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#### YOUR GLBT GUIDE TO KEY WEST

## **GAY RAG**

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#### Welcome to Paradise!

This month we premier our newest writer "Chewy" with his Keys Dining & Entertainment column.

Each month, Chewy will take you into at least one Key West restaurant and report back on the entire experience.

Check out this new column on page 21.

Enjoy!

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## Ask Nana

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Dear Nana,

Like most people, I always make resolutions for the New Year. And most of the time I stick with then for a month or two and then they fade away. But each year I try to start the New Year by getting healthy... I know, I'm not the only one. I head back to the gym, I clean up my diet, and maybe I try something new. But each year my boyfriend makes fun of me for even attempting all this stuff. He knows I'll fall off the wagon, and he's right, but I feel like the least he could do is just let me try it. Besides, even if I just go back to the gym for a few months... at least I'll take off the holiday weight, right? Should I just ignore his teasing or should I call him out on it?

Well, my little New Year's Baby, if you're taking the time to write to me, then it's obviously bothering you a little bit. And things that bother you about your man or his behavior shouldn't go undiscussed forever. Especially since you're saying that this is an annual event. It seems like his New Year's resolution each year is to get on your hump about something! In the end, what's the point of having a boyfriend. and putting up with their farting and odd habits, if it's not to have the support you every now and then with your pipe dreams. Who cares if you only stay on your health kick for 5 minutes after the New Year... if he loves you, he shouldn't be opposed to the idea of you taking care of yourself! Would he prefer you just become a giant, diabetic bump on a log?! I would say, when he jabs at you, you jab right back... lovingly, of course. This isn't supposed to be the War of the Roses. But hell, if he can dish it out, he damn well better be able to take it. And you might want to remind him that the fastest way to lose 180 lbs. is by getting rid of a bitchy boyfriend...

Okay. I know that when it comes to sex there is something to be said for the number of orgasms you give in relation to the number of orgasms you receive. But is the same true for oral sex? For instance, I cum really easily when my boyfriend blows me... like 3 minutes or less. But when I blow him, he takes forever... like sometimes 15-20 minutes. And it isn't that I'm not good at it, he says that he's always been this way. So I'm just wondering if my blowjobs should really count for more than one because they're so much more involved.

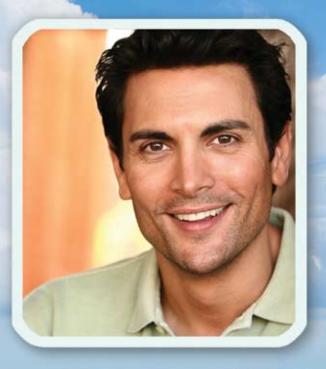
I'm sorry, are you literally keeping score?! Listen, little one, all orgasms are counted equally. It's like the New York City Marathon: everyone gets a medal for making it over the finish line, whether they did it in two hours or twenty two hours; it counts! And for someone who is fixated on oral, I think you're being way too anal about all this. I mean, not only have you already taken the time to



figure out how many licks it takes to get to the center of the tootsie pop... now you want extra credit for it! If you love this guy, then it takes what it takes to get him to pop. It isn't a race and you don't get a higher grade for finishing first. But if you're that obsessed with "going Dutch" down there, then, when he's blowing you, think of dead puppies or me naked and that should help you last longer... as some sort of odd punishment for his not cumming within your allotted time frame.

Do you have problems? Of course you do!! Why not let Nana help you?! Send your questions to:
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Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

**KWest** 

Men dancing for men starting at 10 PM

#### TUESDAY

904

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bourbon

America's Got Talent on the big screen at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

**KWest** 

Men dancing for men starting at 10 PM



801-801 Duval St.



Bobby's- 900 Simonton St.



Bourbon- 724 Duval St.

#### WEDNESDAY

#### 801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

#### Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

#### **KWest**

Men dancing for men starting at 10 PM

#### THURSDAY

#### 801

Karaoke starting at 5 PM
Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

#### Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

#### Bourbon

Movie Madness in the Garden Bar starting at 8 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

#### KWest

Men dancing for men starting at 10 PM

#### FRIDAY

#### 801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

#### Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

#### Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

#### **KWest**

Men dancing for men starting at 10 PM

#### **One Saloon**

Cock Shock contest starting at Midnight



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KWest- 705 Duval St.

