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LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*



**"BLAME IT ON BIANCA DEL RIO: THE EXPERT ON NOTHING WITH
AN OPINION ON EVERYTHING" BY BIANCA DEL RIO**
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You have no rope left.

You were at the end of yours last week, and you need help. Advice. Tell-me-what-to-do direction. Even a little hint would be great, and in "Blame It On Bianca Del Rio" by Bianca Del Rio, you might find it.

Or not. Then again, Del Rio adamantly says that she gives "better advice than Dr. Phil" because what she espouses is based on "years and years of insightful prying and corrosive gossip..." That's what this "literary goldmine" is based on, but Del Rio cautions that she changed names and circumstances as she wrote

this book. In other words, even if you see your name here, it's not all about you.

Some of the problems here may be yours, though, and Del Rio offers "help" – first on health and grooming. This includes bad smells and what to do about them, rocking a bald look, dealing with serious illness, preparing yourself for a loved-one's death, and looking one's best (or lowering one's standards).

This book wouldn't be right without Del Rio's guidance on sex and relationships. She has a lot to say about LBD (Lesbian Bed Death), coming out as gay to your girlfriend of four years, how many cats a queen can have before crossing the line, and what to do about a terrible

mother-in-law.

There's "advice" here on how to deal with neighbors who don't like you, and neighbors you like a little too much. Find out what Del Rio says about unknown paternity and how to avoid the same situation in the future. Get help on dealing with homophobia, parents that are overly supportive, bad Grandmas, and other family matters. Learn how to turn down an invitation, how to read an invitation, and how to be rude-not-rude.

Finally, find out what it's like to be famous, fabulous, and fabulously famous. In a rush of snark and a long answer, Del Rio tells all...

In case you hadn't already figured it out – whether you are familiar with author Bianca Del Rio or not, whether you know her work or don't – you need to know that there's not one single thing about "Blame It On Bianca Del Rio" that's PC. Nope, in fact, there may actually be parts of this book that could be downright insulting.

Contrary to what you were told in grade school, however, there are some books that need to be judged by their covers and this one is a good example. With one look, you should know what you're getting yourself into, and a good insult is half the appeal of what you'll have once you're there. Mixed in with that is the occasional usable nugget, a lot of "you-go-girl!" empowerment, blunt MYOBiz answers to authentically sticky problems, and fall-down screaming-hysterical laughs hidden in the snarkiest of comments.

"Blame It on Bianca Del Rio" absolutely does not belong on the shelf with other Agony Aunt tomes. Get it, and it might not even need a shelf at all because you'll want it close, all tied up in fun.

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I'm sure this will be the minority opinion, but, as a child, I was terrified of Mr. Rogers. I didn't dislike him; I was merely bone-chillingly worried that he was a pedophile. All these sorts of thoughts and emotions came flooding back into my adult consciousness as I sat watching the documentary about the man and his life on and off camera. I don't know why I thought he was going to try to touch me through the TV screen. I don't know that I had even a fully formed idea that it was possible, on or off camera, that adults could do that to kids. I just remember distinctly not trusting his manner and the cut of his jib.

I never understood why he came home, took off a jacket, put on a sweater, changed his shoes... all while singing me this pied piper sort of lullaby love song. I also didn't trust that he was this mellow older man who lived alone and only ever wanted to hang out with children. I mean, that's the reddest of flags from where I stood (which was roughly TV height). And I could never tell if the way he spoke to me was him talking down to me or him flirting. Either way, I was having none of it.

I should have known that he wasn't a kiddy fucker because, frankly, all his toys sucked. And I mean doctor's-office-toys or dentist-candy-bowl sucked. Any predator worth his salt (or, rather, assault) would have had an Atari. That thing was kiddy crack and I would have lap danced by little heart out to get my sticky little hands on one. But instead he was always making paper airplanes or pushing a shitty toy boat around in a weird bucket of sink water.

His only magical toy was when he'd send us to the "Land of Make Believe" where we were greeted by a heavily botoxed King who didn't seem to do anything other than walk like an Egyptian back and forth. And King Friday's kingdom only ever had six people in it. And I say people if we're now calling Henrietta Pussycat and Daniel Striped Tiger and all the other lame-ass fist-creatures of that cardboard clusterfuck the people of the kingdom. The only one I was a little bit down with was Lady Elaine Fairchild. She seemed like a fun old drunk to hang around. The kind of lady who would pay you in cigarettes and cans of beer if you mowed her lawn or got the dead raccoon out from underneath her house.

