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Dear Nana,

There's a guy who lives on the same street as me and I think he's one of the hottest, nicest guys on earth. I don't know his name and we've barely ever spoken but we see each other on the street all the time and smile and nod and say a few words to each other here and there. I don't even 100% know if he's gay. My question is, do I go out on a limb and ask him out for a drink and risk making things really awkward if he says no? Or do I just leave him as a fantasy in my head and hope to run into him someday at one of the bars?

Well, well, well mister... don't we have an ACTIVE imagination? And I also guess that someone has been watching too many Meg Ryan movies. Just to point out, for a

second, where your mind is at ... if you've barely said eleven words to this man and you don't even know his name... how do you know he's the "nicest guy on earth"? It's easy to make someone the nicest person on Earth, in your mind, when you don't know them. People used to think my mother was an absolutely lovely person... until they got to know her. That's usually when the neighbors would either move or put in higher hedges. But I digress. Listen, if you're that fixed on the guy, there really is no harm in asking. If anything, it will at least open up a real conversation. Even if he's straight, and not a vutz, he'll be flattered that you think he's handsome enough to ask out. Like the saying goes, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained". Besides, you're asking for a drink and a dance... not a kidney and his hand in marriage! But do stop watching so many Meg Ryan movies, darling. They give a totally unrealistic version of how love actually works. In the end, love turns out a lot more like Meg Ryan's face, than Meg Ryan's movies.

Dear Nana,

I have a good friend who is constantly posting endlessly annoyed, trivial, "Debbie Downer" sort of posts all over his Facebook and Twitter. In real life, he's a lot more fun than he is online and I don't think he gets that he comes off as a winey bitch online. If I don't read his posts or unfriend him or whatever, he'll notice and freak out at me. How can I keep him as a friend in real life, but

ignore him on the internet?

So many of these Facebook and Twatter questions lately! Luckily, my grandchildren taught me how to use all these things. It's a much better way to stay in touch with grand children, as then I don't have to speak to them directly. Have you ever tried talking to a teenager..... it's disgusting. Anyway, sounds like this friend

of yours is a real peach! But frankly, I don't see why you even care. If he doesn't care how he comes across online, I don't see why you should. You're all big boys and you can do what you want, online and off. Just don't read his posts... and if he asks if you did, just say "I just glanced over my posts today... why, what happened?". Now, I'll admit, on my little Facebook page, I've gotten tired of some of my friends ranting on and on about one thing or another. Hell, even if I agree with you on something, it doesn't mean I want it shoved in my face all day. (yeah, I know, there's a blowjob joke in there somewhere...). If it gets to you that much, then that tells you a lot about yourself... not just about the other person. And if not reading someone's posts on something like a Facebook is enough to make them mad at you or think you're not their friend... well, then probably best to avoid that sort of lunatic in the first place, darling.

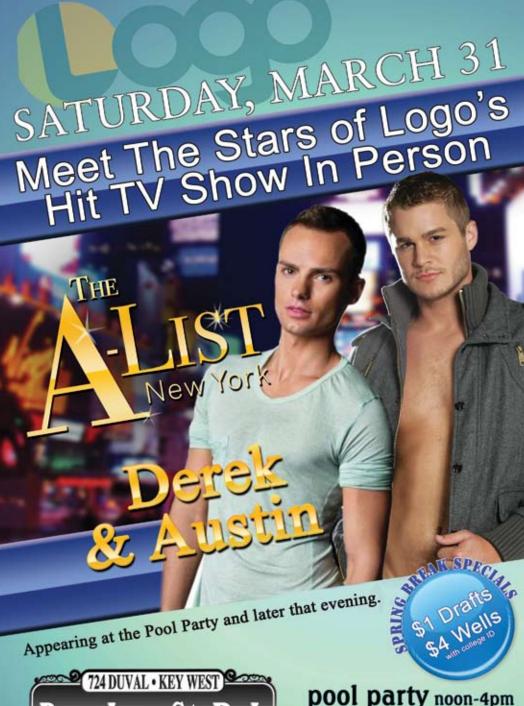
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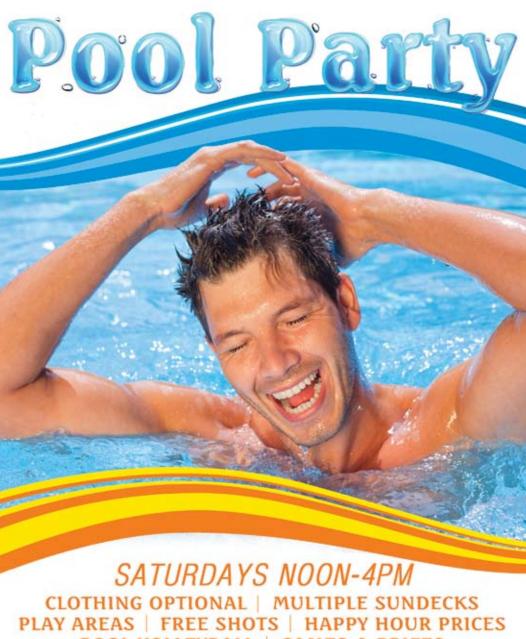


