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MAN ABOUT TOWN

Lately, it seems like Key West has been doing more things right. Key West has always been a magical place, but there is a delicate balance to being a premier tourist town while still keeping that quirky charm.

Key West was never designed for a lot of cars. Key West was a walking and biking town long before it was a tourist destination. However, cars are a part of today's lifestyle so how do you balance the influx of cars, while still trying to encourage people to not use them once they are here?

One of the most utilized services is the Duval Loop. This free bus runs around old town Key West so that you can get around in Old Town without a car.

The latest change to encourage more walking is the new Mall On Duval area of Duval Street. This pilot program is scheduled to run through April and turns the 500, 600 and 700 blocks of Duval into a pedestrian promenade on Friday and Saturday nights between the hours of 5:00 PM to midnight. During these hours, all vehicular traffic on these blocks are barricaded off and the entire area turns into an outdoor shopping and dining plaza. Restaurants place tables out on the sidewalk and sometimes into the street for an al-fresco dining experience. Stores and galleries bring their wares outside of their four walls to entice those walking by to purchase their goods.

This is just a trial program and the hope is that it will be successful and will grow to other areas and maybe more hours. So far, it seems to be a huge success. Locals are saying they run into people they haven't seen in a long time.

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- ▶ any other medicines to treat HIV-1

What are the other possible side effects of BIKTARVY?

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- ▶ **Severe liver problems,** which in rare cases can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these symptoms: skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow, dark "tea-colored" urine, light-colored stools, loss of appetite for several days or longer, nausea, or stomach-area pain.

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What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking BIKTARVY?

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- ▶ **All the medicines you take,** including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, antacids, laxatives, vitamins, and herbal supplements. BIKTARVY and other medicines may affect each other. Keep a list of all your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist, and ask if it is safe to take BIKTARVY with all of your other medicines.
- ▶ **If you are pregnant** or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if BIKTARVY can harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare provider if you become pregnant while taking BIKTARVY.
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BEFORE TAKING BIKTARVY

Tell your healthcare provider all your medical conditions, including if you:

- Have or have had any kidney or liver problems, including hepatitis infection.
- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- Are breastfeeding (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed if you have HIV-1 because of the risk of passing HIV-1 to your baby.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take:

- Keep a list that includes all prescription and over-the-counter medicines, antacids, laxatives, vitamins, and herbal supplements, and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist.
- Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist about medicines that interact with BIKTARVY.

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- Those in the “Most Important Information About BIKTARVY” section.
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Your healthcare provider will need to do tests to monitor your health before and during treatment with BIKTARVY.

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LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*

"SUGAR RUN: A NOVEL" BY MESHA MAREN

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It was right where you left it.

Nothing had been moved, or altered. Things had stayed the same and whatever you were looking for was right where you left it. That goes for keys, eyeglasses, coffee cup and, in the new book "Sugar Run" by Mesha Maren, it could also include a life.

She'd been told she'd spend decades behind bars.

But there she was, ready to leave after only eighteen years inside Jaxton Prison, a ticket in her hand and four hundred dollars borrowed from her brothers. Jodi

McCarty was going home to West Virginia.

But first, she had to find Ricky. He was in Georgia, and she had time. Ricky was Paula's brother – Paula being Jodi's lover and the woman she killed – and it had always been Paula's dream to get him far away from their abusive father. Jodi knew that that was something she had to do now, so she headed to Chauncelorraine before re-starting her life on her grandmother's farm.

And in her search for Ricky, Jodi found Miranda.

When Miranda left her husband, she really only wanted attention but she got a surprise instead: he took their three boys and left her with no

money. She had no home, either, so she was staying the run-down motel near where Jodi had landed. Half-drunk one night, she ended up in Jodi's room – and she stayed.

Days before her first meeting with a parole officer in West Virginia, Jodi gathered Miranda and the boys she'd helped steal back and she headed home, having talked Ricky into leaving with her. Jodi loved Miranda, and the cabin where she'd grown up was a good place to raise kids. It was in rough shape, but it was home.

But, as it turned out, it was someone else's home: the land was sold for back taxes while Jodi was in prison, and frac sand miners were buying up the area. Jodi didn't know what to do and, as the pressure to care for her makeshift little family grew, she realized that she didn't know Ricky or Miranda very well, either...

With the slam of a door, "Sugar Run" starts out with a stunned shiver and it sprints. Author Mesha Maren perfectly captures the surrealness of being snatched from an unwanted reality and hurled into one that doesn't make sense. Even if you've only just driven past a prison, you'll know the crush of it.

