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# LEZ GO OUT



**I**t is hot. Like, constant layer of water on your skin, multiple showers a day, can't drink enough water and only touch me with ice kind of hot. This is August in Key West and even the locals are either trying to find something to do in AC or they are neck deep in the ocean, maybe even deeper. The humidittity is sauna-level high and there is no escaping it. So, what do we do? WE go lobstering. Bug hunting. We all own at least one net and tickle stick and head out into the coastal waters absolutely as soon as season opens. This year, season opens on August 6th and runs through March 31st of 2026 but there is a two-day event that kicks everything off on July 30th and 31st. Mini Season.

The succinct history of mini Season is that in the 1970's it was created to give the locals a two-day head start on the commercial companies that fish the same waters so that locals actually got a nice catch. You know, to get the bigger bugs before the restaurants charge us \$60/tail. Now, it has become something that most sane locals don't even participate in because half of Miami comes down the Keys with 20 of their family members stuffed into high speed boats with subwoofers and run over each other, literally, to clear out as many holes (yes, that's what we call their hiding grounds) as possible for the 6/person daily limit. Every year someone dies and someone gets arrested. It's a felony to take a lobster that is too small, by the way... So, we just let the out of towers drunkenly run amok and then wait for full season to open just a few days later.

How does one catch lobsters? With a tickle stick and your best girlfriends, of course! The appropriate gear starts with a license from the Florida Fish and Wildlife. They even have an app so there's no excuse, it's stupid easy. There are resident and non-resident options, so you don't have to live here full time to get your tickling in. They are not expensive compared to a felony so be sure to get yours before you try this. After you have your license to bug in hand, the next thing is the gear. The women on our boat all bring a net, a thick glove for their dominant hand and a tickle stick with a measuring device on it. Just about any kit you buy for about \$30 has all of this in it. Even our Walgreens carry them. I recommend going to West Marine or any of the local dive shops for a good set if you're going to lobster hunt more than once. Everything will just last a bit longer if you get a higher quality set, but any set will get

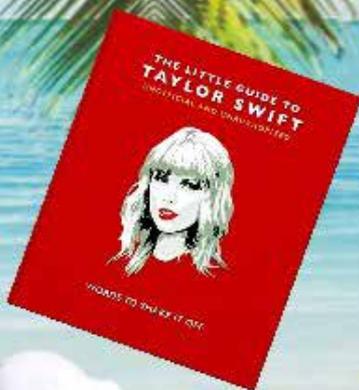
the job done at least once. The short tutorial is to use your snorkel to find a lobster hole. It's a light colored circle of sand in the middle of soft seagrass with a nice ridge around the outside. Insert your tickle stick (any color you choose) under the edge and into the soft grass and poke around to get the lobster to squirm. Once the lobster is attentive, draw it out by gently tapping between their antenna to encourage them to come forward. Place the net behind the curious and not very intelligent lobster. Tap once or twice more a little harder right in front of the lobster enough to get it to swim backward into the net and scoop it up out of the water. Et Voil La! You've captured your prize you bugging queen. Rinse and repeat. Of course, it's not always that streamlined but it sure is fun to try and try and try again. Great workout.

On our boat, the gear is the least interesting thing about the day. It's the outfits that matter. On our boat, the fashion show ranges from sports bras to rash guards, bandanas to zip ties (very fashionable) and everything in between. One prefers to be commando in her swim shorts; another wear enough zinc on her face to make her glow under water. After our first outing we learned not to wear anything shiny because the barracuda are as attracted to the squeaking lobster as they are to shiny things and they have never learned personal space, the bullies. One woman is designated to stay on the boat to watch for weather, other boats and fin tips but she usually falls asleep in the sun. One brings enough food to share with the whole boat while forgetting to bring enough water. One brings coffee and if she brings it out it's a sign that we are in deep trouble. Emotional support coffee carafe... Sometimes we have doggos with us (good lesbians that we are) and sometimes we bring along whomever we are dating at the time. This is always a fun pastime for the Husbutch and I as we just celebrated our 5-year wedding Anniversary on July 30th. Our single friends find some really interesting people and it's always fun to have a little lusty couple to tease while we bake in the sun and chase lobster in the water. Sometimes there is more chasing that catching and that is half of the fun.

After our relentless captain drills dive, dive, dive for about 4.5 hours we find a fun place to anchor and swim around cooling off with our proud haul waiting to be photographed once we arrive on dry land. We range from expert lobsterer to sleeping on the boat but always catch something and always have a great time on the water with an amazing group of women we call friends. It brings a group a lot closer when you bug together!

