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Welcome to Paradise!

As the weather starts to warm, the island takes on a more laid back pace.

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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.

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.

Karaoke in Key West

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

Sunday

Bobby's Monkey Bar - 9:30 PM

Monday

Aqua - 8:30 PM

Bobby's Monkey Bar - 9:30 PM

Tuesday

Aqua - 4:30 PM

Bootleggers - 10:00 PM

Thursday

Bobby's Monkey Bar - 9:30 PM

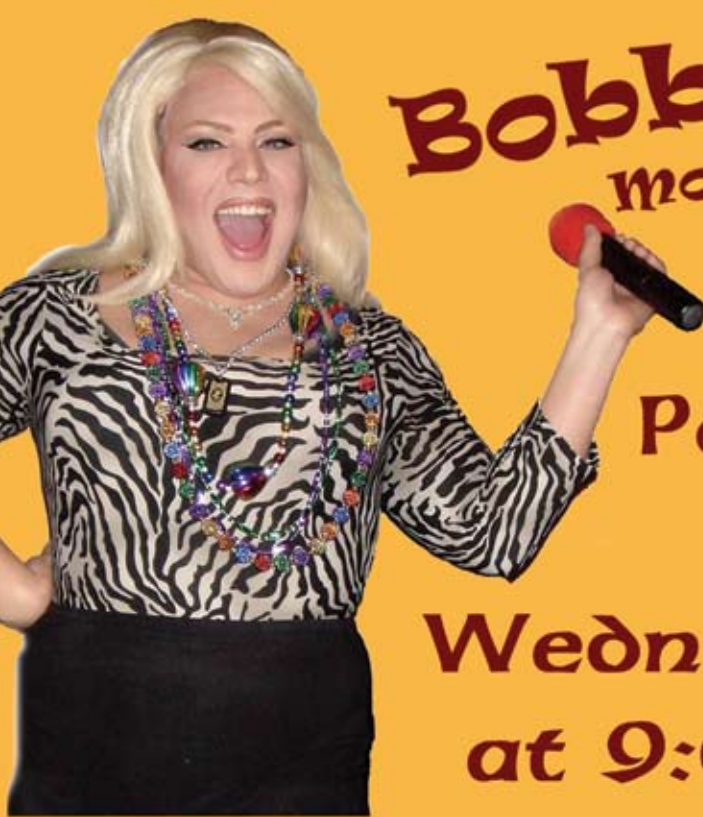
Friday

Bobby's Monkey Bar - 9:30 PM

Saturday

Bootleggers - 10:00 PM





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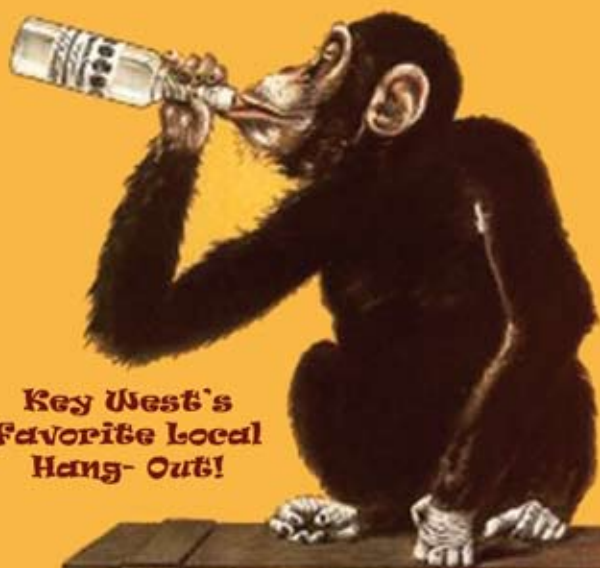
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Tournament

