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Welcome To Paradise!

Regardless of what holidays you might celebrate, we're glad you're here whether you want to be nice or a ho ho ho.

December is Bone Island month where you can show your bone at parties all over town.

For a full list of events, check out:
www.nakedkeywest.com

Enjoy!



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December is one the most colorful times in the Keys, not the least of which starts with decorated palm trees dripping with white lights, blue houses that almost make you feel like it's dropped a degree or two and rainbow bubble machines imitating snow - it's a stretch but it works here. People are covered in tinsel dresses (yes, really) and lighted headdresses that cover the complete range of Dr. Seuss characters. It's magical and a little bit crazy. One of my favorite things to do is get all dolled up in holiday gear and take a trolley ride through the local neighborhoods.

Now, what makes people deck their houses like a winter alien invasion or as if the entire Charlie Brown cast is squatting on their front lawn singing holiday tunes? A contest, of course! Locals really get into it and compete for the most outlandish, colorful, motion-censored display they can create. The action is very much focused in New Town near the high school and where the shopping centers are, though you can find plenty of lights all over the island that sparkle and delight. Heck, we even have a lobster trap Christmas Tree at the Warf! Locals can enter to win on trolleytours.com. You can get your tickets to ride by calling Gay Key West, our business Guild office. 305-294-7797.

There are a couple of different trolleys to choose from and they each benefit different organizations so you get a great night out

LEZ GO OUT

and they get supported. A total win-win! The trolley that we can't wait for this year is Gay Key West's Holiday Party Trolley on December 11th! It's two hours of fun with two stops to top off refreshments and some promised surprises along the way! Tickets are \$55/person and you are encouraged to dress to impress holiday style with ALL of your friends. Guaranteed to sell out and be a gay ol' time. Get it?! There are several other dates and times too on their regular holiday lights tour, but get into this one, fam!! It's going to sell out.

This year I'm wearing a Christmas tree dress complete with ornaments!! I have lighted necklaces and reindeer antlers with bells on them. I have a friend who just won the cutest Mrs. Claus boots with the fur and I found out that our own Faith Michaels (local drag queen extraordinaire) is responsible for their bling and fuzz!!! I'm going to have to get her to make a pair for me to complete the ensemble. What? You want Faith to design a pair for you, too?? Ok, fine, I'll share. Faith is a headlining drag queen at Aquaplex Nightclub on Duval St (at the rainbow end of town!) You can find her there by checking out the schedule and going to see a drag show. When you pull her aside after tipping her bookoo bucks, tell her I sent you for those Mrs. Claus heels that stole the show! She'll know exactly which ones you're looking for!

So Lez go Out and get lit. Errr...Lit up! I mean, get all lighted up on the trolley wearing fabulous shoes! Whatever works for you... See you out there!



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LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*



"A LITTLE QUEER NATURAL HISTORY" BY JOSH L. DAVIS
c.2024, University of Chicago Press | \$16.00 | 128 pages



When you were a small child, someone taught you about the birds and the bees.

It might've been a parent or other adult who explained where babies come from, or another kid who filled your head with scary, exciting things that you believed until you learned better. However you learned the facts of life, it changed you forever and in the new book, "A Little Queer Natural History" by Josh L. Davis, there's more to the wild story.

You are not alone. Just look around.

All kinds of creatures share the planet with us but, in the same way that you shouldn't judge a person at first glance, you can't jump to conclusions about those creatures. That's especially true with sexual behavior. While we can't rightly attribute human feelings or intentions to them – animals likely don't understand gay from straight – we may assume "that most species of animal probably exhibit some form of queer behaviour..."

Take birds, for instance: early-twentieth-century explorers noted the Adelie penguin for its male-male partnering activity. Female Western gulls often raise their chicks with female partners. Female pheasants may "present as males" if their estrogen is depleted.

As for mammals, Western lowland gorillas and bonobos both engage in sexual activity with either sex. Domestic sheep, hyenas, and giraffes also "could be considered to have a sexuality that we would define as

homosexual or bisexual."

And "When it comes to sex in plants," says Davis, "all bets are off."

Komodo dragons can reproduce through parthenogenesis, or without fertilization. Parrot fish are able to change sex if they need to. Morpho butterflies are gynandromorphs, having "both male and female tissue within... a single individual." Castrated male cane toads will develop egg cells due to a "Bidder's organ". Even dinosaurs are included in this book.