I recommend you try your hand at lobstering this year while in town. If you watch for us, you may see a zip-tied top-knot hairstyle in the distance and catch us catching our limit! So Lez Go Out and bug this August! Sea you on the water.

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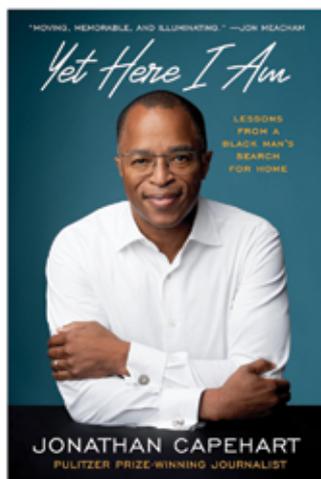
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**"YET HERE I AM: LESSONS FROM A BLACK MAN'S SEARCH FOR HOME"**

**BY JONATHAN CAPEHART**

c.2025, Grand Central | \$30.00 | 272 pages



One hand over the other.

That's how you climbed to where you are now. One rung at a time, hand over hand until you reach the intended goal. Yes, sometimes you went backward before you ascended again or you had to move sideways past a barrier. And sometimes, as in the new memoir, **"Yet Here I Am"** by **Jonathan Capehart**, you got a hand up.

His mother refused to talk about it.

When little Jonathan Capehart inquired about his father, who died just months after Capehart was born, he was met with a look that told him not to ask again. He didn't learn the truth until he was well out of childhood: his father had left Capehart's mother long before Capehart's birth, and though the man visited afterward, "he didn't stay long...."

The loss stung but things turned out well anyhow. Capehart had many father figures throughout his life, paternal relatives who kept him in the family loop, and his maternal grandpa who played a big part of Capehart's upbringing. Young Capehart spend his summers in Severn, North Carolina, playing, visiting, gathering lessons and wisdom from his mother's parents and aunts. In Severn, extended family was everywhere, and it's where many of Capehart's best childhood memories spring.

He also has many cherished memories of his mother, and books. He

was always a reader, and schoolmates recognized it. They also “knew I was a little ‘funny,’” he muses because, at ten years old, he knew he was gay. His mother had had to teach him the hard truths in “how to be Black in white spaces” but college friends gave him safety for “self-discovery.”

Also at the tender age of ten, Capehart became fascinated with electronic media, and decided that he wanted to work at NBC, later interning at the Today show for two summers. At nineteen, he met a mentor who demanded excellence, and who shaped Capehart’s career.

Twelve years later, that same mentor offered Capehart his own MSNBC show...

As memoirs go, “Yet Here I Am” is a solid okay.

It’s not earth-shattering, nor is it wildly fascinating. It’s not exciting or heart-wrenching or even all that emotional, but it’s not terrible, either. Overall, it’s smack-center, a “5” on a one-to-ten scale, and there we are. Moving from his middle-class childhood in which he vaguely understood the racism present in his mother’s hometown, to a wildly successful career in media and the mentors who helped him get where he is, author Jonathan Capehart shares his story with a casual tone that’s calm and matter-of-fact. Readers get a nice look at the workings of journalism and what it’s like to win a Pulitzer Prize, but if you’re expecting the kind of excitement you want in a deadline-racing newsroom, it’s not here; instead, Capehart writes in a decidedly unruffled manner that’s really pretty tame.

Still, Capehart fans will absolutely want to read this memoir for its thoughtfulness and its satisfactory ending. Not a fan? Then “Yet Here I Am” could be a long climb.

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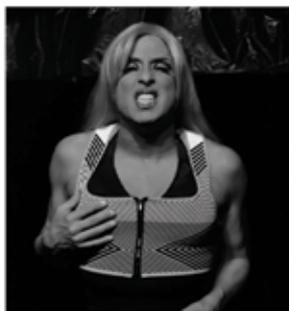
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# MEET A QUEEN

Entertainer interviews by *Donald Deihl*



Growing up in Key West, I've had the pleasure of meeting a lot of fun, over the top, and charismatic people in my days. One of the very first Queens I met on this island as a young, gay individual navigating my way through the queer community (off record, I was an overweight 16 year old with long greasy hair and a 70's porn stache sneaking into the bars unchecked but that's another story for another time) was Kevin Oden AKA Kylie Jean Lucille! If you've ever seen a show at the 801, you'll definitely remember a Kylie performance. From the neon makeup, blonde wigs and towering lucite heels, to her signature nude numbers, Kylie is always an unforgettable Queen not to be missed!

