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MAN About Town

Last month, I talked about the new pilot program Mall On Duval. This initiative, to close Duval Street to cars on weekend nights from 5PM - Midnight is a test to see how it will be received, how it will impact traffic on other roads, and mostly, if it will bring more people out to Duval Street.

So far, it seems to be a huge success. Locals and running into people they haven't seen in years. Visitors are strolling leisurely up and down the street with no fear of traffic. Businesses have expanded out to Duval making this a fun and vibrant area.

One industry has truly taken this to the next level and that is the food and beverage industry.

Restaurants started by setting out a few tables to "test the waters" but over the last few weeks, some have created an extension of their business. This isn't just some folding tables and chairs. Some of these fine dining establishments are setting out fine linens, plants and other decorations to make this a luxurious experience.

Businesses that don't have anything specific to put out on the street, have put of chairs so people can just sit and relax for a few. The normal rushing around Duval has now turned into a slow stroll.

Some businesses have expanded their live entertainment so that it can be heard further away so that those strolling down the block can enjoy the music.

What's most amazing is that businesses are working together to enhance the offering. Businesses have agreed to play music more conducive with their neighbors business as well as their own. It has brought a whole new sense of community to Duval Street.

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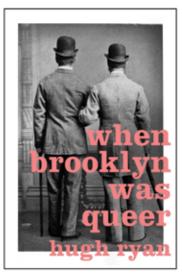




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"WHEN BROOKLYN WAS QUEER" BY HUGH RYAN c.2019, St. Martin's Press | \$29.99 | 308 pages



Your city sure has changed.

Landmarks were destroyed, the skyline is different, and streets are shifted in a way that feels same-not-same. It's like having dinner with a relative you met once, when you were nine: as in "When Brooklyn Was Queer" by Hugh Ryan, everything and nothing is familiar.

Once upon a time, Brooklyn was little more than farms and fields.

That's the vista Walt Whitman saw when he stepped beyond the boundaries of the city where he'd been creating his Leaves of Grass. He loved the area, a love

he shared with laborers, prostitutes, and the rest of the crime-ridden, mostly-white population of Brooklyn in the mid-1800s.

As a gay man, Whitman would have noted upcoming changes.

In 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge opened, making it easy for residents to reach New York City. There, male and female impersonators found work at live entertainment venues, where race mattered little; and sexes and social classes mixed freely at saloons, concert halls, dancehalls, and theatres. For African American actors, that relative permissiveness led to more acceptance and sometimes, fame.

By the time Brooklyn merged with The Bronx, Queens, Manhattan,

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and Staten Island in January 1898, a new word had emerged. "Homosexuals" had been targeted by obscenity charges for quite some time then but, though laws were created against them, they had a solid presence in mainstream society. Even so, says Ryan, most people didn't learn much about homosexuals until World War I.

And yet – people couldn't get enough of "queer" folk, especially with cabaret shows, vaudeville, and "freak shows" so wildly popular and a subway ride to Coney Island costing just a nickel. New Yorkers flocked to the boardwalk, perhaps titillated by the idea that the performers were "gay."

But "things started to go off the rails" for the LGBT community at the end of World War II. Being gay was perceptually equal to a crime. Starting then, says Ryan, "...the vibrant queer histories of places outside Manhattan would soon be forgotten."

Reading "When Brooklyn Was Gay" is something like frosting a cake.

From the starting point of a poet and a wharf full of sailors, readers glide smoothly to wood-floor dancehalls; sweeping near audacious lesbian actors, scandal rags, legal fights, burly-Q stages, then to the Jazz Age and beyond. Each spot is covered, sprinkled with asides, personal anecdotes from author Hugh Ryan, and modern references to create connections, then gently folded into the next subject.

What may delight readers the most, though, is in the details.

While this is a history of Brooklyn, specifically, and New York, in general, we're taken to other cities and cultures to see how worldwide changes impacted Brooklyn's residents. Like the inner workings of a clock, tiny facts turn larger events that become part of a big picture for readers to see.

Unlike many books, this one doesn't ignore anyone in the LGBT initialism; all are mentioned here and given due diligence. For readers searching for a fun, fascinating, all-encompassing history, "When Brooklyn Was Queer" is a nice change.



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AM I A DADDY?

Before you immediately say "no"... hear me out. I never thought I'd be a Daddy either. But then again, I never thought I'd start topping, and that began happening two years ago when Trump was elected. After that election I thought, "Why should I be the only idiot still following the old rules that you should be qualified for your job and leave people satisfied with your performance?!"

