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Welcome To Paradise!

While other parts of the country are getting "May Flowers," we're getting the start of summer weather.

The ocean is still cool for a nice refreshing swim, or find a nearby pool and make a new friend!!

Enjoy!

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LEZ GO OUT



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With our busy schedules, the Husbutch and I kind of make Sunday mornings our thing.. We wake up a bit later, watch the Sunday Morning Show on CBS and then... we plan breakfast. Usually, it's the Sunday Brunch feels in our house with pancakes or waffles, strong coffee and snuggles on our couch, in our jammies. Awe.. I know. We're cute. However, on occasion we decide to go out for breakfast. Lately there has been one place that I just can't stop thinking about. Breakfast Club, Too on Greene St.

That's the name! No, I don't know why, but it doesn't matter. The food is absolutely outstanding! First of all, the atmosphere greets you with a fun tropical, indoor-outdoor, metrosexual vibe. You know what I mean. You can get a regular cup pf coffee and hug a corner if you want to, but the bar and cool tables by the window and patio where you order a specialty mimosa and smoothie bowl is way way cooler! You can get brunch all day (yaasss, Queen) and when they say that they have the best bloody mary's, they aren't playing around. 11 different versions! The Pickled Mary is next on my list to try out! And if you don't know what a chictatoo is yet, go get you some. Thank me later.

They have this dish that one, perhaps mildly hungover, morning I decided to order. I sat at the bar to make sure I had the bartender's full attention should I need immediate assistance and ordered this crazy dish I'd never heard of before. Believe you me, and not just because I was mildly hung over, it was the best thing I had ever

tasted... breakfast-wise. I got the Veggie Röstis (pronounce that as you will) and it is just layer upon layer of goodness!! It starts with a bed of potatoes, then sauteed spinach, mushrooms, roasted peppers and onions smothered with melted cheddar and topped with grilled tomatoes. There were eggs in there somewhere and enough food for two people which didn't stop me. I talked about it for three days afterward.

Can we just talk about pancake charcuterie boards for a minute. They're a damn work of art is what they are. Fruit, spreads, peanut butter, silver dollar sized pancakes so that each bite can be different!! I mean, come on! They have breakfast DOWN! Pair that with their spiked latte flights (yes, I said flights – complete with whipped cream and chocolate rim and who doesn't like a chocolate rim....) and you have the most fun, unique, take-every-friend-you-know kind of a place that I could imagine on the island.

Perhaps one of my favorite parts was that this place is kind of tucked away. It's an "if you know, you know" kind of stop. It is flanked by a gallery and a cute little bohemian and veggie-vibe coffee shop that I'll talk about in another article. You walk down Greene St away from the Key West Bight and look to your left. It's in a grey building that you have to look for or you'll miss it.

Now, I have imparted the best hidden breakfast secret of the island to you. Go forth my lesbian (and non-lesbian) friends and enjoy it. Lez Go Out and meet for a spiked latte flight or Monster Mary and people watch the island go by!!



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LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*

"PAT IN THE CITY: MY LIFE OF FASHION, STYLE, AND BREAKING ALL THE RULES"

BY PATRICIA FIELD

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The shirt's just a little too big.

But that's no problem; you'd rather your shirts be looser anyhow. Pants, they're another matter; they need to be snug all over. You have your own sense of style, and you wear it fabulously. In the new book "Pat in the City" by Patricia Field, read about an icon's journey into clothes, clubs, and couture.

Almost from the time she was born, little Patricia Haig (later, Field) knew that clothing made a statement. She knew it while wearing her cowgirl outfit to play, when she clothes-shopped with her aunts,

and when recalling her father, who was "handsome, sweet, and mild" and who died when she was small. Adoption later changed her surname, but not her love of clothing.

Working in her mother's dry-cleaning "shop" as a kid, Field learned all about fabrics; her aunts' forays into fashion taught her even more. She "always had beautiful clothes," although a pair of men's-style pants discovered in a small boutique in the mid-1950s was life-changing.

