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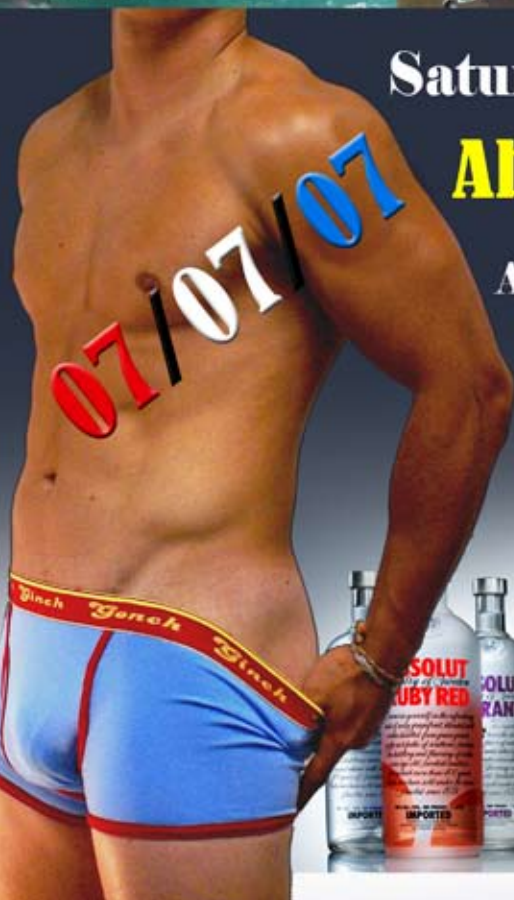
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Tuesday 12-5pm

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Wednesday 6-8 pm

Wednesday 5-8 pm

Thursday 6-9 pm

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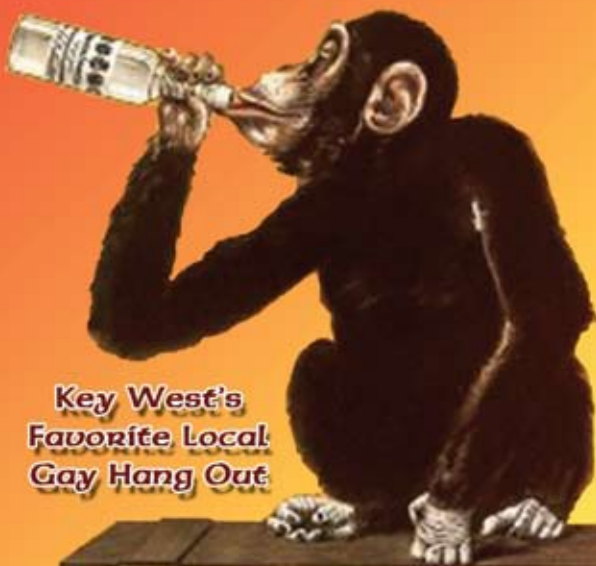
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**Tournament
Tues at 7:00 PM**

Jukebox

Video Games

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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.

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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
- 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
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
- 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
- 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
- Pearl's - Where the (real) girls are Happy Hour - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturday

- 801 - Drag Shows at 9:00 PM and 11:00 PM
- Aqua - Reality is a Drag Show at 9:00 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
Amateur Strip Contest at Midnight
- Pearl's - Poker Night, Game Night, Zodiac Party, Karaoke (varies)

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
- 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
- One Saloon - 514 Petronia Street
- Pearl's - 525 United Street

