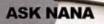
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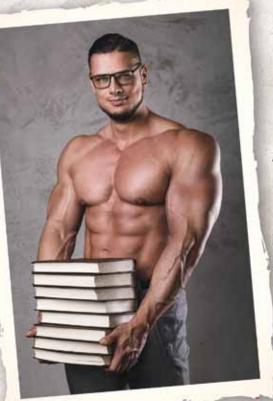


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## Welcome To Paradise!

September means it's time for Back To School.

While it's been years since most of us have thought about that, our cover model makes me suddenly wanting to go back to school!

But you're here for vacation so forget about school and have fun!

Enjoy!

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Lesbians. It's our month!! Well, our week at the very least but I KNOW that we start the party waaaay earlier than the ordained week of Womenfest in Key West. September 7th through the 11th lesbians from all over the world will descend upon the keys to meet, greet and hook up and even the locals are very excited. We wait all year for this! Some women have been coming since it's inception and others are Womenfest virgins. Then there are the women who moved here after their first exposure! You know who you are. For those of you finding this event for the first time this year, let me fill you in...

There are.... \*clears throat and takes deep breath\* women dedicated sunset sails on the Argo Navis (get tickets early - it sells out every year), drag shows just for us (Love you Aquanettes!!!), beach bash and cornhole tournaments (love those sports bras and running shorts), comedy shows with a locally famous lez, poetry readings (super lesbian did someone invite Ani?), jazz club nights, burlesque shows (!!!), clothing optional dance parties (every body is a beach body, baby), beach cleanups (so lesbian), sandbar and snorkel trips (more sports bras and board shorts), silent auctions (we love a good cause), tutu parties (no tutu, no entry - yes, even you, Sandy), shades of pink parties (who's checking the pink attire at the door?), live music by

## LEZ GO OUT

outstanding local artists and things that happen after hours and within our host hotels (Alexander's Guest House and Silver Palms Inn - just to name a few) that aren't fit to print... if you're playing your cards right. Wait, did I hear a rumor of a Texas Hold'em game somewhere?

This event is legendary. Truly. This year promises to be one for the books, what with all of that pent up sexual tension, tik tok thirst traps and 2000 mile road trip love affairs culminating into one five day release and all. Even the married and partnered couples are venturing out of nested dens to see and be seen again. I'm certain they'll loan out their Uhauls to the next Gen. The last couple of years have taken the wind out of many sails and this island is ready to make up for lost time and blow us all away.

So after you get your fill of this year's extensive list of events, let me know what you loved, hated and want more of in events to come. I'm happy to share your thoughts with the organizers and make more of what YOU (my darling lesbian sisters) want appear in the lineup in years to come. I can't wait to tutu with you (I'm definitely dragging Sandy along by the glittered pant pocket to the tutu event)! Lez Go Out and ROCK Womenfest Key West 2022! Can't wait to see all of you #le\$beans around town and make this year a new benchmark for the event's history!



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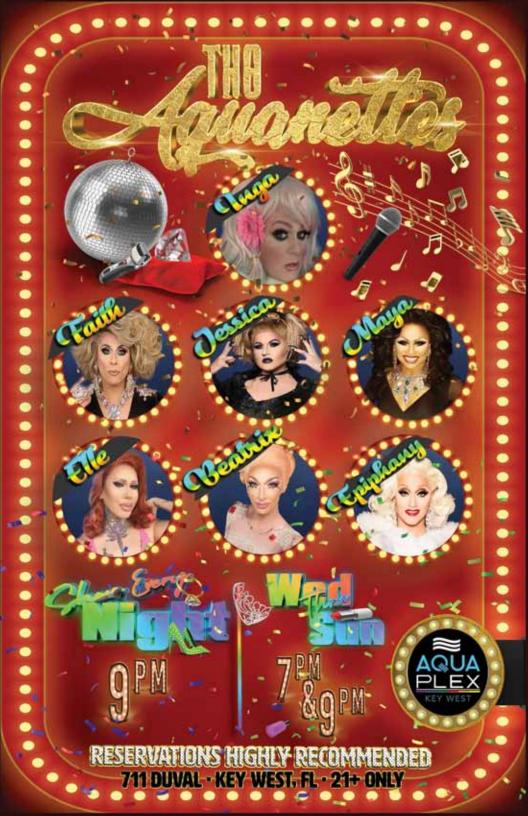
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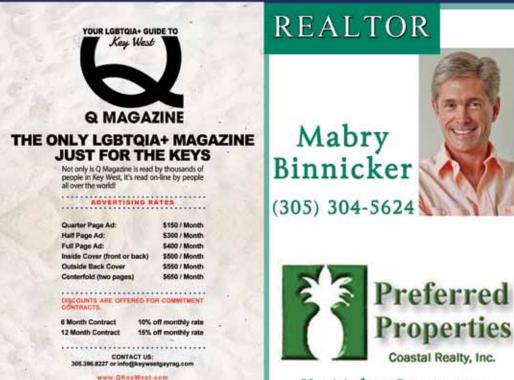
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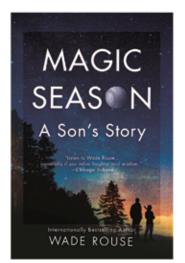




