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Editors Note

Well like everyone in this fine country of ours the recessions seem to have hit the parties hard. Nothing last month and barely one this month! I must congratulate the "Miss Galaxy World 2010" Committee for a great job of pulling off another well attended show. I didn't go but the pictures on "Facebook" aka All in ya business book do show it must have been a sight to behold.

Is it me or am I finding Barbados more tolerant for the gay community now. May be its because so many men off the block are gay and so many women have gay friends. Still I trust nothing that bleeds for a week straight and does not die! But that's me.

Enjoy the articles thanks again to the contributors without you guys I would be very lost. If you want to put something in the Magazine. Give me a shout! Most Love my boo boo bear who sit and watches me do this every month.

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Pre-History of the Circuit

Written by Mickey Weems

You think gay dance parties are a modern invention? Gay men's passion for dancing goes much farther back than White and Black Parties. Our love affair with music and movement is well documented through 300 years of criminal records, when such antics could get a man arrested. Folklorist Mickey Weems takes you back to the days long before there was even a Miami Beach, let alone the Winter Party.

Molly houses

In the early 1700s, England was the home of molly houses, secret establishments where men could congregate, drink, dance together and hook up in back rooms called "wedding chapels." Molly was the slang term popular at the time for queers-the same term for female prostitutes, incidentally.

Molly houses had many of the same characteristics as gay bars and circuit parties today. Cross-dressing was common. One custom that has been lost, however, was the tradition of mock births.

The scene came to a crashing halt when the Society for the Reformation of Manners began to raid the molly houses and shut them down when the parties got too popular. There were cases of men (and at least one woman) being pilloried, imprisoned, and even executed. There was also resistance; but even though the men sometimes fought back, it didn't do any good; mollies were forced to take their culture underground.

Drag balls

Fast-forward 200 years to America in the early 1900s.

A lot of gay history involves men in dresses. In the 1920s and '30s, drag balls took place regularly in major cities such as New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, St. Louis and New Orleans. These events were usually sponsored by African-American organizations, the most famous being in Harlem. They were a favorite of both the black and white straight elite.

Drag balls (also called sissy, fairy, or faggot balls) were spectacles in which a man could present himself publicly as herself. Not just men in drag attended these functions; women also dressed as men. Like the molly house parties, there was music, dancing and plenty of drinking. The popularity of drag balls for both straight and gay audiences eventually led to one being held in Madison Square Garden.

But pansies on parade in the middle of Madison Square Garden made the fags way too visible. The same popularity that undermined molly houses led to the demise of the drag balls. With the approach of World War II, the government cracked down on such "subversive" activities.

Once again, the scene went underground. Gay male festive culture expressed itself in rent parties (parties held in an apartment to help the host pay the month's rent) and orgiastic drugged-out get-togethers called "buffet flats" (as in "all you can eat") that would include live sex shows.

The Beautiful South

Few people know this, but portions of the Bible Belt are covered in rhinestones. In the 1950s and '60s, a circuit of underground parties was the rage in the Southern U.S.

When it comes to decadence, it should come as no surprise that New Orleans led the way. Gay Mardi Gras societies (called krewes) began in the 1950s with the all-gay male Krewe of Yuga, and drag queen contests during the festivities became popular in the 1960s.

As expected, police raided the krewes in the early days, but you can't keep a gay man on his knees for long. Eventually, the queer krewes became tolerated, if not accepted outright. Notably, like other krewes, they were racially segregated: The earliest gay krewes were all white.

A bigger surprise is the Emma Jones parties in Pensacola, Florida. They began in the early '60s when a group of men created an imaginary town resident named Emma Jones so that they could set up a post office box in her name. Emma Jones received homoerotic magazines to keep the men

from being arrested for ordering obscene material over the mail.

The Emma Jones Society began celebrating their imaginary patroness at Fourth of July beach parties. Initially, the gatherings were small, less than a hundred people. But word quickly got out. The parties grew to 200 people, then 400, and eventually thousands of revelers would show up. In keeping with tradition going back to jolly old England, there were drag queens, music, dancing and, of course, lots of drinking.

