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November is a great month to be in Key West.

While it's getting colder in. other parts of the country (and heaven forbid, some areas are already getting snow), it's nice and warm here!

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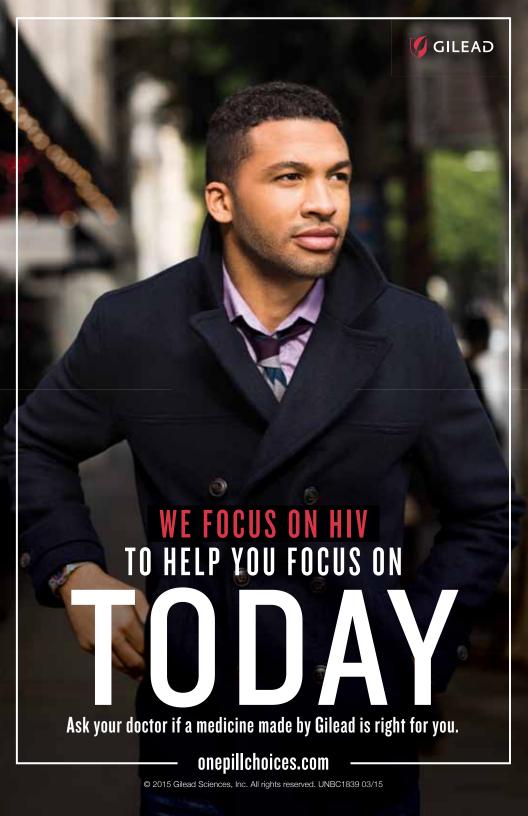
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by: Brad Lockle



It's that time of year again. That's right, like it or not, a lot of us are going to have to see our families soon. Most of us like at least 50% of our family which, in and of itself, is a real blessing. But there are always a few bad apples that ruin the hard cider during the holidays. Maybe it's a crazy aunt who's just a little too excited about marriage equality. Like she's going to great you at the door of Thanksgiving with a copy of Modern Bride while then listing down all the articles she's read on Facebook about Kim Davis and the Pope and anti-gay bakeries. We get it, Agnes, you like the gays. But I'm not their official spokesman so can we just get through an afternoon at your mother's house without reenacting Stonewall as a Thanksgiving Day tableau? Or, like me, you might have a slightly off kilter uncle. Mine, in true crazy uncle fashion, lives off the grid in an A-frame house deep in the mountains. His house doesn't even have a road or a driveway going up to it, so Thanksgiving is usually our last chance to physically see him until the "Spring thaw". This is my life people. This is how I was raised: with the availability of relatives for family functions being dictated by climate change. Not only is this Uncle a bit of a recluse, he also spends most of his free time panning for gold. Now, according to the Discovery channel, that isn't totally the most insane thing anyone's ever done. Well, at least, it wouldn't be if it weren't for the fact my Uncle lives in Upstate New York. Since I'll assume you're reading this in a gay bar or are gay bar adjacent (and, thus, not a geologist) let me let you in on the little secret that... THERE'S NO FUCKING GOLD IN UPSTATE NEW YORK. Last Thanksgiving when I brought this point up to my uncle, he explained that he doesn't pan for gold in the dirt around his house. Because "that would be crazy!" Oh no, he orders 50 lb. bags of dirt from out west... from "gold country"... and has them shipped to his home so he can pan at his leisure. I asked him what one does when one finds gold in one of these bags and he casually explained that they send a mailer with the bag so you can mail the gold back and they send you money. He also said the bag of dirt isn't that expensive... but the shipping costs really get you. It was then that I went into the guest bathroom to put my head in the toilet so I could scream as loud as I could without waking Grammy in the living room.

Now, here are also a brief list of holiday catch phrases I like to pull out anytime the topic of conversation moves onto something you'd rather have your testicles pureed than discuss with your family. At my holidays those topics usually include: why am I still single?; why haven't I gotten a talk show like that Ellen?; What ever happened to that man you almost married?; Obama; Obama taking our guns away; Obama – attached to any other idea you can think of.

So here's what you can use to make the conversation take a sharp turn:

- "Did anyone catch that game the other day?" (then just sit back & let the men at it!)
- "Hey, so how is_____?" (insert your most fucked up relative or family friend who isn't there. Sorry, but this is a war and there are going to be casualties)
- "Did you guys see that rerun of Everybody Loves Raymond the other night?" (Straight people love that show. They can talk about it for hours and know every episode.)

