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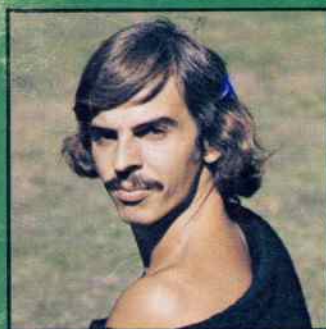
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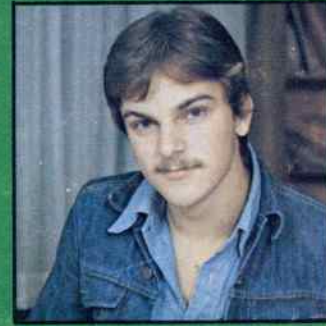
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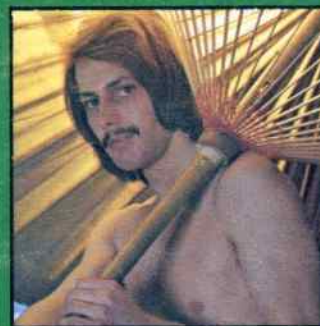
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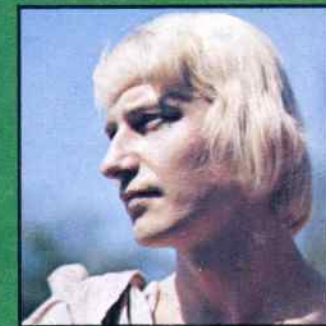


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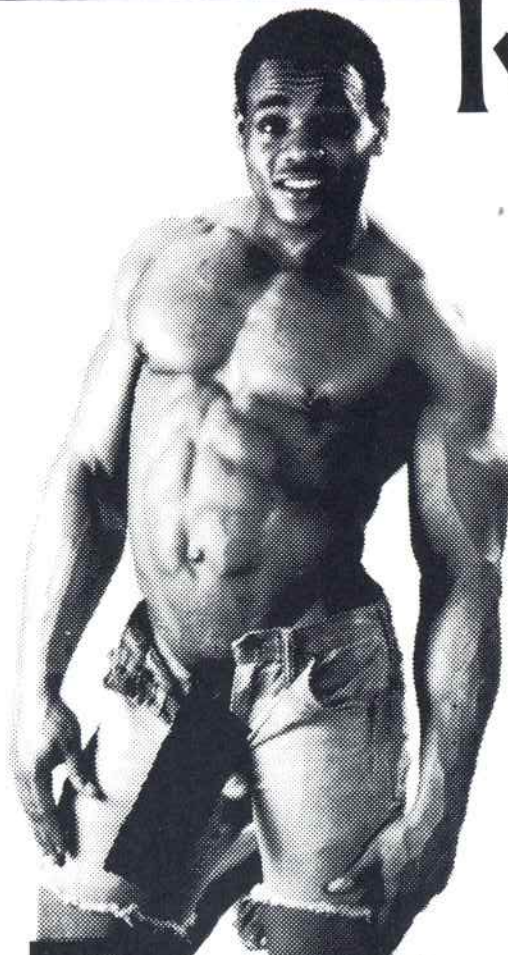
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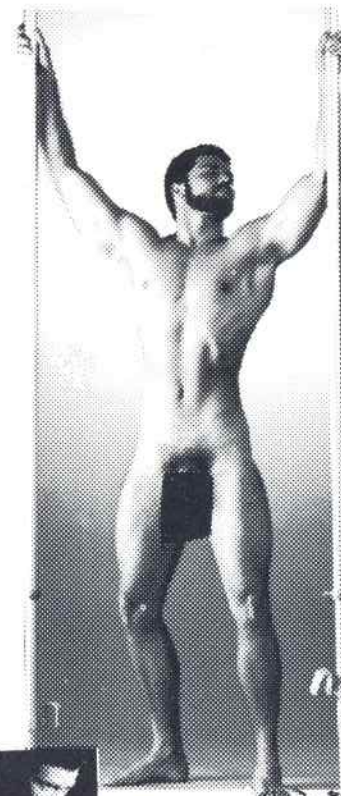
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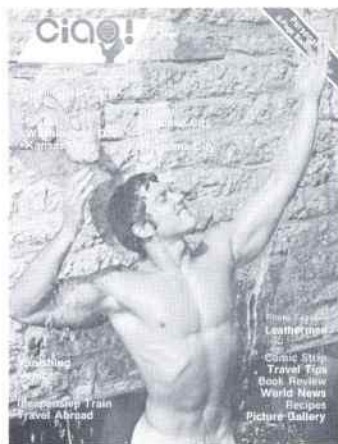
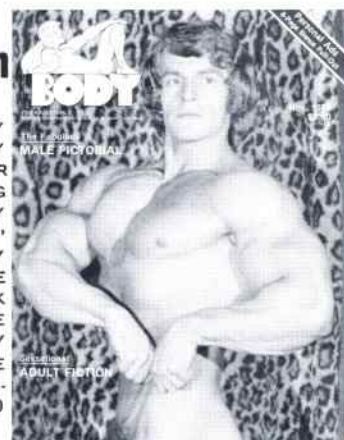


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Editorial

Why Stay Home?

By Jon Lorrimer

Here in the United States, and in Canada too, to a great extent, gay people have it pretty good. There are a lot of us, and in the bigger cities at least there is no shortage of meeting places; just flipping the pages of the gay travel directory we publish will tell you that much—if you don't already know it.

We have a high standard of health too—and that not only means the chances of catching a social disease from having sex are pretty slim, but also that we eat right—and nutrition certainly contributes to health and good looks. Here in America, the "stew pot" of the world—where we live side by side with people of every origin—we are known for our good looks. Indeed, the All-American Boy is not a myth. He lives right up the street.

Then why leave home when you take a holiday? Northeasterners who want wintertime sunshine can get it and all the Great Gay Life our country has to offer by flying off to Florida, or California, or even Hawaii. Gay life and American-Style Gay Sex—in every form and in great abundance—are there. Why fly off to an expensive vacation to some faraway Caribbean island where you usually have to work to find action—and then pay for it once you make a contact? Perhaps a **single** contact. Why go someplace where the theme is "Yankee go home . . . but leave your dollars here!"?

Why? Just because, gay or straight, we are all human beings, and all humans are very curious beings. Columbus could have stayed home, but he didn't. Lewis and Clarke were compelled to push on in the face of danger. Interesting people simply want to experience as much as possible—and that includes travel to foreign places—good and bad alike.

For some there is perhaps too much gay action at home, too

much competition. Such people like the idea of being the only white gay guy on an island crowded with straight but available blacks who are all too willing to line up for their piece of the action and money besides. Haiti used to be that way, and it accounts for the reason why guys now in their sixties and older used to go down in the old days, when Haiti was politically risky, and not gossip about their conquests when they returned home. Their silence guaranteed them a private sanctuary of sorts that they could return to year after year as—literally—the sole Sex Queen of an Empire of Black Studs. The Haiti that used to be exists no more. Too many tourists these days and it's gotten so commercial. But there are other places, some still secret, where a guy with time and money can go, no matter how difficult the journey, and enjoy the thrill of being the Only One of His Kind the island has ever known—at least until Pan Am puts in a runway.

And so, why we really do think a wintertime holiday in Florida, or California, or Hawaii is far more rewarding in terms of meeting a lot of great-looking guys who are relatively disease-free—we being human beings too and just as curious about new places as you—will probably fly off to some tropical island in the Caribbean where Black Orchids wait.

P.S. In case you prefer to do your Caribbean traveling in the comfort of your armchair by reading our magazine—and really do prefer to see America first—we offer some brief travel notes on Miami and Honolulu. California would require an entire magazine to cover—and in fact did . . . so if you want to find out about San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco please refer to your February 1975 **Ciao!** Most of the information therein contained is still valid. In case you threw away that issue, copies are still available; see our back-issue ad in this magazine. But for detailed information on every hot spot under the sun we do suggest you

send for a copy of our 1976 gay travel directory, advertised elsewhere in this magazine. And now, brief comments on Miami and Honolulu—enough to get you started on a gay holiday:

MIAMI

The best place to stay is the **Holiday Inn** in Miami Beach at 22nd Street, off Collins Avenue. The short stretch of beach downstairs is gay, and there are car pickups here late at night. Also light cruising for action in any secluded area nearby or in your hotel room, so conveniently **there**. If you prefer to stay at a gay hotel, try the **8000 Club**, 8000 Biscayne Blvd. The place has a sauna as well as disco and restaurant . . . plus! In nearby Ft. Lauderdale, about an hour by car north of Miami, try the **Marlin Beach Hotel**, 17 S. Atlantic Blvd. Very gay. Restaurant and disco, and the beach it faces is heavily cruised.

Best bar in Miami is still the **Warehouse VIII**, 3604 S.W. 8th St. Something for every taste, plus cruising in the parking lot. If you prefer the baths, try the **Club**, 2991 Coral Way (actually in Coral Gables). **Virginia Beach** is still gay. Take the causeway to the Seaquarium and when you reach it turn left into the garbage dump road. When you get to the beach drive right (water on your left) a short distance where you'll see the gay folk sunning themselves. Park and sun, or stroll in the bushes for hot action (take mosquito repellent!). Although cops cruise the beach they seldom bother anybody. Lots of johns in Miami, but try the one on the **Municipal Pier** in Miami Beach at 1st St. If you want lots more information please send for a copy of our travel directory since we must devote our space in this magazine to the Caribbean.

HONOLULU

Best bet is the **YMCA**, 250 S. Hotel St. An inexpensive place to stay is the **Paradise Hawaii Hotel**, 220 Ohua Ave. It's in a residential area where many gay

people live, and a lot of gay tourists stay here. And, of course, the many luxury hotels such as the Hiltons.

Best bars are the **Gay 90's**, 1900 Kalakaua Ave., and **Toma-to**, 240 McCully. For baths, try the **Surf**, 307 Lewers St. For beach action try **Diamond Head Beach Park**, below the light-house. Remember that all of Hawaii was covered in the February 1974 **Ciao!** The information is still valid, and back copies are available (see ad elsewhere in this magazine). For details see the 1976 "Private Stock," advertised in this magazine.

Getting There

By David Bartel

Most people fly to the Islands. The major airlines go to the most popular places and there are always connecting flights available if you want to continue on to a smaller island.

For people with time, cruise ships offer an alternative means of getting there—but your time in each port will be limited to a few hours or a couple of days at most. This is ideal for those travelers who want to "sample" the islands before spending more time later on.

If you go by ship, choose one that makes stops at desirable ports, and, because most of your time will be spent on board (even when you're in port, since the ship serves as your restaurant and hotel), don't settle for less than the best you can afford. A lot of ships stop at banana ports because there are no docking fees (the shipping company gets a greater share of your money that way) and they are usually dull and very unclear. So choose a ship first by ports of call—and then by equipment and service. Modern ships are best, for obvious reasons. Seasoned travelers and such expert professional travelers as Fielding swear by the Norwegian American Line cruisers, Saga-

fjord and Vistafjord—if you are lucky enough to book them.

Most cruise ships are loaded with straights (especially during Christmas week, when there are a lot of undisciplined children on board), but there are usually enough gay tourists to make life interesting, and almost always a good chunk of the staff—especially the entertainers—is available. They're hungry for action too, and in a crowd of straights you'll have great pickins'—certainly enough to keep you busy the entire vacation. Until you get to know the guys you want, stay near the pool during the day and go down to the sauna about 4 p.m. You'll score—and competition is almost nil.

But what about gay cruises? There are a few (but please don't write us for details since their ads will be found in various gay newspapers and magazines) and they are ideal for people who simply must be in gay company all the time to be happy. Competition is stiff and choice numbers won't experience difficulty scoring—but those past their prime had better make up their minds to settle for less than the best unless they want a lesson in frustration. If you want quiet, forget it since gay cruises generally are noisy parties from beginning to end—and even in the sanctity of your own room you will probably hear the thump, thump, thumping of somebody who's being bull-fucked against the wall in the room next to yours at five in the morning. If this excitement is for you, great. Do it. But if you do, a word of caution about health: All it takes is one guy who wants to prove his one-upmanship by screwing numbers in port—regardless of health factors—and then coming back to the ship in the late afternoon for a sauna session before showering, at which time the microscopic organisms he has picked up are doled out to his companions. Please, please read the article on health dangers in the Caribbean, in this issue, before you throw caution to the winds on a gay cruise—where unusual health factors do exist.

What about gay tours? There are all kinds these days, and they're advertised in the gay press all the time. Again, they are great if you must be in gay company all the time. But a little advice is in order: Select your trip according to stops, making certain a few big cities are included. In this way, in case you end up with freaky companions, or if you tire of them before the end of the first day, you will be able to strike out on your own at night. It can be dreadful if you get stuck with a bad bunch of guys in an isolated mountain resort for a week—just to suggest one possibility. It can be doubly upsetting if there's one great looker in the group whom everybody wants and ends up fighting over.

Of course, no matter how you go, there's always the danger of the Bermuda Triangle. But that is another story tailored to make you stay at home. Read our book review and you'll find out why.

Firefly Airline Caribbean's LIAT By Frank Samuels

Officially it's the Leeward Islands Air Transport, a name much too magisterial for the casual Caribbean Islanders who have shortened it to LIAT, which makes it sound exotic and sexy, like the pretty native girl of the same name in **South Pacific**. But the French of Guadeloupe and Martinique call it more characteristically "**le feu-follet**" . . . literally the 'firefly' airline, and if ever you are fortunate (or un-) enough to ride one of its eleven planes, you'll really think you've caught a will-o'-the-wisp by its incandescent tail!

LIAT is not called "the lifeline of the Caribbean" without reason. It links one tiny island/town with another, taking up its knitting-needle planes where the big birds of Pan Am and BWIA leave off. Thus if you fly by either of these large airlines to

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Barbados for the greater part of your Caribbean vacation, and would like to cruise one or more of the colorful other islands for a day or two, you do so via LIAT, and so quickly (often just minutes) you may wonder why you didn't just pin a propellor to your already gyrating **gluteus** and buzz off under your own bup-power.

Although LIAT is the most whimsical airline extant, its planes are safe. Unlike other airlines, LIAT has a virtually unblemished safety record. Of course, safety in flight is a supreme virtue. But unhappily for LIAT it is one of the very few virtues they can claim. It is one thing to go safely to one's destination . . . quite another to know whether you'll take off at all—or **precisely when!** As far as LIAT's schedules, reservations, confirmations are concerned—they are too often unreliable. Only when you're actually in a plane and see the ground disappearing under your feet will you definitely know you're on your way. But **ahah!** Don't congratulate yourself so soon! You just **may** not land at your predetermined destination. For example, you may have booked and confirmed a seat on a LIAT flight from Grenada to Dominica, only to arrive at the airport and be told that because of a labor strike at Dominica's airport your plane will land instead in Guadeloupe. So it's wise to have your swim trunks handy and Mark Spitz-it over, or else book another flight, or—many do—charter a plane, which will make everything come out just fine, although more expensive.

Then too, your plane should arrive before dusk if you are headed for a very small island. If, perchance, turbulence, or whatever, causes the pilot to turn off course for a time so that your plane must touch down after dark, very likely he will radio the airport to have the island's entire taxi force (all six cars) speed to the scene and light the runway! This, understandably, can be somewhat harrowing for the novice 'fire-flyer'. But as we've said, the

LIAT safety record is a glorious one . . . no fear!

You may be enchanted, or amused, or turned-off by what often passes for the airport terminal building. As one approaches, it may look more like a three-hole outdoor privy. Only in larger cities/islands are they more than primitive. On many of the smaller Leeward and Windward Islands the airport terminal buildings are scarcely more than wooden huts with tiny lecterns for the immigration officers, and long wooden counters for the don't-give-a-damn baggage inspection. On Palm Island, in the beautiful St. Vincent Grenadines, the hotel desk doubles as LIAT ticket-office and baggage counter where your luggage is weighed on a blue Detecto bathroom scale! St. Vincent, Dominica, Grenada, Tortola and Montserrat have no night lights. A plane making an overdue landing after dark with the aid of the taxi-corps illumination will lay over until dawn. A taxi-light takeoff is simply too risky.

And your luggage . . . what about your luggage? Take little, and then either carry it aboard or wear it around your neck if you want to be sure it arrives when you do. You may have checked it in advance, and it may have been placed on the very plane you are scheduled to depart on at, say, 9:30 a.m. But unless you arrive at the airport quite far ahead of departure time the plane may have taken off much earlier, the pilot or another of the powers-that-be having determined that schedule-time must be made up so that it doesn't exceed union limitations.

The airport official may say that you have no problem . . . another plane will leave at 10. You try for a reservation at the terminal. "Sorry, but you'll have to book at the LIAT office in town. We don't book at the airport!" So it's 'try to get a taxi' back to town . . . get a reservation . . . taxi back. Same damned thing! Too late. So be sure to (a) reserve in town and well enough in advance so that your luggage will be placed aboard your scheduled flight

. . . and (b) arrive at the terminal at least an hour before flighttime. Then, if the pilot hasn't already lined up a hot lay for himself at your destination you may arrive with a measure of Caribbean calmness.

Of course the Caribbean hotel industry is annoyed by the archaic operations of LIAT. The trouble is due in great part to the sketchy financing of the company. It must often seek government help. Red tape. Because of this the hotels in the smaller Caribbean Islands lose hundreds of would-be guests. To make up for this they charge astronomical prices which they are anything but glad to do. So your best course is to head for areas serviced by the big airlines. Then, if you want to explore the smaller others, follow our 'a and b' suggestions above. In this way you'll be sure of getting where you want to go and have a smashing time.

The Joykillers

'Germ Warfare' In The Caribbean

By Roger Watson

Travel guidebook authors are sometimes so entranced by the view of a Caribbean island from its paradise perspective they forget that every Eden has its snake, however in Caribbean countries this is usually a worm of many rascally ancestors and progeny. And for the gay guy, especially, who comes to this area for sex that throbs day and night like a jungle drum, there is the additional hazard of an almanac of germs that thrive best where hygiene is worst. How to recognize these joykillers and how to prevent, circumvent or overcome them is the reason for this article.

We shall not discuss such sex-related diseases as syphilis, gonorrhea and hepatitis—sinister though they are—since they

are more or less familiar to any active sexist. We should like, instead, to limit our discussion to those health hazards that are common to Caribbean, or any other topical or sub-tropical countries—especially to Mexico.

It may be true that right here in the United States some of our readers in particular localities are already familiar with a few of these health hazards inasmuch as many Haitians, Jamaicans, Mexicans and others have entered this country illegally, without the required United States Public Health Service checkups, and have settled down in enclaves to a life as nearly tribal as that of their homeland. And because they are so extravagantly handsome and hung and humpy and horny, it isn't long before they begin to distribute their 'gifts' freely among us.

Some find work in the kitchens of metropolitan restaurants as **sous-chefs** (second, or assistant chefs) and handle food; others as dishwashers; so if we don't fall victim to such health hazards through sex we can do so through salad. **Employees Must Wash Hands Thoroughly Before Leaving Toilet** is a sign required by law to be posted conspicuously in every metropolitan restaurant restroom. Yet this has little or no meaning for most of them. It is alien to their way of life and is written in a language they have not yet learned to read.

Still others arrive legitimately, as tourists, and therefore are bound by no hygienic admonitions. So you may pick them up, and their indigenous germs, in baths or other cruisy places. So what we have to say about the 'nativity' of germs, worms and amebas when you fly off to the Caribbean can have considerable importance to you even before you get to the airport!

WORMS

Those who come in contact with the soil, or children who play outdoors in southern states where the ground is always moist, may have had disagreeable experiences with **pinworms**. Others may have contracted **trichinosis** from the ingested

trichina worm in undercooked pork or sausage-type meats—even sausage pizza—and **tape-worm**. Being familiar with these native species and dealing with them effectively with across-the-drug-counter medications formulated for that purpose, there is no need to discuss them in detail here. But in tropical countries/climates the plot begins to thicken. One of the special nemeses of such areas is the

Threadworm. This is a very common tropical worm the visitor to Mexico or the Yucatan Peninsula may pick up. It may be difficult for a general practitioner to recognize and treat this species of worm. But it will be quickly recognized and eliminated by a specialist in tropical diseases. The specific drug now believed most quickly effective is **Mentizol**—a liquid vermicide that must be administered according to one's bodyweight. Because it is actually a poison it must be taken only in the minimal and accurately-spaced doses which the physician specifies. Elimination of this parasite with Mentizol is usually accomplished in about three days. The threadworm may be mistaken for the pinworm—a strong resemblance to the untrained eye—but you will quickly discover the vast difference. **Pinworms** are mildly toxic, but mainly an annoyance and a nuisance—and sexually embarrassing when detected by your lover. **Threadworms** are **highly toxic**. The toxins they release in the human gut will cause severe abdominal cramps, as well as a host of assorted muscular pains. A particularly trying symptom is extreme weakness of the leg muscles. One simply 'gives out' in performing the simplest tasks . . . often walking just a few blocks is very fatiguing. Other symptoms are nausea and diarrhea. The threadworm takes up residence in the intestine via ingestion of contaminated drinking water and food, and through the contaminated fecal matter picked up by the tongue during rimming tours of the anus.

