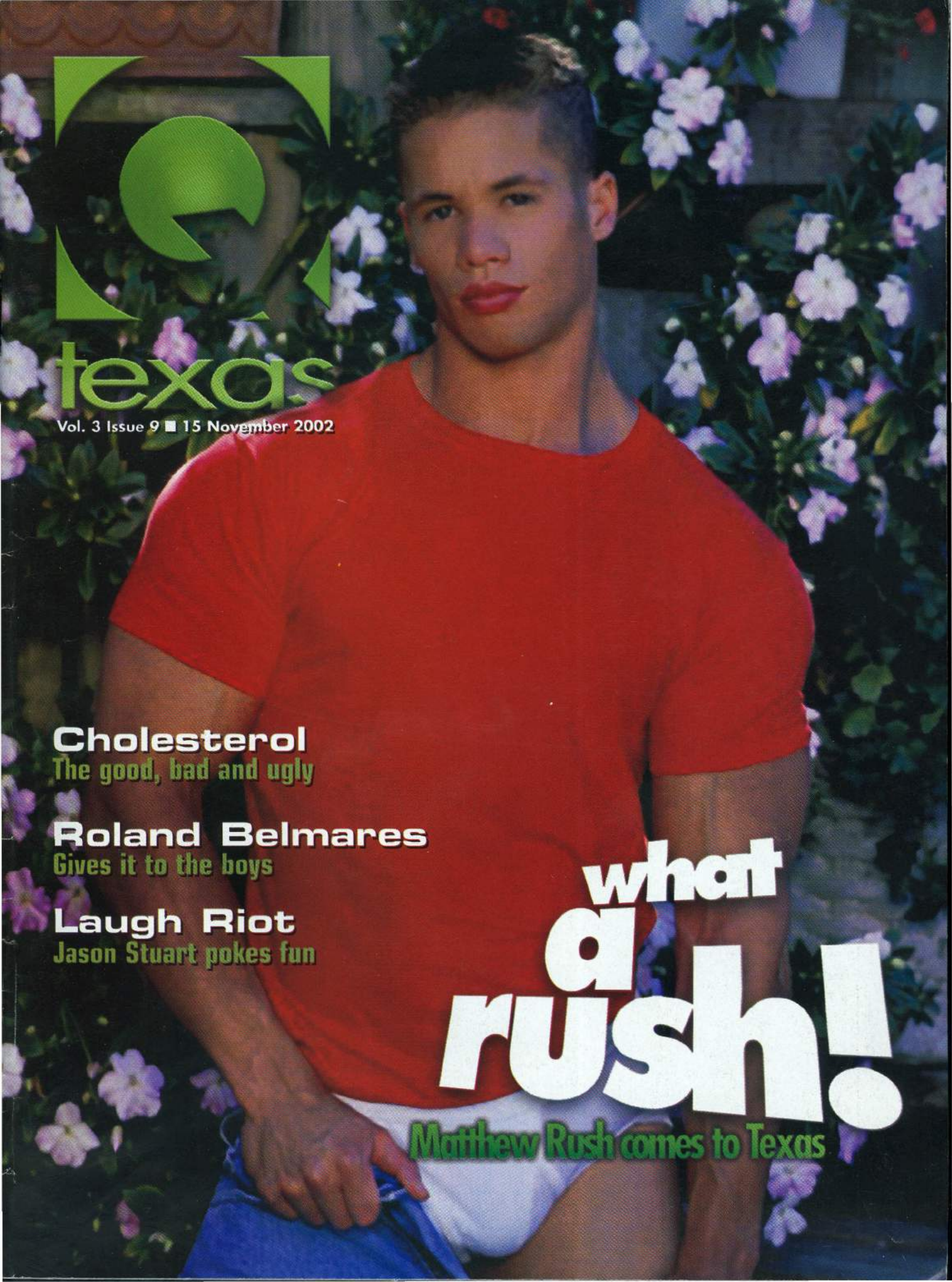

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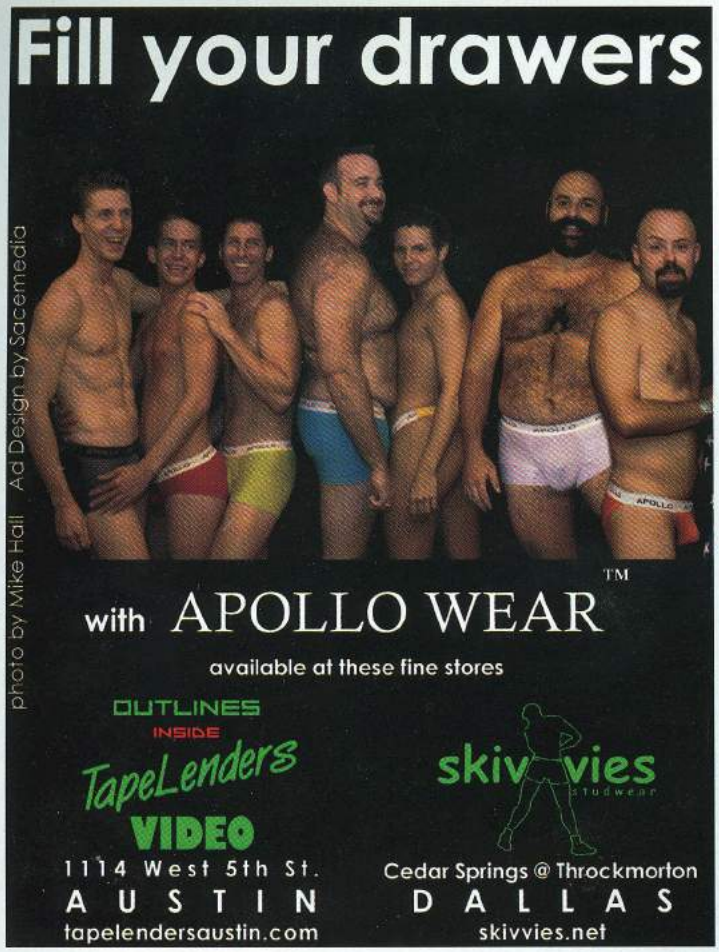
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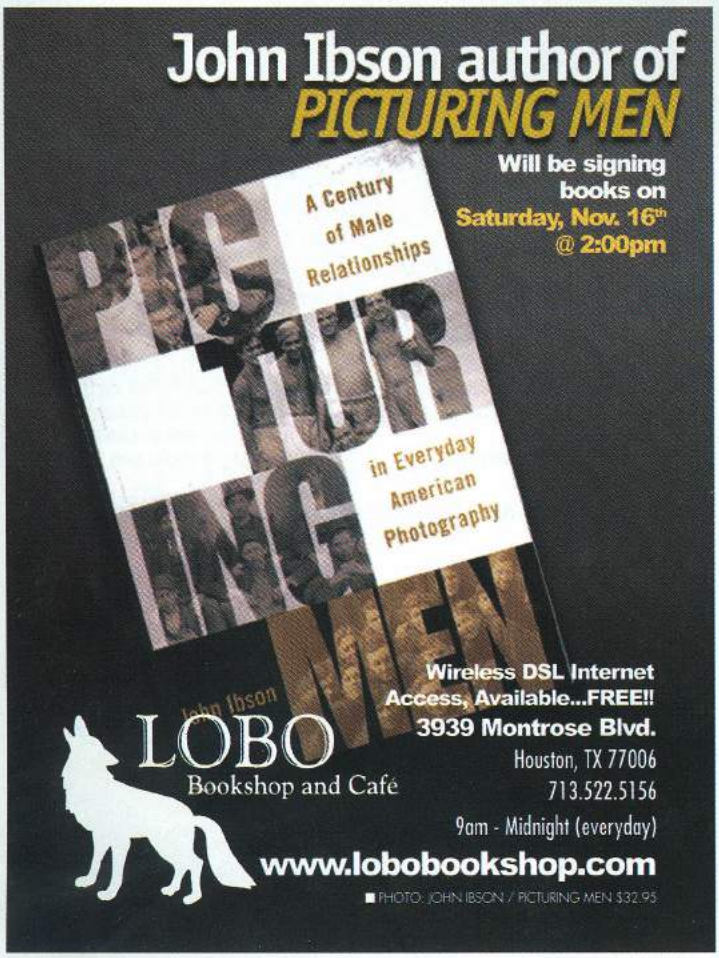
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new album *Other People's Songs*.

Bell says, "It was going to be an album of Phil Spector songs because I was really crazy about his stuff when I was a teenager. A lot of my choices on the album have come from my parents' record collection."

Meg Ryan and Dennis Quaid's 10-year-old son, Jack, is quizzing his dad about his own sexuality after learning the actor is playing a gay man in a new movie.

Quaid plays a struggling married gay man in '50s America in the new movie, *Far From Heaven*, and the role has led to some probing sex questions from his son.

Quaid reveals, "The other day he said, 'How do you know if you're gay?' and I said, 'Well, let me ask you a question — Are you attracted to girls or guys?'

"He said, 'Well, I'm attracted to girls,' to which I said, '"Well, then you're not gay."'

Quaid admits he's impressed with his son's early sexual curiosity, but says he quietly hopes his son grows up straight — only because he'll have an easier life that way.

He adds, "With him it's an open thing. We have friends who are like that.

"If a child of mine turned out to be gay or whatever, it wouldn't change the way I love him. But, at the same time, I think it's harder to be gay in this world."

And playing a gay man in his new movie brought back childhood memories for Quaid — when his two best pals came out to him.

The actor's best pals in high school were gay, and he used their experiences of coming out of the closet in Texas as the basis for his new character, Frank Whitaker — his first experience playing gay on the big screen.

He recalls, "I was the first straight person they came out to. I kind of went through it with them — telling their parents and all that. It was a real shocking thing.



"One friend's father threatened to kill him, and the other guy really struggled with being straight — he got married and had kids, his wife knowing that he was gay. He tried to be bisexual at one point in his life, and now he lives with his lover, and he's still very much a devoted father and everything. He worked it out."

Quaid says he also used his past drug addiction as material for his character, who battles silently with his homosexuality away from his wife and kids in the '50s period film.

He explains, "My character is a person who felt deep shame about his behavior, especially because back then there was no one to talk

to about it. There was this secret life and I know that's what I had when I was doing blow."

Pop chart-topper Elton John is set to celebrate the life of flamboyant rock star Freddie Mercury by making a TV miniseries of his life.

The biopic will be an affectionate portrayal of the legendary Queen frontman who died in 1991. The two pop stars were close friends, often indulging in massive cocaine binges.

Sir Elton reveals, "We'd be up for nights. Queen would be about to catch a plane and Freddie would be like 'Another line, dear?'"

