

The Gay Rag

A photograph of a young man with short brown hair, wearing a red and white Santa hat and a light blue button-down shirt that is unbuttoned at the chest. He is sitting in a wicker chair and pointing his right index finger towards the camera. In the foreground, there is a gift wrapped in purple paper with a large red ribbon bow. The background features a Christmas tree decorated with gold lights and red ornaments.

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- Positively Perplexed

Dear PP,

Well you're damned if you do and damned if you don't, aren't you?! I mean, if you had dumped him the minute he said "HIV" he could call you a putz. If you stayed with him but pretended to have a headache every night for 5 years, you'd be an asshole. Right? Well, honey, I hate to say it, but I don't know that there's a lot you can do. This is his problem, not yours. Clearly being positive has left him negative in the self esteem and confidence department. You might want to convince him to talk to someone about this. At the very least, you should voice the fact that you aren't going to spend 10 hours of everyday stroking his ego.... I said EGO!



Dear Nana,

I've been reading all these articles about having the best sex in your life after 50. It isn't happening with me so far and I want to know where you stand. Do you still enjoy sex? And if so, what's your secret??

-Sexless Steven

Oh Steven!

Fear not, my love, there are still good times to be had! Now you boys do have the added nuisance of having to keep your wedding tackle up to snuff... but if that's the problem, I'm sure you've found your way to a blue pill by now. But the hardest part, no pun intended, is to keep the excitement in sex. If you're 50 or over you've hopefully been doing it for awhile. And so, it's hard to find the fun in something you've been doing since Carter was in the white house.... Or in my case, Coolidge! So, it's time to get creative. You need to branch out, expand your horizons!

Depending on which way your barn door swings either get your kitty punched in a new and exciting manner or go find some new kitty to punch! You've got no one to blame but yourself, my dear. Your life is of your own making. So make it a sexy one!



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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

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

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

KWest - Special Guest DJ 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

KWest - Special Guest DJ 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

KWest - Special Guest DJ starting at 10:00 PM

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

KWest - Special Guest DJ starting at 10:00 PM

Locations

801 - 801 Duval Street

Aqua - 711 Duval Street

Bobby's - 900 Simonton Street

KWest - 705 Duval Street

One Saloon - 514 Petronia Street

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9 - Big Ruby's Guesthouse - 409 Appelrouth Lane

10 - Island House Resort - 1129 Fleming Street



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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On The Road Again...

by: **Brad Loekle**



By the time I write to you next month, I'll be getting ready to sip pina coladas on the beaches of Puerto Vallarta Mexico for the holidays. Well, the working holidays. December is a big "road" month for me, especially since getting on TV! I don't know why mistletoe, Christmas lights, and angst-ridden meals with family members you can only tolerate seeing once or twice a year makes people want to see a gay comedian... but it does! My gig in Mexico has the potential of being my most exotic gig to date. I say potential because with comedy one never knows if the show will really live up to what it is advertised to be. I can still remember the first time I was offered a "casino" gig. It was for the Catch a Rising Star chain of comedy clubs. They had opened a new club in a casino that had just been built in the Catskill mountains in Upstate New York. It was close to where my family lived, so I figured, great! A fun gig at a glitzy new casino and a trip home to see the 'rents. In truth, it was at the Monticello Racino: a race track / casino hybrid that offers double the sadness for half the price. To get to the club you had to walk through the casino: hundreds upon hundreds of video slots. And each machine was manned by a local redneck, complete with skoal ring and missing teeth... and that was the women. The club, turned out to not be a club at all, but rather a conference room, set up with dinner tables and a stage that was about 12 feet off the ground... so people had to almost fall backwards in order to see the comedians. Ahhh, show biz!

So needless to say, I will wait til I get to Mexico before I break open the bubbly. I do look forward to the beach time, and the time away from the New York winter. It's supposed to be a gay sexual Mecca there in Puerto Vallarta, but I doubt I'll get too crazy. After all, you can't swing a cat in Mexico without hitting an STD! And it's a shame too, because those Mexicans love a gay "blanco" with a little meat on his bones! I worked in restaurants

for years before becoming a professional comedian and I used to have to shake them off of me like a wet dog. I am looking forward to some other extra-curricular activities, though. I haven't had peyote in years, and I look forward to once again believing that I am talking to the face of God, when it was in reality my roommate pushing his face through a shower curtain. And, though I will miss seeing snow on Christmas morning. I'm sure that I will find a way for it to be a "white Christmas" ;-)

Oh, and while I'm in Mexico, my mother has decided to treat me to the Christmas present of signing me up for a gay whale watching trip off the coast. Though, I don't know how we are supposed to tell which whales are gay. Do whales lisp??

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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On a different note, Dec. 5-7 is the Bone Island Bare It All Weekend, a long weekend of events and parties for gay male naturists. Details about Bone Island and all of the many Holiday events, including: Holiday Parade, Lighted Boat Parade, Historic Inn Tour, House & Garden Tour and many more, may be found on the calendar of events at gaykeywestfl.com.

Of course New Year's Eve features Key West's Red High Heel Shoe Drop which attracted the attention of CNN and has made Key West one of the top places in the world to ring in the New Year. As an alternative to shivering in Times Square, join the jubilant crowd around the 700 block of Duval Street gather in shorts - or even less! Watch Key West's famous drag queen Sushi descend in the giant high heel shoe from the top of Bourbon Street Pub to the street below during the countdown to 2009.

When the shoe touches down at midnight champagne corks will pop and the confetti will fly to officially welcome 2009. In addition to this annual party, enjoy time on the water, fine dining packages, theater, other street parties lowering a host of Key West themed objects and characters, fireworks, dancing and much more. Please start planning your trips to Key West for 2009. Happy New Year!

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Jan 20 – Feb 18

Consider taking a break from it all this month. Check yourself into the local looney bin. Friends and family won't be tempted to bother you there, or ask to come along. Another positive is that you won't have to pay cash up front at check-in.

Pisces

Feb 19 – Mar 20

Something seems fishy about you this month.

Aries

Mar 21 – Apr 19

This month rumors will fly around that you are a HO. If this is not true, don't worry about it. If it is true, then I need your phone number.

Taurus

Apr 20 – May 20

A bus could hit you this month. If it doesn't happen this month, then keep an eye out for the bus next month, or the next month, or the one after that.....

Gemini

May 21 – Jun 20

You have energy to burn this month. If you must, climb a few trees and snip the leaves off so you can rake them up. It will be best not to try to shake the leaves off. Your neighbors may mistake this as an anger management problem.

Cancer

Jun 21 – Jul 22

You MUST work on getting a life. Locking yourself in your bedroom and masturbating to Judge Judy is simply not healthy.

Leo

Jul 23 – Aug 22

CALM DOWN & CHILL OUT - It is becoming obvious to everyone that you are off your meds and no longer attending therapy.

Virgo

Aug 23 – Sep 22

There is an old saying that "loose lips sink ships." What does this have to do with you?? Nothing! Do you have to be the center of the universe all of the time??

Libra

Sep 23 – Oct 22

You're feeling left out lately and need some extra attention. Try skipping through the grocery store and singing one of your favorite commercial jingles for each item you throw in your cart.

Scorpio

Oct 23 – Nov 21

Your memory continues to get worse. Start writing notes for yourself. A good time to do this is while you are sitting on the toilet. Do not, though, use toilet paper as note paper. People will think that you are anal.

Sagittarius

Nov 22 – Dec 21

You are still hearing voices in your head. Be thankful that you don't speak Spanish.... You really are better off not knowing what they are saying.

Capricorn

Dec 22 – Jan 19

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