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 - When passing pedestrians, you must signal your intent before doing so.
- Anyone under the age of 16 must wear a helmet.

Here are a few additional tips that you may find helpful.

- Lock up your bike at all times. If not, you'll probably be walking home.
 - Pass the lock through the frame and the front tire.
 - Be careful not to lock your bike to an adjoining bike by accident.
 - If you lock your bike to private property, it may be impounded.
- When approaching occupied cars, be ready to react if the door opens.

Enjoy your time seeing the best of Key West!

GENVOYA® does not cure HIV-1 infection or AIDS. To control HIV-1 infection and decrease HIV-related illnesses, you must keep taking GENVOYA. Ask your healthcare provider if you have questions about how to reduce the risk of passing HIV-1 to others. Always practice safer sex and use condoms to lower the chance of sexual contact with body fluids. Never reuse or share needles or other items that have body fluids on them.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

What is the most important information I should know about GENVOYA?

GENVOYA may cause serious side effects:

- **Worsening of hepatitis B (HBV) infection.** GENVOYA is not approved to treat HBV. If you have both HIV-1 and HBV and stop taking GENVOYA, your HBV may suddenly get worse. Do not stop taking GENVOYA without first talking to your healthcare provider, as they will need to monitor your health.

Who should not take GENVOYA?

Do not take GENVOYA if you take:

- **Certain prescription medicines for other conditions.** It is important to ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist about medicines that should not be taken with GENVOYA. Do not start a new medicine without telling your healthcare provider.
- **The herbal supplement St. John's wort.**
- **Any other medicines to treat HIV-1 infection.**

What are the other possible side effects of GENVOYA?

Serious side effects of GENVOYA may also include:

- **Changes in your immune system.** Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any new symptoms after you start taking GENVOYA.
- **Kidney problems, including kidney failure.** Your healthcare provider should do blood and urine tests to check your kidneys. If you develop new or worse kidney problems, they may tell you to stop taking GENVOYA.

- **Too much lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis),** which 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,** 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.

The most common side effect of GENVOYA is nausea. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or don't go away.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking GENVOYA?

- **All your health problems.** Be sure to tell your healthcare provider if you have or have had any kidney or liver problems, including hepatitis virus infection.
- **All the medicines you take,** including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Other medicines may affect how GENVOYA works. Keep a list of all your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist. Ask your healthcare provider if it is safe to take GENVOYA with all of your other medicines.
- **If you take antacids.** Take antacids at least 2 hours before or after you take GENVOYA.
- **If you are pregnant** or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if GENVOYA can harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare provider if you become pregnant while taking GENVOYA.
- **If you are breastfeeding** (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed. HIV-1 can be passed to the baby in breast milk.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Please see Important Facts about GENVOYA, including important warnings, on the following page.

Ask your healthcare provider if GENVOYA is right for you.

WHAT IS GENVOYA?

GENVOYA is a 1-pill, once-a-day prescription medicine used to treat HIV-1 in people 12 years and older who weigh at least 77 pounds. It can either be used in people who are starting HIV-1 treatment and have never taken HIV-1 medicines before, or people who are replacing their current HIV-1 medicines and whose healthcare provider determines they meet certain requirements. These include having an undetectable viral load (less than 50 copies/mL) for 6 months or more on their current HIV-1 treatment. GENVOYA combines 4 medicines into 1 pill taken once a day with food. GENVOYA is a complete HIV-1 treatment and should not be used with other HIV-1 medicines.

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MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT GENVOYA

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ABOUT GENVOYA

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- **GENVOYA does not cure HIV-1 or AIDS.** Ask your healthcare provider about how to prevent passing HIV-1 to others.

Do NOT take GENVOYA if you:

- Take a medicine that contains: alfuzosin (Uroxatral[®]), carbamazepine (Carbatrol[®], Eptol[®], Equetro[®], Tegretol[®], Tegretol-XR[®], Teril[®]), cisapride (Propulsid[®], Propulsid Quicksolv[®]), dihydroergotamine (D.H.E. 45[®], Migranal[®]), ergotamine (Cafergot[®], Migergot[®], Ergostat[®], Medihaler Ergotamine[®], Wigraine[®], Wigrettes[®]), lovastatin (Advicor[®], Altoprev[®], Mevacor[®]), lurasidone (Latuda[®]), methylergonovine (Ergotrate[®], Methergine[®]), midazolam (when taken by mouth), phenobarbital (Luminal[®]), phenytoin (Dilantin[®], Phenytek[®]), pimozone (Orap[®]), rifampin (Rifadin[®], Rifamate[®], Rifater[®], Rimactane[®]), sildenafil when used for lung problems (Revatio[®]), simvastatin (Simcor[®], Vytorin[®], Zocor[®]), or triazolam (Halcion[®]).
- Take the herbal supplement St. John's wort.
- Take any other HIV-1 medicines at the same time.

