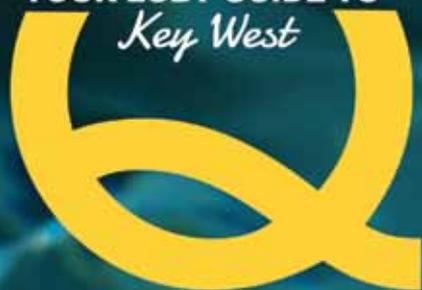


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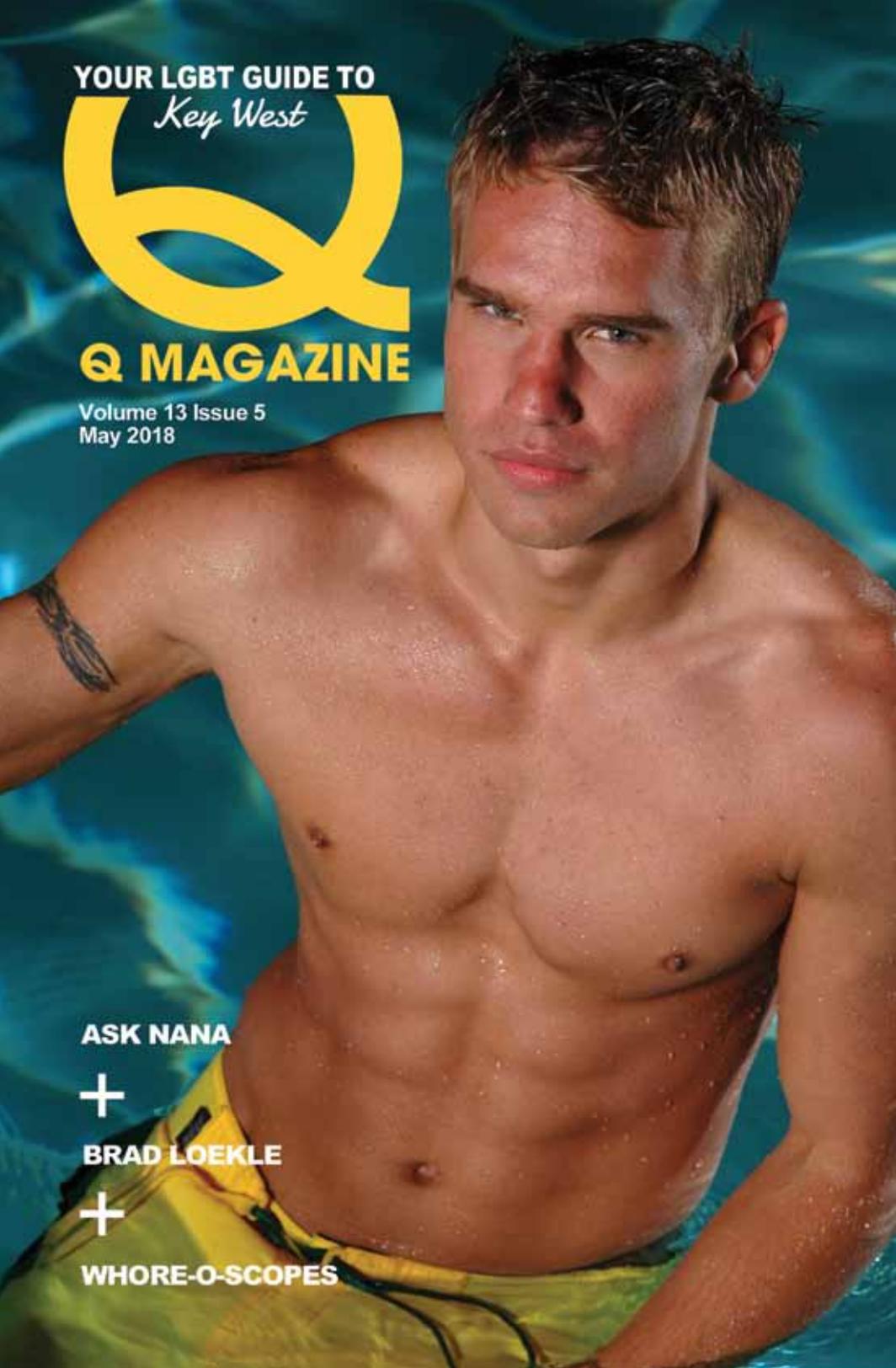
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W We talk about all the great things to do in Key West, the great things to see, the “can’t miss” attractions, but we never talk about how we get to all of these places.

