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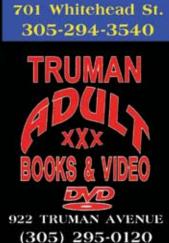
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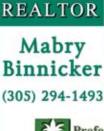
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#### Angie Baby Fear Of Flying (with apologies to Erica Jong)



To any blessed turista holding this, there is good possibility you arrived via air.

The possibility is even better you are reading The Gay Rag while balancing your 4th adult beverage.

You flew. Hence, you now drink. In 2008 there two are as synonymous as our Mayor and carbohydrates.

While personally fond of several employed at the Key West International Airport, where USAir is a Summer mirage and dozens gather to wonder "Who the hell is Sonny McCoy?," let's just get this out of the way:

The airlines suck. And they use their teeth. What other industry is allowed bait-and-switch sales tactics? After purchase, you'll be rebooked, reseated, rerouted; my itinerary for this trip has been more altered than my face. A pleasant midday jaunt became a grueling predawn departure with a connection as tight as my rebuilt snatch. (I am, in fact, on Emergency Rescue's speed dial to be rushed to accident scenes as a jaws-of-life.)

In the guise of Homeland Security, the ever-shifting list of no-nos must be stowed in checked luggage. I have watched alcoholics surrender pricey wines at gate checkpoints and felt the onset of their DTs. Now American Airlines -- another AA I care not to belong to -- assesses \$15 to check that same suitcase. "We will tell you how to pack, we will charge you and if it's overweight, we will charge you more." Cram as much as possible into overhead bins and beneath seats so that deplaning can take longer than the flight itself.

Yet air rage is not limited to the ticketholder. I encounter our dour crew, disheartened by the corporate boxcutter taken to wage and benefits. One attendant claps loudly for us to "get a move-on if you want to leave on time." This is a verbatim quote, said without comedic irony, and I next expect her to use the whistle around her neck at the gal in leg braces

stumbling on exposed rivets. If First Class looks this unhappy the mind swims at how the balance of us, wedging into this winged ice cube tray, will feel.

I am seated next to a morbidly-obese chick who accessorizes each roll with a rash. She demands a seat belt extension as though Constitutionally-guaranteed, like the right to trial by jury. Produced, it is so big you could bundle utility poles. Her multiple elbows buries our shared armrest in dough. A businessman with hair on a hinge in front of me reclines and pulverizes my knees. Then his farting began, audibly undetectable,

fresh bursts of flatus radiating out like that wall Plug-In with a built-in fan. I check my Boarding Pass but no, this isn't (In)Continental. Seatmate Chubs unwraps a Reuben as soggy as a sink sponge. Tangled sauerkraut drops to her collar and there it remains, like some membership brooch in The Girth Club I hope never to belong to. I smell ripe cheese and hope it is her sandwich.

I sprint through an airport larger than my hometown for an underground train to whisk we cattle to the next holding pen. (There is a reason it is called a Terminal.) I am quarantined with a huddle of tubercular coughs, crotch adjustments, boogers and a geek clipping his nails as I dodge the yellow half-moons. If our country suffers a pandemic, trust me: it ignited on the Atlanta-Hartsfield monorail. I suddenly remember reading that canine saliva is a scientifically-proven antibacterial, so I seek out the blind and their Seeing Eye Dog to get at least my hands licked.

Your Angie is seated this segment next to an ancient man whose earlobes wear goatees, reading a pamphlet on Latter-day Saints. I decide he is a polygamist and consider enticing him with a grade school photo of a niece I loathe. I ask Miss Whistle nicely if I might have the entire can of Diet Coke. She says no.

Our abbreviated runway is no longer than the treasure trail on my Grandmother Yvette's gut and both need mowed. We drop, like a cinderblock tossed out a high-rise window, and hurtle past a startled iguana gnawing on a frisbee and manmade pits of stagnant water protected by the overzealous. Will we stop before Mile Marker 88? We do, and I have the forehead abrasions to prove it.

I await my bag on a carousel more rickety than John McCain and watch arrivals fistfight for taxicabs that mistake pink for festive. I myself am herded into a van that doubles for landscaping hauls to await "just a couple more folks." Our A/C-free clowncar collective, virtually fucking we're so tightly grouped, is lectured by the driver on bedbugs and dismal beach sanitation. "And check the Sell-By dates on anything you buy in our groceries," he sneers, his goodwill tirade also peppered with his Word of The Day, "shithead." Upon airport return, remember: dialing a series of 6's hints at something apocalyptic.

Final travel hints, not limited to Key West, composed during my own adult beverage. And are you on your 5th yet?

Bother not with accessing your Flight Status online. If updated in real time, as marketed, I want their watch, because I'd be 23. As a test, I check my flight's details the next day. Apparently I'm still not here.