Flukes. Of all the species of

worms the fluke is the greatest threat to man. This is because—somewhat like the octopus—its standard gear includes a suction mechanism that allows it to cling to the intestinal wall and nibble and suck to its heart's content. And its heart is never very 'content'. Because it is typical of the lifestyles/cycles of all worms other than pinworms to effect a preliminary pass-through of intermediate hosts—cattle, dogs, pigs (in the case of trichinosis), crabs, insects and so on, before parasitizing the human body, the intermediate host of the fluke is the snail. Thus in tropical and sub-tropical countries particularly, snails are plentiful and one generally picks up flukes by swimming in polluted waters where the fluke eggs have been deposited by snails.

Don't swim in some serene 'this is God's country' mountain stream or paradisiacal lake. However pure such waters appear to be, they are often polluted and the hazard of flukes must be considered omnipresent. Swim only in pools where the water is regularly treated, or in the ocean/sea areas declared safe by the local health authorities. **A special warning to Puerto Rican vacationers: Don't walk in fresh-water streams in the country away from San Juan.** Fluke! There is not the remotest possibility of treading on a batch of fluke eggs in chlorinated pool water or in the mighty, ever-moving sea. The fluke likes quieter places.

The simpler vermifuges that work effectively in **expelling** the nuisance worms such as those we find at home—worms that don't invade tissues or organs, but frolic in the intestine and emerge at the anus—will not work on the organ-threatening flukes and other roundworms that penetrate vital organs. The concern of the tropical-disease specialist is to administer worm **killers** (vermicides and anthelmintics) of sufficient strength to destroy the parasites without inflicting too much damage on host tissues (the gut and invaded organs). Corticosteroids that will

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work effectively on other worms (such as **thiabendazole** on the trichina) are futile in a battle against flukes. A strong poison is the only resort. Understandably this is something the physician must prescribe—both the agent and the frequency of use.

As clinically classified, the worms we have discussed are **metazoa** or **helminthes**. The condition of having them is called **helminthiasis**. On the other hand, the traveler in tropical or other exotic countries may develop **some** of the same symptoms of helminthiasis (notably diarrhea) which may be caused by a **protozoon** or **ameba**. A lesser protozoon—**Escherichia coli**—or E-coli, as it is called for short, and a stronger and more destructive one called **entameba histolytica**, bring on amebic dysentery and the dread

AMEBIASIS

The E-coli ameba is a single-celled organism with tongue-like projections that allow him to almost literally 'throw his weight around'. He progresses through the gut in helter-skelter fashion, in much the same way a raindrop moves down a windowpane . . . sliding here . . . holding on . . . plopping down . . . rolling . . . enjoying his tour through the entire length of your intestine until he finally passes out with the last drop of liquid feces and your strength returns. Along with diarrhea you will likely have some fever. This, too, abates as he begins to 'see the light at the end of the tunnel'.

The palliatives most often prescribed are **paregoric** (which contains opium and is therefore available only by prescription, and which more or less 'drugs' or 'stupefies' the gut and makes what is real and discomforting seem less so), or **Lomotil** which, as its name implies, **lowers motility** of the intestine and causes you to be less anxious and more comfortable by slowing peristaltic action so that you don't have to 'go' so frequently. The body's white blood cells also come to the rescue—building up in considerable force to over-

come the invader—and if the dysentery is severe and protracted there are certain antibiotics that also assist.

Amebic dysentery is usually caused by ingesting contaminated food or water. And **please put this down in your little black 'no-no' book**. The head of the Tropical Diseases Clinic of New York Hospital is reported as saying that the ameba which causes **turista** or the 'trots'—amebic dysentery—may be easily picked up **from handling money in the tropics**. In fact, the University of Louisville School of Medicine ran numerous tests on Mexican/Yucatan and Caribbean currencies and found a very high amebic count!

So this special word of warning. When in the tropics or Mexico, make a point of washing your hands frequently—always after handling money. You can't 'launder the money' (as the Watergate plotters did), but **you can refrain from touching your lips with your fingers after handling money**—until you can wash and dry them—and thus be on the safe side. It is ironic that one may take all possible **other** precautions: drinking only bottled, distilled or boiled water . . . foregoing fresh salads and fruits, as well as uncooked or undercooked foods . . . yet when the waiter brings you the check and the change from your bill he also brings along a gift of amebas! Although he may have washed his hands several times during serving hours, the money he passes on to you may have been touched by the unclean hands of many others, thus causing him to be an unwitting carrier of the disease.

Many travelers who love the tropics so much that they go year after year, **turista** notwithstanding, may not know until they read this that the trouble may be caused not by the drinking water, the food, or the street-vendor's oranges, but the **pesos!** Truly 'filthy lucre'. It will be of much help to take along with you in a convenient pocket—wherever you go—a little packet of moist towelettes. Immediately after having paid your bill,

cleanse your* fingers and hands (not forgetting to also swab the packet!). By doing so you may save yourself a lot of trotting time that could be put to better use cruising, and bowel discomfort.

The more destructive ameba is the **entameba histolytica**. This evil ameba establishes a beach-head in the intestine, penetrating the bowel wall, and thence passes on via the bloodstream to the vital organs, particularly the liver—causing a general hepatic condition and sometimes an abscess that can result in death if untreated.

The first symptom of this may also be diarrhea. But as symptoms grow more diverse and severe, such as abdominal pain, cramps, or excessive muscular tiredness/soreness/weariness—and as your anxiety increases apace, you may be sure that you have the more dangerous amebiasis. This calls for the tropical-disease specialist. Don't even bother with a general practitioner. He'll only send you on to the specialist anyway.

The specialist will have his lab technicians perform some tests (stool specimens under a microscope; blood tests; several others) and only when the tests are completed will he know **precisely** what to treat you for—and how. There are about 150 'normal' or 'beneficial' strains of amebas in the digestive system. Your specialist must know how to detect the culprit among all the others. The current, and most effective drug used to destroy entameba histolytica is a real killer itself—Flagyl. This is taken orally in 250-mg. tablets three or four times a day for ten days. Then about two weeks following this treatment another stool specimen will be taken and other tests repeated to rule out the possibility that the strain is still active.

It should be firmly understood that **sex is out during amebiasis**. Only a monster would risk infecting another at such a time. Moreover, the infected individual should not prepare food or handle objects that another may use. The danger of contagion is too great.

Amebas are picked up not alone from food and water, but from fecal traces during analingus. Obviously, rimming is risky in any country where standards of personal hygiene are lax. But consider this: even if you **never** rim, but only suck someone who has just fucked another who may have had only borderline amebiasis, amebic trace feces are certain to be present on his phallus, and so you can contract amebiasis, even having taken every reasonable precaution, and never know from whence it came.

Or you may fuck someone who has amebiasis, and in doing so, handle, fondle, or adjust your cock, and without thinking touch your fingers to your lips. Same thing. The dangerous/insidious possibilities are limitless, although far less so at home. But even here it often happens that the most careful gay guy wipes, then touches his phallus accidentally with the toilet tissue. He's a carrier without knowing it! The far greater hazard, however, is in the tropics where if you fuck someone with a payload of amebas in his anus/rectum, the phallus sucks them in almost greedily during the passion of plunging.

OTHER TROPICAL HAZARDS

Colon bacilli. Tropical disease specialists say that at times rogue bands of colon bacilli commit acts of aggression against us—their hosts. They are most discourteous . . . invading the gall bladder and its ducts (cholecystitis and cholangitis); kidneys and bladder (pyelitis and cystitis); and even the blood (colon bacillemia and urinary sepsis). On gaining entrance to the bladder such bacilli enjoy the 'golden shower'. They thrive on urine! Thus tropical medical centers often treat as many patients for any one of these ailments caused by bacilli as they do amebiatrics. Sick kidneys are common in the tropics. And urinary-tract infection is almost as common. You can avoid these by taking all the precautions mentioned. And, of course, as we so often remind gay guys . . .

be sure to have a shot of gamma globulin before leaving on your vacation, plus a checkup and possibly another shot on your return. It's just good clinical advice. Gamma globulin doesn't work on every tropical ailment, but it does work on anything concerning the liver, and acts as a 'lineback' in other diseases.

Another tropical disease that may at first lead you to believe you have hepatitis (because of jaundicing, and for which gamma globulin is of much help) is **leptospirosis**. This is not caused by amebas, worms or bacilli, but by rat-hosted **spirochetes**. We mention this here because so often open cruising areas are near local sewer systems where rats proliferate. One may say that leptospirochetes are to rat feces what amebas are to human. Avoid stepping in puddles of water, or cruising in damp areas where water trickles down walls or runs across walkways.

There was an intense epidemic of leptospirosis in Barbados last season. Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Georgetown had to set up a special clinic to treat it. Here, however, the disease was picked up by the bare feet of sugar-cane workers in the rat-infested wet fields, and then carried home to their wives who—working as domestics in Barbadian condominiums, private homes, rented guest houses and hotels—spread it to unsuspecting visitors. Although by no means a gay disease, we mention it here so that you may take all necessary precautions as to personal hygiene if you wish to visit this otherwise beautiful and heavenly place.

Of course pet-owners at home have long been familiar with leptospirosis as a non-human disease and have their dogs inoculated each year. Dogs, you see, being just as horny as we, get lepto from licking contaminated urine off hydrants—not to mention the genitals of other 'gay dogs'.

We have not intended to paint a gloomy picture of the tropics. But not to warn our readers of those dangers/diseases which they might not know about

otherwise would be a disservice. We hope we have been of help in alerting you to such health hazards and thus make your tropical vacation one you'll long remember—**joyfully!**

Puerto Rico Queen Of The Gay Caribbean

By Jerry Roberts

With definite increases in transatlantic airfares being snagged—like skywriting—in addition to more of those nuisance fees abroad, such as airport departure taxes, plus still more of those inflationables we've come to expect almost as a way of life, gay guys are taking a closer look at vacation possibilities nearer home . . . and what's nearer and more possible than Puerto Rico?

Because of a mushrooming of mail from readers wanting to know more about Mexico and Puerto Rico, we think it timely to do an upbeat update on Puerto Rico at this time, especially since Mexico City, Acapulco and other Mexican vacation spots were recently 'upbeaten' and updated in **Ciao!** Also, because Puerto Rico is not just San Juan, but Mayaguez and Ponce too, we're bringing them into the total picture to show you how marvelously varied your stay on this island can be. The recent 'anti-gay' sodomy laws that went into effect last January seem not to have changed gay life on the island—at least where tourists are concerned—but "an ounce of prevention . . ."

Other than being nearer home and less expensive than a trip abroad, there are two compelling inducements that should be stressed . . . (1) that Puerto Rico—in total perspective—is gayer by far than any place except Fire Island in season; and (2) that the Puerto Rican guys are so appealing because they're

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so easy to meet and talk with. In fact, their eagerness to communicate with strangers is a refreshing enough reason for going, and their obvious delight in meeting their 'cousins' from the mainland makes 'getting to know you' positively incestuous! So if you're ready for some heady incest, here are some things you should know.



HOW TO MEET THEM

It's easy to meet a Puerto Rican anywhere on the island. This little trick never fails. No matter how innately shy you may be, if someone appeals to you look him right in the eye and smile. Then allow about a two-second pause while he cases your joint and mothballs his **macho**, and if he's interested he'll be sure to smile back. If not . . . what harm? On the other hand, particularly in San Juan, you may be surprised to have him look at **you** and smile **first**, especially if the impression you give below the belt is 'protrusively persuasive'. (Tip: never wear even the briefest shorts under your jeans/slacks; in this way you're always sure to make a bulging impression.)

Then there are many attractive Puerto Ricans who may initiate or respond to the smile play, but who—at least for the

moment—have simple friendliness in mind, not sex. So it's up to you to brandish your charm and personality to carry the situation to the end **you** have in mind. It shouldn't take long.

A typical territorial openness . . . a natural freedom of personal communication . . . a casualness that is almost a Puerto Rican trademark—these you'll notice first, and remember longest. It is keynoted by casualness in clothes. So leave your fancy pants at home and bring your cruisiest casuals. Dude duds are a turn-off (except to 'smile-first' hustlers who read your tailoring printout as m-o-n-e-y). By dressing casually you'll be warmly welcomed by your lover's family, whereas if Native Son is 'casualized' and you are 'Cardinized', Mom 'n Pop get 'gay' on their antennae and don't like the message one bit.

SEXPRESSIVENESS

If your Puerto Rican trick is gay, anything goes . . . wilder . . . longer . . . **goes!** But if he is bisexual his **macho** will inhibit his initial sexual expressiveness. Because he must 'be the man' you'll do the sucking and he'll do the fucking, at least until he gets to know you better. Tip: the Puerto Rican is romantic, affectionate and responsive to nuance . . . so trot out your bag of foreplay tricks. Put on a real performance! Also he loves to bathe before and after sex, and loves company in the shower—namely you. In fact, he has such a passion for cleanliness he may be waterlogged before you toss him in bed.

GOING PLACES— SEEING FACES

Puerto Rico is a big island—100 miles long and 35 miles wide, with nearly 3,000,000 people. So don't limit your stay to San Juan. Get out to Mayaguez and Ponce at least once, and if you speak some Spanish get out into smaller towns. Get the character and flavor of **all** Puerto Rico. It's easy to get from city to city via the **publicos** (public cars of limousine size) which will be found on or near the main plaza



View of Condado



San Francisco Inn Dining Room



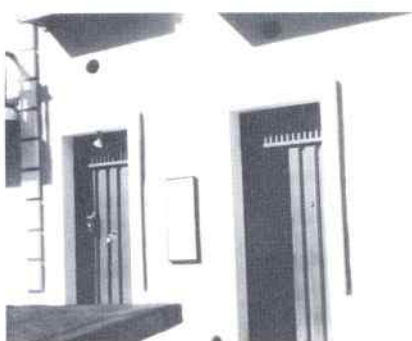
Old San Juan Bus to Condado



La Vista Guest House



YMCA



El Morro Guest House



La Bahia Guest House



Calle Cristo



El Convento Hotel



Normandie Hotel

of each town. The **publicos** leave when the seats are filled, and there is a fixed charge per person for the trip. From the **publico** stand at the Postoffice in Old San Juan the trip to Mayaguez lasts two-and-a-half hours and costs \$4. From Mayaguez to Ponce—one hour—the fare is \$2; and from Ponce to San Juan—an indescribably beautiful two-hour ride through the mountains—the fare is \$3.50. Tip: the **publico** stops at the principal plaza of every town, so that's where you should begin your cruising. All guys looking for sex are right here; no need to worry about where the action is. Also, cars cruise the town plaza like crazy. You really don't have to move! Just stand there, and if you see someone with wheels you like, flash him a smile. If he flashes it right back at you he'll then complete the whirl around the plaza and be back to whisk you away!

Unlike other vacation areas Puerto Rico has poor (always dated) TV; homes are too crowded with large families; bars are not well patronized by the Puerto Ricans (hustlers excluded) inasmuch as 'drinking is for a party', and so cruising is the gay way of life here . . . whether one does it in a bus, store, restaurant, theater, church, hotel or plaza.

WHEN TO GO

The best (albeit crowded) times to go to Puerto Rico are during major holidays when the sex scene is enlarged with mainlanders like you, plus festive Puerto Ricans from nearby towns. Christmas, of course. New Year's. Epiphany (Three Kings Day) on January 6. (Come for Christmas and stay through Three Kings Day.) The principal general vacation time is from the end of January to the end of March. There are small rushes during Easter and Thanksgiving weekends. Summer is quiet, hot and pleasant. Late summer into early fall is the rainy season (which can crimp your cruising style somewhat). The weather is dry from mid-January through midsummer.

SAFETY

As in all large cities, use commonsense when cruising. Although the streets of San Juan are as safe as any other at night, still there are muggers, even though the police are doing their best to round them up. If you are into pot or hash, take care while here. If you're caught with it the penalties are stiffer than elsewhere. Cruise before midnight, and on well-lighted streets . . . never side streets, because you are just asking for trouble. In Old San Juan police are stationed on every corner of the main streets. So you're protected. But as midnight nears, get off the streets and head for the bars or clubs. By then local guys will either have called it a night and gone home, or will have stopped in at a gay bar. **Never go into parks or on beaches at night.** Tip: wear an inexpensive watch . . . and no jewelry. Take just enough money with you for the evening, and no credit cards. Put \$20 as 'mad money' or 'safety money' in your shoe, just in case.

WHERE TO STAY

For \$50 a day you can stay in one of the expensive hotels in the Condado area and put up with indifferent service (if any at all!) or—for less than half that amount—in friendly gay-owned/managed guest houses. Standard travel guidebooks will fill you in on Puerto Rico's commercial hotels, and so in this article we shall concentrate on gay guest houses and only a few hotels of special interest to gay people. These guest houses are run by gay guys from the States who are glad to advise you on anything gay you need/want to know. Moreover, these guest houses provide additional opportunities for meeting gay others. Nearly all offer a free continental breakfast . . . **all** permit overnight visitors . . . but **few** will provide them.

With that said, you can stay in the Condado or nearby Ocean Park areas and be close to the beach. At night, take a taxi into Old San Juan to the gay bars and clubs. Or you may reverse the

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procedure: stay in Old San Juan and take buses #10 or #141 to the beach (a 15-minute ride). Most prefer the latter plan because cruising is best in Old San Juan and you're right on the spot for action day or night. Others like the beach plan because of the quieter atmosphere of Condado or Ocean Park. A good plan is to 'YMCA-it' for a couple of days until you decide on a gay guest house that appeals to you. **Reservations are an absolute must during Christmas and New Year's weekends.** By areas, and alphabetically therein, here are our recommendations for pleasant accommodations.

OLD SAN JUAN

El Convento Hotel, Calle Cristo. A convent transformed into a luxurious, high-ceilinged hotel in a lovely district. Although it is **not gay** it appeals to wealthy gay guys who like 'gay with good'. It is the only good **hotel** in Old San Juan. Doubles \$44; singles \$36. For the price of your drink in the bar you also get a full-length movie each evening at 7:30. Beautiful, elegant place to meet gay others. **El Morro Guest House**, 105 Calle San Sebastian, was completed early in 1974 and has 16 air-conditioned rooms and 9 air-conditioned duplex suite apartments for 1 to 4 persons; fully equipped with kitchen and bathroom. Double rooms are \$18 to \$22; apartments are \$22 for one, plus \$5 for each additional person. **La Bahia Guest House**, 320 Calle Sol, offers inexpensive rooms at \$6 to \$10 for a single; \$12 to \$14 double. There are 10 rooms and a central kitchen and lounge for all to enjoy. Clean, simple, non-luxury . . . highly recommended for gaybudgeteers. **La Vista Guest House**, 151 Calle Tetuan, offers 9 rooms at \$15 single; \$23 double. High ceilings, modern (built in 1974). Private and semi-private baths. Three rooms overlook the bay and have a balcony. It's right around the corner from the Main Street and Small World bars. **San Francisco Inn**, 263 Calle San Francisco, is the most popular gay guest house in the old



El Mar Guest House



Hotel Lindomar



Sands Hotel



La Caleta Guest House



El Doral Guest House



Arcos Blancos Guest House



Wall Behind Gay Beach



Gay Beach at Sands Hotel



Condado's Gay Section



Escambron Beach



Little Beach Facing Hilton



Munos Rivera Park Toilets



Luquillo Beach



Plaza Colon



Plaza del Armas

walled city. It has 15 rooms with and without air-conditioning at \$14 to \$16 double per day; \$12 for a single. A clean, sturdy guest house with rooftop sun-deck, refrigerator, conversation porch, washer/dryer, and is lucky enough to be situated on the most-cruised street in Old San Juan. Plenty of toilets and showers on each floor. Bar is open at 6 p.m., but guests may get drinks earlier. Hosts Jack and Thanos will certainly make your stay a pleasant and comfortable one. Canadians love this nice place. Highly recommended. **YMCA**, Avenue Ponce de Leon, has many clean air-conditioned rooms at \$7.50 for a single; \$11 for a double. Cruising is great. Lots of in-house fun at tourist times. Popular. One block from Plaza Colon.

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El Mar Guest House, 1 Calle Clemenceau, is just a few blocks from the gay beach, the gay clubs of the Condado area, and good cruising on nearby Ashford Avenue. Located just off Ashford in a quiet residential area, this 3-floor guest house with rooftop bar reserved for guests and their friends is well run by a friendly management. Singles \$13 up; doubles \$19 up—most are air-conditioned; some have bath. Highly recommended. **Hotel Lindomar**, 4 Condado Avenue, faces the gay beach. It is on a quiet street, and its three floors have 27 centrally air-conditioned rooms. Singles \$22 up; doubles \$28 up. Efficiency apartments with kitchens are \$30 double; \$35 triple. While not specifically a gay hotel, gays and their friends are most welcome by a very understanding management. Some of the staff are gay. Specially recommended for those who want a good, inexpensive hotel. Very popular with gay people. **Normandie Hotel** is at the beginning of the Condado area and on all bus lines to Old San Juan. Right on the ocean, it has its own beach and protected swimming area without waves. (Only **you** can make waves!) Cruising for butch natives is good next to the hotel; on the

beach; and across the street in Munos Rivera Park. Considered a second-rate hotel, its seven floors do offer comfort at little expense. It's on a nice beach at half the price of the nearby Condado luxury hotels. Mature gay guys like this hotel. Singles are \$19 up; doubles \$24 up. The **Sands Hotel** on Calle Earl, is one block from the Lindomar and is also popular with gay people because it faces the gay section of the beach. This is a 10-floor hotel with singles \$26 up and doubles \$30 up. Very comfortable and pleasant and cruisy.