GET MORE INFORMATION

- This is only a brief summary of important information about GENVOYA. Talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist to learn more.
- Go to GENVOYA.com or call 1-800-GILEAD-5
- If you need help paying for your medicine, visit GENVOYA.com for program information.

IMPORTANT FACTS

This is only a brief summary of important information about GENVOYA[®] and does not replace talking to your healthcare provider about your condition and your treatment.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF GENVOYA

GENVOYA can cause serious side effects, including:

- Those in the "Most Important Information About GENVOYA" section.
- Changes in your immune system.
- New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure.
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These are not all the possible side effects of GENVOYA. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any new symptoms while taking GENVOYA.

Your healthcare provider will need to do tests to monitor your health before and during treatment with GENVOYA.

BEFORE TAKING GENVOYA

Tell your healthcare provider if you:

- Have or have had any kidney or liver problems, including hepatitis infection.
- Have any other medical condition.
- 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, vitamins, and herbal supplements, and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist.
- Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist about medicines that should not be taken with GENVOYA.

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- GENVOYA is a complete one pill, once a day HIV-1 medicine.
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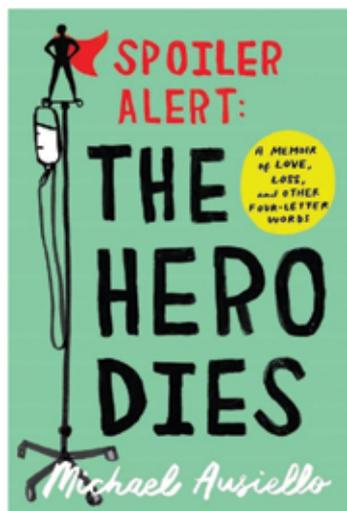
BEACH READS

LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*



“SPOILER ALERT: THE HERO DIES” BY MICHAEL AUSIELLO

c.2017, Atria | \$26.00 | 320 pages



Just like in the movies, you'd planned to grow old together.

You'd be the couple everyone smiled at: two wrinkled beings, holding hands, fussing good-naturedly at one another. Still in love, like the movies, til death do you part - but then, as in the new memoir “Spoiler Alert: The Hero Dies” by Michael Ausiello, someone changes the script.

When Michael Ausiello spotted Christopher “Kit” Cowan at a New York event for gay athletes, it was lust at first sight. At six-foot-something tall, bespectacled Kit was geeky-sexy – just

Kit was geeky-sexy – just Ausiello’s type and, although they kissed and kissed some more that night, their first date was near-disastrous.

They were different in so many ways: aesthetics, family, childhoods, and personalities. Ausiello thought Kit had amazing style; Kit could barely get past Ausiello’s Smurf collection. As time passed, they told one another “olive juice,” (which looks like “I love you” when whispered), and adopted a cat, endearing nicknames, and couples-language. Kit helped Ausiello overcome his bullied past; Ausiello learned not to wake Kit too early. They moved in together, conquered relationship crises, moved out together, and sought counseling.

They wanted things to work. This was for the long-term but, just over a decade into their relationship, there were more challenges to weather: having endured bowel problems for some time, Kit was diagnosed with a fist-sized, cancerous invader in his rectum, yet there was hope. They'd heard neuroendocrine tumors were rare, but responded to treatment.

Their third second-opinion doctor told them otherwise: Kit had a year to live.

How do you advocate for an ailing loved one? Ausiello, a writer and TV critic who'd lost his beloved mother to cancer, learned to be fierce on Kit's behalf.

How do you make every minute count? After being told he was going to die, Kit married Ausiello in a City Hall ceremony that came perilously close to not happening. It was followed by a memorable honeymoon, and chemotherapy.

How do you watch someone you love suffer? How do you say goodbye?

Of course, you know how this book ends. It's right there in the title, so you're probably not surprised. The first thing you'll want to know, though – especially if you're prone to cry – is that “Spoiler Alert: The Hero Dies” is not a book that will leave you howling. Author Michael Ausiello jumps right in with humor on page one of his story – a sassy, snarky kind of funny that's endearing because it's not mean-spirited – and that carries throughout.

That's not to mitigate the sadness or seriousness of what happens here, however: the humor sometimes feels thin, as though Ausiello is protecting his readers from the full brunt of the horror of watching someone fade away. There's an attempt at lighthearted at that point but you'll see through it, and know better.