Those needing "a little extra time" board first and, yes, your dysfunctional upbringing counts as a Special Need. Get up there.

Ventilation is nonexistent, so let's quit pretending and figure out a way we can roll down the windows.

Hot towels are a bygone amenity, so how about that hunky copilot offering me hot sex? Just bring your own trick rag. Napkins are obsolete, too.

Instead of the 14 ct. allotment of peanuts, why not hand out a small packet of Vicodin?

Don't fret about lit sneakers sparking jet fuel-based explosions. There is not enough aboard. You left the airport on E. Besides, a near-crash might shatter the monotony.

Do not call Customer Service afterward to voice dissatisfaction unless you speak New Delhi.

Most importantly, know your rights. Know that you have none.

Fly Through July! Angie Baby

## 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

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

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

KWest - Bobby Nesbitt is on the piano starting at 5:30 PM Men dancing for men starting at 10:00 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 - 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

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

Bobby's - Pool tournament at 2:00 PM
Bowling tournament on the WII at 5:00 PM

KWest - Bobby Nesbitt is on the piano starting at 5:30 PM Men dancing for men starting at 10:00 PM Amateur Strip Contest at Midnight

#### 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 - Michael Thomas singing with Larry Harvey starting at 5:30 Men dancing for men starting at 10:00 PM

#### Locations

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Bobby's - 900 Simonton Street

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## Ask Nana

E-mail your questions to nana@keywestgayrag.com

I just recently came out and started dating the best guy. He is around my same age, but has been out for awhile. He also used to be an escort. That is in his past and he is very proud that he got out of that lifestyle. Even though he says I need to not compare myself, sexually, to his previous life... I worry that I don't measure up to all the men he had. I am worried that my fears are affecting our relationship... what do I do, Nana?

Lord, Jesus! Stop your bitching, my love! I mean, honestly, you are a shiny new homosexual who landed a reformed high-end hooker ... it's like you got the golden ticket to the chocolate fuck factory. Enjoy it. RELAX! First of all, the kind of man who tends to go to escorts does so because they could never have otherwise. Just imagine all the tintsy wintsy little gherkins your mister man had to pretend were huge. Just imagine how many Lincoln look-a-likes tried to woo him... and he had to play around. My grandfather used to say, "be careful about making anything you love your job ... it changes



things". When he was with those men it was his job... you're his love. Besides, I am sure he knows his way around the bedroom (not to mention the bathroom, kitchen, garage, and truck stop). If he thinks you're doing it wrong... he'll give you some pointers. Until that happens... if it ain't broken, stop trying to fix it!

My boss is an older gay man (he's in his 50's, I'm in my 20's). I've worked with him for about 6 months and everything was normal at first, but lately he has been really catty with me. Making fun of my weight, clothes, things I say, etc. He doesn't do this with the other, straight, employees and I feel like he is assuming that just because we're both gay that he can be more informal with me. But the truth is, gay or not, if we didn't work together he isn't the sort of person I would hang out with... what should I do??

Darling, you're a better cherub than I... I am too old for other people's bag of bullshit. would have grabbed him by the balls and squeezed till he was dead a LONG time ago. Legally, you have the right to sit down with him and say, "hey, Mary, back it up a bit". If he fires you or is nasty... get a good Jewish lawyer and sue the wellpressed pants right off of him! Don't sell yourself short, my baby. Don't let anyone treat you poorly. Not a man, not a boss, not a friend, not those 12 year old zombies at the Starbucks... Nobody! There is always another job... hey, you could always become a



male escort... I hear there's an opening in your area!

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## Hold on to your livers and here we go again



#### by: Brad Lockle

As I am sure the Duval locals have noticed, you have been short one very tall, blonde, Texan chanteuse lately. So you know what that means, kids: It's FIRE ISLAND time again! That's right; we've thawed out the old stand bar and set it back adrift in the South Bay of Long Island... a scenic locale if you consider the set of The Sopranos to be beautiful. And as we prepare for another season, we get to reunite with old friends and see what's changed... and what never changes.

The most exciting change, for me especially, is that Porsche and I are living together this season. That's right... they're letting the inmates run the asylum for '08! The drag queen and the manatee, could there be anything more sitcom ready?? We have already turned our abode into a regular "I Love Lucy" set: we have our two beds in the loft, far enough apart to leave room for Jesus, I'm always at the club working, she's always getting herself into wacky situations, and the other day we even found a Cuban baby boy in the living room... I didn't think we were supposed to have little Ricky until season 3, but what the hell! He'll be useful for cleaning up the pan stick and washing out mamma's wigs.

