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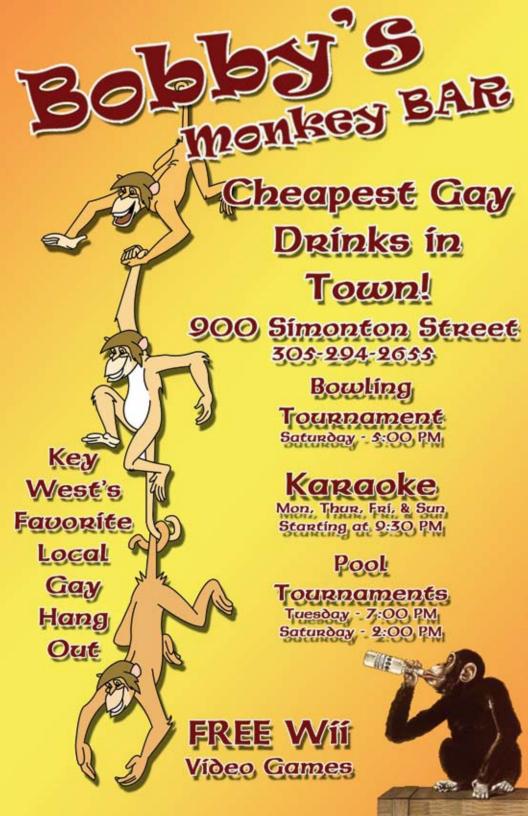
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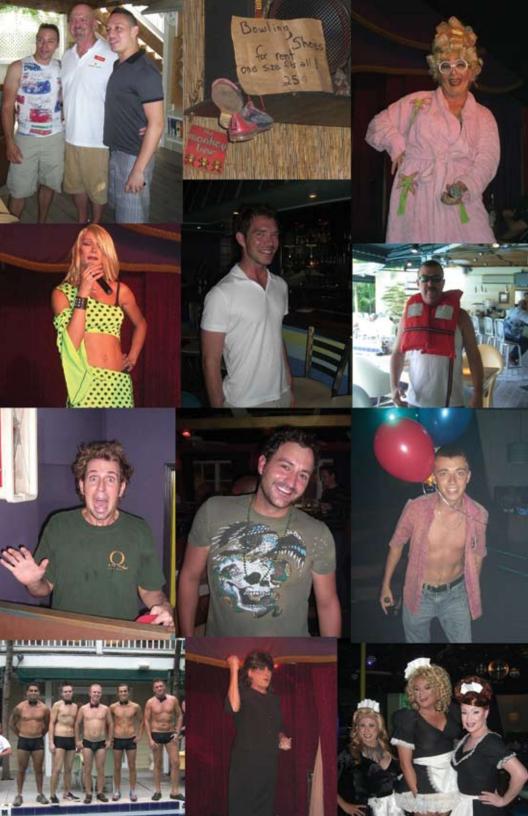
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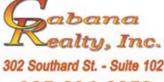




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Angie Baby I Rest My Piece



Fact: I am not getting any younger. It is also a fact that I am not getting any older. Yet the recent passing of local notables, the decay of others and their inability to even chew a hot dog starts your Angie contemplating my own mortality when not contemplating my martini.

How would I choose to be fondly remembered? More accurately: how would I choose to be promptly forgotten? The morning Obituaries grid is better than any political cartoon, more entertaining than any horoscope. (I only skim the paid Death Notices, which usually pair pious testimony that rival the Bible for heft with a feathered-edge photograph I search for a halo or stigmata.) What I know is this: whoever remains sane or sober enough to pen my Death Notice has taken on a bleak chore.

I have no offspring. I was diagnosed barren at 19 but had a hysterectomy anyway for the attention and painkillers.

Unless you count voyeurism, I have no hobbies; I'm mostly interested in tearing apart relationships.

My last neighborhood activity was sneaking into a neighbor's yard and peeing in their hot tub. I cleaned town parks of trash once, but that wasn't community service, it was terms of probation.

And my interment in an appliance box will be a pauper's funeral, so it's unclear if there will be an actual viewing or just screen captures from one of my many XTube video passed around and toasted at Bobby's Monkey Bar.

