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What is STRIBILD?

STRIBILD is a prescription medicine used to treat HIV-1 in adults who have never taken HIV-1 medicines before. It combines 4 medicines into 1 pill to be taken once a day with food. STRIBILD is a complete single-tablet regimen and should not be used with other HIV-1 medicines.

STRIBILD does not cure HIV-1 infection or AIDS. To control HIV-1 infection and decrease HIV-related illnesses you must keep taking STRIBILD. 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 condorns to lower the chance of sexual contact with body fluids. Never reuse or share needles or other items that have body fluids or them.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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

STRIBILD can cause serious side effects:

- Build-up of an acid in your blood (lactic acidosis), which is a serious medical emergency. Symptoms of lactic acidosis include feeling very weak or tired, unusual (not normal) muscle pain, trouble breathing, stomach pain with nausea or vomitting, feeling cold especially in your arms and legs, feeling dizzy or lightheaded, and/or a fast or irregular heartbeat.
- Serious liver problems. The liver may become large (hepatomegaly) and fatty (steatosis). Symptoms of liver problems include your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice), dark "bea-colored urine, light-colored bowel movements (stools), loss of appetite for several days or longer, nausea, and/or stomach pain.
- You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or serious liver problems if you are female, very overweight (obese), or have been taking STRIBILD for a long time. In some cases, these serious conditions have led to death. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any symptoms of these conditions.

• Worsening of hepatitis B (HBV) infection. If you also have HBV and stop taking STRIBILD, your hepatitis may suddenly get worse. Do not stop taking STRIBILD without first talking to your healthcare provider, as they will need to monitor your health. STRIBILD is not approved for the treatment of HBV.

Who should not take STRIBILD?

Do not take STRIBILD if you:

- Take a medicine that contains: alluzosin, dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, methylergonovine, cisapride, lovastatin, simvastatin, pimozide, sildenafil when used for lung problems (Revatio³³), triazolam, oral midazolam, rifampin or the herb St. John's wort.
- For a list of brand names for these medicines, please see the Brief Summary on the following pages.
- Take any other medicines to treat HIV-1 infection, or the medicine adelow (Hepsera³⁷).

What are the other possible side effects of STRIBILD?

Serious side effects of STRIBILO may also include:

- New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure. Your healthcare provider should do regular blood and urine tests to check your kidneys before and during treatment with STRIBILD. If you develop kidney problems, your healthcare provider may tell you to stop taking STRIBILD.
- Bone problems, including bone pain or bones getting soft or thin, which may lead to fractures. Your healthcare provider may do tests to check your bones.
- Changes in body fat can happen in people taking HIV-1 medicines.
- 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 STRIBILD.

The most common side effects of STRIBILD include nausea and diarrhea. 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 STRIBILD?

- All your health problems, Be sure to tell your healthcare provider if you have or had any kidney, hone, or liver problems, including hepatitis virus infection.
- All the medicines you take, including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. STRIBILD may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how STRIBILD works. Keep a list of all your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist. Do not start any new medicines while taking STRIBILD without first talking with your healthcare provider.

 If you take hormone-based birth control (pils, patches, rings, shots, etc.).

If you take antacids, Take antacids at least 2 hours before or after you take STRIBILD.

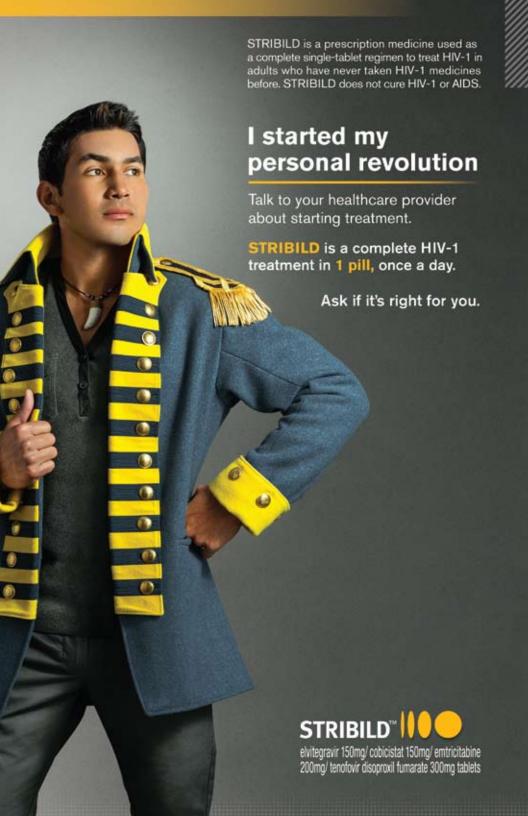
If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if STRIBILD can harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare provider if you become pregnant while taking STRIBILD.

