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Book your future trip now. We would love to hear from you.

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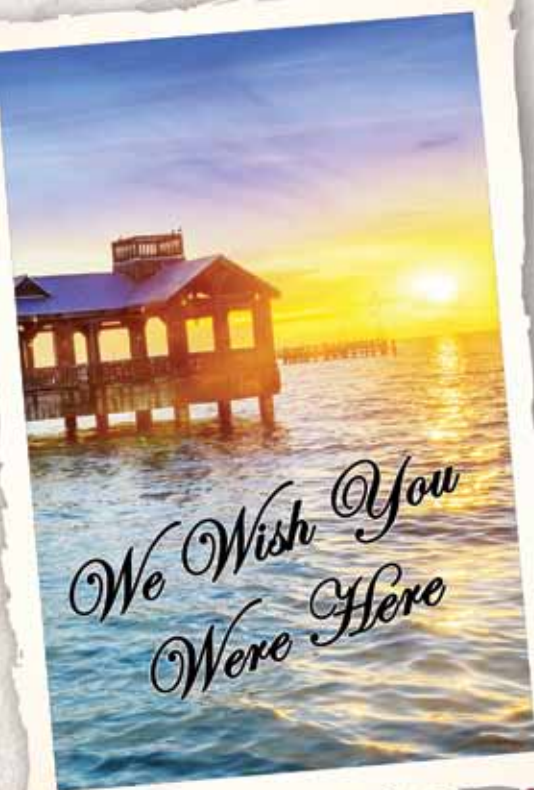
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# Free and Frequent!



Get there. Have fun. Get back.

Key West Bight



**DUVAL LOOP BUS STOPS**

- 1 Caroline & Grinnell
- 2 Caroline & William
- 3 Simonton & Dey
- 4 Whitehead & Greene
- 5 Whitehead & Eaton
- 6 Whitehead & Southard
- 7 Southard (until 10pm)
- 8 Whitehead & Petronia
- 9 Whitehead & Julia
- 10 Whitehead & United
- 11 United & Duval
- 12 Simonton & Catherine
- 13 Simonton & Truman
- 14 Simonton & Petronia
- 15 Simonton & Southard
- 16 Fleming & Elizabeth
- 17 Fleming & Grinnell
- 18 Eaton & White

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# LEZ GO OUT



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Driving down Duval for a date night in our car offered views of darkened windows and empty streets except for the vigilant Key West Police (thank you for everything you do to keep us safe, especially from our selves). Certainly in my lifetime I have never seen, nor could I have imagined a time when Key West would look like a ghost town. Even long time locals and Conchs tell me that it isn't even this quiet after a hurricane. Our little island is self isolating very well.

As we drove down the street the heartbeat of the island murmured in the background. Take Out here... Carry Out there... Free Delivery. I watched a gloved man's face as the masked customer picked up his order and handed him \$20 as a tip. True appreciation. This is who we are.

If you don't know what to do right now and you miss normal life on our island, we Key Westers can still help one another. Find a group on Facebook called To Go Menus Key West. Every single day restaurants post their current menu, take out specials (Margaritaville has an \$10 burger, fries and margarita special that is freaking fabulous) and other ingenious ways to keep their doors open and feed us when we tire of our own home cooking that many of us most likely aren't very practiced at. If you want to give to those out of work completely, find Angela Kay Marino. She is running a Facebook fundraiser to help fund those in the service industry with nothing else to fall back on. She can tell you where the funds go and what they help with. They work their tails off every single day on this island when open. Now we can support them. This is who we are.

We are KeyStrong. This is no different than a hurricane when it comes to our community. I moved here from the Midwest in a U-Haul (like a good lesbian should) and the moment I made this island home I knew the rules. You give back to your community, you take care of each other, you give when others are in need. We are stronger together. So as I drove down Duval St and I watched our backbone hold strong and heard our heartbeat pulse life through our island I was never more proud to live here in this community with all of you. I wouldn't want to be isolating anywhere else.

I hope you are finding ways to connect and keep your moral up. Key West Lesbians is hosting Hotdog Church on Sunday's via Zoom and I've even seen a Karaoke group that has started to hold Zoom Karaoke (which I think is a fabulous idea). We are all still here and as soon as it's safe.... Lez Go Out. This too shall pass...



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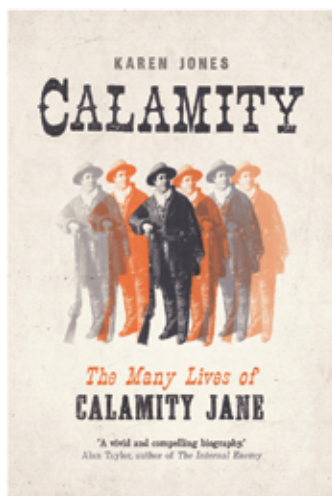
# BEACH READS

LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*



## "CALAMITY: THE MANY LIVES OF CALAMITY JANE" BY KAREN R. JONES

c.2020, Yale University Press | \$28.00 | 303 pages



You can call yourself whatever you want.