Someone who thinks we are friends recently photocopied a West Coast obituary for me of 79 year-old woman. It's too lengthy to reprint and I am too tired to retype it but I extract one passage that leaves little wiggle room to misinterpret the family's sentiments:

Our mother made no contribution to society and rarely shared a kind word or deed in her life. Few tears will be shed. All of us will miss the good and kind mother and grandmother we never had.

Another irreverent Obituary making the viral rounds is that of an 81 year-old gal who checked out from leukemia in September. Her family — which includes one child the notice says was conceived when the circus was in town -- chose to be playful with her obit:

Ruth was an active youth volunteer and mentor in the community, standing on her balcony to yell at kids for "playing that rap music" and throwing rocks at teenagers dressed in loose baggy pants (she winged a couple of 'em real good). Ruth reported being abducted by aliens several times – illegal immigrant aliens from Mexico. Oddly, she never complained much about these kidnappings. In lieu of funeral proceedings, she requested those who cared about her share a drink in her honor: preferably Bud Light or, if that's not available, gasoline or floor wax.

Everyone in Key West seems to have a nickname. (A professional drag moniker is notably different. The public, even friends, may know them as nothing but.) Some are unflattering, some puzzling, and Angie 'Whore' Baby' is neither news nor probably news fit to print. I would not myself wish to be memorialized as a piping hot anal douche, but hey, someone does, and that's the point. I can endorse an abbreviated version of the first name — Dick for Richard, Ho for Hortense — but I giggle how quote marks draw extra special attention to nicknames like "Bad Boy", "Polywog," "Gotcha!" and "Sherlock, that last one an obvious detective novel buff who, in the accompanying photo, is holding a magnifying glass to an eye milky with a cataract.

We've all seen the unfortunate photographs loved ones think best represent the deceased. I remember my own Daddy's, haggard after decades in the reformatory, in glasses that looked as though he was ready to spot weld and a visible toothpick.

I've seen a man holding an accordian in lederhausen.

A lifelong librarian wearing a corsage as large as a head of lettuce, her frosted hair reminiscent of a sideways swan's ass.

A morbidly-obese gentleman with a strange beard so wildly Hula-Hooping it's blurry.

A hard, sun-damaged woman cleaning a fish dockside.

Lots of shriner fezzes, head shots of someone laughing, even someone smoking -- jarring then to read that donations be directed toward to the American Lung Association. There are also the heartbreaking photos: a bald child in a gown proudly holding a solved Rubik's cube, a husband and wife in their 63rd year of marriage who died seventeen minutes apart.

So perhaps now is the time to select a flattering photo where the care tag on my wig isn't showing, my eyelids don't resemble ashy scrotums and I still had both front teeth. That would be from my high school yearbook, printed on parchment, where I am wearing an Elizabethan collar. In a pinch, they can use my Angie Baby icon and, for accuracy's sake, draw on reading glasses and a cocaine booger.

As I write this, my Grandmother Yvette has direly taken to warning she has one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel. When I look down, it's actually a full discarded yellow condom I should let her slip on, but waste not, want not. I sweep it up and squeeze into her breakfast smoothie. We've been through this before, when she complained she had a frightening lump in her vagina and it was just a squeeze-coin purse bearing the logo of a billiards tavern that had somehow worked its way in. She may be, as she belches, "too ornery to die," but I'm not too shy to help her with an exit strategy. I at least know she wants to be publicly identified as "Jugs" in her final press clipping.

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 - Bobby Nesbitt is on the piano starting at 5:30 PM Reality is a Drag Show at 9:00 PM

KWest - 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 - 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 - 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

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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 - 10 Island House Resort 1129 Fleming Street

Ask Nana

E-mail your questions to nana@keywestgayrag.com

Dear Nana.

My boyfriend is a huge lover of all things related to Halloween. He loves costume parties and horror movies and going on haunted house tours. The problem is I hate ALL of it. I can deal with the costume parties, though I find it a lot of work and money for a grown up to spend on one night, but the movies and the scary stuff really turn me off. I hate being scared and surprised and yet he always drags me to these things and brushes off my dislike as me being a "baby". How do I survive the Halloween season without killing my boyfriend or having to watch movies where boyfriends get killed?!

-BOO-hoo Brian

Dear Brian.