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For more information about side effects, see “What are the possible side effects of BIKTARVY?”

What is BIKTARVY?

BIKTARVY is a prescription medicine that is used without other anti-HIV-1 medicines to treat Human Immunodeficiency Virus-1 (HIV-1) in adults:

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HIV-1 is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

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- ▶ dofetilide
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What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking BIKTARVY?

Before taking BIKTARVY, tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including if you:

- ▶ have liver problems, including hepatitis B virus infection
- ▶ have kidney problems
- ▶ 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 during treatment with BIKTARVY.

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What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking BIKTARVY? (continued)

Pregnancy Registry: There is a pregnancy registry for women who take antiviral medicines during pregnancy. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. Talk with your healthcare provider about how you can take part in this registry.

- ▶ are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed if you take BIKTARVY.
 - You should not breastfeed if you have HIV-1 because of the risk of passing HIV-1 to your baby.
 - At least one of the medicines in BIKTARVY can pass to your baby in your breast milk. It is not known if the other medicines in BIKTARVY can pass into your breast milk.

Talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, antacids, laxatives, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Some medicines may interact with BIKTARVY. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

- ▶ You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for a list of medicines that interact with BIKTARVY.
- ▶ **Do not start a new medicine without telling your healthcare provider.** Your healthcare provider can tell you if it is safe to take BIKTARVY with other medicines.

How should I take BIKTARVY?

- ▶ Take BIKTARVY exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it. BIKTARVY is taken by itself (not with other HIV-1 medicines) to treat HIV-1 infection.
- ▶ Take BIKTARVY 1 time each day with or without food.
- ▶ Do not change your dose or stop taking BIKTARVY without first talking with your healthcare provider. Stay under a healthcare provider's care during treatment with BIKTARVY.
- ▶ If you take antacids that contain aluminum, magnesium, or calcium, take BIKTARVY on an empty stomach 2 hours before you take these antacids.
- ▶ If you take supplements that contain iron or calcium, take these supplements with food at the same time that you take BIKTARVY.
- ▶ Do not miss a dose of BIKTARVY.
- ▶ If you take too much BIKTARVY, call your healthcare provider or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away.
- ▶ When your BIKTARVY supply starts to run low, get more from your healthcare provider or pharmacy. This is very important because the amount of virus in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped for even a short time. The virus may develop resistance to BIKTARVY and become harder to treat.

What are the possible side effects of BIKTARVY?

BIKTARVY may cause serious side effects, including:

- ▶ **See “What is the most important information I should know about BIKTARVY?”**
- ▶ **Changes in your immune system (Immune Reconstitution Syndrome)** can happen when you start taking HIV-1 medicines. Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body for a long time. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you start having any new symptoms after starting your HIV-1 medicine.
- ▶ **New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure.** Your healthcare provider should do blood and urine tests to check your kidneys when starting and during treatment with BIKTARVY. Your healthcare provider may tell you to stop taking BIKTARVY if you develop new or worse kidney problems.
- ▶ **Too much lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis).** Too much lactic acid is a serious but rare medical emergency that can lead to death. **Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these symptoms:** weakness or being more tired than usual, unusual muscle pain, being short of breath or fast breathing, stomach pain with nausea and vomiting, cold or blue hands and feet, feel dizzy or lightheaded, or a fast or abnormal heartbeat.
- ▶ **Severe liver problems.** In rare cases, severe liver problems can happen that 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.

What are the possible side effects of BIKTARVY? (continued)

The most common side effects of BIKTARVY are diarrhea (6%), nausea (5%), and headache (5%).

These are not all the possible side effects of BIKTARVY.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

General information about the safe and effective use of BIKTARVY.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. Do not use BIKTARVY for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give BIKTARVY to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This Brief Summary summarizes the most important information about BIKTARVY. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about BIKTARVY that is written for health professionals. For more information, call **1-800-445-3235** or go to **www.BIKTARVY.com**.