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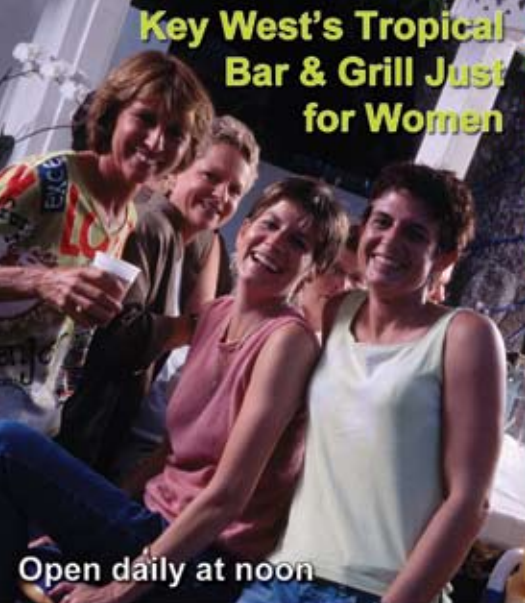
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Weekly Events

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
- Pearl's - The L Word - 6:00 PM

Tuesday

- 801 - Drag Shows at 9:00 PM and 11:00 PM
- Aqua - Karaoke starting at 4:30 PM
Reality is a Drag Show at 9:00 PM
- Bobby's - Pool Tournament at 7:00 PM
- Bootleggers - Karaoke starting at 10:00 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
80's night starting at 11:00 PM
- Bobby's - Porsche Live starting 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
Glory Hole Contest at Midnight
- Pearl's - Movie night - 6:00 PM

Thursday

- 801 - Drag Shows at 9:00 PM and 11:00 PM
- Aqua - Reality is a Drag Show at 9:00 PM
Sex or Next Amateur Strip Contest at 11:30PM
- Bobby's - Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM
- Bourbon - Porsche Live at 9:00 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10:00 PM
- KWest - Men dancing for men starting at 10:00 PM
- Pearl's - The L Word - 9:00 PM

Friday

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

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

Smyrna Empezema and Friends in the wet bar starting at 9:00 PM

Bobby's - Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon - Porsche Live at 9:00 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10:00 PM

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

Saturday

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

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

Smyrna Empezema and Friends in the wet bar starting at 9:00 PM

Bootleggers - Karaoke starting at 10:00 PM

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

Porsche Live at 9:00 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10:00 PM

KWest - Joe Lowe on the piano starting at 5:30 PM

Men dancing for men starting at 10:00 PM

Amateur Strip Contest at Midnight

Pearl's - Poker Night, Game Night, Zodiac Party (varies weekly)

Sunday

801 - 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

DJ Eric following the show

Atlantic Shores - Tea by the sea T-Dance starting at 7:00 PM

Bootleggers - Porsche Live at 7:00 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 - Men dancing for men starting at 10:00 PM

Pearl's - Sports Sunday noon - 8:00 PM

\$2 bloody marys, screwdrivers, domestic beers and all-beef hot dogs

Locations

801 - 801 Duval Street

Aqua - 711 Duval Street

Atlantic Shores - 510 South Street

Bobby's - 900 Simonton Street

Bootleggers - 411 Petronia Street

Bourbon - 724 Duval Street

KWest - 705 Duval Street

Pearl's - 525 United Street

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Sunday May 27: Sun, Fun & Buns Pool Party
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Kick-off of the Traditional Late-Afternoon

Tea Dance At Bourbon starting at 6pm

Porsche Live: Thursday, Friday & Saturday @ 9pm
At Bourbon Street Pub. Then again
on Sunday @ 7pm At Bootleggers



1 - KWest - 705 Duval Street

2 - Aqua - 711 Duval Street

3 - Bourbon Street Pub - 724 Duval Street

4 - 801 Bourbon - 801 Duval Street

5 - Bobby's Monkey Bar - 900 Simonton Street

6 - Oasis / Coconut Grove Guesthouse - 823 Fleming Street

7 - Equator Resort - 818 Fleming Street

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The Man Of Few Words Says Plenty To Angie Baby

Your Angie was good-naturedly warned: "Bob Oberle's a nice enough guy, but quiet. I don't know what you plan to ask, but good luck."

Of course, I've encountered the stony-silence of a Duval-based Bob before -- he of the rock-hard ass in Kwest.

