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## Welcome To Paradise!

Another year has passed and as we start 2023, we hope you haven't blown all your resolutions yet.

Actually, since you're visiting Key West, you likely already broke a few, but that's OK. We don't judge.

Enjoy!

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*Stephanie Wise*

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2023, huh. Wasn't it just 2020??? The lost covid years are a very real thing for me. The holidays in the keys are undeniably magical but January's are really the hidden gem of the season. It's warm but not stupid humid, cool but not COLD. You tourists still feel that it's warm enough to get into the water (I'm already in jeans and sweaters) so you need call Captain Karen at Venus Charters. Whether you're snorkeling, fishing or just want to let it all hang out at a sandbar, she's your girl. If you haven't spent an afternoon at a sandbar, by the way, you're missing out. How else do you recreate the bikini topless back shot with all your travel buddies. Iconic. Captain Karen also knows the waters like the back of her hand. I've heard my fair share of fishing stories with her from spear fishing and diving to lobstering in season. She can show you the ropes. Definitely give her a call if you want a boat full of lesbians to take on the waters of the keys!

I thoroughly enjoy the cooler weather as it sweeps over the keys and takes our humidity down a notch this time of year.

Hot tubs actually start to look like a good idea! Day drinking is a fun sport since you won't pass out from dehydration and heat exhaustion after only one Fat Tuesday concoction! It's bliss. As February starts to creep closer it gets too cold (for me) to play in the water so enjoy every second of January!!

Whether you're escaping snows, looking for daytime drinking fun or one of the hearty ones still ready to jump in the water and get that sunburn, I mean tan, Lez Go out and relish in January in the Keys!! See you at the sandbar!!

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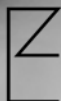
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# BEACH READS

LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*



**"FOREVER HOME: HOW WE TURNED OUR HOUSE INTO A HAVEN FOR ABANDONED, ABUSED, AND MISUNDERSTOOD DOGS — AND EACH OTHER" BY RON DANTA & DANNY ROBERTSHAW AND LARRY LINDNER**  
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**T**he leash is hooked tight.

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It all started on horseback.

Danny Robertshaw, who'd loved horses since he was small, was well-known as a rider and trainer up and down the east coast. Ron Danta had moved his horses to

South Carolina to a farm he'd purchased with the hope of launching a business. The two men had met but it wasn't until their lives began to circle closer to one another that they became good friends; not long after they'd decided to become business partners, Danta divorced his wife and had an epiphany. The two men became partners in life.

It helped that both had deep and endless loves of horses and dogs. When both men were boys, growing up in separate states, their mothers impressed upon them the habit of adopting stray dogs and unwanted, unloved pups. All their lives, both men had picked up side-of-the-road, mistreated, or elderly dogs, rehabilitated them, and re-homed them.

It wasn't cheap. The dogs they sheltered had varying medical problems, and many had issues stemming from fear, abandonment, and abuse. Danta and Robertshaw paid for the dogs' vet bills out-of-pocket, then housed and trained each pup until the dogs could be properly adopted out as "Danny & Ron dogs." That was a pure labor of love, but their house was soon wrecked and their furniture, shredded. At one time, having hundreds of dogs in their care, they turned their home into a "doghouse" – this, despite terrifying personal health crises; in the middle of hurricanes, filming a documentary, and their marriage; overseas, and in conjunction with causes and people close to their hearts.

"It's good to know that rescue – being loved, living with dignity, belonging – is happening on more than one front."

Few can resist an adorable puppy. But what about the dogs who've seen better days? Can you resist scooping them up? If the answer is "no," then you'll want "Forever Home."

In a consistently upbeat manner, authors Robertshaw, Danta, and Lindner share the story of a movement that has saved the lives of countless dogs and other animals through the years, and the two men behind it. While these stories are sure heart-capturers, they're also very repetitious, as if the animal's name and breed are all that changes from tale to tale. Readers will notice, too, that there are lots of happy stories here but they're quite often preceded by wincing accounts of abuse and neglect. Still, that's not news to pet lovers. Heavy sigh.

Despite further confusion as to who's telling the story, "Forever Home" will appeal to anyone who's shared a bed with a dog, a sofa with a cat, or a ride with a horse. Open the cover, read a page, and you'll be hooked tight.