In his last pages, gift-like, Ausiello leaves readers with a perfect movie image despite that “Spoiler Alert: The Hero Dies” lives up to its title. Yes, you will cry. No, you shouldn't pass on it. And that's a wrap.



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DONNA CARIN'

I'm very worried. As I write this, it is 48 hours since Donna Karen told the world what a dumpster of a person she was by defending serial rapist pervert Harvey Weinstein. She apparently felt that some women are just "asking for trouble" by dressing a certain way and, assumedly, being dumb enough to think they could work in the entertainment business without having to hopscotch past the ejaculate that is being hurled their way as some sort of a back handed, left handed compliment. This shocked the world since Donna has always been a very pro-woman kind of gal. Certainly not the sort you'd expect to be blaming the victims.

This shocked me even more because two of Donna's best friends are Barbra Streisand and Gloria Steinem. Not women who tolerate other women NOT tolerating OTHER women. And since then, Donna is nowhere to be found. Not really. Sure, many will assume that this is because she's "laying low" until the tempest dies down. That she's been advised by the board of her very publically owned company to simmer down for a spell. But I think there's something else going on.

I'm going out on a limb but I think Barbra and Gloria have silenced her. Not killed her, per se. But I do believe, for instance, "theoretically" Gloria might have put a burlap sack over Donna's face, using Donna's perpetual ponytail to cinch it at the bottom. Then, having been thrown into the cargo hold

of the Clinton family jet, Donna was whisked cross country-country to Barbra's Malibu estate/ circus animal retirement community. After Gloria and Babs spent a few hours waterboarding her with rosé, she was told she needed to learn what real women suffer. I can only assume since they would never willingly allow a woman to be subjugated by a man, Gloria and Babs had to invent some sort of Hunger Games like scenario where Donna goes through Sisyphean challenges in order to repent. As we speak, Donna is having to forage for food on Barbra's property. A property, which, by the way, has been made to look, like a Connecticut barn that was converted into a home... complete with duck stream. Donna's hiding in the tall grass by the stream eating raw duck eggs for lean protein. At night, she sneaks into the basement, which is made to look like a village lane with little shops filled with antiques and dreck that Barbra has collected over the centuries. If Donna's lucky she sneaks in without tripping any of the alarm wires. If not, it means a night full of Barbra stalking Donna in the Antique Roadshow as Barbra uses a pearl handled pistol once owned by Mae West to shoot at anything in the dark that looks like it's draped in black fabric.

So I'm very worried about Donna Karan. Even though she doesn't deserve it, I am.

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 extensively on Atlantis Events & RSVP cruises.

His book, "My Big Gay Life" is available on Amazon.
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They say breakfast is the most important meal of the day. I would never argue with that. I love a good breakfast. I also love a good lunch, a good dinner, a few good snacks in between and something hearty before bed, but I digress. This column is all about breakfast.

I never like to use the word “favorite” because there are so many great options here.

One of the most famous options for breakfast is Blue Heaven at 729 Thomas Street. Maybe it's the history of the building as a former brothel, maybe it's the chickens running around, or maybe it's just that the food is great. Whatever the reason, it's usually quite busy so expect a bit of a wait but it is worth it.



Another great option is Azur at 425 Grinnell Street. Azur is a small tropical paradise with both indoor and outdoor seating. With mimosas flowing and options from a light continental breakfast to their famous key lime french toast, there is something for every appetite.



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One thing you may have heard is to dine where the locals dine. With that in mind, you will find many locals having breakfast at Harpoon Harry's at 832 Caroline Street. Harpoon Harry's is reminiscent of an old diner with the same staff as well. You won't get formality here as your waitress calls you "hun" or "sweetie." This is true diner service, meaning plenty of food, fast service, and a cup of coffee that will never be empty.



If you don't mind taking a short trip out to new town, you'll also find many locals at Goldman's Deli at 2796 North Roosevelt Blvd., inside the Winn Dixie shopping center. Don't let the name fool you, it's not really a deli, but much more like a diner. When dining at Goldman's, expect to eat. Don't look for a fruit cup and yogurt on the menu. What you will find are



Don't look for a fruit cup and yogurt on the menu. What you will find are hearty choices and as you might imagine, bagels. These are traditional boiled and baked bagels that are made fresh every day. Bring your appetite and come in for a little nosh.