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Lucky 7's

Saturday, July 7, 2007

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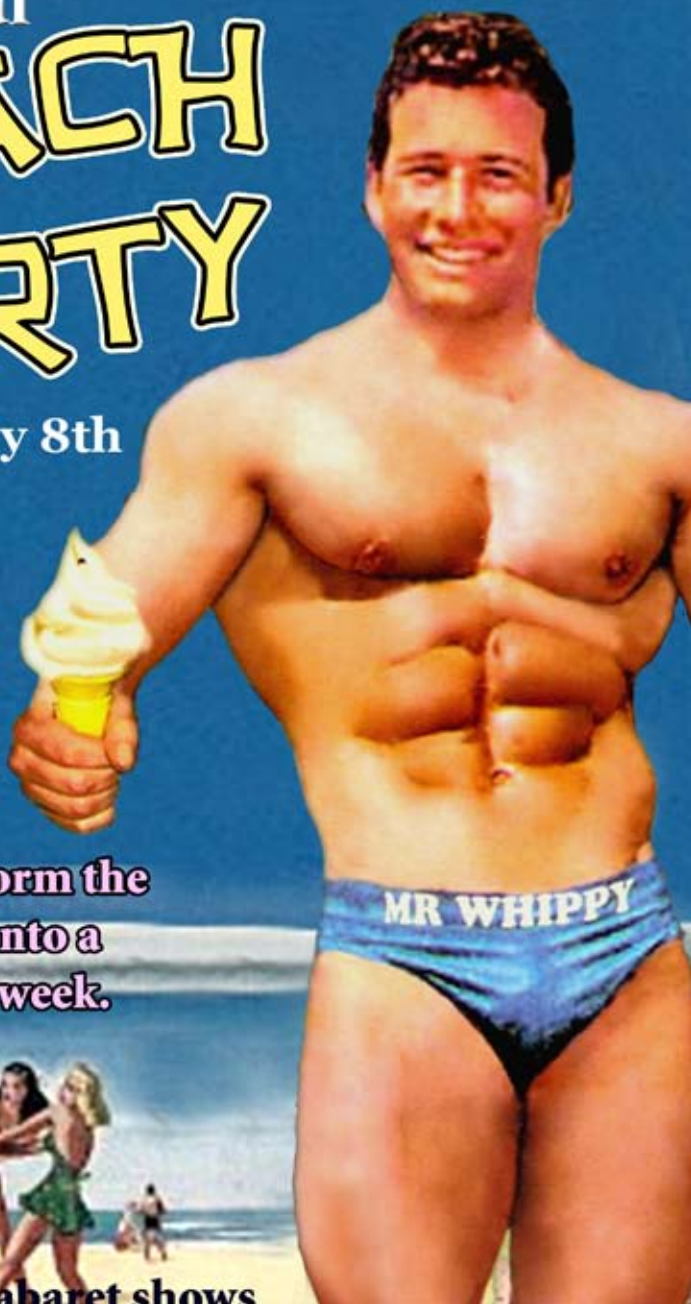
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3 - Bourbon Street Pub - 724 Duval Street

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

8 - Atlantic Shores Resort - 510 South Street

9 - Pearls Rainbow Resort - 525 United Street

10 - Bootleggers - 411 Petronia Street

11 - Island House Resort - 1129 Fleming Street

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"Can I Touch Your Banana?"

*Angie Baby Monkeys
Around With Bobby.*



It's the laugh.

It seemingly launches in the soles of Bobby Walker's feet, rapidly bubbling upward, revving even more near his naval piercing/tattoo to emerge as a combination Satanic cough and the sinister cackle of a carnival barker.

It's a laugh that's virtually always idling, even if it's directed at himself.

When he assumed control of 900 Simonton Street and Donnie's Club International became Bobby's Monkey Bar, he embarked on a series of hospitalizations and recoveries, parting with a long-time partner and, ultimately, shearing his long, flaxen hair to spiky short. Oh, yes, in this fishing village that loves to speculate, Bobby offered plenty for the rumor mill in 2006. Still, he laughed.

But he needlessly frets that he doesn't have that effect on others. Negotiations for this GAY RAG interview were grueling. One would have thought I was trying to pry from Karl Rove his childhood demons or the waist size of our Mayor. But I'm the relentless Chinese Water Torture with the MSG.

Eventually, his protestations of "I'm not funny, Angie" ebbed to "I'm not interesting, Angie" to a promise wrested: "Make me sound funny and interesting, Angie." Even afterward, he nervously scrunched his face and asked, "Can I at least see it before it's posted?"

