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Things are getting hot, hot, hot. As the temperature climbs, so does our excitement welcoming you all here.

Make sure you keep yourself hydrated, or find someone to help keep you hydrated!

Enjoy!

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It's time for Tropical Heat and boy, is it ever. (Didja get that??) Ok. So that is an event for the guys but it's still very true that the heat is ON here in Key West. The water is warm and the sun's ever-present shine can be a bit oppressive but the Husbutch and I have developed a plan... here's the secret.

When the sun fries our little bit of earth we have a wonderful option for respite from the heat. If you've never been to Ft. Zachary Taylor State Park, let me tell you, it's a little slice of heaven. Besides being a historical site complete with cannons and a walkable fort, this place has one of our favorite beaches! It's \$6 per vehicle with more than one occupant, \$4.50 if there's only one occupant or \$2.50 per person for pedestrians and bicyclists. Perhaps the least expensive option in Key West for a whole day of fun! True, we're not known for sandy beaches (though we have a couple) and a good pair of water shoes or flip flops to get into the water past the rocks are needed but the other benefits are numerous and there is definitely sand here. The trees, however, are my favorite part!! A typical day there for us looks like hammocks strung between the trees next to a picnic table with a view of the water by a grill that you can often find a whole tenderloin I'm slow cooking while we nap, swim and relax in the SHADE! For hours!!! When the wind blows, the sound is so calming coupled with the gentle waves. It's just island life in a nutshell.

There is a concessions stand, you can rent chairs and umbrellas and there are even outdoor showers. On the far end of the park you'll find a break wall of large rocks. You can climb these and watch boats in the

### LEZ GO OUT

distance or snorkel them and often see parrot fish and lots of other marine life. I saw a gentleman catch a lobster near them once!

After you've spent the day lounging, Ft. Zach is arguably one of the very best places to watch sunset without huge crowds. There are a couple of benches set up near the break wall and pictures there are absolutely postcard worthy! I've printed a couple and have them framed in my home! We stop at Publix on our way there and stock up with cut vegetables, cut fruits, a small bag of lite-the-bag charcoal and whatever we want to grill and can spend an entire day beating the heat. Because the water can get quite deep it stays a little bit cooler than some of the other beaches on the island that are more shallow and retain the heat. Bring your snorkel and flippers and swim all the way out to a grouping of rocks to snorkel around and see even more sea life. The Shady trees with picnic tables are a perfect spot for a group gathering. I have seen families of 10 to 15 easily enjoying the large shaded area. There are even a couple of spots that are wheelchair accessible! Everyone is welcome to enjoy the beach and amenities here.

The heat of the tropics is not anything to mess with, though. Make sure you have the reef safe sunscreen and a hat isn't a bad idea, either. The best part about a day at Fort Zachary is that you don't even leave the island. You can get there on bicycles, many people walk there and there's plenty of parking for a vehicle if you have one. Golf carts are welcome, too! This is absolutely considered a locals hang out. You can find the husbutch and I there frequently in the heat of the summer. Look for the grill that has a whole tenderloin on it. Lez Go Out and enjoy the island even in the tropical heat! See you at the beach!!

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#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

11 AM - PHOTO OP WITH THE FAMOUS RED SHOE

8:30 PM - WELCOME PARTY Complimentary cocktails and snacks!

10 PM - CHUB AND CHASER CONTEST Mr. Chub and Mr. Chaser titles!

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

11 AM - VOLLEYBALL POOL PARTY

9 PM - EROTIC DANCERS

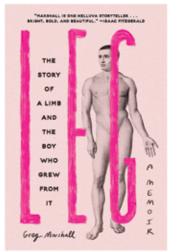
SUNDAY, SEPT. 16 9 PM - CABANA BOY SHOWTIME





#### "LEG: THE STORY OF A LIMB AND THE BOY WHO GREW FROM IT" By greg marshall

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mention.

Hop, hop.

You've known how to do that for so long, you probably don't even remember when you learned it. Or was it instinctive? If you were like most kids, your childhood was filled with jumps and hops, bouncing and skipping and climbing, but as in the new book "Leg" by Greg Marshall many kids have hurdles to leap.

