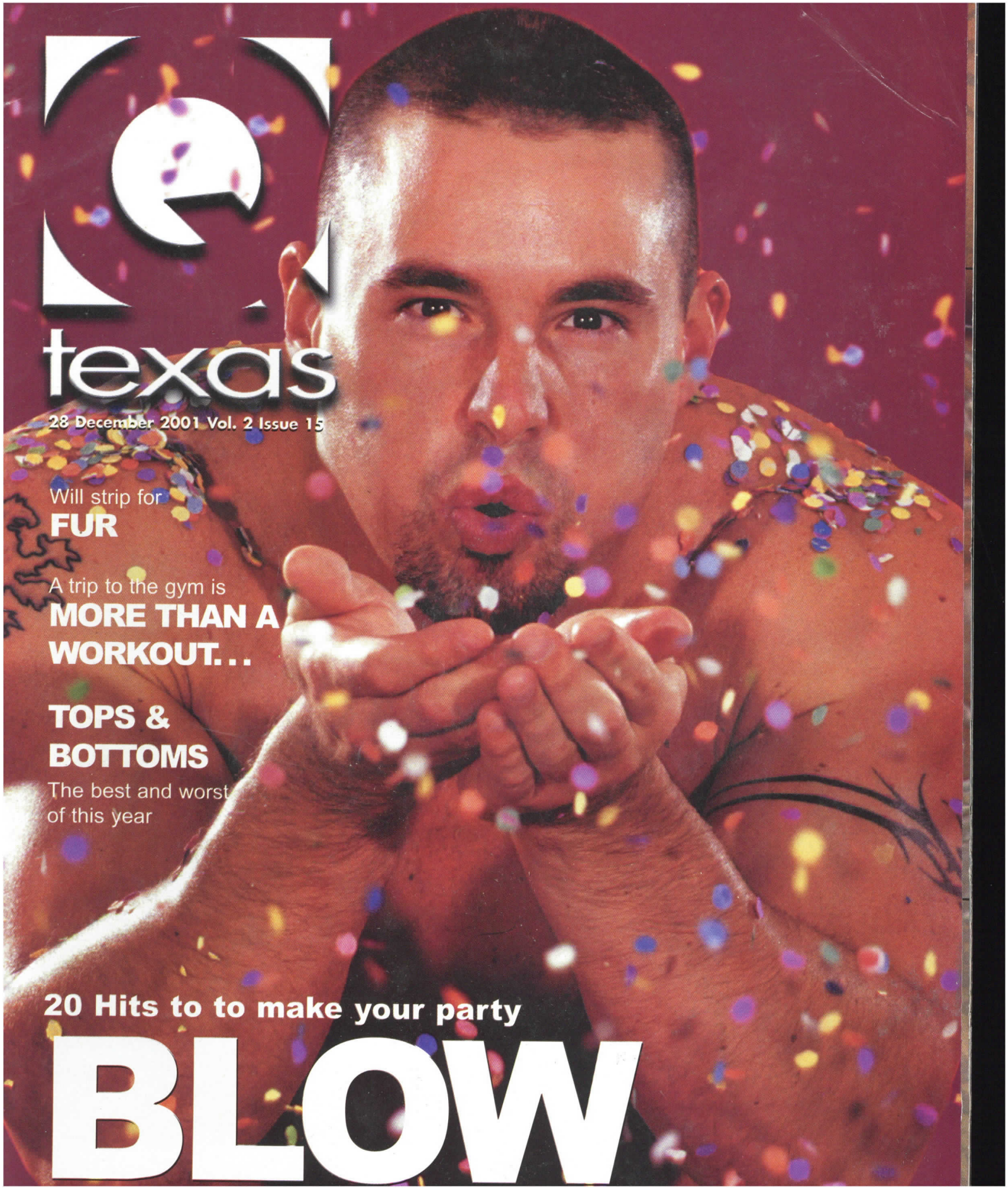
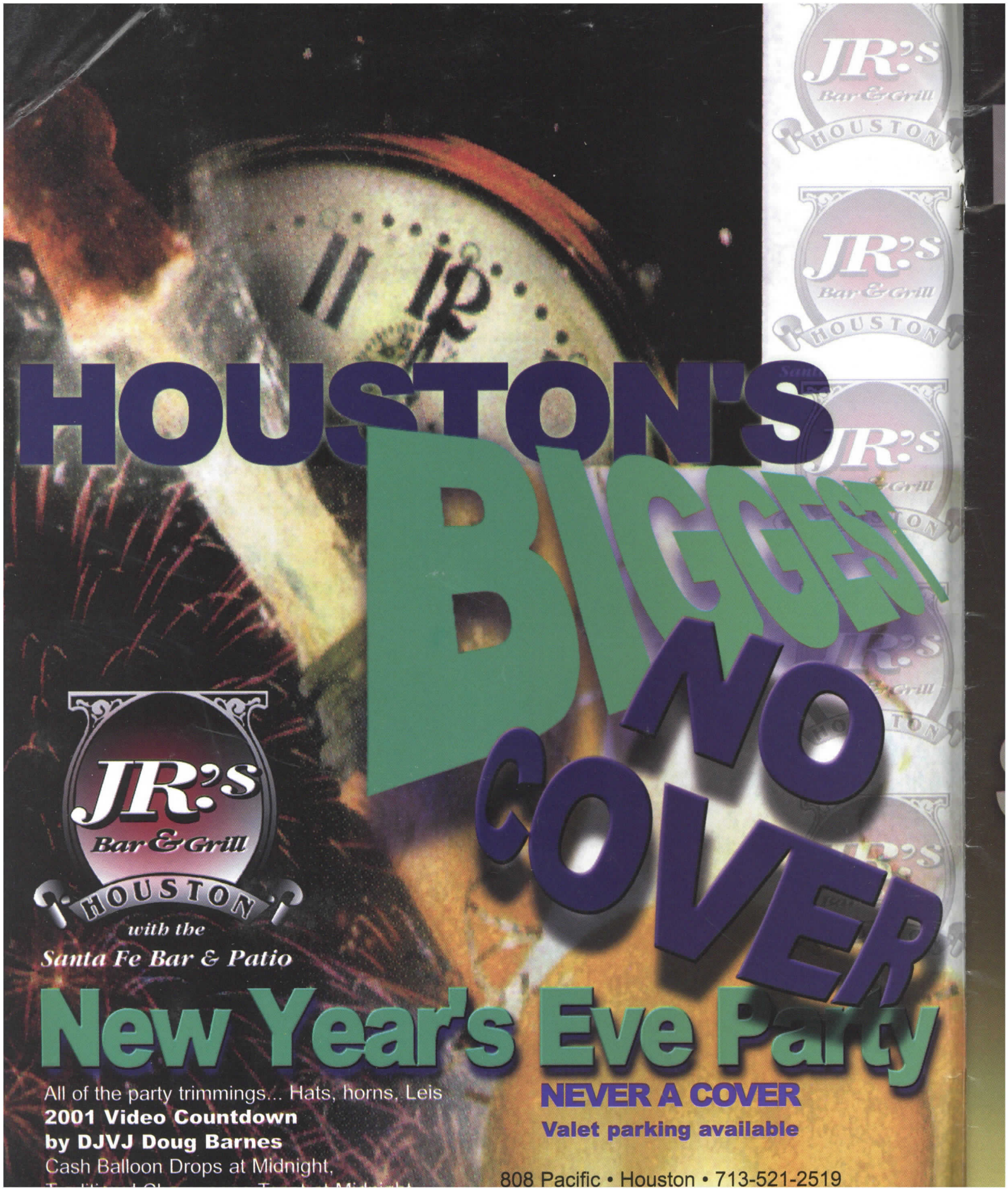