OCEAN PARK

Arcos Blancos Guest House, 10 Carrion Court, is luxurious and expensive. It has everything, including a lovely outdoor bar overlooking a beautiful pool and courtyard, and is just a few doors from the beach. Located on a quiet, middle-class residential street, this guest house has 21 air-conditioned rooms with private bath. Light lunch and snacks available. Singles \$20 up; doubles \$25 up. For gay guys who want luxury and quiet. **El Doral Guest House**, 159 Calle del Parque, is a 1-story, very informal guest house with the same friendly management as the Hotel Lindomar in Condado. If you're on a limited budget and would like to meet other gay guys in the same boat . . . here's your anchor! Singles \$14 up; doubles \$18 up. **La Caleta On The Beach**, 3 Calle Elena, is a 2-story, 12-room guest house right on the beach. Clean, modern . . . each room has a separate entry. Very popular with gays and straights who dig gays. In a quiet, residential area . . . a short walk to the beach. You'll like this place. Singles \$22 up; doubles \$30 up. Highly recommended.

SPECIAL CLASSIFICATION

Emory Rentals, P.O. Box 1212 in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico provides comfortable, completely furnished (linen, dishes, etc.) studio, one-bedroom, or two-bedroom apartments with bathroom and outside balcony right on the beach in the Condado

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area. Rates are \$200 weekly for the studios and \$250 for the two-bedroom apartments. An extra guest may sleep on the sofa. Complete privacy . . . each person has his own key to the front entrance and beach entrance. Olympic-size swimming pool, laundry room and dry-cleaning establishment. Management is friendly. If three or more are doing Puerto Rico this condominium is highly recommended.

OUTDOOR CRUISING (Beaches/Parks)

It may seem odd to begin a discussion of Puerto Rican beach cruising by saying that you should bring along your watch and plenty of cigarettes (even if you don't smoke). Why? Because they're 'ice-breakers' . . . the Puerto Rican beachcomber rarely wears a watch, and is always out of cigarettes. Asking you the time, or for a cigarette, is a get-acquainted ploy you'll become quickly familiar with. Asking just for a match is another. So carry extra packets of them. Here, alphabetically listed, are the best cruising beaches, beach areas and parks in the Condado area.

Escambron Beach, close to the Normandie Hotel is cruisy . . . a mixture of types—butch natives, chicken, tourists in their fifties/sixties. The enclosed swimming area with calm water, clean beach and well-spaced palm trees gives it an uncluttered, serene ambience, this alone being a good reason for coming here. Cruising is best at the back of the beach near the bushes and rocks; close to the surf; and near the benches under the trees. Cold showers. Also in this area where Condado begins is the **little beach facing the Caribe Hilton Hotel**. Buses #10 and #41 stop here. While it's not extensively cruised it is well worth a visit. And while you're here note the available young guys clustered around **McDonald's**, just in front of the Normandie Hotel. If you're hungry, therefore, you have a choice between hamburgers and 'chicken'.

Luquillo Beach, a 45-minute

drive from San Juan, should be seen by every visitor. Soft white sand with a necklace of coconut palms. This is the most beautiful public beach on the island; it's safe, almost surfless; and has plenty of dressing rooms and cruisy picnic grounds. At the same time, make a point of seeing **El Yunque**—The Anvil—the 3500-foot peak on whose crest and slopes lies the **Caribbean National Forest**—a rain forest . . . an unbelievable tropical world of enormous cedars, giant ferns, brilliantly-colored chattering birds, climbing wild orchids, all dotted with splashing falls and cool, shaded pools. There is also an attractive restaurant and simple cottages if you'd like to stay overnight. El Yunque is reached by a secondary road (191) that turns south about midway between Luquillo Beach and Rio Grande. It should not be missed.

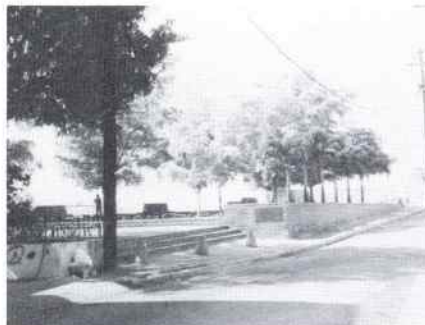
"Sands Hotel" beach in the Condado area is where the gay crowd, both tourist and local, gather for the day for sun, sand, surf and later, hopefully, sex. Actually, available guys are strung out on the beach right past the Sheraton Hotel, so take a walk from one end of the beach to the other. Bus #10 or #41 gets you there from Old San Juan in about 15 minutes. The locals at the gay beach are on the feminine side and not a good cross-section of the average Puerto Rican; they are most gay guys you will see in the clubs in the evening. Some university students do drop by for an afternoon visit, especially on weekends. Many of the local guys on the beach are easy to meet; some are commercial. Popular spot with tourists and you can get a good look at new arrivals before you see them in a bar or club at night. Local guys who do not want to swim will sit on the cement wall just behind the beach, and converse. Some cruising in the street just behind the wall. Hotdogs, beer, soft drinks and delicious pineapple available on the beach and at Rudy's next to the Sands Hotel. Some surfing. Try a drink in the lovely bar facing the ocean on



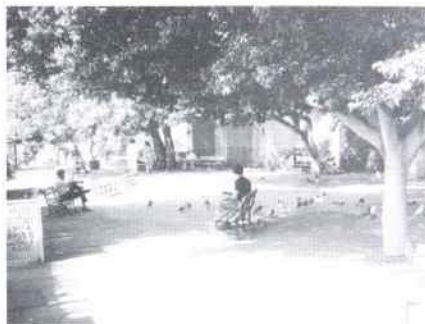
Calle San Francisco



Pinball Gallery



Bastion de las Palmas



Pigeon Park



Ashford Avenue



University of Puerto Rico



El Norte Shopping Center



Lorraine Theater



New San Juan Theater



Rialto Theater

the ground floor of the Sheraton Hotel later in the afternoon—the view is terrific, and some nice humpy guys are there.

CRUISING IN OLD SAN JUAN

Plaza Colon, the landside entrance to the old city, where the buses stop, is hustlerized, very much like Times Square. Everyone keeps an eye out for the buses to see what goodies are arriving. Risky at night.

Plaza del Armas is heavily cruised by cars until midnight. Best vantage point is the corner by the drug store. Next best, the bench in the plaza. Guys on their way to the various gay bars/clubs—or just out for a stroll—check out the Plaza del Armas every evening. Daytime cruising is only fair.

Calle San Francisco, between the Plaza Colon and Plaza del Armas, is heavily cruised both by gays in cars and gays on foot during the day and well into the evening. It's about the best place in Old San Juan for meeting non-hustling gay guys. Best time is from 4 to 6 p.m., and/or after dinner, but it's briskly cruised all day.

Calle San Jose, between Calle Fortaleza and Calle Tetuan, is a favorite pickup point for young hustlers—particularly near the Small World Bar and around the corner at Dona Sues Bar.

The **Pinball Gallery** on Calle San Francisco, opposite the San Francisco Inn, is packed with very young guys until it closes late in the evening. Beer. Some guys on drugs. An offer of a fried chicken dinner—available down the street—is rarely refused by these humpy youngsters.

Bastion de las Palmas Parque at the end of San Jose Street is cruised both in the afternoon and early evening. It is near many of the gay bars. The view of the bay is beautiful here.

Parque de las Palomas (Pigeon Park), a block up from Bastion de las Palmas, is a quiet oasis for daytime reading under the shade of a big tree, on a

comfortable bench. But keep one eye on the scores of very interesting gay guys who ply this route. The getting-to-know-you play here is feeding the pigeons. Good until around 11 p.m., particularly around the outside of the Abbey on Calle Cruz.

CRUISING NEARBY CONDADO

Ashford Avenue is the most heavily cruised street in the Condado area. The busiest sector is **several blocks on each side of the Hyatt Hotel** and across the street **near the Las Niedras Restaurant**. Best at night. Expensive hustlers are on the lookout for well-heeled guests. Check it especially in the late afternoons when gay guys pass on the way to the beach.

CRUISING OUTSIDE SAN JUAN

University of Puerto Rico. Come out and meet the scads of gay guys among the 30,000 friendly students of this enormous educational beehive. Bus #1 from San Juan brings you here in 30 minutes. Action flows constantly in the second- and third-floor johns in the Pedagogy Building. Also check the main john in the Library, as well as eye-cruising the reading room. This is just about the gayest university in the world and there's lots of international/inter-student activity.

El Norte Shopping Center. This huge commercial area is about 8 minutes by Bus #1 as you go from the University of Puerto Rico back towards town. Stop off and check the john. It's in a quiet area, the entrance to which is next to the Grand Union Supermarket. The john is on the second floor and is heavily cruised by high-school students after 3 p.m. Look for the big Woolworth store in the center. Depending on which way the bus is headed—toward, or away from the city proper—the bus stop is at the corner of Avenida F.D. Roosevelt and the Avenue Ponce de Leon . . . or Munos

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MOVIE THEATERS

There are several cruisy movie theaters in San Juan. While there is action all through the day, many gay guys prefer to see the last show and hang around outside as the theater empties to meet someone special they may have missed in the darkness of the theater. Following this, the usual plan is to go on to the gay bars and clubs which really begin to swing about 11 p.m. when the last show ends. Except for the Rialto, the theaters listed are all in Greater San Juan.

Cinema 70 at Stop 26 on Avenue Fernandez Juncos. X-rated films and 'A-rated' cruising.

Lorraine Theater on Ponce de Leon Avenue at the corner of Calle Montserrat is near Bus Stop 15 and qualifies as the most-cruised theater in San Juan. Three X-rated films and a stage show featuring some exotic dancer or stripper get the guys warmed up to the 'balling' point. Then they migrate to the seats in the back of the balcony where they let off steam. Anything goes! The john takes care of the overflow. Both the entertainment and cruising are unique—something you won't find in any other North American city. Do not miss this place. There are four shows daily . . . continuous from 1 until 11 p.m. Admission is \$5.

New San Juan Theater, on the corner of Avenue Fernandez Juncos and Calle San Juan . . . near Bus Stop 16 . . . one block from the Lorraine. First-run X-rated films. The john is cruised, the theater auditorium is more guarded.

Paramount Theater, Avenue Ponce de Leon. Cruisy john with glory holes. This is an all-people theater showing straight first-run films.

Rialto Theater, on Calle San Francisco at the corner of Calle Tanca in Old San Juan, has a much-loved old wooden balcony where anything and everything

goes. Much seat changing. Lots of young guys here in the late afternoon and early evening . . . and especially on weekends. B-films, second-runs, and often more of a grind theater . . . but then, who cares, with all that balcony availability!

BARS IN OLD SAN JUAN

Dona Sues Bar, 103 Calle Tetuan, is a new gay bar. Open from 11 a.m. Growing quite popular with young Puerto Ricans.

El Finnochio de San Juan, on the roof of La Vista Guest House, corner of Calle San Jose and Calle Tetuan. This has just been completed. A rooftop bar overlooking the bay. You may begin cruising early here since El Finnochio serves a late breakfast.

Finale, 56 Calle San Jose. A small, late bar recently reopened. Rough end of the street . . . travel in pairs.

Main Street Bar, 253 Calle San Jose. The oldest gay bar on the island, and the most elegant. Open at noon but most active beginning at 9:30. A two-room piano bar much favored by older gay Puerto Ricans. Also it is a kind of take-off point for other-bar cruising, as well as being popular with the more affluent Norte Americanos who are living in the lap of luxury in Condado hotels. Always a great pianist-singer.

Plaza Patio Bar, 409 Calle San Francisco, opposite the bus stop at Plaza Colon. A small, open-air bar popular at cocktail time. You'll like friendly Larry, the owner/host.

Ray's Bar, 161 Calle San Jose. The best bar for hustlers. Come in, tell Ray or his bartender what you're looking for. They'll gladly oblige by introducing you to just the right one. Lots of blacks. The design is aboriginal . . . the atmosphere relaxaing (large sofas and widely-spaced chairs in a dimly-lit room). Very clean. Room for dancing. There's a \$2 drink minimum.

Small World Bar, 250 Calle



Main Street Bar



1020 Club



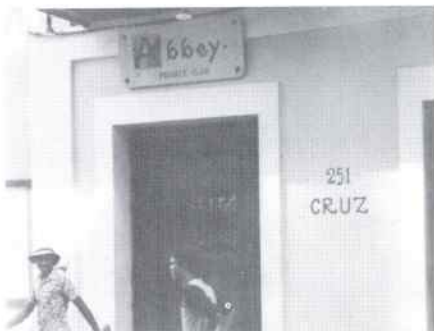
Upstairs Lounge



Rudy's On The Beach



El Refugio del Indio



The Abbey



Top of the Aquarium



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Said's Discotheque



Lion's Den

San Jose. The friendliest and most popular bar in San Juan. Swings day and night. Opens at 11 a.m. and many of the Small World regulars come and spend the day . . . they wouldn't dream of going anywhere else. It's more for campy conversation . . . a socializing place . . . than for heavy cruising. The most popular bartender in San Juan is Bobby Ray. Lots of laughs with him. Hustlers lie in wait outside hoping you'll invite them in for a drink. If you love a gay bar as just a gay bar, don't miss the Small World.

The **San Francisco Inn Bar**, 263 Calle San Francisco, is a small, very friendly place popular for pre-dinner cocktails and after-dinner liqueurs. Come in and meet Jack, the owner/bartender, who'll answer all your questions about San Juan gay life. Then, if you like, you can move over to a table and have a delicious steak dinner.

CONDADO'S GAY BARS

Ten-Twenty Club, 1020 Ashford Avenue. Opens at 3:30 p.m. just in time to get the beach crowd for cocktails. In the evening there is a pianist. Much patronized by middle- to upper-income Puerto Ricans and Norte Americanos. Full-length feature films on late Sunday afternoons . . . free buffet follows. If you're living in the Condado area you'll likely make this your headquarters.

Upstairs Lounge, Ashford Avenue next to Las Neridas Restaurant, and opposite the Hyatt Hotel. This bar just recently became gay. Its large second-floor bar is popular with locals and tourists. Near the Ten-Twenty Club.

BAR IN GREATER SAN JUAN

El Refugio del Indio, 656 Calle Carrion Maduro, just off Avenue Fernandez Juncos at Bus Stop 24. Frequented by local gay guys. Since it is more of a neighborhood bar, there's no reason for expecting anything special. Give it a try, however, if

you are in this area. Just across the street from the Regency Theater.

CLUBS

The clubs listed are, with the exception of the Little Penthouse Club in Condado, in Old San Juan. They all make a minimum charge of \$2 to \$4 (no cover charge) which you parlay into two drinks. You're never bugged to buy more! Best from 11 p.m. to closing. Jammed weekends. Some discos have a sprinkling of straights/gals. But with a preponderance of guys to gals the makeout opportunities are obvious.

Abbey, 251 Calle Cruz. The 'in' disco for the young (under 25, usually). Beautiful guys . . . terrific non-stop rock music . . . also lots of gorgeous glitter-rock costumes. Best pickup time is when the dancing is nearly over. Puerto Rican gay guys—being practical as well as sexy—just don't want to miss all that great music/dancing they've paid \$3 to \$4 for. So it's dance first and hump later—pairing-off usually begins around 2.

Dick's Bar, 254 Calle San Justo (above El Mediterranean Restaurant), opened as Ellos Discotheque in 1973. Now it's Dick's (who also owns The Bookstore). Go-go boys, pool table, games room, back room for action, plus dancing. **Everything!** No admission charge at present. Friendly, informal and available guys, usually upward in age from 18 to 40. It's also a great late-evening makeout bar for older guys.

Lion's Den, 205 Calle Luna (by the way, the straight bars on this street—Calle Luna—are much frequented by sailors, and since there are few girls in such bars your makeout possibilities are increased) is noted for its non-stop porno flicks/slides shown between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Dark room at rear for heated action. Nude go-go boys . . . erotic as all hell . . . plus lots of guys on the make (and take) in the back room. Tip: leave your wallet, credit-card case and your

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watch with the bartender or someone he designates. Pick them up later or you'll get picked-off before!

Little Penthouse Club, 1109 Ashford Avenue (the only club listed that is not in Old San Juan) has male pornopix (full-lengthers you may have seen at your local pornotheater years ago!), plus dancing in their **tres intime** club overlooking the sea. Run by the owners of the Ten-Twenty Club, it is a very popular place. Admission \$2.

Page Two, Calle Fortaleza at the corner of Calle Tanca, is strictly for upper-income Puerto Rican guys/gals. A little snooty, however. Visitors are rather glassily onceovered and frozen out. Blacks never make it here. Pseudo-elegant, which is to say that no one comes in jeans. Small, attractively decorated. Admission \$3 weekdays; \$4 on weekends. We mention this place because it may well suit one who favors a kind of 'conservelegant' milieu. It just may be someone's dish.

Said's Discotheque, on Calle O'Donnell, faces Plaza Colon and gets a lot of heads . . . is not gay *per se*, but the preponderance of guys over gals here makes it a good bet to investigate. Admission is \$4 on weekends, but free at other times. Said's has that characteristic international disco boy/girl ambience one experiences so often in Europe. Which is why it may be what you're looking for. Something for everyone in PR! That's for sure!

The Top Of The Aquarium (locally known as just The Top) is at 255 Calle San Justo, and popular with lower- to middle-income Puerto Ricans. Simple, casual dress. All ages. Latin music exclusively. Its phosphorescent posters are eye-catching, and in every way it's a fun place . . . something like an ongoing party. Although tourists are certainly welcomed, few come. Possibly because few speak Puerto Rican Spanish (faster Spanish there is not) and the makeup of the place being so largely Puerto Rican, and the music so voom-voom, there's no time to

translate for visitors. If you speak Spanish fairly well it gets you into the groove more quickly. 75% guys/25% gals. Open on Friday/Saturday/Sunday, admission \$3. Highly recommended for the liquidly linguistic.

DRAG SHOW

Cabaret, 253 Calle San Jose in Old San Juan, features two 1-hour performances each night. Great drag show. Sit and cruise at the bar, or at a table with friends. Locals love it. Two-drink minimum at the bar. A cover charge of \$3 and a two-drink minimum only at tables. Show time: 11:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

BATHS

Lion Of St. Mark's Baths, 152 Calle Tanca (behind the Rialto Theater) in old San Juan, is the only gay baths in the entire Caribbean. Open from 8 p.m. until 7 a.m., there is usually enough action to satisfy everyone. On weekdays the prime time is from 9:30 until midnight (locals go home early). During holiday seasons there's lots of early-morning action, especially from the overheated patrons of the Lion's Den and other bars. On weekends the action is longer and heavier. Lots of it in the main room. The Puerto Ricans are not so cubicle-oriented. They like the feel of the arena, hence they get excited to the point of frenzy seeing others in action . . . also in listening to the sounds which turn them on still more . . . moans/groans, push/pull, slurp/slurp. And they love to touch-h-h-h! While they are not as orgiastic as one finds elsewhere, they're right in there 'rooting' for you! Lockers are \$4 on weekdays and \$5 on weekends. Rooms \$7 weekdays; \$8 weekends.

BOOK STORE

The Book Store, 409 Calle San Francisco in Old San Juan, opposite the bus stop at Plaza Colon, has a fine selection of all types of pocket-books and newspapers, including those of interest to gay guys. The owner is Dick, who owns Dick's Bar.



Penthouse Club



Lion of St. Mark's Baths



El Jardin de Selma



El Patio de Sam



El Tiki Restaurant



El Hamburger



Plaza in Mayaguez



San Vicente Theater, Mayaguez



Plaza in Ponce



El Cid, Ponce

RESTAURANTS

Puerto Rican cuisine is a delight. Not even the French have so many ways of preparing unusual fish, chicken and beef dishes. Dinner is a little later than in the United States, and a lot earlier than in Spain. Generally serving at the places listed begins about 7. These restaurants are those popular with gay people or, in some cases, owned or managed by gay people. Also get a copy of **Que Pasa** and the **San Juan Menu Digest** (free) for a more complete list of gourmet and unusual-character restaurants. All are in Old San Juan, and all are alphabetically listed.

Amanda's Patio, 204 Calle Cristo. Small quiet restaurant hosted by Amanda. Fine Mexican food.

El Jardin de Selma, corner of Calle Cristo and Calle Luna. Large, open-air, candlelit restaurant. Very relaxing place where one can slowly savor the gourmet meals this place is famous for. The best soups in the island are here. Great place for a late lunch of soup/sandwich. Low-priced menu. Choice of six complete dinners including wine, for \$7.50. Highly recommended.

El Patio de Sam, 102 Calle San Sebastian. Stake out this steak place. Great broilings, North American style. Friendly bar where you can get a super-whopper hamburger with beer or Sangria for lunch. The beautiful people of Puerto Rico make this a very popular place. **A la carte** from \$4.

El Tiki Restaurant, 204 Calle Luna. Big four-course Stateside meals with wine. **Prix fixe** \$7. Small, but crowdedly popular. Reservations are a must during holidays. Rapid service. Very gay.

La Buena Mesa Restaurant, 365 Calle Tetuan. Good food, **prix fixe** at \$7, with wine.

Plaza Patio Restaurant, 109 Calle San Francisco (opposite the Plaza Colon bus stop). Small open-air place with courtyard. Italian cuisine. Open at noon for lunch. Dinner is leisurely, pleasant, peaceful and candlelit at about \$5.75.

The San Francisco Inn Restaurant, 263 Calle San Francisco. Steaks and chops and other hearty fare. Intimate atmosphere, excellent food. Complete dinner about \$6. Hosts Jack and Thanos speak five languages between them and can answer all your questions about gay life on the island. They hold forth at the bar. Not to be missed.

