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## Welcome To Paradise!

This month we have lots of  
events going on.

During Conch Republic Days,  
you can attend the Drag  
Races and the Bed Races.

In the middle of all of that,  
we have Woof Week with  
lots of steamy events!

Enjoy!

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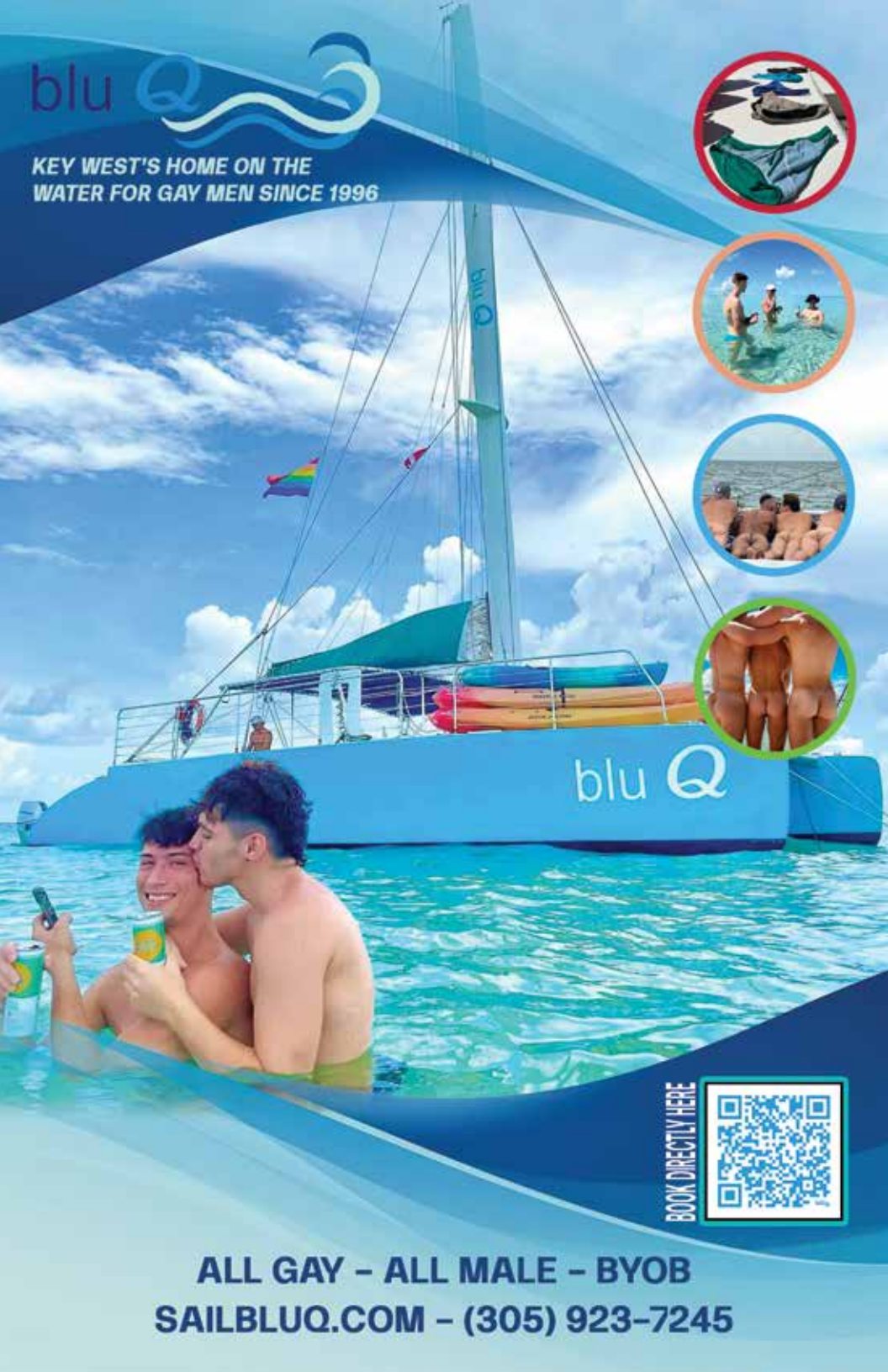
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*Stephanie Wise*

# LEZ GO OUT



**A**pril showers bring... absolutely nothing here. While my Midwest family is bracing for that charming “snow-rain-slush-who-knows” cocktail, I’m over here soaking up 80-degree days, blooming bougainvillea, and an island that refuses to participate in anyone’s seasonal depression. Honestly, I’ll take this over grey skies and frozen driveways any day.