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# MY BIG GAY LIFE

*Brad Loekle*



## REVERSE RESOLUTIONS

With another year upon us, I thought I'd share a new twist on resolutions. I've never been good at keeping them so I thought I'd turn the tradition on its ear a bit. So, this year I'm trying reverse resolutions. Things I am resolved NOT to do anymore... or, at least, significantly less often.

1. Stop assuming it's just a fart. I'll be 45, in May, and this is an age when you just never know if a fart is coming alone or with friends. If you're too young to understand what this means, just know that this is your Christmas Future.

2. I barely have time for my own shit, so I have zero time for yours. We only get so many sunrises in this life, people. Don't let other people's lack of planning or life-management skills create cloudy days for you when the rest of us are standing in sunshine. Choose who you give your time to wisely.

3. I'm never going to the gym. And, as a gay man, I feel like I just came out of the closet again and now await all the muscle daddies to drive me to conversion boot camp. But I have accepted that I hate gyms and I hate lifting up heavy things repeatedly more than almost anything. Right now, it's a tie between the gym and Marjorie Taylor Greene's mouth for what I want to set on fire most.

4. I'm not finishing boring books anymore. I don't know why any of us were ever doing this in the first place. You bought a book, you thought you'd like it, you don't... move on!

5. I'm never telling anyone what my zodiac sign is again. It's not real and I'm tired of people pretending that real things (like science) are the same

as not real things (like being a Leo and using rose quartz to cure your Lupus).

6. I'm never going on a 1st date again. This doesn't mean I won't have sex and won't, at some point, date someone again. I'm just not going on a 1st date. I haven't had to audition for the work I do in Hollywood in almost a decade and I'm not going to audition to be "Cody's guy". I will, however, accept applications for green card marriages if you come from an English-speaking country with a vibrant comedy and TV industry.

7. I'm not, NOT paying for sex anymore. Free sex ain't free. Trust me. I wouldn't expect the nice guy at Trader Joe's to know how to fix my washing machine so I don't know why I think he'd also be any good at dropping a load in me. They don't call it a blow-hobby. It's a blow job. And I want the most experienced man for the job and I don't mind paying extra for good work!

8. If you ask me to play a board game, I'm ending our friendship. I don't need to explain myself.

9. I will no longer ignore spam phone calls. I will pick up every single one and begin aggressively sexually harassing the man on the other end of the time. If it is a woman, I will begin crying and demand to know why she is fucking my husband. We have 3 children, Pam! How could you do this to my children?!

10. ONLY fatties. ONLY fems! Gay men who are cosplaying toxic masculinity go to the back of the line.

Brad Loekle's latest comedy special & album, "Brash Boys Club" is available on Amazon, AppleTV, iTunes, and other platforms. He 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. For all this and more, check out: [www.bradloekle.com](http://www.bradloekle.com)