Field entered college and landed dual degrees in philosophy and political science, though she says "style came easy to me." By then, she'd turned away from '50s femininity, preferring an androgynous look. She also learned that she preferred women as partners.

One of them was a partner in Field's first business, a small shop near

NYU in Manhattan that opened in 1966. In 1971, they opened a larger store, calling it "Patricia Field." Partly due to her contacts with designers, Field sold inventive, trendy, "nouveau glamour" outfits to clubbers who made Studio 54 the "high-octane" place it was then. Field dressed a lot of celebrity clubbers, too, which led her to the ballroom scene, where she became a House "Father" and a part of voguing history. And then someone suggested to someone else that Field would make a great costumer for an upcoming movie...

If you could somehow take two books by a good author and smash them together to make one, that's what you'd have with "Pat in the City." This book is divided almost clean in two, and almost with separate reader-audiences.

In the first part, author Patricia Field shares her biography, her childhood, her formative years, and the awakening of her personal sense of style. Fashionistas won't be able to put those pages aside, nor will anyone who attended any New York City club with any regularity back in the day. This half of Field's book drips with disco lights and ballroom "reads."

Celebrities stretch into the second half, as Field writes about being the costumer for *Sex in the City*, the friendships she struck up with its cast, and how the iconic opening scene came to be. This part of the book – likewise glittering with big names and big productions – is for younger readers and Hollywood watchers.

Reading this book is like time-travel to the '70s, and a backstage peek at your favorite show. If you love clothes and people who love fashion, then get "Pat in the City." It fits.

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Bette Davis used to say, “growing old ain’t for sissies.” She was, of course, not referring to our kind of sissy but rather the idea that aging takes a lot out of a person. And, that facing the perils of aging takes a hell of a strong person. Even if that strength can no longer be found in their joints.

I’ll be 45 this month. Both years old and pounds overweight. My doctor insists that this shouldn’t be a symmetry I aspire to. But she should have told me that 20 pound-years ago, shouldn’t she?! I like everything about middle age when it comes to what’s inside my brain. And I like my life a lot, which I’ve come to learn is not the default setting for most people at the middle of their journey. But, holy fuck, what has happened to my body?! I mean, I was never an athletic sort. I haven’t been to a gym since 2004 and I much prefer to pick up a book or a cocktail than whatever the hell a “kettle bell” is. It sounds stupid and unusually gay for such a heavy item. But, then again, I’m realizing that I’M unusually gay for such a heavy item, so maybe I should leave the kettle bells alone.

I’ve reached a point where I can crack my entire back by sneezing. When I turn my head side-to-side it sounds like Snap, Crackle, and Pop are break dancing in my neck. When did my cartilage turn into breakfast cereal? Did you know you

can tear your meniscus while you sleep? If you're under 40 you probably have no idea what a meniscus is. It's some asshole meat tissue in your knees that can tear. And, though, many people tear it through exercising or sportsing, weeble wobbles like myself can, apparently, tear it just by getting our leg tangled in the blankets while I sleep. Who knew that in my dreams I'm an athlete?!

Seriously, I don't want to be 25 again but 25-year-old me was doing lines of blow off go-go boys' cocks in handicapped stalls at 4am. And, now, I'm writing to you... from bed... at 9:24pm... with a cup of ginger chamomile tea and a lavender candle burning. There has to be an in-between, right? I must not "go gently into that good night" right now, yes? Maybe I start doing drugs at brunch so I can still be in bed by 9pm? Maybe I date a go-go boy and we buy plants together? Maybe I take mushrooms before I go on my daily walk? Is there a chance I might walk into the ocean because it seems warm or misread if that mountain lion is flirting and end up dead? Yes. That is possible. But at least they'll say, "he died like he lived: acting like a 25-year-old asshole."

