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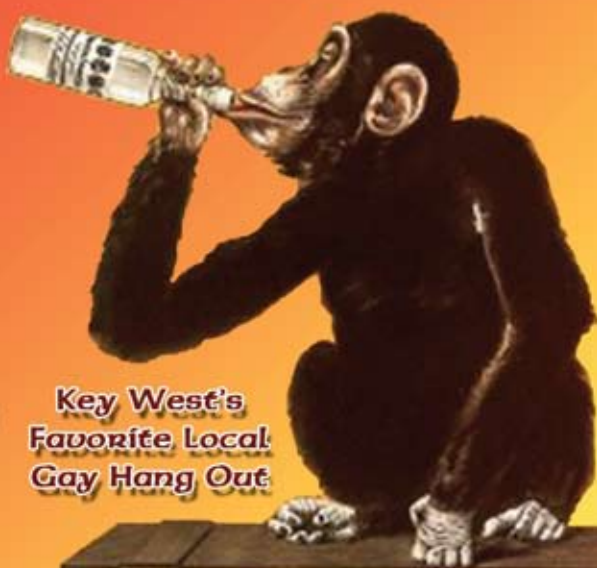
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Ask Nana

E-mail your questions to nana@keywestgayrag.com

Dear Nana,

My boyfriend and I have been together for about a year now. I love him a lot and I really do think he is the kind of guy that I could be together with for a long time. Our sex life is great and the fire is far from gone, but there is one problem. Nine times out of ten the only way he seems to be able to orgasm is if he "finishes himself off". He has told me time and time again that this has nothing to do with how he feels for me or that he isn't turned on by me. He says it has always taken him a really long time to cum and that he feels bad for making lovers work so hard to get him there, when he can just do it himself. I try not to let this get to me, but I worry that this is just the beginning of the end of our sex life. What do you think?

Listen, baby bird! If the worst thing that ever happens in your bedroom is that your lover needs to polish the knob in order to cum, then consider yourself blessed! I thought you were going to tell me he can only cum if you are dressed like Little Bo Peep and sitting on a glass coffee table while he watches (which was the case with a friend I had years ago)! We all have little bedroom quirks. The thing about making a real relationship work is to find a way to embrace those quirks and make them work for both of you. Maybe you could experiment with keeping your lips right on the tip of his penis while he masturbates himself to climax. This will give him a totally different sensation than just the standard hand job and will make you feel like you are still the "cause" of his orgasm. Play around, see if you can both find new things together that make you both cum. In the end, exploration and acceptance are the keys to a healthy sex life. If you two have everything else going for you and are both happy... don't let a little hand job come in between you and happiness!

Dear Nana,

About a year ago I came out to my family. Everyone seemed to take it pretty well and I thought it was a success story. But over the course of this first year I have noticed that my older sister, with whom I was always very close, has pulled back from me a lot. I used to spend a lot of time at her house and would baby sit my niece and nephews all the time. Now we only talk about twice a month, I am rarely invited over unless there will be numerous other family members there, and I haven't been asked to baby sit for over a month. When we do talk she is not outwardly hostile or

cruel, but I do get the sense that she is putting distance between us. I don't want to loose my sister. But I also cannot allow myself to be in a relationship where I feel judged and outcast. What do I do next????

Before we get into the family issues, let me make one point clear. Your coming out WAS a success!! Even if your whole family had stood up and walked out of the room, it would have been a success. Anything you do that moves you closer to the person you truly are, regardless of how people respond, is a tiny miracle. So be proud of that and don't let anyone take that away from you! Now, onto the family matter...

This is a toughie, kiddo. None of us want to lose out on family. It would be one thing if you had never been close with your sister and just both went on your way, but that isn't the case here. It is a sad reality that when gay people come out, they must occasionally accept that this may end the ties they have with some people. If someone, be they blood or not, cannot accept all the parts of you, than they have no place being in your life. This doesn't make the loss easier to deal with, or the hurt less intense... but this is life, bubba. Anytime you make a bold move towards living your own life on your own path; there is the chance for some fall out. However, before you toss off the ties that bind, there are a few things that really should be done to assure that you don't move to quickly and give up a good thing.

TALK TO YOUR SISTER! Get her alone and be open with her. Let her share with you the way you did with her. She may very well have a lot of questions, fears, misunderstandings about what it means to be gay and what it means for her to have a gay brother. Especially since the rest of your family took the news so well, she could easily feel frightened to ask these questions out of not wanting to seem homophobic or unsupportive. Remember, this woman has been with you since you were born and now you are telling her that there is this whole other part to your life that she was never privy to. That is a shock, my dear! You need to be there for her the way you want her to be there for you. Maybe she will rise to the challenge, maybe she will walk away. But at the very least you both will have it out in the open and there will be no big question marks as to where you both stand on the matter.

I would love to tell you that the ends result of all this will be that you will both get to a place of understanding and love again. But that may not be the case. She may truly have problems with your sexuality that cannot be worked through. In that case, you will have to decide what is best for you and your well being. I pray to God, you two can get back to a place of closeness. It would be a shame for her to let all that love go just because of this little part of who you are. And it would be a shame for you to lose a sister just because you're both scared to open up and put it all on the table. Please write me back and let me know how things go. And tell your sister she can always write me too!

