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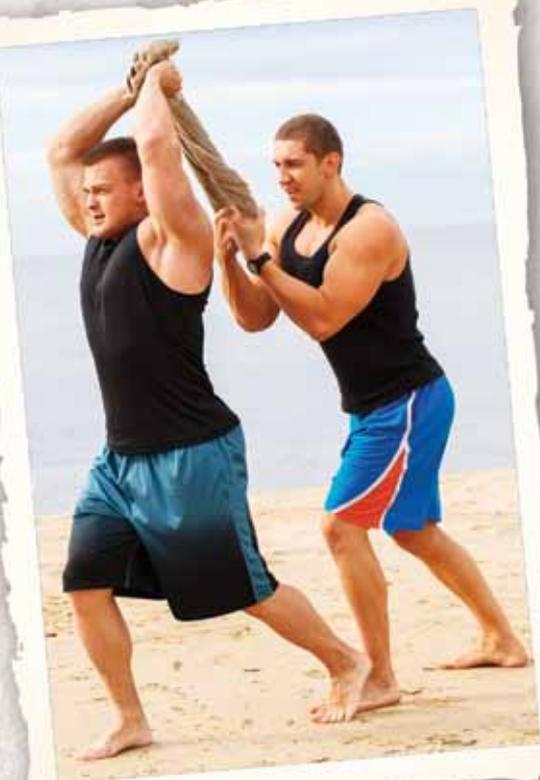
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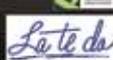
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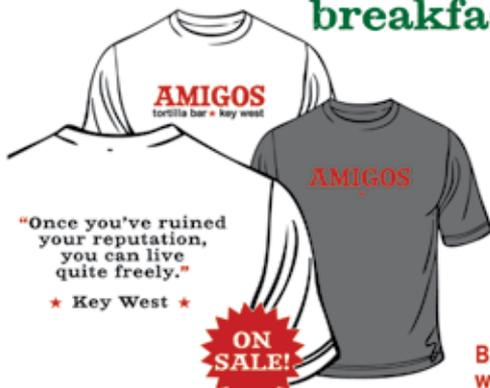


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by: **Brad Loekle**



This month I turn 37 and I have to say, now that I've seen the next couple of generations after me grow up a little it makes me supremely happy to be part of the generation I am in. That is because we were the last generation to have parents who really didn't give too many shits about us. Not that our parents didn't love us, care for us, and even instill some wisdom and experience in us; it's just that they didn't make their life's sole purpose making sure our childhood was perfect. We didn't have tiger moms we had working moms and even the moms that didn't work, in my generation, still told you to go play in the other room when Donahue was on. It's what made us grow up to be, for the most part, decent at being an adult. We weren't taught to believe that we were great at EVERYTHING. If you were lucky you were good at one or two things and your parents and teachers gave you a gold star for that and you knew your place. We didn't run races where, miraculously, no one came in last and everyone got a trophy. Our parents took what would now be considered a near criminal disinterest in our childhood and thus... gave us the best childhood possible. It will shock to the Millennials to hear that, when I was a kid, every night there was a PSA that would come on the TV that said, "It's 6PM... do you know where your children are?" Because people didn't?! People had to be reminded every night at dusk that they had procreated. And society still moved forward! Our toys were sexist and weird and many of them were dangerous and no one cared. We didn't have "play dates" we just played. You'd tell your parents you were going to a friend's house and you'd only come home for food or sleep. Hell, my parents thought I was "at a friend's house" from the summer of '87 until the fall of '89!

The fact anyone from my generation survived his or her

adolescence without brain damage or lockjaw is proof that kids can, and should, survive almost anything. The most popular summer toy when I was young was the Slip n' Slide. It was basically a thin plastic sheet full of pain and sorrow. And we loved it! There wasn't a single time anyone ever set up a Slip n' Slide where within 15 minutes of using it you didn't hear childlike laughter and wonderment turn into blood curdling screams of pain; because unless you're parents had gardeners who made sure your lawn was pristine and perfect, that thing was just a radar detector for rocks. Every kid in my generation was covered in more bruises than Jean Benet Ramsey, and we're all the better for it.