This year, the busy season is stretching longer than usual. Traditionally, we’re packed from December through March. My mother-in-law used to stay in the golf course homes for the month of February, but even she’s nudged her visit to March so she can actually use the pool. But global warming isn’t real... right? March was the fullest I’ve seen since Covid, and April is shaping up to be just as lively.

The Husbutch and I usually enjoy that sweet shift from tourist-heavy to local-easy, but it looks like we’ll be waiting a bit longer before we can slip into The Boat House for happy hour without elbowing our way to a bar stool. When we don’t feel like cooking but also don’t feel like fighting the crowds, we head to one of our favorite under-the-radar date-night gems.

And yes — in true lesbian cliché — it’s called Little Pearl. If you know you know.

Why Little Pearl Feels Like a Secret You Want to Keep (But Won’t)? First, you have to find it. Tucked into a quiet neighborhood on a one-way street, it feels like you’re walking into someone’s lovingly curated family room rather than a restaurant. It’s calm. It’s intimate. They greet you like old friends. The pace is slow in the best way — the kind of slow that invites you to breathe, connect, and savor instead of slamming margaritas and shouting over a DJ.

The dining room is small, with windows that look out onto the sleepy street. You choose from several seasonal creations at each course, and by the end of four courses you're perfectly satisfied — not “American-overfull,” waddling to your car and questioning your life choices. You leave feeling nourished, not punished.

And if you want to level up? Add-ons like oysters, ceviche, or even breadfruit (yes, breadfruit!) are there to make your night feel extra special.

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- Quiet, cozy, and unpretentious
- High-end food without the high-end attitude
- A relaxed pace that pairs beautifully with a bottle of wine
- The kind of place where you linger, not rush

We usually park in front of one of the grand old homes nearby and amble — yes, amble — down the skinny sidewalk to the front door. After dinner, we stroll back under the streetlights, full but not stuffed, happy but not overwhelmed, grateful for this little rock we call home.

If you visit Little Pearl, use your maps app. It's located at 632 Olivia Street, Key West. Reservations recommended, but walk-ups are often welcomed.

If you're craving the quiet comfort of someone's living room paired with the creativity of a chef who cares deeply about local, seasonal food, Little Pearl is your girl. She's a gem — as all little pearls are.

Lez Go Out, even in busy season. I'll see you tucked into the corner of the family room.

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# BEACH READS



LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*

**"LA LUCCI" BY SUSAN LUCCI WITH LAURA MORTON**  
c.2026, Blackstone Publishing | \$29.99 | 196 pages



**T**hey're among the world's greatest love stories.

You know them well: Marc Antony and Cleopatra. Abelard and Heloise. Phoebe and Langley. Cliff and Nina. Jesse and Angie, Opal and Palmer, Palmer and Daisy, Tad and Dixie. Now read "La Lucci" by Susan Lucci, with Laura Morton, and you might also think of Susan and Helmut.

When she was a very small girl, Susan Lucci loved to perform. Also when she was young, she learned that words have power. She vowed to use them for good

for the rest of her life.

Her parents, she says, were supportive and her family, loving. Because of her Italian heritage, she was "ethnic looking" but Lucci's mother was careful to point out dark-haired beauties on TV and elsewhere, giving Lucci a foundation of confidence.

That's just one of the things for which Lucci says she's grateful. In fact, she says, "Prayers of gratitude are how I begin and end each day."

She is particularly grateful for becoming a mother to her two adult children, and to the doctors who saved her son's life when he was a newborn.

Lucci writes about gratitude for her long career. She was a keystone

character on TV's *All My Children*, and she learned a lot from older actors on the show, and from Agnes Nixon, the creator of it. She says she still keeps in touch with many of her former costars.