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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 - 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 - 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

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

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

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

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Summer "ohhh" 7

by
Brad Loekle



It is Labor Day weekend on Fire Island, and I, a DJ and the current Miss Fire Island, Epiphany, are in a pickle. We just finished doing one of Porsche's shows in The Pines (the upscale... and thus more boring... gay town next to our beloved Cherry Grove). We will have to either wait 20 minutes for a water taxi to take us back home, or we can make the more daring move to walk home through "The Meat Rack". The Rack is the infamous wooded stretch between Cherry Grove and The Pines where men of all shapes and sizes gather to do things that make baby Jesus puke. Epiphany, TJ the DJ, and I decide that we are sobering up way too quickly and need to get back to Cherry Grove, and to a Martini, as fast as possible... so through the Rack we go. For the next 20 minutes the three of us march through the darkness, our path lit only by moon light, and bang on beribboned tambourines we brought for the show; while Epiphany calls out to the men waiting in the dark to see if anyone wants to get "blown by a clown". By the time we hit the boardwalks of Cherry Grove, we have gathered an entourage of about 15 men who actually zipped up and followed us just to see what the hell was going on! This, my friends, is how legends are made... and it seems to me that when our people get together we make legends on quite a regular basis.

Life in a gay "destination" town truly shows you just how amazing we truly are as a people. I can't imagine how monotonous it must be for straight people to go to their straight beach town all summer long with nothing but an endless sea of lobster bakes and frizz bee games. All the while we are running wild day in and day out creating insane ways to keep ourselves amused. You know, some old Greek queen once said; "Life is like a novel: It is not how long it is but how good it is that matters". If this is true then I believe that our lives, though sometimes harder than the average citizens, are some of the greatest "novels" ever written. Here are just a few quick tidbits from this summer of '07... Hope you enjoy!

*June can be a bit rainy on Fire Island, so when the crowds of tourists and adoring fans aren't around how do all us comics, drag queens and DJ's keep ourselves busy? Well, by making art, of course! Take for instance the rainy night we all decided to saran wrap a man to a post (3 feet off the ground). Once there we realized he looked like Jesus! Within minutes we had gathered topless bartenders, strippers and drag queens and formed a living version of "The Last Supper"... complete with none other than Porsche as the Virgin Mary!

*July brings one of Fire Island's most legendary events: The Invasion! A ferry full of a few hundred drag queens takes off to invade the oh-so-serious boys in the Pines. This is when I got a chance to meet Key West's own RV Beaumont! Well,

one afternoon Porsche and I are sitting at a local watering hole having a cocktail and both just simply exhausted from all the special shows and events of that week. We half heartedly laugh about how hard we work and yet still don't have insurance, or a 401K. We ponder if there will ever come a time in our lives that we just throw it in and get *real jobs like real people*. Just then, a deer comes galloping down the boardwalk followed close by RV running with her dress pulled half way up her body.

"RV!", we say, "What are you doing?!"

"I'm gonna get a picture of me flashing that deer if it kills me!!!", she responds.

Right then Porsche and I realized that maybe having health insurance and a 9 to 5 job isn't all it is cracked up to be after all!

**The final memory I want to share isn't funny at all, but rather is a reminder to all of us why we travel to these sorts of gay communities and make them our home. There was a Friday in August when a group of about 12 people who work at various bars and clubs in town realized we were all getting off work at the same time and had about two hours before we would have to be back in town for shows, events, etc. It was almost time for sunset when someone said, "Hey, why don't we all just go out for a nighttime skinny dip in the ocean?!". So off we went, 12 friends who never knew each other before we came to Cherry Grove. For two hours we frolicked naked in the water; cracking jokes and telling stories. And as the sky turned from blue, to grey, to darkness and the moon began to paint the ocean brilliant silver, the sounds of my friends' laughter and happiness filled the warm ocean air. It is in moments like this that even a silly clown such as I sees God, even if just for a minute. And it is moments like this that remind me why our little communities are so very important. They are living, breathing proof that we ARE a community. We ARE a family.*

Now that summer is coming to a close here in the North, I will shortly be planning my virgin journey to Key West sometime this winter! I cannot tell you how excited I am to reunite with all the wonderful people I met from there this summer and how much I look forward to making legends with the rest of you crazy kids!! Oh.. and do me a favor...tell RV the deer still ask about her... she gave them ticks!

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Aquarius

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Pisces

Feb 19 – Mar 20

You are better at sex than anyone in Key West. Now all you need to do is find someone to do it with.

Aries

Mar 21 – Apr 19

If you were Jesus, you would not have changed the water into wine... more likely an extra dry Bombay Sapphire martini with a touch of Curacao for color.

Taurus

Apr 20 – May 20

You will soon travel to England. Expect to be disappointed, though, when you discover that Big Ben is only a clock.

Gemini

May 21 – Jun 20

In many ways, your life is similar to that of a bungee-jumper. If the rubber breaks, you are both in shit.

Cancer

Jun 21 – Jul 22

As a gay Catholic, you are destined to spend much time determining if the Pope is faaaaabulous! or simply divine.

Leo

Jul 23 – Aug 22

This month, you will discover that you and an ambulance have a great deal in common. You both get loaded from the rear, and go whoo-who.

Virgo

Aug 23 – Sep 22

You are becoming a stereotype. This has become obvious now that Native Americans are referring to you as "Dances With Men."

Libra

Sep 23 – Oct 22

This month, you will be tempted to join a Key West gay burglary ring. The group never steals anything, they simply break into homes and rearrange the furniture.

Scorpio

Oct 23 – Nov 21

Perhaps this month you could try to change your life for the better. The stars suggest putting a nicotine patch on your dick. If all goes well, you may get down to just a few butts a day.

Sagittarius

Nov 22 – Dec 21

People are beginning to realize that when you say "I want a commitment", you really mean "I'm tired of masturbating."

Capricorn

Dec 22 – Jan 19

Although people will continue to try to see things from your point of view, they will be unable to get their heads that far up their ass.

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