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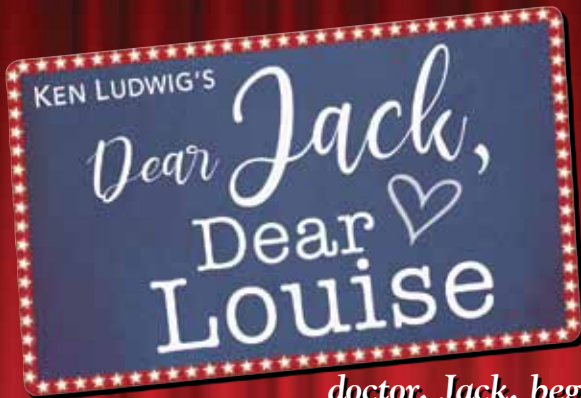
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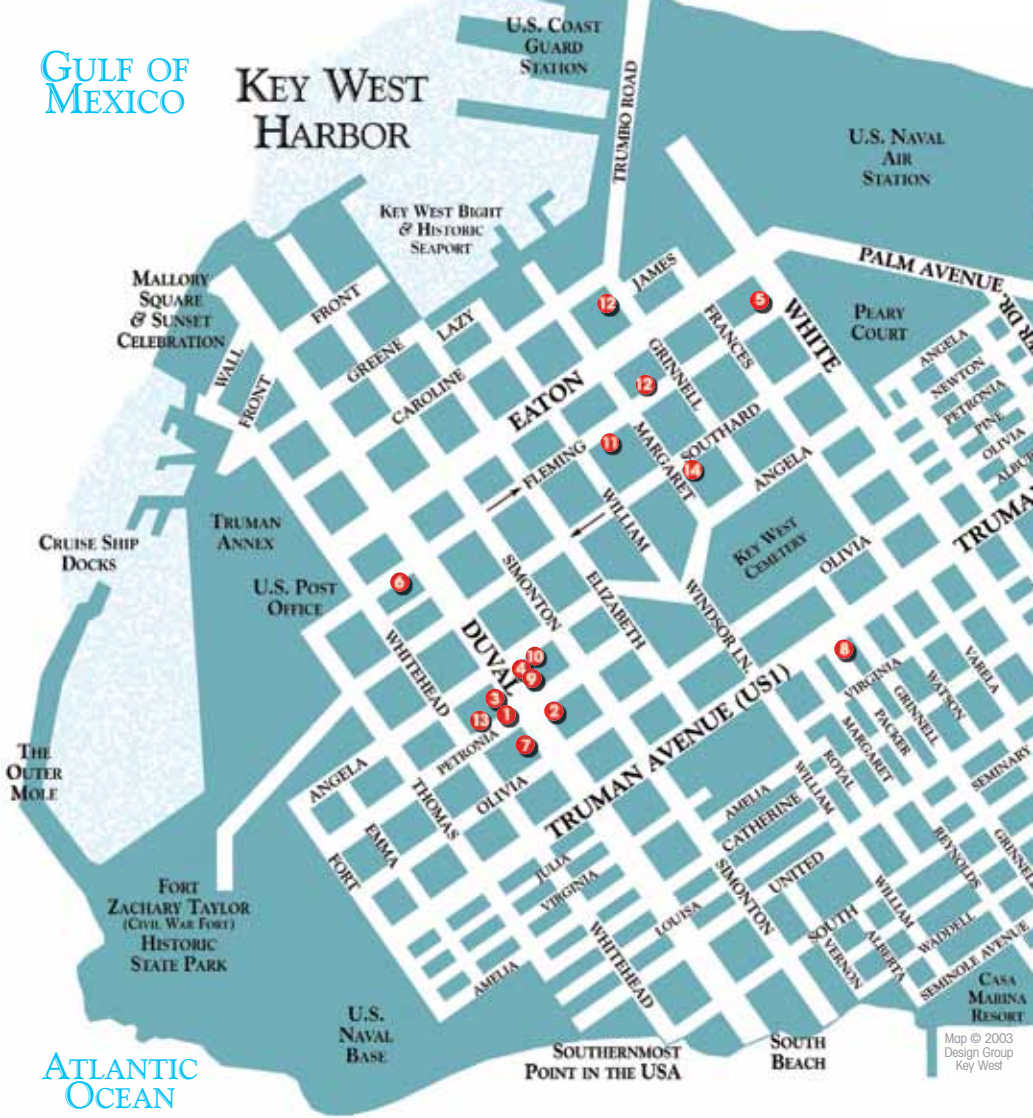
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### **Aqua**

*Drag Show at 9:00 PM*

### **Bourbon**

*Bria singing live at 8:00 PM  
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

## TUESDAY

### **801**

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

### **Aqua**

*Drag Show at 9:00 PM*

### **Bourbon**

*Bria singing live at 8:00 PM  
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

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**801**

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

**Aqua**

*Drag Shows at 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Bria singing live at 8:00 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

**Island House**

*Hot Naked Pool Party starting at 5 PM*

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**801**

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

**Aqua**

*Drag Shows at 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM*

**Club 504**

*DJ Nastico at 10:00 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8:00 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

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**801**

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

**Aqua**

*Drag Shows at 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM*

**Club 504**

*Latin Vibes at 10:00 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8:00 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

*Boys Night Out starting at 10 PM*

**Saloon 1**

*Cock Shock contest at Midnight*

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**801**

*Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM*

**Aqua**

*Dueling Bartenders at 4:00 PM*

*Drag Shows at 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM*

**Club 504**

*EDM Club Bangers at 10:00 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Naked Pool Party at Noon*

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8:00 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

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**801**

*Karaoke starting at 5 PM*

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

**Aqua**

*Epiphany sings live at 4:00 PM*

*Drag Shows at 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM*

**Club 504**

*Deep Bass at 10:00 PM*

**Bourbon**

*After Tea 7 PM - 10 PM*

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8:00 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

**Island House**

*Hot Naked Pool Party starting at Noon*

**Saloon 1**

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Quite the drama buzzing around town. While everyone wants the same thing, it seems that our own community is divided on how to get there.

