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Hello From Paradise!

We hope by the time this goes to press, that we're once again welcoming our wonderful visitors back to our island paradise.

In the mean time, we need to say a very special thank you to everyone that has kept the country going through all of this, and while the picture may be of our medical professionals, we're also grateful to everyone from the police to the clerks at the grocery

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store for risking their own health for us.

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Stephanie Wise

LEZ GO OUT



I don't know about you but I've had enough TikTok and Instagram to last me a lifetime. I think I've walked the whole island at least 5 times and I've made my living room into a karaoke stage. Key West is doing a fantastic job with supplementing our karaoke needs, too. Bobby's Monkey Bar has made a Facebook version of their fabulous karaoke nights. You can even sign up for whichever time slot you prefer! People have gotten very creative. Keeps us from roaming the streets.

With the ongoing discussions regarding cruise ships, check points, masks, 6-10ft social distances, house parties and illegal rentals I decided not to write about the ongoing pandemic because we hardly need the reminder. Instead, I'd like to ask if you've seen the water on the Smather's Beach side of the island. It's GORGEOUS! While bobbing in the water off Reynold's Pier we saw a four foot barracuda and sting rays. The peace on the island has brought back the small-town feeling that initially drew my partner and me to the island. I see familiar tops of masked faces walking in my neighborhood. We smile as dramatically as we can with our eyes without looking too creepy and yell pleasantries to each other from across the street. Our small white dog looks a lot like a tumbleweed and our cat (because all lesbians have one) is slinking around unsure if it's really us or if we've been replaced by chubby cavewomen. Good thing they're talking about opening up the salons soon. Now... about the gym.

All in all I'm proud of our island. Lesbians have learned how to use Zoom for Hotdog Church meetings on Sundays and the gay boys still dominate drinking in the street in front of Bourbon and 801. I think we're going to make it through this with a renewed appreciation for strangers and someone else's cooking. Stay safe and distant Key West. Once it's safe.. Lez Go Out.. for a haircut.



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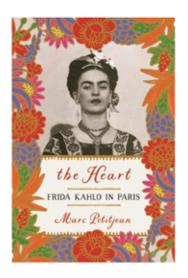




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"THE HEART: FRIDA KAHLO IN PARIS" BY MARC PETITJEAN, TRANSLATED BY ADRIANA HUNTER c.2020, Other Press | \$25.00 | 208 pages



Every brush stroke must have had meaning.

Every color, every shading, every wipe and fingerprint and trowelmark left by the artist became a portrait of metaphor and mystery: what was the artist trying to say? Was it just a painting or, as in "The Heart" by Marc Petitjean, was there a story behind it for observers to unravel?

Because his father had led a colorful life, Marc Petitjean was surrounded by artwork and objets d'art for most of his childhood. One of those works was a painting that Petitjean understood was important to his father. Later, long after the elder man died,

Petitjean learned how important the painting was when a stranger inquired about his father, and the affair he had with Frida Kahlo.

Michel Petitjean was just twenty-nine when he met Kahlo; she was thirty-three, and was staying in France at the time, having gone there because André Breton, who'd founded the surrealist movement, had decided on his own that Kahlo was a surrealist painter. Breton told her that he wanted to do an exhibit of her work but when Kahlo arrived in France, she was angered that Breton was unprepared for both her arrival and her show.

She'd met Breton when he and his wife, Jacqueline, came to Mexico to talk with Leon Trotsky, who was living temporarily with Kahlo and her husband, Diego Rivera. The Bretons stayed the Rivera's for several months – long enough for Kahlo to have a brief but playful sexual affair with Jacqueline before the Bretons returned to France.

Petitjean says that there is no way to know exactly how his father met Kahlo, but the first time they slept together "was the day Barcelona fell." They didn't speak the same language but he comforted her as best he could, and she grew to mean a lot to him. Later, he helped her pack up her paintings to return them to Mexico, and she gave him option of choosing any painting he wanted.

He chose The Heart.

In a surprisingly charming mixture of fact and fiction, author Marc Petitjean spins a dreamy tale of an artist and a painting that is in itself a mystery. That, the multiple hypotheses, and a lingering unknown make "The Heart" a captivating tale.