Nobody says you can't have a different name every day, if that's your wish. Reinvent your life, create a new past, change your birth year, and tell new stories, nobody cares if you do. Become whoever you want to be but just know that, as in the book "Calamity: The Many Lives of Calamity Jane" by Karen R. Jones, the truth might catch up.

When one thinks of women of the Wild West, the list is short. It's likely that Calamity Jane is toward the top.

Born the first of May in 1852, or possibly 1856, Martha Jane Canary was the oldest child of a "gambler and a 'woman of the lowest grade,'" says Jones. Her parents left Missouri when Martha was a child, and moved to Montana to take advantage of the gold rush there but they didn't even get a taste of its wealth before they both died.

Martha was a teenager then and, to her credit, she did whatever was needed to survive, never staying in one place for very long, living hand-to-mouth in what became a "pathologically itinerant lifestyle" that she maintained on and off for her whole life. It's how she likely got her nickname: calamity followed her from campsite to saloon to jail cell.



By the time she was out of her teens, Calamity Jane's reputation was as wide as the prairie. She boasted about having been a "female scout" but some claims don't follow facts. Canary said that she drove stagecoaches and rode for the Pony Express, but dates don't always match up. In early adulthood, she got into a habit of wearing men's clothing, which caused scandal and titillation for much of her life and which leads to questions of gender fluidity today. There are so many instances where truth differs from legend, in fact, that we may never know the whole story about her...

It's this aspect of "Calamity" that will keep you on your toes: as author Karen R. Jones sifts through the myths and mysteries of Martha Canary's life, we, too, begin to see not just a complex woman but also fascinating (for a western-novel fan) slices of fiction-crushing facts about the Old West.

Perhaps not surprisingly, much of the former centers on Canary's cross-dressing, which Jones admits was common in Canary's day, and not just for her; the difference, perhaps, is that she was unabashed about it. Because she was an anomaly by way of reputation and fame, Old West denizens gossiped about Canary; newspaper accounts mention her mode of dress quite often, and Jones hints at unknowns in her gender identity. Since Canary loved to embellish and because she seemed comfortable with a foot in many worlds, concrete evidence either way is elusively slippery.

Hollywoodization aside – and there's plenty of that, when it comes to Calamity Jane – it seems that the question may remain open. As for something that pulls this tale all together, though, and offers tantalizing reading, find "Calamity" and call it good.

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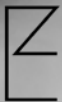
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# MY BIG GAY LIFE

*Brad Loefke*



## QUARANTINE QUEEN

It's been 24 days of quarantine as I write this. I've come to accept that I'm never leaving the house again and, frankly, don't want to. When I went to the supermarket the other day, I felt like the little kid in "ROOM" when he finally escapes and the whole world seems wobbly and dangerous. Oh, also, the supermarkets are still insane. A 70-year-old woman tried to steal the eggs out of my cart. And the fucked-up part is that I was standing next to the egg case and it was still half full. She just decided she wanted MINE. I yanked my cart and said, "Excuse me. Those are my eggs."

Then she goes, "Well you're young you can go get more!"

So, I yanked them out of her gnarled root-looking hand and said, "you're old and already supposed to be home or dead!"

I don't go to the market anymore. At least not that one. There are some good things to the quarantine, so far. Other than, you know, not personally dying. For instance, it's given me time to really experiment with the idea of a "suggested serving size" of most foods. I had 3 dinners yesterday. I might not ever die of COVID-19 but I'm definitely going to be on the next season of "My 600 lb. Life". I should warn you though that it's still best to get dressed in normal work clothes every day. Not for any sense of normalcy. That's long gone, sugar bear! But because I'm telling you that your sweatpants are lying to you. They're making you believe you're not putting on the weight you most definitely are.

Also, I've stopped shaving or trimming most things. She's gone full "outback" kids. She's deep in the bush. I still do some videos on YouTube (a fun new series with my comedic pal Joshua Mann called "Drunk @ The Movies") so I still have to shave my face and head once or twice a week.

But I've really let my YMCA go wild. I honestly had no idea how thick and bushy my crotch could get. It's like a 70's Barbra Streisand headshot down there! Or like a dense deciduous forest. I mean it. I went to jerk off the other day and a Monarch butterfly flew out! I think it was migrating. Even the hair on my balls has gone wild. I'm thinking of macrameing the longer sections into friendship bracelets and sending them to my loved ones.