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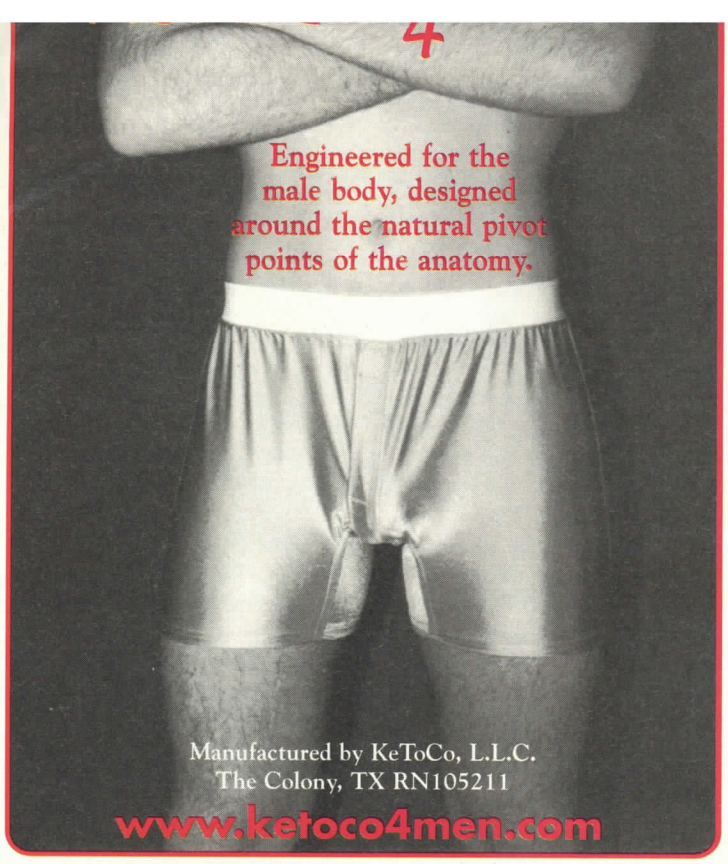
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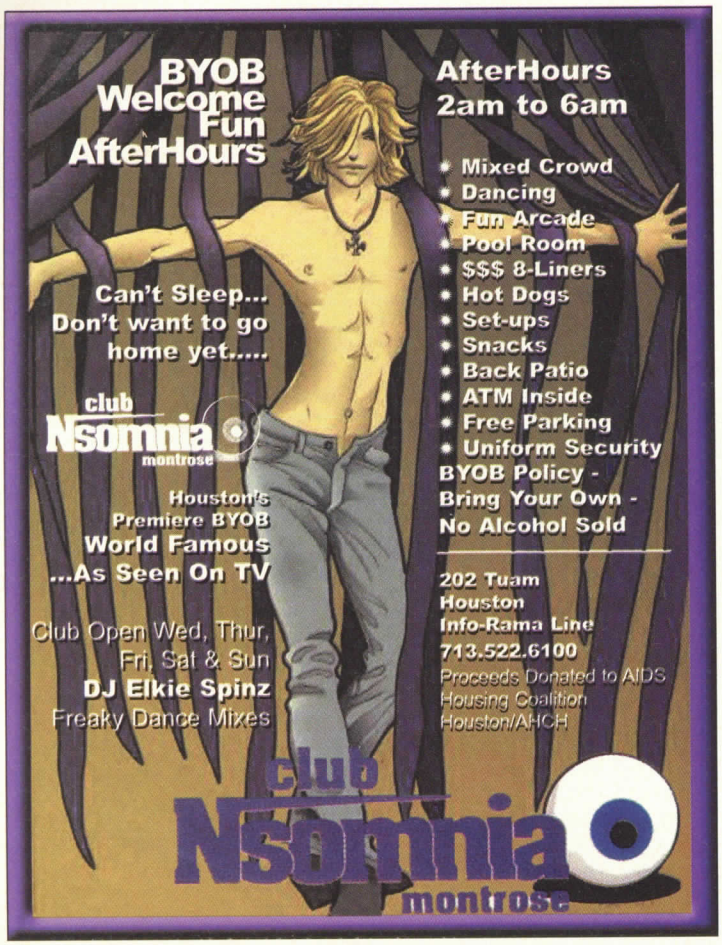
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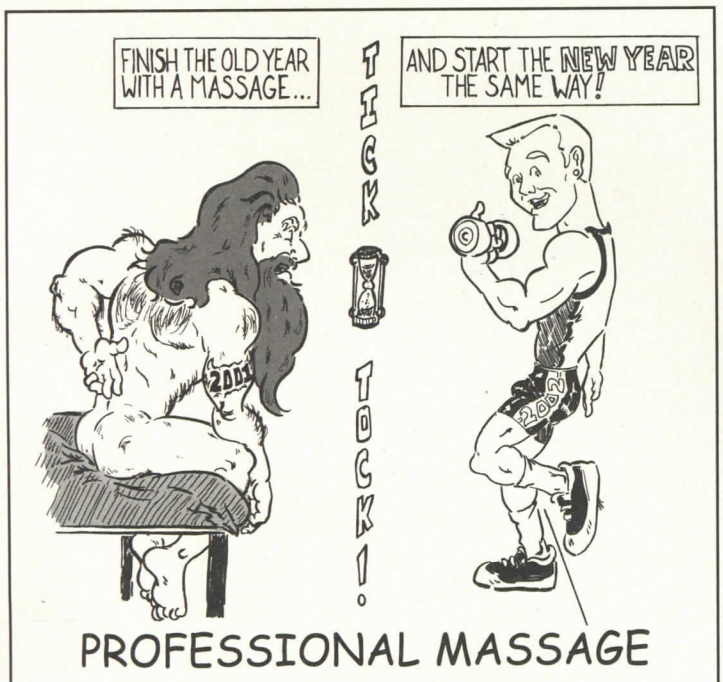
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Cops to lousy genetics, faulting father for doughy, Richard Simmons shape. Abuses four major food groups (fat, sugar, starch and Sunday brunch). Wonders why downing a post-workout six-pack hasn't gained him one. "Leave the barbells, take the canolies!" is his mantra. Alibi-filled Wayne waves his wand — abracadabra! — though nothing amazing or mysterious ever occurs.

Chatty Chad
Motto: "Energizer fairy from Hell!

Gym as anchor of his social survival, a bar without booze. Downs high-test mocha lattes spiked with Hydoxycut chasers at juice bar, then watch him blast off. Eye contact invites a torturous launching of his unabridged biography. No thought on any issue goes unspoken, solicited or not. Set loose, Chad shares every exhaustive detail of his clichéd coming-out story to anyone who'll listen, prompting most to pray for his instant return to the closet. The unwelcome house guest who never leaves. Watchful members duck, dodge and flee when he enters. Ill-timed chat occurs in midlift of Leo's 500-pound bench press and Dennis' 600-pound squat. As members tire of his marathon prattle, he'll lure staff or any outside passersby into his gabfest or head for the stairmaster to recharge waning lung capacity.

