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## Welcome To Paradise!

While it's cooling off here in Key West, it's still much more pleasant than the rest of the country.

Our water is still quite warm so it's a great time to get out on the water and enjoy some watersports, or just hang out at the beach.

Enjoy!

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*Stephanie Wise*

# LEZ GO OUT



I read somewhere on the google that January is the coldest month in the Keys. Locals certainly agree and it's about this time of year that I'm reminded just how much there is to do indoors on our little island. Yes, tourists will be basking at the beach like it's mid summer but for those of us more acclimated to the tropical climate (or just women who wear socks year round wherever you're from) there is one indoor destination that will still feel tropical even though you won't be getting a tan while there.

The Shops at Mallory Square located at 291 Front St has been many versions of itself over the years. Built round 1856 as the Naval Depot this history building has been an icon and has seen wars and hurricanes still stands proud right on the waterfront. At this moment it houses several local shops that highlight local and handmade Keys artists and vendors that make this community proud.

A few of the shops that will pique your interest include a shop where a woman makes bags out old ship sails. All kinds, shapes and sizes some highlighting the stitched seams that made ship sails so unbelievably durable and others with whimsical tropical images and keysey themes that make great souvenirs. Go see Key West Sail Bags and you'll see

what I mean! There's a candle maker who fills unique objects as well as traditional glasses. I'd be lying if I said I had any less than five of her candles in my house. I won't shop for candles anywhere else unless I'm buying it for a crazy vessel for her to fill next! There's the Blue Cat for the pet lovers, the Cuban Coffee Queen to try a traditional jolt of Java, the Backyards of Key West sells gorgeous and timeless images of the great conch homes and palm trees that are so telltale in Old Town Key West. Take one home and always have a piece of Key West right in your own home to gaze lovingly upon while you're in between visits. There's a ceramic studio and you can even smell like Key West at Aqua D'Keys. They've made their very own scent indicative of Key West. The possibilities are endless.

So if you're a history buff and love old buildings, you get cold if it's under 80 degrees (like me) or if you just want to shop like a local, this indoor mall has everything you could need to complete yours keys-themed gift list! Most of the shops are locally owned and women-run and you'll find a decided lack of the t-shirt and cannabis stores the likes of which are overrunning Duval St. So if you truly love Key West for all of its character and true historical charm, take a walk around the climate controlled atmosphere of the Shops at Mallory Square. Lez Go Out and enjoy handmade art and gifts for our loved ones (and ourselves - who are we kidding) in a 160 year old reminder of Old Key West and never stop enjoying the local vibe!!



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As we go into season, it seems that we also enter "drama season."

Lots of people are airing out other's dirty laundry all over town. All the while, standing on a mound of their own laundry that they think they are keeping well concealed. Gurl, don't be spilling the tea if you don't have enough Bounty to slop up the mess you're leaving behind.

The rumors are flying about some businesses being for sale. Let's face it ladies, everything and I mean EVERYTHING has a price, but be careful what rumors you spread unless you get the news from the horse's mouth, otherwise, you look like a horse's ass when you're wrong.

It's that time of year for a new batch of menz to come to town so remember to lock up your wallet and your valuables when bringing a trick home for the night.

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LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*

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c.2023, Berkley | \$27.00 | 384 pages



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Pinky swear. Spit on your palms or prick your fingers, and shake hands. As a child, you had many ways to show that you intended to keep a promise when you made it and your word was your bond, but you've grown up. Today, you cross your heart but, as in the new novel "Blood Sisters" by Vanessa Lillie, you hope no one has to die.

She wasn't looking for skeletal remains.

For Bureau of Indian Affairs archaeologist Syd Walker, such a find was very unusual but not unknown. Odd things happen on tribal lands everywhere. Still, the gruesome recovery in Rhode Island wasn't top on Syd's mind.

She'd gotten a call that her sister, Emma Lou, was missing in Oklahoma.

Again.

Fifteen years before, as Syd, Emma Lou, and Luna, who they'd considered a sister, were chilling in Luna's family's trailer, a group of men broke in. Wearing masks, the "devils" killed Luna and her parents, and the small town of Picher, was never the same.

Neither were Emma Lou or Syd.

As a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Syd was well aware of the problems near her hometown, the issues Native Americans had there with the BIA, and her own ancestors' efforts to survive on land that was given and then snatched back. She also knew the fact that she had a wife at home in Rhode Island set her apart since she'd left. And drugs – too many people on tribal allotments were getting drugs too easily.