If you are breastleeding (nursing) or plan to breastleed. Do not breastleed. HIV-1 can be passed to the baby in breast milk. Also, some medicines in STRIBILD can pass into breast milk, and it is not known if this can harm the baby.

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 Brief Summary of full Prescribing Information with important warnings on the following pages.





Patient Information

STRIBILD™ (STRY-bild) (elvitegravir 150 mg/cobicistat 150 mg/ emtricitabine 200 mg/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg) tablets

Brief summary of full Prescribing Information. For more information, please see the full Prescribing Information, including Patient Information.

What is STRIBILD?

- STRIBILD is a prescription medicine used to treat HIV-1 in adults who have never taken HIV-1 medicines before. STRIBILD is a complete regimen and should not be used with other HIV-1 medicines.
- STRIBILD does not cure HIV-1 or AIDS.
 You must stay on continuous HIV-1 therapy to control HIV-1 infection and decrease HIV-related illnesses.
- Ask your healthcare provider about how to prevent passing HIV-1 to others. Do not share or reuse needles, injection equipment, or personal items that can have blood or body fluids on them. Do not have sex without protection. Always practice safer sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom to lower the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal secretions, or blood.

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

STRIBILD can cause serious side effects, including:

- Build-up of lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis). Lactic acidosis can happen in some people who take STRIBILD or similar (nucleoside analogs) medicines. Lactic acidosis is a serious medical emergency that can lead to death. Lactic acidosis can be hard to identify early, because the symptoms could seem like symptoms of other health problems. Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms which could be signs of lactic acidosis:
 - feel very weak or tired
 - · have unusual (not normal) muscle pain
 - have trouble breathing
 - · have stomach pain with nausea or vomiting
 - feel cold, especially in your arms and legs

- · feel dizzy or lightheaded
- have a fast or irregular heartbeat
- 2. Severe liver problems. Severe liver problems can happen in people who take STRIBILD. In some cases, these liver problems can lead to death. Your liver may become large (hepatomegaly) and you may develop fat in your liver (steatosis). Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms of liver problems:
 - your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice)
 - · dark "tea-colored" urine
 - light-colored bowel movements (stools)
 - · loss of appetite for several days or longer
 - nausea
 - stomach pain

You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or severe liver problems if you are female, very overweight (obese), or have been taking STRIBILD for a long time.

- 3. Worsening of Hepatitis B infection. If you have hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection and take STRIBILD, your HBV may get worse (flare-up) if you stop taking STRIBILD. A "flare-up" is when your HBV infection suddenly returns in a worse way than before.
 - Do not run out of STRIBILD. Refill your prescription or talk to your healthcare provider before your STRIBILD is all gone
 - Do not stop taking STRIBILD without first talking to your healthcare provider
 - If you stop taking STRIBILD, your healthcare provider will need to check your health often and do blood tests regularly for several months to check your HBV infection. Tell your healthcare provider about any new or unusual symptoms you may have after you stop taking STRIBILD

Who should not take STRIBILD?

