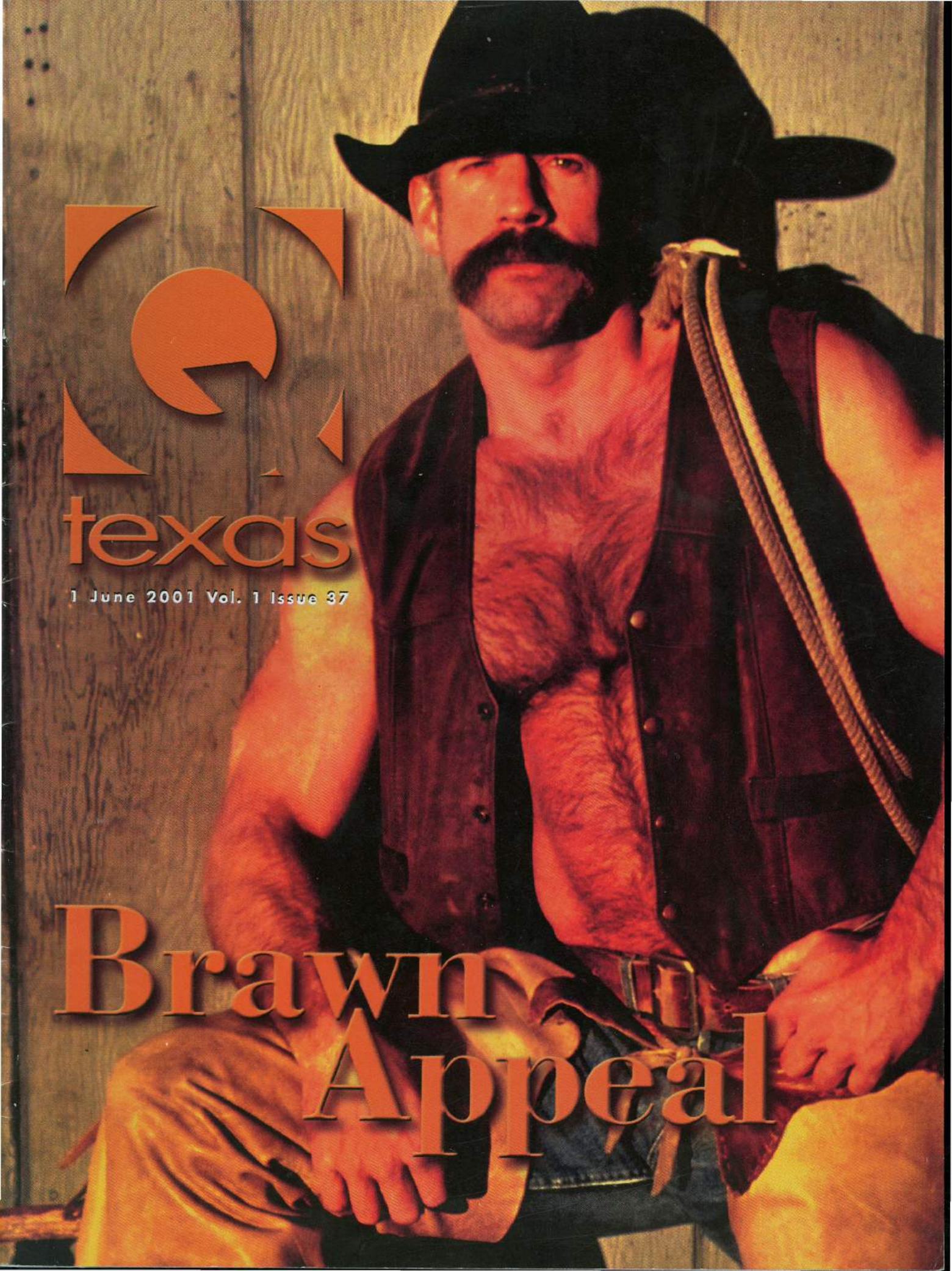
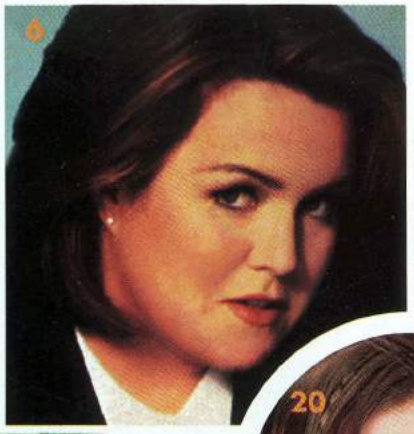
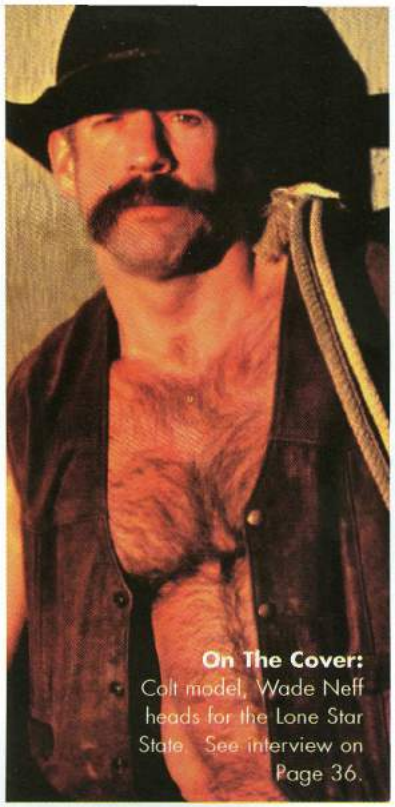

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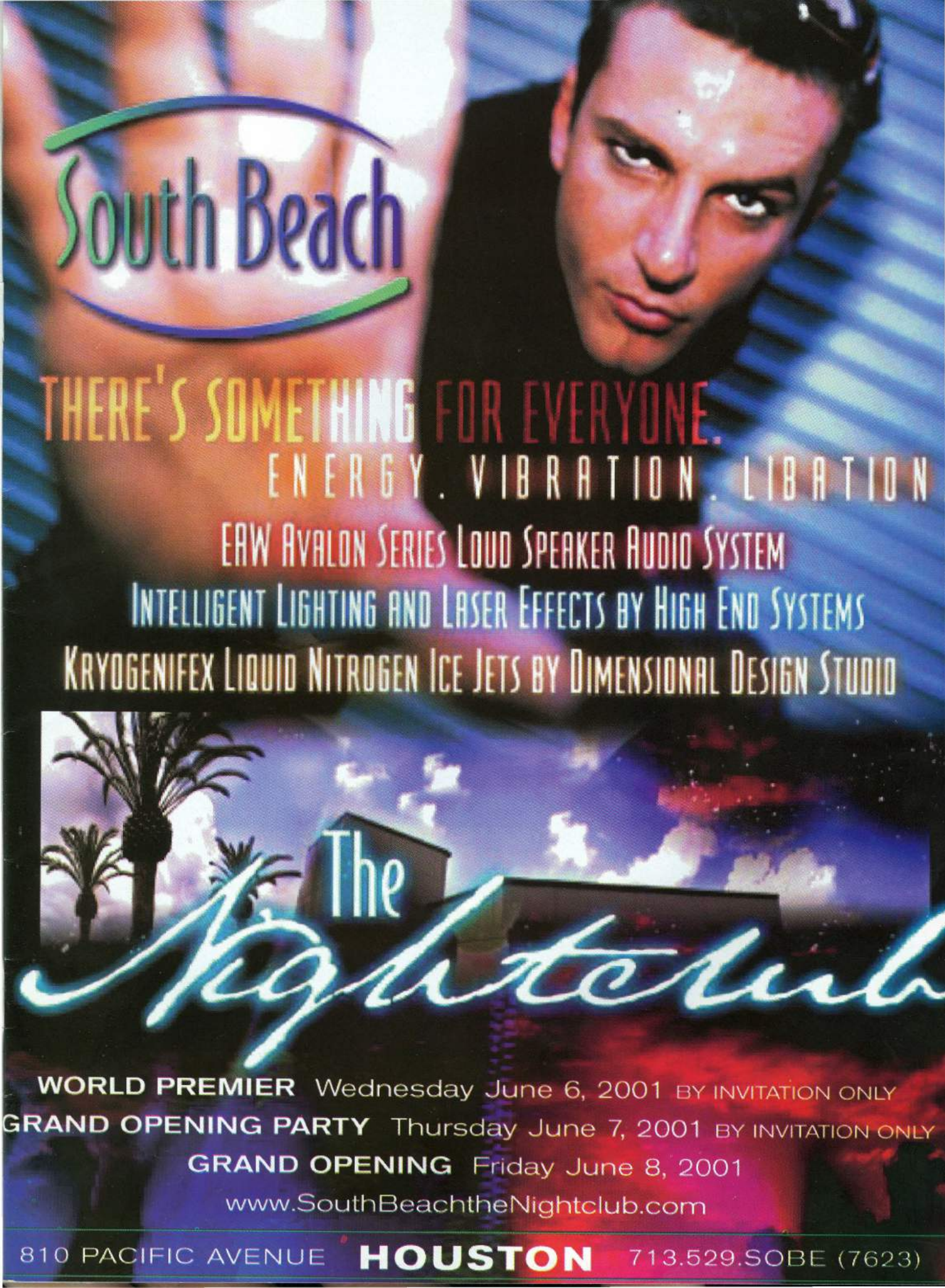
