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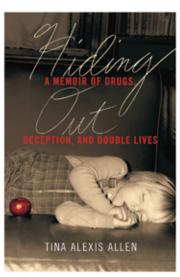


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"HIDING OUT: A MEMOIR OF DRUGS, DECEPTION, AND DOUBLE LIVES" BY TINA ALEXIS ALLEN

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"Ready or not, here I come!"

Hear that, and if you hadn't hidden by then, hadn't found a secret spot, you had a real chance of losing at Hide & Seek. Get out of sight, though, and you might've managed to sneak back home, ready to play another game. As in the memoir "Hiding Out" by Tina Alexis Allen, that game could last for decades.

Growing up, Christina Worthington knew her father hated her.

Her twelve siblings knew it, too, and they reminded her of it often: she was the youngest, her mother's "lucky thirteen"

and the victim of much of her father's wrath. Starting at about the age of nine, Tina was also the victim of sexual abuse from two of her then-adult brothers.

But she never told anyone about it. Instead, she acted out at school until the nuns were at their wits' end and her "saint" of a mother was exasperated. At age eleven, a younger teacher finally took Tina under her wing – and into her bed.

Two years later, by the time her teacher-lover sent her away, Tina knew she was more attracted to girls than to boys. By her mid-teens, she had a college-age girlfriend who lived near her parents' Washington D.C.-area house, from which she managed to mostly stay

away; there was more comfort in the girlfriend's apartment than there was at her childhood home, where hiding her real self was necessary.

But no one can hide forever.

When her father invited her and her girlfriend to lunch one day, Tina was guarded – and rightfully so, because he figured out her secret and she couldn't deny. Then he revealed a shocker of his own: he was gay, too.

Within weeks, Tina went from hated daughter to favorite; from ignored to invitee to her father's dinners and clubs. They agreed to keep one another's secrets from the rest of the family, partying, drinking, and doing drugs until the stress of it all bubbled over, Tina couldn't take the lies anymore, and her lips spilled the truth.

Years later, there was one last secret...

Memoirs, by their very nature, are generally focused inwardly, to a greater or lesser degree. Count "Hiding Out" on the latter side.

Starting with a raucous anecdote of sibling rivalry before Christmas Mass, you're in for more than a look-at-me memoir. This is, in fact, a whole-family tale in which author Tina Alexis Allen puts the focus mainly on her parents, with sibs ringing the action as needed. Using that as a base, tales eke out tantalizingly slowly over the course of this book, and some are shocking, told so casually that you'll get a "Wait. What?" backlash. Don't be surprised if you read the occasional sentence twice, in disbelief.

Add a tight window of time and a deep unsubstantiated-rumor-type mystery that feels like a character unto itself, and you've got a compulsively readable book that's, at its close, very unique. If a memoir like "Hiding Out" is what you want for a long winter's night, then get ready.



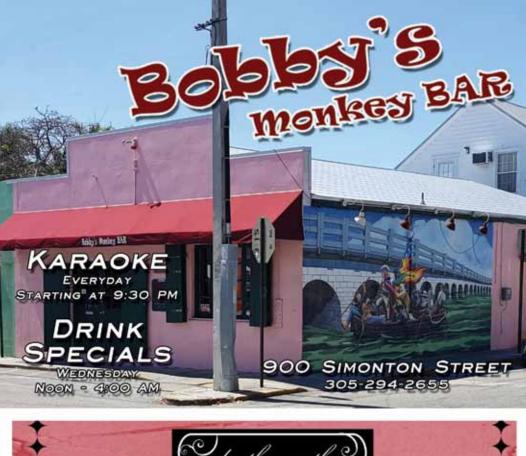
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MYBIG GAY LIFE Brad Toekle



HAPPY NEW QUEER!

In the last ten years, I've been to 66 countries and circled the planets about 16 times. I've seen some pretty amazing stuff in all these wanderings. And I've always tried to spend New Year's someplace new and interesting. And though I'm a big believer in embracing other people's cultures, I can also tell you that there is one universal truth about all human beings. And that is that many of us, and our customs, are bat shit crazy. Here's a little taste of how other silly mammals ring in the New Year!