Pensacola is a military base and resort town that largely depends on tourist dollars. For that reason, locals turned a blind eye to the goings-on for years. The police required only that people clean up their trash. These parties peaked in the early '70s and then slowly died, most likely due to local pressure against such a massive gay presence invading the small resort. But the tradition survives in the annual Memorial Day Weekend events, which began in the '80s.

I'll Take Manhattan

After the disturbances at the Stonewall Inn in New York City in 1969, gay men's lives exploded in a celebration of their sexuality and dance clubs. Men were having sex everywhere, from abandoned trucks to the bushes in Central Park. This grand release of horniness generated its own industries: bathhouses like St. Marks and the Continental. Discos such as the Flamingo, Saint, and Paradise Garage gave birth to a new phenomenon, all-night parties in which a DJ kept the beat kept steady and strong by mixing songs together. The sound that came out of the gay clubs took over the world as Disco Music.

Thus was born the Circuit as we know it today. Fondness for creative forms of intoxication that came out of the hippy movement was wedded to the beat as Disco. The flame would just as quickly die in the straight world, but it kept going in the gay clubs, even in the face of the AIDS crisis.

As a community that fervently believes bigger is always better, we made sure our parties kept growing and growing up to present mega events like Gay Disney and the NYC Pride Pier Dance.

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Had he lived, August 29th would have been Michael Jackson's 52nd birthday. I know much has been said about him in the wake of his death. In fact much was said of him before he died of course. I did not have this forum to express my thoughts regarding the man at the time of his passing, so I hope readers would indulge me if I do so now.

The first thing I have got to make clear is that I was not a Michael Jackson fan from the get go. When Thriller came out at the end of 1982 I had not yet reached my teens and I remember being bewildered by the fuss an older female cousin was making over him, (down to turning up the radio and singing at the top of her voice when a song came on to the irritation of her

brothers). It was only when Bad was released in 1988 when I was in my mid-teen years that I started to appreciate his talents. It is for persons far younger than myself to be unimpressed by him what with the Chris Browns, Jason Derulos and Ushers all doing the same thing. But one would have to realise what is being done now as the norm as far live performances and music video production is concerned, pretty much started with him in the 1980's.

Thriller came out in the infancy of MTV (it actually played videos back then, not all the reality show dreck we see now). Interestingly MTV was not inclined to play videos by black artists, so Michael's label CBS had to use strong arm tactics to coax them into showing his videos. It ultimately worked in both their and Michael's favour by raising the profile of the former and making the latter the first big video star.

Furthermore it paved the way for black artists to appear on the next work. It should be noted that though the Thriller video is lauded as being a landmark in video making, it did not win Video of the Year at the 1984 Video Music Awards losing to "You Might Think" by The Cars (who?!!!!) and similarly he lost Best Male Video at the same awards show to David Bowie's "China Girl". He's not even the most winning artist overall or just among males. In fact awards wise Michael has done less well than you might think. Though he

has quite a number of accolades to his credit, including the top-selling album ever (Thriller, of course) surprisingly Michael fails to top quite a few lists awards or chart wise.

However, it's a testament to the sheer magnitude of the man's cultural impact that though most of his glory stems from the genius contained in one album in particular released nearly thirty years ago, that his influence remains strong well into a new millennia, and that even in death he has a new generation dancing and singing along to this music as if it was 1983. , and deservedly so

R.I.P. Michael

BTW if you need any further proof as to how "hard" the man was, watch his 1988 Grammy performance on Youtube, the DVD of his 1992 Bucharest concert, or the "This Is It" DVD, produced when he was 50 years old (and that was just at rehearsal!!!!).