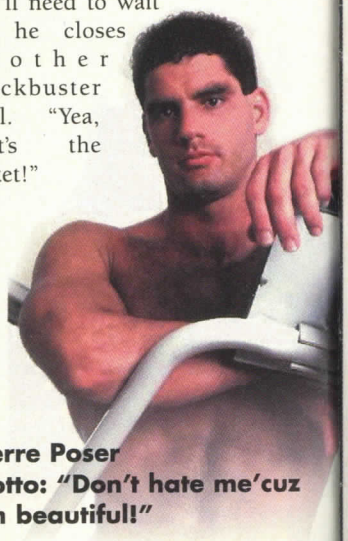
Ira Ice Queen
Motto: "Fuck Off!"

Polar opposite to hyper-verbal Chatty Chad. Body language — face twisting, grunting, teeth gritting, bitch tits — screams "*Stay Away!*" Takes on hardcore, pouty look with maniacal intensity as if on global butch crusade. Freezes all out with cranked up Discman. Randomly drops weights. Never racks. Flouts rules. Your one shot at sharing is met with a haughty firm and final: "No, Miss Thing, you cannot work in with me!" Territorial, won't tolerate turf violations. Monstrous ingestions of Anadrol, diuretics and lack of pre-contest carbs make him prone to

him as girlfriend, Mary, Martha or Iris. Best never to fuss with Ira.

Toby Technoqueen
Motto: "Sell, dammit!"

Fully armed with cellphone, beeper, portable pager-computer and any other non-exercise related, wireless gadget he can affix to his rainbow-tinted lifting belt. Truth be told, he owns no business, has few friends but insists on being viewed as special. He madly paces about, flailing, gesturing and yapping ad nausea on cellular as if he were a caffeinated Fortune 500 company C.E.O. Toby's grandstanding Geffinisms has unsuspecting GRATS buying the act, unaware that he's speaking to his control-freak boyfriend or overbearing mother with whom he checks in hourly. Forget using the equipment he's hogging. You'll need to wait 'til he closes another blockbuster deal. "Yea, that's the ticket!"



Pierre Poser
Motto: "Don't hate me'cuz I'm beautiful!"

Who better than the SNL church lady to portray Pierre? "Hmm, we do like ourselves now, don't we?" Stretched out in full spandex regalia, Pierre eschewed the snootiness of gay Paree to find wealth and fame in America. At least he's landed the penultimate love of his life, reflecting back at him in a wink. Much more than domestic partnership or giddy infatuation for this devoted, united-till-death alliance. Pierre varies one set per 15 minutes of strutting, posturing and flexing as if on a catwalk pending discovery. Forget that he holds no tangible talent, save his sun-bathing and canny escort skills. Compulsive need to be center of universe. (See

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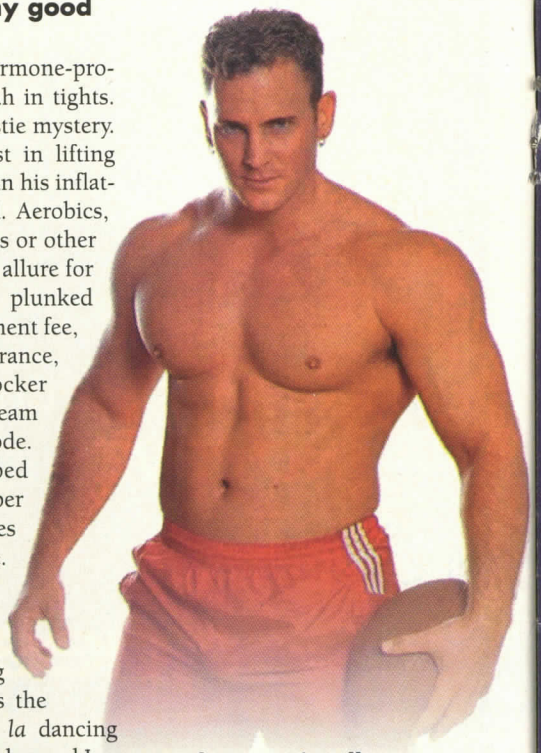
Lecherous Les.
Motto: "A spot, my good son?"

He's hovering, hormone-propelled, Hungry Hannah in tights. Les is no Agatha Christie mystery. Not a whit of interest in lifting anything weightier than his inflatable Steve Austin doll. Aerobics, yoga, stepping, ab class or other gym offerings hold no allure for predatory Les, who's plunked down his $500 enrollment fee, so whatever. Upon entrance, he heads for the locker room, shower and steam area in full cruise mode. Eager for a dropped towel, a phone number or more, he confuses gym with bathhouse. Inured to rejection, he trots rhythmically to the music in his dreadful-fitting speedo, gliding across the weight room floor *a la* dancing queen — only nipple-clamped Les is light years away from young, sweet or seventeen — as he trots out his best come-on line: "Here, let me show you how this butt blaster works." Raises more eyebrows than — well, you know. A kind, father figure and selfless volunteer for noble gay causes, so few protest his less-than-artful ways.

Society Sam
Motto: "Inquiring GRATS want to know."

Most know Sam, who's society editor (P.C. term for gossip queen) at local gay publication. Fighting deadlines, Sam's far less preoccupied with acquiring daunting shoulders than in sniffing out juicy column fodder (a.k.a. dirt) for his widely read column. Most of his readers hunger for the puff he chronicles weekly, and there is rarely a shortage of willing informants here to provide it (as long as it's not about them). Sam stokes rumor mill, injecting members with latest who's-sleeping-with-who scandal along with latest club opening. Never allows truth to eclipse sen-

members fervently seek out Sam, who opts for a busybody over a better body.



Fred Gay-Friendly
Motto: "Yo, Dude. I ain't gay."

Every gay-saturated gym has at least one of these confused, gay-straight archetypes. With baggy pants pulled down to butt, tattoos and a ball cap turned backwards, Fred insists he's here because he senses safety and comfort. Translated: he feels superior lifting alongside gay men and glories in the glare of being different and desired. Trains with blonde-trophy-stripper girlfriend, who also favors the milieu. Furtively lesbian, she mines the terrain for gay women. Fred also disrobes, but in gay stripper clubs for men who drop green into his G-string. Distances himself emotionally from the gay community, but hardly monetarily. If the money's right, do it! Enters all bare contests that assure cash. Ringer on gay softball team. "Is he or isn't he?" members speculate daily. Sam knows for sure. "Big ol' bottom," he murmurs. "Just like Miss Iris." Fred relishes his neurotic, fence-straddling life. Has never worked for CBS.