But someone wanted Syd to come home: a female skull was found in the crook of a tree with her old work badge in its mouth. Despite knowing that Syd had fled Oklahoma on purpose, her new boss at the BIA pulled strings to arrange the trip and assigned her the case.

Years ago, Syd had promised to protect Luna and Emma Lou.

One of them was already dead. The other was missing.

Was the skull a threat – or a warning?

Here is the best advice you're going to get when you grab "Blood Sisters": pay close attention to the minutiae. Without being a spoiler, little things mean a lot.

Unless you watch carefully, you'll be cruising along at 200 miles an hour in a screaming run through pages and pages of barely-bearable excitement when suddenly, your brain will make that scratchy sound like a stopped record album. It's there where author Vanessa Lillie drops three tons of TNT, right towards the almost-end of her story and whoa, Nelly. If you're not paying attention, you may have to read the chapter multiple times to cut your "What the....?" down to a manageable level.

Yeah, this is that kind of book, the kind that's written with authenticity, an insider's feel, and heightened tension that'll keep you awake. The kind that you think you know how it'll end and you're wrong. For mystery lovers or thriller fans, "Blood Sisters" is the kind of book you should scout out.



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# MY BIG GAY LIFE

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## HAPPY NEW QUEER!

As we head into another year, and another season of the sureality show that is “Merica”, I want to encourage all of us to really crank up the queer this year. I know some of us are still in a “when they go low, we go high” mindset. But even Michelle Obama says she regrets saying that with all that has happened in the wake of how low they can go. Sorry, I didn’t mean to use “they” when referring to deplorables. I know how much THEY hate that particular pronoun. But I’d like to inform everyone that the high road is currently closed due to coastal (and cultural) erosion. So, I encourage all of you to let the landside bring you down to the gutter with me and those of us ready to throw mud in the eye of all the bigots. I want us all to be as fabulously and illogically queer as can be in all public spaces.

Headed to Target or TJ Maxx? I want to see you sniffing scented candles like you’re sniffing poppers at an orgy. Give housewares a real show! Maybe you’re planning on bringing a niece or nephew to Build-a-Bear so they can cosplay sweat shop work for their birthday? Well, why not bring a few gay bears with you?! Call up your furriest, most fragrant bears and have them meet you at the store. They can even get the kid’s toy bear measured for its first leather harness! Probably just go with black for baby’s-first-harness. After all, even I don’t think kids should be introduced to what the colors of the

hanky/fetish code are until they're 18. But, speaking of that, a hanky code chart and a copy of "The Velvet Rage" make a great graduation present for your older nieces and nephews.

Try registering your "pup" as a service animal on the airlines. Delta and United are never going to let it happen. But what won't Spirit Airlines allow?! Lets find out together! Just imagine how much money you could save this year when traveling to an Atlantis Events gay cruise, national leather/fetish competition, or other assorted cocksucking events. Make sure to book a bulkhead seat though. Your adult puppy will need room to curl up at your boots. The boots he will lick most of the way to your destination. Much to the chagrin of the Mom for Liberty who'll be glaring at you from her basic economy seat. But I can't say this clearly enough.... Fuck the Moms for Liberty... without lube.

The political pendulum will always wing one way then the other. But we are very much headed into another year of "the other" direction. But we've got this! So beat that face... and then beat the shit out of anyone who tried to come for the queers this year!

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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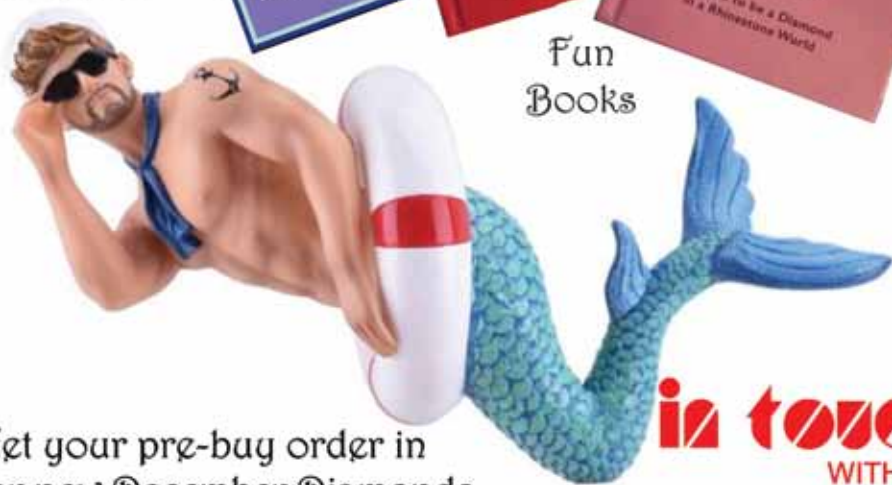
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10PM - MIDNIGHT