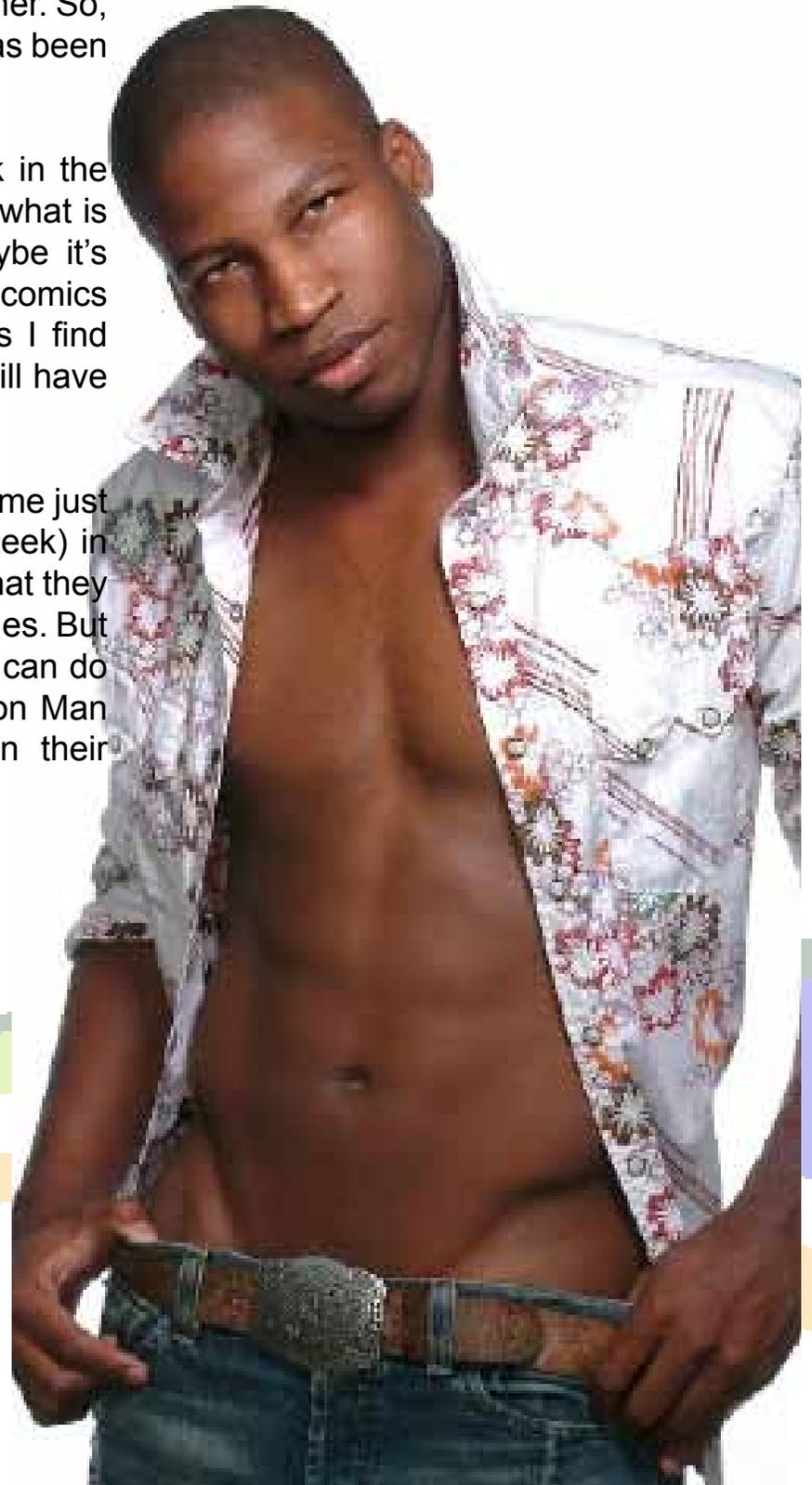


MICHAEL JACKSON

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Too gay... An engineering professor is treating her husband, a loan officer, to dinner for finally giving in to her pleas to shave off the scraggly beard he grew on vacation. His favorite restaurant is a casual place where they both feel comfortable in slacks and cotton/polyester-blend golf shirts. But, as always, she wears the gold and pearl pendant he gave her the day her divorce decree was final. They're laughing over their menus because they know he always ends up diving into a giant plate of ribs but she won't be talked into anything more fattening than shrimp.

Quiz: How many biblical prohibitions are they violating? Well, wives are supposed to be 'submissive' to their husbands (I Peter 3:1). And all women are forbidden to teach men (I Timothy 2:12), wear gold or pearls (I Timothy 2:9) or dress in clothing that 'pertains to a man' (Deuteronomy 22:5). Shellfish and pork are definitely out (Leviticus 11:7, 10) as are usury (Deuteronomy 23:19), shaving (Leviticus 19:27) and clothes of more than one fabric (Leviticus 19:19). And since the Bible rarely recognizes divorce, they're committing adultery, which carries the rather harsh penalty of death by stoning (Deuteronomy 22:22).