Also, bottoming is a young man's game. Don't get me wrong; when I'm in a relationship, I'm almost always the bottom. And when you're bottoming on a daily, or at least, weekly basis, it's easy to keep up your maintenance routine. But I'll be 41 in May, and I often go months without bottoming. And that makes you lazy and happy. Happy to eat ribs and not stay cleaned and stretched out. And then I'll go out to dinner with a man and there will be ribs on the menu. And, at 41, I know that the date might end in bad sex... but that ribs will never disappoint me. So at 39, I started choosing the ribs over bottoming and, thus, a top was reborn! And it turns out I'm half decent at it. Apparently the four decades of repressed anger coupled with the fact it takes me forever to cum... makes me most bottom's dream!

But now I face the new frontier of guys I have sex with calling me daddy. And that is coupled with the fact I've done the math and realized that, for some of them, I could actually be their real daddy. Sure I would have had to have them when I was 17 or 18... but in some states that's the median age for fatherhood! (I'm looking at you Arkansas).

MY BIG GAY LIFE

Now I'm not against being a daddy. It's just that how can I be a daddy when I'm still looking for a daddy? Isn't that just babies fucking babies? I just don't know if I'm ready for some 23 year old to be screaming "fuck me, daddy!" over and over again while I'm back there trying to fuck him, but also trying to not throw out my bad knee in the process! #RealDadBod

The thing that's made it somewhat easy for me to transition into my burgeoning daddy status is the quality of young man who comes sniffing around my cave. I mean, who wouldn't want to be a daddy to some 23 year old, blue eyed, golden haired, marble statue? Their balls have that new car smell and their eyes have soooo much hope in them! I look into those little hope-eyes and feeling Bette Midler in "Hocus Pocus", as I suck the light and life out of them.

If life has taught me anything in 40 years, it's that one has to run with the punches. And if the daddies I still long for no longer want me as their boy, then at least I can rest happy and victorious in the knowledge that I can steal the chicken off their plates before they get to it! And besides, I'm never going to have children of my own. So I'm going to need someone around, eventually, to remind me what I walked into the living room looking for in the first place. And then, to eventually, pull the plug on my iron lung as the sunsets on our condo in Puerto Vallarta. So it's probably time for me to man up and be the Daddy this next generation of gaybies wants me to be. At least I know they'll have someone to teach them how to ride a cock and be able to explain why "All About Eve" is a perfect film.

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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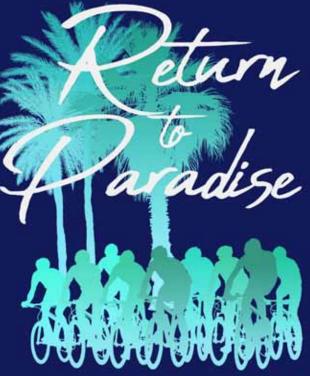
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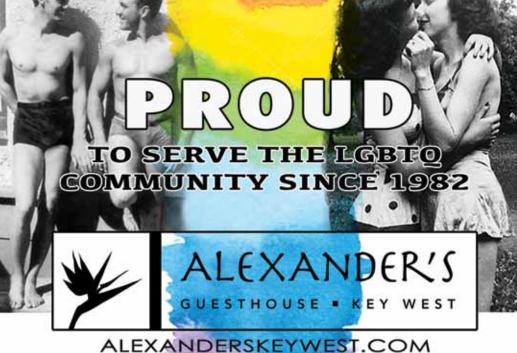


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Q Slang

Weekend immune system - When you are too hung over to go to work. I won't be at work today, I have a Weekend Immune System.

Slay king - Being the most fashionable guy. This is just said when someone walks buy that is very well dressed. "Slay King!"

Hatfishing - Wearing a hat in an online photo to hide losing your hair. That boy is cute but he is Hatfishing!

Ghosting - When someone stops responding to you through all electronic means.He hasn't responded to any of my texts from the last two weeks. I think he's Ghosting me.

OTX - Off The Xanax He's been a total mess since he went OTX.

Throwing Ass - The same as twerking Look at him Throwing Ass all over the place.