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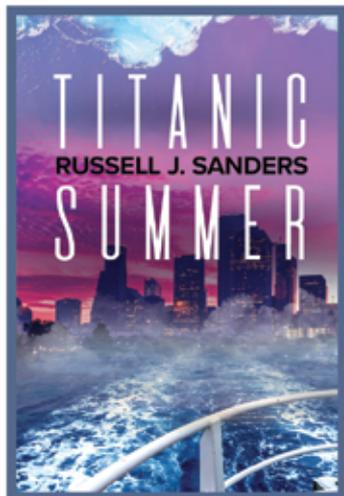
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LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*



“TITANIC SUMMER” BY RUSSELL J. SANDERS

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Parents can be so weird.

Take your dad, for instance: he’s got hobbies that defy logic and he’s obsessed with them. Your mom, well, let’s not go there, except to say that if you became her mini-me, she’d be fine with that. Irritating, yes, but what are you gonna do? As in the new book, “Titanic Summer” by Russell J. Sanders, whatever floats their boats.

“Your mom and I have some news.”

Those are words that no twelve-year-old boy wants to hear, but Jake Hardy heard them and everything in between: his

parents were getting a divorce.

That was four years ago, and Jake survived, more-or-less. He wasn’t happy when his dad moved from Houston to Philly. He wasn’t happy that his mom got all churchy, either, but he knew that his parents both loved him. He wasn’t sure, though, how they’d feel if they knew that he was gay.

Jake had, in fact, just come to that realization himself in the past year or so but he wasn’t sure where to go with it. His school was conservative Christian and homosexuality was forbidden in the school code. Jake couldn’t risk being thrown off the basketball team, so he hid his physical desires. He now had the whole summer to think about

everything, and make some decisions.

Fortunately, he'd do that while hanging out with his dad in Philadelphia.

Unfortunately, his dad had other plans: he was a history buff, and was seriously obsessed with the Titanic. He'd watched the movie hundreds of times and, to Jake's dismay, had scheduled a ten-day father-son trip to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

That's where some of the Titanic's dead were buried.

That's also where gay-boy Jake learned that his dad was gay, too.

Which was just great, because Dad could've been less-secretive and that would've helped Jake deal... but no. Instead, Jake got secrets and omissions from both his parents, which made him angry and his bestie offered no sympathy. He found a new friend, but even that was awful. Was pretending not to be gay the easiest way to live?

Though it tends to be somewhat overly-long and overwrought, "Titanic Summer" is overall better than average.

Part of that may be because author Russell J. Sanders puts authentic teen language into the mouth of his main character. Sanders' Jake speaks in the style and manner you'd expect from an attitudinal sixteen-year-old boy who's trying to please everyone; that he fails, and sometimes becomes unlikeable, only enhances his realism.

That authenticity affects the story itself, but in one distracting way: the plot is enough to keep a reader's attention, but it's also too long and contains inconsequential details, as if every second of the titular summer needs recording. A few editorial snips would have been a lifesaver.

Even so, that's minor compared to the waves of enjoyment you'll get from this story, whether you're 13-to-17-years-old, or an adult who's well past those years. Readers craving a coming-of-age novel will find "Titanic Summer" to be a boatload of goodness.

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1. Enjoy your joints. You'll miss them when they're gone. And believe me, they will leave you. Even if you run marathons well into your middle age, I can assure you they'll leave you. They'll leave your lot the most dramatically. So start taking Aleve now and embrace binge watching Ken Burns documentaries. Because winter is coming and it's coming for your knees and ankles

2. Self control and discipline are over rated. Don't get me wrong; they're both needed in your life. But they're certainly not the greatest achievements of mankind. Nor are they the sole contributing factor in those achievements. Just as many drunk, fat, depressed people invented and did great things so don't think you've changed the world by not having dessert.

3. Stop caring about what people think. And that includes yourself. The older I get the happier I get in not caring what I think. I know I only care because my feelings are about me. And I loooove me. But outside of that: who cares? Stop caring if I like a movie or a book or a politician. I don't matter and neither do you and that's a good thing. It doesn't call come down to us. So like what you like, love who you love, and don't care so

much about everyone else's likes and loves if they aren't out to get you and yours.

4. Never trust beach cocaine. It ain't ever real. It's just faux-caine with real cocaine flavoring.

5. If you bar hop every time you go out it means you're not interesting enough to just be out at all. Step up your game.

6. Bottoming is a young man's game. It's gets harder and more annoying to stay in "bottom shape" as you get older. So seriously consider investing in learning how to top. Trust me... all the 25 year old you want actually just want a 40 year old "daddy"... not a 56-year-old daddy.