No matter who your craziest relative is, remember that even if you hate seeing them, you only have to see them a few times a year. So make the most of it, bring a boot flask for emergencies and, in a pinch, fake having to take a poop to escape the conversation where your whole weird, straight, 'Merican family decides to "solve" this "Caitlyn Jenner situation" over pumpkin pie. Because I can tell you that's how I'll be spending this holiday season, I'm sure.

Brad Loekle can be seen this season on NBC's "Last Comic Standing" as well as every week on TruTV's "World's Dumbest". He has written for Joan Rivers on E! "Fashion Police" & tours extensively on Atlantis Events & RSVP gay cruises.

For more on Brad, go to: www.BradLoekle.com



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KALEB SMITH: MAN ABOUT TOWN



I'm 35 years old, I have a steady job, a fiancé, and an eclectic group of friends. Overall a pretty regular life for a Key West gay man. I'd say I'm in decent shape, but since I moved here I have seen a dramatic increase in my waste size. Key West lifestyle can really pack on the pounds. Gone are the days when I first arrived carrying my respectable 165 lbs. Today I weigh 190lbs...talk about a jump! A lot of these pounds are due to diet and going out too much. However, the biggest culprit is lack of exercise, which is necessary to maintain my hot physique. Enough is enough, it's time for a change.

I live in Old Town and the closest gym is Old Town Fitness (1010 Truman). For those who know this gym, you might be thinking: the equipment is rusty and dated, there is no air conditioning, and everywhere you look is a shirtless sweaty man. That's what makes this



gym superior! Going without a shirt, in my tired old shorts, to just WORK OUT, is awesome! Old Town Fitness, it's not a fancy gym and I like that. The owner, Frank, is a cool Irish guy (I assume he's Irish, or I'm terrible with accents) he has a great team to help him run the gym. Previously I've hired their trainers, which was great!

The membership itself is a steal at \$115 dollars for (3) three months. A day pass is \$15 bucks. When I lived in Los Angeles, gym memberships were \$89.99 a month or \$25 for a day pass!

I also love coming to this gym, because it gives me a chance to see who else is in my neighborhood. I love connecting the faces from around town. For instance, my fiancé and I were on a date at Antonia's (615 Duval). We were seated immediately, and our waiter came right over to greet us. If you've ever been to Antonia's, then you've seen this waiter. He's in great shape, blonde hair, a slight Eastern European accent, and he carries himself very well. Immediately he recognized me as someone who goes to his gym. I like these types of connections, they make the faces in in town much friendlier, and more approachable.



I'm pretty sure this waiter isn't gay, but I like to know that he knows that I am gay, and that we all live on this island together. Since our encounter at Antonia's, I've seen our waiter several times on the street, and at the gym, and he always says hi to me.

Oh, and in case you were wondering, the food at Antonia's is fantastic! Perfect for a romantic evening with that special someone, or an intimate dinner with friends. A perfect place to gain back all those calories I've started to burn off. Guess I'll see you at the gym!

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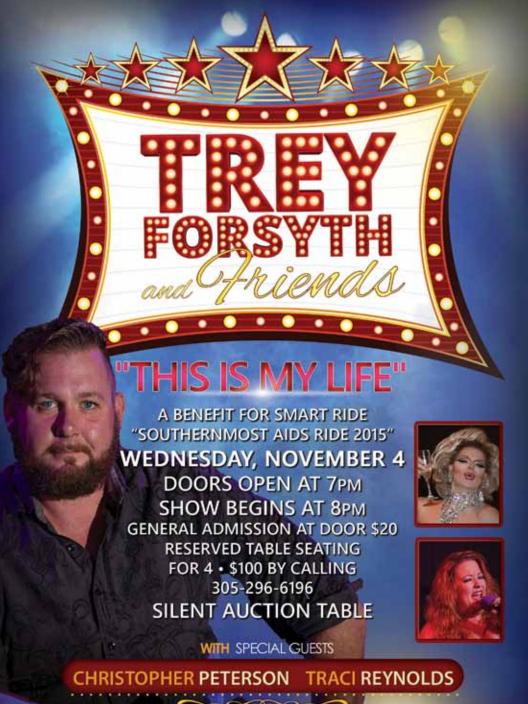


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Q Slang

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72 - When you have 3 days off I've got a 72 so I'm taking a trip.

