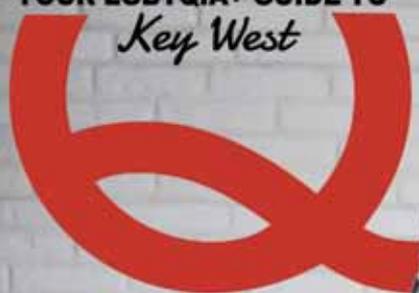


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Enjoy!

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The word costume isn't exactly correct when referencing the type of outfits worn for the most popular festival in the Keys. Yes, Fantasy Fest is back again and we locals expect it to be noteworthy this year. I participate as a voyeur only because I'm more talk than action when it comes to public nudity. I applaud the concept and the cajones it takes to get full body painted (they are required to wear panties) but my body and I are working on our relationship and not seeing other people right now. Perhaps someday. However, with no covid restrictions to speak of, the city is back to "normal" and everyone is here for it. With one minor change...

It sounds like there will be a Fantasy Fest Zone (essentially all of Duval St) that will be an attempt to contain the brush-stroked breasts this year. Within that zone is 22&Co bar at 504 Angela St. Snuggled up to Sidebar at Aquaplex, this is not a lesbian bar per say but it is a place you should check out anyway. It's their golden birthday, you know, being 2022 and all! This bar may be most enjoyed by the

locals, surprisingly! We love a good tutu opportunity!! Sexuality and gender are fairly fluid concepts once you're through the door. To be honest the only things that matter here are glitter (wherever you may wear it), a fabulous tutu (sometimes there are even incentives if you're wearing a tutu from one of the barstools - bonus points if you have your own!!) and adventurous cocktails featuring peanut butter and distinctive amounts of glitter. The peanut butter martini is an absolute raving favorite!

If you're in town for Fantasy Fest, make this one of your stops on the way to the Women's only clothing optional parties at Poké in the Rear that pop up from time to time or to listen to Renee - our local lesbian crooner - in the front bar of Aqua from 4-6. Drink some glitter martinis and then get back out there into the party zone while strutting your newly glittered self - everything will have glitter on it or in it once at 22&Co, even your whiskey!

Lez Go Out and enjoy the full frontal resurgence of Fantasy Fest this year! I'll be wearing my tutu, drinking the best glitter cocktail in town and watching the painted frivolity in the Zone. See you there!



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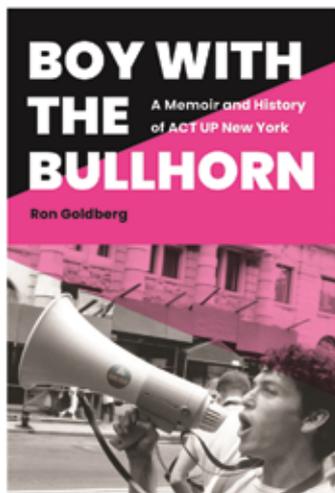


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"BOY WITH THE BULLHORN: A MEMOIR AND HISTORY OF ACT UP NEW YORK"

BY RON GOLDBERG

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The sign above your head shows what's going on inside it.

Last night, you made the sign with a slogan, firm words, a poke to authority – and now you carry it high, yelling, marching, demanding that someone pay attention. Now. Urgently. As in the new book, "Boy with the Bullhorn" by Ron Goldberg, change is a-coming.

He'd never done anything like it before.

But how could he not get involved? Ron Goldberg had read something about ACT UP, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power,

and he heard they were holding a rally near his workplace. It was 1987, he'd never participated in anything like that before, but whispers were everywhere. He and his friends were "living under a pervasive cloud of dread."

He "was twenty-eight years old... scared, angry, and more than a little freaked out" about AIDS, he says.

Couldn't he at least go down and hold a sign?

That first rally led Goldberg to attend a meeting which, like most, as he came to realize, were raucous and loud and "electric." Because he was "living fully 'out and proud,'" and because he realized that this was an issue "worth fighting for," he became even more involved with ACT UP by attending larger rallies and helping with organizing and getting

his fellow activists fired up. He observed as women became involved in ACT UP, too. Monday night meetings became, for Goldberg, "the most exciting place in town."

There, he learned how politics mixed with activism, and why ACT UP tangled with the Reagan administration's leaders. He puffed with more than just a little ownership, as other branches of ACT UP began spreading around the country. He learned from ACT UP's founding members and he "discovered hidden talents" of his own by helping.

On his years in ACT UP, Goldberg says, "There was hard work, grief, and anger, surely, but there was also great joy." He was "a witness.

And so, I began to write."

Let's be honest: "Boy with the Bullhorn" is basically a history book, with a little memoir inside. Accent on the former, not so much on the latter.