So why are they having such a good time? Probably because they wouldn't think of worrying about rules that seem absurd, anachronistic or - at best - unrealistic. Yet this same modern-day couple could easily be among the millions of Americans who never hesitate to lean on the Bible to justify their own anti-gay attitudes. ~Deb Price, *And Say Hi To Joyce*



Movies:

Jonathan (Christopher Colquhoun) and David (Stephen Billington) meet at a black tie dinner, and end up spending the night together at Jonathan's London flat. The challenges begin when Jonathan's nine year old daughter bounds into the bedroom very early the next morning. However, the stakes heighten when Jonathan discovers that David is his new client at the marketing firm where he is employed. Fraternizing with clients on the opposite side of the conference table is strictly prohibited by the firm, and Jonathan quickly nips things in the bud. As time progresses, love conquers

all. The biggest obstacle is how to make their relationship work amidst the many external difficulties (different races, different countries of origin, societal constrictions). Oh Happy Day is that special film that brings out the true romantic hiding inside us all!!!



City Spotlight: Sao Paulo

Written by Jose Campos

If you land in São Paulo at Congonhas, the downtown airport, you'll fly over endless horizons up to the moment you're on the ground. The skyline will immediately remind you of New York, but after you land, you'll feel you're in a suburb of Milan. Before long, however, you'll experience a patchwork quilt of Paris, Tokyo, Athens and Istanbul, among other cities.

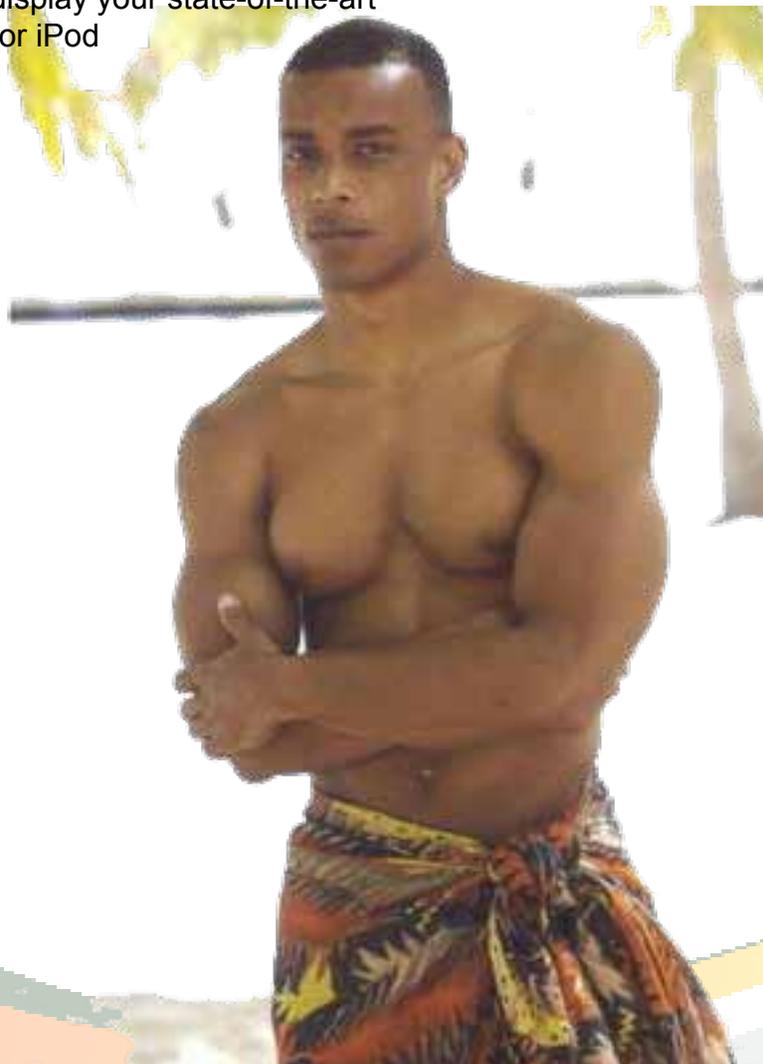
São Paulo is one of the world's megacities. With over 10 million people, Greater São Paulo is expected to reach 21 million by 2015. Paulistanos (as the locals are called in Portuguese) can appear rather formal at first, but they'll melt your heart if you show them some consideration and win their confidence. Paulistanos are taught English from an early age, so it's easy to communicate. Just remain sensible and aware: Don't go out dressed like a typical tourist or display your state-of-the-art BlackBerry, cell phone or iPod

