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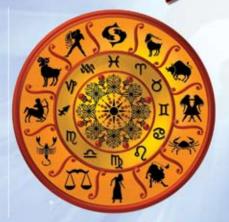






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Welcome to Paradise!

Miss Richfield 1981 is leaving her trailer and hopping on a greyhound bus to Key West.

This month, you can see her trying to raise cash for the return trip at the Tropic Cinema on March 24 & 25.

We spoke to Miss Richfield on the phone before her minutes ran out. Check out the interview on page 21.

Enjoy!

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Ask Nana

E-mail your questions to nana@keywestgayrag.com Dear Nana.

I'm having a fight with one of my best friends. I was talking to him recently about my latest breakup and why I can't seem to find a guy I can be with for more than a few months. He told me he thinks it's because I date guys who are way too young for me and that I need to grow up and look for an "adult" relationship. I can't help that I'm attracted to younger men (I'm in my 40's and I usually date guys under 25) and I don't see why he thinks that age is such a big deal. I'm starting to think he might be steering me away from younger men because he has a thing for me. We did have sex in college but never dated and have been best friends for years. Should I talk to him about this? Should I give dating someone my own age and who's a dear friend a try?

That's it, dear. He must have a "thing" for you... I mean who could pass up such a humble, mature person as yourself? Oh, and if you couldn't tell, I'm laying it on pretty thick right now. Darling, who bases their attraction to a person on their age, unless they have rather unhealthy reasons for it? If you're only dating guys 20 years older than you, then you need to get over your daddy. And if you're dating guys 20 years younger, you need to get over yourself! You know the saying, "lay down with dogs, wake up with fleas? ... well, when you lay down with babies, you wake up with emotional indigestion. If you want a different boyfriend every six weeks, then kids in their early 20's are fine. But if you are complaining to grown men your own age about your relationship woes, well then you need to reevaluate your choices. Now, for your best friend's sake, I hope he doesn't have a thing for you... but if he does, I look forward to getting a letter from him about YOU in the near future! Best of luck, Buttercup...

Dear Nana,

If you could go back in time and do anything differently, what would it be?

What a deep question! Either this came from James Lipton. or someone who was stoned. Or even, perhaps, a stoned James Lipton! I can't say that there's any one thing in my life that I would go back and rewrite. I've always tried to live my life as bold and brave as I could bear to in any moment. But I guess there are some general acts or habits that I would have done more of: I would have written more letters to friends and tried to get them to write back. Letter writing is dead art, but it is still such a joy to look back on the letters I have from friends. Oh, and wear more sunscreen, kids. Believe me, liver spots look, just like they sound! Oh, and try

not to care too much about other people's opinions. In fact, try not to care too much about your own either! Never wear high heels unless there's money involved (right, Porsche). And be kind to your knees... you'll miss them when they're gone (you know who you are...).

Do you have problems? Of course you do!! Why not let Nana help you?! Send your questions to: Nana@keywestgayrag.com.

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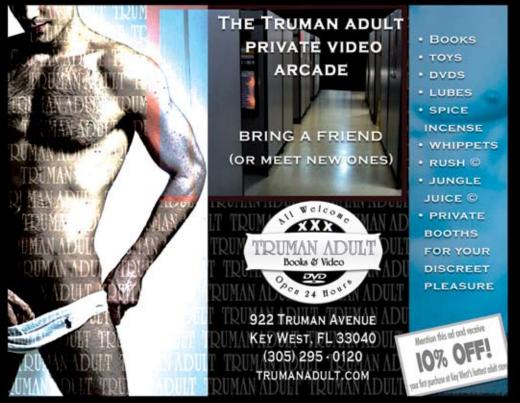


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Bourbon Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM 801 Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

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TURDAY

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801 Karaoke starting at 5 PM Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

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Bobby's Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

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Bobby's Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

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Bobby's Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

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Island House Pre-Tea Pool Party starting at Noon