Listen Love, if there is one thing you learn how to do in a relationship by my age... it's give head! But the other thing you learn is compromise. You're boyfriends, not clones, so you don't have to like all the same stuff. Lots of people go ga-ga over various holidays. Isabelle, the old dame who lives across the street from me, turns her whole house into a Christmas village each year! It makes me throw up in my mouth a little, but it makes her happy... so who am I? Right? But I digress... look at it like this; he cares for you enough to want to have you



with him when he is enjoying his favorite holiday. You should do the stuff you're comfortable with, and gently explain to him that couple's time is only fun if you're BOTH enjoying it! So dress up like Burt & Ernie for the party, and then when he wants to go see some slasher flick, have him go with one of his gory girlfriends... and leave you at home to wonder whether "the call is coming from inside the house!". You can both have your pumpkin pie, and eat it too, if you both meet somewhere in the middle of Elm Street on this one.

I am a fairly hairy man and I have always been attracted to other hairy men. The guy I'm seeing right now would be hairy if he would let it actually grow in, but he has been shaving his chest, underarms and arms since he was a teenager. I am worried that he will start nagging me to do the same, and worried about whether or not I will get over my own distaste for all this shaving. I mean, let's face it, five o'clock shadow on your man's arms and chest isn't exactly a turn on...

-Kurt the Cub

Dear Kurt,

Child if you already are worrying about things that haven't happened then you don't need a boyfriend, you need a therapist! You didn't say your age, but my guess is you're pretty young. that Listen: if a man hasn't asked for something... don't worry about it. Maybe he likes you hairy and himself shorn. Now the larger question has to do with you. If you are already worried that you might not be attracted, in the long term, to a man who does so much "gardening", then I have a wake up call for you: YOU'RE NOT ATTRACTED TO IT! If



you think you don't like asparagus, you probably don't... especially after you've tried it and spit it out. Listen, we don't have a lot of say over what we're attracted to. Shallow as it might be, you like what you like. Don't force it! But I have a feeling you're gonna kick this over-groomed guy to the curb and find yourself a furry little friend by the time you even read this!

Do you have problems? Of course you do!! Why not let Nana help you?! Send your questions to:
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I'M GAY! ... now can I be on the cover of People?

by: Brad Lockle



I'm sure by now you've all had time to get used to the fact that Clay Aiken is gay. Not because he announced it on the cover of People magazine last month, but because every time he speaks a dick falls out of his mouth. Was this really newsworthy information? You had a child with your 50 year old music manager, named "Jaymes", by using a turkey baster. Because nothing screams "I'm straight" like not being about to be in the same room as an exposed vagina.

Then the kid comes out and you name him Parker Foster Aiken. Parker is Clay's mother's maiden name and Foster is the town he grew up in. Earth to Aiken: that's how you name a drag queen, NOT A NEWBORN BABY! And I know what I'm about to say is going to send me straight to hell, but have you seen the baby?? Well, he's got his father's looks, alright! Looks like Trig Palin is going to have a playmate, if you get my drift. And just think now how much ridicule that poor boy will have to deal with throughout his school years. Not because he has a gay father... but because his father is Clay Aiken!

What I found most shocking is that some people were actually shocked! Have you seen the message boards on his website? Of course, you haven't... you have a life. It's only bored, sick bastards like me who make a "living" off spending hours on the internet reading Rosie O'Donnell's blog and studying 2girls1cup. com to decide if it's really real who look at things like that! Anyway, Gayken's fans have gone berserk! One woman wrote, "I will never be able to listen to his version of O Holy Night again, knowing that he wants unholy nights now". Right, lady; because I'm supposed to believe that you losing your virginity at 15 in the back of '77 Dodge Dart with Freebird blasting on the radio was all part of "God's Plan". And then, my favorite was the woman who said, "I just can't believe this. I am ashamed to look people

the eye who know that I am a Clay Aiken fan. What should I say to them? I have called out sick to work this whole week and won't answer my phone." Let me tell you something, sugar; if you could look people in the eye, at any point in time, being a Clay Aiken fan than you clearly either have no dignity whatsoever or you ate paint chips as a child. What should you say to people who know you listen to him? Well, you should explain to him that your musical tastes are the result of a poorly funded public school music education. You should explain that since you drink wine out of a box and eat dinner out of a truck stop vending machine that you really shouldn't be judged by your musical tastes when there are so many better things to judge you by. And finally, when it comes to you calling out sick to work for an entire week, just because Clay Aiken told you something you would have already guessed if your family tree didn't go in a straight line, don't worry I am sure Wal-Mart will make do without you for awhile.

