porsche-sized\* penises with our one good leg and one good arm. It wouldn’t even matter if the drug that gave us monster members had monstrous side effects. You could tell the average gay man that you were going to have to amputate his head if he kept taking his dick medicine and he would look at you like Scooby Do.

Gay or straight, we are men. Big, dumb, men. The only reason we haven’t perfected the “dick transplant” by now is only because, even in death, no man would ever part with his precious, precious pecker.

\*(Disclaimer: When I refer to “Porsche-sized penises” I am, for the record, referring to the extravagantly expensive sports car. Not the extravagantly intoxicated blonde that we all know and love.)

*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 XM Radio.*

*For more on Brad, go to: [www.bradloekle.com](http://www.bradloekle.com)*



# KWEST

Men Dancing for Men

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The **Key West**  
**Business Guild**  
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

Please join us for a classic  
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to celebrate our  
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**ONE NIGHT ONLY!**

Sunday, April 5, 2009

6-8PM • Aqua Nightclub • 711 Duval

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Dancing, Entertainment, Hors d'Oeuvres,  
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# Get Your Groove On



*John C. Giuliano, Executive Director  
Key West Business Guild*

*GLBT & Allied Chamber of Commerce Since 1978*

In the mid seventies a group of Key West business people formed the Guild, one of the nation's first chamber of commerce type organizations specifically aimed at marketing a vacation destination to the gay and lesbian community and serving gay & lesbian owned businesses and their allies. The Guild was incorporated in 1978 and this month on April 5th the Guild is celebrating with an Anniversary 1970's Sunday Tea Dance from 6 to 8 pm at Aqua Nightclub, 711 Duval Street.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to wear their grooviest 70's outfits. There will be dancing, entertainment, special guest appearances and Gay Key West Film Premier at 7 pm. Aqua will be offering Happy Hour Drink Prices and of course there will be delectable delights to nibble on (and food too - I know what you were thinking).

At printing time, Appetizers and Sweets have been pledged by: Angelina Pizza, Antonia's, AZUR Restaurant, BottleCap Deli, Croissants de France, Crowne Plaza La Concha Hotel, Exotic Fusion, Hog's Breath Saloon, Hot Tin Roof at Ocean Key Resort & Marina, Pearl's Patio, Small Chef at Large from White Street Bistro, Square One Restaurant, Sun Sun at The Casa Marina Resort, and more delicious donations are expected.

In addition to offering special drink prices, Aqua is graciously providing the space and technical support. Therefore, the \$10 admission fee will benefit the Guild and its continuing efforts on behalf of Key West's One Human Family.

Also in April, spring break and Sculpture Key West continue and The Conch Republic Independence Celebration and the Songwriters Festival will commence. (Plus, a whole lot more)

Visit the Guild's Calendar of Events at [www.GayKeyWestFL.com](http://www.GayKeyWestFL.com) for a listing. Please check out all Guild members listed there and don't forget to tell them that the Business Guild sent you!

KEY WEST BUSINESS GUILD



**The Key West Business Guild  
GLBT & Allied Chamber of Commerce  
Since 1978**

*Please stop by our Visitor Information Center  
Located in The Gay & Lesbian Community Center  
513 Truman Avenue (Behind the Duval ST Denny's)  
Seven Days A Week - 9am to 5pm*

*Free maps, information, discount coupons, local publications, and more.  
You can also visit the GLCC's Free Gay & Lesbian Rainbows Museum!*

*Visit us online at [GayKeyWestFL.com](http://GayKeyWestFL.com) for an entire listing of members,  
events, news and everything related to Gay Key West or call 305-294-4603!*

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513 Truman Avenue  
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# Whore--Scopes

## **Aquarius**

**Jan 20 – Feb 18**

Late in the month a very hot, blond man will appear on your doorstep. In your rush to splash on your cologne, you will fall over your dog, break a mirror, and badly scrape your knee. Let me save you all of this trouble. When this scenario occurs, just hide behind your couch. The guy will be from the I.R.S.

## **Pisces**

**Feb 19 – Mar 20**

Not wanting to imply that you're a redneck, but you need to accept the fact that "deliverance" was not a love story.

## **Aries**

**Mar 21 – Apr 19**

Some advice for your relationships this month... Love sucks; True love swallows.

## **Taurus**

**Apr 20 – May 20**

If you're still considering becoming a drag queen, forget it. Even with professional help, you will still come out looking like a cross between Dame Edna & Boa at 801.

## **Gemini**

**May 21 – Jun 20**

The stars foretell that your boyfriend will run off with a tractor salesman before the end of the month. You will come into the kitchen one morning, and on the table will be a "John Deere" letter.

## **Cancer**

**Jun 21 – Jul 22**

You are in Key West, for God's sake! Why are you in a bar reading horoscopes? Go to the beach you loser!

## **Leo**

**Jul 23 – Aug 22**

Your confidence is on the wane this month. You think that you are fat and unattractive. Sorry to break it to you, but you are.

## **Virgo**

**Aug 23 – Sep 22**

Be cautious of being around large dogs, bears, and sharks this month. This is generally good advice to heed all of the time.

## **Libra**

**Sep 23 – Oct 22**

Your luck will be especially bad in the latter half of the month. It will be so bad, in fact, that you could fall into a bucket of dicks and come out sucking your thumb.

## **Scorpio**

**Oct 23 – Nov 21**

Did you enjoy Spring Break?? All those hot young boys?? Those firm chests?? Those tight buns?? Those.... Oh, screw it. I'm going to take a cold shower.

## **Sagittarius**

**Nov 22 – Dec 21**

Try to be more satisfied with your lot in life. Remember that the grass is always greener on the other side of the septic tank.

## **Capricorn**

**Dec 22 – Jan 19**

Try to keep in mind that your life could always be more dull than you thought it was. To prove it to yourself, take a tour on the Conch Train. It is the gold standard of tedium.

# The 801 Girls Drag Show

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