While I longed desperately for him to exfoliate my abdominal stretch marks with his 3-day beard growth, I maintained my professional, Pulitzer Prize composure and duly recited from my feminine pad of carefully-worded questions.

But first...about that laugh...

What recently tickled a hearty guffaw out of you?

Porsche will hate that I told this.

Boo-fucking-hoo. She ain't here right now.

As she finished her show at Bootleggers, she yanked off her wig and went to make her exit when she caught her heel on the lip of the stage and plllllooooooowed into a table of people.

That's cold. You'll excuse me as I speed-dial Fire Island to rat your ass out.

I couldn't help it. I almost peed myself.

Your birthplace of Grand Blanc, Michigan kinda sounds like a bottle of wine. Little wonder, then, you're in the tavern trade. You grew up among 5 there.

I'm the baby...2 boys, 3 girls. Dad was a mechanic with his own shop and worked his fuckin' ass off, all bloody knuckles; we only saw him on Sundays and he was usually so tired and grumpy, we didn't want to. Typical of a Southern guy, he was embarrassed when Mom went to work grooming show poodles. There were always pens of poodles barking in the house. A vivid memory for me is coming home from school and seeing Mom come out a hot room with fur stuck to her sweating face.

Like Mom, like son! Your affinity for dogs...your 3-day growth! Were you a good Catholic boy?

Maybe then, not now. It's kind of hard to embrace something that doesn't embrace you back. I ain't repenting for nothing! The closest thing to a prayer you'll hear out of me these days is "Dear sweet Jesus, are 'ya kidding me?" But I wasn't popular in school. I came from a bad neighborhood, and most of my classmates looked at me like I was trash. I did my best to prove 'em right.

Attagirl!

I dated a couple of girls, actually lived in Florida for awhile -- Port Charlotte -- but I didn't come out until I'd moved to Phoenix, Arizona with a brother. I found a job in electronic publishing/graphic design...and I located my first gay bar. I was deathly shy. I began dating, yes, a hairdresser.

Your first sex with the menz?

I was 21. It was in the front seat of his mother's Volkswagen Beetle. The upholstery was ripped and gray. Afterwards, I went home and threw up. Excited or scared? I still don't know.

I'm accustomed to post-sex puke. It's usually at daybreak when my trick sees me in the light.

Yet he was my boyfriend for two years, Angie, all the time lying and cheating. At 23, when I finally threw his ass out, I told him "I'm getting dressed up and I am going out to find a guy who treats me well." That same night, I met Gary.

That was hunky Gary Kuertzel, the tall drink of water with the transparent eyes.

We were in Arizona until my Mom had a brain aneurysm and required surgery; we returned to Michigan within that decade. To be supportive, I took real estate classes with her; she was so scared she'd never be able to learn again. So I wound up selling real estate. Gary and I ended up in a big historic Tudor, filling it with antiques.

So Norman Rockwell. Were there thoughts of Kuertzel Kuties and Baby Walkers ?

My sister April actually offered to have a baby for us.

I feel a LIFETIME movie coming on.

Instead, I got a Capuchin monkey, Gizmo -- a perpetual 2 year-old -- and we got over the baby thing. We even brought Gizmo with us when we began vacationing in Key West. We always stayed on Center Street, which is how we became acquainted with Donnie's, often ending up there. I immediately felt comfortable in Key West. I don't like big cities. Of course, the same reason I love a small town...is the reason I hate a small town.

So you went from 3200 sq. ft. --

-- to 800 sq. ft. on a canal in Big Pine Key.

And about 107 critters, as I recall.

It was still better than Michigan; I had everything from horses to pot-belly pigs. I've always spent a fortune in vet bills.

After working at the very beginnings of AQUA -- I mean painting, drywalling -- I noticed Donnie was short a shift bartender. I asked why he hadn't replaced them. "I'm waiting for you," he said. I told him upfront: I don't do days, and I want my own bar someday. He assured me that when he retired, he'd make it easy for me to do just that. And he did.

Then came the Doctor drama. I've had a hairdo collapse but never a lung. Recount, in vivid detail, the excruciating physical agony.