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## "MAGIC SEASON: A SON'S STORY" BY WADE ROUSE c.2022, Hanover Square Press | \$27.99 | 304 pages



 ${
m Y}$ ou've always looked up to your dad.

Sometimes it happened literally, like when you were a child and "up" was the only way to see his face hovering over yours. You've looked up at him in anger, embarrassment, dismissal, and yeah, you've looked up to him in the best ways, too – never forgetting, as in the memoir "Magic Season" by Wade Rouse, that sometimes, the hardest thing is seeing eye-to-eye.

Wade Rouse threw like a girl.

He couldn't catch a baseball, either, and he wasn't much of a runner as a young boy. He

tried, because his father insisted on it but Rouse was better with words and books and thoughts.. He was nothing like his elder brother, Todd, who was a natural hunter, a good sportsman, and an athlete, and their father never let Rouse forget it.

And yet, curiously, Rouse and his dad bonded over baseball.

Specifically, their love of Cardinals baseball became the one passion they shared. The stats, the players, the idea that "Anything can happen," the hope that there'd be a World Series at the end of every season was the glue they needed. It was what saved them when Todd was killed in a motorcycle accident. When Rouse came out to his father, Cards baseball was what brought them back together after two years of estrangement.

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In between games, though, and between seasons, there was yelling, cruelty, and all the times when father and son didn't communicate. Rouse accepted, but didn't like, his father's alcoholism or his harsh life-lessons: his father didn't like Rouse's plans for his own future. Rouse admits that he cried a lot, and he was surprised at the rare times when his father displayed emotion – especially since an Ozarks man like Ted Rouse didn't do things like that.

Until the time was right.

Love, Wade Rouse says, is "shaped like a baseball." You catch it, throw it, or hit it out of the park, but "You don't know where it's going."

Just be sure you never take "your eye off it, from beginning to end."

Oh, my. Oh, my, but "Magic Season" is a ten-hankie book.

First, though, you're going to laugh because author Wade Rouse is a natural-born humorist and his family is a great launching-pad for him despite the splinters and near-clawing despair of the overall theme of this book. That sense of humor can't seem to let a good story go, even when it's obvious that there's something heartbreaking waiting in the bullpen.

Which brings us to the father-son-baseball triple-play. It may seem to some readers that such a book has been done and done again, but this one feels different. Rouse excels at filling in the blanks on the other, essential teammates in this tale and, like any big skirmish, readers are left breathless, now knowing the final score until the last out.

If you like your memoirs sweet, but with a dash of spice and some tears, right here you go. For you, "Magic Season" is a book to look up.

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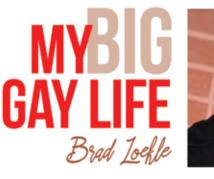




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## PROFILING

So, a friend of mine challenged me to create a bunch of online dating profiles just to see what sort of men are out there in the "looking for a serious commitment" category. Not that I am one of those men, but he thought that, at the least, I would find the dating profile world funny. Now, having waded into the waters of everything from "Plenty of Fish" to "Farmer's Only" all I can say is, "What the ever-loving fuck is wrong with all you people?!" How on Earth do you think these dating profile questions (and answers) will lead to anything other than broken dreams?!

One of the sites had me answer over 50 questions. There are less questions on most nation's immigration exam. If France can figure out if I'm worth having in less than 50 questions, so should you, Dante! Oh, and of those 50 questions, one of them was:

"What are 3 things you would want with you during the apocalypse?"

Are you kidding me? Did George Orwell write this compatibility quiz? Am I supposed to say, "I'd want my perfect soulmate by my side to weather the storm of flesh eating, vampiric pugs that evolved after the first bombs dropped?"

## MY BIG GAY LIFE

No, what I want is a hand gun with one bullet in it, a line of very good cocaine, and Jason Momoa. Because, after I finish the glass of champagne, I'm going to need the gun to convince Jason Momoa to ham slam me, after which, I'll shoot myself in the head and skip the rest of the apocalypse. Does my honest answer do well in a dating profile?