Petitjean depicts Paris in the pre-War years in a way that lets readers feel the devil-may-care extravagance of the city's residents living in the shadow of Nazism and looming trouble, giving this book a dark sense of forboding. He then imagines Kahlo's political leanings and adds to her mystique, giving her a certain cheeky flamboyance and, with passages that seem as if they're viewed through sheer white curtains, he shows us a Kahlo that falls easily in lust and love, but with a blithe sense of detatchment.

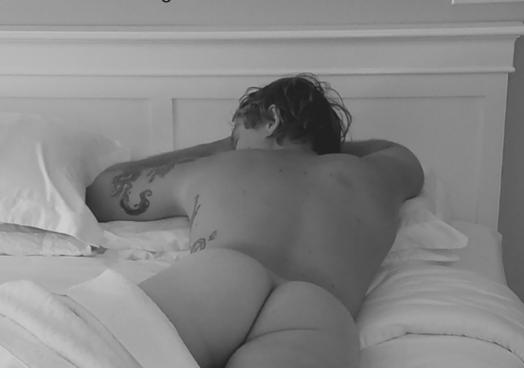
Petitjean hints that his father was more upset about that than was Kahlo, but again – we'll never know for sure. Still, readers that love art, biographies, historical mysteries, and Kahlo in particular will find "The Heart" to be a stroke of enjoyment.

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MYBIG GAY LIFE Brad Toekle



SYMPTOMATIC PROBLEMATIC

So, self-quarantine really threw the gym-gays for a loop! I mean... I haven't seen this much abject terror and loss in the chiseled faces of queens since Princess Diana got turned into a Jenga piece in a French tunnel.

And listen, I get it. We all pick the things in our lives that are important to us. Some pick family, some pick work. Some pick the brain; some pick the body. Some pick hookers and blow... some are boring. So, I get it. Listen, I haven't been able to work or perform in front of audience in 3+ months. That's the longest I've ever gone without an audience since I was probably 15 or 16 years old. But WOW did the gym boys get broken during this.

I mean, I was at home, minding my own business on twitter just letting the day to day news raise my blood pressure to unsafe levels, when I saw a gym-gay bench pressing his sofa on the floor in his living room. Now I've rented enough bodies that look like his to know that it takes a lot of work to maintain it. And that weights are important, or whatever. But sweet, fictional Christ are you kidding me with benching the couch?! I mean all that was missing was the faint sound of him crying out of fear that no one will love him again if he doesn't look Gay He-Man every day of his life.

You know what? That's unfair. He-Man is already "Gay He-Man" and I should let him have that. I'm sorry... Adam of Eternia.

Here in LA, I've seen almost naked gay men running personal marathons in the rain just to try to get cardio in. I have an ab covered friend who fractured his ankle while trying to use the tree in front of his

MY BIG GAY LIFE

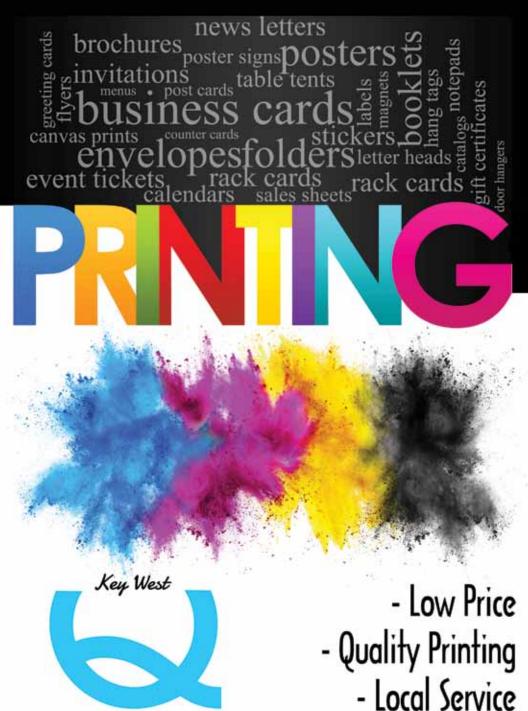
house as a "home gym". I have no idea what he was doing, nor do I want to know. From the window in my home office, I can see into my neighbor's yard. He has now created a sort of makeshift-homeless-people gym. It consists of things like a mop handle that he has tied 4 milk jugs full of sand to each end. He uses this as sort of a Tom Hanks in "Castaway"-style barbell. He also has a backpack full of rocks he wears while he does cardio. These are the actions of a madman. I miss the "old normal" of him just suntanning naked in his backyard, after the gym, and me just politely masturbating from the shadows of my window perch. Ah, the good old days!