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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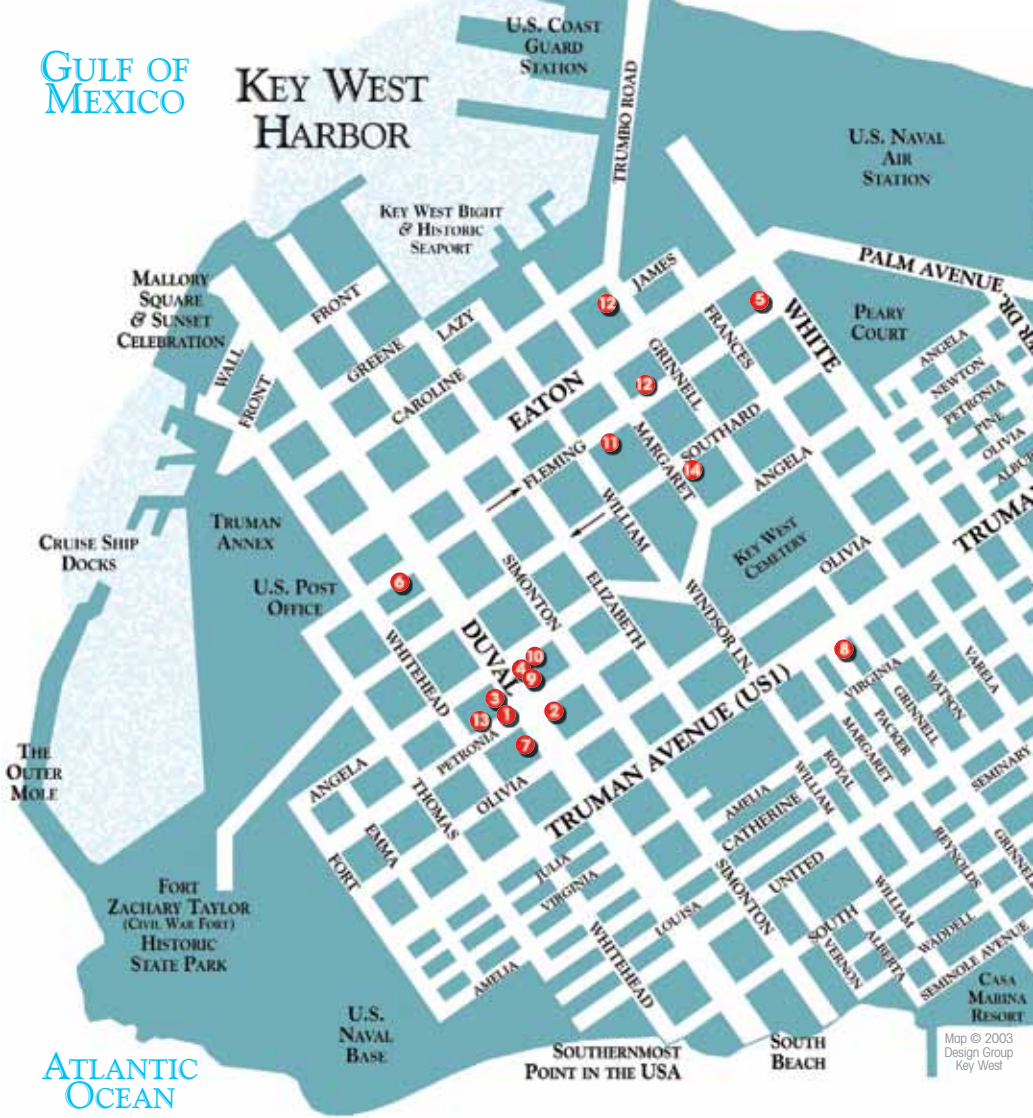
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