I'm sure parent's today think they're great for doing their kid's homework with them, hiring tutors, sending them to expensive camps, etc. But the truth is you're raising wimps. You're raising people who, as adults, will have this ridiculous notion that life is fair. Not that it should be fair... but that it actually is. And it isn't. It was my job to do my homework correctly, not my parents. Once I marched into my mother and said, "You need to stop what you're doing and help me with my math because you're my mother and it's your job to help me!" Now she didn't yell or hit or anything that extreme. She simply looked at me, like a miniature adult, and said, "It's my job to help you? It's because of me that you were born a white, man... in America. How much more help could you possibly need?! But here's some math for you to work on: why don't you calculate the square root out of this room and then start adding up the chores you'll have to do to un-piss me off right now!"

Then my mother lit a cigarette and did a mic drop. Because she was old school!

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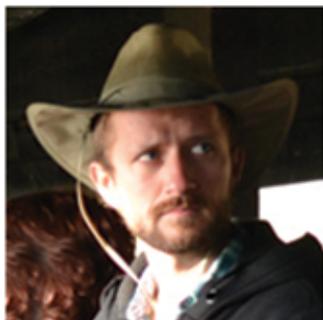
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Speaking of watching hot situations, I was sitting at Salute (the only restaurant located at Higgs Beach) a few days ago, watching the hotties play volleyball. I noticed that they've got regulation sand at the volleyball courts. Naw, I'm kidding. Who on earth would notice that? But that is what I was told by one of the hot beach bodies playing volleyball. Two of these chiseled statues



came over to me and asked me to play. It was super flattering. Unfortunately, my reply was simply "I can't, I have a broken wrist." I then brandished my brace-reinforced fore-limb. Ugh...it looks so pathetic. Two weeks in a brace and already my arm has shriveled to something that looks like it belongs on a deer. I feel like I should be being hunted by wild dogs.

"So what!" They yelled at me. I shrugged my shoulders and joined in... left handed. It was the saddest thing anyone could ever have seen! There was so much laughter coming from the crowd, that I'd say that YES, I was being watched. Now, I could have taken offense at this, and licked my wounds. I could have returned to my lovely shaded perch at Salute, but I said to hell with my pride, and continued playing... then an amazing thing happened... I fell over and torqued my knee.

So now I have another brace!

So what sport could I play that doesn't break a limb? I broke the wrist skiing in the indoor ski resort in Dubai, which...was...AWESOME! Until I busted my wrist. I broke an elbow last May playing tennis. Here's an idea. How about Bocce? A nice relaxed game with ancient lineage.

I went over to the bocce court on the other side of the beach, right in front of the Key West Wildlife Rescue Center (1801 White St). I didn't even know it was possible for a bocce ball to "bounce back!" The impact felt like 1000 shots of tequila poured through my eyeballs and drained out my nose. Maybe I've got an inner ear problem? I'm banging myself up like a two-year-old lately, but I could probably correct that by stopping texting while walking. I'm thinking of taking a few weeks off. How about you? We could take a trip somewhere exotic! However, I think I'll leave the adventures to you this time. I'll curl up in a corner where I'm not being watched.