Back and forth the story goes, as we learn what happened when Jodi was just seventeen years old. That's a mandatory part of the tale and it's also, sadly, the cause of some disorientation since things begin to unravel as it's populated with more and more people. Readers are rewarded with a gauzy, delicate ending but the last dozen pages make it tough getting there.

And that's too bad, since there's more overall-positive things to say about this book than not. Try "Sugar Run," linger, and you might love it but beware: you might also just as soon wish you'd left it.

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MY BIG GAY LIFE

Brad Loekle



THE B IN 16B

When we're little kids, we're told to always say "please" and "thank you", to always hold the door for others, and to say hello if someone says hello to you first. And, in theory, we should all still be doing these things. It is these small acts of civility that somehow keep us from spiraling out of control to the point where we're all just masturbating in public and farting in each others faces. But no one ever tells you that, sometimes, these simple acts of kindness are a gateway for insanity to enter your life. Because a simple hello or "after you" is all crazy needs to slip in. Like a cross-eyed thief in the night!

I was recently on a connecting flight out of Detroit to Fort Lauderdale. Now, Detroit has plenty of crazy but not usually in the airport. But just to be on the safe side, I usually take refuge in the Delta Sky Club for both the peace of mind... and the Teriyaki meatballs. That's not some sort of coded message for hooking up with Asian bears in the lounge... I just actually like the teriyaki meatballs, which that lounge usually, serves.

My connecting flight was delayed 6 hours. But life happens and flight delays are such a big part of my life, I list them as a dependent on my tax returns. Once finally on my flight to FLL, I settled into my window seat and was all ready to watch Glenn Close eye-act in "The Wife" all the way there. Until 16B sat down next to me.

It's worth noting at this point that 16A was the first window seat I'd chosen to have in probably 10 years. I can't really sleep on planes unless I'm in a lie-flat seat and I've had too many crazy people pin me in a window seat that I always insist on the aisle. But, since it was just a few hours from DTW-FLL... and because I thought I might be able to nod off a bit, I figured what the hell??

Well, be careful with “what the hell”, is all I have to say. 16B sat down and immediately I could tell she never flies. She watched with fascination as I knew exactly where to plug my phone charger in, my ear buds in, knew how to navigate the touch screen, etc. Now I don't judge anyone who doesn't know all that. Fly 100,000 miles a year and you'll know too. But don't. Because it's exhausting and there aren't always meatballs. But when the flight attendants came around offering those cheap, dime store ear buds... and 16B actually bought them... I knew she was “special”. No one gets on a plane without ear buds in 2019. No one.

The cabin doors closed and, lo and behold, no one was in 16C. And then 5 minutes later... there still isn't anyone in 16C... because 16B hasn't just naturally moved over so that we both have more room. We level off; the seat belt light goes off... still no movement. I then do what I always vow never to do and do not allow to be done to myself by other: I initiated a conversation with a stranger on a plane. I said “hi” and explained how she could move over and the flight attendants won't mind. To which she said, and I quote, “No thank you. I always like to sit in the middle seat because it lets me be close to people. I like the warmth!”.

At that point, I took my hoodie off and pinned one side of it into the locked, upright table in front of me and the other side I tied around my headrest. This formed a sort of blanket fort between us. I then put my eye mask on crooked so it looked, from her side of the blanket fort, that I was sleeping, but I could still see 2/3 of Glenn Close and was about to imagine what the other people looked like to fill in the blanks.

I'm not advocating we stop being polite to each other. I certainly want us all to still be kind to strangers. I just think it might be time we started being about to be mean to strange-as-fuck strangers.

Brad Loekle was a semi-finalist on NBC's “Last Comic Standing”. He can be seen every week on TruTV's “World's Dumbest”, has written for Joan Rivers on E! “Fashion Police” & tours internationally. His book, “My Big Gay Life” is available on Amazon and at www.bradloekle.com



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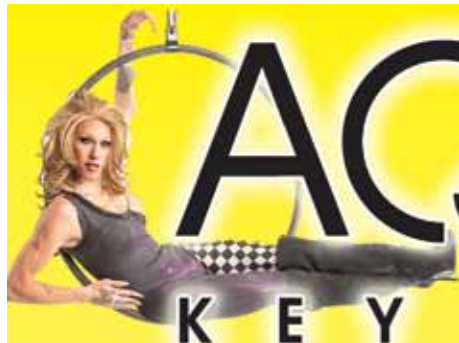
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count change but he wants to be a manager.

