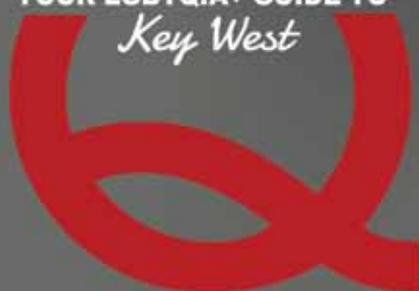


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For more information about Bone Island Bare It All Weekend, check out [www.nakedkeywest.com](http://www.nakedkeywest.com)

Enjoy!

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*Stephanie Wise*

# LEZ GO OUT



**L**ooking for something different this year to give your sweetheart. Maybe something that doesn't buzzzzzzzzzz. I mean, how many different colors do you need? Don't get me wrong, variety is absolutely the spice of life but the damn box is full, ladies. You need to step into In Touch With You - Gift Shop directly across from Aqua Nightclub on Duval St in Key West. This shop is such a blast. Unlike most of the gay gift shops in town that cater to the men, In Touch has all kinds of fun political, lesbian and rainbow themed gifts. My personal favorite is the Betty White ornament and the lesbian-centric cards. They have tutus, boas, rainbow stickers, rainbow wine glasses and sarcastic cards for everyone. Yes, the mermen are more for the guys but this small gay shop is just phenomenal. Across the street, for your bondage and boy-gift needs, you have Grafitti! The selection is constantly changing and they are a staple on Duval St! You know, for all of your gay husbands.

After you've done your shopping, go get yourself a 22&Co glitter tumbler. They're right next door to Sidebar, just look for the glitter on the ground out front.

I am OBSESSED with mine. It's a Yeti style tumbler that has been dipped and dusted with glitter to keep in kind with the theme of the bar where everything has glitter on it. They offer different styles and you're definitely one of the cool girls if you have one. Say hi to Jen (the owner) while you're in and give the bartenders gentle hell. They are fabulously fun and have the most funky drinks on the island to choose from.

No matter what gift you find on the island whether it buzzes, sparkles, holds liquid or does all of the above, the perfect gift is always a VACATION to the island. Just stuff that little leather sock on a g-string from Graffiti with a two or three night stay at one of the gay guest houses like Alexander's Guest House or La Te Da and you can find your accessories while you're in town. Stick around for New Year's Eve for a real treat!! No one does NYE like Key West! That could be the best gift you could give each other this year...

Whatever you do this Holiday season, Lez Go Out and be Mary & Gay! Happy end of 2022 everyone (thank goodness)! See you in 2023!!

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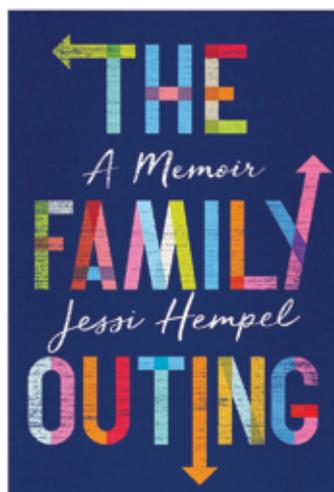
# BEACH READS



LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*

## "THE FAMILY OUTING: A MEMOIR" BY JESSI HEMPEL

c.2022, HarperOne | \$27.99 | 320 pages



Don't tell the children.

For most families in America in the last century, that was the maxim to live by: the kids are on a need-to-know basis and since they're kids, they don't need to know. And so what did you miss? Did you know about familial philanthropy, rebellion, embarrassment, poverty? As in the new memoir, "The Family Outing" by Jessi Hempel, did secrets between parent and child run both ways?

"What happened to me?"

That's the big question Jessi Hempel had after many therapy sessions to rid herself of a recurring nightmare. She had plenty of good memories. Her recollection of growing up in a secure family with two siblings was sharp, wasn't it?

She thought so – until she started what she called "The Project."

With permission from her parents and siblings, Hempel set up Skype and Zoom sessions and did one-on-one interviews with her family, to try to understand why her parents divorced, why her brother kept mostly to himself, how the family dynamics went awry, why her sister kept her distance, and how secrets messed everything up.

Hempel's father had an inkling as a young man that he was gay, but his own father counseled him to hide it. When he met the woman who would eventually be his wife, he was delighted to become a husband

and father, as long as he could sustain it.

Years before, Hempel's mother was your typical 1960s teenager with a job at a local store, a crush on a slightly-older co-worker and, coincidentally, a serial killer loose near her Michigan neighborhood. Just after the killer was caught, she realized that the co-worker she'd innocently flirted with might've been the killer's accomplice.