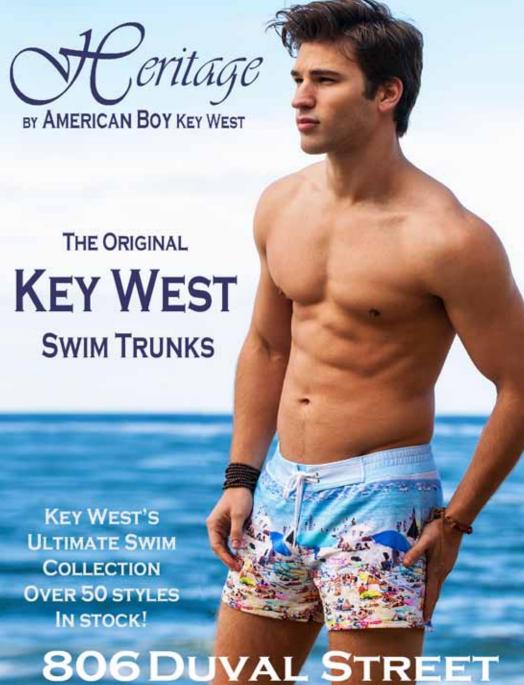
Stackin' Loot - Earning money.
I can't go out tonight cuz I'll be stackin' loot at work.

Tryotophan Coma - The feeling after eating
Thanksgiving dinner
I want to hit the club but not until this
tryptophan coma wears off.

Expresshole - Someone that is in the express lane at the store with too many items.

This expresshole has 20 items!

Percussive Maintenance - Hitting an item to try to make it work. My monitor keeps blacking out so I have to give it percussive maintenance



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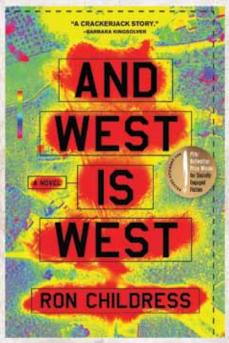
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Beach Reads

LGBT Book Reviews
By:
Terri Schlichenmeyer

"And West is West" by Ron Childress c.2015, Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill \$26.95 320 pages



Six degrees of separation.

That. supposedly, the is difference between you and any given person on the planet. Your dentist, for example, knows somebody who knows someone who... and pretty soon, you're linked to a famous scientist or Hollywood star. It's a fun pastime, that Six Degrees thing, and surprisingly easy to do but in the new novel "And West is West" by Ron Childress, it could also be a deadly game.

Living with Zoe wasn't originally Ethan's desire.

She'd stayed at his Manhattan condo many times – they were a couple, after all - but he was still surprised when he heard himself ask her to move in, and equally surprised that she agreed. Yes, he loved her – which was something he only truly realized just before she left for a job in D.C.

Heartbroken, Ethan turned to his other love: coding for United Imperial Bank.

For him, it was the perfect job. UIB gave him an office and freedom to write algorithms to follow terrorists in order to follow the markets, creating serious money for Ethan and for his employers. That, plus Zoe, could've made him happy.

Except Zoe was gone, then someone set Ethan up to fail at work and his job was gone, too. And just as he thought things were looking up, Zoe was dead and Ethan was left holding the secrets of her life that her parents couldn't tell her.

It always seemed as though Jessica Aldridge was running.

She ran away from her mother's alcoholism as a child. She ran away from family as a teen. She ran to the Air Force, where she became a highly-trained drone pilot but, since a remote-strike had gone horribly wrong and someone had to take the fall for it, she ran from that, too.

But Jessica had just been following orders then. Her real mistake, she understood, was confiding her misgivings to the wrong person: her imprisoned father, whom she barely knew. She also understood that the government wasn't going to take a breach of security lightly - and with the FBI on her tail, Jessica had to run again...

I have to admit that I was no big fan of "And West is West" when I started it. Its first few pages were more techy than I expected, and I wasn't in the mood for that.

Whoo, was I glad I stayed.