MAYAGUEZ

Mayaguez is the fourth largest city in Puerto Rico and the gayest for its size. It has no gay bars. Why? None is needed because gay is everywhere here! Mayaguez is a beautiful place. Come, if only to just stroll its streets. The huge University of Puerto Rico has its College of Engineering and Agriculture in this great town, and its humpy students make Mayaguez all the gayer.

You'll probably want to stay at the **Hotel La Palma** on Calle Pearl, just a block from the cruisy main plaza. Gay people prefer it because there's no trouble bringing in someone you've just cruised. Also the **San Vicente Theater** which shows X-rated films has plenty of action in the balcony . . . with still more students. They're **everywhere!** Tireless tricks! But the 'mainest' attraction of Mayaguez is, as it has long been, **Arturo's**, a gay resort compound high on the side of a mountain covered with luxuriant jungle vegetation, overlooking Mayaguez and the ocean far below. In the cool, moist, fresh air, sex is to the songs of birds. Originally a coffee plantation, Arturo's has 12 individual cabins at \$20 per day; and 7 rooms at \$12 a day. Each cabin (actually a little house) is hidden from its neighbor by thick-branched trees. The living room of each can accommodate orgies of up to 20 persons. Cement floors, double bed, kitchen, bathroom, plus bar off the living room. A woman comes in daily to clean. The central building has a bar (from 6 p.m.) and here breakfast and light meals are available.

Every day this fabulous place is alive with students from the

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University, Puerto Ricans of many professions, and especially young-g-g boys (it's often called The House of Boys). Beautiful guys all. There's always a friendly getting-to-know-you at the bar, then if you feel 'getting-to-know-you-better' you can take him to your cabin. Fact: everyone comes here for sex—they're read-d-d-dy! **Reserve!**

Arturo's was rumored closed last year but is reportedly expecting a busy coming season.

PONCE

This is Puerto Rico's second-largest city. Conservative. Gay life is more secretive than in Mayaguez and/or San Juan. However, Ponce is getting more overtly gay every day. Since it is a pleasant bus ride from San Juan, or you may care to drive, why not come out for at least one day of your Puerto Rican vacation?

The **Melia Hotel** in the center of town is a good place to stay. Single rooms are \$19; doubles \$25. Also the **Texan Motel** on the edge of town, if you're driving, is friendly to gay people. Gay people get together at **Club El Cid** on Calle Luna near the intersection of Calle Concordia, and just a block off the plaza. El Cid is a mixed club . . . head for the back room which is the gay convocation area. Really nice guys, very pleasant and informal and quite different from those you'll meet elsewhere in Puerto Rico. Yet Ponce has a raunchier side not obvious in center city. On the fringes of town are some semi-gay bars with some of the most unattractive people in all PR. Then just about five blocks from the plaza is a small bar, **El Village** (which has nothing to do with El Village, as in 'Greenwich') with rougher types, and so we give it a 'risky' rating. The best outdoor cruising is on the Cathedral side of the beautiful tree-lined plaza. Good day and night. Humpy, handsome guys who are even more receptive to strangers than in San Juan.

In smaller Puerto Rican towns gay life exists without, however, flourishing. In **San German**,

Norman's Bar, facing the plaza, is a very cruisy place.

Boqueron Beach has several mixed bars. But in **Cabo Rojo**, which once was thought quite gay, some of the best bars have closed. Possibly tourist competition with Mayaguez and Arturo's 'House of Boys' and San Juan with its simply incredible **everything** gay, is the reason for its decline in tourist interest.

Although San Juan will be your gateway to Puerto Rico it is definitely not **all** of Puerto Rico. So much of the island's history—eons older than our Stateside own—and its Spanish charm will be discovered only if you take trips outside its huge, bustling metropolis. With Puerto Rico's more than 4,000 miles of excellent paved roads, a few days of leisurely driving (or the many bus tours, if you don't have wheels) will give you newer and deeper insights into that territory we call a Commonwealth . . . not yet a state and certainly not a colonial possession. Puerto Rico is a highly individual, unique, and most sophisticated island that we are lucky enough to enjoy as a delightful vacation resort. So come and enjoy it . . . it can change your entire concept of what free, informal, casual gay life is all about.

The 'Lesser-Gay' Caribbean Islands From A TO Z

Including Bermuda, The Bahamas, & The Yucatan

By The Editors

General Comments

For each island we provide a source address for additional information. By writing you will be able to secure a descriptive list of hotels, etc. Also, the

airlines servicing the islands are helpful concerning information and hotel bookings. Ditto for travel agencies. We provide the names of only a few hotels, when they are of special interest to the gay traveler.

In choosing a hotel avoid those in the luxury category, as well as small, intimate places; managers and owners are usually uptight about guests bringing in locals who, in their opinion, pose a threat to the security of their establishment. Motel-type setups are good because you can get in and out without being noticed. Likewise for cottage colonies. To maneuver freely stay at a gay hotel if one exists. If you want the ultimate in privacy rent a small house or villa of your own. When several people share the rental the total per person usually comes to less than a superior hotel room. Once you know where you are going contact an appropriate realtor for information. Two good ones that specialize in Caribbean rentals are At Home Abroad, 136 E. 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10022, phone (212) HA1-9165; and Continental Villas, 227 E. 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10022. Phone (212) 593-0297.

Unless you connect with gay tourists you will in all probability be expected to pay local hustlers for their services. Average rate is about \$10, but even \$1 or a small gift is acceptable in country areas—depending on the circumstances. Even young men who really aren't hustlers will expect payment and it is best to settle financial matters at the outset in order to avoid misunderstandings later on. You will find that rates drop considerably in the off-season months, when competition among the sellers is stiff—because fewer tourists are in town.

It is usually best not to let your new friends know too much about you, unless you want them showing up at your hotel the next day and trying to dominate your attention. They can be awfully possessive, and though they generally don't object to sharing, if you insist on twosomes and threesomes (which

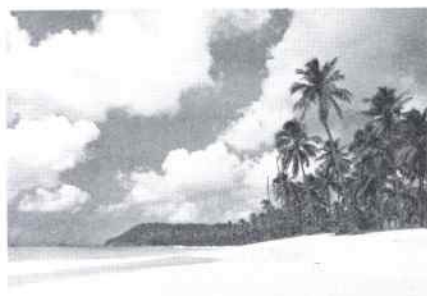
they will gladly provide in most cases) they simply will not step aside for others. Unless, of course, you're good at explaining things and pay generously the first time you meet—in compensation for your freedom for the remainder of your visit.

Best time to visit is in winter when the islands are filled with tourists and activity is at its peak. This is particularly true when celebrations are held; every island has its annual festivals. When the crowds leave prices drop and things get quiet. Some people like this—but it means less to do and even fewer prospects since many of the hustlers who come to the bigger cities when the tourists are there go back to the mountains when they leave.

ANTIGUA

This tiny island (12 by 14 miles) has 365 beaches and breezes that are steady at 25 knots. The people speak softly and are friendly.

Antigua is a quiet island. You've got to love the sand and sea to enjoy it. Sightseeing is limited to a few historical sites such as English Harbour. Wandering around St. John's during the day might reward you with a knowing glance from a local—and if you're lucky enough to connect you will undoubtedly be introduced to other available boys. Spend some time on the pier.



Gay guys prefer the White Sands, a colony of cottages on a beach. The establishment has its own pool and very understanding personnel. Ditto for the Trade Winds. Good food at most hotels.

At night there's gambling at

the Holiday Inn. The Bacchanal Club is a swinging disco. Gay locals and tourists are likely to stop by on Saturday night. Perhaps making contact might be easier at the Bucket of Blood, a nightclub where locals are wise. The saloons on the airport road attract the fleets when they're in town. If you can fight off the girls you might get the prey.

For general information write to the Antigua Tourist Board, 20 East 46th St., New York, N.Y. 10017.

ARUBA

You'll think you're in Arizona because of the abundance of sun and cactus and dryness. The island has seven miles of uninterrupted beach and everything is neat and orderly—thanks to the Dutch.

Nothing much to do, but walking the beaches or wandering around Oranjestad might prove rewarding.

Dine at the colorful Bali, a houseboat restaurant.

Aruba has an industrial population (oil workers) and the transients who come in to work the oil cruise the San Nicolaas area at night—for cunt. If you're careful and have a gift of gab you might make out. Or stay right in Oranjestad and try the Cactus Inn. Lots of whoring going on—but of the straight variety.

For general information write to the Aruba Information Center, 609 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

THE BAHAMAS

The Bahamas are not in the Caribbean; they are north (although the chain of 700 islands and 2,499 cays and reefs do stretch southward as far as the north coast of Haiti). They are like the Caribbean islands in spirit, however, and their warm climate is ideal for a winter vacation. Most people who frequent Miami sooner or later fly off to Nassau, the most popular city in the chain, for a few hours

or even a day or two. The people in the larger towns tend to treat tourists indifferently; they are friendlier on the Out Islands—the small islands in the chain.

Nassau is on New Providence Island, south of Miami. Its greatest attraction is its beach resort of Paradise Island, where you may swim, sun, and gamble in the most luxurious surroundings. Downtown in Nassau itself busy Prince George Wharf and adjoining Rawson Square fronting on Bay Street are alive with tourists browsing, shopping and bartering for straw products in the open market.



Rawson Square, Nassau

There aren't any gay bars but you might connect with locals or tourists in the Cat & Fiddle on Oakes Field Road, or in Dirty Dick's on Bay Street. As far as daytime cruising is concerned try the Bay Street Beach and Rawson Square. But expect to pay.



El Casino, Freeport



International Bazaar, Freeport
In Freeport, on Grand Baha-
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ma Island, the \$3,000,000, 10-acre International Bazaar and adjoining El Casino are the drawing cards for shoppers and gamblers. Tourists clear the shopping area when stores close at 5 p.m. but it's considered generally good for strolling late at night if you want to connect with hustlers. You might be safer indoors in the El Casino, or in the Sir Winston Churchill, a bar you won't have any difficulty locating.

For hotels and general information about the beautiful Out Islands, quieter and romantic if you go with a lover or meet the right person there, perhaps while strolling a tropical beach, write to The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10020; or 608 First National Bank Building, Miami, Fla. 33131; or 1230 Palmolive Building, Chicago, Ill. 60601; or 1406 Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Tx. 75202; or 1341 Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif. 90013.

BARBADOS

Barbados is not a small island (166 square miles in the shape of a pear) and that means better than average chances of connecting—though there are no gay bars or established meeting places. The people, however, are among the friendliest anywhere, and that makes talking to strangers quite easy. This can be accomplished on any beach, in downtown Bridgetown, or in a discotheque.



Bridgetown

Many of the hotels are actually clusters of cottages, or single-level units with private entrance. A typical example is a hotel that is considered one of the loveliest

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on the island—the Sandy Lane. It's a favorite of the British.

If you go in late winter the air will be dense with the aroma of roasting corn—which, in fact, is not corn but sugar being refined. In June, when the sugar harvest ends, there is an annual celebration called "Crop Over Festival."



Rural Barbados

There isn't that much to see in Barbados, but you will certainly want to tour the island; its hilly areas are very picturesque. Most of your sun hours will be spent on a beach at your hotel or in front of your rented seaside villa. The public beach that is popular with young Bajans, as Barbadians call themselves, is directly to the left (facing the water) of the Accra Beach Hotel. The stretch of sand is covered with young studs—locals as well as tourists—and many are available. The hotel's "Witch's Hat" beach bar (daytime hours only) is popular with gays who like keeping a watchful eye on the outside john door; inside there is occasional action. For these reasons this hotel, which is set up like a motel, is frequented by gays—though their numbers are small by comparison with the straight guests. Because of its proximity to the port it is Accra Beach that sailors visit when their ship docks.



Accra Beach



John at Accra Beach Hotel

As far as night life is concerned, the swingiest disco in town (actually outside Bridgetown) is Alexandra's. Everybody goes—especially on Saturday night. Harry's Nitery is a landmark in Bridgetown. Shows nightly; the girls strip, the straights see what they want, and then rent the girls for sex upstairs. Occasional gays frequent the place, but if you fail to connect with a tourist or local (expect to pay for the latter) the bartender will be happy to get you a boy, for a price. Harry's is on Bay Street and opens at 7 p.m.

Local hustlers frequent the nearby Flying Fish Club, a short distance from Harry's (corner of Bay and Shepherd Sts.). But do remember that these bars are not gay.



Harry's Nitery



Flying Fish Club

If you can drive, by all means rent a car—and make certain it's small because the roads are narrow and driving is on the

left. Taxis are readily available but things are spread around and it isn't easy going without wheels of your own. Temporary driving permits are secured at the airport for a few dollars on arrival. You'll find Avis here too.

For additional information, write to the Barbados Tourist Board, 801 Second Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017. In Canada, 150 Eglinton Ave., E., Toronto 5, Ont.

BERMUDA

Though a lot of people associate Bermuda with the Caribbean, the island is in the Atlantic, about as far north as the Carolinas. This makes it ideal for a springtime or summertime vacation, but winters are cool and moist.

Bermuda is neat. The island is clean and ablaze with flowers. Getting around on motorbikes is easy and lots of fun, though you will probably rely on taxis at night.

Downtown Hamilton is colorful and fun to shop. St. George, the old town, is historic and affords leisurely and interesting browsing. There are enough sights to fill a couple of days; these include the famous underground caves.



Hamilton's Harbor



But, mainly, you will spend your daytime hours on a beach. A lot of young people like the

Elbow Beach Surf Club. The waiters there are very interesting. If the British fleet is in, bike it out to Ireland Island and find yourself a patch of deserted beach. Lots of times the sailors come down in available singles and groups and sunbathe and swim nude.

A bar and restaurant that's popular with gays during the day as well as evenings is the Horse & Buggy on Queen St. It's not gay but the bar can get pretty obvious. Ditto for evenings at the tiny Hog Penny Pub on Burnaby St. Servicemen and locals can kick up a gay storm here. Both places are in Hamilton.

In St. George try the Gun Powder Caverns, a bar in the old fort. It's popular with U.S. servicemen.

Back in Hamilton, late at night, you might find some cruising on Front St., and in the small, dark park behind the ferry station (actually the grounds of the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club). There's action in the bushes and darkened ferry station john . . . sometimes. But it's potentially dangerous and the cops patrol regularly.

For additional information, write to the Bermuda Department of Tourism, 610 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10020.

BONAIRE

Bonaire is small (24 miles long by 3 miles wide). It's Dutch and the people are friendly. The island is popular with young scuba divers because of its spectacular coral reefs, and bird lovers because of its flamingo sanctuary (largest in the Western Hemisphere). All this goes to say there are good bodies and sensitive spirits around—and in these times of bisexual chic pickin's can be easy.

There are only three hotels in Bonaire, so study the brochures you get (see address below) before deciding. The Flamingo Beach Club is particularly relaxed and attracts young people who dig the sea. But the least expensive (average \$10 per person) is the Hotel Rochaline,

and the rate accounts for its popularity with the hip set.

Nightlife concentrates itself in El Wowo, a disco in downtown Kralendijk. Very international, and it's open every night from 8 p.m. If you connect at all, it will probably be here.

For additional information, write the Bonaire Tourist Information Office, 405 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

Three islands—Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac and Little Cayman—comprise what are virtually the last of the British Crown Colonies. The racial balance is interesting; 20 percent black, 20 percent white, and the rest somewhere inbetween. You visit the Cayman Islands when you want peace and quiet. When you want to be alone with your lover in a tropical setting, on "Las Tortugas"—the islands of the turtles.

Lots of places to stay and good restaurants too. Even if you enjoy solitude you will probably find Cayman Brac and Little Cayman too quiet—so stay in Grand Cayman. Disco nightlife is presently at the Galleon Beach Hotel and also the Holiday Inn. If you're alone and getting horny to score you might connect here. Other than that, cruise George Town proper during the day, and keep a watchful eye on the john at the new cinema opposite the Royal Palms Hotel. Ditto for the johns at the three outdoor theatres. You might be lucky.

There is one big problem in the Cayman Islands—mosquitoes. The species that carries yellow fever caused trouble last year. So if you go, and if you're likely to cruise deserted beaches for possibilities, with a hopeful eye on action in the bushes, make certain you spray yourself with a good mosquito repellent.

Additional information from Cayman Islands Tourist Board, 230 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017; also 125 S.E. 3rd Ave., No. 20 Arcade, Miami, Fla. 33131.

CIAO!

CURACAO

Curacao is a beautifully preserved 17th-century Dutch architectural masterpiece, studded with modern tourist accommodations.

The capital city of Willemstad is a multicolored treat. Curacaoans are friendly but tend to be cool, emotionally.

Lots of good hotels; the bar at the Intercontinental affords limited opportunities. Good food everywhere; international flavor.

Gambling is big and you might score in more than one way at the tables—because everybody sooner or later makes the casino scene.

The beaches are good, but you'll be disappointed if you come expecting easy gay life.

For more information write the Curacao Tourist Bureau, 604 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10020; also 2300 Coral Way, Miami, Fla. 33129.

DOMINICA

Dominica is relatively free of tourists and its natural beauty is quite spectacular. There are towering mountains . . . volcanic formations . . . tropical forests . . . pristine beaches.

There isn't too much to do at night except drink and go to bed—hopefully, both—and with someone. Nothing gay in Roseau, the capital, but The Ham, a lively discotheque. Also The Manicou and the Green Grotto. You'll have to work at making a connection so don't go if you like it easy.



For more information write to the Caribbean Tourist Assn., 20 E. 46th St., New York, N.Y. 10017.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The trouble with Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic, is that it has no beaches. No doubt you will want to spend most of your time in town, rather than isolate yourself at a distant beach resort, so you will have to be content with dips in your hotel pool.

The Dominican Republic occupies two-thirds of the island of Hispaniola (Haiti is the other third). Spanish is the language and if you can't manage a few words you won't communicate freely. And like most Latins, the Dominicans have a low boiling point—so language difficulties could lead to squabbles, especially when dealing with hustlers. There's a lot of American industry there, and American workers, so you won't be a curiosity by any means.

There are good hotels. The food is beautifully prepared. Don't drink the tap water. If you like strong coffee it's great here.

Santo Domingo, like most Spanish strongholds, stays up late. It's a safe city at night—but the usual precautions are necessary with rented boys.

Straight but young and swinging discos include Karova and Rancho La Campana.

Gay life? Some say gays favor the bar and pool at the Hotel Hispaniola. Ditto for the Hotel Jaragua. But the best bar to get what you want is Nicolas, Felix E. Mejia 241 (near 32nd and Maximo Gomez). Young hustlers, but the place isn't rough. The Malecon (breakwater) is cruised at night, but in summer only. Be careful because it can be dangerous. Same for Parque Enriquello. Outside of town you might luck out at Boca Chica Beach. And keep those eyes working everywhere. Latins always have good sex vibes and hooking up is a cinch in this town.

For a change of pace and skin color why not split your vacation

time on Hispaniola between the Dominican Republic and Haiti? There are regular flights between the neighboring countries.

For tourist information write to the Dominican Government Tourist Office, 64 W. 50th St., New York, N.Y. 10020.

GRENADA

Grenada has 133 miles of magnificent mountains, lush valleys and white beaches. Nutmeg (and its byproduct, mace) is its main export.

There are several sights in St. George's. The forts are fascinating. But mostly you will want to lie in the sun and eat well.

Good hotels are plentiful and you would be wise to stay someplace on a beach.

Best local disco is Blanco's Beach Club, waterside at Quarantine Beach. It swings day and night with young stuff—and some is available. Some gays say the pickin's are good at the bars in the St. James, Santa Maria, and Silver Sands hotels. Give 'em all a try.



St. George's, Grenada

Additional information from Grenada Tourist Information Office, 10 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10019.

GUADELOUPE

Gaudeloupe is, actually, two islands connected by a draw-bridge) overall it is shaped rather like a butterfly. Pointe-a-Pitre, the largest city, is located on the eastern "wing"—Grand-Terre (Basse-Terre, the other half, is the capital and civic center of the island).



The people are predominantly African in origin, but the mood is decidedly French. Creole, a mixture of 17th-century French, a little African, Spanish, and English, is spoken—so brush up on your French and you'll at least be able to communicate. Guadeloupians are good people, but the French who run the businesses and deal with the tourists are snippy and downright rude to Americans. Likewise for the help, many from the Middle East—so expect rough treatment when you check in, and long waits for your meals. In spite of Air France's drive to convince us via TV ads that we Americans are welcome there, the attitude that does in fact exist is, "Yankees, send your money but stay home!"

There are a lot of good hotels, but the best chance for American gays for civil treatment (particularly if you are youngish and have a sexy body) is Club Mediterranée. There are two club villages in Guadeloupe. The atmosphere at both is relaxed

and you needn't take more than a bathing suit and, of course, money. Mostly Frenchmen, who can show hostility towards Americans, but gay guys, who share a common bond no matter where they go, find the going great, especially, to repeat, those who have great bodies and/or unusual endowments. We've had good reports from readers who have made the scene.

Your best bet for connecting with hustlers is walking Pointe-a-Pitre during the day.

For additional information you may write the French West Indies Tourist Board, 610 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10020. Also, the Air France office nearest you. For information on Club Mediterranée write Club Med, Inc., P.O. Box 233, W. Hempstead, N.Y. 11552.

HAITI

Haiti really is mysterious and exciting. Even if you don't believe in Black Magic you can sense it everywhere—especially at night when you can hear the voodoo drums in the distant hills.

The island is crowded and dirty—but it is fascinating. The people are beautiful; here you will encounter handsome studs who, by comparison, make their black brothers throughout the Caribbean look plain.