For nearly the rest of her life, she watched her back.

One secret, one we-don't-discuss-it, and a young-adult Hempel was holding something close herself. What else didn't she know? Why did she and her siblings feel the need for distance? She was trying to figure things out when the family imploded...

Ever had a dream that won't stop visiting every night? That's where author Jessi Hempel starts this memoir, and it's the perfect launching point for "The Family Outing."

Just prepare yourself. The next step has Hempel telling her mother's tale for which, at the risk of being a spoiler, you'll want to leave the lights on. This account will leave readers good and well hooked, and ready for the rest of what turns out to be quite a detective story.

And yet, it's a ways away from the Sherlockian. Readers know what's ahead, we know the score before we get there, but the entwining of five separate lives in a fact-finding mission makes this book feel as though it has a surprise at every turn.

Sometimes, it's a good surprise. Sometimes, it's a bad one.

A happily minimized amount of profanity and a total lack of overtness make "The Family Outing" a book you can share with almost anyone, adult, or ally. Read it, and you'll be wanting to tell everyone.

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# MY BIG GAY LIFE

*Brad Loekle*



## FELIZ NAVIDAD, INDEED!

With the holidays right around the corner, I recently went on my annual holiday shopping cruise to Mexico. You see, there are two kinds of people in my life: the very rich and the very poor. Much like in America itself, the Middle Class seems to have died out in my social circle. So, what do you get for people who either have everything or nothing at all? And, for me, over the years, that answer has always been Xanax. I don't know many people... other than the ones who are in recovery... who DON'T like getting any amount of Xanax in their stocking. It really is the new "scented candle" when it comes to universally accepted presents. Normally, I take a cruise down the Mexican coast and pick up a bottle here and a bottle there. I like locally sourcing from different Farmacias and exploring the pricing options from village to village. Vintage is, of course, always a concern as some will try to sell the more naïve tourist expired or nearly-expired bottles. Can you imagine how embarrassed Santa would be?!

Well, in the first few days of the trip I'd gotten word that a friend of mine had died very suddenly. So, I wasn't in a particularly festive mood. Instead of shopping lightly in each port, I decided to get all my shopping done at once in Puerto Vallarta. I went to one of my favorite Farmacias that tends to have specials this time of year. Well, any time of year depending on how much you're spending. This day, it turned out you could get 6 bottles of Xanax for the price of 5! So, I picked up 12- 90 pill/2mg xannie bar bottles. Now, I'm no accountant, but one of the people on my Christmas list is and they assure me that this all adds up to a little over 1,000 pills. Feliz Navidad, Indeed!

On the way back to the ship, my mind wondered as thought of my friend and how we both loved Puerto Vallarta. My mind wandered so

much that it forgot to transfer all the pills from the Mexican bottles to empty bottles for my own prescriptions of various medications. Cruise ship security, for the first time ever, pulls me aside to ask me about gross tonnage of pills I seem to have in my beach bag. I'm now deeply regretting letting my mind wander in the taxi. I tell the Shri Lankan security guard that they are replacements for the medications I'm out of and casually reference the empty, orange bottles with my name on them. He asks what the medication is for. I decide to go with: Gout. Now, that is, in fact, what two of my regular medications are for. But my hope here is that, since most people don't know what gout is, I might be able to still get away with it.

He then asks, "What is gout?"

I explain, "Gout is a disease you get when you're actually too good at enjoying life." I see his face accept my answer as one of the many white-nonsense diseases that only seem to really attack white folk. You know: Gout, seasonal depression, ennui, yacht sadness, that sort of thing.

He then says he has to check with the ship's doctor. But when he gets him on the phone, he mispronounces the name of my actual prescription and the ship's doctor says "Oh that's for depression. It's okay." This leads the guard to say to me, "he said it's for depression but you said gout." To which I said, "trust me. If you have gout, you have depression."

Happy Holigays, everyone!!

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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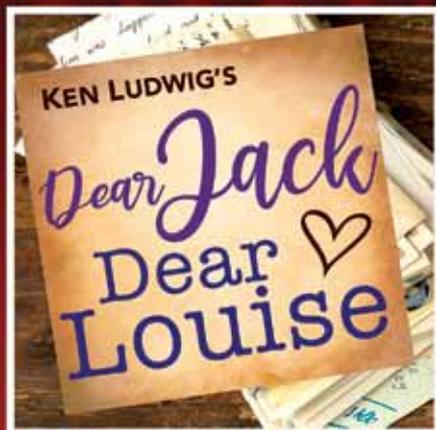
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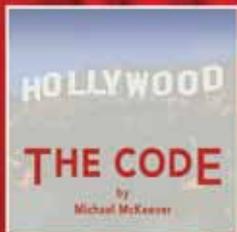