There are other changes too! The new owners of our home, sweet home (The Grove Hotel for those who have never been) have decided to paint the entire place blue. And I mean, BLUE. And, since our night club is still "open-air", which is "Jew" for no air conditioning, I am sure by the time August roles around our giant, moist, blue nightclub will feel like were performing in a whale's vagina. FUN!

Some things never change in Cherry Grove, though. Take our local post master. Her name is Jeanne Skinner and she is 311 years old. Really. She drives around town on her little Rascal Scooter and has faithfully served as the Cherry Grove post master since back when they had to ride ponies over the bay to get the mail here.... Horses might run fast, but they can't swim for shit! Really, though, Jeanne is the oldest living thing I've ever seen. She's so old that when she was a teenager, she thought fire was "fad". On the 4th of July she wears a campaign pin that reads, "Lincoln – 4 more Score!". She's the only person I've ever seen scoot up to a bar and try to order "mead". She can't even come to any of the nightclub shows anymore because as soon as we turn on the spot light she starts lumbering towards it, trying to get to heaven. But I shouldn't joke, that old dame will probably

outlive me... unless, of course, my birthday wish comes true and I find a shiny new liver in the sand this summer...

I am pleased to report that Porsche also has a new beau for the summer. His name is Carmine and he works at the local pizza place. He is a tremendously hot Italian kid from Long Island, who doesn't seem to know how to put consonants in his sentences... so, in other words, every gay boy's dream. I bought a slice of pizza with Porsche one day and it took Carmine 11 minutes to count the change.... Porsche practically had an orgasm on the spot.

All in all, it should be a tremendous summer. We have some great new shows and guest performers, plus I already know some of you Key West girls will be coming up to play... so I would like to formally invite all the gays and girls of Duval to come spend some time on your sister island to the North! Porsche and I always have some extra room in the "I Love Lucy" suite, so all are welcome!.... well, you could leave Gassy down there, I mean, finder's keepers, right?!

Brad Loekle can be seen on the TruTV series "The Smoking Gun Presents..." (Thursdays @ 9PM E/P). Listen to him on "Sirius Radio's OutQ in the Morning w/ Larry Flick" (Wednesdays 7-11AM). For a full listing of Brad's appearances and assorted other offensive material, go to: www.bradloekle.com or myspace.com/bradloekle





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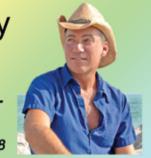
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We can expect the second wave of intense temps August 7 -10 during Tropical Heat, a long weekend of adventurous adult fun for gay men and their friends. The Heat weekend is organized by the Guild and features some events for both men and women, with all other events for men (WomenFest is Sept. 2-9). These events will include swimsuit-optional pool parties, underwear and foam party, feisty fetish bash, gay guesthouse tour, private VIP lounge and much more.

Forecasters advise attendees at these events to lather on the sunscreen and bare as much skin as you dare because these long weekends will be HOT. For Heat details, including a schedule of events and allaccess pass information, visit TropicalHeatKW.com, call 305-294-4603, or stop by the Guild's Visitor Center, 513 Truman Avenue.

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Aquarius Jan 20 – Feb 18

You believe that you are a rational animal. Everyone who knows you have spent years searching for evidence to support this.

Pisces Feb 19 – Mar 20

The only problem with the fact that you have no vices is the fact that you have some pretty damned annoying virtues.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 19

Your true value in life depends entirely on what you are compared with.

Taurus Apr 20 – May 20

You are a fag with a sharp wit..... someone needs to take it away from you before you cut yourself.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 20

If you are considering becoming a drag queen, just keep in mind that Ginger Rogers did everything that Fred Astaire did – but it was backwards and in high heels.

Cancer Jun 21 – Jul 22

Like a good queen, you realise that to know all is not to forgive all. It is simply to despise everybody.

Leo Jul 23 – Aug 22

The possibilities are endless, as long as you choose a line of work that rewards you for hopping around all day like a five year old waiting for the potty. Did you leave the iron on? Paper or plastic? Ma'am or Sir? Lifestyles or Trojans? Luckily, you have a uncanny knack for balancing all pressing issues somewhere in the slippery realm of your immediate attention.

Virgo Aug 23 – Sep 22

The sins that you regret most are those that you didn't commit when you had the opportunity. You should work on changing that while you are in Key West

Libra Sep 23 – Oct 22

Often when people look in your eyes, they get the feeling that someone else is driving

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 21

While you should never advocate drugs, alcohol or violence to anybody, they appear to have always worked for you, so keep at it girl!!

Sagittarius Nov 22 – Dec 21

Such the typical queen – always looking reality straight in the eye, and then denying it.

Capricorn Dec 22 – Jan 19

As with everyone else in your sign, you rarely think that anyone has any common sense unless they agree with you. This is why people think you are an asshole.



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