As I sat in the theater, as a now forty-year-old man, all these memories came flooding back in. I can remember that when Sesame Street or Reading Rainbow ended and Mr. Rogers would start, I would run and hide behind the big upholstered chair that was farthest from the TV. I'd then call out for my mom or my aunt or whatever female character was babysitting me to come and change the channel to something more sexually appropriate... like He-Man.

Well, rest assured; the documentary proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that I was dead wrong. Mr. Rogers was a loving and caring man on and off camera. But, if you look at my track record in dating, you can see that those sorts of men have never appealed to me and that I'm always distrusting of a man who might actually be good for me. So I guess some things never change.

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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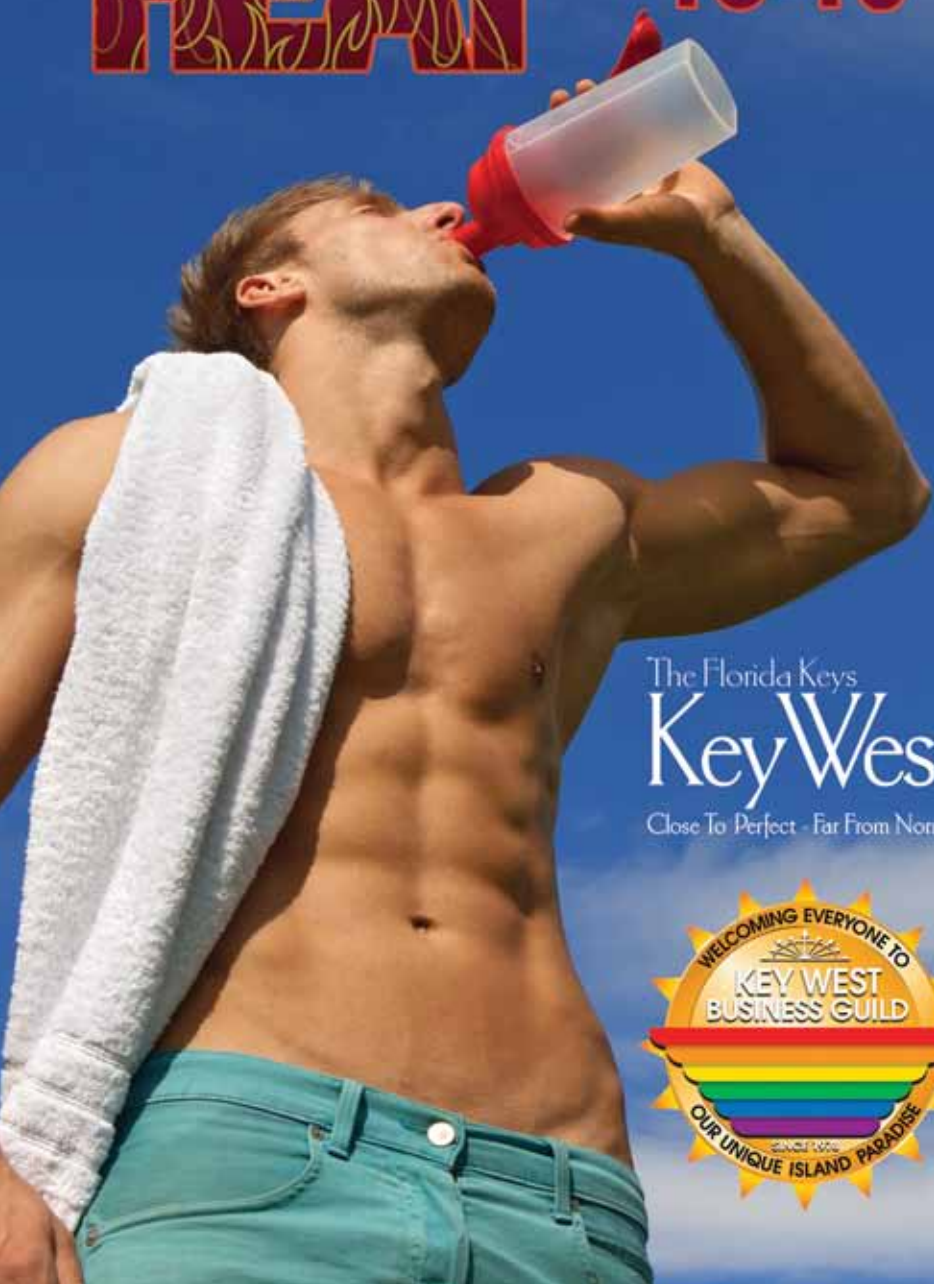