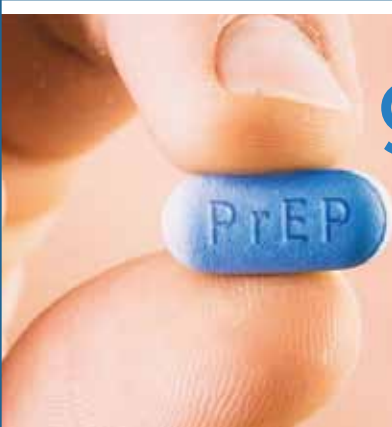
Romances at work can lead to a very uncomfortable situation if things don't work out. Having to work next to the person you now hate, isn't helping your customer service.

Showing everyone his naked pics can backfire pretty poorly when he does the same, especially when your "little" friend is just that.

Add in some social media comments and I've seen rabid animals with a calmer demeanor. Ladies, social media is not your therapist!!

Enough about that, how about that drunk bartender that fell in the pool trying to give a customer a drink! Sad part is, this wasn't the first time!

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*Dear Nana,*

*I'm the worst at sticking with my New Year resolutions. Any advice on how to stick to my goals?*

Well, Lazy Susan, one easy way to stick to your resolutions is to not make any in the first place. Have any of us really ever stuck to a New Year resolution? I mean, we've all made long-term life changes before but the ones we attach to January, 1st usually aren't the ones we stay committed to. Probably because you have to actually be more committed to the change you want to make than you are just trying to change things based on the calendar date. But if you still want to join in with the masses of asses trying to shoe horn their vision board into existence, why not pick a simple, short-term goal? Something like Dry January... where you commit to only drinking dry wines for the entire month of January. That's what I'm doing!



*Dear Nana,*

*My best friend just asked if she could move in with me for 3 months because her new house won't be ready until then. I don't want to say no but I also worry this could negatively impact our friendship. Why should I do?*

Do you have any other best friends? If you do, you can balance out the loss when her habits eventually drive you crazy. If she's your only true friend in the world... then you should be a true friend and move her in with you and find a way to make it work. Though, do any of us really believe her house will be ready in 3 months? Has any house ever been ready on time? Houseguests are like fish: both tend to become unpleasant when kept in the house for more than a few days. But if this friendship is as deep and true as you say it is, you two should be able to weather the tides of this short-term situation.



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# WHORE--SCOPES

## **AQUARIUS** JAN 20 - FEB 18

The only way you'll get thinner is if you buy it at the paint store.

## **PISCES** FEB 19 - MAR 20

You're totally safe in the zombie apocalypse. They're looking for brains.

## **ARIES** MAR 21 - APR 19

You're about as useless as a back pocket on a t-shirt.

## **TAURUS** APR 20 - MAY 20

Jellyfish have survived for millions of years despite not having brains so you're going to be OK.

## **GEMINI** MAY 21 - JUN 20

You're so crazy, your family coat of arms ties in the back.

## **CANCER** JUN 21 - JUL 22

The drag queens have heels higher than your standards.

## **LEO** JUL 23 - AUG 22

You have a smile that could light up the whole psych ward.

## **VIRGO** AUG 23 - SEP 22

You are as emotionally stable as an IKEA table.

## **LIBRA** SEP 23 - OCT 22

Mirrors don't lie, and lucky for you they don't laugh.

## **SCORPIO** OCT 23 - NOV 21

60% of the body is water. You must be having a flood.

## **SAGITTARIUS** NOV 22 - DEC 21

You should become more fluent in silence.

## **CAPRICORN** DEC 22 - JAN 19

It's time to spice up your sex life a little. Why don't you switch to the other hand?

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