And listen, us lazy people haven't had it easy during this time either. Sure, I'm not missing the gym and I already was living a life that my doctor says "has the physical activity of an at-risk 3rd trimester pregnancy"; but there have been fitness challenges even for the most sedentary during this crisis. For instance, I've been convinced I've had COVID-19 at least 7 times in the last few months. Why, you ask? Because a lot of the symptoms of this virus are the same as the symptoms of just being a lazy fuck!

Shortness of breath? All the time. Body aches? Since I was seventeen. A dry cough? Every morning since my first hangover. Loss of taste and smell? Do you have any idea how much cocaine I've done in my life?!?!

So, trust me... fat kids don't have it easy right now either. But I sure do hope that those who want to can return to their gyms soon. Because, frankly, a lot of you don't have enough personality to pull off being chubby this summer.

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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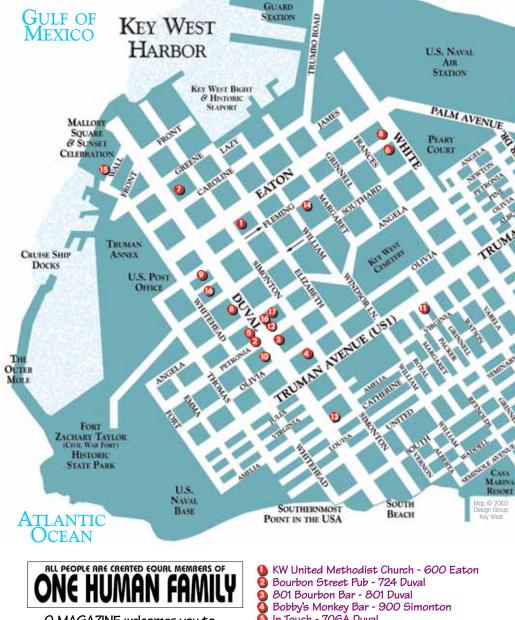








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Q Slang

Hamsteren - To hoard, like when a hamster stuffs his cheeks.

I'm doing OK because I was Hamsteren toilet paper a few months ago.

Doom Scrolling - Scrolling through your newsfeed reading all the doom & gloom.

I was up until 3AM Doom Scrolling on Facebook.

Moronavirus - Being a moron about the virus. He went to the beach with a ton of his friends. He must have caught the Moronavirus.

Quarantini - Any cocktail you drink at home while alone.
I'm had 4 Quarantinis last night. I was so bored.

Quarantine And Chill - Sending nude photos. Hey, want to Quarantine And Chill?

Coronials - Any baby born within 9 months of the lockdown.

There's gonna be a lot of Coronials born in 2021!

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MONDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 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

TUESDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 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

WEDNESDAY

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801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 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

SATURDAY

801

Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 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

THURSDAY

80

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

SUNDAY

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

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

FRIDAY

801

Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 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

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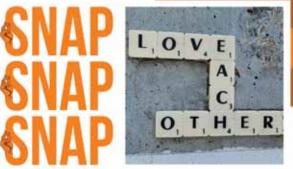
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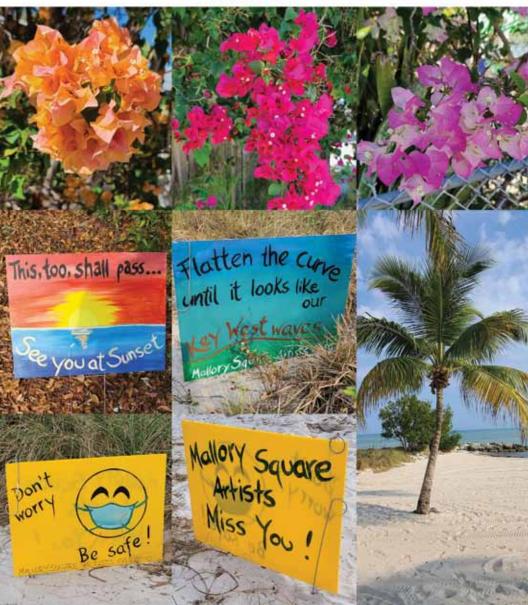
Bourbon - 724 Duval Street