From the moment he was born, Greg Marshall was endowed with two things: a right leg with "tight tendons," that twisted his foot on that side; and certain oversized intimate body parts that his mother was

The latter was an eye-rolling embarrassment.

The former was never really a big deal to Marshall. Other than wearing out a lot of sneakers, he walked with a limp, so what?

He was never bullied much about it, though his siblings teased him in a way that siblings will. He never let it stop him from playing tennis or exploring his Salt Lake City neighborhood. He traveled, appeared in local theater, ran for president of his class, and had an otherwise normal childhood. Still, his leg was something people noticed.

He hoped that no one would notice he was gay, but they must've: nobody seemed surprised when he came out as a teen.

#### BEACH READS

By then, Marshall's mother had been fighting non-Hodgkin's lymphoma for years with surgeries and various chemotherapies that left her wrung-out and scarred. She was in the midst of another battle when Marshall's father was diagnosed with ALS, a disease that affected his muscles and that progressed quickly. As the elder Marshall slipped away – the timing of which he decided himself – the family rallied around him, teasing, deflecting, and grieving.

Marshall was in his twenties when that happened, and it highlighted his shaky, barely-controlled penchant for hypochondria that he'd had for some time. He worried about his "tight tendons" and cerebral palsy, a diagnosis he'd recently discovered. He fretted about getting AIDS. Most of all, he wondered if he'd ever find someone to love him...

Hoo boy, "Leg" is the kind of book that makes you hyperventilate. On many, very many pages, there's boisterous, Saturday-morning-cartoon-like, going-in-five-different-directions chaos that might be sibling-based, it might be parental, deeply personal, humorous, relational, or sexual – and on that note, hoo boy, there are some wildly messy and explicit pages to find here. Author Greg Marshall writes candidly about his sex life, doors wide open, sometimes literally.

Ah, but he also writes about the kind of love that's wrapped in a scrap of fleece and handled carefully, the kind that feels like it might blow away if you're not careful. That's a delicate thing in the midst of a madcap tale of a limb and the gay man attached to it, and it's sneaky, too: you'll be looking every-which-way at Marshall's life and boom! Tears.

Give yourself some time with this book, and breathe deep. Most readers will find it chaotic but thoroughly enjoyable for beach read, airport, or a staycation. Don't skip "Leg" or you'll kick yourself.



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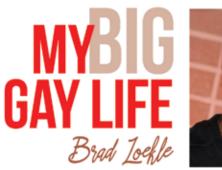




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#### HAND JOBS ACROSS AMERICA

Some of you who read this might be too young to remember "Hands Across America." And even more of you might be too vain to admit that you're old enough to remember "Hands Across America." So, to jog everyone's memory, I'll remind you that it was a multi-million-dollar fundraiser for charities across the nation (many of which focused on poverty and homelessness). The goal was, for 15 minutes, there would be a line of people all holding hands that stretched across the entire United States. Why, you might ask? To which I would say, "Don't!" Don't ask. It won't make sense unless you were alive in the mid-1980's and happened to be doing a lot of cocaine while working in charitable organizations industry. And even then, it was clearly one of those "3am" ideas that very rarely turn into something like "The Internet" and much more often turn into things like "Hands Across America."

However, lately I've been thinking about the great divide that seems to be growing even greater within American culture. Our communities, beliefs, laws, economic classes, and ideologies feel like the distance between us and our neighbors is like the distance between Key West and Jacksonville... in holiday traffic. I worry that click-bait has made us click-off the idea of getting to really know one another. That pundits make so much money pushing us apart that they're pushing our whole society apart. People now judge every single person not as individual people but, merely, clay pigeons associated with one "idea" or another. And clay pigeons are meant to be shot at. They are disposable. We no longer see people we see political affiliations or state politics. If you're from that state you hate

#### MY BIG GAY LIFE

this state and so on. But, ya know, it's hard to hate someone who is giving you a really good hand job. Or a blow job. Or a good eating out. Whichever flicks your bean and floats your boat!