Do not take STRIBILD if you also take a medicine that contains:

- adefovir (Hepsera®)
- alfuzosin hydrochloride (Uroxatral®)
- cisapride (Propulsid®, Propulsid Quicksolv®)
- · ergot-containing medicines, including:

- dihydroergotamine mesylate (D.H.E. 45°, Migranal°), ergotamine tartrate (Cafergot°, Migergot°, Ergostat°, Medihaler Ergotamine°, Wigraine°, Wigrettes°), and methylergonovine maleate (Ergotrate°, Methergine°)
- lovastatin (Advicor®, Altoprev®, Mevacor®)
- oral midazolam
- pimozide (Orap®)
- rifampin (Rifadin®, Rifamate®, Rifater®, Rimactane®)
- sildenafil (Revatio®), when used for treating lung problems
- simvastatin (Simcor®, Vytorin®, Zocor®)
- triazolam (Halcion®)
- . the herb St. John's wort

Do not take STRIBILD if you also take any other HIV-1 medicines, including:

- Other medicines that contain tenofovir (Atripla®, Complera®, Viread®, Truvada®)
- Other medicines that contain emtricitabine, lamivudine, or ritonavir (Combivir®, Emtriva®, Epivir® or Epivir-HBV®, Epzicom®, Kaletra®, Norvir®, Trizivir®)

STRIBILD is not for use in people who are less than 18 years old.

What are the possible side effects of STRIBILD?

STRIBILD may cause the following serious side effects:

- See "What is the most important information I should know about STRIBILD?"
- New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure. Your healthcare provider should do blood and urine tests to check your kidneys before you start and while you are taking STRIBILD. Your healthcare provider may tell you to stop taking STRIBILD if you develop new or worse kidney problems.
- Bone problems can happen in some people who take STRIBILD. Bone problems include bone pain, softening or thinning (which may lead to fractures). Your healthcare provider may need to do tests to check your bones.
- Changes in body fat can happen in people
 who take HIV-1 medicine. These changes may
 include increased amount of fat in the upper
 back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and
 around the middle of your body (trunk). Loss
 of fat from the legs, arms and face may also

- happen. The exact cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known.
- 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.

The most common side effects of STRIBILD include:

- Nausea
- Diarrhea

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

- These are not all the possible side effects of STRIBILD. For more information, ask your healthcare provider.
- Call your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking STRIBILD?

Tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including:

- If you have or had any kidney, bone, or liver problems, including hepatitis B infection
- If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
 It is not known if STRIBILD can harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare provider if you become pregnant while taking STRIBILD.
- 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.
- If you are breastfeeding (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed if you take STRIBILD.
 - You should not breastfeed if you have HIV-1 because of the risk of passing HIV-1 to your baby.
- Two of the medicines in STRIBILD can pass to your baby in your breast milk. It is not known if the other medicines in STRIBILD 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 nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements:

- STRIBILD may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how STRIBILD works.
- Be sure to tell your healthcare provider if you take any of the following medicines:
 - Hormone-based birth control (pills, patches, rings, shots, etc)
 - Antacid medicines that contains aluminum, magnesium hydroxide, or calcium carbonate.
 Take antacids at least 2 hours before or after you take STRIBILD
 - Medicines to treat depression, organ transplant rejection, or high blood pressure
 - amiodarone (Cordarone®, Pacerone®)
 - atorvastatin (Lipitor®, Caduet®)
 - bepridil hydrochloric (Vascor®, Bepadin®)
 - bosentan (Tracleer®)
 - buspirone
 - carbamazepine (Carbatrol®, Epitol®, Equetro®, Tegreto®)
 - clarithromycin (Biaxin®, Prevpac®)
 - clonazepam (Klonopin®)
 - clorazepate (Gen-xene®, Tranxene®)
 - colchicine (Colcrys®)
 - medicines that contain dexamethasone
 - diazepam (Valium®)
 - digoxin (Lanoxin®)
 - disopyramide (Norpace®)
 - estazolam
 - ethosuximide (Zarontin®)
 - flecainide (Tambocor®)
 - flurazepam
 - fluticasone (Flovent®, Flonase®, Flovent® Diskus, Flovent® HFA, Veramyst®)
 - itraconazole (Sporanox®)
 - ketoconazole (Nizoral®)
 - lidocaine (Xylocaine®)
 - mexiletine
 - oxcarbazepine (Trileptal®)