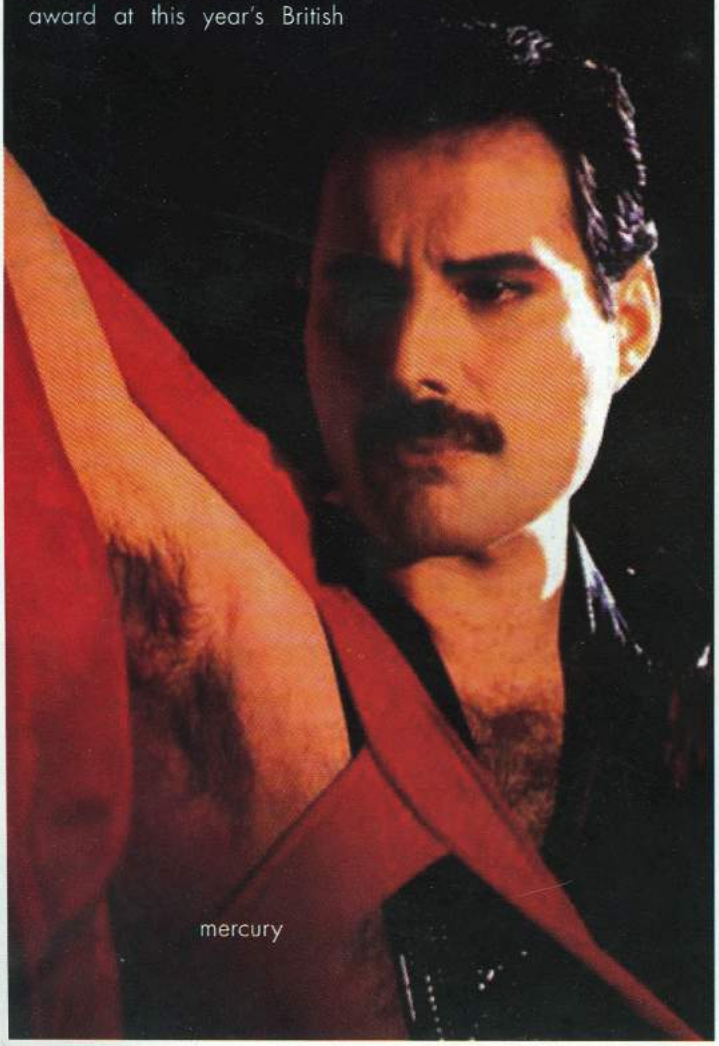
By the way, fashion-conscious Elton and songwriting partner Bernie Taupin will receive a special songwriting award at this year's British Phonographic Industry awards.

However, the immensely successful partnership who have penned "Daniel" and "Candle in the Wind," among many others, now hate each other.

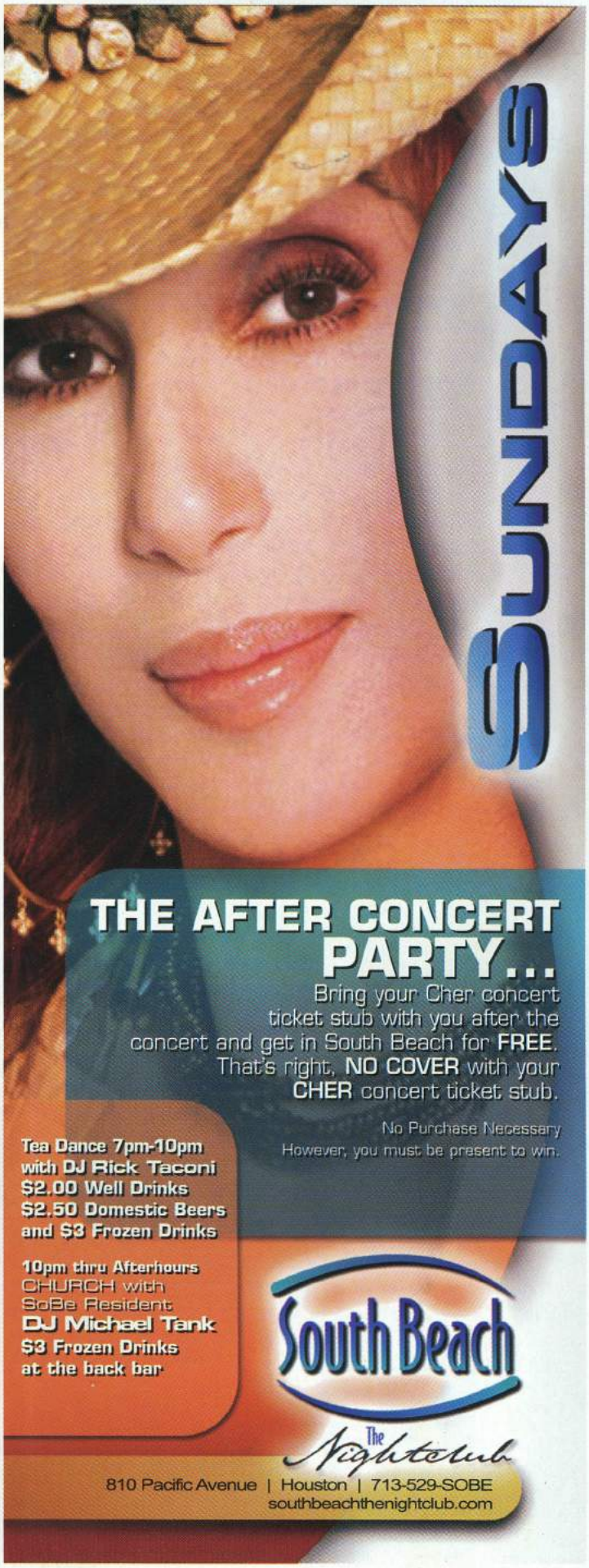
The musical greats have even gone so far as asking organizers to arrange that they arrive separately and at different times, use separate entrances and be seated at tables as far away from each other as possible.