**How long have you been performing in drag?**

*"32 years. Kylie was born in '93 or '92 in Los Angeles, California."*

**What can someone who has never seen you perform expect from a Kylie show?**

*"Fun! Also, nudity! My favorite song to perform would have to be 'You Belong With Me' by Taylor Swift."*

**Note-** If you've never witnessed Kylie performing this song on the stage of the 801, you are in for a treat and a (not so little) surprise!



## MEET A QUEEN

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**What is your favorite and least favorite part about being on stage?**

*"My favorite part is making people happy! Least favorite is the shoes can be painful sometimes."*

**Do you have a catch Phrase?**

*"Take a walk on the wildside!"*

**What's a future goal you have as a performer?**

*"I would love to be able to still be able to enjoy performing well into my 90's!"*

**How did you come up with the name Kylie Jean Lucille?**

*"By Accident!"*

**What's a crazy experience you've had while performing?**

*"Someone at a show got naked while I was on stage also getting naked!"*

**What's a piece of advice you can give to anyone struggling with finding their identity, including the younger generations?**

*"If you want to change the world, you have to start with those around you by*

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# MY BIG GAY LIFE

*Brad Loekle*



## SEASONAL SEX

Are you into golden showers? I'm not, but I don't judge anyone who is. I mean, I'll pee on anyone if they ask nicely enough. I'm a people pleaser. I always have to warn them, though, I take a lot of vitamins. So, those, mixed with all my other meds and various substances I've been known to partake in, making drinking my piss a lot more like licking one of those exotic toads that makes you hallucinate. And, though I don't mind pissing on or at you upon request, I'm not a huge fan of how much prep work it ends up being for the piss top. I'm already a sexual bottom, which is a ton of work and upkeep. Now you want me to be a piss top and make even more dietary restrictions and allowances?! What if I don't want to switch my drink to vodka and pineapple? Why should I stop taking my turmeric supplements just because they don't suit your delicate sex-pig palette? And these are just some of my hypothetical questions because I don't really know a lot about the golden showers squad, though I do have a lot of questions about the fetish. For instance...

Asparagus is a seasonal vegetable. Quite popular this time of year. Do all the piss queens just take asparagus

season off? If so, what do they do and where do they go? Do they move on to other fetishes during asparagus season? Edging seems eternal. Cock and ball torture never really goes out of style. For some reason I don't see scat play as being in the same family as watersports. Which is odd, on one hand, as they're paired together in every other aspect in life. Number One and Number Two. You never hear much about number 3. I've only ever seen it in that mythical video 'Two Girls, One Cup.'

Maybe piss queens don't switch it out for the season. Maybe piss queens just take a break for a few months. They seem like the types who would live a more European lifestyle like that. Take off a month or two off each year to relax and reflect on their little piggy lives.

Or, do piss queens migrate... like Swallows? (Sorry, I couldn't help myself.)

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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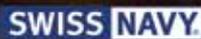
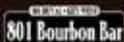
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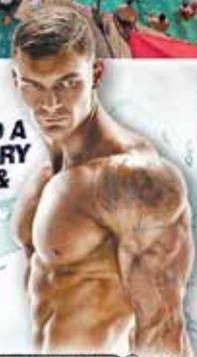
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As usual, it's hard to keep up with all of the gossip on this island.

Is there something in the water causing people to make stupid mistakes or are the police just better at catching them? The mugshot website is more like looking at Facebook everyday with so many familiar faces popping up.

I can't say this enough, keep ya drama off Facebook. And since you won't take my advice, stop bitching at people for seeing you out doing exactly what you said you weren't going to do anymore in your "new me" post.

Remember gurls, there are only so many places to work on this island. If you work at them all in the first 10 years, where will you work after that? How about just doing a good job and staying with one job?



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

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**801 BOURBON BAR**



**KARAOKE W/ JEFF**  
**EVERY SUNDAY**  
**4PM - 9PM**

**GLOW PARTY**  
**SATURDAY AUG. 2ND**  
**9PM - 4AM**

**FULL MOON AFTER PARTY**  
**FRIDAY AUG. 8TH**  
**9PM - 4AM**

**CUP CLUB**  
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**SUNDAY AUG. 31ST**  
**4PM - 6PM**

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# WEEKLY EVENTS

## MONDAY

### 801

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

### Aqua

*Trivia at 4 PM*

*Drag Show at 8:30 PM*

### Back Bar

*Monday Night Football at 8 PM*

### Bourbon

*Bria singing live at 8 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*



## TUESDAY

### 801

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

### Aqua

*Drag Show at 8:30 PM*

### Back Bar

*Movie Night at 8 PM*

### Birdcage Cabaret

*Cabaret Show at 7 PM*

### Bourbon

*Bria singing live at 8 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

### La Te Da

*Randy Roberts Live at 9 PM*

## WEDNESDAY

### 801

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

### Aqua

*Bingo at 6 PM*

*Drag Show at 8:30 PM*

### Back Bar

*Watson Wednesday at 3 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*

**Aqua**

*Drag Show at 8:30 PM*

**Birdcage Cabaret**

*Cabaret Show at 7 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*

**SATURDAY**

**801**

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

**Aqua**

*Drag Shows at 8:30 PM*

*Karaoke at 11 PM*

**Birdcage Cabaret**

*Cabaret Show at 7 PM*

*PleXXX Naughty Dance at 10 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*