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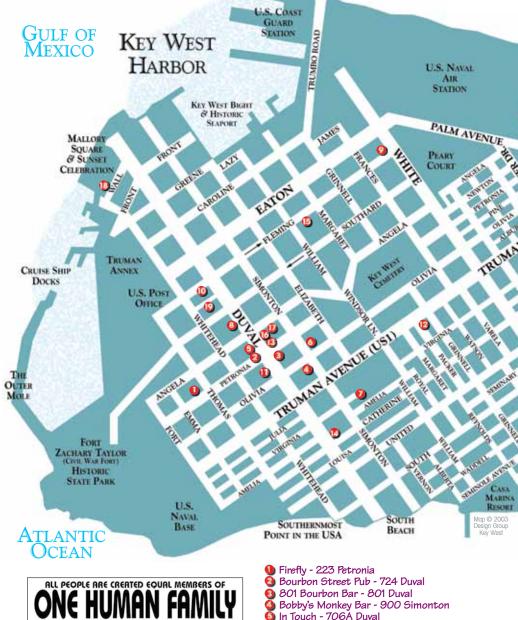
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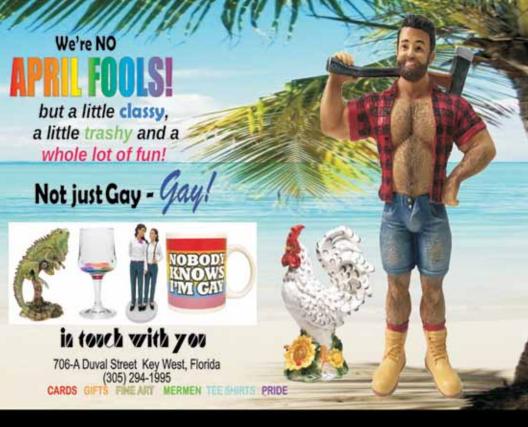
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801 Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

MONDAY

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

801 Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

ESDA

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

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

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 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

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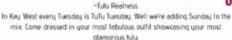
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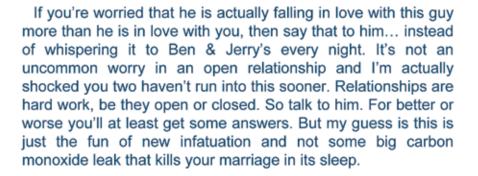




Dear Nana,

I've been in an open relationship with my husband for 16 years. It's worked very well for us. But the latest guy he's seeing on the side is really getting to me. He's texting my husband and facetiming everyday (mainly because he lives in another state) and my husband seems very into him. It's making me eat my feelings a lot and I don't know if I should confront my husband about all this. It's not like I don't have boyfriends too. But they don't call and text every single day. And my husband knows I'm not THAT into them. Am I overreacting?

Well there certainly is a lot to unpack with this letter! Okay, let's start with some semantics that are very telling. I don't think you need to "confront" your husband... but you do need to "talk" to your husband. And not just because you're eating your feelings but also because you should always be talking to your husband. Dialogue is the water on the garden of a relationship. From what you've described, it doesn't seem like he's broken any of the rules of your open marriage. However, that doesn't mean that there might still not need to be some new boundaries on this new beau. I don't know how sane it is to say, "Stop texting your fuck buddy just because he lives 2,000 miles away" because that's really their only option. Would you prefer your husband burn through your frequent flyer miles to go ACTUALLY be with him EVERY weekend? See my point?



ASK NANA

Dear Nana,

I've had a fissure for a few weeks now and it doesn't seem to be healing completely. It's not like it's bleeding all the time but there is a little blood on the toilet paper when I poo. Any thoughts?

Shockingly enough, Bloody Mary, I don't think of your asshole all that often. So I'm just going to say to give it another week. And, in the meantime, put a little apple cider vinegar on it. That stuff seems to fix anything!

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AQUARIUS JAN 20 - FEB 18 You're so fake, Barbie is jealous.

PISCES FEB 19 - MAR 20 You're so old, when you were a kid rainbows were black and white.

ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19 You're so ugly when you looked in the mirror your reflection walked away

TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20 I'm not saying your stupid but you do stare at frozen juice cans because they say, "concentrate".

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20 80 % of the brain is fluid. Unfortunately, in your case, it's brake fluid.

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22 Save your breath... You'll need it to blow up your date. **LEO** JUL 23 - AUG 22 Every time you open your mouth, some idiot starts talking.

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22 You're not fat, you're just so full of shit.

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22 If Snapchat has taught me anything it's that you look better as a farm animal.

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21 You look like the grinch with plastic surgery gone wrong!

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21 You make a Shar Pei look youthful.

CAPRICORN DEC 22 - JAN 19 Most turkeys taste better the day after. Yours tasted better the day before.



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