- perphenazine
- phenobarbital (Luminal®)
- phenytoin (Dilantin®, Phenytek®)
- propafenone (Rythmol®)
- quinidine (Neudexta®)
- rifabutin (Mycobutin®)
- rifapentine (Priftin®)
- risperidone (Risperdal®, Risperdal Consta®)
- salmeterol (Serevent®) or salmeterol when taken in combination with fluticasone (Advair Diskus®, Advair HFA®)
- sildenafil (Viagra®), tadalafil (Cialis®) or vardenafil (Levitra®, Staxyn®), for the treatment of erectile dysfunction (ED). If you get dizzy or faint (low blood pressure), have vision changes or have an erection that last longer than 4 hours, call your healthcare provider or get medical help right away.
- tadalafil (Adcirca®), for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension
- telithromycin (Ketek®)
- thioridazine
- voriconazole (Vfend®)
- warfarin (Coumadin®, Jantoven®)
- zolpidem (Ambien®, Edlular®, Intermezzo®, Zolpimist®)

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of all your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine. Do not start any new medicines while you are taking STRIBILD without first talking with your healthcare provider.

Keep STRIBILD and all medicines out of reach of children.

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

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WEEKLY EVENTS



MONDAY

904

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

TUESDAY

201

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM



801-801 Duval St.



Bobby's- 900 Simonton St.



Bourbon- 724 Duval St.

WEDNESDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

SATURDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bourbon

Pool Party starting at 12 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Amateur Strip at Midnight

THURSDAY

801

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

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

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

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Island House

Pre-Tea Pool Party starting at Noon

FRIDAY

201

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

One Saloon

Cock Shock contest starting at Midnight

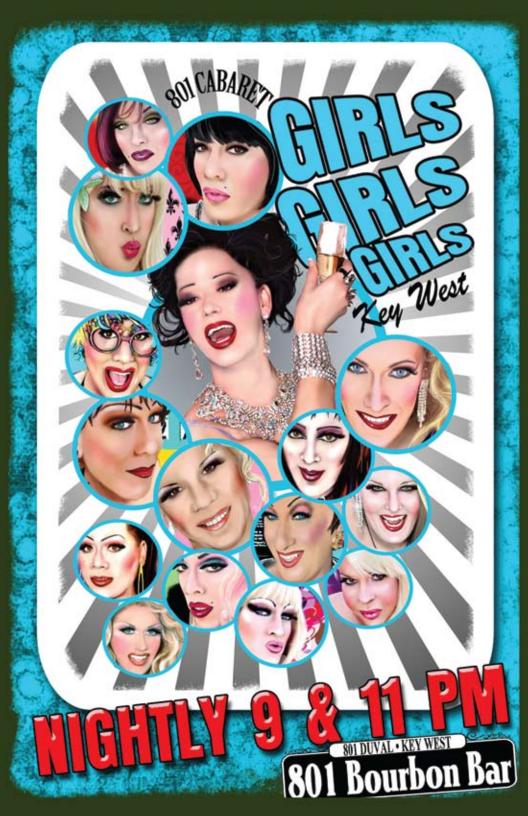




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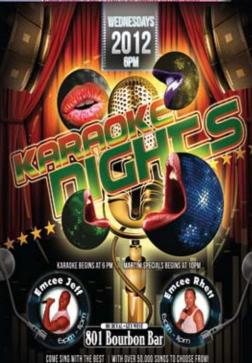


Island House- 1129 Flemingl St.