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Bobby's

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Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

TUESDAY

904

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bourbon

Glee on the big screen at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM



801-801 Duval St.



Bobby's- 900 Simonton St.



Bourbon- 724 Duval St.

WEDNESDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bourbon

American Idol on the big screen at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

SATURDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bourbon

Pool Party starting at 12 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Amateur Strip at Midnight

THURSDAY

801

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

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

American Idol on the big screen at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

UNDAY

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

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Island House

Pre-Tea Pool Party starting at Noon

FRIDAY

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

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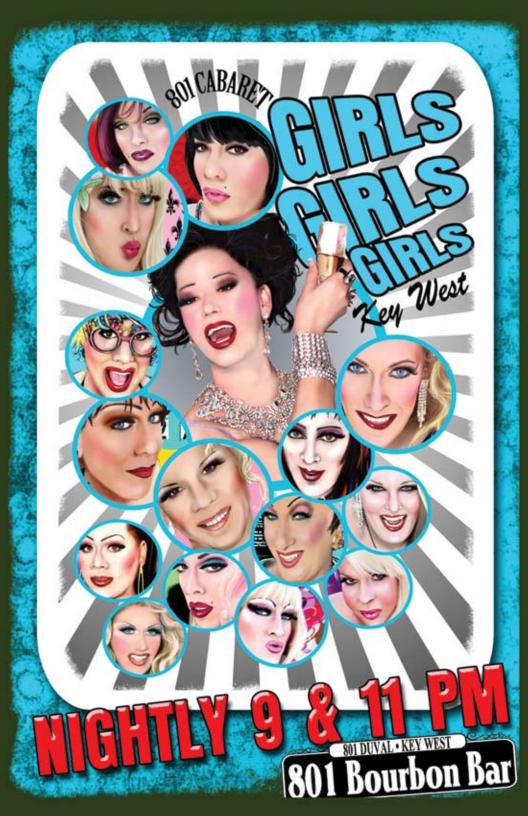
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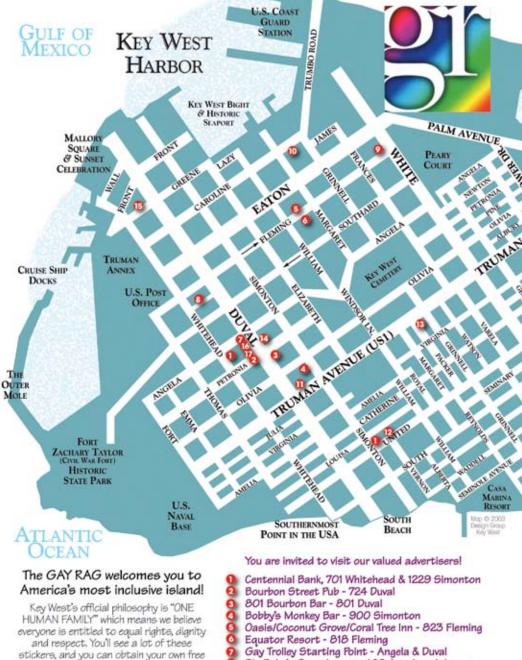
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ANIMALGEDDON (IT'S COMING, PEOPLE!)

by: Brad Lockle



I watch a lot of TV about nature, history... basically all of the really dorky stuff. I particularly like anything that proposes to tell me how the world will end. At this point, I think it would be fun to live through a good, old fashioned (non-God based) Armageddon. I don't know about you, but I'm completely ready to put up with some flesh eating zombies in exchange for not having to pay my bills anymore. And I mean, sure, inevitably someone you like would get all zombified and then you'd have to shoot them in the head and, well, that would be a pretty shitty afternoon. But, it also means that people you can't stand would also get zombified and then you'd get to go at them like the piñata at a fat girl's quinceañera! Regardless, I'm all on board for zombies.