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10:00 pm Neon Party - Mangoes

Thursday
August 16, 2018

12 noon – 4pm Bare or Underwear Pool Party -
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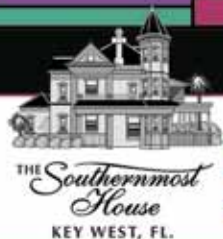
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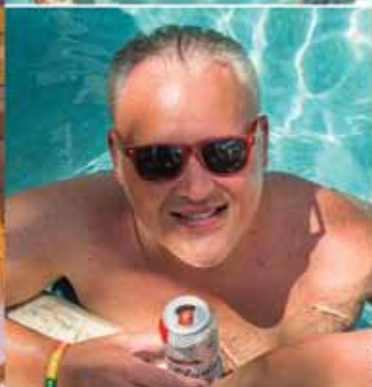
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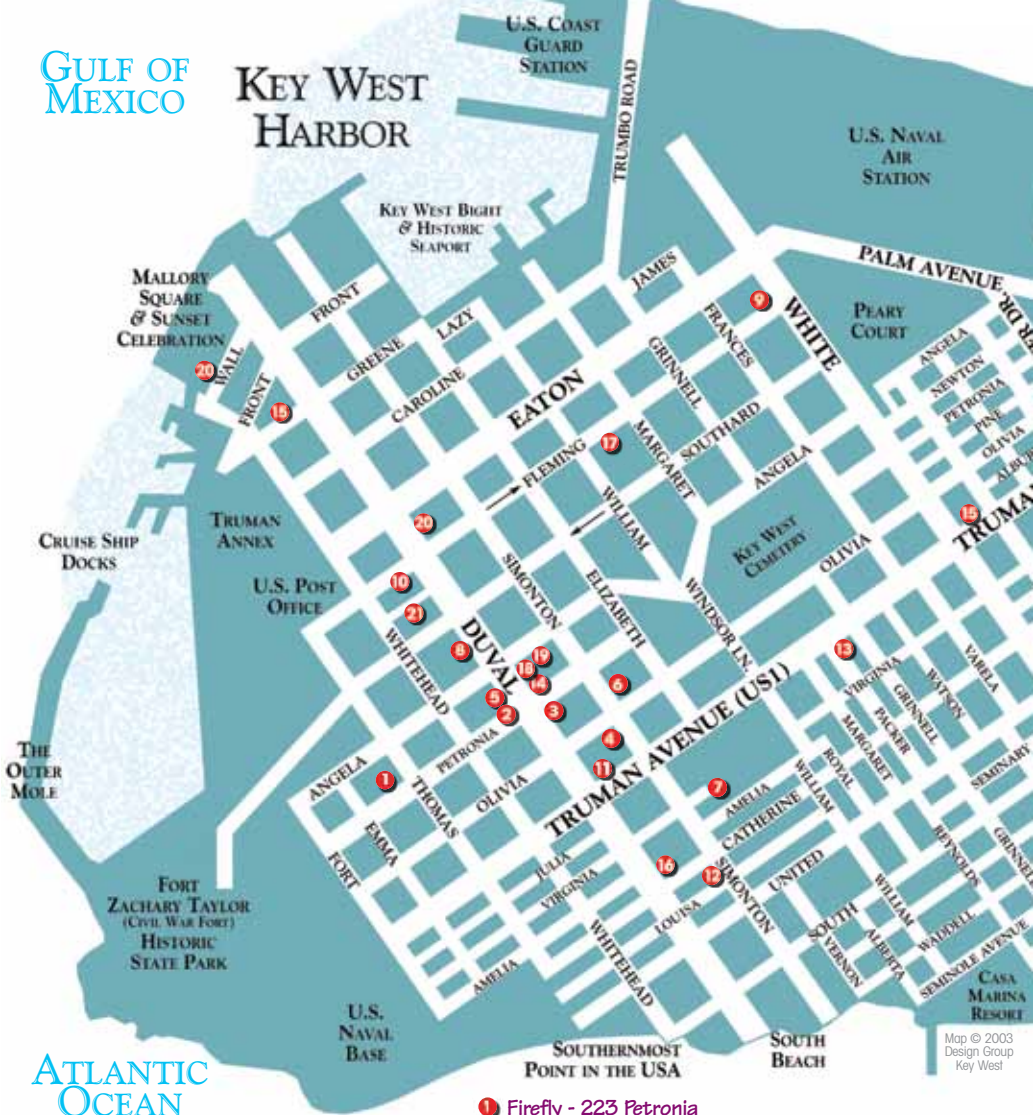