**FRIDAY**

**801**

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

**Aqua**

*Drag Show at 8:30 PM*

*Karaoke at 11 PM*

**Back Bar**

*RuPaul Viewing Party at 8 PM*

**Birdcage Cabaret**

*Cabaret Show at 8 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*

**SUNDAY**

**801**

*Karaoke starting at 4 PM*

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

**Aqua**

*Drag Show at 8:30 PM*

**Back Bar**

*Hot Dog Church at 3 PM*

**Bourbon**

*After Tea 7 PM - 10 PM*

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM*

*Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

**Island House**

*Hot Naked Pool Party starting at Noon*

**LOCATIONS**

**801** - 801 Duval Street

**Aqua** - 711 Duval Street

**Back Bar** - 711 Duval Street

**Birdcage** - 504 Angela St

**Bourbon** - 724 Duval Street

**Island House** - 1129 Fleming St

**La Te Da** - 1125 Duval St

**Saloon 1** - 504 Petronia St

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# ASK NANA

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



*Dear Nana,*

*My sister's kids are out of control in public. I know it's not my place to tell anyone how to raise their kids but my sister just seems totally immune to the fact that her kids run wild any time we go to a restaurant or a store. It really stresses me out. Should I talk to her? Should I try to be the guncle who tames them a bit? Or should I just try to block out their behavior?*

Personally, I always take anyone having children as them announcing their departure from my life. At least, for the next 15-18 years. I don't know that it is your place to tell anyone how to do anything... but it is your place to know what you can and cannot tolerate in your own life. And if



screaming, sticky little pre-pubescent petri dishes wasn't on your vision board, you have no real obligation to add them. It might take a village to raise a child but it doesn't, necessarily, take the Village People. Also, have you considered tripping them when she's not looking? I know we live in different times... but it never really "hurt" a child to get hurt every now and then. I'm just saying I climbed one tree in my life. Got stung by a wasp. Fell out of the tree. And then I never fucked with another tree the rest of my life. Lesson learned and a life well lived... sans children.

*Dear Nana,*

*My best friend's son came with her for a visit the other day and, while she and I were caught up in conversation, he broke a very expensive vase that I bought in Italy. It's not just something I can order online to replace. She was apologetic, and offered to give me the cash value of the vase, but that still doesn't fix it. Should I just take the money and forgive and forget?*

Sugar bear, I don't see what other options you have other than to forgive and forget. Well, maybe not forget. If I were you, I would try to remember she has a small mammal of her own and kindly ask her to leave it at home or tie it to a post outside (like a horse) when coming to see you. I'm assuming he's a smaller child and so the breaking was not a deliberate act. If we're talking about a 12-year-old, then fuck her and fuck him. He broke your vase;



you break his arm. But be sure to appear very sorry about it the arm when you break it. And offer her the cash value for the little asshole's arm as a gesture of good faith.

**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

Some men like a little Musk, but yours is so offensive, we're calling you Elon.

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

The summer months are when you're supposed to be losing weight not preparing to get on My 600 Lb Life.

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

Everyone should drink about a gallon of water a day. No, the ice in your cocktails doesn't count.

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

So you say you only had two slices of pizza today? That doesn't count when you cut the pie in half.

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

Go on Ozempic. NOW!

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

Playing video games for 12 hours is not "online education"

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

With no taxes on tips, you have no excuse not to get a job!

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

Your body is like an old hotel bed. Saggy, lumpy and full of other people's bodily fluids.

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

You should travel more. Can I buy you a one way ticket somewhere?

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

I don't know why you still get DoxyPep. You haven't needed it in 6 years!

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

You're getting too heavy to ride your bike to work so you thought an e-bike would be the solution??

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

You need to market yourself better, like a BOGO deal. Sleep with you and get a free STD!!



# IsLAND HouSe

**HOT NAKED POOL PARTIES**



HOT NAKED  
**WEDNESDAYS**

**5 - 8PM**

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HOT NAKED  
**SUNDAYS**

**12 - 4PM**



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