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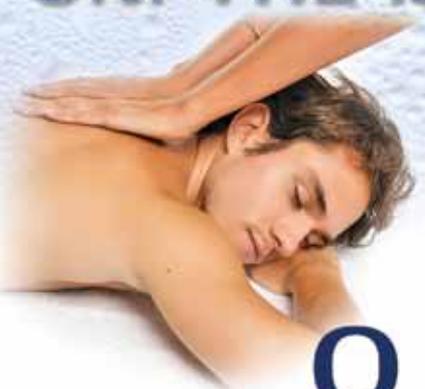
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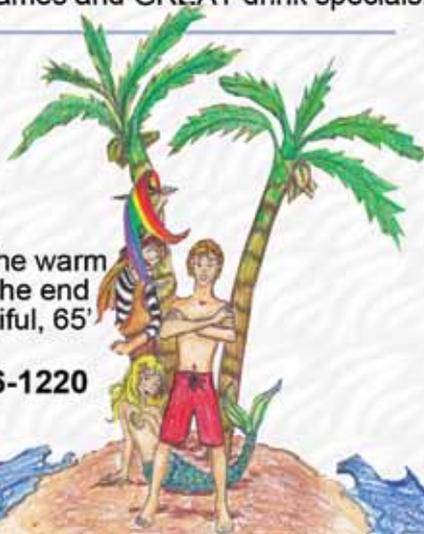
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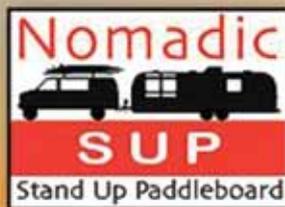
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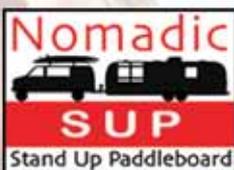


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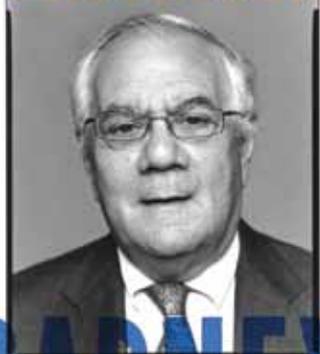
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According to what you read in the check-out line at the grocery store this week, another celebrity has released a tell-all.

The thing is, you're sure nothing in it will be surprising, nor are you scandalized. Really, is anything private anymore? Can anyone keep a secret for long? Read “Frank” by author and former Congressman Barney Frank and decide...

From the time he was ten years old, Barney Frank was fascinated by politics. By age

fourteen, he understood two things: “I was attracted to the idea of serving in government and I was attracted to... other guys.” He also thought that he had to keep the latter quiet “forever.”

Growing up in a liberal Jewish household in New Jersey, Frank's political beliefs were formed early. He volunteered to work on Adlai Stevenson's second presidential run, went to Harvard as a liberal with the occasional conservative viewpoint, and worked for voting rights during Freedom Summer. His volunteerism taught him a lot, which qualified him to work for the Mayor of Boston in 1967, where he honed his political talents, opinions,

and negotiation skills. By 1972, he told himself that "an all-out war on homophobia" would be part of his activism henceforth.

Throughout his early political life, however, he was surprised nobody asked him "the question." He says, "...there did not appear to be any public comment on the fact that an unmarried thirty-two-year-old man was the state's most ardent advocate of gay rights." When he was finally asked, despite his promise to himself, he denied his sexuality; shortly thereafter, he launched a run for Congress that he didn't think was winnable as a gay man.

After the election, he "decided to adopt a hybrid status" to be out privately but not publicly. That changed by late 1989, when he faced action from his Congressional colleagues over his long-time relationship with a male prostitute.

Undaunted, Frank continued to work on behalf of LGBT rights and consumer issues. His career always came first but by mid-2005, he says he "wanted to enjoy a personal life," having once claimed that he hoped to retire at age seventy-five, in 2015.

"This," he says, "was one of my better attempts at a personal prediction: I was only two years off."

Reading "Frank" is something like taking a tour in a working artists' studio: it's a mess, but there are colorful and interesting things to see here and there.

On the latter, there are enough asides and tidbits to keep readers going and, though they're woefully underrepresented, we're treated to some personal, non-political anecdotes. Understandably, however, most of what author Barney Frank offers is of a political slant: mostly-linear details of his accomplishments, opinions on what happened, and occurrences that are matters of public record - a little braggadocio, a little observational, and a lot of ho-hum.