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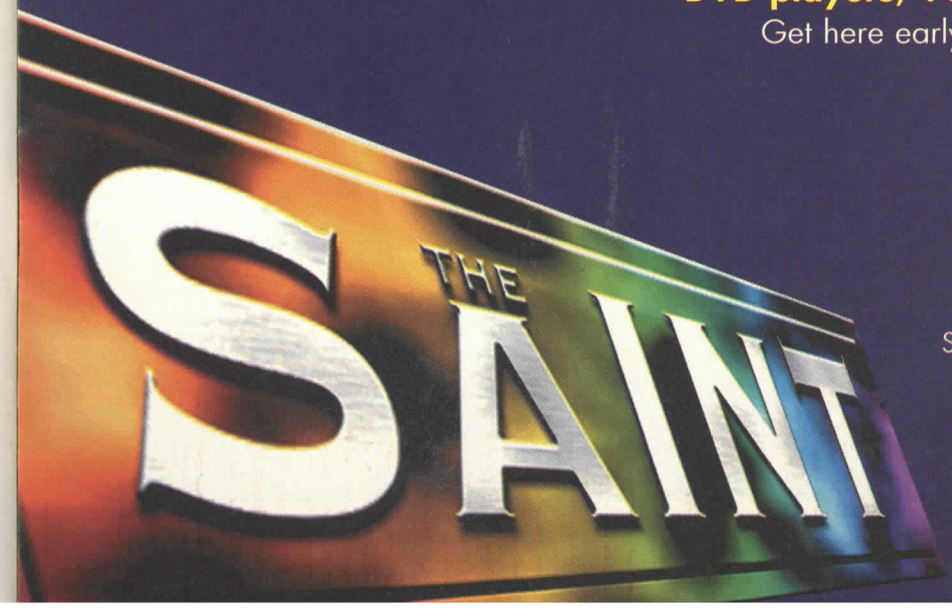
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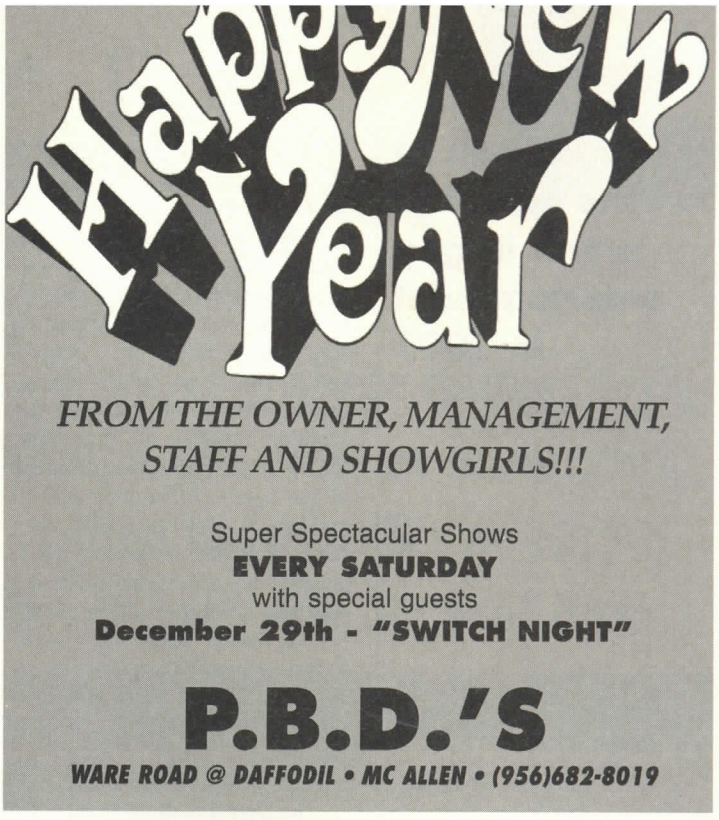
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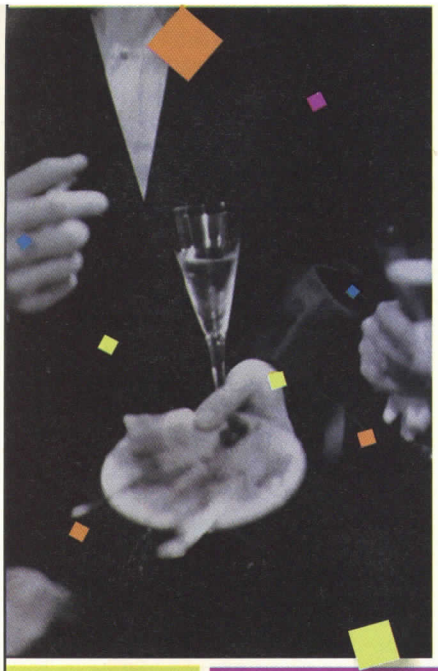
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four. The triumphant return of Patsy and Edina couldn't have been more welcome. The pickled pair brought their schtick and the other usual suspects into a new millennium without seeming like a sad made-for-TV reunion. And Veuve champagne sales should be skyrocketing.

7. **The Ellen Show.** Ms. DeGeneres makes her coming-out comeback on CBS in a kindler, straighter sitcom. She's still side-splittingly funny (and lesbian), but the show could use a little more edge, lest it end up on my other list next year — or worse yet, cancelled. Casting Cloris Leachman as her ditzy mom was a coup, but Jim Gaffigan I can do without. In any case, I hope more people welcome Ellen back and CBS puts her show on a better night.

8. **The Andy Dick Show.** The always irreverent Dick takes his zany personality and transfers it into a variety of politically incorrect characters, with wildly funny results. Nothing is sacred, including his sexuality and that of others, making for unpredictable television at its raunchiest.

9. **Further Tales of the City.** Showtime rolled out the third installment in Armistead Maupin's famed *Tales* series mixing fiction with loose history. This edition finds Mary Ann Singleton (Laura Linney), Anna Madrigal (Olympia Dukakis in her celebrated role as a transsexual landlady) and the stable of other characters all tangled up in a mystery involving cult leader Jim Jones. It's high drama with just enough camp to please die-hard Maupin fans and newcomers alike.

10. **A Girl Thing.** Stockard Channing is a goddess. She's classy, talented and thoroughly engaging. Again, Showtime comes through with a terrific film anthology featuring a variety of women who turn to Channing's character, a well respected psychiatrist, for support during troubling times in all their lives. Elle Macpherson and Kate Capshaw bring a lesbian perspective to the usually male-dominated subject [illegible] welcome.

Worst TV Series

1. **Some of My Best Friends.** *Kiss Me, Guido* unsuccessfully transported from big screen to small. Jason Bateman plays gay and the collective cringe was deafening.

2. **ER.** How many act-of-God storms and blackouts can that damn hospital take? A lot more than I can, that's for sure. Predictable plots, departing characters and dozens more returning means that this show is slowly, painfully dying — something even Dr. Weaver's wonderfully scripted lesbian adventures can't resuscitate.

3. **Survivor.** OK, it's still on my must-see list, but the formula is getting tiresome. I'm just proud of gay Dallas bartender Brandon for getting himself ejected at just the right juncture. He doesn't have to suffer through the last few weeks of camping nightmares and harrowing challenges, but being on the jury does guarantee him a great little African vacation on the CBS charge card. Let's just hope they hold off a year or more before the next installment. And this time, send them to Antarctica. Now *that's* surviving.

4. **Will & Grace Season Premiere.** This year's season opener was so God-awful and utterly unfunny that it should be burned and never spoken of again. The show is still great, but this one lapse is almost unforgivable.

5. **Bette.** Yes this show was actually still on in 2001. I forgot, too. As I predicted in last year's list, the show was finally put out of our misery. But I still love you, Bette. (I have to say that — she's a devoted fan of my column).

So, there you have it. My heart-wrenching, soul-searching categorization of good and evil. I don't think I can do such lists ever again—until next year at least. So from me and everyone at Qtexas, have a Happy New Year!