Surely if I could chisel into his dry demeanor, I could penetrate Bob, the new General Manager of Bourbon St. Pub / New Orleans House / Bootleggers. In a town of inconsistency, his ongoing presence there dates back to 1999, with incremental promotions from bartender to Bar Manager to Assistant General Manager only a year ago.

Still, I bring pliers, open acknowledgement that I'd been told our interview would be like pulling teeth.

So here's what flopped my milkjugs over my shoulderpads: Bob ("I don't do Robert") Oberle II not only speaks, he mocks, rebuts, grins and debates. We directly dissect and dispel this humorless public perception.

Why do people think you're unfriendly and laugh-free?

I'm a content person. I'm not rude, I'm not mean. In fact, I respond to most everything with "thanks!" I'm just, maybe, hard to get to know, more private than what people are used to. I'll always give advice, listen and you can ask me anything.

Believe me, I will. I'm a writer, not a biter, but I always get what I want.

I do get real unhappy if I have to cover a shift, and it's not fun when someone actually dies while visiting the Complex, but mostly I just prefer to stay out of drama.

Yet you consented to this, so you've a vein of Midwest masochism. I'm up to my cockeyes with you Buckeyes! Everyone in Key West -- from DJ Nathan Douglas and you to even Marky-Mark -- has worked, lived, schooled or been imprisoned in Ohio.

I love Ohio. Any night that the Ohio State Buckeyes win is a good night. But I hate being cold. I can't deal with it and I never intend to be again. If Ohio could eliminate winter, I'd go back.

Talk to me about the 7-sibling, Columbus, Ohio Catholic tribe you grew up in. Any angst? Did Bob's Inner Gay massage his rosary worriedly?

I played with my sisters' Easy-Bake Oven more than they did. I actually came out in my senior year of high school to friends, so no, it really wasn't a big deal. None of us, not even my parents, go to church now.

Your story's a familiar one: a post-college blowout trip that resulted in your permanent move to Key West. But it wasn't without a brief pause.

I'd studied Political Science and pre-law at Ohio State College -- with a minor in Black Studies. Once I decided to stay here, I was working at Numbers and a guesthouse when I met someone and moved to Seattle. I call it my hiccup. It only lasted a month out there, so at least it was a clean divorce.

And then courtship was conjured with David (Taylor, also a Bourbon St. Pub bartender)?

Here's our true secret, Angie: we were friends first for a year. Before he worked here, David hung out at my bar. I even dated his roommate. So it was gradual, and with conditions: I said I wouldn't date him unless he came out to his family. So, for awhile, his family didn't like me... that, and our 15-year age difference.

And now?

I love them and they love me.

I adore a happy ending. All kinds. And, since I'm premature in about every way, let me be the first to extend an Happy Early Anniversary!

A great day that I cried all the way through. My entire family attended our wedding during Pride Week in June 2001.

It's astounding how all things homo have evolved. Weddings, parenting, Ryan Seacrest.

I actually looked forward to my 10th high school class reunion -- busting out of that closet all over again -- but no one cares.

Oh, I could supply some Republican names. I kinda preferred it when filthy heteros feared me -- although some still scream when they see your Angie. Do you think societal assimilation has hurt gay tourism?

It's not that the gay community is bigger now, but it's not a trend or fad -- although the metrosexual thing did contribute. People are just out. It was definitely busier five years ago, but it's always gone up and down. There's really isn't a season, despite what people say; Spring Break is just a couple of weeks when kids try to come into the bar.

It doesn't help when the gloom-and-doomers on The Weather Channel also plunge us into premature tourism terror.

I like hurricanes.

I beg your tremendous pardon?

They're fun, Angie! I love natural disasters... seeing Mother Nature do her thing is fascinating to me.

Then life in the unpredictable tropics is perfect for you.

Except I hate seafood. I don't even want it near me.

So what's next for Gay Key West?

I'd personally like to see a return to old days of The Copa, and we can do a better job of marketing to Miami and Fort Lauderdale as an alternative, yet close, getaway destination. Bourbon St. Pub is initiating a Garden Bar Sunday afternoon Tea Dance, and Bootleggers is evolving. Wednesday will be for women -- beer, pool and darts -- and from Thursday through Saturday night, it will a XXXX backroom atmosphere, with darkness, dancers and champagne.

