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Welcome to Paradise!

We've recently lost a cherished member of the community and we honor RV Beaumont (Timothy Swain) this month with a special edition dedicated to him.

We hope you enjoy this little trip down memory lane.

Stop in to the 801 and drink a toast to RV with his friends.

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Dear Nana,

It's been a really bad month for me. As you probably know, one of the legendary Key West drag queens passed away. I loved RV a lot and I feel like there's a big hole in our whole town, and my life. Plus, I just recently ended a 6 month relationship with the guy I was seeing. So basically, I feel like I'm in a really dark place. I feel like a lot of things have been taken away from me all at once. Do you have any advice for how to move through this? I know all things pass in time... but time feels like it takes forever when you're in the middle of a bad thing.

Well, well, well cherub...

I know you're not the only one feeling this way right about now. RV was a pretty amazing broad and he will be missed for a very long time by a very many people. Now, one of the advantages of being three hundred years old, which I am, is that the line between the living and the dead is a lot thinner than it is for most people. I don't mean to sound all hippie dippy, but often when I go to sleep at night I talk with those who have moved on a little further down the road than the rest of us. The 3 gin martinis I have before bedtime might have something to do with this gift. I loved RV a lot and I see her all the time when I'm asleep. Since part of your current predicament involved her, I thought I would ask her last night if she had any words for you. And then I also asked her to put her two cents in about your relationship issue. So, without further ado, I give you what the late great RV Beaumont told me last night in a dream...

"HOOKER! Well look who's all down in the dumps! If it makes you feel better, I miss you all too. I know it feels like there's a big hole with me gone, but luckily there are plenty of big holes left on Duval... and plenty of tops who are more than capable of filling them! And if

it's any consolation, I'm having a ball where I am now. They made me sign a confidentiality form when I got here to the other side, so I can't tell you which God is the real God, or if angels sperm tastes like sunshine and smiles... but I CAN tell you that it's a gay old time on this side and you've all got nothing to worry about! Also, we can see all of you when you're jerking off in the shower... so just keep that in mind when you decide to slip yourself a stinky pinkie when you think you're alone...



Now, as to you being single... hooker, the best way to get over someone is to get under someone else! Now, if you really loved me, you'll go find yourself some ebony chocolate love in honor of me. But regardless of what color car your drive down the Hershey highway, get back on the road ASAP!

And remember, when you get to feeling like you miss me a lot... I'm never more than a joint and a yodel away! Now get back to livin', hooker!"

Well, that's what she told me kids! And if I can add a little word of wisdom from this old bag of bones it would be this: When you really love someone... be it family, friend or lover... you give a very real piece of yourself to that person and you take a very real part of them. When they die, it's often hard to see past the part of yourself that died along with them. But the reverse is also true: There is a part of them that will always be alive in you. So remember to take care of that part. It's what they leave behind when they're gone. It's their final gift... and it's worth saving.

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Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

TUESDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bourbon

GLEE on the big screen 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM



801- 801 Duval St.



Bobby's- 900 Simonton St.



Bourbon- 724 Duval St.

W E D N E S D A Y

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

T H U R S D A Y

801

Karaoke starting at 5 PM

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Movie Madness in the Garden Bar starting at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

F R I D A Y

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

One Saloon

Cock Shock contest starting at Midnight



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S A T U R D A Y

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

S U N D A Y

801

Karaoke starting at 5 PM

Gay Bingo starting at 5 PM

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

*Disco Wipeout at 10 PM
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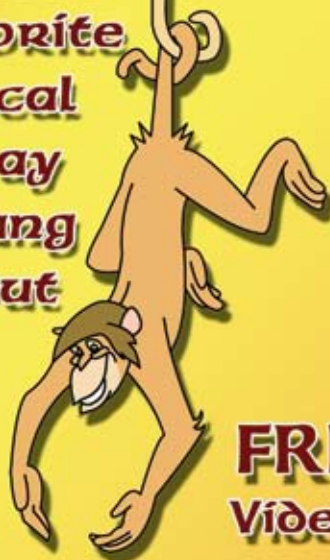
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RVIP

by: **Brad Loekle**



The first time I met RV I was naked, hung-over and yelling off the second story of a hotel whose fire alarm was going off. Seconds before this happened; Porsche had just told RV how he was going to love this new guy, Brad Loekle. Well, RV had just had his first dose of Loekle... and yes, it was love at first sight. From that weekend on, every time RV and I were in the same state (of the U.S.... or of mind) we had a ball together. On a few occasions we had two balls together! And the first time I ever saw RV perform, I was blown away. Truly. As memory serves, I have him \$120 that night, in tips, just to keep yodeling. I thought he was going to kill me!