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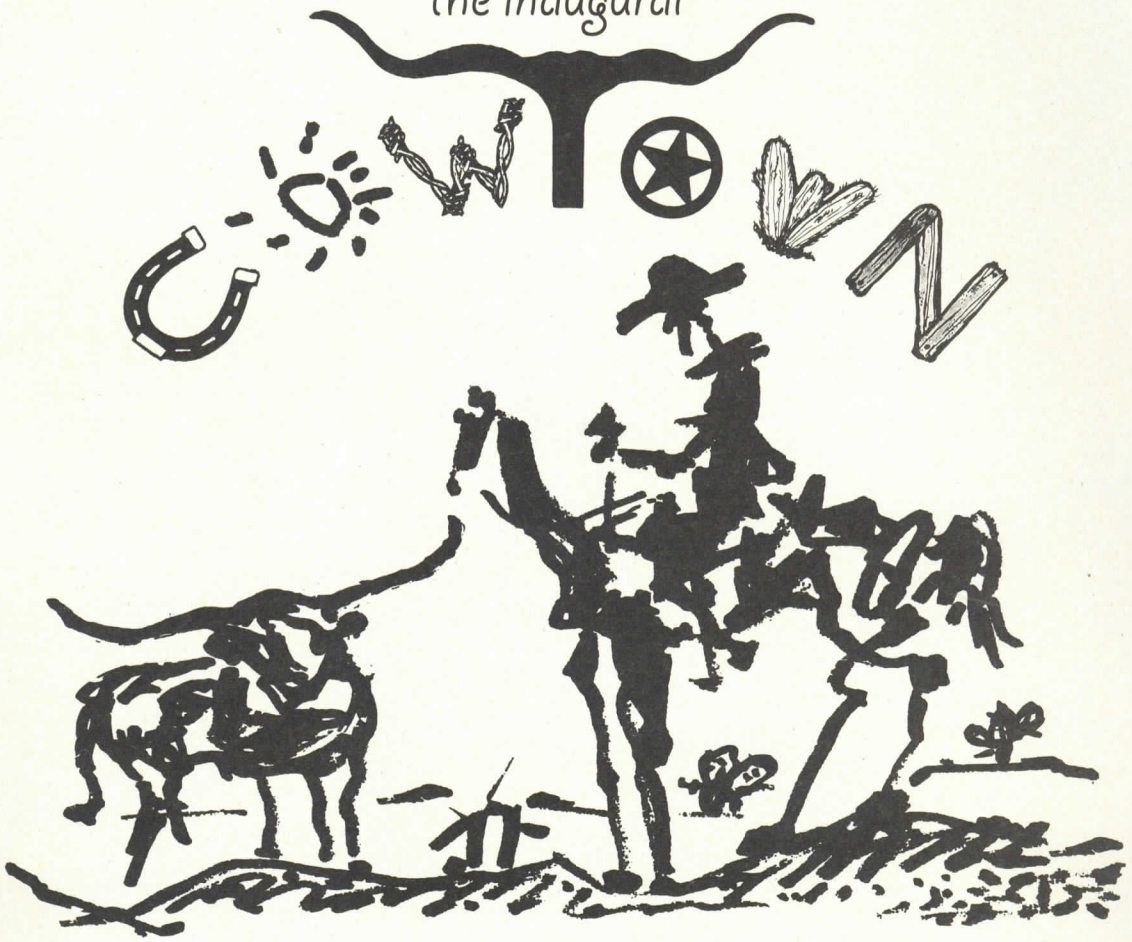
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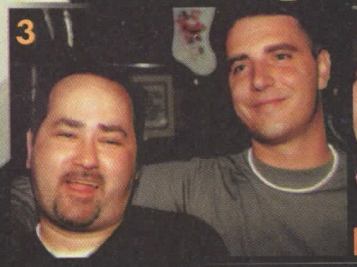
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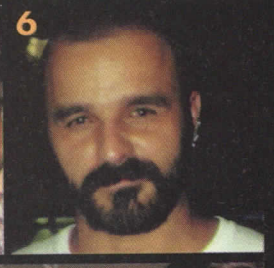
















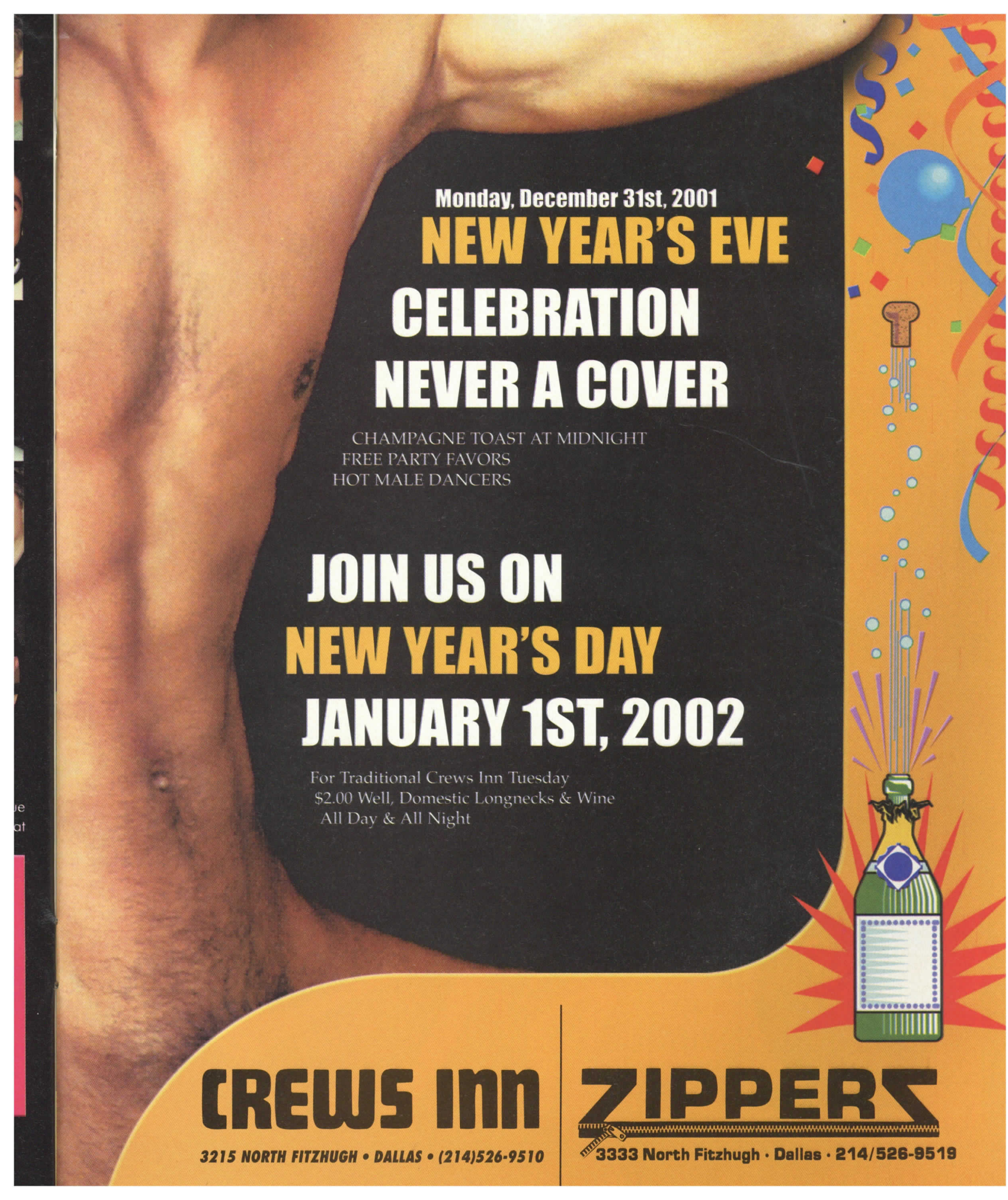
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Ring in 2002 — Here's the scoop on a number of New Years Eve parties hitting Big D. Village Station rings in 2002 with a Top 10 Video-Dance countdown for the 18-and-up crowd. At the Round-Up Saloon, it's New Orelans Casino Night, with doors opening in the dance hall at 8 p.m. and New Years Eve Karaoke at 9 p.m. in the Parlor. Crews Inn and Zippers usher in the new year with no-cover New Years Eve celebrations and champagne toast at midnight. DeWayne's Bar & Grill begins its New Years Eve party at 9 p.m. with a free buffet, lots of giveaways and a Mexican Fiesta theme. Afterhours, too! The Club-Dallas begins its party at 11 p.m. with DJs Ric Herrington and Ronnie Bruno, a champagne toast and catered buffet and beverages.