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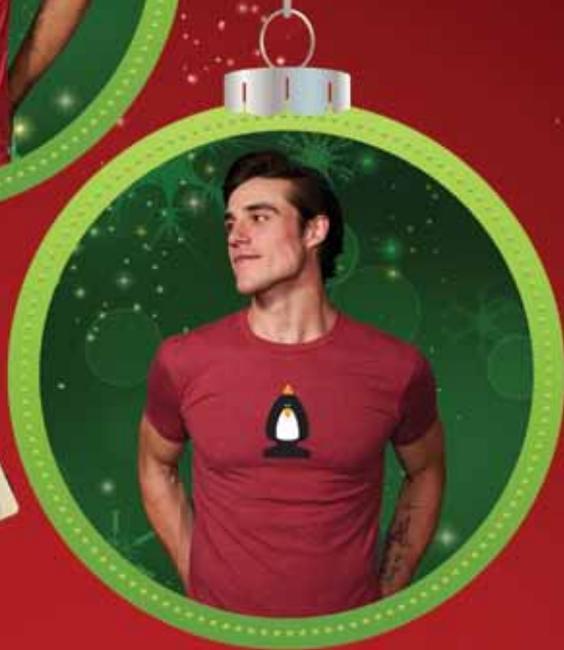


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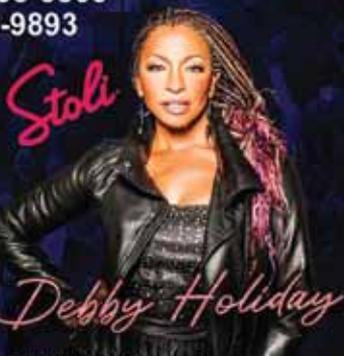
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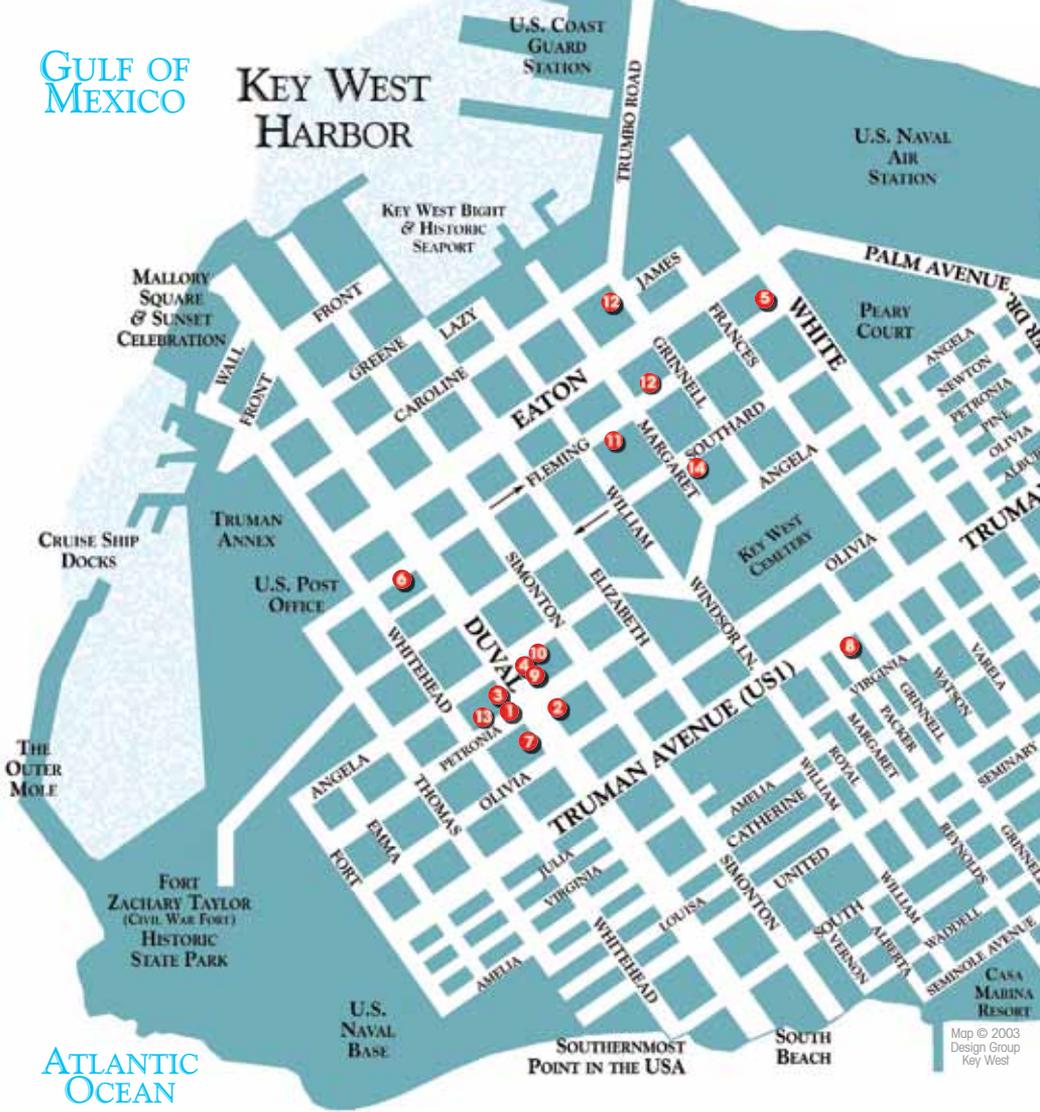
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### **Aqua**