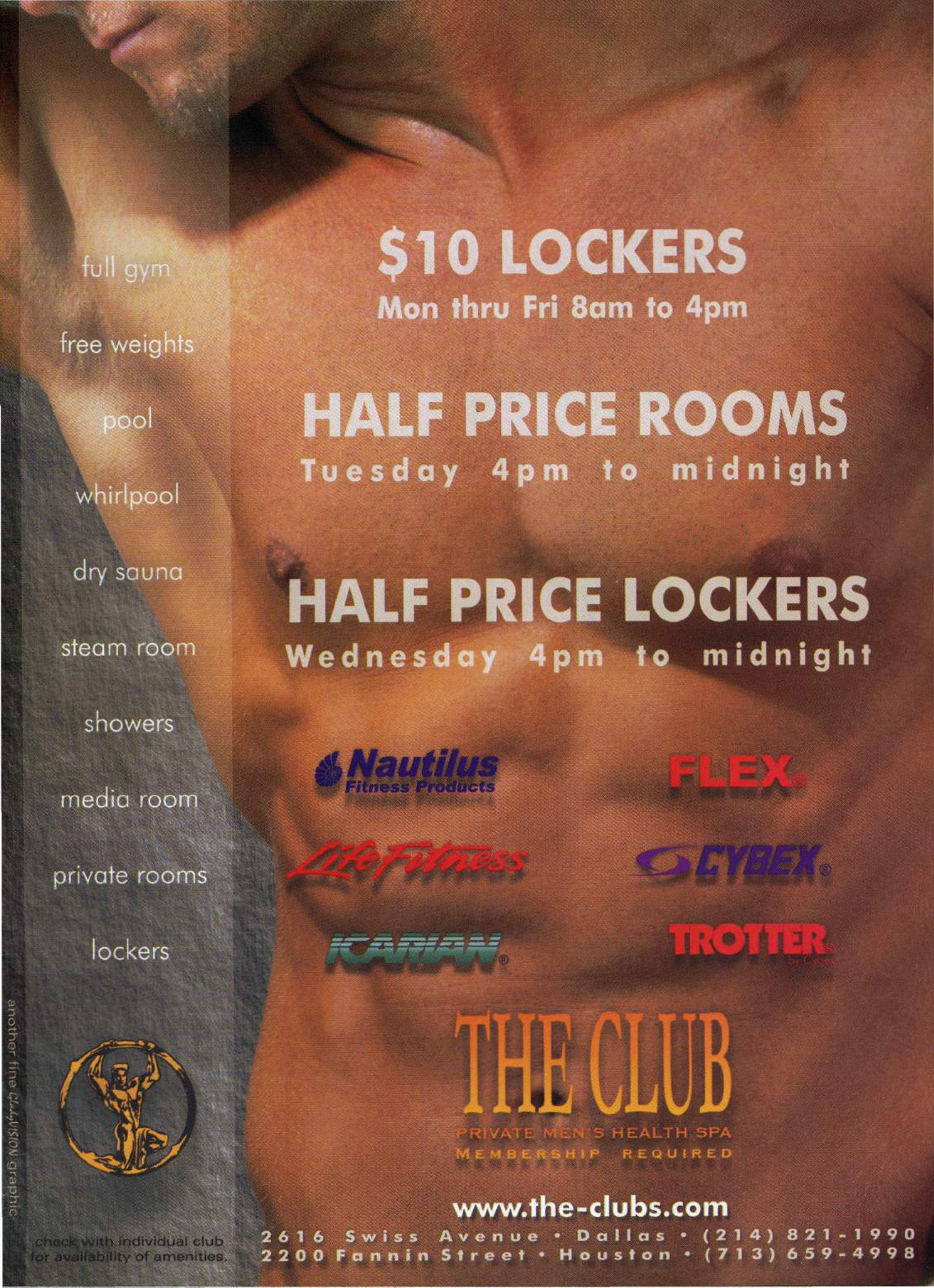
The pair fought over royalties two years ago and have yet to make up — even though they both still write music together.

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phases to metabolism: anabolic and catabolic. The anabolic, or constructive phase, converts compounds from nutrients into substances your body can use. The catabolic, or destructive phase, reconverts the substances into similar compounds to get the energy release needed to keep body cells going. Metabolism is measured in calories. The number of calories you burn in a day depends on several factors — including your basal metabolic rate (BMR), how much you exercise and your body's muscle to fat ratio.

If you have a fever, your metabolism can increase 10 to 30 percent. That's why you lose weight fast when you are in bed with the flu. Women experience a higher metabolic rate when they menstruate. Digesting your food also causes your metabolism to increase, as does your hormones, such as insulin.

Your BMR (as defined above) refers to how many calories you burn at rest to maintain body functions, including brain activity, heartbeat and breathing. It usually accounts for half or more of your daily caloric expenditure. Your abdominal tissues alone account for about 27 percent of your BMR — largely to manufacture compounds that your body needs to function. The more lean muscle mass you have in your body and the less fat, the more calories you tend to burn. That's one of the reasons experts tout strength training as a way to build lean muscle mass. It's also why men, who tend to have more lean muscle mass than women, burn more calories. As we age, our BMR decreases about two percent a decade. This is why it's harder to lose weight as we get older; however, a declining BMR has to do with losing lean muscle mass. So if you work your muscles through exercise, you can keep your metabolism from slowing down too much.

If you have tried to lose weight, you may be convinced that it's so difficult because your metabolism is slow. One way to find out is to see your doctor — but don't be surprised if it winds up being normal.