But, by far, my favorite memories of RV are the ones from our time together in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico a few Decembers ago. I was booked to open a new comedy club down there for the Christmas holiday, which suited me just fine. My parents had recently divorced, after 30 years together... nothing like quitting the race when you're 10 feet from the finish line! I was looking to avoid the holidays and Mexico seemed just far enough away. I found out a few days before leaving that RV was already down there performing and that we'd be there together for my whole run in Mexico. Well, from the second I got off the plane and was headed for a cab I heard, through the crowd of aggressive, carmel-colored cab drivers, the dulcet tones of "HOOKER!" being shouted in English over the tops of all their little jet black heads. It was RV, well... Timothy, in this instance, I began to laugh my ass off and didn't stop laughing for the entire 2 weeks I was there. Our clubs were two blocks away from each other so we'd meet after our shows at this tiny little martini bar called Apaches. I'd get drunk, she'd get stoned... and we'd sit with Andre (a cross-eyed Dutch lesbian bartender) and pick up boys. He would walk the beach, in drag, during the days to promote his show. Though Puerto Vallarta is considered to be the gay capitol of Mexico... they still hadn't seen anything like RV. He even entered the theater one night... on a fucking donkey! It was brilliant. He was brilliant.

I remember one night, about halfway through my time there, we had the most amazing dinner. There is this restaurant on Los Muertos beach that, in the evening, will set a table up for you to dine at, down by the ocean's side. It was very romantic... we were verry stoned ;-). We had an amazing meal, both ordering Chile Relleno, and got into one of those

by the ocean's side. It was very romantic... we were verry stoned ;-)) We had an amazing meal, both ordering Chile Relleno, and got into one of those beautiful, baked-out-of-your-mind conversations that you never seem to remember when you're not stoned anymore. I remember this one. We both talked about how beautiful our lives were. Maybe it was that it was that time of year for reflection, or the weed, or the wine or the sound of the water... but we both spent a long evening waxing poetic about our journeys. And how our journeys had brought us together... first on Fire Island, then Key West... and now Mexico. Somewhere in there, Timothy mentioned that he had, as he called it, "a touch of cancer" on the back of his leg. He said it had been there awhile and that he really needed to do something about it. But then he dropped the topic and moved on to happier topics.

I wish now that I had forced him to go to some crappy Mexican doctor the next morning. Hell, I wish I'd held the fucker down and just cut off his damn leg to spite his face. I'm sure he would have forgiven me in time... I mean, think of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" numbers he could have done! Not to mention, what would be more brilliant than a peg-legged RV Beaumont waddling up and down Duvel?! But I didn't. I finished my meal and many meals with him those two weeks. We spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day together. We took sunset walks and sunrise walks and late night walks. We saw each other's shows way too much, and still laughed for each other every time. By the end of those two weeks, we had probably fit in 6 years worth of memories into those 14 days. You can't do that with a lot of people. It takes a special kind of person. It takes an RV to fit all those experiences into such a small space and time. I am a better person for having known Timothy Swain. I am a better comedian for having known RV Beaumont. And I feel sorry for all the people left in the world who never got the privilege to know either... let alone both.

As I write this, I am only a few days away from returning to Puerto Vallarta. This time, performing for Atlantis Events at a swank resort. And I'm sure I'll have a wonderful time... as I always do with Atlantis. But I think one night, while all the boys are dancing and drinking, I might just sneak away to the other side of town. And I'll order two shots at Apaches, and I'll smoke up a little out back with Andre... and then I'll walk down to a little restaurant on a quiet stretch of sand. And I'll ask for a table for two down by the water. And I'll order Chile Relleno. And I'll have dinner with a friend one more time...

Brad Loekle is a comedian based out of NYC. He can be seen Thursday nights on TruTV's "The Smoking Gun" at 9PM & produces the longest running weekly gay comedy show in New York.