The best places to stay are around the four subway lines (mostly the Blue, Red and Green lines) and the CPTM Metropolitan Trains. It's a lot cheaper than cabs and is clean, fast and safe. A subway ticket costs less than \$1.50. If you land via Congonhas, the trip to Avenida Paulista will cost about \$20 by cab or \$50 from Cumbica/Guarulhos Airport, depending on the traffic.

São Paulo is an international business center, but it is also all about fun! You can find places to eat and dance practically 24 hours a day, any day, on any budget. The paulistanos are very proud in their business-oriented lives, but revel in their rich nightlife, gastronomy and endless shopping.

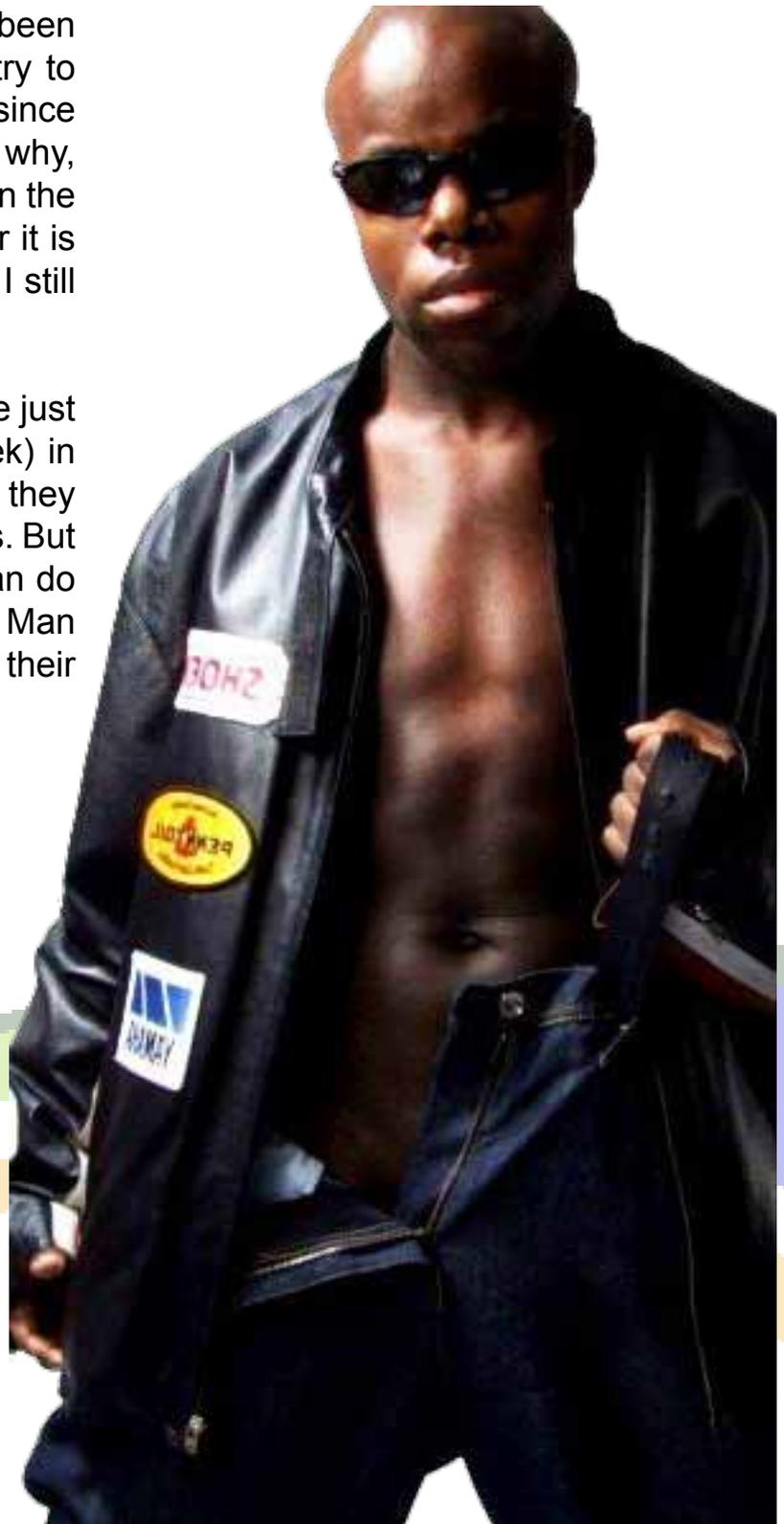
José Campos is a proud paulistano, a native of São Paulo. He knows all the ins and outs of this international city, which has become one of the premier destinations for gay tourists.