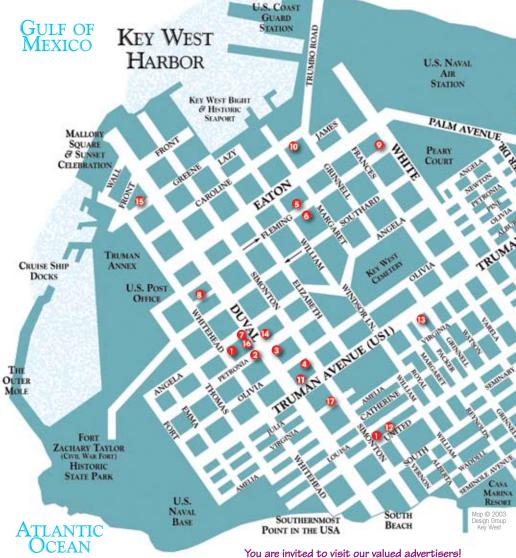


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- Bourbon Street Pub 724 Duval
- 801 Bourbon Bar 801 Duval
- Bobby's Monkey Bar 900 Simonton
- Oasis/Coconut Grove/Coral Tree Inn 823 Fleming
- Equator Resort 818 Fleming
 - Gay Trolley Starting Point Angela & Duval
 - 🕽 Big Ruby's Guesthouse 409 Appelrouth Lane
 - Island House Resort for Men 1129 Fleming
- JDL's Big Ten Pub 920 Caroline Street
- KW Gay & Lesbian Visitor Center 513 Truman
- Bumps & Bruises Veterinary Hospital 605 United
- Truman Book & Video 922 Truman Graffitti for Men - 721 Duval
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- In Touch 706A Duval
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WHY I WILL NEVER HAVE KIDS:

(And most of you shouldn't either)



by: Brad Lockle

I've probably already sparked ire and protest from half the lesbians and most of what I call "The Kaki Queens", but if you've made it past the title of this month's article, let's press on. I want to be clear, off the bat, that I don't dislike children. Well, I don't dislike ALL children. And I understand fully that there is both a natural and moral imperative for people to procreate. But lately I've noticed an odd trend from many of my straight fans from TruTV or from touring live shows that I do; and that is they seem very eager to discuss if and when I'm getting married and having kids. Now if you've seen me in person or even read a handful of my articles, you'd think this would be the last thing on your mind. But somewhere in between electing our first Black president and everyone putting "Equality" as their middle name on Facebook, the questions I get asked have turned from: "Have you ever been arrested?" and "Do you have any coke?" to "Do you have someone special in your life?" and "When you have kids, do you want to do surrogacy or adopt?"

Now the whole "husband"/ "marriage" topic could take up three months of articles. But it won't. I'll simply leave it at this: it ain't ever gonna happen. Oh I might someday be shacked up with a dude until death do us part. But it won't be planned and the only "something blue" will be our balls after giving up on sex 5-10 years into the whole thing. But the kids' part is what really surprises me. So just to be clear, here are just some of the reasons a gay like me should never have kids. And I know a lot of you Key West Queens will recognize a few of these reasons in your own life as well. So take note:

1. If I don't have the patience to have taught myself Spanish in the last 34 years, do you really think I'm gonna have the patience or wherewithal to teach a toddler English. And I'm sure YouTube or the interweb has some sort of site that will teach the little bastard how to read good, but that would require me putting a porn blocker on the computer so he doesn't learn how to count by watching "2 Girls, 1 Cup". And if you think I'm blocking porn on anything I own, you have another thing coming.

- 2. I'd have to home school the bastard because if you think I'm getting up 6AM everyday so that Junior can get hosed down, brushed and fed before the bus comes, you're wrong. And let's face it, my home schooling would mostly involve watching Bette Davis movies, reading people on the street and learning how to order properly in a restaurant.
- 3. The sex talk would be traumatic, because this would be the one thing I'd be really, really good at as a parent. In fact, so good it would be really, really bad. I'd inevitably jump right from the birds and the bees to sex slings and safety words. I mean, no matter how you look at it I'd be a horrible father for teaching my son how to douche at 14 but an even worse one for waiting any longer than that!
- 4. If he's a boy, any name I come up with is gonna be a porn star's name. And if it's a girl it's gonna be a drag queen's name. And it will never be a girl because, well, their kibbles and bits scare the shit out of me.
- 5. I'm not spending half my annual salary on any living thing that isn't fucking me or cooking for me... or both.
- 6. I'm pretty sure you can't bring a child into a bar, anywhere. And so I don't really see when I'll find the time to even see the kid.
- 7. If I wanted a demanding, winy, self-involved little person in a diaper walking around my house with absolutely no concern for their impact on my life; I'd move my grandmother into the guest bedroom. At least she doesn't require a college fund.
- 8. And finally, kids aren't stupid. Eventually the child is going to notice that everything I've ever said, done or taught him came, verbatim, from a rerun of "Roseanne".