Oh, and stop listing basic human things as your hobbies, interests, or personalities. Saying you like "the mountains and the beach" means you like 9/10s of all the land on the planet. You basically just don't like being stranded in the desert. Yeah, we sort of assumed that, Lucas. Thanks. Oh, you like movies, and music and going out? That just makes you a minimally existing human being. Let me guess, you also like inhaling oxygen and then exhaling carbon dioxide, right?! OMG, we're fucking soulmates!

Oh, and finally, please don't put phrases in you profile like "(blank kind of) guys move to the front of the line". There is no line, Jeffrey. You're a 37-year-old "plant dad" who is resorting to interactive Tiger Beat dating quizzes to try and randomly find someone to settle for. There is no line of guys forming outside your pants. Your bussy is not a Nike store.

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Recession Dating - To go on a date for a free meal. I'm so broke I need to start Recession Dating.

Sliving - To slay while living your best life. That new outfit is amazing. You're totally Sliving.

Periodt - To emphassize the end of a dentence. You need to pronounce the T He is the cutest boy ever Periodt!

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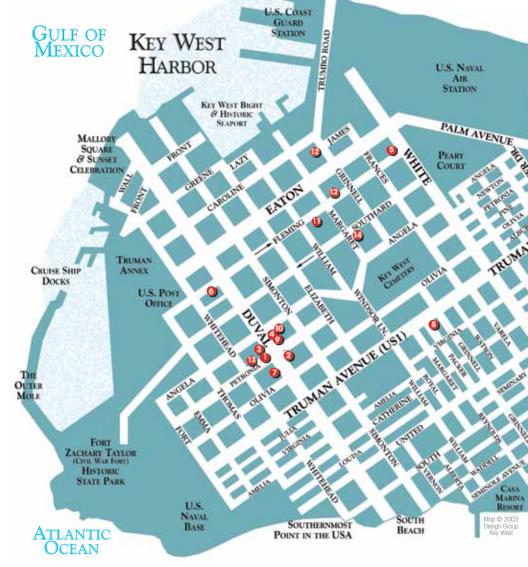


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## MONDAY

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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM SIN night starts at 11PM

## Aqua

The Boys singing live at 3:00 PM 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

Sidebar Renee Breslin singing live at 6 PM

## WEDNESDAY

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

Sidebar Renee Breslin singing live at 6 PM

THURSDAY

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801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua Jeff Moss singing live at 4:00 PM Drag Shows at 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM

### Bourbon

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

Sidebar

Renee Breslin singing live at 6 PM

FRIDAY

801 Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

## Aqua

Jeff Moss singing live at 4:00 PM Drag Shows at 7:00 PM & 9:00 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

801 Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

SATURDAY

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## Aqua

Epiphany sings live at 4:00 PM Drag Shows at 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM

## Bourbon

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

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

SUNDAY

## Aqua

Epiphany sings live at 4:00 PM Drag Shows at 7:00 PM & 9:00 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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First of all, I'm hung up on how they're allowed to run wild in YOUR house. None of control US can anyone's behavior anywhere in the world... except in our own damn house. They can depreciate their parent's property value all they like, but you so much as scuff my



floors and I'll duct tape you to a tree for the birds to have at you! But, on a serious note, this is a sensitive subject. I wouldn't start with ultimatums, like, "if you don't get your hellions under control, I'm not letting them in my house." Maybe ask if she ever feels overwhelmed when the kids are so "active" in public places? If they're old enough to be in school, then I'm sure it's an issue the school has brought up. As well as any gay man who has had the misfortune of being on a plane with your relatives. Try to come from a place of love not a place of demands. And, if all else fails, trip the little bastards into something hard. That'll learn them.

# ASK NANA

Dear Nana,

Can you settle an age-old debate between me and my friends? Is toilet paper supposed to go on the holder with sheet you pull going over the front of the roll or underneath and behind? We debate this constantly when we get drunk.

God, you kids really need to get some hobbies. Or stop not-admitting to me that you're also stoned. Because this is a stoned debate if ever I've heard one. Well, I saw a meme thingy on the Facebook once that claimed to show the original patent for toilet paper. And it showed the paper going up and over. Which is also how I do it. And is also the normal human way to put toilet paper on a holder. But I'd love it if you all would maybe talk about the mid-terms more now that this matter has been resolved.



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VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22 You could run into a wall with an erection and break your nose.

## LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22

You're so fake that it says "Made in China" behind your ear.

## SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21

It's time to see a foot doctor. I've seen less fungus in a container of mushrooms.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21 Don't worry about having a bad back. Your front isn't great either!

CAPRICORN DEC 22 - JAN 19 Congratulations, you hit a milestone. Your weight is the same as your area code!



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