#### SATURDAY

#### 801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

#### Bourbon

Pool Party starting at 1 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Amateur Strip at Midnight

#### **KWest**

Men dancing for men starting at 10 PM

#### SUNDAY

#### 801

Karaoke starting at 5 PM Gay Bingo starting at 5 PM Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

#### Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

#### Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

#### **Island House**

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#### **KWest**

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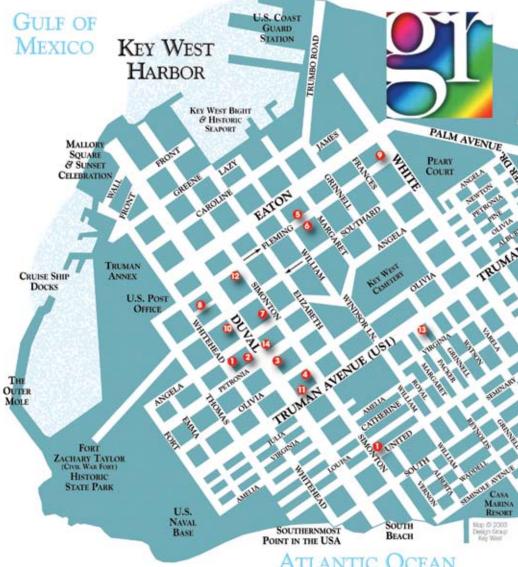
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#### Happy New Queer

by: Brad Lockle



It's here! It's here! Finally the year everyone's been talking about is finally upon us. Not since the Y2K-hole that the whole world was convinced was going bring on Terminator-esque digital Armageddon, have we been so worked up over four digits. Except, that is, unless you play "Play 4" lottery tickets. And if you do, please, by all means feel free to throw that money in an envelope and send it to me instead. You have about as much chance of me giving you back 40 million dollars as you do the state of Florida giving it to you. And at least if you send it to me, I might text you a dirty picture or a fun joke or something. So think about it.

But all this got me to thinking: What's really in a "year", anyway? And no, Rhett and JB, this is not a musical cue for you two sing that damn song from "Rent". But I digress...

The truth is, I think it's time the gays made up our own calendar. The Jews have their own calendar, as do the Asians (I'm sure you all got the new Asian calendar recently in your Chinese delivery order), and we all know the Mexicans... er... I mean Mayans have their own calendar, because that shit's about end (apparently, along with the world). So I think we gays should reinvent the wheel, yet again, and follow our own calendar. When you think about it, gay life doesn't even fit the current hetero layout of seasons and holidays anyway.

Let's start with the obvious: we already know that Halloween is universally "Gay Christmas", so that's settled. We'll group Straight Thanksgiving & Christmas together and call it Family Month. Much like Lent to the Catholics, it will be a time of somber thoughts, light mourning and giving up all the things we love (the gay shit) to be closer to our families. This will

make Straight New Year's Eve still a day of celebration for the gays... but not because it's a new Year, but rather because we don't have to see the creepier members of our family for at least another 6-12 months (Easter being the variable for lapsed Catholics & WASPS). Valentine's Day, straight or gay, can go fuck itself, period. The South can have Fantasy Fest officially recognized as a national holiday. And since Columbus screwed over Florida first, we'll use this as our substitute for Straight Columbus Day. Straight Fourth of July will mark the peak of the gay season in the NorthEast (Fire Island & P-Town) and is similar to Straight Independence Day, as it's the time of year when so many of our own people celebrate their independence from sobriety, dignity and any good sense whatsoever.

This leaves OUR New Year's to fall on each state or regions' Gay Pride. Pride is the time we come together with friends, celebrate the last year of our gay lives, and so on. Plus it is usually the day after Pride that gay men start making all their resolutions and false promises... to both themselves and whatever it is they woke up next to that morning. Plus this means that our Calendar will have no less than 6 potential New Year's celebrations in one calendar year. Which makes us a lot like dogs when it comes to the passage of time. But we have a lot of other stuff in common with dogs too, so what the hell.