This time has given me a chance to catch up with family and friends in a way I don't always have time to. In fairness, it shouldn't take a pandemic to make me make time and no one should have had to die to get me on the phone with my college chums. But life is what it is right now and we all have to walk our own path. My dad and I were having a long text conversation. He's a straight dude so texting is often easier for him than talking on the phone. Talking on the phone is for "women"... and me.

He commented how on top of all this pandemic stuff, he saw that it was going to rain where I live in Los Angeles for an entire week. Something that quite literally never happens. I meant to text him: I know, it's almost as if Mother Nature is finally getting back at us for beating her up for the last 100 years!

But it auto corrected to: I know, it's almost as if Mother Nature is finally getting back at us for beating Cher up for the last 100 years!

My Dad's only response was, "I didn't know Cher was 100! Good for her!".

Remember to laugh. Even now... especially now.

Brad Loekle 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 and at [www.bradloekle.com](http://www.bradloekle.com)

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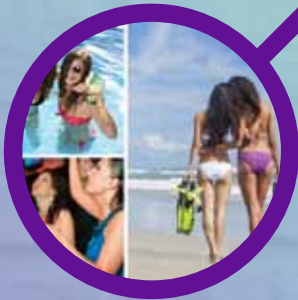


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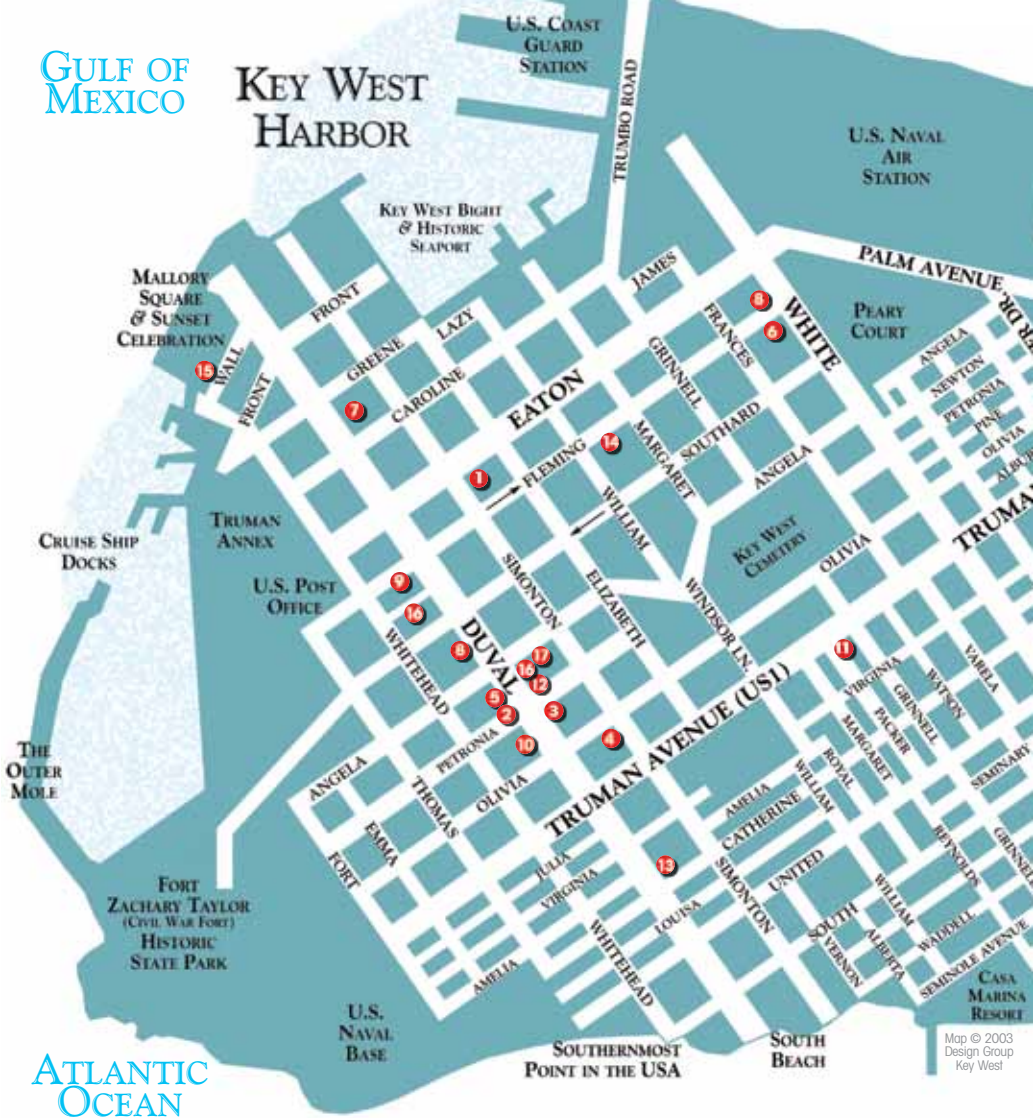
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- 2 Bourbon Street Pub - 724 Duval
- 3 801 Bourbon Bar - 801 Duval
- 4 Bobby's Monkey Bar - 900 Simonton
- 5 In Touch - 706A Duval
- 6 Alexander's Guest House - 1118 Fleming
- 7 Red Barn Theatre - 319 Duval (Rear)
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- 11 Truman Book & Video - 922 Truman
- 12 Graffiti - 721 Duval
- 13 La Te Da - 1125 Duval
- 14 Equator Resort - 822 Fleming
- 15 Waterfront Playhouse - 310 Wall
- 16 LeatherMaster - 418 Appelrouth





