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This month as the weather starts to cool, I know, it doesn't seem very cool, we get to host one of the most fun groups! It's not lions, or tigers, it's BEARS! Oh My!!

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It's November in Key West! Did you see that one palm tree with a brown palm frond on Roosevelt on your way into town? Yeah, that means it's fall... officially.

In mid-October Stone Crab Season opened up and it's still in full swing. If you haven't tried stone crab claws, let me explain a few things. The first time you order stone crab and someone hands you a paper bucket with about 6 claws in it – intact – you would not be the first person to pick one up and eye it with suspicion. One claw has some serious weight to it which is very unlike the snow crab that most people think of. It is white and pink with dark black tips and feels like porcelain. In fact, they must be pre-cracked because there is absolutely NO possibility of you safely just using your hands. Ask the teenager behind the counter to crack them if they aren't already so that you don't waste a moment in the very detailed performance of removing the meat from this incredible shell.

Ok, now that you have it cracked the eating of it deserves its own entire paragraph. First off... BE CAREFUL!! If there are little chips of shell they are going to be sharp not unlike a cracked porcelain plate. There shouldn't be too many to manage. Now, you start with the small part of the claw and use some umph to remove it from the large part of the fist. This should dislodge the piece that holds the majority of the best crab meat you will ever have. Yes, this process is totally totally worth it if you are a crab-lover like me. I cannot stress the need for caution of those doggone edges enough, but once that is mastered, you're golden. Next, you work your way through each section (each of which must be cracked!!) until you get to the tiny and most aggravating knuckle which

still has a large chunk of goodness so don't give up. You can eat the meat as you go or dig for all of it and then enjoy. Whatever your pleasure.

This next part needs a paragraph of it's own as well. It is a critical component to truly enjoy your stone crabs. It is a matter of some debate, too, I might add, amongst locals. The debate is: to dip or not to dip. Seminole makes a Stone Crab Sauce that is heaven. I mean, it's really really good. Just the right blend of sweetness and mustard with a mayo lightness that just about makes you want to lick the spoon. I do. Don't judge me. Those who prefer no sauce are purists, probably the people who actually caught the stone crabs themselves or just plain ignorant to the delight that is Stone Crab Sauce. Obviously, I am on the "to dip" side of the argument because... mustard. Yum..

Now that your mouth is watering you want to know where to get them, right? Well, they have to be fresh. Any place can serve you thawed claws from last week but you want the freshest possible! Eaton Street Seafood Market located on Eaton (of course) is the best place on Key West that I know of for the freshest claws. Their price isn't the lowest but they are KNOWN for their fresh seafood. Don't mess around with stone crab. Just get the best, savor every single little sliver and go enjoy the island. You didn't come here to pinch pennies; of that I am certain. Don't start here. Pink Shrimp season also opens this month and is another fantastic reason to go eat at Eaton St Seafood Market. Not a whole paragraph worth, but still a good reason. You'll know you're there if you think you're walking up to a 1950's gas station, complete with neon. There is stylish seating outside and a nice array of drinks and deli treats to compliment your pick. This is a local fave and worth the short walk from the thralls of Duval into a sweet harborside neighborhood.

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LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*



"AMERICAN TEENAGER: HOW TRANS KIDS ARE SURVIVING HATE AND FINDING JOY IN A TURBULENT ERA" BY NICO LANG

c.2024, Abrams Press | \$30.00 | 288 pages



In Great-Grandma's day, they hooked.

They were high-topped and dainty, too, to show off a tiny, cheeky-but-demure ankle beneath long skirts. These days, though, they Velcro, tie, strap, or you just slip your toes into whatever you put on your feet. You gotta wear your shoes but, as in the new book **"American Teenager"** by Nico Lang, you wish someone would walk a mile in them first.

Seven-hundred-plus.

That's how many anti-gay, anti-trans bills were presented to state legislatures around the country last year, many aimed at minors. As if being a teenager isn't hard enough. With this in mind, Lang shadowed seven trans kids, to find out how they and their families cope with our current political landscape.

Fifteen-year-old South Dakotan Wyatt is in the 10th grade. He knows that the lawmakers in his state "will just keep turning up the boil" on trans bills and it makes him physically sick. When Lang asked Wyatt to describe himself, Wyatt couldn't do it, as if, says Lang, he was "still in transit, not yet arrived."