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One of my favorite ways to defeat a hangover, or at least feel so full that you forget about the hangover, is a good down home country meal from Firefly, located at 223 Petronia Street. I have two "go to" hangover cures and the first is Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit. This breakfast sandwich is basically a breakfast sandwich on steroids thanks to the huge homemade buttermilk biscuit surrounding what could be a breakfast all by itself. If you have a more severe hangover, I recommend the Biscuits and Gravy. That same huge biscuit smothered in the best sausage gravy I have ever had, but this is only for the big daddy hangover. Use this tool sparingly as it has been known to be addictive.

Now there are those that need a more scientific approach. For this, I suggest IVs in the Keys, or Hangover Hospital.

Both of these services have a registered nurse working under the care of a licensed physician and will have you feeling great in no time. IVs in the Keys has an office at 531 Whitehead Street but if you just can't get up the energy to leave your hotel, give the folks at Hangover Hospital a call. They will come out and treat you right in your room, by the pool, or in the gutter that you just woke up in.

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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

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Dear Nana,

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Gum drop, the older I get the less I can stand the heat. Though I definitely don't sweat as much as I used to. Once my baby maker stopped working my sweat glands seem to have calmed down as well. So there's one thing to look forward to for the few ladies reading this out. I can tell you drinking water is important. In my day we didn't have fancy words like "hydrate", we just said "water". We were a simpler, stupider people. So when I'm out working in the garden, I always take a frozen bottle of water with me. It stays ice cold for hours and



and helps cool me off. Also, never underestimate of putting an ice cube up your asshole. Hell, put four or five up there... wait 5 minutes... and you're ready to clean out AND you've cooled off. You're welcome.

Dear Nana,

My boss is a Trump supporter (still!!!) and brings up something about Trump in the news at least four to five times a week. Literally all his employees hate this and openly hate Trump. How do we get him to stop talking about politics all together at work?

Well, Sugar bear, this is a tough one. If he's the only boss... as in you work for a very small, personally owned company, there's not a ton you can do other than put in ear buds and maybe look for a happier workplace in the long run. But it might be worth the gang of you getting together and writing him a letter asking that the workplace be declared a politics-free zone. You're all free to talk about it on off hours, happy hours, any hours other than work hours. He might get the hint and respect that you're making it clear you want ALL politics out of your workday, not just HIS politics. But since he's a Trump supporter, my guess is he's also a dick and might not care about other people. Who knows?! But it's worth a try. And then, if he keeps it up, I'll remind you that spitting in someone's coffee never killed them.



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PISCES FEB 19 - MAR 20

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ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19

You are dark and handsome. When it's dark, you're handsome.

TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20

Your friends went to a restaurant where they serve crabs just so they could bring you along.

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20

I bet your brain feels as good as new, seeing that you've never used it.

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22

I don't think you are a fool. But then what's MY opinion against thousands of others?

LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22

I know you are nobody's fool but maybe someone will adopt you.

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22

I'd like to see things from your point of view but I can't seem to get my head that far up my ass.

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22

If I had a face like yours, I'd sue my parents!

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21

I've seen people like you, but I had to pay admission!

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21

Let's play horse. I'll be the front end and you be yourself.

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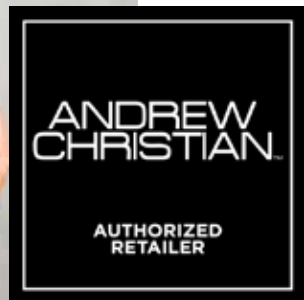
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