Author Ron Goldberg says in his preface that Larry Kramer, who was one of ACT UP's earliest leaders encouraged him to pull together a timeline for the organization and this book is the end-result of the task. It's very detailed, in sequential order and, as one reads on, it's quite repetitive, differing basically in location. It's not exactly a curl-up-by-the-fire read.

Readers, however – and especially older ones who remember the AIDS crisis – won't be able to stop scanning for Goldberg's memories and tales of being a young man at a time when life was cautiously care-free. The memories – which also act as somewhat of a gut-wrenching collection of death-notices – are sweet, but also bittersweet.

This book is nowhere near a vacation kinda book but if you've got patience, it's worth looking twice. Take your time and you'll get a lot from "Boy with the Bullhorn." Rush, and it might just go over your head.

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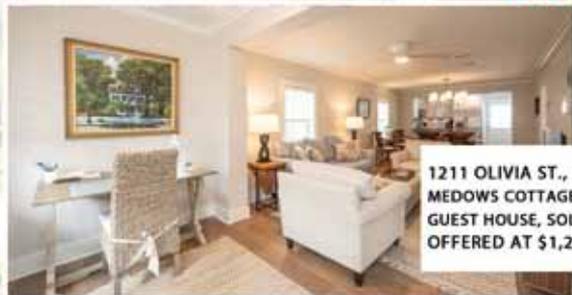
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I have been entirely taken over by watching TikTok. I don't enjoy making TikToks as much as I enjoy watching them... endlessly. I resisted even looking at TikTok for the longest time but gave in when one would expect me to: after reading an article that said, "Judi Dench says she loves TikTok and it kept her sane during the pandemic lockdown." Well! Count me in!

But unlike other apps that I scroll through constantly, while avoiding the blank page that I should be filling, I only follow one kind of account on TikTok. Animals. Just animals. If you're a human you can fuck all the way off to Facebook. TikTok now has me in deeply committed relationships with so many animals. Do you have any idea how many goldfish I follow on TikTok? Twelve. Twelve different goldfish who have nothing to do with each other. And it doesn't stop there. I follow: morbidly obese cats on their weight loss journey, turtles, sharks, a pig with a drinking problem, Brutus the manatee, a corgi with anxiety disorders, an alpaca from a broken home, an African snail who is a foodie, and wombats! Dear God, do I follow a lot of wombats. Have you watched wombats?! No... you probably haven't and I'm here to tell you that you aren't living a full life yet. Wombats are Australian pig-dog-bears

that keep a tidy house, waddle around like drunk toddlers, and just want humanity to leave them alone. Am I a wombat?! Oh, and also, they shit perfect cubes. I'm not kidding... Google it! These little claw-footed meatballs shit out perfect little mini-Rubik's cubes.

So, no, I'll be having no more human storylines in my life. So don't come to me about how Steven broke your heart. I don't care what Steven did. I do care that Gary the Octopus wants to thank the man who freed him from a piece of plastic sea-trash; so, he keeps bringing the man shiny bits of sea glass. That is what love looks like, Deborah! Not whatever bullshit 1-800-Flowers bouquet Steven sent you after he called you by his mom's name in bed. You need to go find a man who loves you like an octopus, girl!

All that begin said, I'll still watch a TikTok where a guy chops wood almost naked... or does almost anything almost naked. I'm not entirely dead inside. Yet.