Brad Loekle is a comedian based out of NYC. He can be seen Thursday nights on TruTV's "World's Dumbest" at 9PM & produces the longest running weekly gay comedy show in New York.

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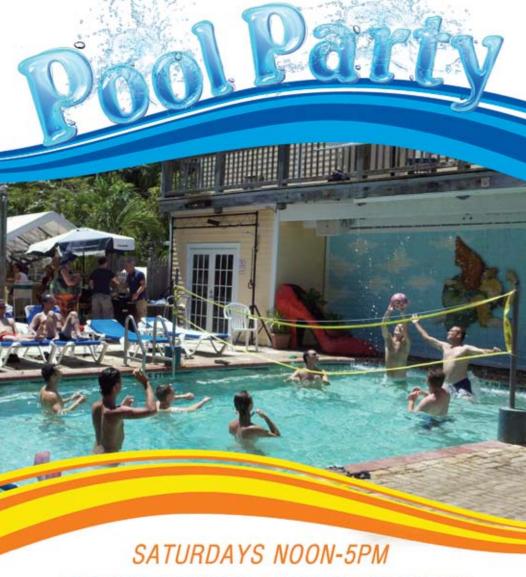
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Ask Nana

E-mail your questions to nana@keywestgayrag.com

Dear Nana.

One of the guys I'm seeing is into some wilder stuff in the bedroom than I'm used to. He's really hot and we have great sex and chemistry but I don't know that I want to go as far with some of the stuff that he's into. Am I just being a prude or is it okay to tell him I want to keep things fairly vanilla between the sheets?

First of all, I like how you're worried about being a prude and yet you start your letter with "ONE of the guys I'm seeing...".
Only in the gay world would a Pass-Around-Patty be worried about being mistaken for a nun! It's also hard for me to tell how



prudish you're being because you haven't told us what it is this dirty birdie is into. Are we talking spanking and role play or are we talking sticking steel rods in your pecker and shitting on glass coffee tables. (Both of which are real things, by the by). So I can only really give you this general advice: No one should do anything in a sexual situation that they genuinely fear or feel they won't be able to get over once they've done it. It's good to push your boundaries. You should try new things and see if you're into them. Who knows, you might just find your next great orgasm? But you also don't want to turn sex into a bad thing. Too many people spend too much of their life doing things sexually that they know they don't really want to and then regretting it later. Life will throw enough regrets at you in the long run, so don't jump, dick first, into any that you don't have to. Also, if Freaky Deaky genuinely likes you, he'll be willing to ease into the sleaze and maybe help you find your way. Talk to him. He might be even get off on the idea of being your tour guide through a Baskin Robbins of raunch! But if you guys aren't into the same things, don't worry. In the long run there are still far more fish in the sea than ever came out of it. And it seems you're a pretty avid angler to begin with!

Dear Nana,

I'm looking for something fun to do on Valentine's Day that doesn't involve romance. I'm single, and I'm fine with it. So I want to do something either alone or with friends that will be fun and make sure we don't get caught up in the depression of this bullshit holiday when you're single. Any suggestions?

Yeah, I have suggestions. Why not drink and masturbate? And those are fun things that you can do alone or with friends! Though I'd avoid doing it in public. Valentine's Day in jail is the last place you want to find true love. Well, on second thought...