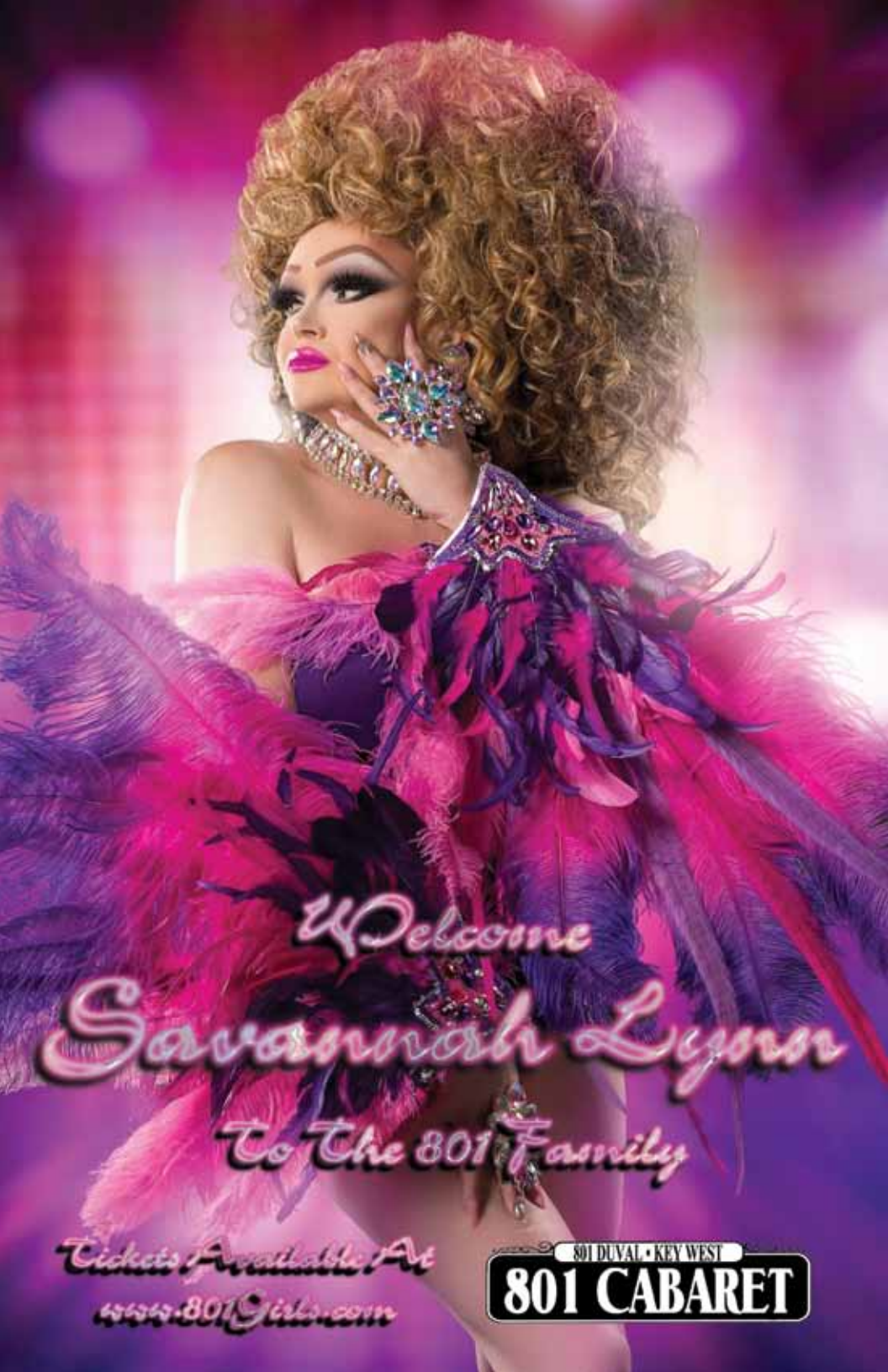
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*Bria singing live at 8:00 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