There are many good hotels, the most fascinating being the Grand Hotel Oloffson—a mad structure right out of a Charles Addams cartoon. It attracts a lot of gays in the arts and an evening around the informal bar can prove rewarding. The more comfortable hotels are in Petionville, the hilly suburb above teeming Port-au-Prince. Best is El Rancho. The deluxe Habitation LeClerc is situated in a very squalid section of Port-au-Prince and tucked away behind a stone wall topped with broken glass to guarantee that intruders stay out. There are private groupings of two suites, across from each other, that share a common mini swimming pool in the "front yard." The suites are quite beautiful but lack privacy; the

bathrooms, for example, don't have walls—so your companion will hear every thunderous moment of your toilet. So will your neighbors across the way. In the main building there is a lounge, also a restaurant (for those who prefer not being served in their suite), and a huge swimming pool. It'll cost you at least \$150 a day for two. Most of these hotels do not permit outside guests.



Grand Hotel Oloffson



El Rancho Hotel

If you want more freedom, try the Panorama Guest House (contact Arthur Rouzier, Mgr., Box 1338, Port-au-Prince, Haiti). It's a modest establishment, but has a swimming pool and sun deck—and a lot of interesting boys. Rates are \$12 for a single, \$20 double. You make your own arrangements with the boys. In case you don't write beforehand, instruct your driver to take you to the Panorama that's in the Fontamara section of town, as there is another guest house that has the same name. The ride is about \$6.



Outside Chez Guy

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Chez Guy is a gay bar situated in a pleasant house on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince. A few rooms are available, and they are comfortable—but the main benefit is convenience as far as sex is concerned.

There are a lot of small guest houses in town, and luxury beach resorts about an hour away—and you will find boys everywhere in Haiti. But never forget that for all Haitians, and particularly hustlers, the slogan is "faut payer"—"it is necessary to pay." Never "please pay."

As far as gay bars are concerned, the best is Chez Guy on weekends. Close second and better on weekdays is Freda's, on the main Petionville road, opposite the Hotel Montana. Lots of boys who really turn on to Americans. And though you must pay—Haitians do everything. No macho hangups here.

You'll get double-takes everywhere you go, and some guys are so bold—especially in the country—that they'll take out their wicked hogs and shake them at you as a tempting prize. Use common sense in such situations and always exercise caution; you have money and they don't.

If you are planning to go, you are urged—repeat, urged—to read the article on Haiti in the August 1974 **Ciao!** It is very detailed and still valid. But disregard the comments concerning the guide, as he is now charging up to \$100 a day and we have been told that he has handled himself badly with visitors. Copies of this issue are still available for \$3 (see the back-issue ad in this magazine); or, send \$1 for a reprint of this article. Moreover, if you go, read the article on Haitian art in the October 1975 **QQ Magazine**. This issue has been sold out, but reprints of the piece are still available for \$1. You will surely want to buy at least one painting while you're there, and the QQ article will help you greatly in your understanding of Haitian art.

For general information write to the Haiti Government Tourist

Bureau, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10020.

JAMAICA

As popular as Jamaica is with most U.S. tourists, and as many people as there are on the island in winter, it has very little to offer the gay vacationer. Of course the climate is great, and the beaches are beautiful, but you'll find that you'll want to spend a lot of your time right around your hotel and its stretch of beach—so pick someplace good to stay. You can connect with hustlers on the main streets but don't ever trust them.

In Kingston try these bars: La France, Halfway Tree Rd.; The Keg, Lower Orange St., for merchant seamen; and the Manhattan Bar, Mountain View Rd. These places aren't gay but your chances of making out are good. Also check out the park at the corner of King and Queen Sts.

Most fun vacationers stay in or near Montego Bay. Here is where the good beaches are. The Half Moon Hotel is beautifully situated and boasts a big muscle contest winner as its poolside lifeguard. Your best bet for meeting gay locals and tourists, will be Doctor's Cave Beach, a small stretch of sand that actually has a gay section; it's on the right (facing the water), near the trees. You can't do anything there, nor in the changing rooms, but this is where it's at as far as making contacts is concerned. When cruise ships dock, gay sailors head right out to Doctor's Cave Beach—and so should you. Fire Island it ain't, but it's the best gay gathering place on the island.



Doctor's Cave Beach

Try connecting at the Amps Sunset Lodge, where there's dancing.

For tourist information write the Jamaican Tourist Board, 200 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

MARTINIQUE

Martinique is beautiful to behold, but the same comments concerning the treatment of Americans we have made about Guadeloupe also apply here. The language barrier (French and Creole spoken almost exclusively) further aggravates friendly communication.



Fort-de-France

You will probably want to stay someplace not too far from Fort-de-France, but choose your hotel carefully since many do not have their own beaches (for example, the Hilton is built on a rock). Again, as for Guadeloupe, we suggest you stay at the Club Mediterranee's vacation village. It's 50 kilometers from Fort-de-France—but if there's any action to be had, here is where it's at.





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CHICAGO W/M, 30, 5' 8", 145 lbs. Interested in corresponding and meeting masculine males under 40 for fun and games. A revealing photo would be appreciated but not a must. S-32

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. area, 32, slim, white, 135 lbs., 5' 9", dark hair, nice-looking, wants to meet others for versatile sex and/or friendship. No fats or feds. K-23

SERVICING appreciative 30-40 Caucasian uncultured repeaters Omaha area. During July-August in Wyoming-Idaho-Montana-Colorado and S.D. seeking very horny Fireman-Rangers-Farmers-Troopers-Ranchers-Pilots-Truckers-Military. Jim Lawbaugh, "Andreion," Malmo, Nebr. 68040.

TEXAS AQUARIAN white male, 5' 11", 152 lbs., wants to hear from discreet white males to 50. Interested music, theatre, travel. T.W.H., Box 456, Sinton, Tx. 78387.

ITALY, Companion/Lover wanted, 1 to 3 months in Venice, May-August 1976. Will pay expenses. Am 37, 6' 2", 195 lbs., reasonably good-looking, university professor. Interested in theatre, art, music, good food, conversation. Seek man 25-35 years old for company and sex, mutual Gr. and Fr., no drugs or S/M. Must be congenial and sexually aggressive. M-37

MONTREAL, Professional w/m, 39, 5' 11", 165, masculine and friendly. Interests: travel, gay collective newspaper, sailing, music, literature, gourmet and wine. Seeks sincere friends with similar interests, age to late 30s. C-17

GOOD-LOOKING, butch, 34, 5' 9", 140 lbs., wants to hear from other built, together dudes under 40 who dig sun, surf and sex. No fats, feds, S/M, B/D. Include photo. S-46

HUMPY YOUNG FARMBOY with constant hard-on wants hot jerk-off letters. Photos of well-hung studs specially appreciated. Am over 21, oversized, oversexed. The helpers will suffer if you don't write! H-36

MONTREAL, Early 40's, 5' 8", 160 lbs. School-teacher. Looking for someone affectionate, under 30, honest. Any kind of love but Greek. Full personal details and photo please. Seek for lover. G-23

N.E. OHIO, 30'S, Sagit. Versatile. Seek real men. Into travel, photography, sports, cycles, rock/jazz. Permanent relationship or friendship. Close I-76 and Ohio Pike. Photo, will reciprocate. 77 Fir Hill—88B, Akron, Ohio 44304.

SAN FRANCISCO, Good-looking males (21 & 26), slender build, would like to meet same & similar age for fun and friendship. Dig studs, sex and life. Write: Mark Haberman, 405 Cherry St., San Francisco, Calif. 94118. Tel. 386-0179.

CHICAGO AREA w/m, 30, 6' 4", 230 lbs., wants to meet masculine w/m, 18-34, for friendship and sex. Please send photo and phone number if possible. V-3

BUFFALO AREA, Sensuous senior citizen seeks hot and horny studs with cut cocks for French action. Live alone and welcome visitors. Enjoy foreplay. M-36

ALLIANCE, OHIO, W/M, 40, 6' 1", 180 lbs., blond/blue-eyed Taurean professional. Uncultured, well-endowed with varied interests, seeks others 25-35 for physical enjoyment. No reply w/o frontal photo. Travelers welcomed. Write Paul. G-22

SAN FRANCISCO professional guy, 49, 6' 1", 175 lbs. Into law enforcement uniforms, pornography, sensible S/M, wants to hear from others with similar interests. S-45

MIDWESTERN STUDS, Seeking males 18-30 to handle fun-loving couple. Both slim and good-looking. Double your pleasure, double your fun. Answer those only with photo. Must be discreet. Write! C-29

TALL, SLENDER Canadian, professional, hairy, normally-equipped Aries traveler, 37, seeks honest, gentle single or couple correspondents anywhere. Likes fine arts, sunning, theatre, gourmet cooking and drinking. O-4

SF BAY AREA, Mid-40's, enjoys flower gardening, nudity, pornography and good living. Interested in making new friends of all ages. Let's meet and investigate common interests. G-21

W/M, TALL, slender, non-smoker; nudity; gentle petting, caressing, hugging, kissing; relocate or help me to; no feds; photo. G-20

LET'S COME TOGETHER! Two lovers 27 & 29 G.L., nice bds, moustached, outdoor types. Want to meet other gays of same description to 30. Northeastern U.S. or other areas. Photo appreciated. F-5

5'9", 160, BLOND/BLUE wants slender guys, 18-35 for permanent relationship with masculine, mature male. Likes music, dancing, swimming, football, baseball. Race, endowments, looks unimportant. All answered. Jack, Box 346, Mt. Vernon, Ind. 47620. Tel. (812) 838-2983.

HI! LITTLE ROCK, ARK. Like to meet friendly guys with sense of humor. Professional, 30 yrs. old, 5'10", 140 lbs., good-looking. Interested in similar type. Send photo. K-15

ROCHESTER, N.Y. Very expert in French and Greek but have never found a stud who was big enough to make me say "Uncle!" Can you? \$10 says "No!" T-6

BIG BISEXUAL, w/m, 26, masculine, 6', blue eyes, clean-cut, blond, 275 lbs., student, into everything, desires white male, female, couple. Will try S&M, wrestling. Into levi's. Photo, phone to: Box 131, New York, N.Y. 10016.

37, GOOD-LOOKING, affectionate, horny for thick, heavy equipment for lots of Greek/French action. Tel. (714) 686-9735, or write D.D., 4145 Cedar St., Riverside, Calif. 92501.

LET'S REACH OUT AND TOUCH, White male, 6' 175 lbs., would like to hear from other white males in S.E. Ohio for fun and friendship. Photo appreciated, not required. G-14

AIRLINE EMPLOYEE, Hawaii-based, young 40, wishes correspondence for possible meetings. Love to travel, mostly USA. Interests are travel, opera, classical music, and play organ. K-18

NEW YORK CITY, 25, 5'10", 150, personable, attractive guy, loyal, brave, clean, irreverent... seeking unpretentious other(s) for masculine camaraderie and more. Prefer tall, smart and handsome, but can be realistic. B-25

SAN DIEGO BI W/M, 30, looking for sincere friendship. Can also be for sex, if you do not mind a passive French & active Greek partner. Frank letter with photo answered first. S-31

UPSTATE N.Y. AREA: W/M, 36, own home w/pool, bar, films, like meeting others in area or travelers for weekends, nites. Write with phone, photo. D. J. Olenia, RD1, Arrowhead Rd., Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 12866. Now living alone!

WANTED: Chicago area young black studs for modeling sessions. Must be well hung and under 24. Top pay if you qualify. Specify qualifications (size, photo, etc.). G-11

STRAIGHT-APPEARING, quiet, thin, w/m, 50, active French, seeking chunky football player types, 30 to 55, with sensitive nipples for love and letters. L-23

IN PITTSBURGH AREA or passing through contact me at Box 123, Beaver, Pa. 15009 and we will tour Pittsburgh having lots of fun.

HUNG WHITE STUD, 30, masculine, muscular, needs total sexual domination by Hung Black Stud who digs giving rough anal workouts. Photo preferred, not required. All letters answered. H-20

YOUNG 40'S Manhattan resident travels frequently to midwest and Florida. Like to hear from friends there or those planning a visit to New York. C-11

WANTED: 21-35, relatively attractive, reasonably intelligent person, varied interests, by similar, masculine blond, blue eyes, 29, 5'10", 150, possible long permanent relationship, New England area. S-35

BLACK MASTER, moderately aggressive, desired by W/M. Enjoy B/D, mild S/M, W/S, scatology; similar scenes in stable with manure, accessories. Anxious to meet French/Greek demands. Photo preferred. B-32

OFFERING HOME, EDUCATION, interesting life, love, permanent relationship to muscular, quiet, young Black (hustler type) by gentle, masculine, intelligent w/m. Relocate to Pacific Northwest area. Send photo (returned) to: C-20

LONDON, ENGLAND, "I'm Ray, try me!" Well-hung 9", 33, 5'7 1/2", 142 lbs. Write me, all letters answered with nude photo. I-2-F

SINCERE, WHITE, DISCREET, Enjoy French active/passive. Upstate New York. N-6

WHITE MALE, mid-30's, thinks chicken is best. Would like to hear from others on the subject. B-31

RANCH. Need honest, good stud 16 to 20 who can rough it. Sid Burton, Comanche, Texas 76442.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS BLACK. Prof. man, 5'10", 175 lbs. Early 40's, look late 20's-early 30's, solid prop. body. Looking for action. Love arts, sports, camping, hiking. Ages 18 - ? All races. No fats, feds, hard drugs. S/M. Have space for visitors. Have car, will travel. Visit Colorado, Utah often. P.O. Box 1632, Decatur, Illinois 62523.

WANTED: Correspondence from hairy studs, uncut, well-hung preferred, but not necessary. All types hard sex, porno, j/o, glory holes, leather, S&M, etc. No fats, feds. Picture essential. **D-20**

TORONTO white male 26, 6'1", 190 lbs., enjoys Northern Ontario. Can travel. Interested in young guys 18-25. Let's get together for some drinks and fun. Photo please. **H-10**

BLOND W/M, 35 looks 25, well-built/endowed, Central N.C., into sports, travel, theatre, dance, levis, country-classical music, beaches, nudity, B/D, seeks lean, versatile w/m 18-40. **H-18**

TWO BUTCH GUYS (both 28) near San Francisco dig other butch guys who can groove with 2. Really dig outdoors or your scene. Call or write: Chuck & Dave, Box 211, Cupertino, Calif. 95014. Tel. (408) 739-1389.

WHITE MALE, 35, 5'8", 150 lbs. Live in the country. Looking for wild times with "real" men, especially, but not necessarily, those interested in all forms of water sports. **L-11**

NEW JERSEY w/m wishes to establish permanent love relationship with honest, sincere guy 18-30. Have nice home. Need lots of love and sex. Have much to offer. Write Richard M. Chambers, Tenbytowne R226, Delran, N.J. 08075.

COLLEGE GRAD, 6'3", 170 lbs., blue/grey, wishes to contact 35-60. Interests: reading, music, theater, lasting friendship, quiet masculine types. **B-11**

6'2", 170 LBS., 46 YRS., enjoys company of men under 25 yrs. Write or call Jerry, 550 Kiely Blvd., No. 87, San Jose, Calif. 95117; tel. (408) 244-4393.

CINCINNATI, OHIO AREA: Huge-endowed Black master has opening for white slave for weekend sessions. Must submit to orders and Greek action. Photo a must. **L-12**

LEO, 6'2", Grass, 180 lbs., J/O, Rock, Hash, Bach, French, Blond, Detroit, Beard. Jim. Write. **D-18**

HORNY AND READY for a good time? So am I! Attractive New Jersey 30-year-old looking for same and plenty of action. Also threesomes. Very versatile. **W-6**

BLONDS, REDHEADS 18-40; brunettes to 35, clean, honest, white. I'm 5'8", good cook, housekeeper, no S&M. Want to meet Scandinavians, Balkans, Anglo Saxons for sex, employed with car if possible. Jack M. Cannon, 11155 Northlawn, Detroit, Mich. 48204. Tel. (313) 931-1788.

FRANCE: Good-looking guy, 27, 6'11", brown hair, green eyes, would like to know friends (18-30 years) sharing his hobbies—sailing, swimming, photography. Write English, French. Send photo. **A-7-F**

BODYBUILDER, 30, desires meeting other well-built guys 21-35, southeastern Virginia/North Carolina; for posing, photography and hot mutual action. Send photo/phone. **K-10**

BOSTON, GWM, 31, 5'6", masculine, educated, interested in meeting males 25-35, masculine yet tender, affectionate, caring, to share sex, but also life's realities and goodness together. **S-16**

CALIFORNIA, well-endowed dude (31) likes to meet other well-endowed dudes for fun and games. Letter w/pics and specs will receive same. Bob Yenne, P.O. Box 2195, San Francisco, Calif. 94126.

HOME OFFERED. Good-looking young guy wanted by 29 year-old guy in Brisbane, Australia. Interests—movies, music, weights, water, sun, astrology. Enjoy life in carefree sunny climate. **H-14-F**

AQUARIAN, white male, 47, 5'6", 130. Would like to hear from discreet white males 30-50. Interested in music, theatre, and traveling. Dig films, slides, and hairy bodies. **A-11**

LOUISIANA, w/m, 5'10", 165 lbs., 42, masc., uncut, hung. Have Honda 750. Live in woods 50 miles from N.O. Dig levis, c/w, music, simple life. Want to meet together guys, bi's, or straights. Will consider permanent life with right guy. Attn. truckers: am only 10 miles from Slidell truck stop. Some help for right guy to relocate. Absolutely no feds or fats. Call (504) 882-5608.

EASTERN EXEC. 31, blond, 6' 170 lbs., travels U.S. east Rockies. Desire meet males 24-33, dinner, shows, companionship when in town. Exchange photos. **D-11**

FREE 5,000-WORD S/M STORY exchanged for ideas for S/M-based stories; your true experiences or wildest dreams. Ideas must be accompanied by sender's photo. Perhaps continued sharing? **C-7**

NEW JERSEY-MANHATTAN area 40-year-old man, 6'2", would like to meet or correspond with man same age or younger. **H-5**

SEEK YOUNG LAD with slim, smooth body, long mod hair, who is interested in learning electronics. Offer home with fatherly love and mutual French fun. Send photo. **L-7**

INTELLECTUAL COUPLE desires lasting friendships with others of similar tastes in music, art, literature, philosophy, etc. **L-8**

METROPOLITAN BALTIMORE: Mid-40's, live alone, French-oriented but flexible, likes kissing and embracing, would share affection with mature male. Dislike bar scene. Like music, literature, theatre, art. **S-8**

COWBOY TRUCKDRIVERS and others traveling through Montana stop and visit John. Phone (406) 335-2631, Sweetgrass.

COLLEGE STUDENT, good-looking, 5'7", 140 lbs., 28" waist, 38" chest, would like to meet other bodybuilders 18-35, with small, def. waist, lg. chest, pecs, biceps. **S-9**

SKIERS! Two studs, have free overnight lodging for one or two of same, near the Great Gorge and Snow Ball N.J. ski area. **H-7**

PENPALS, or drop in if you're traveling in the Southern New Hampshire area. Name your own type of hospitality. **S-10**

WHITE MALE COUPLE, 40's, seek friends for 3-way or group sex. Philadelphia-Bucks County-Trenton area. Discretion and privacy assured and expected in return. Write with photo. **K-12**

QQ, BODY, CIAO! READERS: When visiting N.W. Florida give me a call. Free room, goodies, you'll love it all. W/M only. Write for info, enclose nude photo. **S-37**

YOUTHFUL OVER-40 seeks correspondence about anything, from everywhere. **B-9**

WOULD LIKE TO START correspondence with other gay guys anywhere. Love reading about anal sex. **G-4**

DALLAS: Handsome, athletic, non-cruiser, 30, intelligent, affectionate, primarily Greek passive/French active. Happy-natured but unfulfilled emotionally. Interested in butch, possessive but reasonable, intelligent, not fat or old. **W-27**

GOOD-LOOKING 21-YEAR-OLD white male, blond hair, hung, would like penpals anywhere and meet new friends in Southern California area. Photo exchanged: Murry, Box 1442, Canyon Country, Calif. 91351.

MAN: Sophisticated enough to eschew hang-ups regarding age, race, sexual preferences; yet naive enough to believe in love, welcomes correspondence from like-minded individuals. **B-10**

WHITE, 33, 5'6", 145, wishes correspondence with men 21-45. Possible meeting. Prefer Greek active, French active or passive, all races. Prefer recent photo: P.O. Box 16138, Minneapolis, Mn. 55416.

ORANGE CO., CALIF. W/M, 24, 6'1", 180, 32" waist, 43" chest, tight, tanned, looking for butch stud for rough action. Your photo returned with mine. **A-19**

TEEN—OLDER, sincere, regular guy; hesitant but interested in knowing attractive, genuine, understanding, friendly guy for ideal relationship. Write from anywhere, exchange photos. Your concerns always considered! I care! Orange Cty, Calif. **G-5**

LOOKING FOR NEW FRIENDS everywhere. W/M, 6', 170. Interests: art, photo, music, sex & porno. Factual, honest first letter please. Photo if you have one. R.P.G., P.O. Box 785, Chicago, Ill. 60690.

N. IDAHO/E. WASHINGTON: Attractive white couple (early 30's) seeks other gay male couples for foursomes. Include interests, description, how to contact (photo if possible) in first letter. **M-5**

I ENJOY MAKING new friends and penpals. Dig guys with long hair, under 6', slender, small build and gentle. Harrison Lata, P.O. Box 7305, Long Beach, Calif. 90807. Tel. (213) 426-9821 before 6 P.M.