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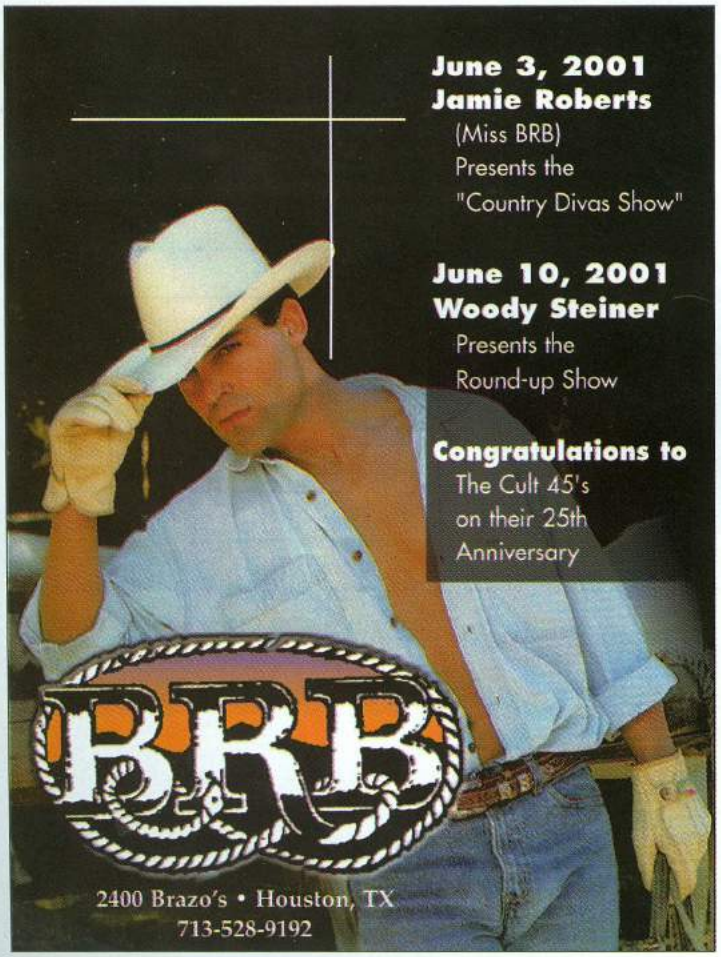
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I have spilled a lot of ink on these pages advising people to be wary on the Internet, use virus protection and hacker blocks like firewalls if they use DSL or cable modems with a static IP address. And now, the biggest boy (some would same bully) on the block wants you to invite him into your home to case the joint and have you pay for the privilege.