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

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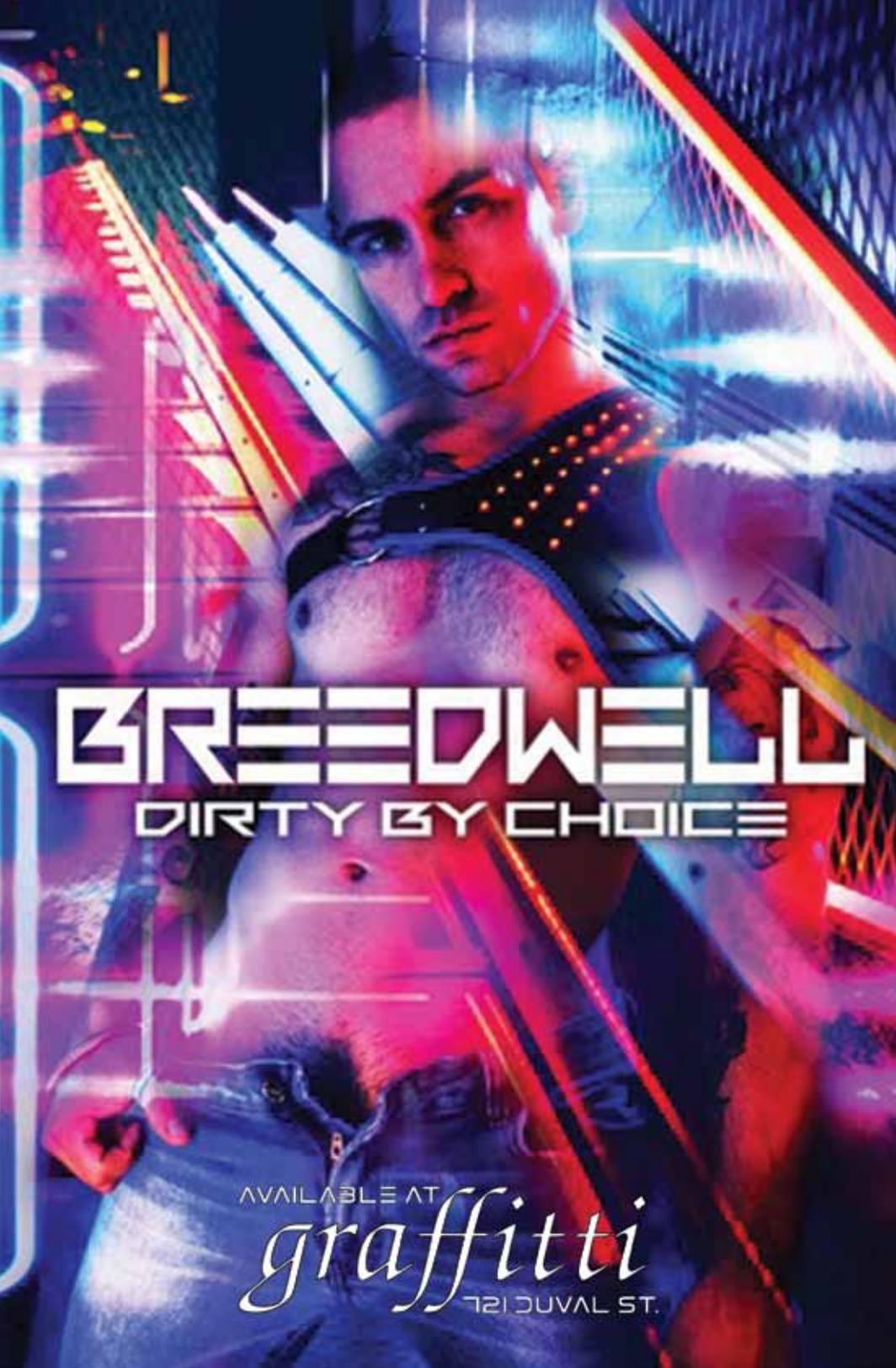
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Looks like one of the local bars got a good purge last month and we don't mean employees like usual. Now even the termites are suffering from the housing crisis in Key West.

Monkeypox has everyone running to the health department, which is probably a good thing, though we did see a quite a few in "monogomous" relationships rushing in as well. Explaining the rash after the latest shot has some interesting stories to their partner. We heard spider bite, burned on a pan, fell off a scooter, and our favorite, had holy water spashed on them.