7. Being mean isn't a gift. It's a necessary evil sometimes but not really a talent. Anymore than Hannibal Lector eating a woman's face without his heart rate going up is a "talent". So add some other feathers to your boa and some weapons to your arsenal. Might I suggest, knowledge? Knowing more than your enemies works great. And it's easier now than ever!

8. Sunscreen is the most important cosmetic you'll ever buy. No one wants to actually fuck a Birkin bag.

9. Snitches do, inevitably, get stiches.

10. Don't fuck around with love. Either be in it 110% or roll down your own road, your way, and on your own. Love is a contact sport. Also, sex really should be a contact sport too. If you're blasé about love... you're doing it wrong.

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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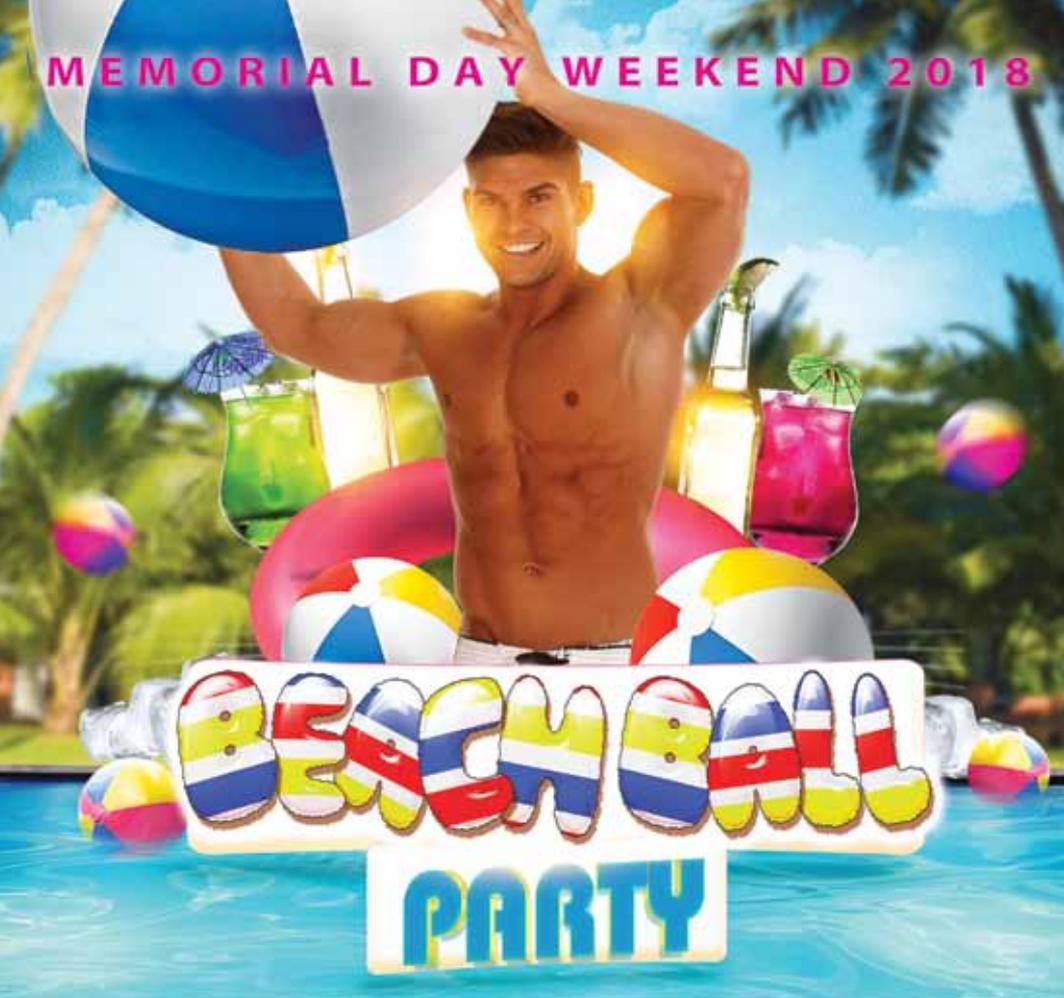
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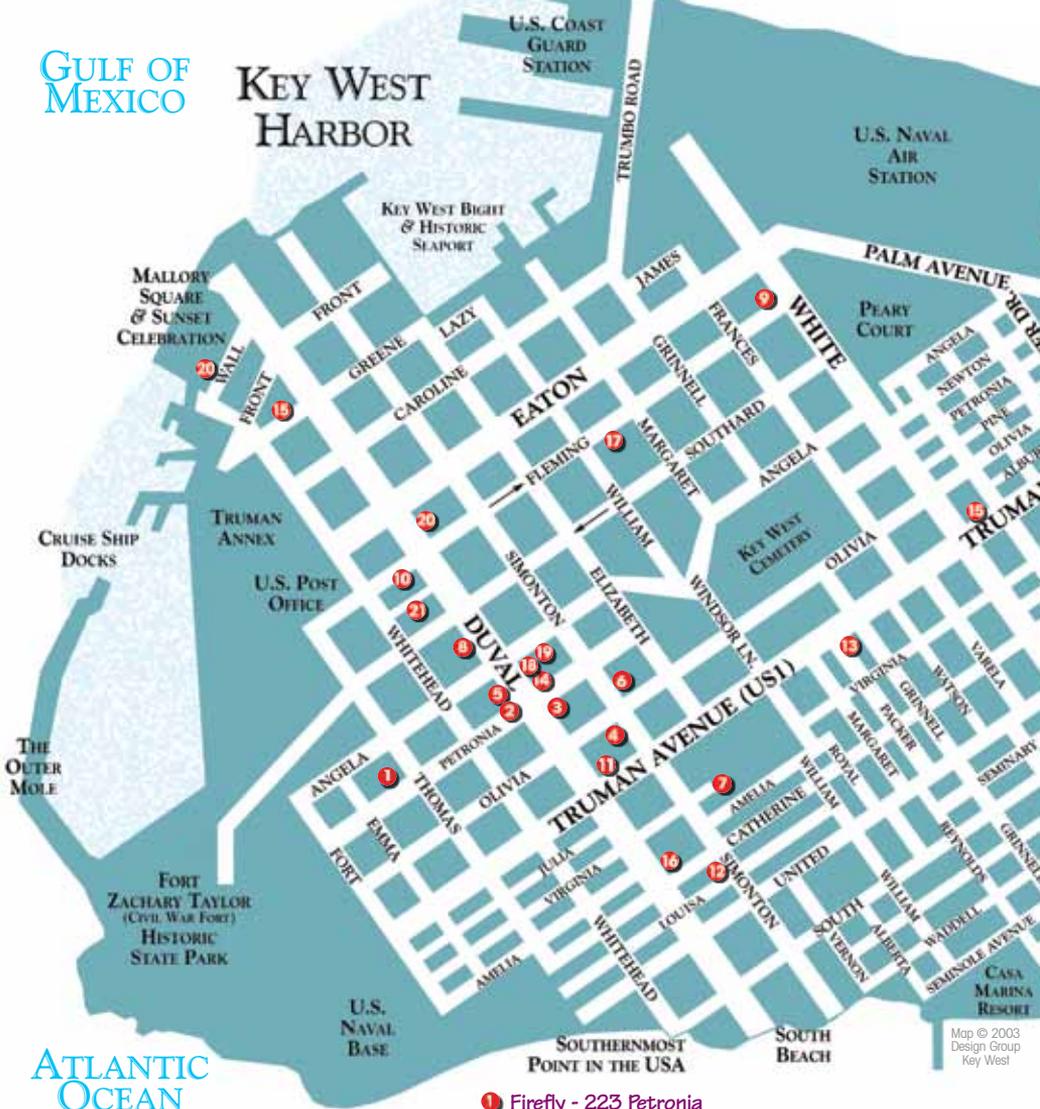
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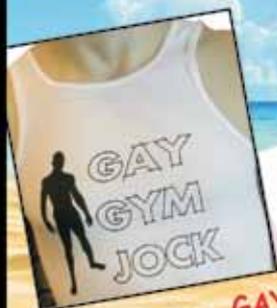
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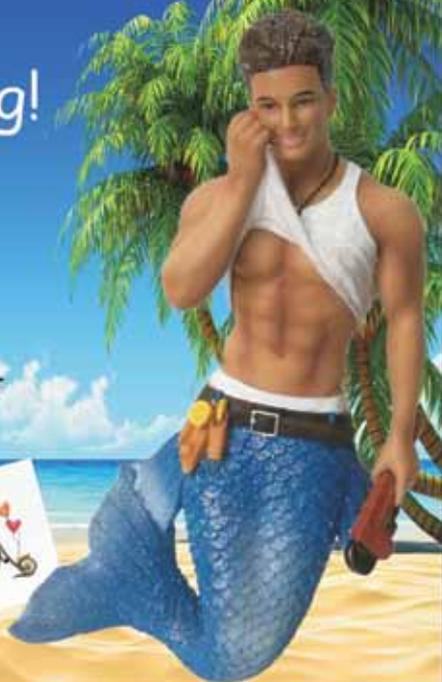
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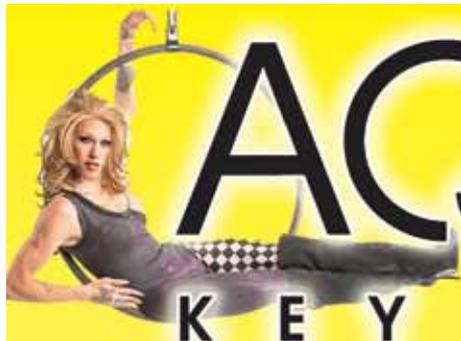
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WEEKLY EVENTS