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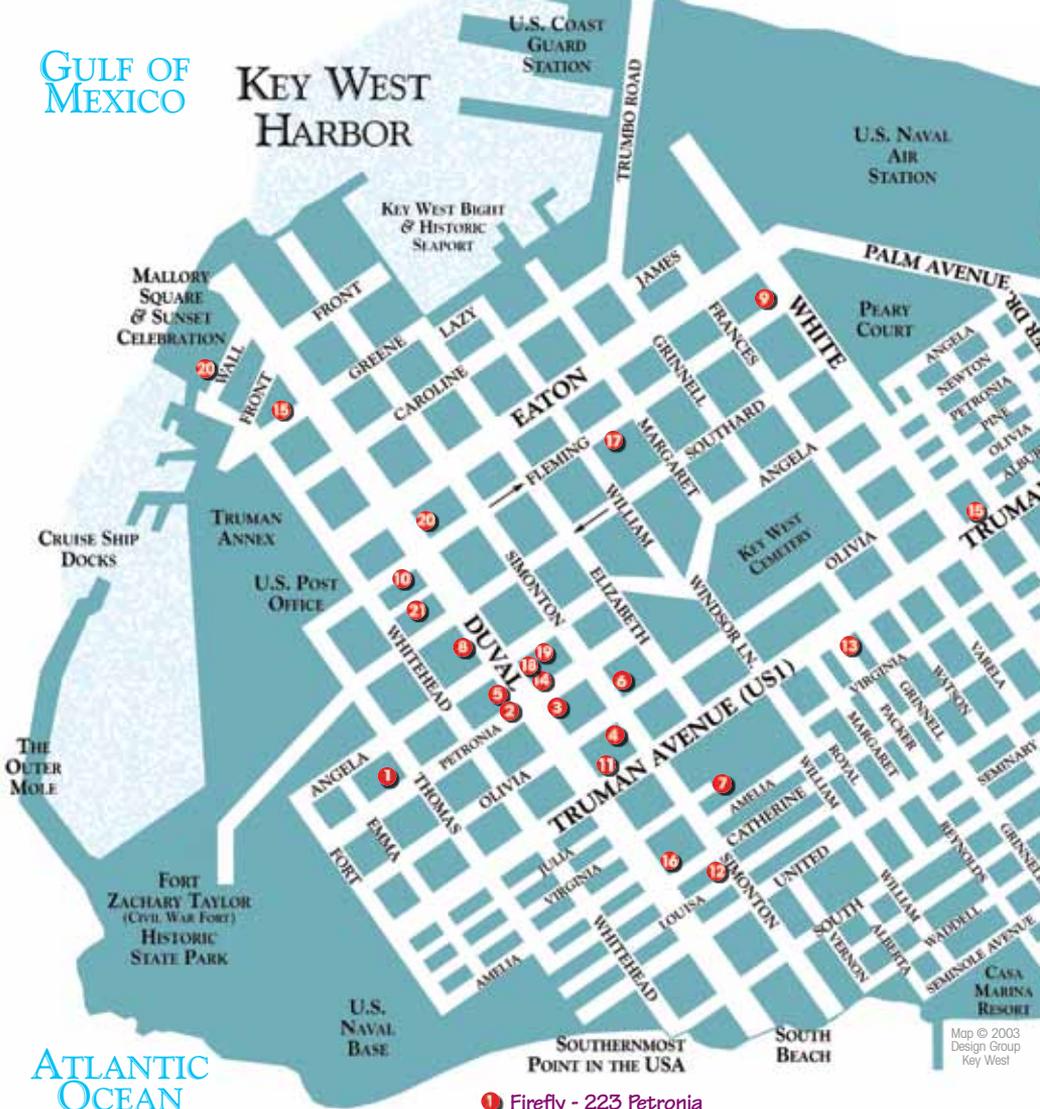
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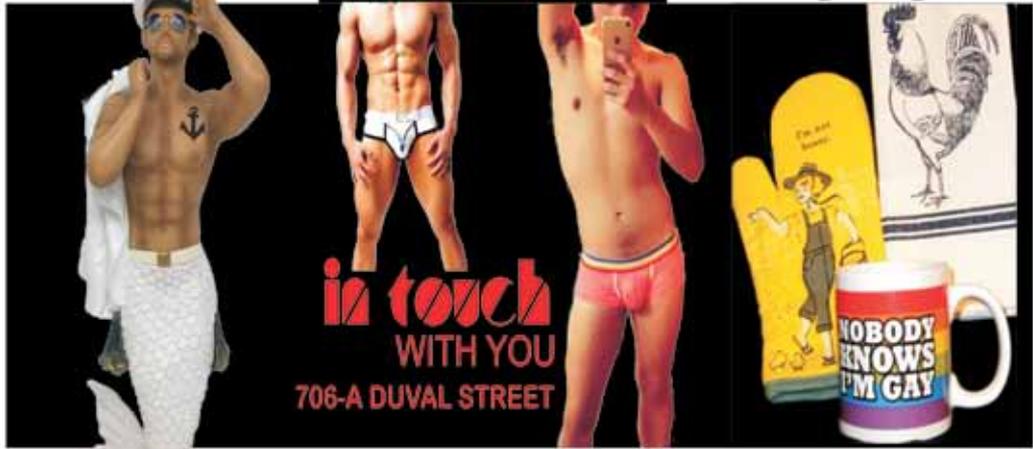
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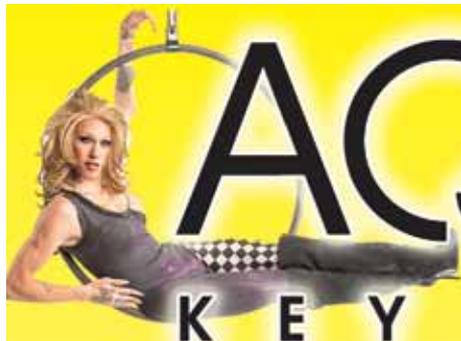
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WEEKLY EVENTS