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Night*

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WELL AND  
BEER 10PM  
- MIDNIGHT



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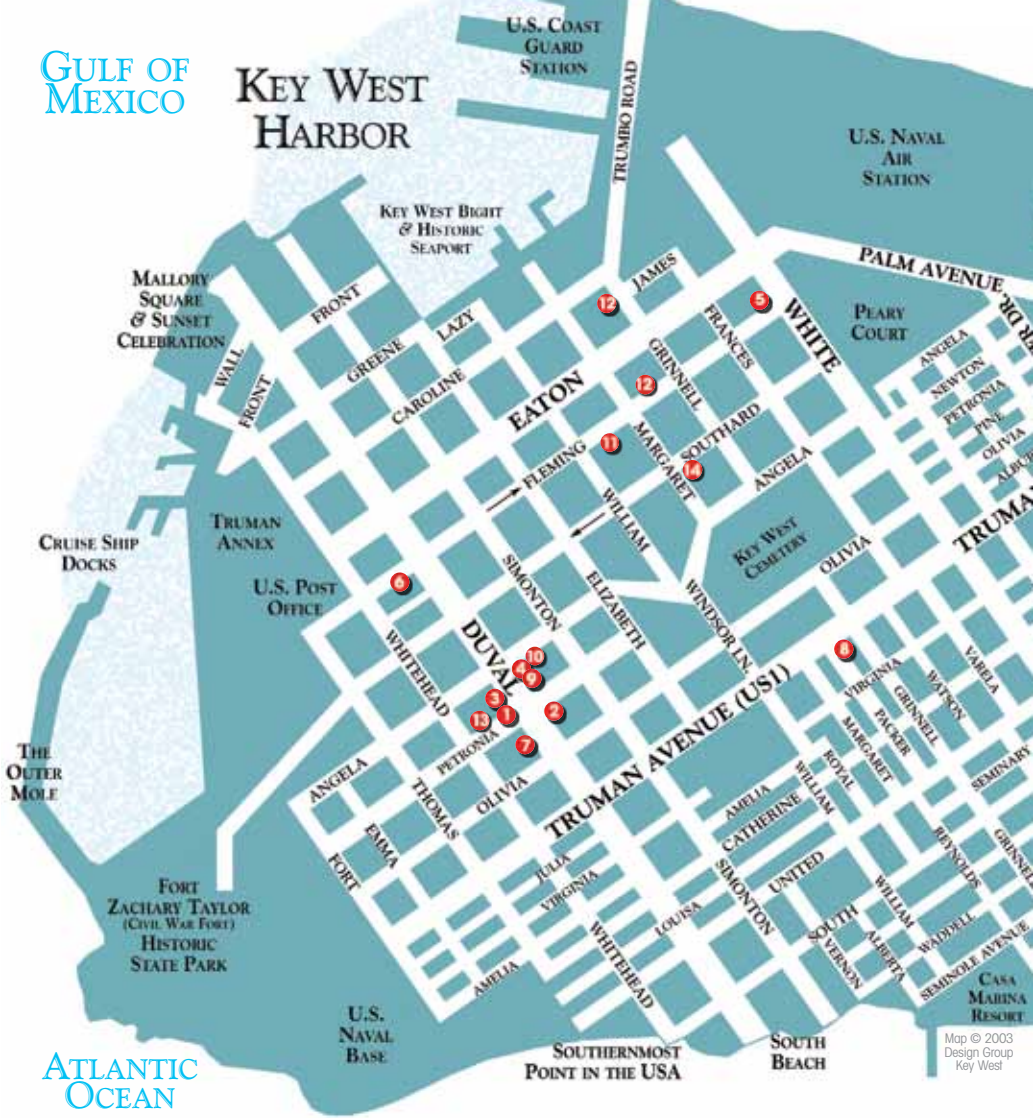
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# WEEKLY EVENTS



## MONDAY

### 801

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

### Aqua

*Aqua Idol at 6 PM  
Drag Show at 9 PM*

### Back Bar

*Monday Night Football at 8 PM*

### Bourbon

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

### Side Bar

*Pub Style Trivia at 6 PM*

## TUESDAY

### 801

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

### Aqua

*Dueling Bartenders at 4 PM  
Drag Show at 9 PM*

### Bourbon

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

### Side Bar

*Tacos Tequila & Talent at 9 PM*

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**W E D N E S D A Y**  
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**801**