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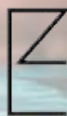
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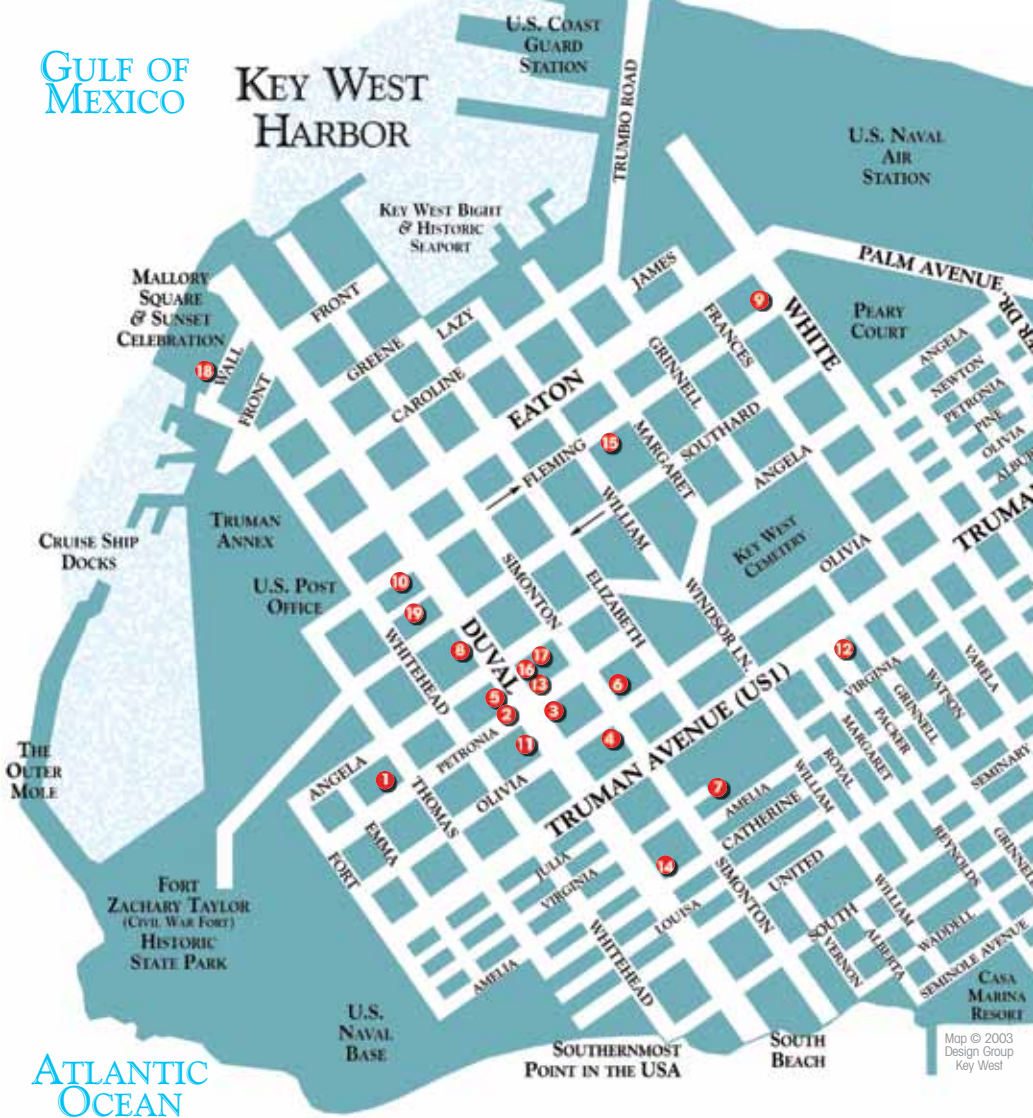
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WEEKLY EVENTS



MONDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Dueling Bartenders at 5:30 PM

Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Bria singing live at 8:00 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 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

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Bria singing live at 8:00 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

W E D N E S D A Y

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Bria singing live at 8:00 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Island House

Hot Naked Humpdays starting at 5 PM

Sidebar

Drag Queen Trivia at 5:30 PM

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

T H U R S D A Y

801

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

Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

F R I D A Y

801

Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

Aqua

Happy Hour & Trivia at 5:00 PM

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Dance Party starting at 11:30 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Tea Dance starting at 5 PM

Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

One Saloon

Cock Shock contest at Midnight

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

S A T U R D A Y

801

Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

Aqua

Drag Shows at 7 PM, 9 PM & 11 PM

Dance Party starting at 11:30 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

S U N D A Y

801

Karaoke starting at 5 PM

Gay Bingo starting at 5 PM

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

SIN night starts at 10 PM

Aqua

No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Poker

at 2:30 PM and 4:30 PM

Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Back Bar

Hotdog Church starting at 3PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Jeff Moss singing live at 7 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Island House