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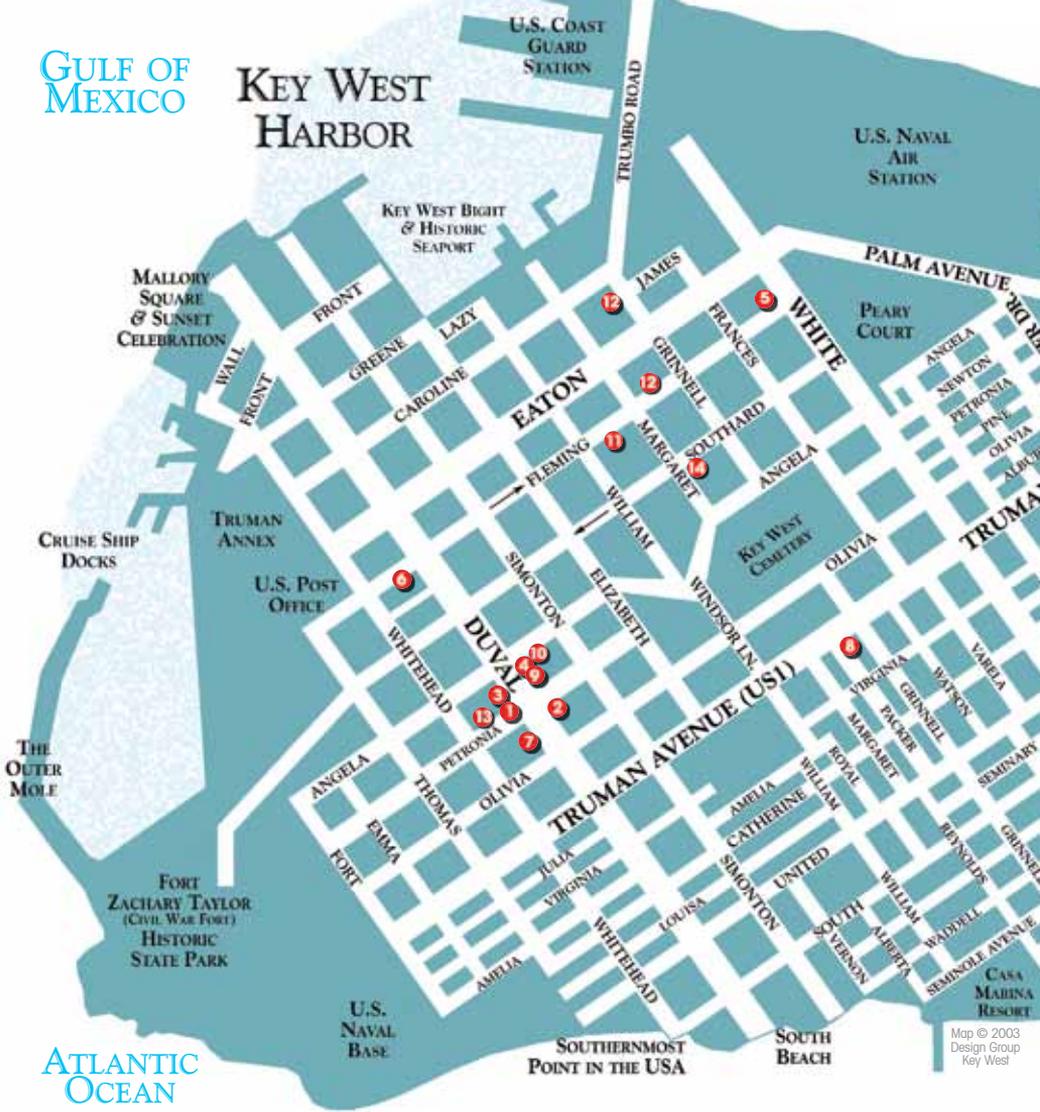
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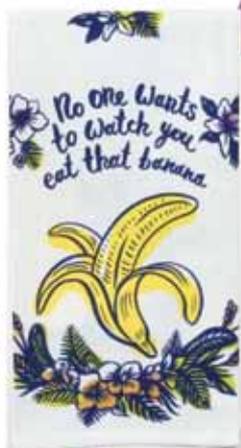
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Drag Show at 9:00 PM

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

TUESDAY

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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

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Drag Show at 9:00 PM

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*Bria singing live at 8:00 PM
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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

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

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Island House

Hot Naked Pool Party starting at 5 PM

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Club 504

DJ Nastico at 10:00 PM

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Jeff Moss singing live at 8:00 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

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

Club 504

Latin Vibes at 10:00 PM

Bourbon

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Boys Night Out starting at 10 PM

Saloon 1

Cock Shock contest at Midnight

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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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Karaoke starting at 5 PM

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

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Epiphany sings live at 4:00 PM

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Club 504

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Hot Naked Pool Party starting at Noon

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Dear Nana,

My mother is highly superstitious. And she goes crazy if you don't follow her superstitions. It's a little embarrassing and I tend not to introduce friends or people I'm dating to her because of it. How can I get her to lighten up on the make-believe stuff?

Maybe don't try to convince her that her superstitions are just that. We are what we believe in, to a great extent, and belief is a powerful drug. Instead, consider having a heart to heart with her about how her militant nature around her beliefs impacts you as her child. I'm sure she doesn't want to push you away with her superstitions. And if all else fails, just jump on a crack and call it a day!



Dear Nana,

My boyfriend has a sneaker addiction. He has over 100 pairs of sneakers that he meticulously maintains and cares for. Sometimes I think he cares more about his sneaker collection than he does me. How do I get him to spend less time with his obsession and more time with me?

Well, let's call it an obsession not an addiction. Mainly because you've never caught him sucking dick in a truck stop to pay for his sneakers. Or, at least, I hope you haven't. Until he hits that new low, we'll call it an obsession. But it is equally unhealthy and painful when someone puts material objects before the people in their life. Maybe he doesn't realize he's doing it.

He obviously gets a lot of joy from his collection and, sometimes, when we're receiving joy from something our eyes are clouded as to how that something impacts the people around us. Talk with him. Dangle a sneaker in front of your face if helps him focus. But if you're not getting what you need out of the relationship, it is always fair to put voice to that. He can have his sneakers without walking all over you like a door mat.



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TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20

You know you're ugly when it comes to a group picture and they hand you the camera.

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20

Have you figured out what you will be for Halloween, other than drunk?

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22

You wouldn't be so fat if you stopped eating at places that have the word "super size" anywhere on the menu.

LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22

For you, looking in the mirror is like watching the news, you're always going to find some new developments.

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22

You know you're hideous when people dress like you for Halloween.

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22

Does everyone just assume you have a great personality because your so fat?

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21

Your co-workers got you a "get better soon" card, but you haven't been sick.

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