At first, It was misdiagnosed as bronchitis. But I'd had bronchitis before, and I knew it wasn't that. I could barely walk from my bar to the 801, my breathing was so labored. I'd go over a speed bump out at K-Mart and I could feel something moving in my chest, like shifting around, and then I'd have the urge to vomit.

I often have the same urge at K-Mart.

After the 4th occurrence, I was hospitalized in Miami. The timing wasn't great; I'd taken over the bar. But everyone filled in, pitched in, as I slowly got well.

Any dramatic epiphanies or insights during that recovery?

I'm still working on figuring out my special gift.

Drop your drawers. I'll tell you right away.

Everyone has one. A lot of people think I'm an airhead, but I get things done. I figure, if I don't know how, I'll find the person or people who do. I do get easily distracted by things in my personal life. But maybe it's my ability to love, no matter what.

Which can also be a curse. Let's do some freestyle Angie Association. Ready?

(a long, apprehensive laugh)

Favorite drunk food?

Chicken-fried steak, eggs and well-done hash browns at Denny's.

If I break in famished, what will I find in your fridge?

14,000 take-out boxes. I'm not a cook. And you'll never find, olives, vinegar or anything green and mushy.

If I break in sexually ravenous, what will I find on your nightstand?

A water glass probably full of mosquito larvae, a lamp and lube.

Beyond the indefinable joy of Angie's presence, what's the one thing you cannot do without?

For sure, my dogs. (For the shut-in or comatose, that's Standard Poodle Bentley, age 8; and Dallas, just over a year, a Yorkie mix.)

The saddest point of your life?

My break-up with Gary after 16 years.

Define a great evening.

Hanging out with drama-free friends.

Then you obviously leave the island. No wonder you claim your favorite magazine is Skymall. When we awake sweetly spooning tomorrow, I'll be in a beekeeper's outfit. How will you look?

If I used the right stiff hair product, my hair will still look purty. If Flower's waxed my eyebrows, those will look good, too. But I'll probably be wearing some puffy eyes, Angie.

I'll thinly-slice up the cucumber I always travel with.

Angie Baby

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Midnight

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Whore--Scopes

Aquarius

Jan 20 – Feb 18

If it really is true that "all the world is a stage," you need to get yourself far better lighting.

Pisces

Feb 19 – Mar 20

This month your secret will be discovered. Prior to this nobody knew you were a drunk. It will be a big mistake on your part to show up sober.

Aries

Mar 21 – Apr 19

Start working on getting your life together. At this point, you have the concentration span of Paris Hilton at an AA meeting.

Taurus

Apr 20 – May 20

Finally this month you will find yourself in a committed relationship. Sadly, all this will mean is that you both need to be committed.

Gemini

May 21 – Jun 20

You may lose your hair this month. It is a documented fact that when in Key West, you are more likely than not to get balled.

Cancer

Jun 21 – Jul 22

This month you will discover the secret of turning a regular toy into an adult toy. Location, location, location.

Leo

Jul 23 – Aug 22

If someone comes up to you and asks "Are you ticklish?", the stars foretell that your response should be: "I have explosive diarrhoea, and yes, I am very ticklish."

Virgo

Aug 23 – Sep 22

In the interests of racial harmony in the U.S., you will form a group to explore merging Christmas and Kwanza. It may not be smart to call it Kwistmas, though.

Libra

Sep 23 – Oct 22

You should give up on trying to be an inventor, and get a regular job. Accept the fact that there will never be a demand for the One Piece Jigsaw Puzzle, The Inflatable Dartboard, or The Waterproof Tea-Bag.

Scorpio

Oct 23 – Nov 21

Though you may be tempted, do not use Viagra. The only result will be that you get 4 inches taller.

Sagittarius

Nov 22 – Dec 21

Watch your pennies this month. Towards the end of the month, 2 girlscoots will come to your door looking for donations for a new neighborhood swimming pool. Just give them 2 buckets of water.

Capricorn

Dec 22 – Jan 19

You will discover that potential boyfriends and parking spots are essentially the same. All of the good ones are already taken. Those that are left are either handicapped or extremely small.

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