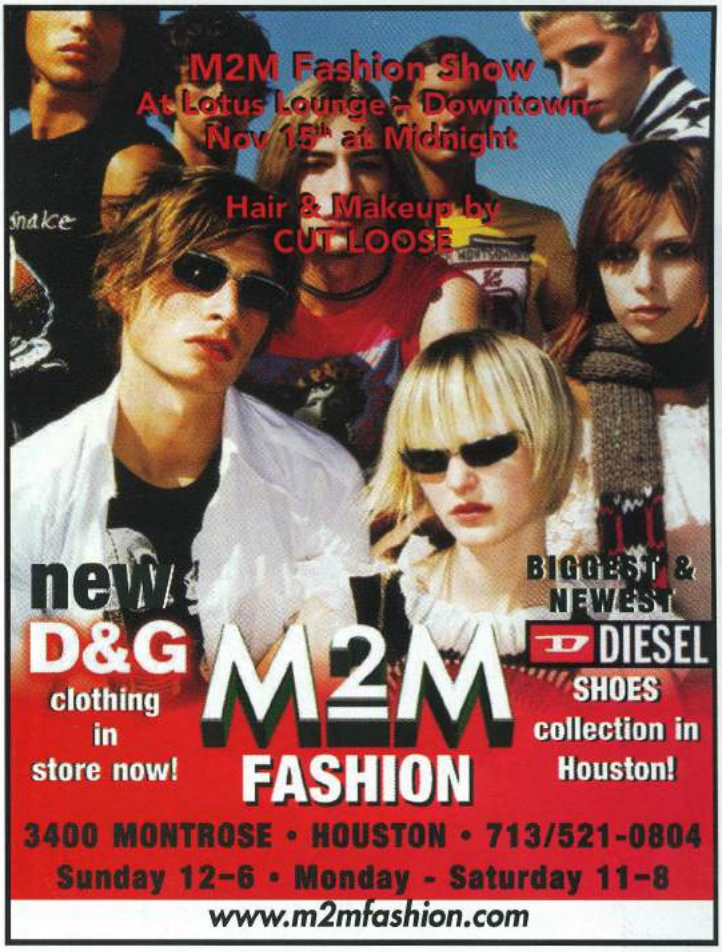
"About 90 percent of the people we test who think they have a slow metabolism find out it's pretty normal," Dr. Michael Jansen says.

Since we are all inundated with advertising that professes 10 pounds of fat loss a week, it's no wonder that we fail because we set unrealistic goals. You can expect to lose one or two pounds of fat per week if you eat right and exercise.

Boosting your caloric burn throughout the day is easy. Just remember to not take shortcuts: take a walk, ride a bike, take the stairs instead of the elevator, park far away from the store and walk. Think of ways you can increase your caloric burn and put them into action. Now that you know how metabolism works, you're armed with the ability to burn, baby burn more calories.

As always, I wish you the best in your quest for the best for yourself!

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What's the Rush?

Award-winning Matthew Rush leaves fans clamoring for more

event

Fans in Austin and San Antonio will get a chance to see Rush up close and personal this weekend. He's scheduled to appear on Friday night at The Forum in Austin, with a meet-and-greet at 11 p.m. and a live performance at midnight. On Saturday he appears in the Alamo City at HEAT Men's Dance Club, with shows at 11:30 p.m. and 2 a.m. and an autograph session between the shows.

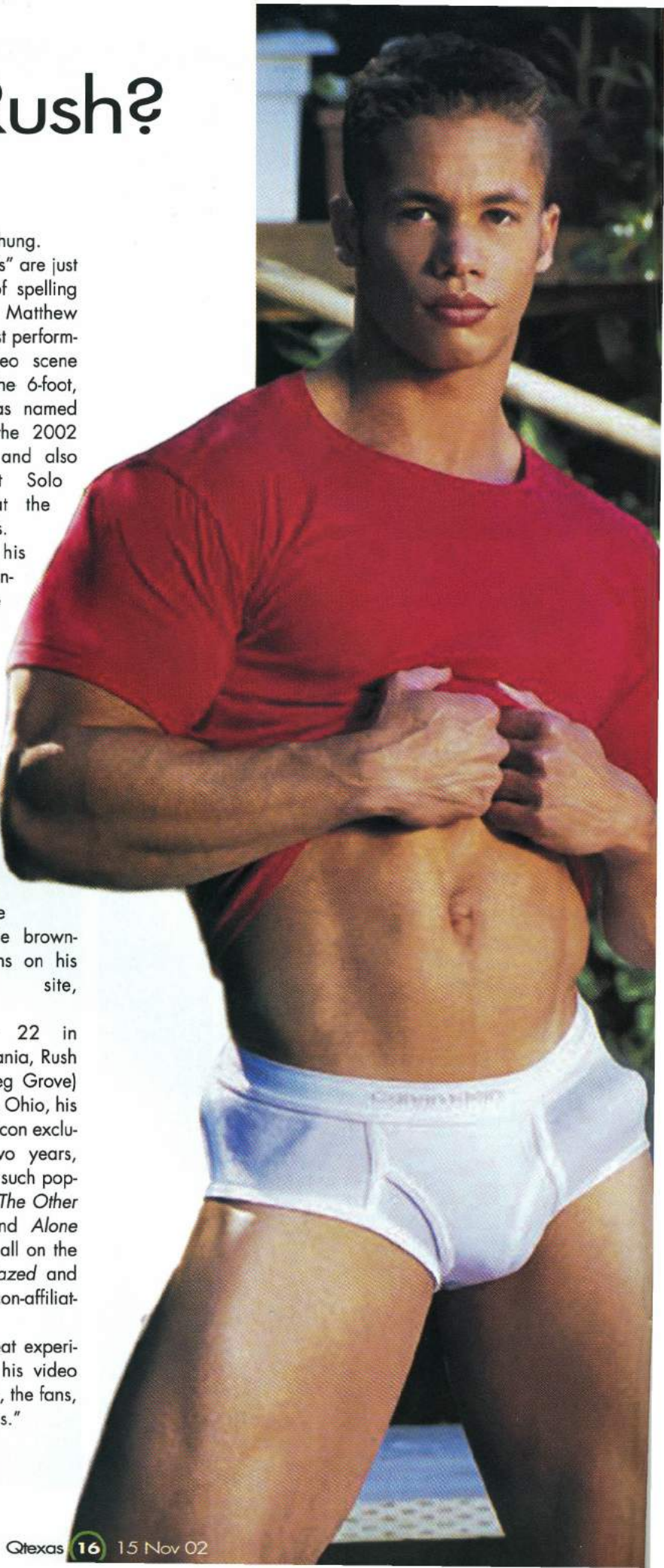
Hot, handsome, hung. These three "H's" are just another way of spelling the name of Matthew Rush, one of the hottest performers on the gay video scene today. No wonder the 6-foot, 30-year-old Virgo was named Best Newcomer at the 2002 GayVN awards — and also captured the Best Solo Performance title at the 2002 Grabby Awards.