She is thankful for her mother's caretakers, who stepped in when dementia struck. Grateful for more doctors, who did heart-saving work when Lucci had a clogged artery. Grateful for friends, opportunities, life, grandchildren, and a career that continues.

And she's grateful for the love she shared with her husband, Helmut Huber, who died nearly four years ago. Grateful for the chance to grieve, to heal, and to continue.

And yet, she says of her husband: "He was never timid, but I know he was afraid at the end, and that kills me down to my soul."

"It's been fifteen years since Erica Kane and I parted ways," says author Susan Lucci (with Laura Morton), and she says that people still approach her to confirm or deny rumors of the show's resurrection. There's still no answer to that here (sorry, fans), but what you'll find inside "*La Lucci*" is still exceptionally generous.

If this book were just filled with stories, you'd like it just fine. If it was only about Lucci's faith and her gratitude – words that happen to appear very frequently here – you'd still like reading it. But Lucci tells her stories of family, children and *All My Children*, while also offering help to couples who've endured miscarriage, women who've had heart problems, and widow(ers) who are spinning and need the kindness of someone who's lived loss, too.

These are the other things you'll find in "*La Lucci*," in a voice you'll hear in your head, if you spent your lunch hours glued to the TV back in the day. It's a comfortable, fun read for fans. It's a story you'll love.

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# MY BIG GAY LIFE

*Brad Loekle*



## WEIGHTY ISSUES

Recently, a muscle-bound fan with whom I've had relations before told me that he'd seen a clip of a comedian who he was convinced was me. But it was not. Now this handsome fan is a well-known chubby chaser in the bear community. So, I know I'm not the only ride he rides at the bear sanctuary. But when he pointed out which comedian it was that he was convinced was me, even I choked on my Wegovy. The other comedian, who shall remain nameless as this is my story not his, is not only 5 inches taller than me, but it easily 250 pounds heavier than I am. Or have ever been. Yo-yo dieting has really been my main form of cardio since 2003.

Now this is not a size or fat shaming thing at all. This is about vision and physics. If I showed you a dildo and a hazard cone, you'd be able to tell the difference, and know which one you'd want inside you. Again, no judgement to you cone queens.

So, I ask Goldicocks, I say, "you're telling me that when you see that guy in the video you see me?"

To which he said, "Brad, I have fat blindness. Once a guy has a good belly on him, I stop seeing anything else other than that I want him to sit on my dick."

Again, this is a wonderfully endearing trait to have. But I

struggle to believe you can't tell the difference between 220 pounds on you and the weight of a Mini Cooper. I was in my high school's production of "The Crucible" and all I can think about is the character Giles Corey, and how he "stuck to the man" by demanding they put on "more weight" when they were crushing him to death. All I could think was, "When Goldicocks had to read that story in high school, did that part get him hard?"

I always wonder where fetishes and sexual idiosyncrasies begin within a person's developing mind. For instance, you can't convince me that "The Muppet Show" didn't unintentionally create a whole generation of people who were totally open to having a friend shove their arm up inside them. Kermit was right, it certainly isn't easy being green. At least not without some Crisco. But I still wonder where Goldicocks "fat-blindness" came from. Maybe next time I ride him, I'll put rocks in my pockets like Virginia Woolf and see if that makes him cum harder.

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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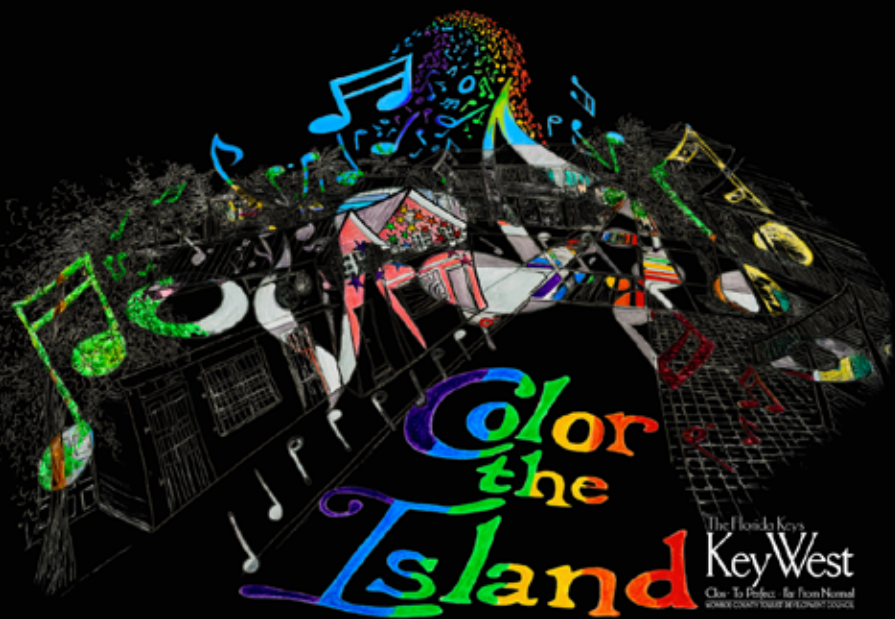