Near Birmingham, Rhydian is a good student at the Magic City Acceptance Academy, the only school in the South that specifically welcomes LGBTQIA+ students, and he enjoys the deep love and support of his parents and grandmother. But he's frustrated:

Rhydian's been waiting for months for top surgery, which has been put on hold for reasons that are political.

Mykah identifies as gender-fluid, Black, and bi-racial and they desperately dream of a future performing career. In Houston, Ruby's beloved church held a re-naming ceremony for her when she turned eighteen. Seventeen-year-old trans boy Clint is Muslim, and has managed to avoid scrutiny from his Chicago mosque.

Jack, along with her mother and nonbinary sibling, Augie, were homeless before their mother finally managed to find housing; in the meantime, Jack lost her health care. And in Los Angeles, Kylie has health care, support, friends, and an activist mother.

She has advantages that most trans kids can only wish for – and she knows it.

Acne. Peer pressure. Social media. Being a teen has always been difficult, even without anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation. In this fine work of journalism, author Nico Lang shows how a handful of kids in one group are coping with governmental policies and life in general.

Hint: you can expect the unexpected.

"American Teenager" shows the highs and lows of being a teen with the added stress of politics included – and here, the individuality inside the ordinary is striking and wonderful. Lang is careful to show how these are just typical kids – good-hearted, smart, funny, sarcastic – and it rings throughout each profile how much the discrimination they endure affects their lives and relationships. That's a clarion call, absolutely, but readers who can see between the lines will also enjoy this book's humor, it's compassion, and the sheer joy of meeting decent, thoughtful teens.

Parents will like this book for its candor, and that goes doubly for adults who love a trans kid. Start "American Teenager" and before long, you'll be hooked.

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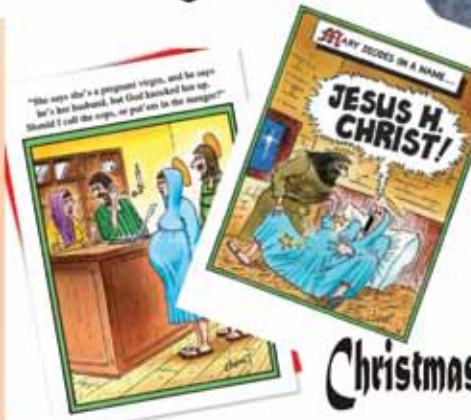


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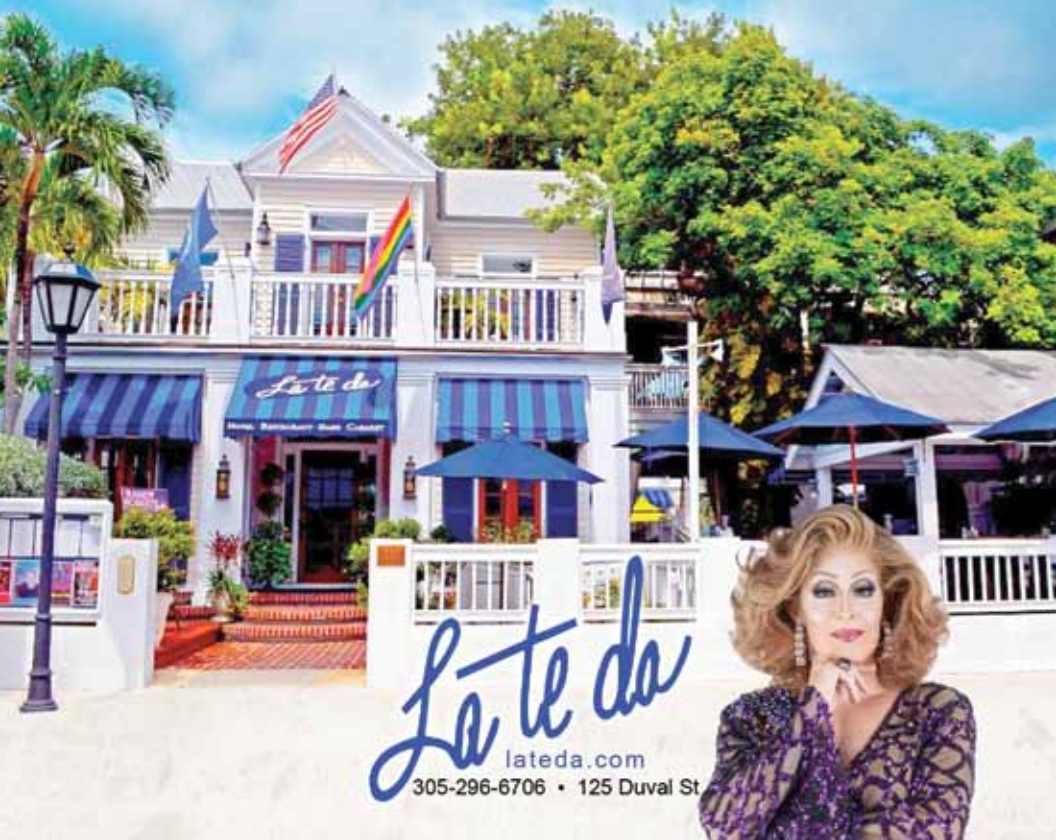
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ONE BITTER BERRY