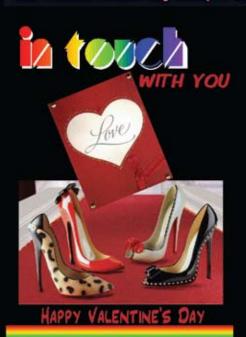


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Keys Dining & Entertainment

BY CHEWY

Black Fin – Modestly Terrific

Black Fin is possibly one of the least imposing restaurants on Duval. It's pleasant enough for sure, but it's so understated that it seems plain. However, for me, it's a Key West top 10 restaurant and that's due to the magic two-some: wonderful food & wine and great service.

Your host at the front is often Tommy. Besides welcoming you, his knowledge of wine is terrific and he obviously oversees the buying. If you go there a couple of times, he'll frequently remember the wine you had the last time ("Oh sure – it was the '08 Cedro Do Noval Syrah from Portugal" sort of memory). He has been known to hide special bottles (a Sicilian red being in that category).

Like many down here, the restaurant is a chameleon of sorts – small front room including a wine bar opening to a much larger outdoor patio in the rear.

The menu is varied and I'd bet anyone they're guaranteed to find something they'll like. In some ways, it's classic 'continental-American' (not sure what that means, but you know what I mean). That range covers French and Italian, Carribbean and just great American hamburgers.

The appetizer menu gives a sense of how competently the chef can handle food.

The tuna tartar is of course neither French nor continental anything, but is one of the best on the Island. They don't chop the yellow fin so finely that it loses texture and the addition of red





onion plus a hit of sesame oil strikes just the right balance.

The coconut lobster tails are a terrific take on the usual coconut shrimp and about twice is good - 3 small lobster tails out of the shell (a double portion makes a perfect sized main course).

There are several salads worth trying, not the least of which is the goat cheese and spinach.

A cheese plate is on the appetizer menu, but it works equally well, of course as an after

main course/pre-dessert treat with a splashof a little honey.

Steamed mussels are a must try for any bivalve fan, and often there's a special of the night featuring an adaption of a classic preparation.

For main courses, the menu is balanced between whatever was caught that morning (the snapper with lobster sauce is a keeper when they offer it!) and a couple of beef and pork choices (the bone-in pork chop was cooked to juicy perfection).

There's a comfort food side of the menu – about a half dozen burgers, from classic to black fin, are offered. And, last but not least, Giuseppe's Bolognese (which I have every couple of weeks in 'winter').

Finally, dessert. The last time I was there, they featured an amazing bread pudding as a special, but try their classic tiramisu or crème brulee for sure.

Pricing is fair, including the wine. Black Fin equals good sized portions, beautifully prepared and served by some of the friendliest and most competent wait staff on the island – a hard to beat combination.



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Aquarius Jan 20 – Feb 18

Well, I guess you won't be hopping the fence at the Oasis anymore. I hope that woman's rape whistle didn't hurt your hearing permanently.

Pisces Feb 19 – Mar 20

There comes a time when we have to admit that we've outgrown our pants and we need to buy the next size up. In your case, that should have been 3 sizes ago.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 19

What products do you use to cleanse your skin? Nothing special? Yes, we can all tell! It's time to visit the Clinique counter!

Taurus Apr 20 – May 20

It's time to cut back on the gassy foods or stop going to public places!

Gemini May 21 – Jun 20

Have you been doubling up on your meds or are you always this much of an ass?

Cancer Jun 21 – Jul 22

Mother always said if you have nothing good to say, say nothing.....

Leo Jul 23 – Aug 22
Here comes Valentine Day and you're still alone. Maybe if you showered once in a

while it would help.

Virgo Aug 23 – Sep 22

You know people really hate you when they tell you it's time to let go and you aren't even sick.

Libra Sep 23 – Oct 22

Season is almost upon us which means lot of tourists will be visiting and turning you down.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 21

It's time to seriously consider your contributions to society. You keep the public works employees working to wash up your vomit on the street so I guess that's a start.

Sagittarius Nov 22 – Dec 21

The microwave is not the right place to dry your clothes and using it to dry your sweaty gym socks ensures that it will never be used for food again.

Capricorn Dec 22 – Jan 19

The stars predict a calm month for for with no problems... I'm just kidding, you're screwed!



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