*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**

*SLU-T Sundays w/Donald at 9 PM*

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**Island House** - 1129 Fleming St

**Saloon 1** - 514 Petronia St

Naked Men, welcome to  
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2022



Pup (Kevin) and I (The Naked Realtor) are extremely happy to welcome everyone to Bone Island Bare It All. With July's event being a crazy and very fun success, we are again excited to see all our returning friends and to introduce to the newcomers our weekend of all-male naturist fun as only Key West can offer! We promise you will leave after the weekend with new friends, new experiences, and probably a little worn out. We hope you will enjoy all the fun we have in store for you.

Bone Island was started in December 2006 as a way to gather naturist men for a weekend of camaraderie and to share with them the beauty and fun of Key West. Now starting our 15th year it wouldn't happen without the support and encouragement of my friends in the local community. This event is without question a community effort and I thank all our business partners for their continued assistance. They welcome us on their properties with open arms, and their staff provide us fantastic venues to enjoy our weekend together. During your weekend, please show your support to all our sponsors and partners, including the servers and service people who are working hard to make sure you have a fun and comfortable visit.

We very proud of how far Bone Island Bare It All has come since the first weekend in 2006. Each time, more men discover our unique brand of fun and go home telling their naked friends about it. I'm also thrilled with our distinction as one of The Huffington Post's "Top 13 LGBT things to do in 2013" and 2015. Finally, thank YOU for making Bone Island Bare It All the joy it is. Without you guys, I'd just be sitting in my backyard naked, as I experienced in 2020. So, thanks for choosing to make the trip down the Keys. Remember the sunscreen and to play safe. Enjoy our Bone Island!

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5PM - 7PM

### GREET THE MEAT HAPPY HOUR

Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, Free

Welcome to Bone Island! Our host, Dean Townsend, the "Naked Realtor," welcomes new and old friends at our kick off cocktail hour. Complimentary appetizers.



10PM – Until

### THE BLACK PARTY

Saloon One, 504 Petronia Street at Duval Street, \$20 (free with pass)

Key West's leather bar welcomes back Bone Island for an evening of dark fun. Show off your kink.



# Schedule of Events



LATE NIGHT

## HAPPY ENDING PARTY

Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, \$50 (free with pass)

For when the parties are done but you're not.



## Friday, December 2

1PM - 5PM

## THE GARDEN PARTY

Bourbon St. Pub, 724 Duval Street, \$20 (free with pass)

Enjoy a fun, frisky afternoon in Bourbon's Street Pub's backyard Garden Bar & Pool. Entertainment, music, fun and silliness with afternoon drink specials. Pizza provided. Full cash bar.



9PM - 10:30PM

## DRAG CABARET

801 Bourbon, 801 Duval Street, \$15 (free with pass)

The girls of the 801 Bourbon Cabaret present their famous and funny show. Ever wanted to be the only naked person in the room? This is as close as we can get you. They will have a special seating section available for your naked viewing enjoyment.



10PM - 3AM

## COCKS ROCK

Club 504 | SideBar, 504 Angela Street, \$20 (free with pass)

Our blow out Friday night. Club 504-SideBar will be booming with beats in their renovated club space.



LATE NIGHT

## HAPPY ENDING PARTY

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## Saturday, December 3

10AM - 1PM

## NAKED RETAIL THERAPY

Graffiti, 721 Duval Street, Free

25% discounts off everything in the store during this naked, flash sale.



# Schedule of Events



10AM – 1PM

## OUT NAKED IN TOUCH

In Touch With You, 706-A Duval Street, Free

Visit the store that's just like you – a little classy, a little trashy, & a whole lot of fun! 25% off of everything in one of Key West's oldest and gayest stores!