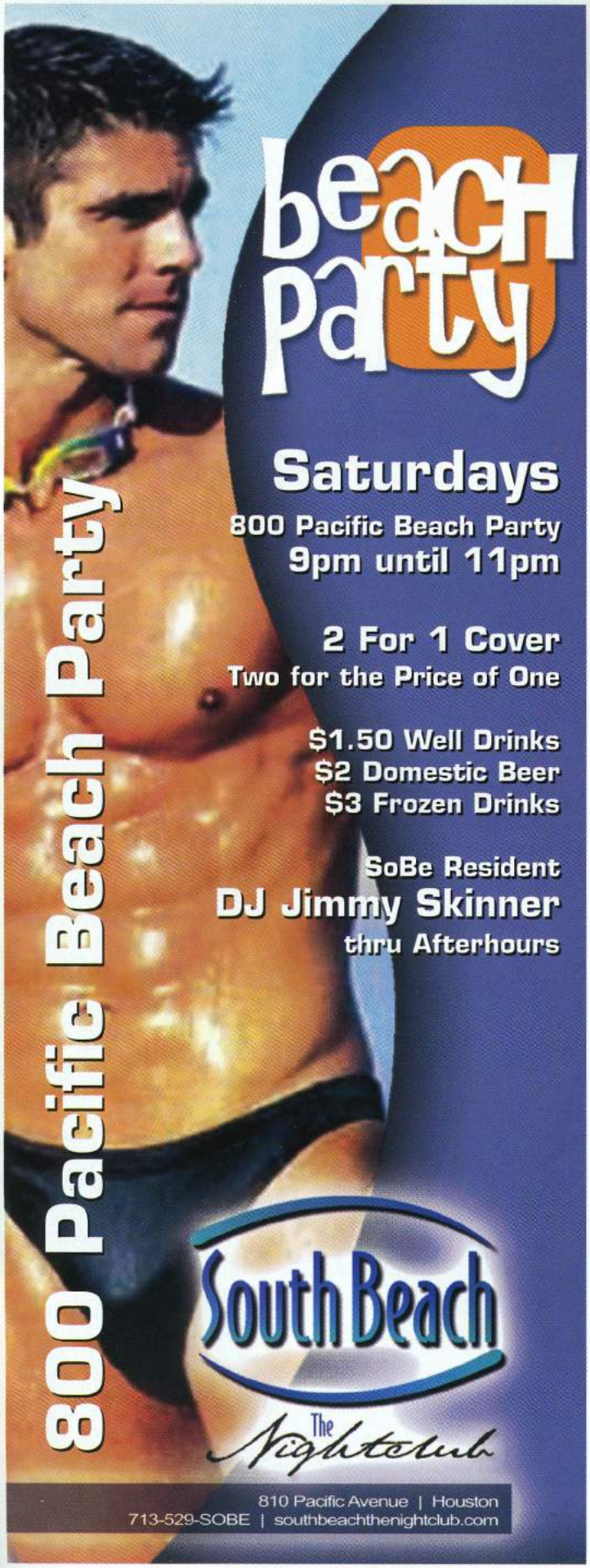
In addition to his video work and personal appearances, the 193-pound Rush works as a personal trainer — and his expertise in the weight room shows in his perfectly chiseled bodybuilder frame.

"In my spare time, I love to read, rollerblade, work out and spend quality time with my friends," the brown-eyed beauty tells fans on his personal Web site, matthewrush.com.

Born September 22 in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, Rush (his real name is Greg Grove) now makes Columbus, Ohio, his home. He's been a Falcon exclusive for the past two years, where he's turned out such popular films as *Bounce, The Other Side of Aspen V* and *Alone With: Matthew Rush*, all on the Falcon label, and *Hazed* and *Hooked* with the Falcon-affiliated Jocks Studio.

"It has been a great experience," Rush says of his video work, "and I have you, the fans, to thank for my success."





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Stuart is building quite a resume. He was born in the Bronx and raised in Los Angeles by what he calls a "very crazy and lovable Jewish family."

He's played the comedy club circuit and festivals many times over the years, and also enjoys touring college campuses. While he says all that traveling can get lonely (he's currently taking applications for a boyfriend), he relishes the power he feels for being able to do things on his own.

Whatever his venue, Stuart says his audience is definitely a mix of gays and straights, with the latter making up about 60 percent.

Whatever one's sexual orientation, Stuart says he just likes to make people laugh. And there's few topics he's afraid to broach.

"I don't understand this whole war thing," he says. "How is it working?