TWO YOUNG, attractive, liberated gay guys without hangups seek couples/singles for swinging threesomes or group scenes. Your place or our Manhattan apartment. Replies with photos answered first. **S-11**

TOGETHER DUDE, white, good body, into levi-leather-bike scene seeking contacts with other guys interested in same. Pad available for crashing. No S&M. Sincere only. Photo. Cowboy Bob, P.O. Box 2752, Muncie, Ind. 47302.

WRESTLERS: New Englanders and visitors... if you like to wrestle for exercise, fun and turning on, write for information about a new wrestling club. Suite 388, 102 Charles St., Boston, Mass. 02114.

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Same general comments for the Club Med villages in Guadeloupe apply to the Martinique resort.

If you stay in or near Fort-de-France you will make contact with hustlers—and you will find that they are friendlier than most of the business people you have occasion to deal with. As far as sightseeing is concerned, the most worthwhile excursion is out to the ruins of St. Pierre, formerly a great city—the “Paris of the Caribbean”—destroyed by the eruption of Mont Pelee. Over 30,000 people were killed. What is left is a kind of tropical Pompeii.



For general information see addresses given for Guadeloupe.

MONTSERRAT

The mountains that trap moisture keep the land lush and green. And its black sand beaches are reminders of the island's volcanic origin. It is often called the “Tahiti of the Caribbean.”

Life is quiet here. Montserrat is small (7 by 11 miles) and gets few tourists. That's why prices are so low—such as dinner at the best hotels for under \$4.

You will want to be near Plymouth but stay at a good hotel with a beach. At night try Errol's Discotheque on Harney St. The young people here are generally shy and soft-spoken, so do take the initiative. Use common sense and courtesy, of course. And perhaps a watchful eye on the john in the Shamrock Cinema might be rewarding.

Montserrat is a tropical paradise but it may be disappointing if sex is important to you.

For general information write the Caribbean Travel Assn., 20 E. 46th St., New York, N.Y. 10017.

SABA

Saba is unique in that it has a land area of only five square miles and a population of under 1,000. It has no harbor and no beaches. You get there on a tiny plane from Sint Maarten.

Why go? It's quiet and restful. There are only 23 rentable rooms on the island—including Scout's Place, which has 4 rooms. It's not gay but figuring out what to ask of whom will not be difficult.

The men outnumber the women in Saba, and unofficial claims by gay visitors have it that at least 25 percent are homosexual or at least bisexual. Knowing that, you may find that Saba is a tropical paradise. Give it a try.

For general information write to the Director of Tourism, Saba, N.A.

ST. KITTS

St. Kitts has many historical attractions and good beaches. But because its jet runway at Golden Rock Airport, just outside the capital city of Basseterre, is still under construction, and getting there is by way of small plane from Sint Maarten, not too many tourists know the island. There are plenty of good hotels, including a Holiday Inn.

Many gay visitors select a comfortable hotel and then book a second room at a “no name” guest house operated by C.E. Stevens (phone 2116). It's in downtown Basseterre and has five rooms that can be rented by the hour, day or week. Rates average \$10 a day. The place is primitive but has one shower and two toilets. No maid service, no food or drinks. But there are boys, boys, boys. Day and night. They run the gamut concerning looks and what they do (most prefer to fuck), and charge between \$2 and \$5, depending on what's done, how busy they are, etc., and up to \$10 if they spend the night. A friend of ours who goes down regularly informs us that a buddy of his had 18 different boys in less than 10 days. Most of them are country types and gentle.

We are told that a fellow by

the name of Joe Reid is an excellent guide. He's personable and friendly, courteous, nicely dressed and has good manners. Most important is that he knows the island and its boys and will act in your behalf if you wish. Joe charges about \$10 a day, and will take good care of you and even serve as a companion for dinner, etc. His friend, Pedro, is a taxi driver—and between the two you will get what you want. Pedro, by the way, charges \$20 for a four-hour tour of the island.

Joe comes highly recommended by one of our readers who has sent us valuable travel information. In his behalf we run an ad for Joe in the personal ads section of this magazine. Look it up and write him if you're planning to visit St. Kitts: Joe Reid, Central Street W., Basseterre, St. Kitts, B.W.I.



Basseterre

For tourist information write to the Caribbean Travel Assn., 20 E. 46th St., New York, N.Y. 10017.

ST. LUCIA

St. Lucia is beautiful; travel writers claim that if Gauguin had seen this island before Papeete he would have settled here. Tourism has steadily risen over the past few years.

There are plenty of good hotels, but gay travelers prefer the cottages of the East Winds Inn, or La Brellotte Bay five miles from Castries. Its beautiful beach is cruised, even at night,

though the action is light. Local bodybuilders frequent the place, and they all know the score. Excellent restaurant.



Pitons, St. Lucia

Write for general information to: St. Lucia Tourist Office, 40. E. 49th St., New York, N.Y. 10017.

ST. MARTIN/SINT MAARTEN

There are 32 beaches on the French-Dutch island of St. Martin (the French half) and Sint Maarten (the Dutch half).

The biggest "city" is Philipsburg, on the Dutch side—and if you are able to make street contacts it will most likely be here.

There are plenty of good hotels. Artistic types who can afford it stay at the luxurious La Samanna, on the French side. It isn't stuffy—but can run up to \$165 a day for two. Robert Redford is a regular here.

Night spots fade quickly in Philipsburg. Currently the Down Under is popular—and you may be lucky enough to connect.

A good friend of ours who visits Sint Maarten every year claims there's nothing gay here and goes over to nearby Saba for short visits, and—still better—to St. Kitts, which is about 20 minutes away by plane.

For general information write the Netherlands Antilles Windward Islands Tourist Information Office, 4 W. 58th St., New York, N.Y. 10019.

ST. VINCENT

St. Vincent is one of the least popular tourist havens in the Caribbean. It is quiet and getting quieter. Why? Because jets do not fly in and the few tourists who formerly went simply don't justify the fuel it takes for smaller airlines to drop passengers off. Add to this the fear of a volcanic eruption.

But the new resort development—Aqueduct—comprising a cottage colony, golf course, private land, etc., on 170 acres, may change things. Kingston, the capital that is ridden with beggars, will need some sprucing up before the tourists flock in, however.

There are good hotels, and two very good discotheques—Ricky's, at Cane Hall, a half mile from the airport, and the Crow's Nest, two miles from town. The food is good here; otherwise, eat at your hotel.

Why go? Because this island is unspoiled—and if you know how to use your words and have experience in dealing with hustler types you will probably enjoy yourself.

For general information it's best to write the St. Vincent Tourist Board, P.O. Box 834, Kingstown, St. Vincent.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

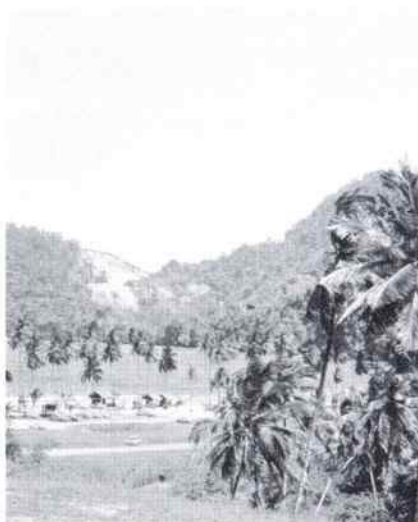
Trinidad and nearby smaller Tobago afford the vacationer two entirely different moods; Trinidad is lively and exciting, while Tobago is quiet and restful—an escape from the hustle and bustle of its big sister.

Both islands have beautiful beaches. The people tend to be a bit surly and—so we've been told—sometimes downright hostile towards Americans in Tobago.

Port-of-Spain has enough to keep you busy. Bars of interest where contacts are possible include those in the Normandie and Trinidad hotels; the Miramar, 52 S. Quay (transvestites here); 66 Chez Nous Club, 14 St. Vincent St.; Frenchie's, Frederick St.; the Bombay Club, 55 Bombay Rd. (late); and the

Himalaya Club, 3rd Ave. at San Juan.

Hustlers (who can be dangerous) cruise Savannah Park, across from the Queen's Park Lounge; the small beach beyond the deep water docks of the Yacht Club; Maracas Bay Beach, a distance from the city; and Woodland Park at night.



Maracas Bay, Trinidad

Check the movie houses. A lot of locals have spent time in New York City and know all about john cruising. And of all the Caribbean islands, Trinidad can boast of the most bodybuilders; there are regular contests, so inquire locally. The audiences can be especially interesting.

As far as Tobago is concerned, in Scarborough you might make out at the bar in the old Robinson Crusoe Hotel. Also on any beach, especially the one next to the Blue Haven Hotel.

For tourist information write to the Trinidad and Tobago Consulate, 331 Greybar Bldg., 420 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

In our estimation the U.S. Virgin Islands are too great a risk for the gay vacationer. There has been much violence there in recent years, directed against white locals and visitors, and though the past months have been relatively free of trouble you must remember that the gay traveler is particularly

vulnerable. He is likely to approach tough studs an ordinary tourist wouldn't even blink at. He is apt to cruise the streets at night—and walk down dark alleys. Whereas even the most questionable characters won't chance threatening the usual tourists—they won't hesitate to threaten gays they have met; in their eyes the act you have performed is a crime—something which they believe they can hold over your head. Such threats too often result in blackmail and violence.

We suggest you read the appropriate chapters in **Fielding's Guide to the Caribbean**, a popular travel book sold at every bookstore, and make up your own mind.

Certainly there are magnificent beaches in the Virgin Islands. The British Virgin Islands are very small. Few tourists go in spite of the fact that they are in swimming distance of the U.S. Virgins. Let's concentrate on the U.S. islands.

St. Thomas is the best-known island and is frequented by gays. In fact, most of the guests at the Gate Hotel, Raadets Gade in Charlotte Amalie, are gay. Likewise for Thatch Farm, a small cottage colony with swimming pool, on Lindbergh Bay. And there usually there are gay guests at Morningstar Beach; the cottages are right on the beach and the central bar and beach on the left (at low tide) are lightly cruised.

You can meet hustlers anywhere in town, but cruise the streets in daylight only, and with caution. Blacks may sometimes cruise Lindbergh Beach, while whites work Morningstar Beach, already mentioned.

Katie's used to be the bar in town, but no more. You might meet someone at the small bar in the Gate Hotel. Also the bars on the waterfront.

On St. Croix, try the King Christian on King's Wharf, in Christiansted. In Fredriksted try the Persian Virgin Bar, 14 King St. Both places are mixed. Be careful with hustlers.

For more information write to the Virgin Islands Information

Office, 16 W. 49th St., New York, N.Y. 10020.

THE YUCATAN

Newest, most exciting resort in The Yucatan is Mexico's Cancun; we devote a special article to it in this issue.

Near Cancun is the resort island of Cozumel. There are 14,000 inhabitants here and hundreds of vacationers who come to lie in the sun and swim in the clear sea. Lots of good hotels.

If you fail to connect on one of the beaches try the zocalo in San Miguel after 8 p.m.

Farther south, if you happen to be on a cruise ship and one of your ports is Puerto Cortes in Honduras, go directly to the Chez Paris, a small cafe on the main square, and negotiate with the bartender for a hustler. They have a "house" in the country, so make certain your transportation is reliable and that you are accompanied by one or two friends. Also make sure you settle money matters before you go anywhere; the boys usually get \$5. Puerto Cortes is a filthy banana port—and unless you are really hot and/or adventurous you'd be wiser spending the afternoon poolside on board.

Use the information we have provided for starters in deciding where to go. Send for brochures and compare values. As far as sex is concerned the passive white who really digs being mastered by black guys, to be quite frank, will enjoy himself greatly in the Caribbean—because most islanders really like socking it to you . . . and they usually have a lot of sock!

Cancun

Endless Summer In A Turquoise Sea

By Frank Keating

Travel guidebooks list meticu-

lously each new/emerging vacation spot, no matter how small, from A as in Accra to Z as in Zaire. As yet, however, none has included what is shaping up as the most glamorous on the North American continent: Cancun, the pride of Mexico.

What is Cancun? **Geographically** it is an island off Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, having a configuration similar to that of New York's Fire Island. Unlike Fire Island, which is reached by ferry, Cancun is linked by bridge to the Yucatan coast. **Topographically** it is fourteen miles of the most beautiful, natural, unspoiled beach one can ever hope to see. The sand is so pure it is a powdery white . . . the island is palm-lined and nestles luxuriously in a turquoise sea whose depths are so crystal clear one can see miles beneath its surface. To swim in its water seems sensuous to the point of hedonism. **Historically**, Cancun was the winter playground of the Mayan kings. So the travel folders are making a wholly honest pitch for this magnificent resort when they bid us "Welcome to Cancun . . . the new, 1,000 year-old world on the Mexican Caribbean!" It is just that old and just that new.

THE ENIGMA OF CANCUN

Cancun and its adjacent small islands and towns are an anthropological puzzle. Yucatan knew a remarkable and highly complex civilization that actually did last a thousand years. Its people were called Mayans, and where they came from and where they went no one knows. Theirs was a civilization that vanished as mysteriously as it came into existence. All around this lushly beautiful country is positive proof that they lived and thrived there . . . it can be seen in their legacy of huge pyramids rivaling many of those in Egypt; of magnificent temples erected to the Sun God; the incredibly high stone steps leading up to them still intact; also great works of sculpture; and the names of their ancient cities—such fascinating names as Chichen Itza, Tulum, and Uxmal. And so the

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visitor to Cancun today finds himself paradoxically in the near twenty-first century of contemporary sophistication against a cultural background every bit as sophisticated, but so lost in antiquity no record of it exists, other than in these visible relics. Where else on the face of the globe can one luxuriate in the turquoise waters of a still unspoiled sea, and then, just minutes later, explore an ancient ruin? Only in Cancun!



Because tourism is Mexico's biggest and most profitable business, the Mexican government undertook the project of developing this ancient, isolated area. Under the auspices of Fonatura, the Government's fund for tourist development, more than \$100 million has been spent to make Cancun the resort of North America. It is no exaggeration to say that the Mexicans have put on seven-league boots and gone to work with a right good will. The miracles they have accomplished in two short years would have astonished even the builders of their ancient pyramids! Hotels have sprung up for both the well-heeled and the purse-practical. More and bigger ones are going up all the time. So now is just the time for you (and your lover) to discover the ravishing beauty . . . the 'bewitchery' of this heavenly place, for it must follow—as night the day—that as time passes Cancun will become as Sheratonized, Hiltonized and Holiday Inned as Acapulco. Its simple, natural charm can vanish overnight as

mysteriously as did its ancestors . . . 'Mayannaised', as it were.

WHEN TO GO

Although the Mayan kings wintered in Cancun it is really an all-year vacation paradise because of the favorable climate it enjoys. The yearly mean temperature is 85 degrees. Humidity is very low and, of course, the Caribbean tradewinds keep it pleasant all day long. There is total sunshine 250 days of the year. So don't let the word 'seasonal' figure in your plans.

HOW TO GET THERE

At present there are no direct flights from the United States to Cancun. Both **Aeromexico** and **Mexicana Airlines** serve Cancun from their terminals in the United States via Mexico City, Cozumel and Merida (the latter two are quite near Cancun). There is an air taxi service from Cozumel to Cancun . . . also ferry service from Cozumel to Playa del Carmen, from where it is just a 20-minute drive to Cancun.

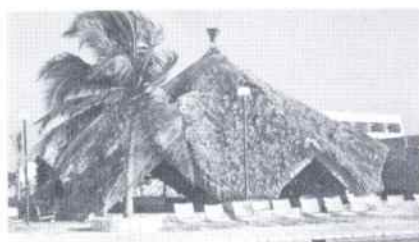
Also, if you'd care to make a more leisurely approach to Cancun, here is a suggestion. A new ocean cruise-car liner, the **Bolero**, sails between Miami and ports-of-call near Cancun. In this way you can have a delightful cruise (or 'cruising cruise') and undoubtedly meet many interesting gay people who plan to do the same as you . . . and you may bring your own car along on the ship, or rent one when you arrive.

WHERE TO STAY

There are four hotels open at this time: the **Playa Blanca**, the **Cancun Caribe**, **Bojorquez** and **Maya Caribe**. By the time you read this, five others will be in operation: the **Aristos**, **Garza Blanca**, **Camino Real**, **Parador** and **El Presidente**.

The architecture of the hotels mentioned is tasteful and wholly in keeping with the Cancun spirit of contemporaneity as it relates to its ancient Mayan heritage. For example, the cabanas—quite large beach huts—are typically Mayan in design,

having thatched roofs . . . each hut built in pyramidal shape with angled (Mayan-pointed) openings in lieu of conventional doors. Spacious chairs of colorful awninged material line the terraces, and every amenity has been thought of. It would be impractical to quote prices because these are so frequently changed.



Considering the inevitability of growing numbers of **turistas**, the price direction will be equally inevitably upward. Inasmuch as reservations are a must (the hotels at present are not the big, super-whopper Florida/Acapulco type), and must be obtained by your travel agent, the prevailing price will be given and honored when you make your plans. It should be honestly noted, however, that they will not exceed those of Acapulco and, if anything, will be somewhat less.

Here is a money-saving tip: As we have so frequently mentioned in **Ciao!** and **QQ Magazine** when writing about Acapulco, a condominium rental by the week/month is far less expensive than the best room of a large hotel (moreover, in addition to your bedroom, the condominium apartment consists of living room, bath, kitchen and (usually) lanai or terrace. Plus maid service! So for information about condominiums write to **Playasol, S.A.**, Paseo de la Reforma 76, Pisos 16 y 17, Mexico, D.F.

If you are traveling with a group—or if you formed group friendships on board the **Bolero** and you all would like to stay together (and carry on, and on, and on), why not opt for an entire villa? You can rent a house for a month and your divvy-up share of the bill will be peanuts! For villas, contact **Vil-**

las Tacul, 924 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut 06207. The phone number is (203) 233-2104. Although a passport is not required for travel in Mexico, all U.S. citizens must have a tourist card, available without charge from any Mexican Government Tourist Council or consular service in such large cities as New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and so on) upon proof of citizenship. (Take your birth certificate . . . your Gay Lib card just won't do!)

WHAT TO DO IN CANCUN

You can swim, either in a pool or the sensuous turquoise Mexican Caribbean; tan (and faster and more fantastically on the powder-white sand which can turn you into a bona-fide Mayan in just a few days); you can skin dive (or dive for skin); snorkel; water ski; deep-sea fish, or—believe it or not—ride on the back of a giant sea turtle! If you have been riding the bucking buns of a gaggle of gay guys, you can ease off by giving a whirl to Myrtle the Turtle. Very friendly and accommodating—these giant sea turtles. Or if you want to get away from it all still more, you can take a little boat out in the lagoon, bring along some ice-cold Diet Pepsi or the zesty liqueur of the Yucatan called **Ixtabentum** (its fantastic recipe is another legacy of the Mayans!). Then there's tennis, and a nine-hole golf course will be ready when you are. Imagine . . . playing golf right alongside a Mayan pyramid!



COZUMEL/ISLA MUJERES AND MERIDA

These three fascinating towns of Yucatan, adjacent to Cancun, will delight you. Here there are open-air markets, colorful ba-

zaars, as well as Spanish Colonial churches, wide plazas, and baroque townhouses. Travel is made more leisurely in town by way of many horse-drawn carriages (giant ones), and you'll explore and cruise, and cruise and explore to your heart's content.

WHAT ABOUT FOOD?

The food, both in Cancun and the towns/islands mentioned is excellent. As one might expect, the mainstay is fresh seafood. The water is pure to drink, and some of the world's best beer is available in local brands. Because the Mexican Government has had so many complaints from tourists about the unsanitary conditions existing in such modern cities as Guadalajara and Mexico City, and who have either developed a lively case of Tourist Trots, or have been plagued with a case of worms of one kind or another—or the worse amebas—it has taken great pains to make sure that Cancun and environs are as sanitized as human ingenuity can make them. You can dine **al fresco** in the principal plaza and never see a fly or a mosquito. There are many excellent restaurants in addition to hotel dining rooms, and there is also a Club Mediterranee.

Because of the Mexican Government's intention to make Cancun a prime tourist attraction, a special office has been set up in New York, quite apart from the official Tourist Bureau. It is the **Cancun Information Bureau**, 485 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022. The telephone number is (212) 421-9220. If your travel agent is a little fuzzy about Cancun, you might write the Bureau and discuss your problem with them. The attendants speak perfect English.

It is a special pleasure for **Ciao!** to tell our readers about some new vacation place, as yet unspoiled. Cancun is one of these, and we hope you'll take our tip and visit it very soon. **Hasta la vista!**

Note: If you are planning to visit The Yucatan be sure and read "The Joykillers" in this issue!

Chichen Itza A City In A Jungle By Jon Lorrimer

The visitor to Mexico who has thought of this strange and beautiful land in terms of its smart resorts, such as Acapulco and Puerto Vallarta, or its sophisticated cities—particularly Guadalajara and Mexico City—will now discover that the Mexican Government, with the help of outside capital, is creating—almost by command—a vacation area so unique and fascinating, and as yet unspoiled, that it would be a shame if you didn't visit it at least once. This area is on, off, and around the Yucatan Peninsula, and in two previous articles in **Ciao!** we told you something about the creation of Las Hadas and the recreation of Cancun.