Once you get past the prologue, author Ron Childress takes readers in a whole different, unexpected direction with what seems like a profile of a psychologically flawed man. Ethan, in fact, is driven, indecisive, and so very imperfect – which makes him the perfect distraction from the page-ripping thriller that is Jessica. It seems unlikely, then, that the two are connected, but you'll recall that six degrees stuff?

Yep, and it doesn't even take that many steps.

This is one of those keeps-you-up-at-night, miss-your-subway-stop kinds of books that you'll pass around to friends. It's one to take to your book club. For sure, "And West is West" is a solid ten.



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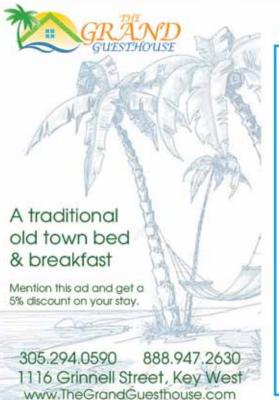
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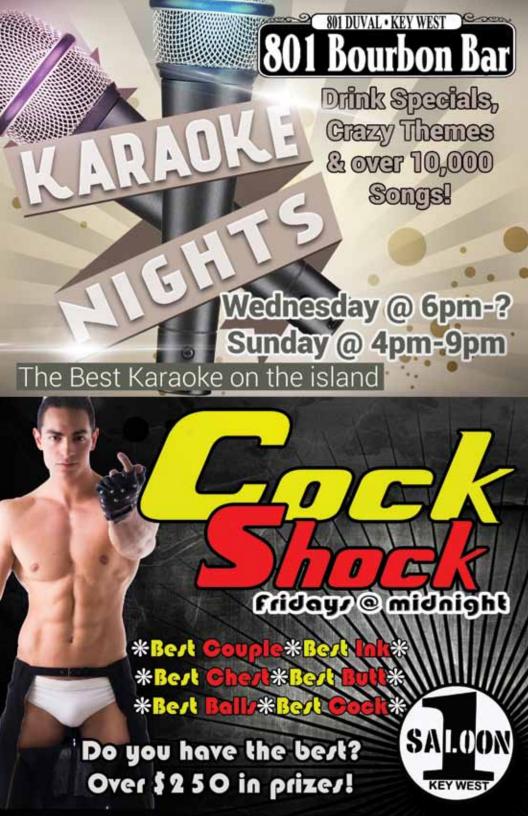
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Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 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

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM



WEDNESDAY

801

Karaoke starting at 6 PM
Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Drag Show at 9:00 PM Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM

Bourbon

Jessica Grabbit singing live at 8 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Island House

Hot Naked Humpdays starting at 5 PM

THURSDAY

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

Jessica Grabbit singing live at 8 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

FRIDAY

801

Drag Shows at 5 PM, 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Tacos & 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

Jessica Grabbit singing live at 8 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

One Saloon

Cock Shock contest starting at Midnight

SATURDAY

801

Drag Shows at 5 PM, 9 PM & 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

Pool Party starting at 12 PM

Jessica Grabbit 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

Aqua

No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Poker at 2:30 PM and 4:30 PM Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Jessica Grabbit 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

LOCATIONS

801 - 801 Duval Street

Aqua - 711 Duval Street

Bobby's - 900 Simonton Street

Bourbon - 724 Duval Street

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My boyfriend is obsessed with the idea of having sex in my childhood bedroom when we go to my family's house for the holidays. I mean, not like he wants to pretend I'm a kid or anything but he's always trying to get me to do it when we're there and stay in my old room. We've done it a few times but only when all the family happened to be out of the house at the same time. What can I say to convince him to let this go?

First off, thanks for clarifying that he doesn't want to fuck you when you were 12, because I think most of our minds went there at least a little. If you've already done the deed before then I would have thought that would have quenched his thirst. Well, if he's not taking the hint with you being straight forward then I'd say try being straight crazy! Tell him you want to take it to the next



level of childhood home sex. You want him to steal one of your father's suits and you'll steal one of your mother's nightgowns and then you two are going to role-play 1985 all over again. You can both get drunk on martinis and argue about the light bill and then you want him to bend you over the credenza in the family room and rut on you like a drunken suburban rhino. Then, once all the color has drained from your boyfriend's face and he almost looks like he's going to cry... say, "See! It's not fun when we take this little game of yours to the next level is it?! So stop trying to ham slam me in the room where I used to watch Looney Tunes, ya sick fuck! Now get changed, mom wants us to go food shopping with her."