Brad Loekle is a comedian currently living in NYC. For more about his television, radio, and stage appearances please go to: www.bradloekle.com & www.myspace.com/bradloekle





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This month everyone is invited to celebrate with the Guild at a spectacular 30th Anniversary Concert featuring Una Voce - The Florida Men's Chorale on Saturday, November 1st at 8 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 401 Duval Street. Info. & Tickets: KeysTix.com or 305-295-7676.

Directly after the Concert, the celebration will continue with a reception at Key West's newest edition to the music scene, The Keys, A Key West Piano Bar, 1114 Duval Street.

On Wednesday, November 12th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm Gourmet Nibbles & Baskets is hosting The Guild's monthly mixer in conjunction with the Kick-Off of the KWPD's Toys for Tots. Fleming Street will be closed off between Margaret and Grinnell Streets to accommodate food, drinks, entertainment, prizes, and more. Admission is \$10 and an unwrapped gift for a child.

The 30th Anniversary will culminate with a Gala Reception and Dinner at the Westin Resort and Marina, 245 Front Street, on Friday, November 21st. Cocktails begin at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 7:30 pm. Additional information and tickets for this historic occasion: KeysTix.com or 305-295-7676.

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Aquarius Jan 20 – Feb 10

A remarkable month for you. Beginning on the 7th, Saturn will be entering Aquarius, bringing some emotional upheaval with those close to you. Because of bad behavior on your part, by the 10th, there will be multiple constellations in Uranus.

Pisces Feb 19 – Mar 20

The sign of the lesbian. Ahead of you this month we see lots of flannel shirts and Doc Martins. Actually, this is pretty much in front of you for the entire year.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 19

For the love of God, stop being so bloody sensitive. That's it. I'm tired of listening to you bitching and complaining about whether or not people like you. There is a damned good chance that they don't because you keep asking them. This month's advice is to keep your gob shut. People will probably be nicer to you as a result.

Taurus Apr 20 – May 20

Your self-centeredness, as usual, has the universe revolving entirely around you. Throughout the coming month you will find that your world will keep revolving in ever decreasingly smaller circles until the 27th when you will disappear up your own ass-hole.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 20

You are so typical of the twins that you are beginning to make Sybil look like a loner. Remember that mood swings are not attractive to anybody. Have you ever noticed that most drag queens are Geminis?

Cancer Jun 21 – Jul 22

You are just an asshole... period. Self-centered? Yup. Completely involved in yourself? Yup. Did I used to date someone like you? Yup. I think next month we are just going to skip Taurus because I really don't like you.

Leo Jul 23 – Aug 22

For so long, you have been wishing for that financial windfall that we all know you deserve. My advice is that you not hold your breath, because a blue face would clash with your bloodshot eyes.

Virgo Aug 23 – Sep 22

The sign of the virgin. Hmmmm.... You need to work on keeping up appearances this month. It is important that you keep praying that nobody finds out about the evening last month spent with your ankles behind your ears in the company of the L.A. Lakers. If it makes you feel any better, I promise not to tell.

Libra Sep 23 – Oct 22

Your love life will be spectacular this month, especially by the 12th of the month, every guy you see will be all over you. Enjoy it because next month, people wouldn't pee on you if you were on fire. Try not to burst into flames after the 30th.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 21

This is a month where you will have an undeniable urge to party and celebrate. Remember though, to temper your urges especially with food and booze. If you're not careful, by the end of this month it will be taking you two trips to haul ass.

Sagittarius Nov 22 – Dec 21

Romance and love are pretty much non-existent for you this month. Taking the occasional shower and getting that fuzzy shit off your teeth could improve your prospects for companionship for the coming weeks.

Capricorn Dec 22 – Jan 19

This month will see your typical Capricorn characteristics coming to the fore. (Stoic, slow-moving, and cautious.) You would be well advised to avoid fertile soil, as there is a great risk of you taking root.



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