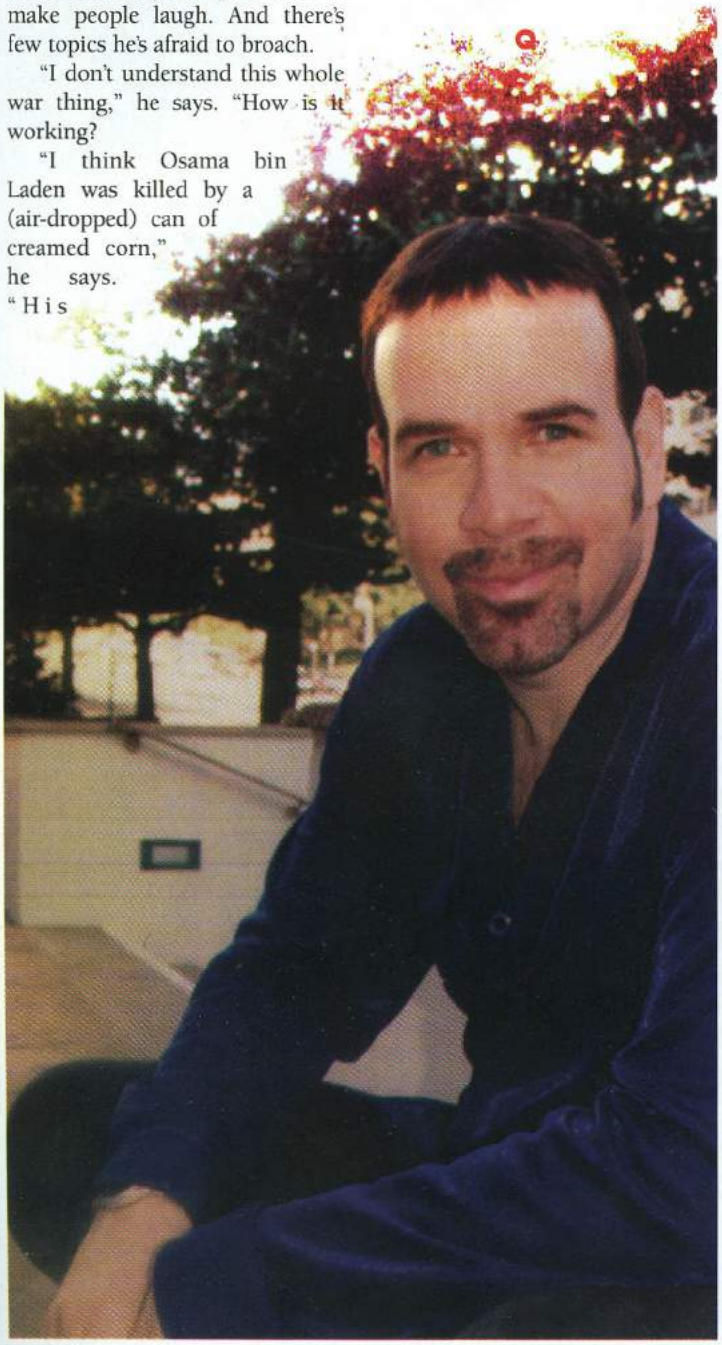
"I think Osama bin Laden was killed by a (air-dropped) can of creamed corn," he says. "His last words were Mmm, Mmm, Good!"

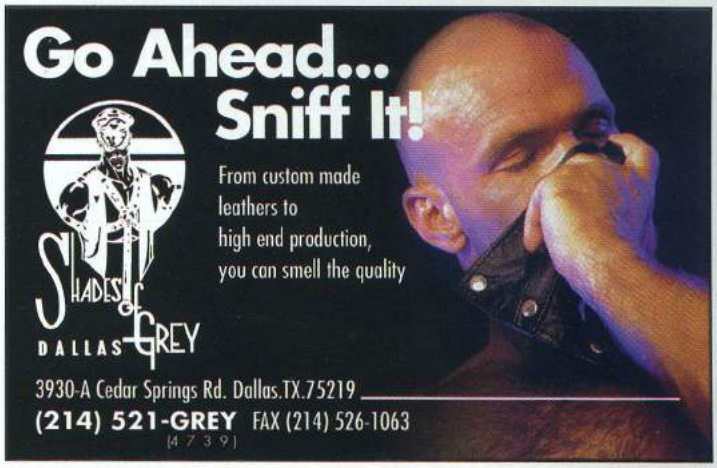
But all kidding aside, he does give credit where credit is due: namely Ellen DeGeneres.

"She made a big difference in my life," Stuart says. "She opened the closet door. Then *Will & Grace* let us walk right out."