"Despite sex often being viewed as a fundamental for life on Earth," says Davis, "there is still a lot we don't know about it and scientists are constantly learning more."

When you first get "A Little Queer Natural History" in your hands, you'll notice how whisper-thin it feels. Don't let that fool you; the pages may be light, but what you'll find is not.

No, author Josh L. Davis stuffs each entry tight with real scientific information, and he uses actual scientific terms to do it. There's zero dumbing-down in that, but Davis is quick to explain terms and ideas, which helps readers to completely understand what's here. For sure, you'll feel like a smarty-pants as you make your way through this book.

Readers, however, may scratch their heads and wonder why some of the entries are included – it may be a stretch to include fossilized creatures or male animals that care for their offspring, for instance. Chances are, though, that you'll be so captured by the knowledge contained in each short chapter that you won't mind.

"A Little Queer Natural History" is a smart book, perfect for quick reads at random at this busy time of year. If that's what you need now, enjoying it's a fact of life.

A photograph of three shirtless men in a locker room. The man in the center is a Black man with dark, wavy hair, looking slightly to his right. He has a serious expression. To his left is a man with a goatee, looking towards the center. To his right is a younger man with light hair, looking towards the center. They are standing in front of red lockers. The lighting is warm and focused on the men.

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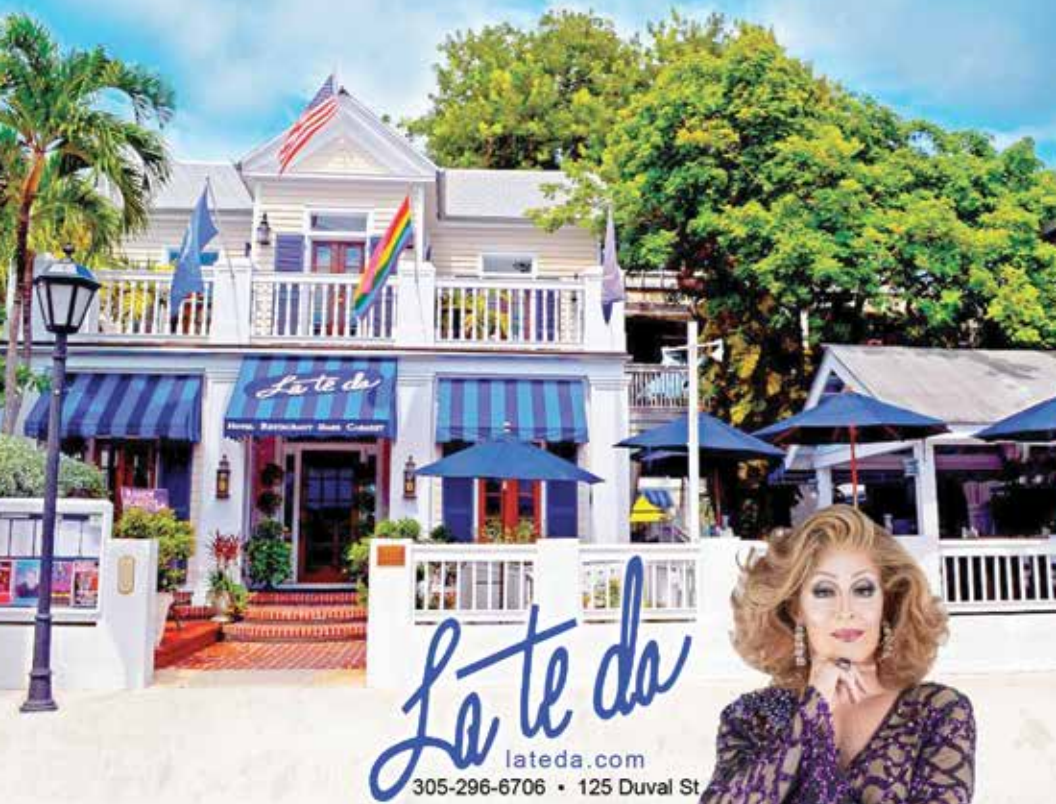
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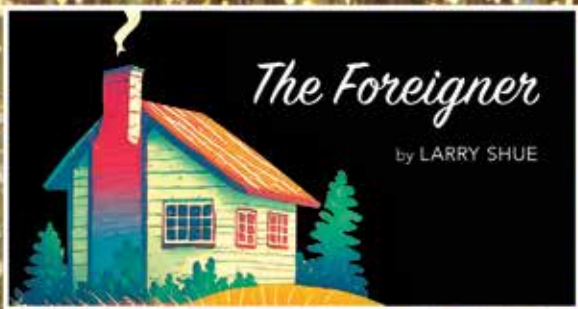