4-Day Blast — The Brick and K/os present a four-day New Years Extravaganza. Here's the schedule: On December 29, resident DJ Ric Herrington spins 10 p.m.-4 a.m. as the club unveils its new lighting system. On December 30, DJ Chris Cox and DJ Troy Sands take over at Liquid, 6 p.m.-1 a.m. On New Year's Eve it's The Crown Jewel at the Brick, with DJs Darin Arowood and Ric Herrington 10 p.m.-4 a.m. The action shifts to Moby Dick on January 1 with DJ Troy Sands 4-8 a.m., and it's Morning Magic at the Brick with DJ Darren Thomas, 7 a.m.-noon.

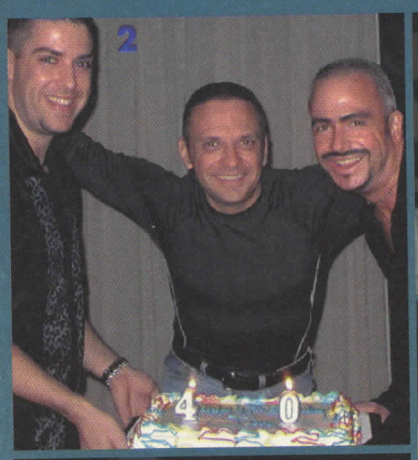
Movie Party — JR.'s Bar & Grill joins with Paramount Pictures to present a release party for the film Orange County. Attendees get the

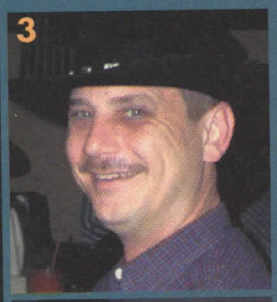

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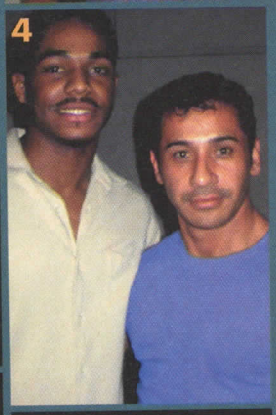
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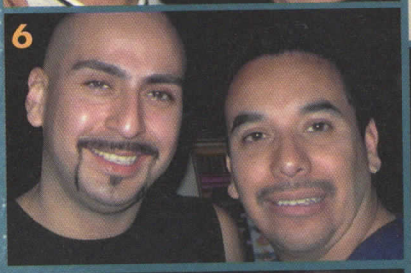


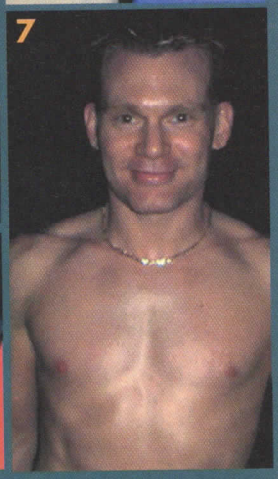














1. Chad at Michael's Outpost. **2.** Jim's Birthday Party at E/J's. **3.** David at Brazos River Bottom. **4.** Jamal and Victor at South Beach. **5.** Coy and Dennis at Santa Fe. **6.** Glen and Bobby at Montrose Mining Company. **7.** Sparky at Pacific Street. **8.** David, Darryl and Chris at Rich's.

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Belmares C.A.N. — South Beach offers string of events leading up to the new year. Tonight it's Customer Appreciation Night, with no cover 9-11 and $1.75 domestic longnecks. Saturday night, circuit DJ Roland Belmares (Los Angeles) spins for Last Dance 2001. On New Year's Eve it's resident DJ Michael Tank from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for the New Years dance party, and on January 1, resident DJ Jimmy Skinner spins 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

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Have a Country 2002 — Usher in 2002 in cowboy style at Brazos River Bottom, with the New Year's party starting at 9 p.m. There'll be a champagne toast at midnight and a breakfast buffet at 2 a.m. Then BRB presents black-eyed peas and cabbage on New Years Day.