# Q Slang

**Covidiot** - Someone who ignores the scientists  
Hey covidiot, a Halloween mask won't help.

**Miss Rona** - Another name for Covid-19  
I'm not going to that party. I don't want to meet Miss Rona.

**Hydroxy Moron** - A person with no medical experience promoting hydroxychloroquine.  
Don't listen to that Hydroxy Moron.

**Coronacopia** - All the people and items that can give you Covid-19  
I'm not going to the pharmacy. It's a coronacopia of viruses there.

**Elbump** - Bumping elbows to greet each other.  
He wanted to shake my hand, so I gave him an elbump.

**Coronaphobia** - Having an extreme fear of catching Covid-19  
He's got coronaphobia so bad that he hasn't left the house in 4 weeks.

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## MONDAY

**801**

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

**Bobby's**

*Karaoke starting at 9:30 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*

**Bobby's**

*Karaoke starting at 9:30 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*

**Bobby's**

*Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Bria singing live at 8:00 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

**Island House**

*Hot Naked Humpdays starting at 5 PM*

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**801**

*Karaoke starting at 5 PM*

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

**Bobby's**

*Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

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**801**

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

**Bobby's**

*Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

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**801**

*Karaoke starting at 5 PM*

*Gay Bingo starting at 5 PM*

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

*SIN night starts at 10 PM*

**Bobby's**

*Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Jeff Moss singing live at 7 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

**Island House**

*Pre-Tea Pool Party starting at Noon*

**La Te Da**

*Tea Dance starting at 4 PM*

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**801**

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

**Bobby's**

*Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Tea Dance starting at 5 PM*

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

**One Saloon**

*Cock Shock contest at Midnight*

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**801 - 801 Duval Street**

**Bobby's - 900 Simonton Street**

**Bourbon - 724 Duval Street**

**Island House - 1129 Fleming St**

**La Te Da - 1125 Duval Street**

**One Saloon - 514 Petronia St**



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# ASK NANA

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*Dear Nana,*

*My grandparents won't take the Corona virus seriously. They're going out and living life as if Trump is Jesus and this is all a hoax. And they want to come over and see their grandkids. I told them we're self-isolating and they can't see their grandkids in person again until we know everyone is healthy. Am I doing the right thing?*

You 1000% are. Listen, sugar plum, the young must always come before the old. It's bad enough we fucked up the planet for them but that doesn't mean we need to cough them to death while we're at it. If they love their grandkids so much, they'd do anything on earth to protect them. And if they aren't those kinda grandparents then maybe it's time for them to take a dirt nap. Death's coming for all of us at some point. But that doesn't mean you have to meet him halfway!



*Dear Nana,*

*I don't normally cook a lot but I've been stuck at home during this Corona crisis and I'm looking for easy to make things for dinner. Got any recipes you're willing to share?*

Sure love! This is a classic, but simple dinner my grandmother taught me to make. It's easy to adjust for company or as just a classic dinner for one!

### INGREDIENTS

- Cracked ice
- 2 1/2 ounces London dry gin, such as Beefeater
- 1/2 ounce dry vermouth, preferably Noilly Prat
- Green olive for garnish

### PREPARATION

In mixing glass or cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine gin and vermouth. Stir well, about 30 seconds, then strain into martini glass. Garnish with olive or lemon twist and serve.



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

I sent you a "get better soon" card. I know you're not sick, but you could be better.

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

Mirrors can't talk and lucky for you they can't laugh.

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

Thanks to the panorama feature on your phone, you can now take a selfie.

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

I never forget a face, but in your case I'd be glad to make an exception.

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

People say nothing's impossible, but you do nothing everyday.

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

Clearly you don't like to lose..... weight.

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

You say all men are the same. You would know since you've tried all of them.

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

Last time you told someone your dick was hard, they said "to find."

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

If knowledge is power, you better find a charging cable!

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

You and your boyfriend were happy for 20 years, until you met each other.

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

You may be ugly but at least... oh nevermind your personality sucks too.

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

Did you fall from heaven, because, your face is pretty messed up!

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