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We at Bone Island have tried to organize an event that showcases the beauty of nature in our little slice of Paradise. And while we champion every possible representation of the human body, this particular event is designed for those identifying and presenting as a gay/queer/trans adult male... no disrespect intended to anyone else.

As we at Bone Island seek to provide a safe, fun, and respectful naturist event for our guests, we also expect our guests to be respectful of each other, local residents, and venue staffs. It, of course, should go without saying that body shaming of any type will not be tolerated. Nor will any acts of homophobia, racism, transphobia, misogyny, ableism, or xenophobia. There is enough meanness in the world that we should not visit any upon each other at Bone Island (neither the event, nor our island home)!

Since Bone Island Bare It All is an event which freely celebrates the male body, there may be times when inhibitions – in addition to items of clothing – are checked at the door! In such instances, we ASK our guests to be safe, and we INSIST that boundaries be respected. We will not tolerate any unwanted touching. **NO MEANS NO.** We will not tolerate photography without affirmative consent, either. **ASK FOR CONSENT.** We also follow all the house rules at each of our venues whether or not specifically mentioned here.

We want you to have safe fun and be respectful. We strongly encourage you to be vaccinated against COVID, Monkeypox, and all transmissible illnesses; do it to protect yourself, but more importantly, do it to protect your fellow guests. Know your status, and get tested before and after having fun. Our amazing local community has all the resources you may need. We are all adults, so let's be responsible while enjoying ourselves.

We're glad you're here! Be free! But please remember to also be smart, be respectful, be safe; follow those simple guidelines, and we will all have a blast!

Schedule of Events



Bone Island
Pass Event



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Wednesday, December 4

10PM – 2AM

MOONJOCKS SILENT DISCO

533 Eaton Street, \$20 (free with pass)

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Thursday, December 5

12PM – 5PM

REGISTRATION AND POOL PARTY

Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, \$50 (free with pass)

Pick-up your pre-purchased weekend pass or purchase one on arrival. Then hang out around the pool for a casual afternoon gathering.



5PM - 7PM

GREET THE MEAT HAPPY HOUR

Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, Free

Kick off cocktail hour with complimentary appetizers.



10PM – Until

THE BLACK PARTY

Saloon One, 801 Duval Street (enter thru parking lot), \$20 (free with pass)

Key West's leather bar welcomes back Bone Island for an evening of dark fun. Show off your kink.



LATE NIGHT

HAPPY ENDING PARTY

Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, \$50 (free with pass)

For when the parties are done but you're not.



Schedule of Events



Friday, December 6

1PM - 5PM

THE GARDEN PARTY

Bourbon St. Pub – Garden Bar, 724 Duval Street, \$20 (free with pass)

A fun, frisky afternoon in the pool. DJ, pizza and full cash bar.



9PM - 10:30PM

DRAG CABARET

801 Bourbon, 801 Duval Street, \$15 (free with pass)

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10PM - Until

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Saturday, December 7

10AM - 1PM

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10AM - 1PM

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12PM - 5PM

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10PM - Until

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Sunday, December 8

12PM – 4PM

HOT NAKED SUNDAY

Island House, 1129 Fleming Street, \$50 (free with pass)

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4PM

KRAZY KARAOKE

801 Bourbon, 801 Duval Street

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5PM

DRAG QUEEN BINGO

22&CO, 504 Angela Street

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Schedule of Events



Sunday, December 8

9PM – until

ICING ON THE CAKES

Saloon One, 504 Petronia Street at Duval Street, Free

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LATE NIGHT

HAPPY ENDING PARTY

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Brad Loekle



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I'll let you in on a little secret: I had to submit this article for print by November 5th. So, I have no idea what life in December will be like yet. This article will probably age like milk. But let's take some shots in the dark together. And, remember, I'm a comedian... so take everything I say with a grain of salt... and a shot of tequila.