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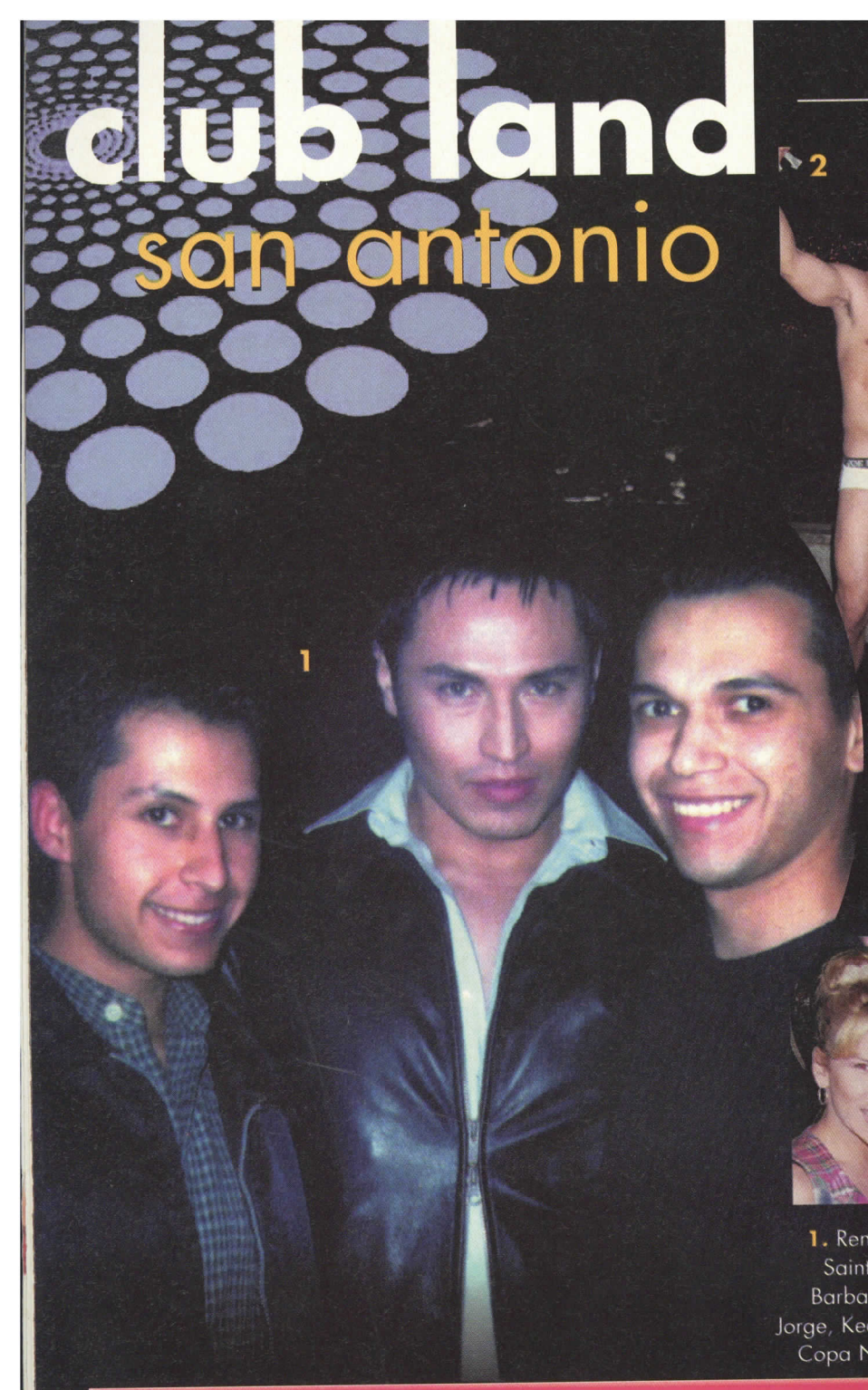
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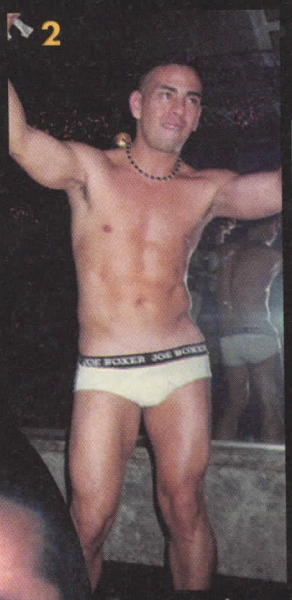
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1. Rene, Tony and Tim at Bonham Exchange. **2.** Frank at the Saint. **3.** Jesse and Mike at Copa Nightclub. **4.** Karen and Barbara at Petticoat Junction. **5.** Lee at the Annex. **6.** Dario, Jorge, Keeton and Gilbert at 2015 Place. **7.** Paige and Cece at Copa Nightclub. **8.** Nancy and Laura at Silver Dollar Saloon.

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It's Here — Heat, the new men's dance bar, debuts tonight with doors opening at 9 p.m. The club rings in the New Year on December 31 with DJ Blaine Soileau of Dallas. Take your shirt off and dance!

Super Celebration — The Saint gets warmed up for the big night with its Super Sunday Show on December 30, with special guests Layl La Rue and Christina Ross. Then on New Years Eve, celebrate in Saint style with tons of door prizes and drawings for DVD players, VCRs and other audio/video gear.

Hot Stop — The Annex celebrates on New Years Eve with its traditional free champagne toast at midnight and free party favors. Then New Years Day the club offers homemade black-eyed peas and cornbread and drink specials. On Sunday, December 30, the Gay Dart League holds their monthly BBQ at the Annex, with BBQ beef and chicken for a $4 donation.