That is why I'm proposing a month of "Hand Jobs Across America." A whole month where each of us travels to as many states as we can and gets to know each other by being hoes with each other. You can't cum AND hate at the same time. And, even on the rare occasion when you can, it just makes it hotter. I know thinks suck right now. So, let's all suck things right back! I think we can usher in a new era of understanding in our society one hand-shandy at a time. It's time we stopped thinking of each other as liberal and conservative, boomer and millennial, right and Ron DeSantis... and it's high time we started seeing each other as equals. We're all just masturbating idiot primates in the eyes of mother nature. And in the eyes of our pets. I know you don't like to think about it but your pets watch you pleasure yourself, and if they're still able to look us in the eye after that, we should be able to look each other in the eye and truly ... cum together as Americans.

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** 

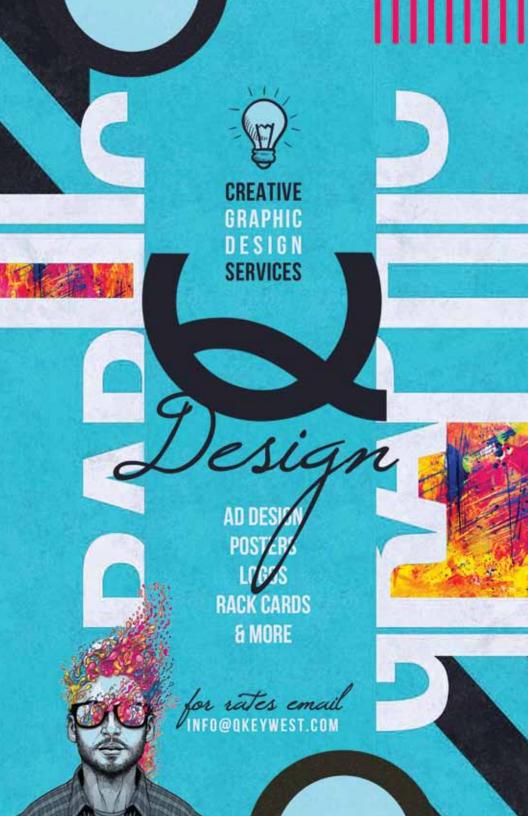


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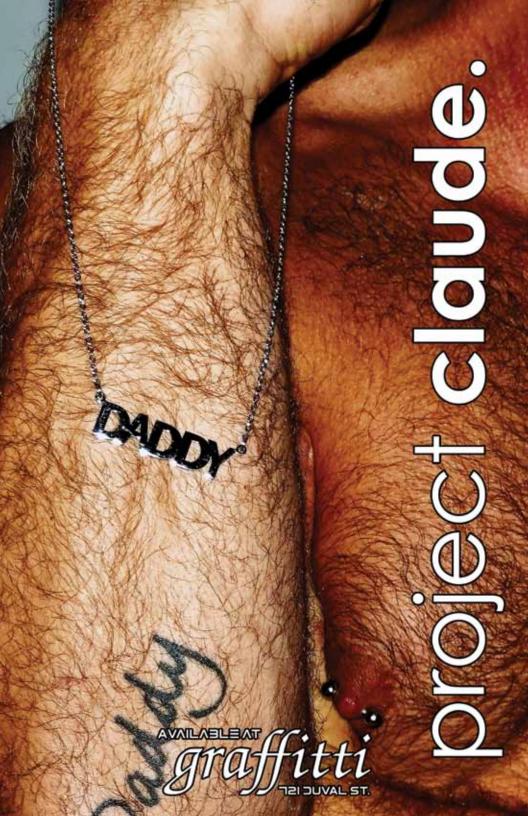
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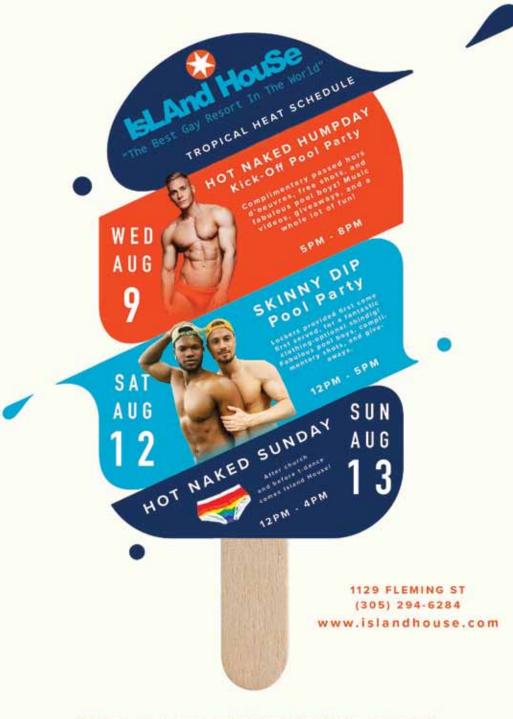
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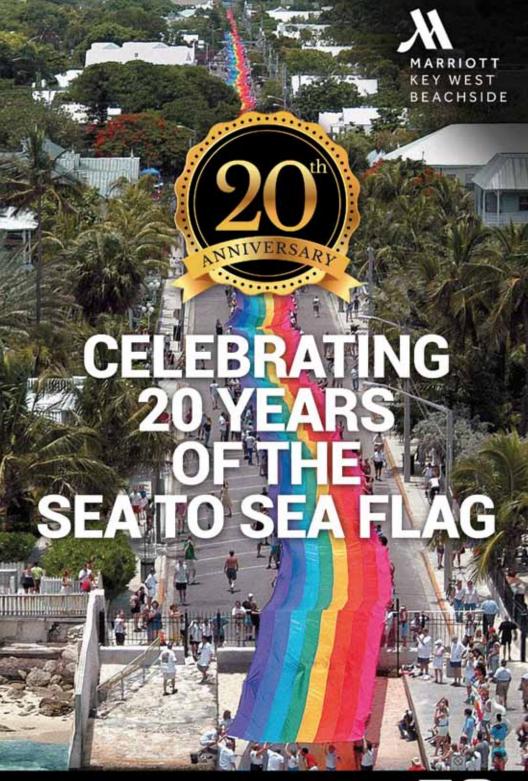






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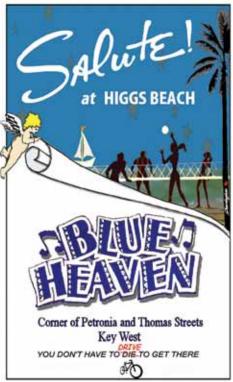
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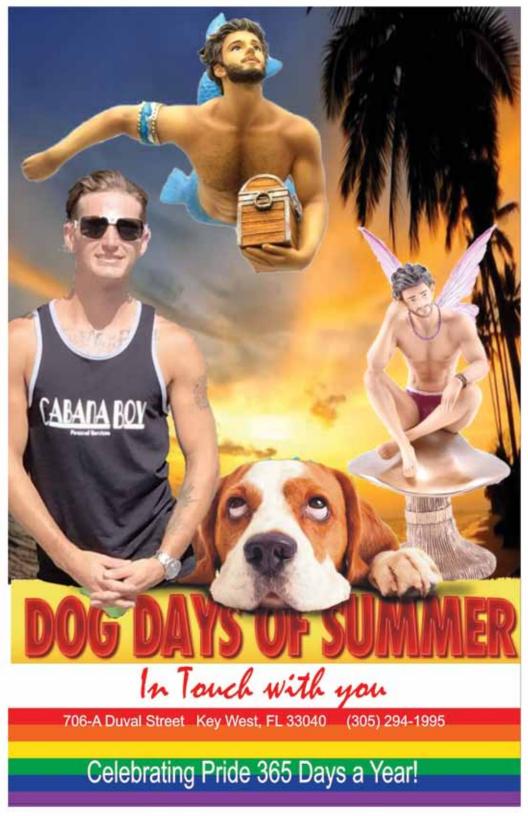