Picture it! December 2025! We might be celebrating our first Madame President or we might be rolling up copies of this article to attach to Molotov cocktails for the big sequel to the first American Civil War... "Civil War 2: Lets Get This Tea Party Started."

If it is the latter, I would only ask that you read the rest of this article before using it as toilet paper during some dystopian reality that I couldn't have predicted on November 4th. For what it's worth, I hope the dystopian future has sexy vampires or maybe, even, sexy zombies? We haven't done sexy zombies as a dystopian future yet. Why not? We all watch porn. And all those people are dead inside. So why hasn't anyone made sex-zombie-future-world yet? Someone tell the executives at Netflix (who are really just 2-3 drunk children, on each other's shoulders, inside a man's suit) to get ChatGPT to write us a sexy zombie show we can all get behind. The way people of all political spectrums were able to come together, for 8 years, and casually watch family members fuck on dragons in "Game of Thrones."

Simpler times.

Oh, and if you voted for RFK or Jill Stein or don't vote at all, just

remember that this dystopian future is sponsored, in part, by YOU. YOU: because if you can't have the most perfect choice in the world, you should make the worst choice possible just to prove a point.

In reality, we'll probably all still be processing whatever happened in November. Hell, I'm still processing shit that happened in August. Of 1997. Regardless of how this election shook out or any elections shake out or if America will ever shake it off, shake it off, off... oh, shit, I slipped into Taylor Swift lyrics... we're all going to have to keep on going. Whatever that means for each of us right now.

Maybe what we need for 2025 is a little bit MORE dystopia rather than less? Maybe if AI took over the world and our phones all attacked us, we would put them down and spend more quality time together as a species. When is AI going to hurry up and unite us as a species against itself? Become sentient and fight us already, you big binary-coded baby! When does hot, naked Arnold Schwarzenegger show up in this timeline so we can unite against him. Unite really hard against him. Kids, go google what Arnold looked like naked in the original "Terminator" movie. It was A LOT. And 2024 has me ready and willing to die while fighting a young, naked Arnold Schwarzenegger in an alley. I want that future for me. And I want that future for you too.

But what I really want is for Kamala to have ended the dramala by the time this is in your palmala.

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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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

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Dear Nana,

My parents usually stay with me when they visit for holidays. But, this year, they announced that they will be staying for a month! They want to get away from the winter a bit and not just rush in for a few days then rush home (their words). This took me by surprise and I don't know how I feel about them being here a whole month. Should they have asked first? I mean, I love them and we get along great, but a month is a long time! Should I say anything?

You crashed in their house for 18 years! You can't give them 4 weeks? Sure, should they have phrased it to you as a request not an announcement? Probably. But if they had asked first, would you have turned them down? It doesn't sound like it. However, it's also fair to say that a month is a long time. There's an old saying that says houseguests should never stay longer than fish stays fresh. But that's for guests, not family. There are plenty of folks who either don't have their parents anymore or who never had the great relationship you have with yours. And, lets be honest, none of us are getting any younger... So how many more visits do you think you have with them? You willing to risk it? If they get in your hair, just remind them that you have a life and a job and you can't take off a month to galivant with them. But I have a sneaking suspicion that the month will go by smoothly. Just remember to knock before you go into the guest room. Of all the new memories you might make with them this month, lets not have one of them be you finding out your mom likes doggy-style.

Dear Nana,

With Christmas just around the corner, I was wondering if you would share with us what your favorite side is? And, if you don't mind, include how to make it!



I'd have to say that my favorite side is: Timothée Chalamet. There's no way that bed-headed Bel Ami boy has penetrative sex. He'd make a great neck pillow, though.

As for how to make him, I assume you just whisk two twinks together until frothy.

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PISCES FEB 19 - MAR 20

Stop talking shit. You're barely fluent in English.

ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19

I'm not saying you're fat but your birthstone is a sugar crystal.

TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20

I'm not saying you should see a dermatologist but your face does look like a topographical map of the Rockies.

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20

Let's face it, the only man that lets you swallow him is Jack Daniels.

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22

Help fight air pollution. Bathe!

LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22

You're so old, the antique shop wants to put you in the window.

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22

Whatever is going on inside that head of yours must have a very long name.

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22

If you were any more of a slut, you would be rated E, for everyone!

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21

Much like the Wall Street Journal, people are cancelling their subscription to your issues

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21

Wow!! You've had a LOT of birthdays!

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