I was in Copenhagen and found a full set of plates with a bow on them in my hotel room the day before New Year's Eve. When I asked why the hotel had given me a single place setting as a Not-Wedding present, I was told that it was a tradition in Denmark to take unused plates on New Year's and smash them on the front doors of friends and neighbors. "Since we consider all of our guests friends, we welcome you to join in on our tradition!" How delightfully violent, I thought. And then spend most of New Year's Eve with my ear buds in as I could hear the bone china crushing sounds of all the "love" my hotel neighbors were sharing with me... and eventually with the shell shocked cleaning crew that came in before dawn to make it safe to walk down the halls again for breakfast.

In Brazil, I was told that the color of whatever underwear I wore on New Year's Eve would decide how my year went. Red

MY BIG GAY LIFE

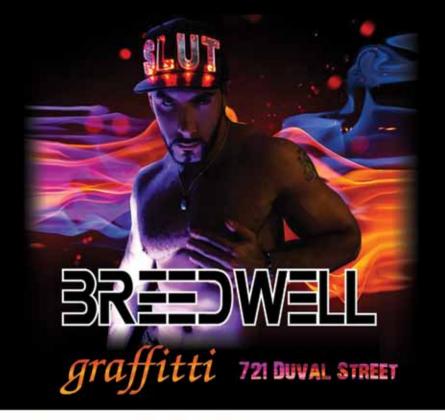
was for love, yellow was supposed to bring money, and so on. It was like a festive hanky code for heterosexuals! I asked what not wearing underwear meant for the New Year, and my friend's grandmother loudly declared, "That you are prostitute". All right, granny thanks for the 411!

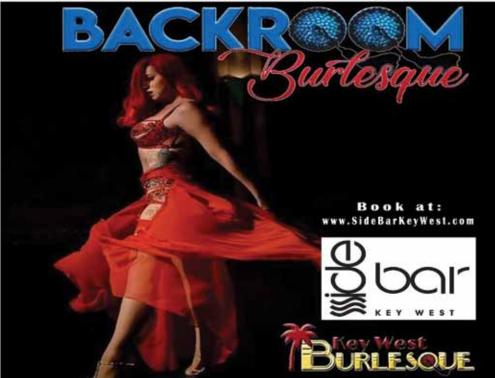
Many countries have food-based traditions. In a lot of France you're just supposed to eat a stack of pancakes for good luck. So by the French system, I should be the luckiest fat ass on earth by now. In Switzerland, they ruin perfectly good ice cream by dropping it on the floor for luck. Proving that when too many white people live together in the same place, terrible things happen.

When I was in Puerto Rico, I was told to bring an umbrella if I was outside at midnight, because some people throw a bucket of water out the window to ward of evil spirits for the next year. At least I hope it was water.

However my favorite tradition was in Talin, Estonia. Where, to assure abundance, you have to eat seven full meals on the first day of the New Year. I try to keep that practice up the rest of the year as well, but I understand you all can't be as dedicated to tradition as I am. Also, there were clearly not a lot of Estonian bottoms on New Year's Day. I can only assume they fly South for the winter.

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





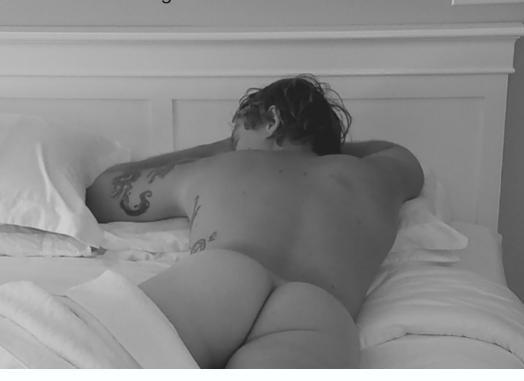
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It looks like bar rescue is interviewing bars in town to feature on the show. Word has it, a few were eliminated because they were too much of a disaster. How bad do you have to be to not make the cut for reality TV?