So that's my theory. Knock it around a little, let me know what you think and let's get it ready to roll out in 2013. That is, of course if the Mexicans don't kill up all with this 2012 stuff!

Brad Loekle is a comedian based out of NYC. He can be seen Thursday nights on TruTV's "World's Dumbest" at 9PM & produces the longest running weekly gay comedy show in New York.

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#### KEYS DINING & Entertainment

#### BY CHEWY

For a real tropical 'wow' factor and sheer romance, it's hard to beat Latitudes on Sunset Key. Oh, and the food ain't bad either!!

Since its opening, Latitudes has had some fits and starts, but seems to have really found its rhythm as a top rated restaurant and should be on everyone's must-go list. In some ways, it's an 'occasion' restaurant for us Key Westers, but it's really too

good to save only for a special birthday or date.

Last night's dinner was a good example of how to treat yourself. There were four of us which made tasting a variety of menu items easy. But before I tell you about the food, did I mention the word 'martini'?!?!

Our handsome waiter reeled off four or five varieties of Absolut's

finest. One of our party opted for a classic one with only a couple of cocktail onions (which makes it officially an Absolut Gibson). I'm more of purist too, but the coconut martinis seemed to be pretty popular at more than a couple of tables – or at least from the umbrellas in the glass, that's what I think they were drinking!

In terms of service, Latitudes really has found its mojo – from the welcoming smile of the very lovely hostess to the unobtrusive but steady stream of wait staff taking orders, bringing delicious breads and compound butters and food, the flow was flawless.

When it came to actually placing our orders, to call





our table high maintenance isn't totally fair but close. None of us actually ordered specifically what was on the menu. For instance, one of my companions opted for a Surf & Surf (combining big out-of-shell stone claws with a lobster tail) instead the usual Surf & Turf which had been offered. Another companion veggies switched around his while substituted a side. The whole point being - our handsome (there's that adjective again!) waiter noted all accurately, and we were served exactly as ordered without a glitch. Pretty amazing all things considered.

The grouper encrusted with almond seemed to be the real home run of the table – a wonderfully crispy crust with a perfectly cooked piece of fish that had

the buttery texture of lobster. Now that's hard to beat except maybe by my own beef filet which was ordered rare and came to the table exactly that way.

Of course, what do you really most remember about a great meal? – dessert! We four shared two (increased in portions for the sharing) – beignets that were so light it seemed as though you were eating crispy puffs of air (albeit with a great sauce). The

table's cookie maven pretty much demolished the whole plate of them but the crumb I did taste was tasty indeed.

All in all, Latitudes is a must-go kind of place; big on tropical ambiance that's hard to find south of Little Palm Island. For a special occasion or just because you deserve it, don't miss an opportunity to visit. And oh, don't forget about those Absolut martinis!







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Pisces Feb 19 – Mar 20

It's evident that you're a very good cook... or, more accurately, it's evident that you ate every single thing you cooked for the holidays

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 19

I guess you missed the memo that all the water conservation requirements are over. Perhaps you should consider taking a shower now.

Taurus Apr 20 – May 20

Congratulations. You've won a free makeover. Fortunately, Andrew Dan Jumbo is in town!

Gemini May 21 – Jun 20

Season if almost here so you may finally get laid. Then again, don't hold your breath.

Cancer Jun 21 – Jul 22

Years ago, everything was getting smaller. Now it seems everything is getting bigger. Bigger televisions, bigger cruise ships, bigger airplanes, and your waist!

Leo Jul 23 – Aug 22

Now that the holidays are over, you can finally do some things for yourself. You could start with a hair transplant. They can take the donor follicles from your back.

Virgo Aug 23 – Sep 22

"Winter Weight" applies to those that live in colder climates and don't get out much in the winter. You have no excuse.

Libra Sep 23 – Oct 22

So you've been telling people you exercise every day? Making the walk of shame every morning doesn't count as exercise.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 21

Don't be depressed just because you have no close friends. You have a lot of friends that care about you a great deal, they just won't get close due to your bad breath.

Sagittarius Nov 22 – Dec 21

Fortunately for you, it gets dark so early now. You look better in the dark.

Capricorn

Dec 22 – Jan 19
The FDA has decided that you should carry an informational warning just like medicines have

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