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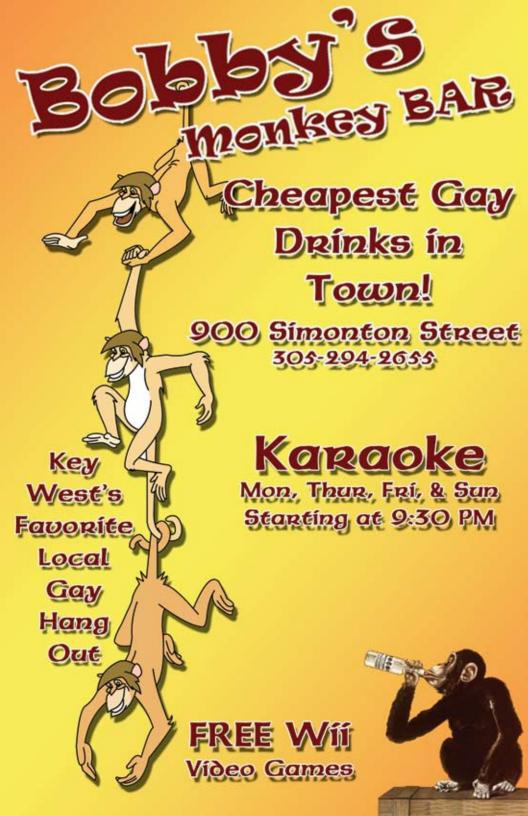
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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MEN IN MY LIFE



by: Brad Loekle

Dear Jack, Johnny, Jim, Jose and J. Meister

I think we should see other people. It's not me, it's you. More to the point it's the things you make me do when I'm around you. It's not that I don't love you, in fact, I love you very much. Actually when I'm around you, I don't just you... I love pretty much everyone!

Sure we've had some great times. I remember the first time you showed up at my job in the middle of the week to surprise me. But now it seems like you're around all the time and you're always losing my house keys and my cell phone. Oh, and speaking of which, I don't appreciate the text messages you send to all my exs from my phone when we've been out together until 4AM. (Restraining orders aren't cute after 30)

I fear that our relationship is also becoming a little dark. We used to go out on the weekends and laugh with friends... and then harmonize on the train ride home with the homeless lady singing "Lean on Me". But recently things haven't been so happy go lucky. You made me pee in my own dresser drawer in the middle of the night... three... times. You never get me a glass of water and a few times you've made me throw up in my mouth.

And let's be honest, we haven't exactly been faithful to each other over the years. I remember when I first met you. I was 14 and my parents were away for the weekend. I had finally found someone who "got" me. We spent the whole weekend just lounging around, making out and sleeping on the kitchen floor (we were such crazy kids). I've tried to turn a blind eye in the years since. I've seen you at countless bars, nightclubs, I've even had friends regale me with crazy stories that you seem to always be in... and yet I was never with you. Don't try to make excuses... we all know it's true. And honestly, I'm no better. I've blamed you for being late to work a million times when it was only... half... your fault. And I feel I've enabled you in a way. I could have made you buy your own plane ticket, instead of sneaking you on the plane in a mouthwash bottle. I could have made you put on a suit to come to my grandmother's wake, instead of letting you wait in the car... in a Sprite bottle.

I know this will be hard at first. We'll see each other everywhere: in restaurants and bars, airports, in my Father's glove compartment. But I hope in the end we can still be friends. Even, dare I say, friends with benefits; as I would still like to see you on holidays, vacations, and anytime my mother comes to visit. You are great guys and I know you'll find plenty of really wonderful guys to love you even more than I do. Just think of all the extra attention you'll get from Porsche now?!

I'll keep your things in the cabinet above the refrigerator, just in case. Oh, now's probably a good enough time as any to mention that for awhile, I've had a "Goose" living the freezer and about 6 old "Buds" of mine in the vegetable crisper.

Intoxicatingly Yours, Brad

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.

For more on Brad, go to: www.bradhag.com



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Miss Richfield 1981 is heading our way with her home-spun wisdom, like Garrison Keillor, mixed with the eternal optimism of Mary Tyler Moore! Key West may never be the same. We spoke to the pageant winner – singer – minister on the phone from her double-wide trailer park home in Richfield, Minn. Here's what she had to say:



A lot of our readers are excited about your appearance. When were you last in the Keys?



I was in Key West a number of years back for the 56th Annual National Lutheran Bingo Callers Convention. We had wonderful accommodations at the Atlantic Shores, as I recall. I remember it did not have hot water and attracted a rather forgetful clientele, who didn't pack swimsuits! But apparently it was a very safe neighborhood because most of the fellows didn't even close their doors at night!



What is the significance of the '1981' in your name?

The year of my beauty pageant, of course! I'll give you the details in the show, but suffice it to say it was 30 years ago and I was crowned at a very young age! Next question!



What is it about Mid-Western beauty queens that people find so fascinating?