Looks like we are playing musical bartenders again! If you're looking for your favorite bartender, just go into every bar. They're still here, just slinging behind a different bar.

I wonder if some of the new "talent" in town is able to consider their "entertainment" a "community service" when they report in each week.

It's always interesting to see how different companies provide a holiday party to their employees. You can almost see how much they appreciate their staff based on the event. Did your company take you out to a nice catered event with entertainment, maybe took you to a nice restaurant, maybe even a trip out on a sunset or dinner cruise, or did they just bring a pizza in one day?

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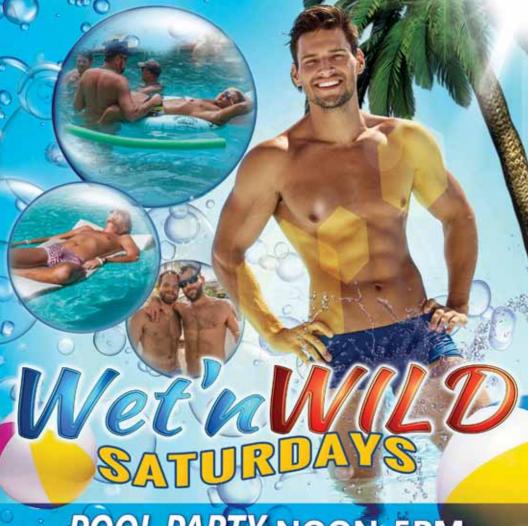
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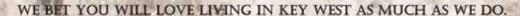


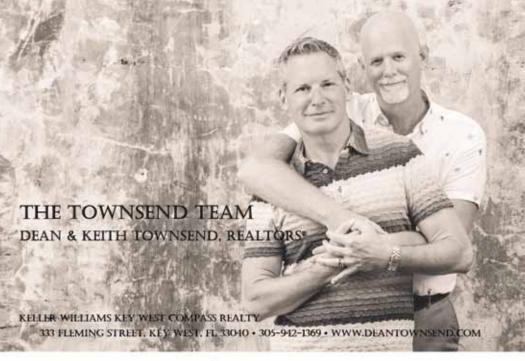






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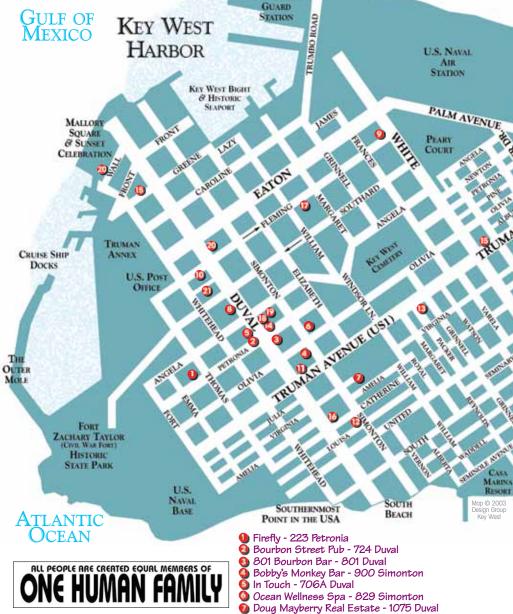
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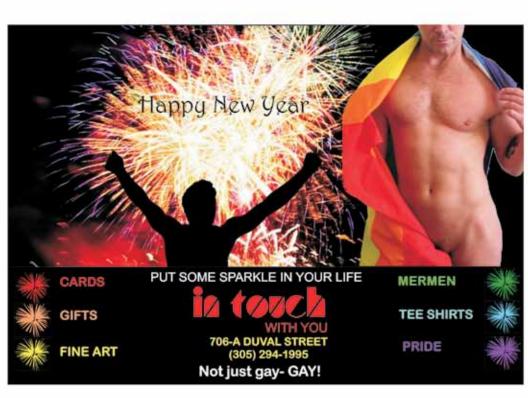
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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