However the other night I watched a show that basically discussed that scientists all over the world are beginning to notice all sorts of animal species who seem to be developing noticeable increases in their intelligence, motor skills, reasoning abilities and self awareness. I guess there has long been a debate as to whether evolution is a slow and gradual process, or, if it happens in large spurts. Apparently what these scientists are seeing now is giving credence to the idea that a species might make its next evolutionary step within as little as 100 years. And just to give you an idea of how noticeable some of this behavior is: Brown bears in the Pacific North West have now been documented "using tools". And by that, they mean they've documented them no longer rubbing up against trees to scratch themselves but rather are going into the water. picking up rocks that have little mussels and barnacles and what not on them, and then using them like a loofah. Hell, there are human in Arkansas who just figured that out six months ago!?! there are the pods of Orcas in the Pacific who are actively hunting great white sharks and, when they kill them, tear them apart only to eat their liver. Who knew Orca's where such "foodies", right? And there's no question in my mind that humans are definitely not in a growth spurt or, more likely, are DEvolving at a rapid rate. Which is why I think the animal kingdom is getting ready to kick our asses!

I think most of our problems will come from the sea. As far as land goes, I think all the land animals have a pretty good understanding of each other. Sure, you'll get an increase in mountain lions eating little kids in some areas but hey, I'd rather hang out with a mountain lion than a kid any day! But the oceans, the oceans make up 71% of the Earth's surface and contain over 90% of its life. Life that's ready to kick our asses. And here's how I think it's gonna go.

Whales: Whales are gonna be running the show. They're giant, they have highly developed languages and they've been here for millions of years. And since we've spent a few hundred years hunting the fuck out of them... they're probably gonna want to start with making mankind their bitch as their first priority.

Dolphins: Whales will use dolphins as their first wave of attack. Why? Two reasons: first and foremost, we think dolphins are adorable. So we'll think it's fun when they take to land and start bossing us around. But the second reason is because dolphins are assholes. Truly. And you want proof of that; well guess what, Killer whales aren't whales... they're dolphins. Deal with it.

Alligators & Crocodiles: Now these assholes will basically be soldiers of fortune. I think they'll work for both sides of the fence. So good luck with that, Florida. I'd keep a lot of frozen chicken in the freezer... it's a good reptile bargaining tool.

Ya know what, as I'm writing this I'm remembering that I was very, very stoned when I watched this documentary. So I'm thinking none of this might happen after all and I might just need to stop watching the Discovery Channel in a purple haze...

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

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Dividing up a small place like Key West into neighborhoods is a bit artificial, but one, a few blocks long by few blocks wide, really does feel like its own neighborhood – Bahama Village.

Bahama Village's main street as far as eating is concerned is Petronia Street starting right off Duval, which makes it handy to ending up at the 801 bar and other gay watering holes after dinner.

As you head down Petronia, the first place you'll come to is Better than Sex Dessert Restaurant (411 Petronia – open 6-11PM). If your sweet tooth needs serious satisfaction, this might be the place to spend the whole evening. And this isn't just about cheese cake type sweet – this can also be a wine glass dipped in chocolate with a cabernet. It does have a really straight vibe going on. Check their website (www.betterthansexkeywest.com) and you'll see what I mean.

On the flip side of the clock (at least in starting at breakfast) is La Creperie (300 Petronia; www.lacreperiekeywest.com). I'm personally a sucker for the absolute simplest – butter and sugar crepe, but the menu has enough breakfast and lunch selections to please just about anyone. For heartier appetites, the galettes range from the classic to the somewhat odd (the 'Mexicaine' by



any other name is a kind of French burrito).