If you're interested, you can preview the new operating system in beta release: http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/preview. No "product activation" for testing the new system, thank God, but the beta version will work for only 180 days. And you do have to pay to test, $10 for downloads available in June and July, $20 to get it on CD. You should subscribe to the WindowsXP electronic newsletter, too. There are some Texas events to introduce WindowsXP and OfficeXP this month and next. Check out Events at www.microsoft.com/usa/events/default.asp.

Pixies at IBM

And speaking of big, bad corporations: good news from IBM, where its engineers have gone gaga over "pixie dust."

That sounds like the name of a new designer drug. In fact, it's a new type of magnetic coating on hard disk drives that will quadruple their data density. We have already got inexpensive hard drives of more than 40GB capacity, something unthinkable just 2 years ago.

But this is pretty mind-boggling, even for experts who thought they had reached the final frontier of data storage. This breakthrough is a three-atom-thick layer of the element ruthenium, similar to platinum, sandwiched between two magnetic layers. This is so infinitesimal that IBM's engineers started joking that they had discovered "pixie dust" for hard drives.

"Dusting" means desktop hard drives could expand to sizes of 400 gigabytes, or 10 times more than what you can buy today at Office Depot. Laptop drives could zoom to 200GB. The technical term for the new technology is AFC, or "antiferromagnetically-coupled (AFC) media," according to an IBM press release. These gigantic hard drives should be on the market by 2003, IBM says. You could easily install your entire CD library on them, or movie library, and still have more space to spare.

Like room to install Linux on your PC, before WindowsXP cracks.

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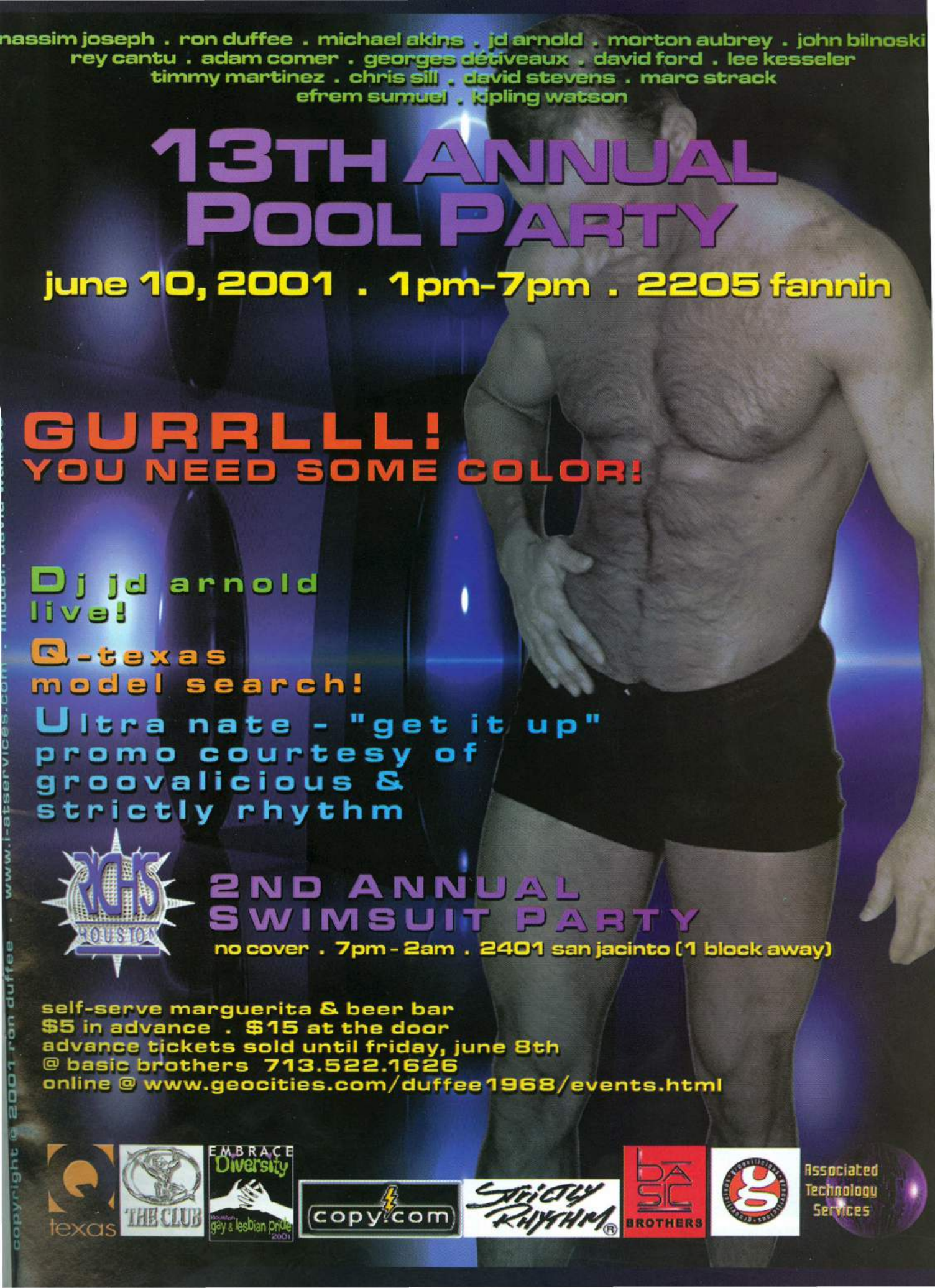
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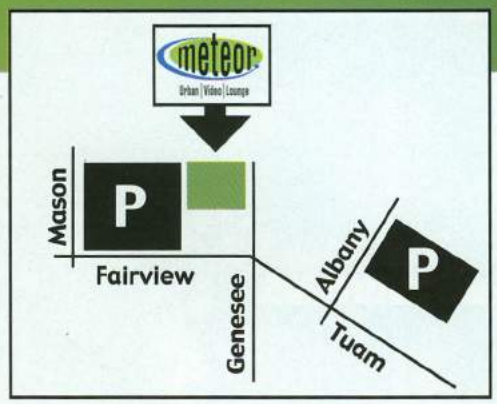
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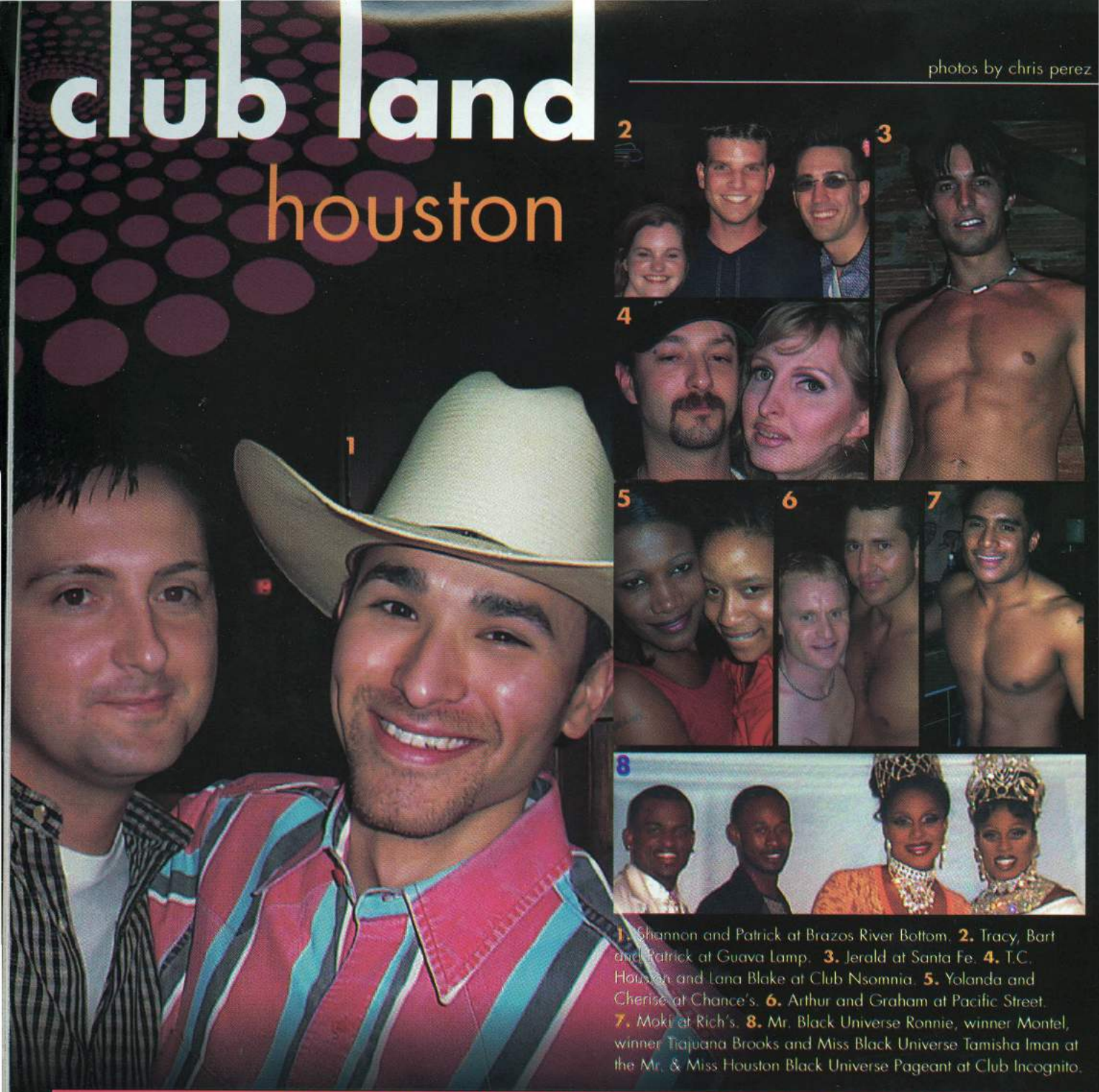
