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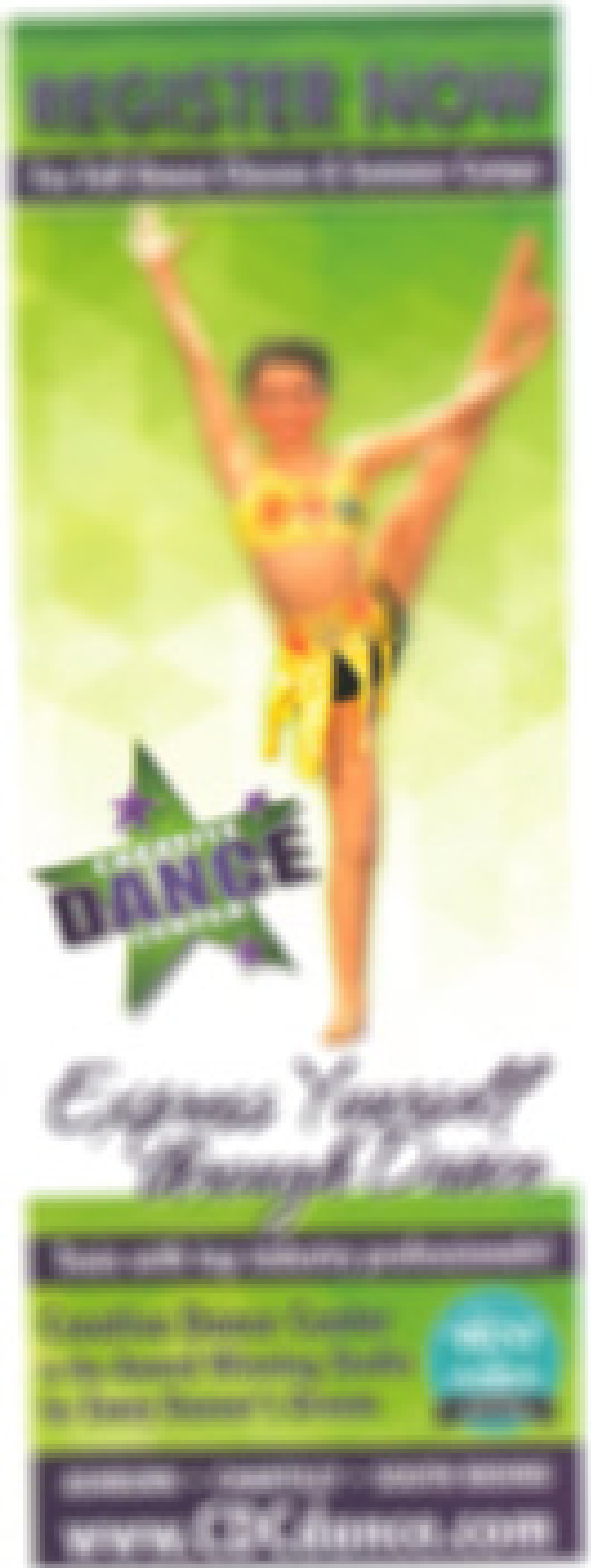
# SUMMER RECALL

*Memorable Key West*

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## **SUMMER MAY BE OVER, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOUR CRAVING FOR WARM DESTINATIONS ENDS.**

Florida is a place with perpetual sun and natural beauty. It's not too late to book a last-minute trip to a place with thriving nightlife, killer dining and retail year round in Florida's island gem, Key West.

On the Northeastern end of the island, visitors can experience both a relaxing as well as active summer destination at The Gates Hotel. This chic lifestyle hotel is glamorous and a place where you can indulge in top-notch service at affordable prices.

Fresh, laid-back rooms in calming ocean colors with exposed, whitewashed ceiling beams give way to plank flooring and cozy platform beds. Artwork by Jorge de la Torriente adds a signature touch to the decor that embodies the spirit of the Keys.

Located a half mile from the beautiful Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden, the hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to the action of Duval Street, while allowing guests to maintain a little breathing room from the frenetic downtown scene. The Gates appeals to both single vacationers and families with kids.

The Blind Pig, an on-site food truck, serves up delicious Key West and Caribbean cuisine, including a selection of small plates and tapas known as "conch fusion." The menu, featuring fresh fish ceviches, tacos and other delectables, is brought to you by local catering business owners, Julie and David Fuhrman. The hotel's poolside tropical rum bar—Rum Row—offers local blends in a friendly, personable atmosphere. Hilda's Chi-Chi, a close cousin to the piña colada, is a not-to-be-missed vodka tiki drink.

Smoke a Rodriguez Cigar while kicking back in a lounge chair and taking in the beautiful view and the island's rich natural history. For those looking to get out and explore, bike rentals are available, and the accommodating concierge is more than happy to coordinate off-site adventures, from sunset cruises to snorkeling excursions to paddle boarding through lush mangroves on tranquil waters. Just 300 feet away is The Gates's sister hotel, 24 North, providing convenient shared access to a gym and other amenities.

If you've been looking for a way to #unlockthekeys or are simply ready for your next adventure, you've found your destination.

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