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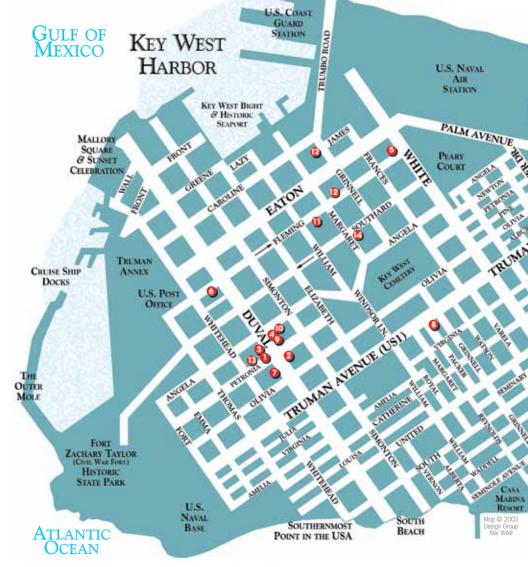


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SDAY

Bourbon Bria singing live at 8:00 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

## WEDNESDAY

B01 Drag Shows at 8 PM and 10:30 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

801 Drag Shows at 5, 8, & 10:30 PM

TURDAY

#### Bourbon

Naked Pool Party at Noon Jeff Moss singing live at 8:00 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

#### 801 Drag Shows at 8 PM and 10:30 PM

THURSDAY

#### Bourbon

Jeff Moss singing live at 8:00 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

#### 801

SUNDAY

Karaoke starting at 4 PM Drag Shows at 8 PM and 10:30 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

FRIDAY 801

Drag Shows at 8 PM and 10:30 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

#### LOCATIONS

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#### Dear Nana,

My Dad says that he got bit by a tick and has Lyme disease and that this is why he wasn't about to come to my 40th birthday party. Full disclosure: he's always been very uneasy and awkward around my boyfriends and any LGBTQ+ friends. I honestly never thought he would be lying about the Lyme disease to get out of seeing my "gay life" in person, but he doesn't seem to have been in any way impacted by this Lyme disease when it comes to other activities. In fact, the weekend after my birthday he travelled out of state for a weekend with buddies and they went to a concert. Should I push this issue or just let it go? Do I even want the answer

Well, it sounds like you've got a real Agatha Christie storyline going on. With the victim possibly being your relationship with your dad. And I can certainly see why you wouldn't want to find out the results if they confirm your worst assumptions. I'm no medical professional, but his timeline does certainly smell of fish. Why not pull mom and any siblings you have in on this? I can't assume they'd be thrilled with this possibility if they were tuned into it. And they might be able to offer some perspective or have some covert information. Just remember, if you're wrong... you'll have assumed the worst about him and he has the right to be hurt by that. And if you're right... you've still got a shit sandwich to pass around at the next family gathering. So, I wish you whatever "luck" looks like in this situation.



Dear Nana,

What would you say to my few family members, and my more than a few coworkers, who always seem to work into a conversation how much they love Ron DeSantis and how they think he's doing such a great job.

Oh, that's simple! I'd tell them that the next time they want to casually bring up a man who actively seeks to marginalize and oppress you, your whole community, women, children, and even Mickey Mouse that instead of sharing their opinion with you that they simply shit in both their hands and clap. I find that usually puts a button on most conversations... whether they're dumb enough to do it or not. But. if they're from anywhere north of Fort Lauderdale, assume they might do it and have a Tide stain stick in your purse.



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AQUARIUS JAN 20 - FEB 18 Thanks to Marjorie Taylor Greene, you look like a genius!

PISCES FEB 19 - MAR 20 When you walk into the room, people shout "Welcome to the petty."

ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19 Statistically, everyone has one good quality but I guess you beat the odds.

**TAURUS** APR 20 - MAY 20 I'm not sure what's climbing faster, the cost of stamps or your weight.

**GEMINI** MAY 21 - JUN 20 It's time to put a cork in it..... your butthole!

**CANCER** JUN 21 - JUL 22 Counting calories to lose weight can be helpful. Counting the number of pizzas you eat each day, not so much. LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22 Has anyone ever swiped right on you?

-SCOPES

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22 You bring so many people joy when you leave!

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22 If your mouth was battery operated everyone would hide your charger.

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21 The best things in life are free. Unfortunately, rent is not so get a job!

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21 You should consider hiding your bald spot with a thinking cap and solve two problems.

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