11AM - 1PM

## THE SWEET SMELL OF LEATHER

Leather Master, 418 Appelrouth Lane, Free

Clothing optional flash sale. Special prices on many kinky creations.



12PM - 5PM

## PENII IN THE POOL

Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, \$50 (free with pass)

The Bone Island boys take over Island House's pool and café for an afternoon of splash-splashy fun.



10PM - Until

## THE RAINBOW BALL | MR NAKED KEY WEST 2023

Bourbon St. Pub, 724 Duval Street, \$30 (free with pass)

Show your pride, flaunt your fabulousness and let your freak flag fly! At midnight we crown Mr Naked Key West 2023. All naked men are welcome to compete.



LATE NIGHT

## HAPPY ENDING PARTY

Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, \$50 (free with pass)

For when the parties are done but you're not.



## Sunday, December 4

12PM – 4PM

## HOT NAKED SUNDAY

Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, \$50 (free with pass)

Our recovery pool party offers a fun afternoon floating in the pool and enjoying brunch in the café.



7PM – 9PM

## KRAZY KARAOKE

801 Bourbon, 801 Duval Street, Free

The fun at 801 Bourbon continues with their zany karaoke kraziness.

\* Not a clothing optional event.

# Schedule of Events



## Sunday, December 4

9PM – until

### ICING ON THE CAKES

Saloon One, 504 Petronia Street at Duval Street, Free

The last official event of Bone Island sends us off in style with a good old fashioned beer bust. \$10 all-you-can-drink beer specials.



LATE NIGHT

### HAPPY ENDING PARTY

Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, \$50 (free with pass)

If you haven't passed out from exhaustion yet, have one more happy ending.



Bone Island  
Bare It All  
2023  
July 5 - 9  
November 30 -  
December 3



# Q Slang

Cheugy - Old, boring. no longer in style, basic.  
Those Sketchers are so Cheugy.

Caught in 4k - Caught doing something wrong.  
She swears she didn't take his car but the Ring  
camera Caught her in 4k.

Sending me - Replaces "I Can't"  
Watching him trip over his own two feet in front  
of everyone is Sending Me.

Bussin' - To describe something that is very good.  
That new episode of Handmaid's Tale is Bussin'

Understood the Assignment - To describe  
someone that's doing very well.  
Look at his new car. He really Understood the  
Assignment.

Rent free - When someone gets in your head.  
You're letting your ex live Rent Free. Forget  
about him and move on.

# WRAP IT UP!

**Santa reminds you to play safe.**

Pick up a condom packet at a Key West guesthouse, nightclub or Duval Street shop.



## CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION AND CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE

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# ASK NANA

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



*Dear Nana,*

*Can you settle a debate for my family? Is there a difference between stuffing and dressing? And if so ,what?*



Sure, darling! It's very simple. Dressing is the side dish of bread and all sorts of savory things that you serve with the turkey and sometimes even put inside the bird. Stuffing is like fisting but you wear turkey-shaped oven mitt to make the whole ordeal more festive. I hope that helps.

*Dear Nana,*

*I completely, accidentally said something about Santa not being real around my sister's little kids and now she is super pissed at me as she tries to dial back what I said so they still have a magical Christmas or two left. What can I do to show I'm sorry?*

Listen, Krampus, honest mistakes are honest mistakes. If she knows you didn't do it intentionally, then she will simmer down in a bit. This is always a stressful time of year for everyone, especially parents of small children. So, I would just text her and earnestly say you're willing to do anything she thinks will help to iron it out. And while you're texting, you could always say, "At least I didn't tell them about the whole God thing?!"



**DO YOU HAVE PROBLEMS? OF COURSE YOU DO! WHY NOT LET NANA HELP YOU?!**

*Send your questions to:* [nana@keywestgayrag.com](mailto:nana@keywestgayrag.com)



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# WHORE--SCOPES

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

With the current cost of energy, you won't even get coal this year.

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

They don't make Febreze strong enough to deal with you.

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

Your crazy is showing. You might want to tuck that back in.

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

You're a miserable person. Is it because of your haircut?

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

Your pants say yoga, but your ass says McDonald's.

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

It's sad that you didn't celebrate Christmas as a kid, but Christ wasn't born yet.

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

You are more disappointing than unsalted potato chips.

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

You're so fat, your car is a food truck.

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

Please take a shower. You're making my glass eye tear up!

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

A body like yours doesn't happen overnight, it takes years and lots of pizza!

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

You haven't lost all of your marbles, but there is a small hole in the bag.

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

A penny for your thoughts seems a little pricey.

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