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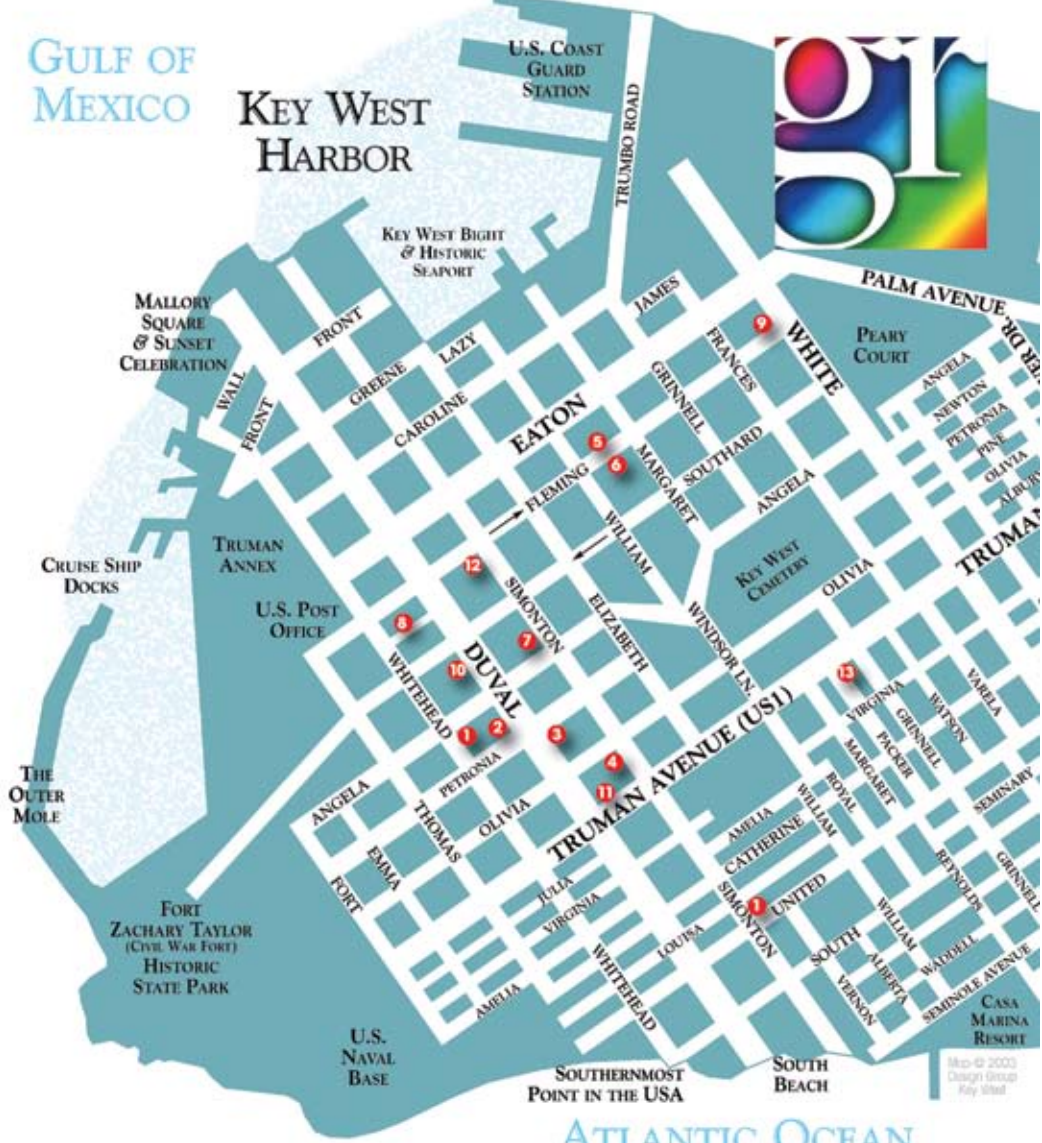
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Pisces

Feb 19 – Mar 20

Now that Pearl's is becoming all welcome, there's a new bar in town that you have yet to puke in.

Aries

Mar 21 – Apr 19

This month is a good month for you to make some changes. Start with your underwear. No one wants to see 3 day old skid marks.

Taurus

Apr 20 – May 20

It's time to buy a new cell phone. There is a model just for someone like you. It only has enough storage for five phone numbers and chimes every 2 minutes so people around you actually think people are texting you.

Gemini

May 21 – Jun 20

This month could be a great month financially for you. Turn over your wardrobe to Auction Hunters and you stand to make a fortune from someone looking for antiques.

Cancer

Jun 21 – Jul 22

Have you ever thought of yourself as a CEO or any other kind of leader? Well don't hold your breath unless there is a sudden demand for a glory hole CEO!

Leo

Jul 23 – Aug 22

The results of your recent work can bring rewards now, but not necessarily in obvious ways. In other words, don't expect to be paid for your work, but you've earned good karma points. Too bad you can't pay your rent with them!

Virgo

Aug 23 – Sep 22

In the rush toward another new year, you will continue to look back on the past for inspiration and direction. Sadly, you will continue to repeat the same mistakes again and again!

Libra

Sep 23 – Oct 22

You will have a lot of vitality and be bursting with energy. Then the meds will wear off and you'll be your old lazy self again.

Scorpio

Oct 23 – Nov 21

It's possible that you're trying to do too much. It's also possible that moneys will fly out of your butt. Actually, that's more likely to happen.

Sagittarius

Nov 22 – Dec 21

Take advantage of extra free time on this day to catch up with some uncompleted tasks or to devote time to a creative interest. This does NOT mean hooking up on GRINDR!

Capricorn

Dec 22 – Jan 19

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