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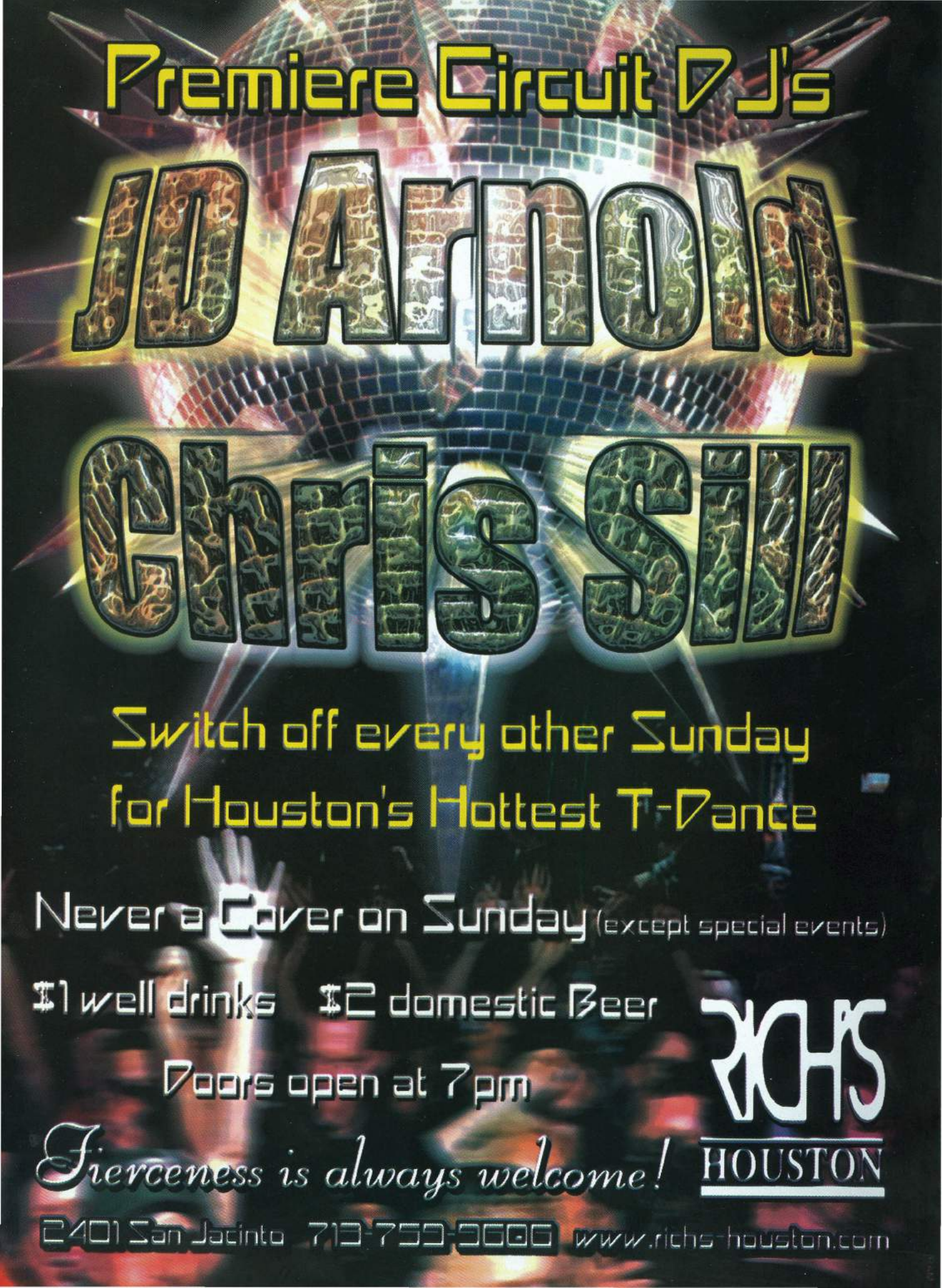


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Qbites

Houston's month-long Pride Celebration kicks off in a big way this weekend with the return of Pride Weekend at Six Flags AstroWorld and WaterWorld. A $30 advance ticket ($35 at the gate) covers admission to AstroWorld on June 2, with a BBQ buffet at the Pride Committee's private dining area at the theme park, admission to Rich's nightclub that evening and admission to WaterWorld on June 3. 2001 Pride ticketholders will also be allowed into AstroWorld one hour earlier than the general public and will receive admission into the park's