Note: All currency is in U.S. dollars (\$).



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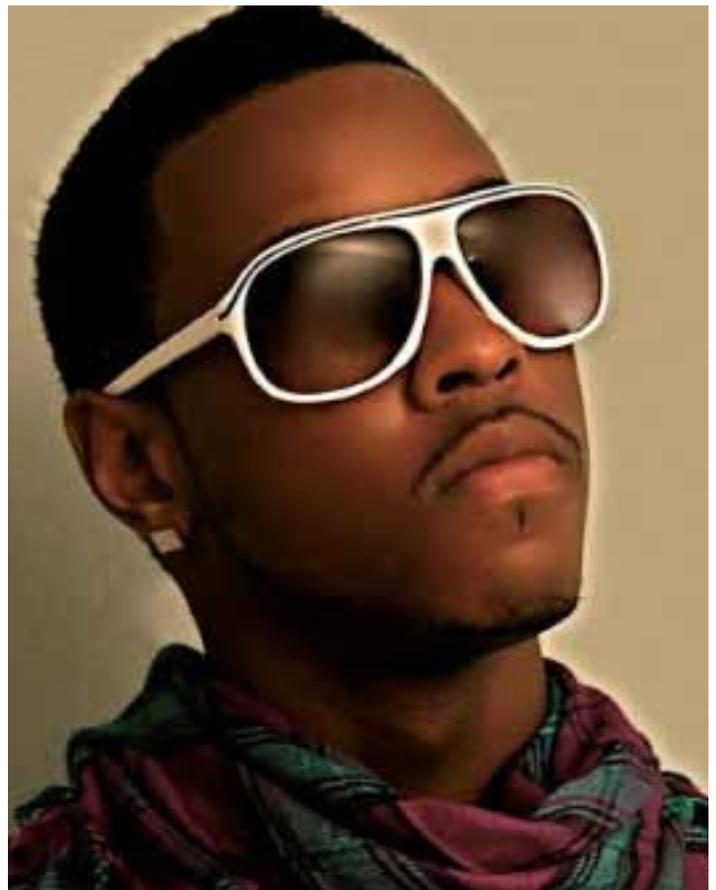
*BAREBACKING:

A common practice in the gay community; Have we forgotten about HIV? * * T*he term barebacking generally refers to gay men engaging in unprotected anal intercourse. Barebacking has both its benefits and its drawbacks: The benefits of barebacking:

1. Barebacking simply feels better, it's more enjoyable and more pleasurable, than protected anal intercourse.
2. Barebacking leads to greater intimacy between men during intercourse.
3. Barebacking is more spontaneous than protected sex. There is no need to bother with using condoms.
4. Barebacking is less expensive than having protected intercourse. Using condoms can be expensive, especially if you are on a limited income.
5. If both men are not infected with HIV, nor any other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), barebacking is 100% safe from infectious diseases. In this case, barebacking falls under the category of "safe sex."
6. Barebacking can sometimes promote monogamy. If two men are monogamous and uninfected, the ability to safely bareback gives them an incentive to stay monogamous with one another. Barebacking also strengthens the emotional ties between a gay couple.

The drawbacks of barebacking:

1. If you bareback with a person who is infected with HIV or another STD (even if they do not have any noticeable symptoms), you can become infected and get sick from these



diseases. Getting sick from AIDS and other STDs is not a pleasant experience!

2. If you bareback with a person who is infected with HIV or another potentially fatal STD (such as hepatitis B), you can die from these diseases.
3. If you are infected with HIV or another STD, and you bareback, you can infect other people (including those you care the most about, such as your lover and your friends).