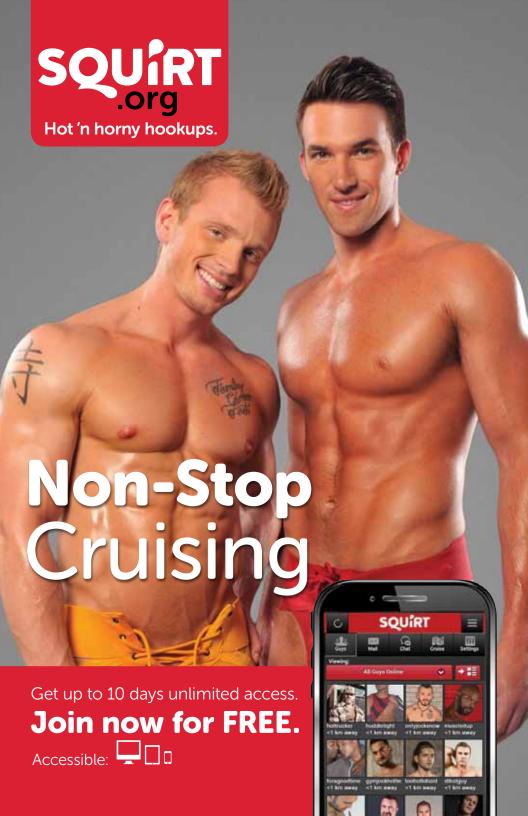
After all, what would the holidays be without a little psychological trauma to take home with you?!

Dear Nana, What's your favorite kind of Turkey?

Jive-Ass.



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Aquarius Jan 20 – Feb 18

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Pisces Feb 19 - Mar 20
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While enjoying your Thanksgiving family with your family, try to remember to leave a little food for everyone else you fat ass.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 19

Stop trying to find a husband. Start by trying to find someone that will tolerate you for more than 30 seconds.

Taurus Apr 20 – May 20

We just passed the 10 year anniversary of hurricane Wilma which also marks the 10 year anniversary of your last blow job.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 20

Thank goodness for Lamar Odom. Finally, someone has done something more embarrassing than you in a whorehouse!

Cancer Jun 21 – Jul 22

11 hours of Benghazi hearings and they couldn't find anything. It's kinda like your sex life.

Leo Jul 23 – Aug 22
Seriously, you dressed up as a woman for Halloween? Just admit you want to be a

drag queen!

Virgo Aug 23 – Sep 22

If you get any fatter we are going to have to start referring to you as a double wide!

Libra Sep 23 - Oct 22
While we agree that the Hangover Hospital is a great thing, if you're using their

services every day, maybe it's time you got some help.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 21

Oh how embarrassing your debit card was declined when you tried to pay your share of the check yesterday, and the day before that, and the day before that. Admit it, you're a deadbeat.

Sagittarius Nov 22 – Dec 21

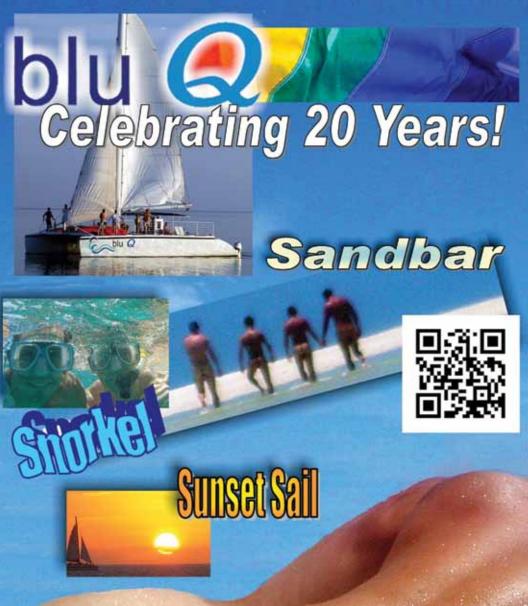
Take a second to evaluate all the great things you've done with your life. It should only take a second.

Capricorn

Dec 22 – Jan 19

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