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

201

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Agua

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

WEDNESDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

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

Island House

Hot Naked Humpdays starting at 5 PM

Sidebar

Drag Queen Trivia at 5:30 PM Dancing with live DJ at 9 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

Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

FRIDAY

801

Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

Agua

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 at Midnight

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

SATURDAY

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

Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 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

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

LOCATIONS

801 - 801 Duval Street

Aqua - 711 Duval Street

Back Bar - 711 Duval Street

Bobby's - 900 Simonton Street

Bourbon - 724 Duval Street

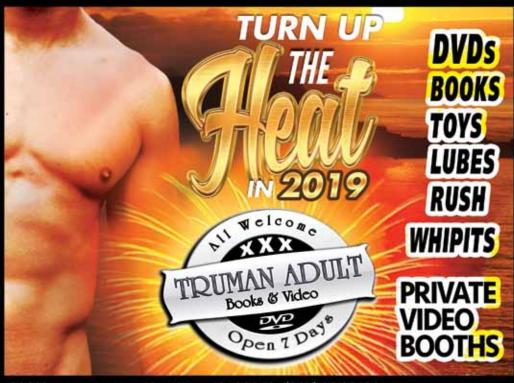
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One Saloon - 514 Petronia St

Sidebar - 504 Angela St





ASK NANA

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Dear Nana,

What's the best way to get red wine stains about of a rug?

Sounds like New Year's Eve at your place went well, then? This is why, at parties, I only serve vodka or white wine. Because. let's face it: people are assholes. And drunk assholes tend to do two things: spill drinks and, on occasional, shit themselves. I do have a failsafe fix for red wine stains. It actually works on almost all stains and it doesn't even matter how long they've set in. First, you cover the stain with baking soda and then use a spray bottle of plain tap water to help soak into the stain. Then, and this part is crucial, you roll up the



carpet and have movers take it away and replace it with the new carpet you just bought. I'm telling you, this trick works every time! Another key part of this technique is to then bill the person who spilled the red wine in the first place for your new carpet. Tis the season.



Dear Nana,

All my friend's are having a lot of success on this new Keto diet. Have you ever tried it? How do you stay fit at your advanced age?

Advanced age is a nice way to put it, dearie. And believe me, my age just keeps advancing onward... like a warhorse on crystal meth. I haven't tried most of these new fangled diets that all the kids are on about. These Keto's and Paleo's all seem a bit too extreme for a woman of my age. Although, I'm pretty sure I'm so old that the Paleo Diet is just what we called "hunting and gathering" when I was a young girl.



Everything old in new again! Except my damn knees. That's what I get for praying in all those truck stop bathrooms over the century. Anyhoo, I'd be cautious of any of the yo-yo diets. Find something you can stick with. For me, it's always been able eating healthy, whole foods... like wine. Wine really is a complete food. Also get a skinny mirror. No need to be thin so long as you look thin. And, remember, no one who ever died thought, "I wish I'd enjoyed food less". So try to make your life as much about how good it is as how long it is. That's my advice!

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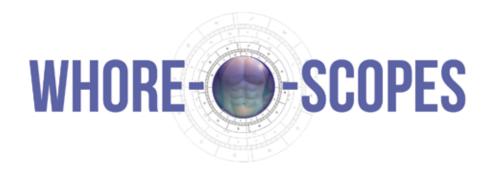
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You're so stupid that you started using Uber just to prove that death and taxis were not certain.

ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19
You know you're a bad cook when you use the smoke alarm as a timer!

TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20
No one wants to see you sleeping in the nude, especially the flight attendant.

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20 When trying to lose weight, you can't use a pizza as an appetite suppressant.

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22
You can keep telling yourself that love is more important than money but your landlord would like you to stop hugging him.

LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22
Going to the store is the only time you get checked out.

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22 Who did your hair, Medusa?

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22
The next time a guy tells you that he gets butterflies in his stomach when you're around, he probably has irritable bowel syndrome.

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