Sounds like a Purell moment. I hope you're handy with a mop and bleach.

I just believe Key West is due for a turnaround soon.

Of things turning around and about, your and David's drag performance at the Bourbon annual Turnabout is always a thing to behold.

And I'm glad it's only once a year. I hate doing drag. But it's like our Underwear theme night (next chance to cavort in your drawers is May 26th) -- I can't expect someone to do it when I don't. I pick the song, choreograph -- anyone who knows me understands what I mean when I say boxstop!!! -- and David shows up. He always worries he's going to fuck up.

So, 6 years later, if not here, where would you and David be?

Were we to move, Fort Lauderdale. We've always wanted to own our own bar and it would be cheaper there. But life is Key West. We own two properties, renting one of them. We've got two furry daughters, Cannonball and Rocketball -- both mutts -- and while my goal is to keep David barefoot and pregnant with a litter, he doesn't necessarily want a third child. The 2nd was hard enough.

It's tough on the teats when the newborn has teeth.

It was more domination issues.

Sweetlips, it may not involve the pets, but every household has those. What's the best advice you've ever been given?

"Buy now. It will only get more expensive."

Tears in your beer about anything?

I really don't have any huge regrets. I wish I'd pursued the 2nd phase of my degree, but Key West sidetracked me. Politics interest me and I'm confident that I'll be involved locally. Key West politics are a mess; major issues go away, violations are conveniently ignored. The town needs a major political reconstruction, with more public input and forums on decisions that are being made.

One more jab at this whole pokerface reputation. Strap on an analogy with me: is the glass half-full or half-empty?

Right now, mine's empty. Refill, please! I have a great home life, great kids. I love to cook; we both love to rollerblade. And I work a lot. I'm pretty much here, on-call 24/7. Besides meetings, scheduling and brainstorming promotions, the daily operations of the physical property takes a lot of energy.

Exhausting, yet your 30 year-old olive complexion is admirably dewy. I feel like a baseball mitt alongside you. Any beauty secrets beyond David cum facials?

A lot of Clinique. Plus a little thing called youth, Angie.

I take it all back! You're a cruel fucker!

Angie Baby

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Whore--Scopes

Aquarius

Jan 20 – Feb 18

As you probably know, guys like your ex are a dime a dozen. Here's a nickel.... Get me six.

Pisces

Feb 19 – Mar 20

This month you will have the Midas touch. Everything you touch will turn into a muffler.

Aries

Mar 21 – Apr 19

It's wonderful that you are doing 20 sit-ups a day, but perhaps you could try a little harder. After all, you can only hit the snooze button so many times.

Taurus

Apr 20 – May 20

You will meet a new guy early this month. He will know immediately that you are a bachelor, because all of your plants are dead and there is something growing in your refrigerator.

Gemini

May 21 – Jun 20

This month, your doctor will prescribe an exercise machine for you. Sadly, the machine will be a rack. For your weight, you should be a foot and a half taller.

Cancer

Jun 21 – Jul 22

Try to work on gaining some self confidence. Attempt to avoid words like "can't" and "not." Are you able to do that? I can't see why not.

Leo

Jul 23 – Aug 22

When you are doing drag this month, one of your outfits will be a mini-skirt. All you need to do is figure out what to do with the other leg.

Virgo

Aug 23 – Sep 22

Stop trying to keep up with the Jones'. Each time you catch up, they will just refinance.

Libra

Sep 23 – Oct 22

Your constant chatter is beginning to annoy everybody around you. If you are not careful, you may have to join On and On Anon.

Scorpio

Oct 23 – Nov 21

As you are getting older, you are gaining sincerity. Once you have learned to fake that, there's nothing you can't do.

Sagittarius

Nov 22 – Dec 21

Stop complaining about your dumb boss. If he was any smarter, you would be out of a job.

Capricorn

Dec 22 – Jan 19

This month, your psychiatrist will break the news that you are a dyslexic, agnostic insomniac. Stop lying awake nights wondering if there really is a dog.

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