Across the street is the famous Blue Heaven (729 Thomas at the corner of Petronia; www.blueheavenkw.com). This place could be the quintessential tourist trap, but instead is the quintessential place to eat terrifically regardless of meal. The facility is largely outdoors (and a variety of critters as befitting their cock fighting history). Their lobster benedict redefines eggs benedict and makes the classic version pale in comparison. The extensive breakfast, lunch and dinner menus all have something for everyone (vegetarian, no problem; shell fish allergy, no problem etc. etc. etc.). The bar is as crowded as the drinks are good, with live music on tap at times. Let's face it,

the whole place is always crowded and reservations a must!

Continuing on, there's Columbian Grace (223 Petronia; www.columbiangrace.com) and perhaps the best example of innovative home cooking, Columbian style of course. The La Callera Chicken has a French flair despite its Latin roots. The chorizo sausage over corn cakes is one of those appetizers you wished you had ordered two of.

Just further down, is Santiago's Bodega (207 Petronia; www.santiagosbodega.com). It's the perfect place for people who like to graze – in other words, think tapas. But nothing stingy in the portions, nor in the range – from soups and salads to hot and cold plates, you could eat here all night. For a real artery clogging dish, it would be hard to beat their Saganaki, yummy melted cheese, flamed with brandy. Their bar is limited to beer/wine but a good selection.

So what can I say about the restaurants of Bahama Village? For a weeklong visit, you could happily eat there all week. Yeah, they're that good.







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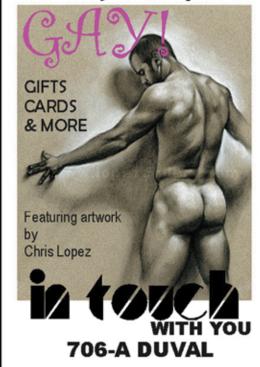
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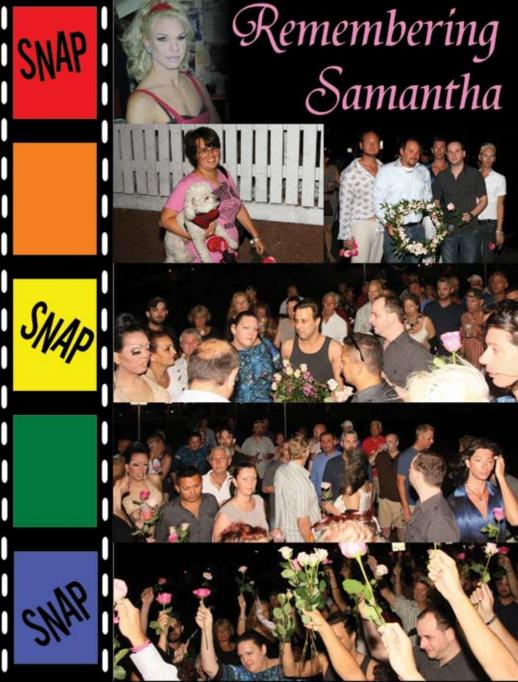
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Taurus Apr 20 – May 20

No matter how often you go to the gym, you don't seem to be getting any more in shape. Perhaps you should spend more time on the treadmill and less time in the showers!

Gemini May 21 – Jun 20

We hear you've been singing Karaoke at the 801 lately. They say practice makes perfect. The neighbors would appreciate it if you would stop practicing.

Cancer Jun 21 – Jul 22

The bed races are coming. You're too slow to be a runner. You can finally succeed at something by getting into bed and just laying there.

Leo Jul 23 – Aug 22

You are so cheap!! Instead of buying a Jacuzzi, you just get into the bathtub and fart a lot!

Virgo Aug 23 – Sep 22

We've finally had a full year without any disasters that can hurt tourism and you have to ruin it by taking a swim in the ocean and causing an oil slick!

Libra Sep 23 – Oct 22

It's getting too warm to wear a sweater you should really put that away for the season? What? You're shirtless? You need to consider laser hair removal for your back!

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 21

As the spring flowers come into bloom, you take one and start "He loves me, he loves me not" but unfortunately, before you can finish your bad breath causes all the remaining petals to jump to their deaths.

Sagittarius Nov 22 – Dec 21

Stop being such a baby and ask that guy across the bar for his number. The worst he could do is say no. Well, the worst he could do is punch you as he calls you a nasty troll. Nevermind, don't ask him out!

Capricorn Dec 22 – Jan 19

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