Why do gay men bareback, despite the possible risks? There are many reasons for this, including:

1. Some men no longer fear AIDS. Some men think that if you just take a few pills everyday (taking antiviral cocktails), AIDS is not a problem, it is fully manageable, and it is easy to live with. But talk to many people who have HIV/AIDS and they will tell you a very different story!

2. Some men live only for today, and don't think about the future. Some men think that they need to do everything they can in their life now, since they don't expect to live very long.
3. Some men are dealing with low self-esteem issues. They don't think that their health, or their life, is worth protecting. Low self-esteem is common in the gay community, and is often related to the way that society treats gay men.
4. For some men, they believe that "if it feels good, do it." Some men are willing to take their chances, and the consequences.
5. Some men who are already HIV positive think that they no longer need to use condoms, and are unaware of the health consequences of HIV reinfection and the risks of other STDs.
6. Some men are in denial that they will ever get infected.
7. Some men simply enjoy barebacking better, and think that barebacking is worth the risk. Some men prefer the "skin-to-skin contact," regardless of the risk.
8. Some men simply hate using condoms. Men complain about condoms giving them less sensation, and they also complain that they are more likely to lose their erections while using condoms. Some men also find putting on condoms to be a hassle. A common complaint is that condoms interfere with sex play.
9. Some men hear that "everyone else" is barebacking these days, so they are willing to do it too.
10. When someone is drunk or high on drugs, they are more likely to bareback. The overall rates of drug and alcohol use (and abuse) are high in the gay community.
11. Some men are totally unaware of the risks of STDs other than AIDS. Although a lot of effort had previously been taken to educate gay men about AIDS, almost no effort has been made to educate gay men about other STDs. Besides HIV, other STDs that can be transmitted through barebacking include gonorrhea, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, genital/anal warts, herpes, syphilis and others. Some of these STDs are incurable (like herpes and genital/anal warts), and some are potentially fatal (like hepatitis B and hepatitis C).
12. Some men are so sick of hearing about AIDS, that they just ignore the whole issue, and do not care about it anymore.
13. For some men, if their partner does not bring up the subject of HIV or other STDs, they will just assume that their partner is not infected, and that barebacking would be safe. Some men think that, "if he were positive, he would tell me." This is a dangerous assumption to make, since some men with HIV, or other STDs, will not tell their partner ahead of time that they are infected. This is often due to the fear of rejection, embarrassment, denial, and other reasons.
14. Some men are more likely to bareback with their lovers, or other guys they personally know. Barebacking is used as a way to show intimacy, sharing, and caring between men. The exchange of semen is seen as a way to emotionally bind two men together. Condoms are sometimes seen as a barrier to intimacy.
15. If a man is not worried about getting HIV, chances are very good he isn't worried about getting other STDs either.
16. Some men get caught up in the "heat of the moment" and end up having unprotected sex, even though they weren't planning to bareback. Sometimes once a man gets in the mood, his sexual desires overtake his rational thinking.

MISSION STATEMENT

To educate, care and support our brothers and sisters, coming together as one to make a difference.

At United Gays & Lesbians Against AIDS Barbados (UGLAAB), we believe that we must all join the fight to stop HIV/AIDS through dispelling myths and misconceptions about the disease and giving others the hard facts about the healthy choices they can make in life.

Thus, our aim is to promote love, tolerance and understanding in an effort to bridge the knowledge gap on health and HIV related issues, and to address some of the issues faced by those in the gay community.

HISTORY OF UGLAAB

UGLAAB was first started in March 2001 to address the growing realization of an early sexual debut of the nation's youth. The organization got involved in providing various services to the young people in the community.

EDUCATE: Our community's men and women about LIFE, LOVE, RESPECT and SAFER SEX practices.

PROVIDE: A "Safe Space" for all persons who wish to learn more about lifestyles and sexuality without any form of bias.

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PROMOTE: The belief that all men are created equal, and as such you should be treated that way.

In addition, UGLAAB provides Peer Education, Voluntary Counseling & Testing services and Bereavement Counseling for the community at large.

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3. Work with project partners to provide counseling support to employees of the tourism sector.
4. Work with project partners to address HIV related stigma and discrimination in the workplace through tailored presentations for employees.



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