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## TUESDAY

**801**

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

### **Bourbon**

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### **La Te Da**

*Randy Roberts Live at 9 PM*

## WEDNESDAY

**801**

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

### **Bourbon**

*Bria singing live at 8 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

### **Island House**

*Hot Naked Pool Party starting at 5 PM*

## THURSDAY

**801**

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

### **Bourbon**

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

### **La Te Da**

*Randy Roberts Live at 9 PM*

## FRIDAY

**801**

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

### **Bourbon**

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

*Boys Night Out starting at 10 PM*

### **Saloon 1**

*Cock Shock contest at Midnight*

## SATURDAY

**801**

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

### **Bourbon**

*Naked Pool Party at Noon*

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

### **La Te Da**

*Randy Roberts Live at 9 PM*

## SUNDAY

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*Karaoke starting at 4 PM*

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

### **Bourbon**

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*Dear Nana,*

*My boyfriend prefers me to not wear deodorant. It's a big turn on of his. I'm all for it when it's feasible but he wants me to stop wearing deodorant all together. I have a very "normal" job. Like, I don't work in a leather bar or anything. I don't work in a place where I could just go into work smelling like a cum dumpster. My boyfriend has even started throwing out my deodorant or hiding it when I'm getting ready for work. I don't want this to be a big fight for us but I can't seem to get him to understand my side.*

He's throwing out deodorant that you bought with money from your job? Oh, absolutely not! In this economy?! Next time he throws out your speed stick, you throw out his cell phone. Listen, if he wants you to be his stinky little piggy ALL the time, then he needs to make enough money to make you a "kept woman" so that his little piggy doesn't have to go off to market each day to make a living. It's as simple as that. His fetishes should never take precedent over your finances. And no one is going to let you keep your job if you come in smelling like a 1970's urinal. Don't ask me why I know what those smell like. Just listen to your elders.



*Dear Nana,*

*I've been single for a while now. I don't mind being single. In fact, I kind of love my life right now. But a lot of my friends are in relationships and always trying to set me up with people. They say I'm closing myself off to love. Do you think I am?*

You know what you're closing yourself off to? Bullshit. And there's a lot more of that roaming the streets than there are princes. Honey, love doesn't need a reason or an invitation. If Mr. Right is out there, and wants to be found, life will send him your way. But that doesn't mean you need to spend your life neck deep in the swamp kissing frogs until he gets here. If you're enjoying your life the way it is, your friends should be happy for you. Or are they just the sort of couples who need everyone else to be in a couple to validate their own choices. Or as I like to call them: assholes.



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# WHORE--SCOPES

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

People keep saying "WOW" when they meet you. It's not a compliment.

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

People can't handle you, even if you came with instructions.

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

No hunny, a vegetarian is not a vegetable doctor.

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

You should work in a theater. You're surrounded by incredible actors. They act as if they like you!

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

I'm not saying you're stupid but if you had a grenade, you would throw the pin and hold the grenade.

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

Don't be ashamed of yourself. Your parents already are.

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

You're so bitter even the noseeums ignore you.

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

You've swallowed so many babies that the Republicans are going to picket your house.

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

You look sad today. Is it because of your haircut?

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

People find you offensive. They just wish they could stop finding you.

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

Hold that thought. It's the only one you've ever had.

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

You're not missing a screw. You're missing the whole hardware store.



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