Las Hadas, of course, has since become known to millions of Americans other than gay people, through the splendid TV special by Geraldo Rivera who covered the opening of this 'modular' resort. Cancun was described in considerable detail in our August **Ciao!** What makes Cancun especially interesting is that in addition to having every vacation resort luxury it has the mystic allure of being near Chichen Itza, literally a city in a jungle . . . in a land that time had forgotten—until now.

Chichen Itza was the center of the Mayan civilization, yet by the time the Spanish conquistadores arrived it was deserted . . . 3700 years of civilization and an advanced culture literally having gone with the wind. Why/how this happened, no one knows. But left intact—because they were so scientifically constructed—are Chichen Itza's lofty pyramids, its stately monuments, and its castle swallowed up in the green jungle. Archeologists, with the approval of the Mexican Government, have now cleared away this overwhelming vegetation, and the gay visitor, particularly, who vacations in nearby Cancun, will have much

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more than powder-white beaches and gay encounters to remember it by . . . the magnificence of ancient realm now brought back to exciting new life!

An even stranger aspect of Chichen Itza not frequently mentioned is that it combined two civilizations. Old Chichen is pure Mayan . . . New Chichen is Toltec. Actually, the terms 'new' and 'old' are somewhat misleading since only a highway separates the two sections. How two civilizations could exist across the cowpath from each other, yet be so far apart culturally, idiomatically as well as linguistically, compounds the mystery of Chichen Itza and gives it flavor. One thing that distinguishes the two civilizations, however, is that the Mayan architecture was angular and pyramidal, while the Toltec was essentially round. Please look for these characteristics when you explore Chichen.

There are other distinctions. The Mayans were gentle and artistic; the Toltecs, warlike. The Mayans had a certain ideal of physical beauty. They liked angles and pyramids so much they exaggerated this characteristic by shaping the heads of their newborn children into a kind of pyramidal shape. Within five days after its birth, the head of the infant was placed between angled boards in a kind of hinge device. The child was bound so that he couldn't move, and gentle but daily increasing pressure on the fulcrum shaped the soft bones of his head into a flattened or 'sandwich sign-board' design. Moreover, when the child grew a little older, a silver ball was suspended from his forehead and allowed to descend to eye level. The continual swaying of the ball attracted the visual attention of the child, and as a result he grew cross-eyed. A strange idea of physical beauty from a people who gave such magnificent architecture to the world.

MAYAN ARCHITECTURE

No one knows the original Mayan names of the buildings. They are called today only by the

names given them by the Spanish conquistadores. Thus the largest and most imposing structure, dominating all the Chichen Itza area, is El Castillo (The Castle), a four-sided pyramid dedicated to the cult of Kukulcan (who, in Toltec, was called Quetzalcoatl). Kukulcan, was, first of all, a man—a kind of popular or folk hero who—as his followers became more idolatrous, became priest of his cult . . . then demi-god . . . then ruler. The name Kukulcan is made up of **Kuk**, meaning 'great lord' . . . **ul**, meaning 'feather' . . . and **can**, meaning 'serpent'. The symbol of the feathered serpent is found everywhere in Chichen Itza. To call a man a 'snake' in those days was the highest compliment one could pay him!

OLD CHICHEN

In Old Chichen, south of the highway to Merida, some of the restored/reopened places of interest are the

Phallic House. The cult of the phallus was never more sensuously pursued in Greece than in Chichen Itza. They were simply cock crazy. So by all means visit this amazing place. Although the building is in classic Mayan style, the phallic symbols are Toltec. They are not as well preserved as other Mayan artifacts; the reason is obvious. Much rubbing of hands (Mayan gay guys probably used them as good-luck charms—a sensuous rubbing before cruising may have been good 'trick insurance' for the evening!). Women were said to have undulated their nude vaginas against the stone phalluses to insure fertility.

The Caracol Observatory. In Spanish, **caracol** means 'snail' or kind of in-and-out movement, such as a Conga line. The observatory's circular staircase is snail-shaped, and led to its Spanish name. The high, massive dome of the observatory has slits and holes. These, being movable, were used to align the celestial bodies for purposes of computing the calendar. It may surprise you, as it did us, to

learn that no modern observatory has ever calculated the calenderal motions of the earth more accurately than the Mayans, with this 3700 year-old edifice!



The Cenote and Temple of Xtoloc. There are two splendid wells in Chichen Itza. Old Chichen has the 'profane' well . . . New Chichen the 'sacred'. The modern-minded Mayans used their 'profane' well as a source of pure city water supply. The Toltecs, across the highway, used their 'sacred' well as a place of sacrifice. There is a small structure on the edge of the well from which humans were thrown in as sacrifice to the gods. Both these wells are open to the public, and are wondrous in their beautiful architecture and detail. Please don't pass them by without a visit.

Among other excavations and restorations in Old Chichen, you'll be fascinated by places with equally fascinating names, such as **The Temple of the Wall Panels** (it was the seat of the Mayan government). The **Akad-Dzib** (a long complex of buildings used for social/civic affairs). **The House of the Corn Grinders** (a grist mill) . . . and **The Temple of the Sculptured Jams** (Over the lintels of the temple are Mayan hieroglyphics believed to hold the secret of Mayan evolution and demise . . . no one has ever been able to translate this secret, even in part!).

NEW CHICHEN

Both Old and New Chichen had their steam baths/saunas. But however cruisy they were,

there is no indication. The small entranceway has benches, used for waiting. There is a low-ceilinged steam room and a passageway for bath attendants who made the steam by throwing cold water on hot rocks, and a drainage system underneath the floors, plus two small windows high up, for ventilation. One could either have the dry (sauna) heat of just the hot stones, or the steam bath treatment of water thrown on the stones. Also in New Chichen you will want to see . . .

The Platform of Tigers and Eagles. Although here again the dominant motif is the feathered serpent of Kukulcan/Quetzalcoatl, the warlike spirit of the Toltecs is definitive in depictions along the walls of tigers and eagles holding human hearts in their claws. Archeologists say this particular area must have been a social auditorium for the military.

Tzompantli. This means 'skull platform', and the structure is made of, and bordered with, the skulls of human captives. Again, not the gentle Mayan ambience, but the warlike Toltec design. It scared the living daylight out of the conquistadores . . . themselves used to scaring the living daylight out of others!



The Castle. El Castillo, mentioned earlier, is in New Chichen. It is 78 feet high, with four flights of 91 steps, one flight on each of its four sides. The total of 91, multiplied by 4, equals the exact number of days in the Mayan calendar (lacking just one day of the Gregorian calendar we use today). Each side of the pyramid is faced with 52 stone slabs, the same number as in the Indian year cycle. On top of the platform is a Mayan vaulted temple, with two feath-

ered serpent pillars within.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Chichen Itza archeological compounds are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day. Admission is about 5 pesos or 40 cents per person.

You may stay overnight in this area if you like. There are motels and small hotels. In Chichen Itza are the **Hacienda Chichen** and the **Hotel Mayaland** . . . very good and inexpensive . . . about 100 pesos a day. In the nearby town of Piste (love that name!), just three minutes from the ruins, are the **Hotel Chichen Itza** (deluxe), and the inexpensive **Hotel Piramide Inn** (a motel) and the **Posada Novela**.

The food is excellent. Still, be sure the water you drink (outside of Cancun where it is absolutely pure) is bottled . . . that you don't eat fresh fruit in the Yucatan Peninsula . . . and that all meats and vegetables are cooked. No fresh salads!

Be sure to wear sunglasses. You'll be peering up, up, and up in so many places and for such longer periods of time you can injure your eyes if you do not protect them with sunglasses.

And do not attempt to remove any artifact, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant it may be. It is a federal offense, and to do so can land you in the pokey pronto!

There is much information given in the article **Cancun** in the August issue of **Ciao!** that relates more to making Chichen Itza a part of your **new** Mexican Riviera vacation. It is delightful to swim in the turquoise waters of the clear Caribbean at Cancun . . . then hopping into your car (your own, or rented) and driving the few miles to Chichen Itza for an afternoon of exploring. Few, except dedicated archeologists, are likely to make a special trip to Chichen as an 'all' vacation. But it would be a sin for anyone to visit Cancun and not take advantage of the opportunity of seeing and exploring the many magnificent relics of this proud civilization that vanished inexplicably after 3700 flourishing years!

Gay Dining

By The Editors

Because of limited space, and because our articles are so long this month, we are deleting this column. See the individual articles for dining tips. Column resumes as usual next issue.

Recipes From Around The World

Gathered by The Editors

In this issue **Ciao!** is beating the drum for the cruisy Caribbean and a gay vacation in the autumnal sun of the tropics. And while many of our readers will be somewhere in the islands to celebrate Thanksgiving Day living it up on some wickedly paradisiacal beach, with a tot of heady West Indian rum in one hand, the other exploring some gay delight . . . to be followed by an untypical Thanksgiving dinner with the turkey prepared **a la Creole** instead of **a la** drumstick . . . polished off with some wildly exotic dessert—rum 'n mango ice cream, perhaps—many other readers will stay behind and have the noble T-bird prepared in the traditional way which usually means, unfortunately, that it will arrive on your plate garnished with store-bought cranberry sauce fresh from the can. Why, one wonders, when so many delightful capers can be pulled with this versatile berry which is as old as, and as 'Yankee Doodle' as Plymouth Rock?

The thoughtful Thanksgiving host might start the festivities by serving not the usual Martinis/Manhattans/Margaritas, but a cranberry/vodka cocktail. It's

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easy to make, and while it may be a surprise to most of your guests it is familiar to gay guys who make the P'town scene each year. Up in Yankee-land they call it

THE CAPE CODDER

Use an Old Fashioned glass. Over ice cubes pour 2 jiggers of cold cranberry cocktail, 1 jigger of vodka (or a little more), plus a splash of freshly-squeezed lime or lemon juice. Or if you would like to 'lengthify' the drinking time to keep the conversation going without everyone having several and getting too tiddly before turkey time, make just a little more per person and serve it as a tall drink by adding club soda. This recipe is for one . . . and it's guaranteed to get everyone and everything moving very smoothly!

ZIPPY CRANBERRY SAUCE

If you've been jousting with a dab of the canned cranberry goo that comes inexorably with your turkey each Thanksgiving—and leaving most of it on your plate—try our Zippy Cranberry Sauce made the naturally-good way and you just may wind up leaving more bird than sauce!

Wash 2½ quarts of fresh or frozen cranberries . . . combine with 5 cups sugar and 5 cups water in an **uncovered** saucepan. Boil rapidly until the pregnant berries pop open. This should take about 5 minutes. Chill. Serves 20. It'll keep, so make lots of it . . . you'll love it!

HOT CRANBERRY CAPER

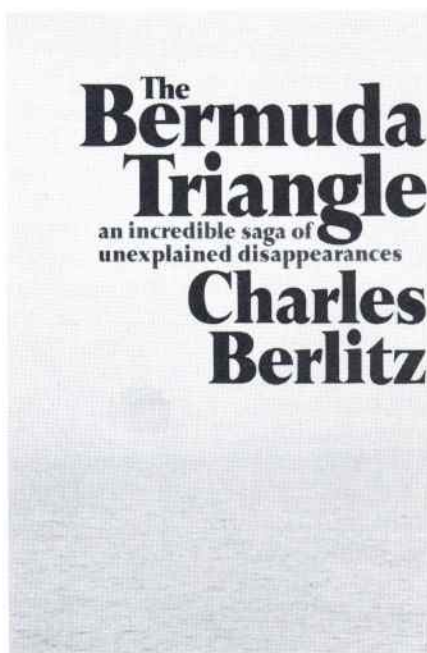
If Thanksgiving Day turns out to be really cold, you might make this tasty Cranberry Teaser to warm your newly-arrived guests. In a sauce pan mix 2 cups cranberry juice cocktail, 2 cups freshly-squeezed orange juice, 4 thin slices lemon, 1 tablespoon sugar, ¼ teaspoon cinnamon, and a dash of freshly-ground nutmeg. Simmer slowly for 10 minutes. Remove lemon slices and serve hot in small punch cups, garnished with a few of the berries. Also serve each guest a cinnamon stick to sip through and impale the

berries. This recipe makes 1 quart. You may also spike each cup (or the whole batch) with a little vodka or rum.

These cranberry goodies may help ease the pain of not making the **Ciao!** Caribbean cruise. But on the other hand, they may make you glad you stayed at home!

Book Review

By The Editors



In putting together this issue of **Ciao!** devoted to gay Caribbean travel the editors have sought to focus with researched detail on the many islands and 'unheard of' gay places that would have the greatest appeal to our readers. And so it is our hope—as you've turned page after page—that we have caused you to succumb to the allure of at least one of these enchanted places and be so turned-on you'll want to start making vacation arrangements with your travel agent right now.

But as we noted in a previous editorial, we should also like to caution you about some of the pitfalls and perils—hidden and not so hidden—of Caribbean

travel, so that your vacation will be long remembered for the joys of its sunny days . . . untroubled by occasional clouds in the blue. One of these clouds—an eerily sinister one because it remains so inexplicable—is the subject of a book that has been on the best-seller list for some months. It's **The Bermuda Triangle** by Charles Berlitz; 203 pages; \$7.95 (cheaper in a new paperback edition); published by Doubleday and Company. You should read it—or reread it—before deciding to plane or cruise to your chosen vacation spot from New York or elsewhere along the Atlantic seaboard. You just may feel more reassured by taking Amtrak to Miami (lots of gay others will be doing the same), and then going by plane or ship to your destination.

The Bermuda Triangle is an area of the western Atlantic, just off the southeast coast of the United States, extending south from Bermuda to southern Florida, then east to a point through the Bahamas past Puerto Rico to about 40 degrees west longitude, and back again to Bermuda. Since 1800, when mention was first made of the ocean in this area swallowing great ships as if they were matchsticks and leaving not a survivor nor a piece of distinguishable debris (a life preserver, life raft, or a bit of flotsam), it has been called by some "the Graveyard of the Atlantic." And since 1945, when the first of many giant planes flying over it have disappeared without a trace, space mariners have been calling it "the Hoodoo Sea" and now "the Bermuda Triangle."

Flight 19 was the designation of five doomed planes which left their base at Fort Lauderdale on the afternoon of December 5, 1945. Each plane was manned by an officer pilot and nine enlisted crew members. The planes were Navy Grumman TBM-3 Avenger torpedo-bombers, and each carried enough fuel to enable it to cruise more than 1,000 miles. Flying weather was reported ideal that day as Lieutenant Charles Taylor led the planes to Chicken Shoals,

north of Bimini, where they were first to make practice runs on a target hulk. The flight went smoothly . . . there wasn't even a cloud in the sky. And then the wildest moment in aviation history occurred.

At 3:15 p.m., after the bombing run had been completed successfully and the planes had continued east, the radioman at the Fort Lauderdale Naval Air Station Tower picked up Lieutenant Taylor's signal and the following frantic conversation was recorded:

Flight Leader: "Calling Tower. This is an emergency. We seem to be off course. We cannot see land . . . Repeat . . . We cannot see land!"

Tower: "What is your position?"

Flight Leader: "We are not sure of our position. We cannot be sure just where we are . . . We seem to be lost . . ."

Tower: "Assume bearing due west."

Flight Leader: "We do not know which way is west. Everything is wrong . . . Strange . . . we can't be sure of any direction—even the ocean does not look as it should . . ."

It quickly became difficult to hear messages from Flight 19 . . . static was impenetrable. A few bits of distinguishable messages told of the unnerving observations that "the gyro and the magnetic compass in every plane are off," and that "each shows a different reading!" When contact was lost—only an eerie silence filling the void—the personnel at the base were in a state of near panic. At once the Air Command dispatched a twin-engined Martin Mariner flying-boat patrol plane with a crew of thirteen. They, too, shared the same fate of those they sought to rescue. Not a sign of the plane—not even an oilslick—was ever found! As the Naval Review Board chairman said: "They vanished as completely as if they had flown to Mars!"

Since that grisly day in 1945 fifteen commercial airliners have also disappeared—all in almost identical manner. And while the Department of Defense has not

released the actual number of military planes lost, the belief is that many more of them have disappeared, and in a like manner. An odd circumstance, of particular interest to vacationers, is that the loss of commercial airliners by 'vanishing' has almost invariably occurred during a season of holiday vacation travel!

Jim Richardson, a former Navy pilot, is now president of the Opa-Locka Flight Center, operating a passenger service between Miami and Bimini and other points in the Bahamas. Although he is reported noncommittal about the Bermuda Triangle, he expresses one local reaction to the spread of the legend with forthrightness: "It is something people don't talk about. They say you're out of your God-damned mind!" In his many flights to the Bahamas he has encountered so much electronic and magnetic aberration that he has begun to rather expect it. A plane's compass, for example, will suddenly start to spin from left to right. This seems to happen "every time we go over deep waters in front of Moselle Reef." This reef is noted for the presence of mysterious lights shining at night, and among the fishermen of Bimini it has the reputation of being haunted. It is of interest that the late Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, who lived much of the time at Bimini, often told of being suddenly "shook up" as his plane neared Bimini. "Sometimes it has taken me days to fully regain my sense of balance," he has said.

As far as the disappearance of ships is concerned, the Bermuda Triangle has been claiming them with regularity since 1800 when merchant ship, the U.S.S. **Pickering** disappeared on August 20 of that year with a crew of ninety, en route to Guadeloupe in the West Indies from New Castle, Delaware. Famous others have been the U.S.S. **Wild Cat** (1824); the H.M.S. **Atalanta** (1880) and the U.S.S. **Cyclops** (1918). As many of you will recall, the fantastic disappearance of the **Cyclops** furnished

the idea for that exciting film epic **The Poseidon Adventure**. And much more in our own time, the mighty superliner **Queen Elizabeth 2** narrowly escaped a similar fate. On April 3, 1974, for no apparent reason, three of her boilers conked out as if by split-second timing. And while there were ample reserves of electric power, all lighting, air-conditioning and electrically-operated mechanical parts of the ship ceased to function—instantly, as though by command. At that moment the **QE2** was dead center of the Bermuda Triangle!

The shape of this expanse of water is discernible from the air. The water looks much different from that of the surrounding Atlantic. Even Columbus noted this on his first voyage, October 11, 1492. "There is a vast triangular area of blackness contrasting with a blinding white glitter, even under cloudy skies. In it one sees hundreds of malevolent eyes, watching, waiting. A ghostly sensation."

There are as many theories about the **mythos** of the Bermuda Triangle as there are ships and planes that have disappeared into its bowels, or into 'holes in the air' above. It is certainly no myth or happenstance. The U.S. Navy takes a most practical view of it, believing that there is a relation between electromagnetic gravitation and simultaneous atmospheric disturbances. A kind of 'in-sync' turbo-violence between these forces that, at the synergistic point of contact, danger and disaster occur. Thus the Navy's **Project Magnetism** is going full-speed ahead. With so many of our planes and ships and people having disappeared like cotton candy at a county fair, the Navy can't come up with an answer and a counter-course too soon. Mr. Berlitz also deals with these theoretical questions:

1. Are the many UFOs that have been spotted in the area hijacking aircraft and taking samples of our civilization with them to other galaxies?

2. Are electromagnetic aberrations from power sources of ancient—and highly advanced—

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civilizations causing space-time warps that transport planes and ships into other worlds?

3. Are the losses somehow tied in with the lost continent of Atlantis?

You'll want to read this most interesting book for, as we mentioned earlier, if you are superstitious, or a wise and practical person who sees no reason to take chances (particularly during peak travel seasons) you just may want to take the train down to Miami, and then a plane or cruise ship across the Caribbean to that island we hope we've turned you onto. It can put more sunshine in your vacation . . . and fewer clouds.

Gay World News & Notes

By The Editors

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Gay World Travel Tips

By The Editors

- The biggest hotels in the Caribbean overbook in high season—leaving you and dozens of others standing at the registration desk with a paid receipt and no room. The hotel will usually put you up at another less desirable hotel in town—for

the same amount—until space becomes available. It can be a frustrating experience, and hundreds of vacationers are subjected to it every season. Best way to escape it is arrive in the middle of the week (Wednesday is ideal) when fewer winter vacationers are apt to arrive. Worst times to arrive are Saturday and holiday weekends.

- If you find yourself at Kennedy Airport all set to take off on a Caribbean holiday and luck isn't with you—with flights being cancelled (due to a snowstorm, to suggest one possibility)—rather than return home you might be able to book a flight to another island. Getting hotel space is easy—thanks to Meegan Services. Their desk is in the Arrivals Building at Kennedy International and they can book any hotel in the world in a flash, any time of day or night. You can also call on Meegan to book space before leaving. Their number is (212) 995-9292.

- American Airlines is now offering daily service to Barbados. They also have several budget packages available—so be sure and ask your travel agent or the service desk of A.A. for information, if you're interested.

- Caribbean forests are filled with beautiful birds—many being sold at local pet shops. If you think you might be buying a pet bird, send for "Bringing a Pet Bird Into the U.S.A." This pamphlet may be secured free from the Information Division, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, 26 Federal Plaza, Rm. 1653, New York, N.Y. 10007.

- Typhoid fever is endemic to Haiti. The U.S. Public Health Service advises all visitors to get typhoid immunizations before leaving. Doctors warn that a typhoid vaccination is only a supplementary health measure and should not replace good health practices in food and water consumption. Never drink tap water and avoid iced drinks, since the cubes pose the same threat. Stick to bottled beverages that have been chilled by refrigeration. And we remind

you to read "Joykillers" in this magazine before going anywhere in the Caribbean.

- Cruise passengers who are usually free to leave their ship while in port are reminded to take I.D. with them even if not required by authorities. You may be required to produce identification by a policeman in town. In fact, Bermuda has put into effect a new requirement for visitors from the U.S. to carry identification at all times.