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Hot Naked Pool Party starting at 5 PM

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Drag Shows at 8 PM and 10:30 PM

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*Jeff Moss singing live at 8:00 PM
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Drag Shows at 8 PM and 10:30 PM

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Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM
Boys Night Out starting at 10 PM*

Saloon 1

Cock Shock contest at Midnight

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Drag Shows at 5, 8, & 10:30 PM

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*Naked Pool Party at Noon
Jeff Moss singing live at 8:00 PM
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*Karaoke starting at 4 PM
Drag Shows at 8 PM and 10:30 PM*

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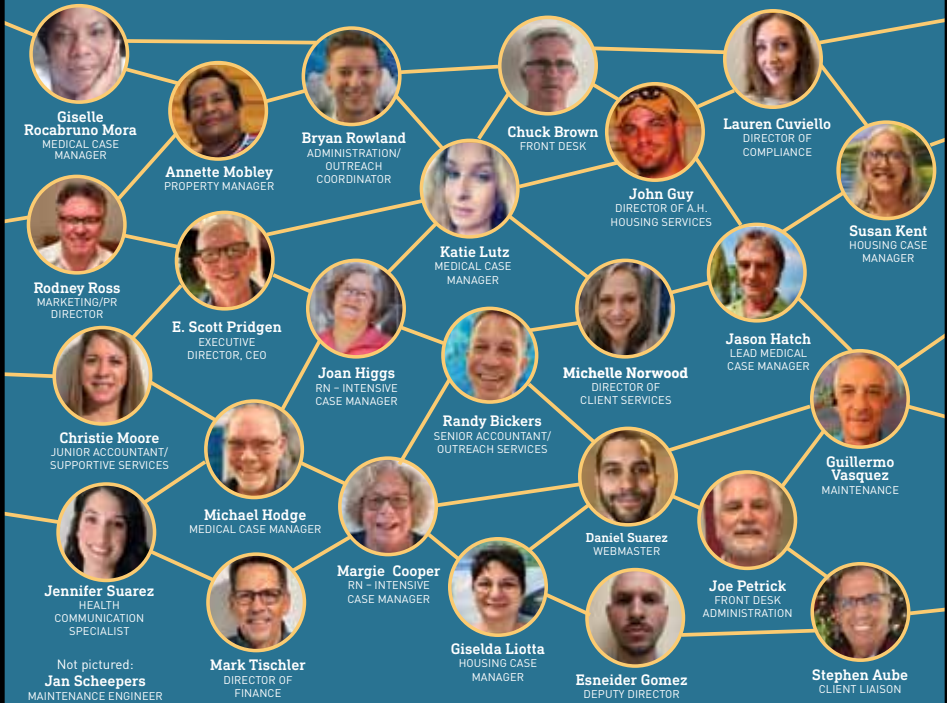


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Dear Nana,

I got hit on by a nice guy but his fetish sort of turns me off. He's really into noses. I have a pretty defined nose and every compliment he gave me was nose-based. He gave me his number and he's cute and seems sweet. Should I go on a date with him? What if he tries to blow my nose? What would you do?

Okay... just when I think I'm not going to be surprised anymore before I die, here you come with sniffing around! Sugar bear, I don't know where to begin. Where did you meet this man? How did he bring up this nose fetish? Is there any chance he's a serial killer? I know I'm asking more questions than I'm answering. My first thought is, "what's the harm in a date?" But then I remember how easy it is to roofie a person and shove them into a car trunk. If he's cute and sweet I don't see the harm in a date in a public location. Hopefully he likes you for more than your shnoz and hopefully that comes through sooner than later. When it comes to the topic of "blowing" your nose, I honestly don't know if you mean blowing your nose with a tissue or somehow sucking off your snout. I'm not keen on either idea but thinking about the latter one has made me laugh so hard that I've peed myself a little. If he has a handsome grandfather who is into ladies who pee when they laugh, then we can go on a double date! Keep me posted...

Dear Nana,

I've decided to end a friendship of mine that I just feel has become more and more unhealthy as time has gone on. It's not that he's done any one giant horrible thing. But it's just that we're different people with much different outlooks and goals in life. How do I tell a friend I don't want to be their friend anymore when there hasn't been a giant issue in the first place?

Well, it certainly does make it easier to break off a friendship when one of you have fucked the other one's boyfriend... or father, for that matter! But, listen, people are allowed to grow apart and move on with their lives. We should all try to live our lives in service to each other but not in servitude to every person we know for a time. If you're looking for a non-confrontational way, you can always just fade out of the relationship. When we don't make ourselves available to



people and situations, those people and situations tend to see themselves out. But if that's not realistic, I would just fuck his boyfriend... or his father. It's always worked for me.

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