Fans of politics, I think, will be far happier with this book than will others, since that's largely the focus inside. If you'd rather have a more personal memoir, though, know that "Frank" is merely a tell-some.



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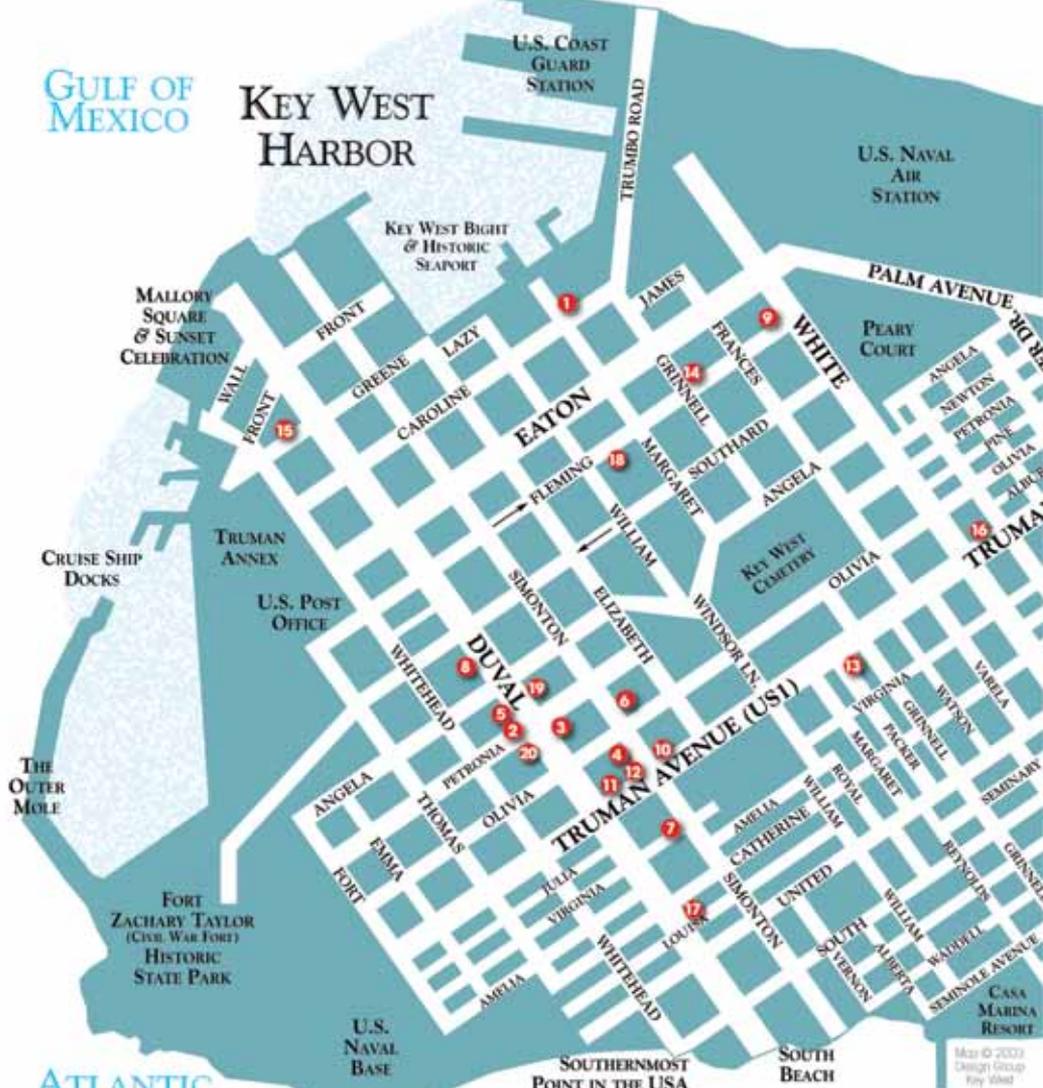