I can't explain it either! Perhaps it's my Bea Arthur baritone vibrato or my vivacious persona, due to my consistent use of the Pamprin with codeine that I get from Mexico.



And you always look so great! Where do you find your fancy clothes?



You may find this hard to believe, but I don't shop on the sale racks. I wait until the clothes are heaped on tables or in large barrels. That's when you get the deals. And I am strict about ensuring that all my gowns are machine washable, fire-resistant and made in the Philippines, where the children really know quality stitching.



Who do you draw inspiration from for your performances?



My idols are Mother Theresa and that Christian gal on The View. But I live by the book, "That Girl In Your Mirror" which is authored by Vonda Kay Van Dyke, Miss America 1965. A good Christian woman who captured this esteemed title, Vonda had one lung removed, then continued on a career as a ventriloquist and mother! Top that!



Has Hollywood ever come knocking on your trailer door wanting to make you a huge star?



Constantly, but I'm seldom there! My church, neighbors and the Richfield City Council, has me on the road most of the time. They're always working on a special collection to buy me another bus ticket to go someplace else – one way, of course – because of the high cost of the Greyhound! So I motor through the country alone, but I am not lonely, as I always sit in front and visit with the driver.



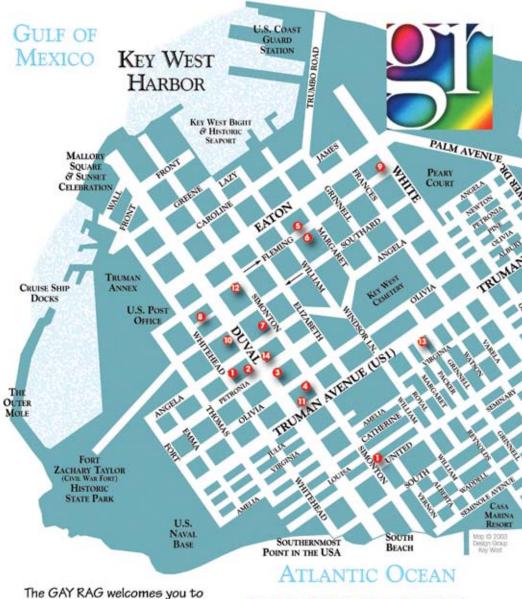
Do you think you'll ever move out of the trailer park or Minnesota?

No, not since I took the wheels off my trailer two years ago and planted some nice geraniums around the hitch. I'm here to stay!

Finally, do you have any advice for the newer beauty queentypes out there like Carrie Prejean (Miss California 2009)?



"Always pack a smile in your handbag!" my mother used to tell me. "Because you can lose your money, you can lose your lipstick, and you can lose your dignity! But as long as you've got a smile, you'll always be able to find some trucker to give you a ride home!"



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This month, the Whore-O-Scopes are written by Edna Lakewood. She may be old and cranky but she's dependable and she gets her point across.

Aquarius

Oh poodle, did you really think you could still fit into those jeans?

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Pisces

Muffin, this is the sign of the fish and you are starting to smell like one. Take a shower.

Aries

Sweet pea, we need to work on your dancing. It looks like you're having a seizure. I'll get out the old Victrola and give you a few lessons.

Taurus

Well dumpling, you're starting to look your age. Actually, your starting to look my age!

Gemini

Dearest cupcake, you really should talk to the deacon at your church. Your knees are all scratched up. Please ask him to replace the kneeling cushions.

Cancer

So pumpkin, you seem to have gotten yourself into a little trouble. The next time you call someone "sir," make sure it's not a hot lesbian!

Leo

Oh peanut, chocolate is not love!

Virgo

Aug 23 – Sep 22 Princess, you need to really look in the mirror. Seriously, look in the mirror and bring a comb with you!

Libra

OK sugar, here's the way it is. You are NO Rock Hudson so stop going after the hot ones. You're more of a Charlie Chaplin. It's time to lower your standards.

Scorpio

Love bug, you're trying too hard. Relax and just be patient. What you're waiting for will finally come and if it doesn't drink some prune juice.

Sagittarius

Just to make things clear for you sweety pie, drinking diet coke won't help you lose weight if you order it with five big macs!

Capricorn

Honey, I may not have many years left but I will pass on this little bit of advice while I still can. Men suck.... So if you want to catch one, you'll have to blow! Trust me, I'm an expert on this.

If you'd like to meet me in person, come to the Bourbon Street Garden Bar. I'm usually standing in a corner. (Don't tell anyone I'm not a man!)

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