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

**Aqua**

*Live Singer at 1 PM*

*Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Bria singing live at 8 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

**Island House**

*Hot Naked Pool Party starting at 5 PM*

**Side Bar**

*René Breslin singing live at 5:30 PM*

*Western Wednesdays at 9 PM*

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**801**

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

**Aqua**

*Live Singer at 1 PM*

*Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM*

*Karaoke at 11 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

**Side Bar**

*Throwback Thursdays at 10 PM*

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**801**

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

**Aqua**

*Live Singer at 1 PM*

*Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM*

*Karaoke at 11 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

*Boys Night Out starting at 10 PM*

**Saloon 1**

*Cock Shock contest at Midnight*

**Side Bar**

*RuPaul Viewing Party at 8 PM*

*Late Night Dance Party at 11 PM*

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**S A T U R D A Y**  
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**801**

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

**Aqua**

*Live Singer at 1 PM*

*Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM*

*Karaoke at 11 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Naked Pool Party at Noon*

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

**Side Bar**

*Dance Party at 10 PM*

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**S U N D A Y**  
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**801**

*Karaoke starting at 4 PM*

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

**Aqua**

*Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM*

**Back Bar**

*Hot Dog Church at 3 PM*

*Sunday Night Football at 8 PM*

**Bourbon**

*After Tea 7 PM - 10 PM*

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

**Island House**

*Hot Naked Pool Party starting at Noon*

**Side Bar**

*After Tea Dance at 7 PM*

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**L O C A T I O N S**  
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**801** - 801 Duval Street

**Aqua** - 711 Duval Street

**Back Bar** - 711 Duval Street

**Bourbon** - 724 Duval Street

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# ASK NANA

*E-mail your questions to*  
[nana@keywestgayrag.com](mailto:nana@keywestgayrag.com)



*Dear Nana,*

*Do you have any old school tips or tricks for losing weight and being healthy in the new year? Thanks so much!*

First of all, why do they have to be "old school"... because I'm old?! Just kidding, the only new advice I have is, if you have a vagina, enjoy it while it's moist. Because once she dries up it's like a frictional forest fire down there. Now that's I've grossed out many of the men who read this, let's get back to your inquiry. The most important thing you can do to start a new year fit and healthy is to not drink, drug, and devour your way through the holidays.



Did you succeed at that? No. No, you didn't. Now you're hungover and fatted up like a pig for slaughter. So off to the Dry January crash course ya go! But, to be honest, the best thing you can do for your health and happiness is consistency. A 30 day fast is fine. But cutting back, regulating, or even eliminating some unhealthy behaviors 12 months of the year will have a much bigger impact on the ever-new you. Maybe don't reward yourself with a cookie for every little thing you do? Walking to the CVS to get your blood pressure medication does not merit a treat. The not dying from a stroke is supposed to be the treat there. Best of luck to you, fatty! And, may the odds be ever in your favor!

*Dear Nana,*

*I broke up with my boyfriend for the new year. He recently matched with me on a dating site and sent me a text that said, "wow, really? Already back out there looking to ruin someone else?!" How do I respond to that?*

Wow. Where to begin? I guess lets start with I can't believe his biggest issue with you this month is that you've reactivated you eHarmony account. I mean, on New Year's Eve you basically counted down to kicking him in the cunt and he's mad you're wading back into the dating pool? Seems like you two might be made for each other actually... in that dark but



appropriate way where we all have a friend-couple that is dark as fuck but appropriate for each other. I don't think you need to, or should, say anything to him. You broke up with him so it's a little more on you to make sure there is a clean-cut from each other. The person who is dumped always comes circling back a few times more than the person who does the dumping. So, I'd make sure you're playing your role in the end of this relationship to the best of your abilities. Also, I might not mention on your next few dates that you "broke up with your boyfriend for the new year." It's sounds a lot more maniacal than you probably intend it to... you complete sociopath. Anyway... may the odds be ever in your favor!

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

Your breath is so bad even people on the phone notice.

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

As you talk, people are waiting for intermission.

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

You're a self made man. You should have used an expert.

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

If you gain any more weight you'll need the belt size "equator"

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

When people keep saying "Wow" to you, it's not a compliment.

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

Wisdom has been chasing you, but you've always been faster.

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

You're like a school in July, no class.

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

You're such a slut you've been rated "E" for Everyone.

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

Your weight goal should be one chin.

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

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