MONDAY

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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

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

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

Victoria Cortez at 5:30 PM

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

Victoria Cortez at 5:30 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

Victoria Cortez at 5:30 PM

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

801 - 801 Duval Street

Aqua - 711 Duval Street

Back Bar - 711 Duval Street

Bobby's - 900 Simonton Street

Bourbon - 724 Duval Street

Island House - 1129 Fleming St

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Dear Nana,

When I stay over by boyfriend's house, his dog insists on being in the room even when we're having sex. If we put him out he barks non-stop and scratches at the woodwork. But when he is in the room, he just sits on the chair staring directly at me and panting. Do you have any pet tricks to get him okay with not being in the bedroom?

The fact you both have genuine concern for the "wood work" is a real testament to how homosexual aestheticism can over power even your desire to bone. Good for you! Now, onto your actual issue. Let's get real about dogs and their issues with their masters having sex. There are only two kinds of dog in this situation: Either his dog likes and accepts you... and might even find you to be "their type". Or that dog is hate-watching you and planning your eventual death. For your sake, I hope that dog thinks you're the cat's meow. I hope that you're the only boyfriend your man has ever had that unrolls that



dog's little red lipstick. And I hope you don't get in the way of that sweet dog's sexual joys. Life is too short... especially in dog years!

Now, if that dog is the second kind of dog... molly, you in danger girl. There's no win. He's just biding his time. Luckily most species of dog aren't more intelligent than a 5-7 year old child. So you should be able to stay one step and one fuck ahead of him at all times. Which ever the case is, may the odds be ever in your favor!

Dear Nana,

Since it's Spring-cleaning time, do you have any Spring-cleaning tips?

Of course I do! You don't get to be my age without figuring out a few black belt Spring cleaning tips?!

Hire someone else to do it.

Tah Dah! You're welcome.



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AQUARIUS JAN 20 - FEB 18

If I wanted to kill myself, I would climb up your ego and jump down to your IQ level

PISCES FEB 19 - MAR 20

You are about as useful as a knitted condom

ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19

You're dumb. And you're also stupid

TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20

If opposites attract, then I hope you meet someone who is attractive, honest, intelligent, and cultured

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20

I thought a little girl from Kansas dropped a house on you

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22

Did you know they used to be called jumpolines before you jumped on one?

LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22

You're uglier than Michael Jackson after he grew up and turned into a woman

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22

I'm jealous of people that don't know you

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22

If you were any more inbred, you'd be a sandwich

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21

Do you still love nature, despite what it did to you?

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21

You're not pretty enough to be this stupid

CAPRICORN DEC 22 - JAN 19

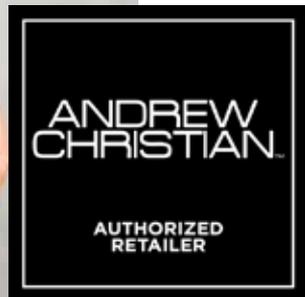
Somewhere out there there is a tree, tirelessly producing oxygen so you can breathe. I think you owe it an apology

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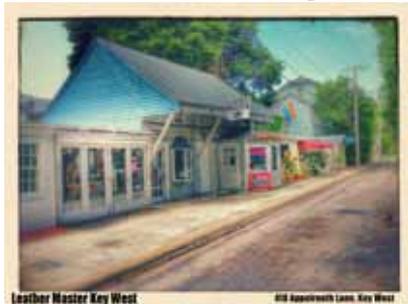


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