Pre-Tea Pool Party starting at Noon

La Te Da

Tea Dance starting at 4 PM

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

L O C A T I O N S

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Aqua - 711 Duval Street

Back Bar - 711 Duval Street

Bobby's - 900 Simonton Street

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Island House - 1129 Fleming St

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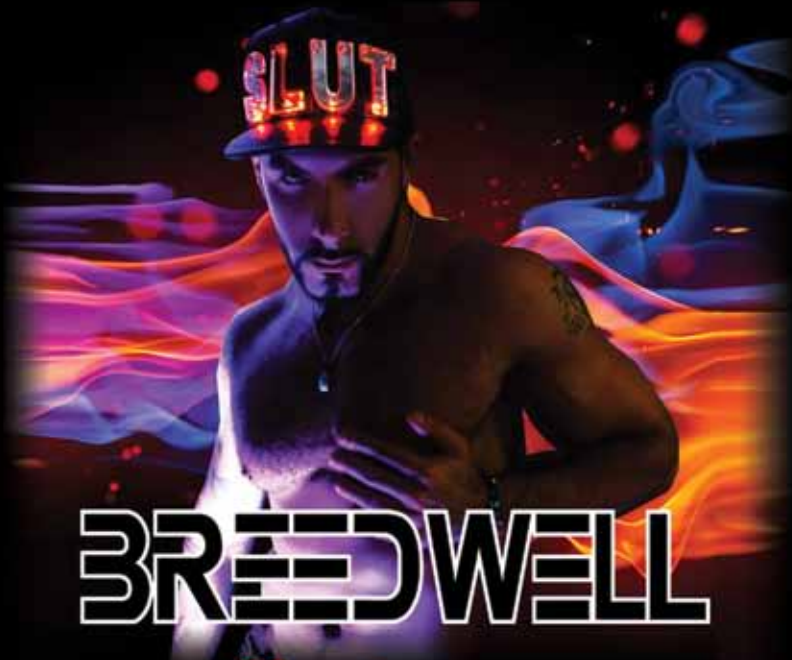
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Dear Nana,

My boyfriend refuses to floss his teeth. I mean, not never but very rarely. He brushes his teeth once a day but thinks flossing is for some reason not as important as everyone else thinks it is. It worries me and also, frankly, grosses me out a bit. Is there a way for me to convert him to flossing without being a "nag"?

Was he raised by wolves? Actually, that's being too hard on wolves since even they rub their teeth on the bones of their prey in order to keep them clean and healthy. And I'm almost afraid to ask how your man's teeth are? Do they look like Mahogany? How's that breath doing? I can only imagine his mouth might smell like a dead trucker's ass. Not that I'd know anything about that. Here's my first thought: if your man happens to be a heavy sleeper, I would just start flossing his teeth for him when he's asleep. If that's not an option, and you feel morally conflicted about drugging him in order to have them cleaned professionally, I would suggest withholding sex. Hell, withhold food! Tell him until he's willing to protect his teeth from the damage food can do when stuck between your gums that you can't risk letting him eat. Although, as gay men, he'll probably just be thankful that you helped him lose weight. In any case, I don't think it's a bad thing to be a nag in this situation. It's for his own good... and your own good.

Dear Nana,

My ex just got hired to work at my job. Our breakup was fine and nothing too dramatic, but that doesn't mean I want to be work buddies with the guy. Help!

Now that's a bit sticky. You could go the "9 to 5" route and put a little "Skinny & Sweet" rat poison in his coffee. But if you don't have Dolly, Lily, and Jane to back you up it might not have such a happy ending. I would say, play it by ear. Maybe he feels the same way and will keep a healthy, happy distance. But if not, make it very clear, very quickly that you were there first and he needs to respect that. And if that doesn't work, I say circle back to the "Skinny & Sweet".



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You're talking scale is screaming for mercy.

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You don't need to worry about PrEP. No one will ever have sex with you.

TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20

I'm thinking you weren't burdened with an overabundance of schooling.

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20

You're not being the person Mr. Rogers knew you could be.

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22

Keep rolling your eyes. Who knows, maybe you'll find a brain back there.

LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22

If you're gonna be a smartass, first you have to be smart. Otherwise you're just an ass.

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22

I could say nice things about you, but I would rather tell the truth.

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22

You shouldn't let your mind wander..its way to small to be out on its own.

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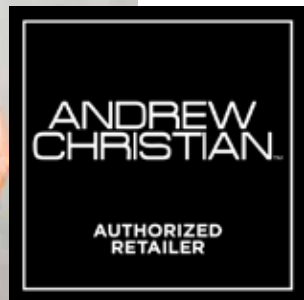
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