Island House - 1129 Fleming St

La Te Da - 1125 Duval Street

One Saloon - 514 Petronia St





ASK NANA

E-mail your questions to nana@keywestgayrag.com



Dear Nana,

First of all, I hope you're well during all this Corona craziness. I wanted to know if you had any tips for fighting cabin fever. I tend to be a social butterfly and all this social distancing and staying at home is making me a bit bonkers. Any tips?

Oh, I guess you just assume that since I'm a woman of a certain age I don't get put much usually? Listen just because both these hips are fake doesn't mean I don't have an active social life. When all you've got left is time on your hands you tend to make the most of it! But, also, I've been a bit of a hermit my whole life. So, if I spend one day running around and seeing people, it's just my nature to then take a



day to myself. I love to read (both people and books) so that makes for a great hobby. And I love to cook. I've noticed that everyone these days is teaching themselves to bake bread... so why not pick a new dish... or a new skill... that you've always wanted to master and spend some time on that.

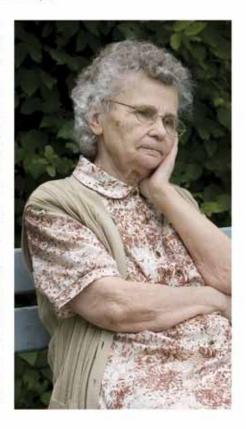
Also drinking is an excellent pastime.



Dear Nana,

My friends invited me to a large house party and I'm just not comfortable going, given all the stuff going on with Corona. My one friend is really pushing me to go and arguing about it all the time. Should I just go to shut him up?

Well, in my experience, "just" doing something because it will shut someone up is usually the path of last resort. Frankly, if this is the hill on which your friend wants to die... and I mean that literally and figuratively in this case... then it tells you more about him than your NOT going tells anyone about you. Your body, your choice. You don't have to go to anyone's extracurricular activity if you don't want to. You're a damn adult. And if they don't like that... they can stick it where the sun doesn't shine. You're responsible for your own happiness and your own safety. Not your friends, not your boss, not even your lover. You are. So, you do YOU!



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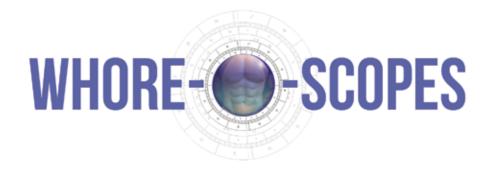
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PISCES FEB 19 - MAR 20 When asked "How dumb can you get," you seem to be taking it as a challenge.

ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19
If the human body is 60% water, you're not fat, you're having a flood.

TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20 You remind me of when I was young and stupid, without the young.

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20 You're not yourself today. I noticed the improvement right away.

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22 Add some variety to your sex life...use the other hand. LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22 I wish you were more fluent in silence.

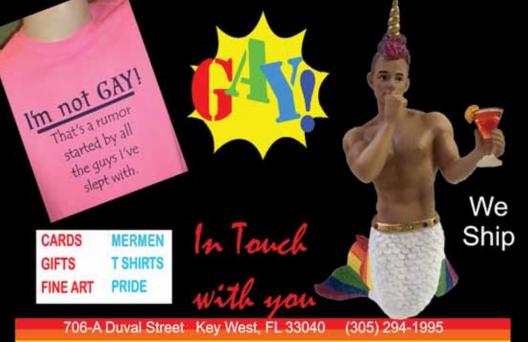
VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22
Those penis enlargement pills you took must be working. You're a bigger dick now than you were last week.

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22 If you can't laugh at yourself, others will laugh at you.

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21 Hey there train wreck, this ain't your station.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21 People love the sound you make when you shut up.

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