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

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 starting 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

Pool Party starting at 12 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

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Aqua - 711 Duval Street

Back Bar - 711 Duval Street

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Dear Nana,

This will be the first year in forever that I won't be able to get to my family's home for Thanksgiving. Do you have any advice on how to have a happy one? I don't want to just sit on the couch and watch Netflix.

Well, sugar bear, that's easy! You have the Thanksgiving you want! Sure it might not be in your Gam-Gam's house with all your family around but that doesn't mean you can't have a Happy Thanksgiving. First of all, I'd check with all your favorite friends to see if any of them are staying in town for the holiday. Perhaps they're doing a Friendsgiving that you can join in on! If so, be sure to bring your favorite family dish as a thank you. And if that's not happening, throw your own Friendsgiving! It can be as traditional or as casual as you



want. But it's a great way to spend any holiday. And as the tune goes, "If you can't be with the one that you love, love the one you're with!"

Dear Nana,

I hate the holidays. Do you have any advice on how to spend them that won't put me around all this holiday crap?

I happen to like most holidays but that doesn't mean I can't help a Scrooge such as yourself. You could, of course, spend the holidays in psychoanalysis to get to the root of why you hate the holidays so much. If you've already done that, or just don't give a rat's ass as to why you hate turkeys and baby Jesus, might I suggest a get away? It doesn't have to be far but it certainly can be. Skipping town to Mexico or the Caribbean during this time of year is always a treat. And since they don't really celebrate Thanksgiving you get completely off the hook with that one. Mexico does celebrate Christmas, but I can assure you it's a much calmer, shorter, simpler version. Not the Macy's on steroids mishegoss that we do here in the states! Plus, nothing like a cabana boy to get you in the ho-ho-ho sort of mood.

If travel isn't your game, might I suggest a staycation? Spend some time watching old movies you've always wanted to. I highly suggest the classics like Bette Davis and Liz Taylor. Also Cary Grant could have gotten my panties down any day of the week. Treat yourself to a holiday dinner for one: make all your favorites and forget about your waistline for a day or two. Maybe redo something in your house to feel like you gave yourself a gift. New bed sheets and comforter, pillows, maybe a new couch, or even that larger TV you've been eyeing. Remember to think of the holidays as a time to take care of yourself even if you're not in the mood to spread your holiday cheer.

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You look like a tied ham in that swimsuit.

PISCES FEB 19 - MAR 20

I'm so sorry you were diagnosed with a flesh eating virus. Fortunately, you're so fat the doctor gave you 40 years to live.

ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19

I'm not saying you're ugly, but you do have to sneak up on your mirror.

TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20

Last time you went to a mind reader, it took her 20 seconds.

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20

It's time to get your acne checked. You look like an archery target.

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22

At work, you are amazing at multitasking. You can look at Facebook, drink coffee, and play trash can basketball all at the same time.

LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22

If running late counted as exercise, you'd be able to fly with only one seat again.

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22

You notice how phones are getting smarter and thinner? Be more like a phone.

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22

Thousands of sperm from your dad and this is the one that won the race?

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21

You need someone really bad. You certainly aren't getting anyone really good.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21

In the gene pool of life, yours could have used some chlorine.

CAPRICORN DEC 22 - JAN 19

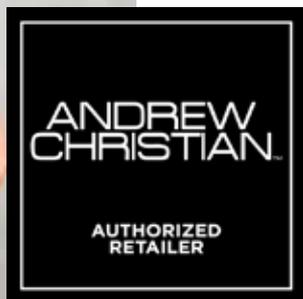
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