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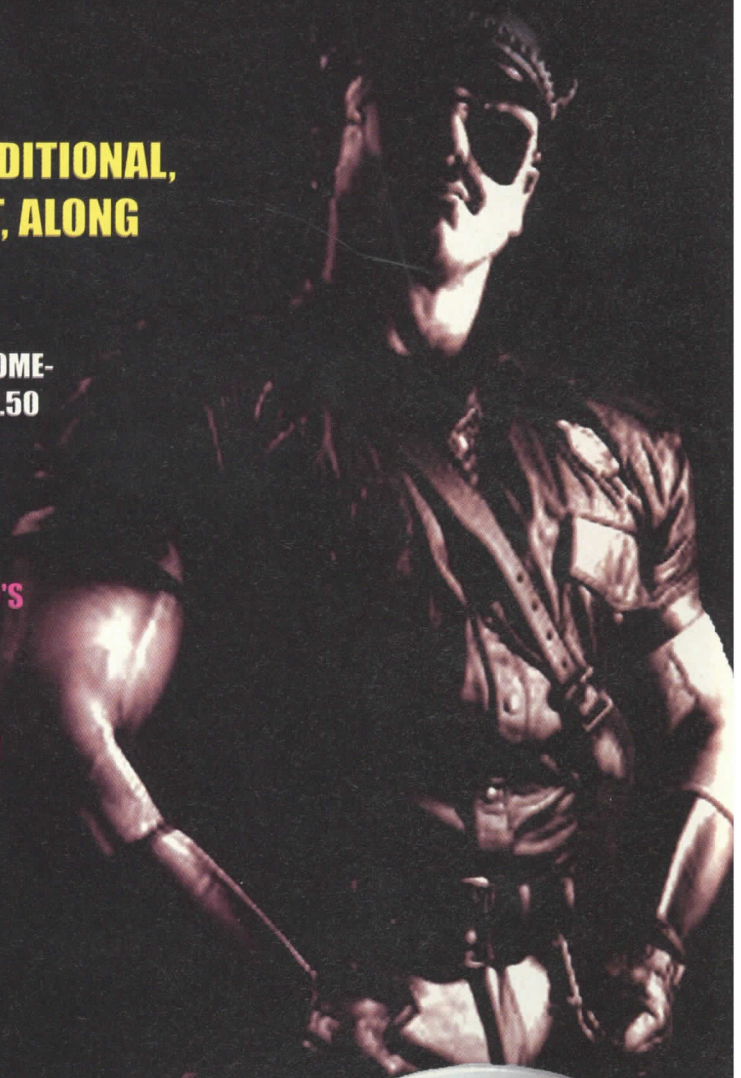
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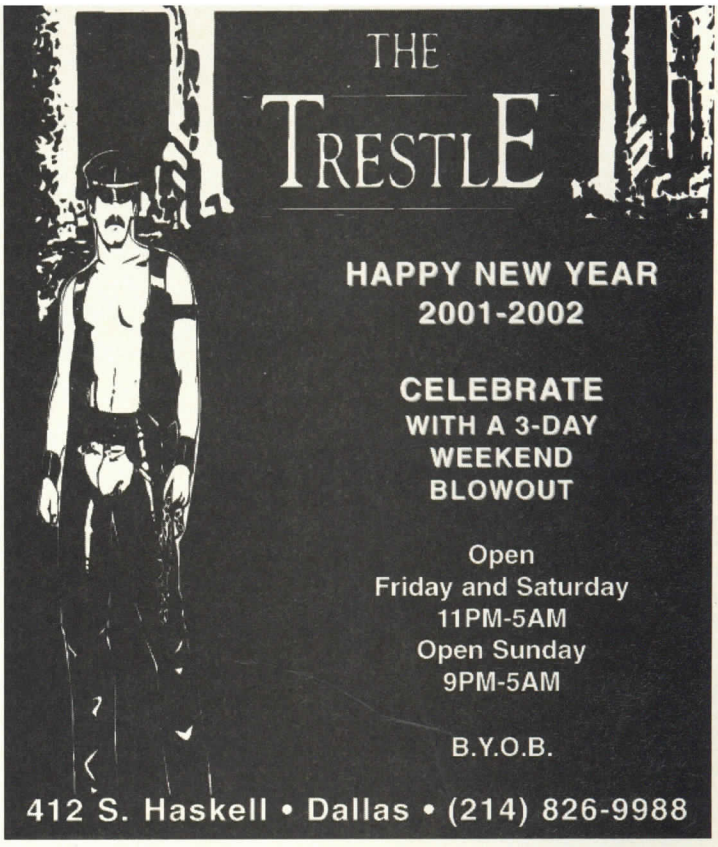
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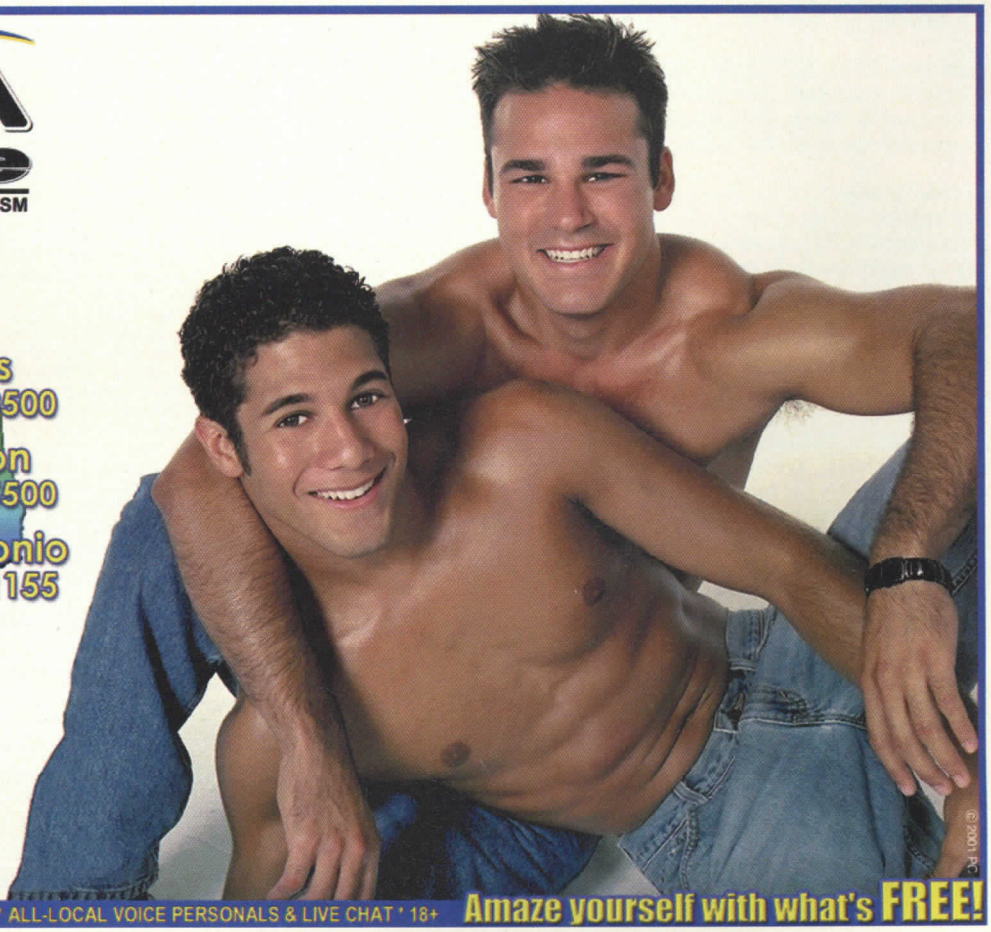
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Capricorn (December 22-January 19) That investor you expected to ante up last week finally came through. Now there's a couple of reasons to be celebrating this weekend. Success (especially in your career) seems to be coming at you from various directions. If you could only land a steady beau that easily, life would be a real joy.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) This week looks to be quite intense but so very satisfying as well. Try to repay any personal loans ASAP. Add some extra-strength time-release vitamin C to your intake. Cut back on the coffee and those nerves may actually calm down a bit. Accept the first invitation that you receive for this weekend.

Pisces (February 19-March 20) The week will most likely fluctuate between being red hot (romantic issues) to freezing cold (job-related matters). There's likely to be very little in between. This can be very inspiring, though, especially for very artistic individuals. It's a great way to relieve stress while perhaps creating a masterpiece.

Aries (March 20-April 19) Continue to grab all of the bucks that you're able to while you can, Aries. Financial aspects look high right through next month. It looks like a really fun-filled weekend is in store (and you probably won't be alone, either). Be very careful giving out constructive criticism on Tuesday. It may end up backfiring on you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Torn between two cities, are you, Taurus? Well, you can't live in both places at once (though you'd sure like to try it). Don't choose until you're in a calm state of mind. You'll be going at warp drive on Wednesday. Listen to what your partner has to say. Don't borrow money this week unless you really need it.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Learn to tune out what bothersome people are saying, and you'll be a much happier guy. This week will have much more momentum than last week. Make a special effort to cheer up a friend who's down in the dumps. Why not treat yourself to a steam, sauna and Jacuzzi? Your bod will be very grateful for it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Why not economize this weekend by just staying at home for a change? It's always good to have a few extra dollars, right, Cancer? It looks as though you'll be irresistible Saturday night (take full advantage of it). Leave that new business venture alone until after the 9th. Take time to mend a fence before Monday.

Leo (July 23-August 22) You'd be wise to take off the next couple of days, because the career pace kicks back into high gear on Tuesday, Leo. Even champion athletes skip a workout day occasionally. The investments you sought for so long are finally here and locked in, so get out and cut loose. You're way overdue for some serious fun.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) That's quite an important decision that needs to be made, Virgo — whether to stay at that comfortable job (with all its perks) or to try venturing out on your own. Each one has its advantages, but it would be a shame to miss out on what could be a golden opportunity. Give this some serious thought.

Libra (September 23-October 22) Once your mind has been made up, that's pretty much it, Libra. You could try being a bit more flexible and actually hearing out what others have to say. That recent cash crunch is over with, so don't worry so much about splurging a little on Sunday night. Take good care of your throat.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) Although that recent near-miss has left you a bit gun shy, don't allow it to keep you from trying again at some point. Have the coolant in your car's radiator checked. Don't be pressured into doing a big favor for a friend (even if guilt is applied). It's definitely the ideal time for updating that PC of yours

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) After kissing all of those toads, isn't it a pleasure to finally have that prince in a lip-lock? It looks like this could be the real "twin flame" of your life, Sag. Just stay calm and don't panic! A new opportunity to earn extra money is just around the corner. Be sure to keep your eyes open for it.

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