



# Coming Out, Bailing Out

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I started my week-on cycle of HIV meds on Tuesday night, which can be confusing enough as it is. I don't need any help in being confused.

But that's what happened when I got up for a bowl of cereal, only to discover that "Clay Aiken is Gay" was a national news story yesterday thanks to Friday's People Magazine cover story.

I'm not going to pile on Aiken here. Nor am I going to mention his first solo album was called "Measure of a Man". I can't imagine how hard or terrifying it must be to have a country analyzing your sexual identity before you've figured it out for yourself.

OK, maybe I piled on a *little*. But while we are stating the obvious, here's my pitch to People for next week's cover...

As I polished off the last of the Raisin Bran, I also saw that Bono was going to be meeting with Sarah Palin, which all but sealed my decision to be Early 90's Bono for Halloween.

I know, Bono does great things for the world. That's why I'm thinking one night of Bono isn't going to be enough. In these tough economic times, I'm thinking about doing Full Bono through the end of the year. If I can one club to book me as The Fly, I'll have enough money to consider bringing a baby of my own into this world. (Spermwashing is expensive!)



Plus, if I can make enough money I won't have to pull any dangerous publicity stunts to boost book sales, such as picking a fight with Erin Weed. Something I'm hoping that I can bail out on.

Speaking of bailouts, that seems to be a running theme lately, with the economic crisis of which I know so little that I am limiting my writing of such to the term "economic crisis". Last night, McCain bailed on David Letterman to get to D.C. to handle the crisis- hilarity ensued when Letterman picked up a live feed of McCain sitting down with Katie Couric in the same building during Dave's taping.

I say everyone go ball's out on bail outs this weekend. Well, everyone should go balls out except Jack Nicholson. We can all agree that we've seen enough there.

Positively Yours,

Shawn

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