Here comes the one time of year when cranberry infests all of our kitchens. In fact, many of us probably have a can or two of cranberry “sauce” still lying dormant in our cabinets and cupboards somewhere. Little sour, sweet cicadas that burrowed back into the cabinet, behind the baking powder, last December. And now, they are ready to rise again. Most likely with an expiration date this is just enough days before Thanksgiving to leave your mind with the “Sophie’s Choice” of do you roll the dice with expired bog berries or do you angrily buy a bushel of new cans? Always over-buying because once the meal starts there is no going back. And there is always one son of a bitch who puts the cranberry “sauce” on everything. And I say “sauce” because it’s not really a sauce, is it? I mean, sure, there are the few and the far between people who are the kings and queens of Caucasian cooking. People who will actually make cranberry sauce from scratch. They buy bags of whole cranberries, like pilgrims, and spend hours simmering and stirring, like Shakespearian witches. However, the vast majority of us will choose between the two main cranberry characters this holiday season: Jellied or Whole Berry.

To be fair, there is little real difference. The reality is, whole berry is just giving you the slightly better drag. Whole Berry, which I’ve also now decided is my seasonal drag name, is just

better at pretending to be real cranberry sauce. Whereas, jellied is a queen who have contoured and blended her makeup to the point where there is no definition at all. Unless you count the little can rings that can be seen in the round loaf that emerges when you gently shake a can of Jellied cranberry until it loudly queefs its way into existence in the dish. And, though nothing can really help its appearance, we all still feel some sort of dark shame in serving this gelatinous tube in that state. So, we slice it into rounds. Like deli meat. Thick discs of dystopia.

It really is a pick your poison situation. On one hand, a can of whole berry looks like your Thanksgiving is a dinner theater production of Agnes of God. If you don't know the play (or the brilliant movie with Jane Fonda, Anne Bancroft and an insane Meg Tilly) just know she loses the baby. On the other hand, you have a can of jellied. Which really is the placenta of side dishes.

Well, I hope you're all hungry! Save room for cranberry everyone!

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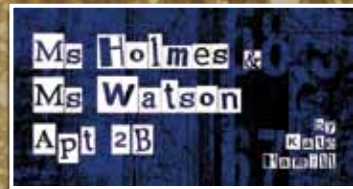




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WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY

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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

*Aqua Idol at 6 PM
Drag Show at 9 PM*

Back Bar

Monday Night Football at 8 PM

Birdcage Cabaret

Pub Style Trivia at 6 PM

Bourbon

*Bria singing live at 8 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

La Te Da

3Sum at 8:30 PM

TUESDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Drag Show at 9 PM

Back Bar

Movie Night at 8 PM

Birdcage Cabaret

Cabaret Show at 8 PM

Bourbon

*Bria singing live at 8 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

La Te Da

Tiger and River playing at 8.30

WEDNESDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM

Back Bar

*Watson Wednesday at 3 PM
Service Industry Night-at 6 PM*

Birdcage Cabaret

*René Breslin singing live at 5:30 PM
Western Wednesdays at 9 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

La Te Da

Tiger and River playing at 8.30



THURSDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM

Birdcage Cabaret

Cabaret Show at 8 PM

Throwback Thursdays at 10 PM

Bourbon

Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

La Te Da

3Sum at 8:30 PM

Randy Roberts Live at 9 PM

FRIDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Happy Hour with Bria at 3 PM

Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM

Karaoke at 11 PM

Back Bar

RuPaul Viewing Party at 8 PM

Birdcage Cabaret

Cabaret Show at 8 PM

Late Night Dance Party at 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

La Te Da

3Sum at 8:30 PM

Saloon 1

Cock Shock contest at Midnight

SATURDAY

801

Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

Aqua

Live Singer at 1 PM

Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM

Karaoke at 11 PM

Birdcage Cabaret

Cabaret Show at 8 PM

Dance Party 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

3Sum at 8:30 PM

Randy Roberts Live at 9 PM

SUNDAY

801

Karaoke starting at 4 PM

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM

Back Bar

Hot Dog Church at 3 PM

Sunday Night Football at 8 PM

Birdcage Cabaret

Kingdom at 7 PM

BirdDrop Open Mic Night at 8:30 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

La Te Da

Tea Dance at 4 PM

3Sum at 8:30 PM

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

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Dear Nana,

My nephew is 12 and lately he's been really into conspiracy theories. Not political ones but sort of the usual ones like Studio 54, Big Foot, and stuff like that. But now he's gone down a rabbit hole of "flat earthers" and I'm worried that this could easily lead to him not being able to distinguish what is real science vs. what is junk science. Especially on the internet. Any ideas would be appreciated.

Well, if you're coming to a woman my age for internet tips for 12-year-olds, I'd say you've already lost the war. But I do think I can be of some help. For starters, I believe you're talking about Area 51... not Studio 54. Though, I'll admit, a lot of freaky shit is alleged to have happened at both. Now, moving on to your nephew... figuratively speaking. I think the Flat Earth movement is a perfect point in his journey where you can show him that people should take conspiracy theories and TikTok health information and, sadly, much of the news we see online today as nothing more than click bait and quackery. Empower him by showing him that if he's really interested in "knowing" something, then he has to use critical thinking and the scientific method. Not just get his rocks off to whatever whack job theory he comes across that sounds wild and exciting. Though, speaking of whack jobs... if you find you can't get his mind of all this madness, have you considered just showing him all the porn that is on the internet? I can assure you the last thing he'll want to be googling is "flat earth" once he's pitched a few trouser tents.

Dear Nana,

Can you settle a debate for me and my boyfriend? He says candied sweet potatoes must always have marshmallows on them. Obviously, his family's recipe is one that puts tiny marshmallows on theirs. My family has TWO different candied sweet potato recipes (one from each side of the family) and neither would ever put a marshmallow on them. Which is the more authentic: with or without marshmallows?

First of all, I'm gonna need you to simmer down about how many candied sweet potato recipes your family has compared to others, you goddamn size queen. Next, I'm going to remind you that all family recipes are authentic to that family and their personal history. Not just their heritage or the dish's origins, but their own journey. So, some respect should always be paid to that fact. Third, I'll also remind you that nothing at your Thanksgiving table is really "authentic" unless you spend some part of the meal slaughtering indigenous people. Do you? Do you and your family get hopped up on yam sugar and go a'genociding? No. No you don't. So, lets leave authenticity to one side, shall well? And finally, the answer is: marshmallows are trash and should never go on potatoes. I assume his family serves their candied trash potatoes next to a turkey that's been cooking, sitting up, on a beer can and their idea of dessert is a jello salad and Marlboro Light.

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AQUARIUS JAN 20 - FEB 18

With the amount of ass you kiss every day, you really should brush your teeth once in a while!

PISCES FEB 19 - MAR 20

Do you ever notice that your friends only invite you out to the bar? They really need alcohol to deal with you.

ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19

I'm not saying you're a slut but the health department has a loyalty program named after you.

TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20

If you Google your symptoms, you're just gonna find out you're a bitch.

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20

When people think of you, they touch themselves. By that, I mean they put a finger down their throat

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22

Having a dad bod is sexy but you're seriously overdoing it!

LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22

You're like a black jelly bean on a rainbow cup cake.

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22

People find you offensive. Perhaps you should hide better.

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22

You're fat. Sorry, I couldn't sugarcoat it because I was afraid you would eat that too.

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21

As another birthday approaches, at least you still have your hair. Too bad it's all in your ears.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21

When you tell people you're going home to blow your boyfriend, they all know you mean you're going home to blow him up!

CAPRICORN DEC 22 - JAN 19

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