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Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

TUESDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Aqua Idol at 6:30 PM

Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM

Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM



W E D N E S D A Y

801

Karaoke starting at 6 PM

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM

Bourbon

Jessica Grabbit singing live at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Island House

Hot Naked Humpdays starting at 5 PM

T H U R S D A Y

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Karaoke starting at 5 PM

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM

Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Jessica Grabbit singing live at 8 PM

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F R I D A Y

801

*Drag Shows at 5 PM, 9 PM
and 11 PM*

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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Dance Party starting at 11:30 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Jessica Grabbit singing live at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

One Saloon

*Cock Shock contest starting at
Midnight*

S A T U R D A Y

801

*Drag Shows at 5 PM, 9 PM
& 11 PM*

Aqua

Drag Shows at 7 PM, 9 PM & 11 PM

Dance Party starting at 11:30 PM

Bourbon

Pool Party starting at 12 PM

Jessica Grabbit singing live at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

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Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

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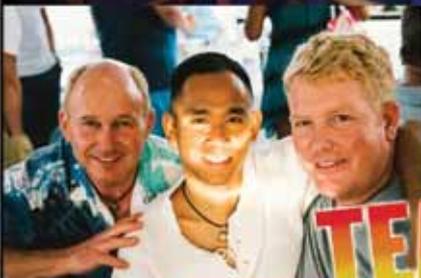
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Dear Nana,

My sister and I are not close at all. In fact, we have a long history of being really awful to each other. We've been oil and water ever since we were kids and trying to force, or even just pretend, a friendship or relationship has always backfired. We only see or speak to each other at major family events and even that we try to avoid. My question is, do I have to invite her to my wedding? I don't want to because I know some drama will occur. Is it fair to say that to her and to my family?

I'm going to say invite her, but not for the reasons you'd expect. First of all, stop fake liking your sister. If she's an insufferable bitch that's not your fault. Nor is it your fault if she looks at you like nails on a chalkboard. There are a couple trillion people on this floating marble and it's completely bonkers to think we're all going to like each other. Even a little. That being said, if you haven't already taken the time to draw the line in the sand to the point where everyone knows you'd never invite her, than this might not be the best occasion to do that on. And that is because it will automatically take away from your wedding. Every aunt and uncle will be burning up his or her cell phone minutes talking about "Did you hear that Susan isn't invited? I wonder what she did?!" etc. etc. Also it invites friends and family to take sides in this blood feud between you two. And it sounds like there isn't really a blood feud, rather just two people who don't ever want to be around each other. Now, if she were a religious nut job and you were worried she would object to your marriage and say you and your husband are going to hell... or if she owned a pizzeria in Ohio... then I'd say, "fuck her! People should take sides". But that's not the case. So by not inviting her you'd be taking the focus off of your wedding and your love before she even has a chance to do it herself.

And that brings me to my other point. You should invite her, saying to her "I know we don't really get along or are close. But you're family and I would never think of not including you in this if you want to be there." By doing it like this, you give her two options:

1. She can politely say, "You know, you're right, we're not close and I don't want to be there so enjoy your day." Which is not only very adult of both of you, but even with the most gossipy aunt would put all the onus on your sister's shoulders NOT on yours.

2. If she does come to your wedding, she needs to keep her shit together and be the model of perfection. Because the two people getting married are never "wrong" during their own wedding. So if she acts out, there's no way for her to not look like the biggest bloody gash in history... and no way for you to not look like the angelic victim just trying to celebrate your love with family and friends.

Even in a worst case scenario, where she acts up or out in some way, the truth is that doing so at your wedding would be final proof to you AND all your family that the two of you should never be around each other again. But the truth is, unless she's totally crazy, she'll either find a reason not to come or be there with a shit-eating grin on. So don't cut your nose off to spite your sister's face.



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Apr 20 – May 20

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Gemini

May 21 – Jun 20

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