Coca-Cola Southern Star Amphitheater for a concert by the legendary disco group from the '70s, The Village People. The annual Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade, by far the state's largest, is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 23. For more information about any Pride event this month, call the PrideLine at 713-529-6979 or send e-mail to info@pridehouston.org. Information is also available on the Committee's Web site, Pridehouston.org.

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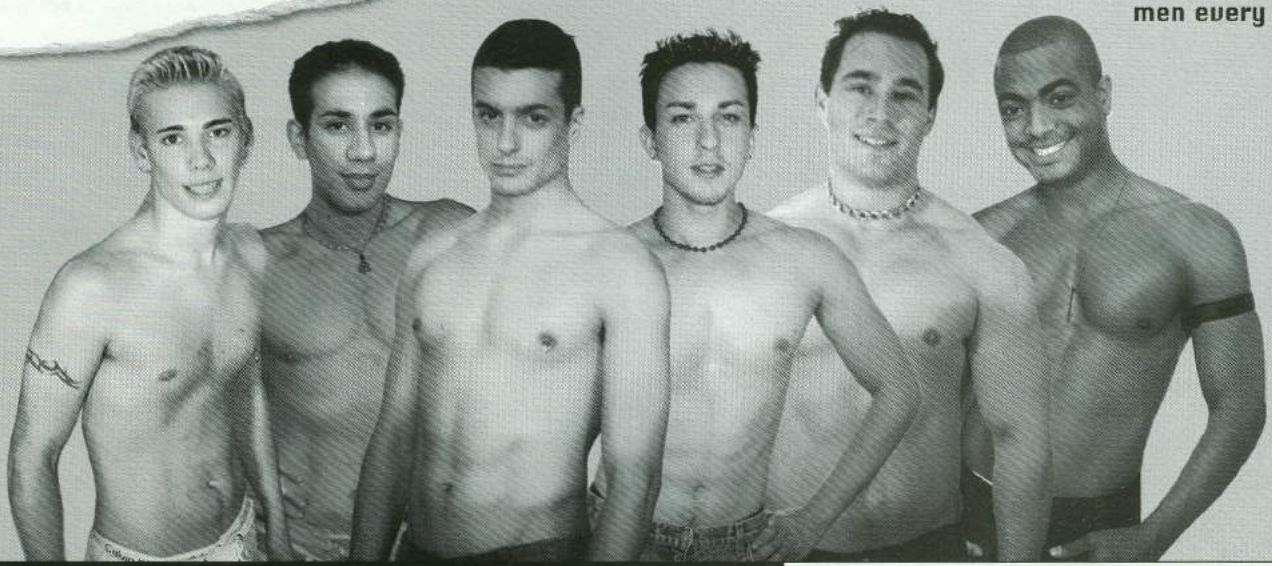


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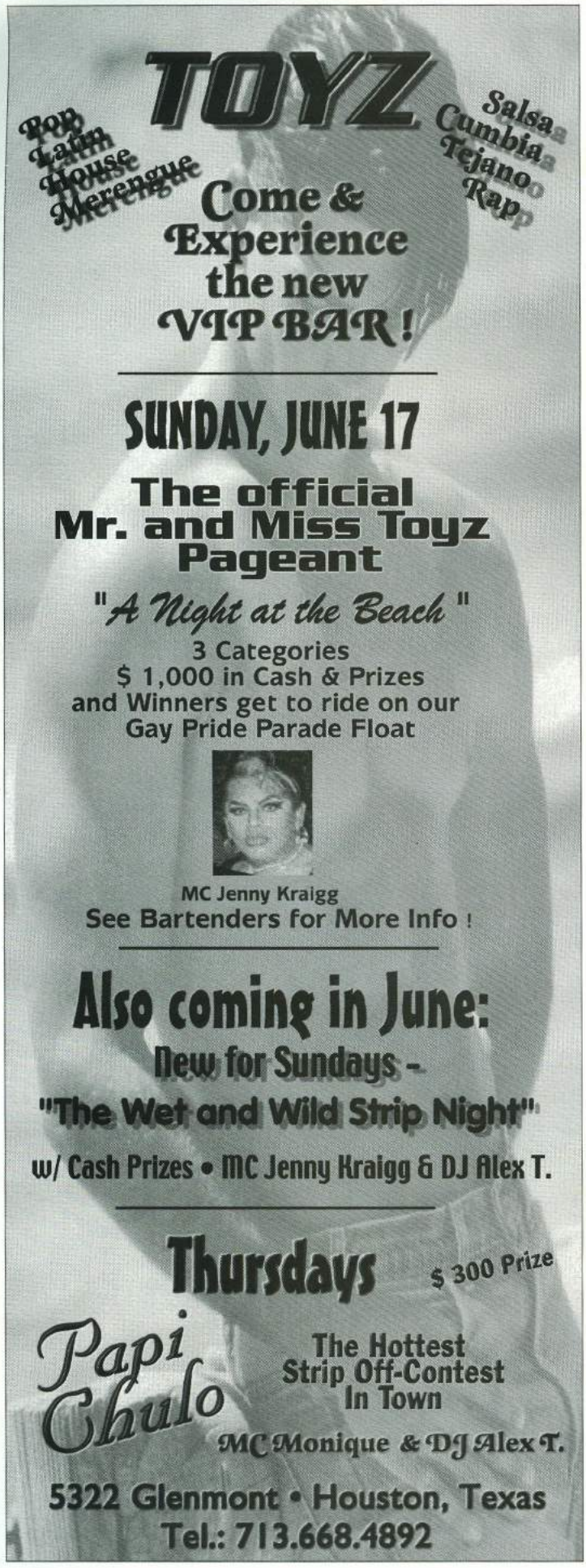
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