- Mexicana Airlines now has service between Miami and Cancun. Flights depart Miami at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Flying time is about 1½ hours.

- A chair that converts to a single bed is now standard equipment in guest rooms at San Juan's refurbished Caribe Hilton Hotel. Formerly, folding beds were brought in for third parties.

- Need a passport picture in a hurry? Pro photographers in the business are now permitted to use a new Polaroid mini-portrait camera that takes Type 58 film and produces a finished color print in 60 seconds. The photos are o.k. with the U.S. Passport Office. So if you're rushed, check the yellow pages for passport photographers and telephone first about the Polaroid pics.

That's all this month . . . more tips to help make the going easier in our next issue.

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AS WE FOCUS IN... PISSPOT IS DOWN IN THE DUMPS.

SHIT... NOT A SCORE IN TWO WEEKS 'N THE FUCKIN' LANDLADY IS SCREAMING FOR THE RENT!



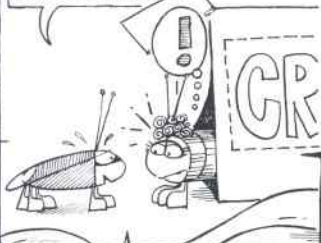
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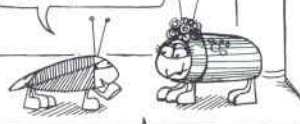


PANT... PANT... HE'Z HUSTLING TABLES AT SOME CANTINA CALLED 'ELEPHANT WALK'... WHERE DA FUCK IZ DAT?



XAVIER... HONEY... YOU'Z BEEN LIVIN' HERE SIX MONTHS NOW... 'N DON'T KNOW OF 'ELEPHANT WALK'?!? WHY DAT IZ DE 'IN' GAY PLACE FOR DE MOST DEE-LICIOUS EGGS BENEDICT DIS SIDE OF DA ROCKIES!

I'M A HUEVOS RANCHERO MAN, MYSELF!



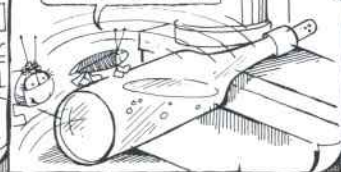
HUM... MY CHICANO CURIOSITY IZ PRICKLIN'! I'M GONNA HAVE A QUICKIE LOOK-SEE AT PISSPOT WORKIN'!

WELL... IT'Z OVER DERE IN DA NEXT BLOCK... ON CASTRO!



BE CAREFUL HONEY... DEY DON'T COTTON TA FUNKY COCKROACHES IN DAT PLACE!

DON'T WORRY... I'LL BE DISCREET... LIKE A FLEA AFTER A HYSTERECTOMY!



MUY AFORTUNADO DAT I KNOW ALL DA SHORTCUTS!



TWO HOURS LATER—

FANNY FOO WAS RIGHT—THE JOINT IS JUMPIN'!



ONCE INSIDE—

WAITER... I'LL HAVE THE EGGS WITH A SCREW-DRIVER!

WOW... MUY MACHO—EATIN' THE FUCKIN' EGGS WITH A SCREW-DRIVER!



A LI'L LATER—

SLURP. DAT CHOW SURE SMELLS FANTASTICO! BOY... AM I STARVED!



CHOMP... WOW DESE EGGS ARE FABULOSOS 'N DIS SHIT ON TOP IS EVEN BETTER! OH CRAP... HERE COMES PISSPOT TO CLEAR DA DISHES!



HOLY ENCHILADAS...

I DON'T WANNA END UP IN DA FUCKIN' DISH-WASHER... I BETTER TAKE A FAST DIVE....!



EEK... A BIG BUG!



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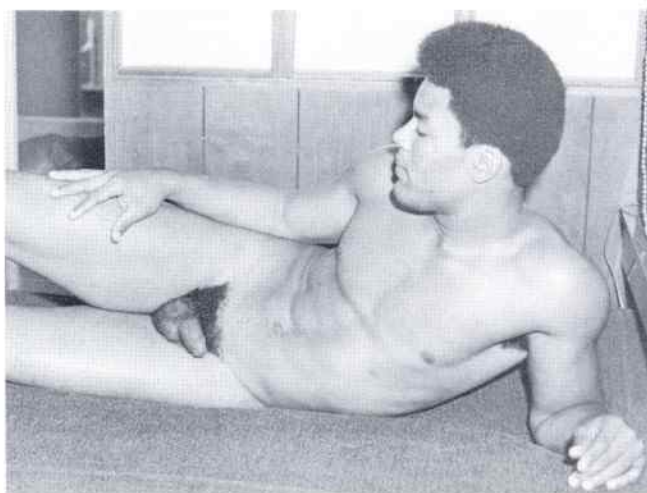


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By The Editors

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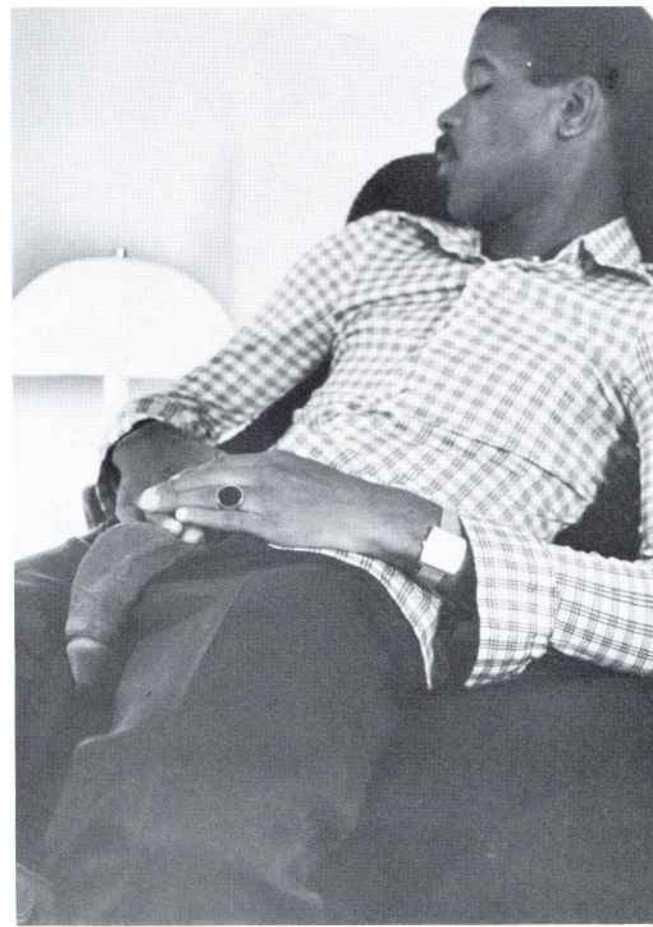
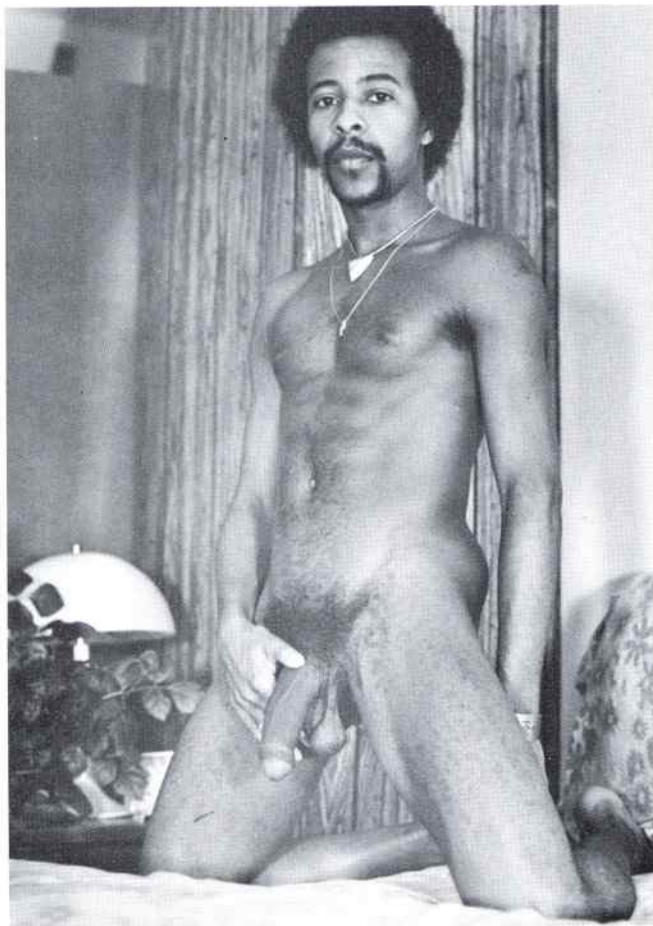
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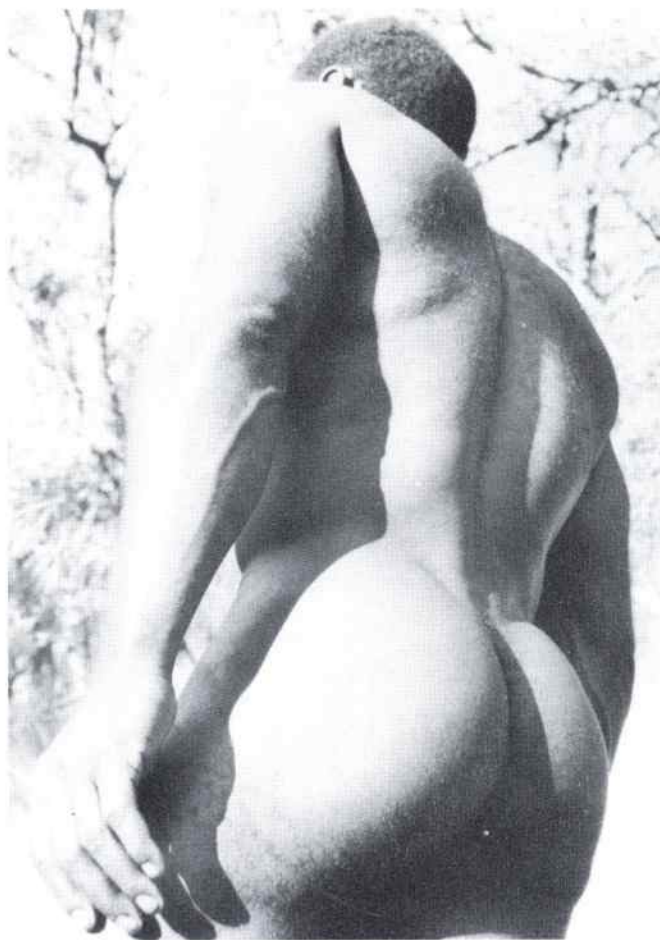
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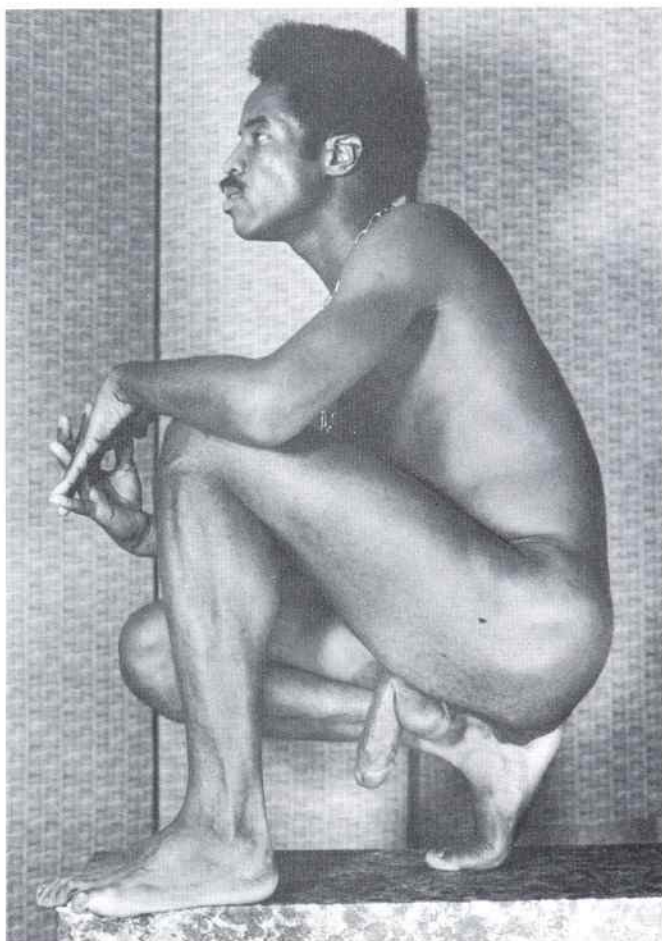
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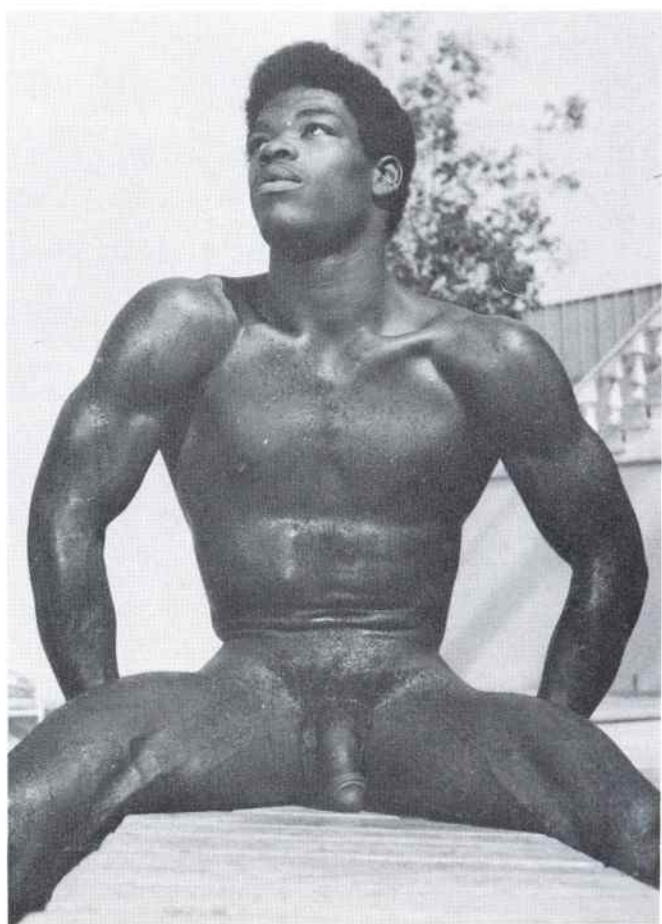
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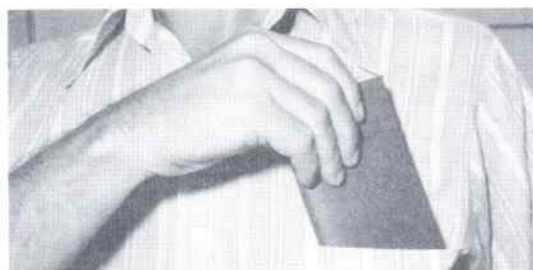
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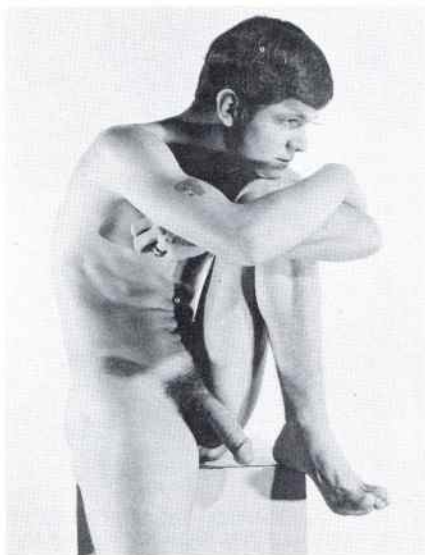
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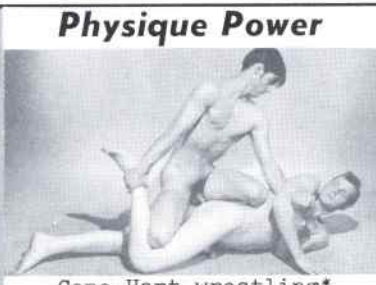
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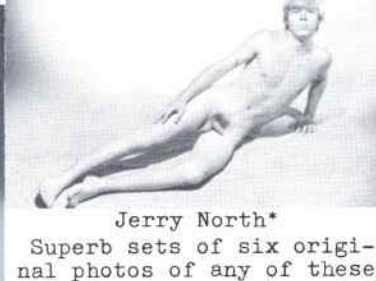
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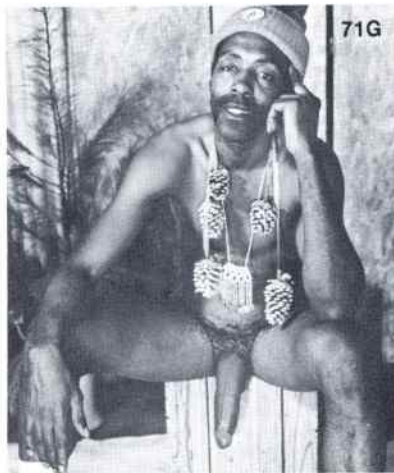
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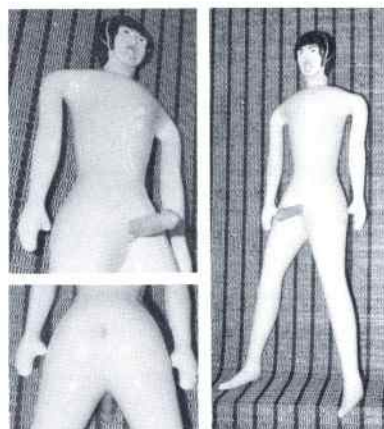


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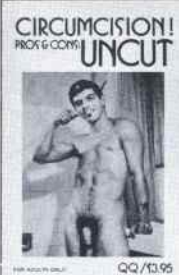
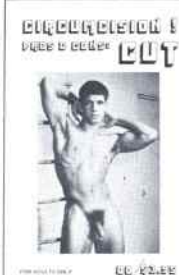


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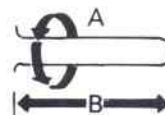
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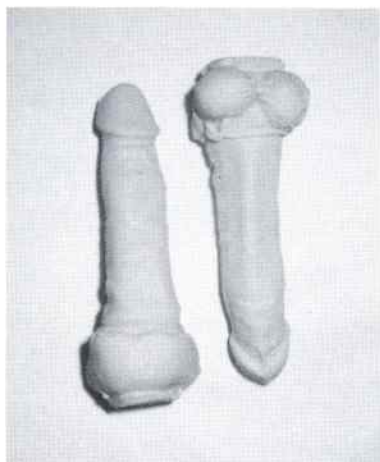


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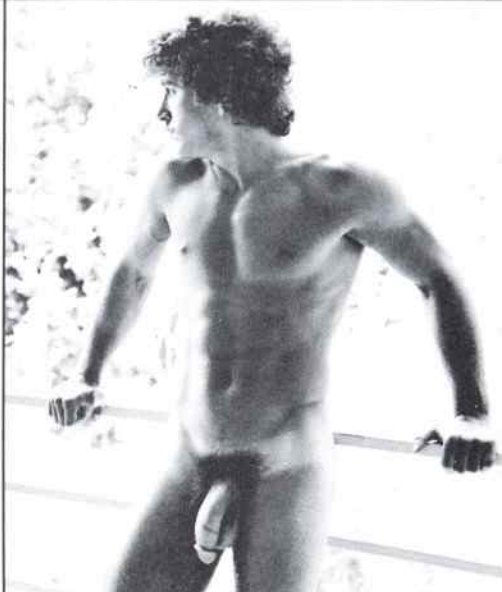
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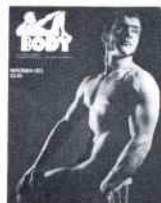
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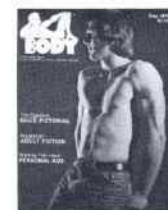


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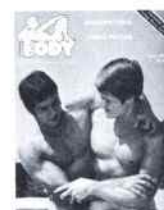
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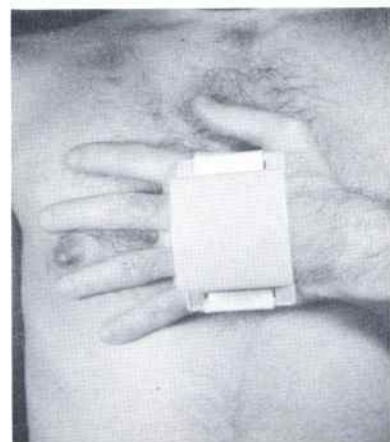


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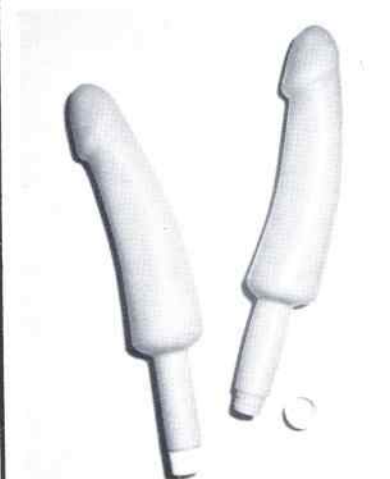


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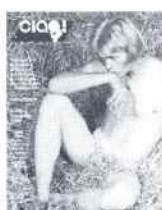
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