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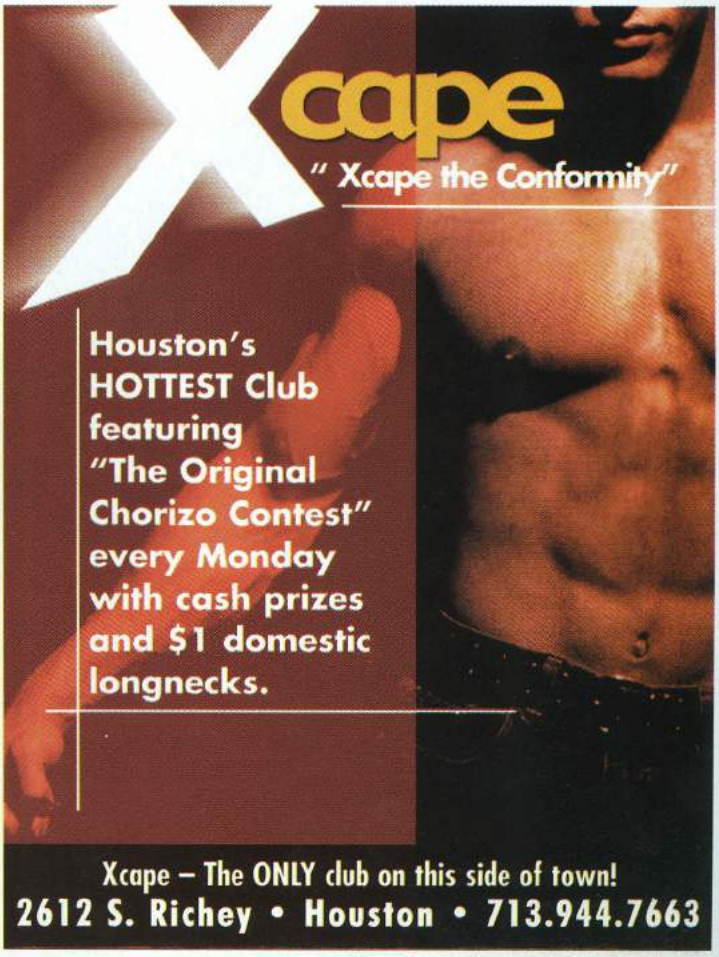
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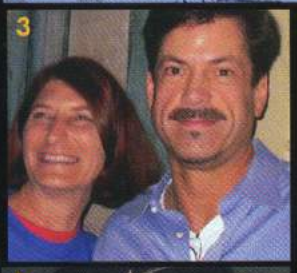
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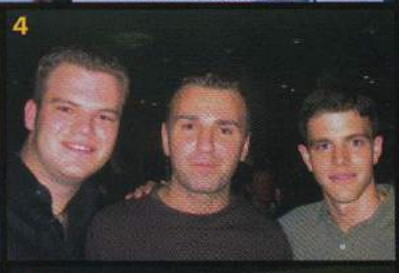
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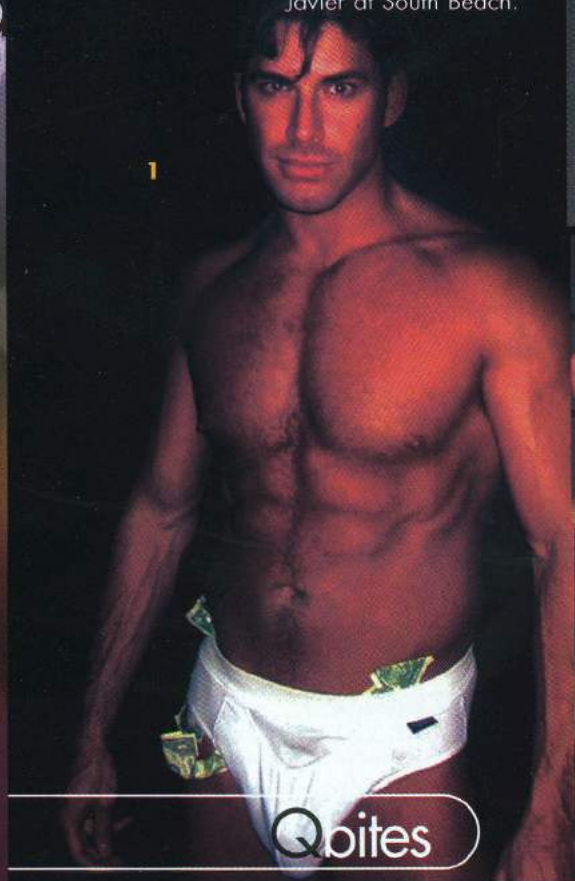












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CD Release Party — Head over to Diamond Jimm's on Friday, November 15 for the debut of David Lopez' Latin Lover. It benefits the Transgendered Homeless Shelter. Lopez will be performing live and available for autographs. On Saturday, November 16, it's the Whip It Wild Weekend. This event is a "closed-door" party, open to members only!

Thanks for Cher-ing — Want to see Cher in her final concert tour? Then go to Meteor on November 13-15 for your chance to win tickets.

It's Talent Night — At Club Kilipso on Tuesdays with your beautiful hostesses Ashley Houston and Erikka D'Angelo. It's also a great place for Latin music with refreshing DJ Joe Corona.

Have A Ball — On Saturday, November 16, the Light In Darkness Black Ball returns to Rich's. Music by International DJ Warren Gluck, performance by Catherine Burnside — The Vamp. Mood Lighting and visuals by Gary Archer. Advance tickets available at Basic Brothers and M2M Fashions. $15 door after 11 p.m. Produced by M2M Entertainment, Inc. Log on to richs-houston.com or call 713-759-9606.

Name That Tune — Roger Woest is at the piano on Friday, November 15 at Keys West; Wayne Gray entertains on Saturday, November 16 and there's an open dart tournament on Sunday. Call 713-571-7870 for details.

Mama Mia! — It's time for Pasta Sundays during the month of November at Decades with tasty dinners served every Sunday at 3 p.m.

Harvest Time — Colt 45's Fall Harvest is on Sunday, November 17 from 4-10 p.m. at Brazos River Bottom. It benefits the Colt 451 charities. $5 suggested donation. A silent auction will feature shoes decorated by local entertainers and organizations.

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Scorpio (October 23-November 21) The week starts out on a rather sluggish note, but kicks into high gear on Sunday. A full moon and lunar eclipse in your opposing sign of Taurus on the 19th causes a career shakeup. Check out all of the options before making any important decisions. Let your mate speak his peace.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) Thankfully, it's going to be incredibly busy for you right through New Year's. Incoming cash flow remains strong and steady. An old/minor knee problem could flare up temporarily. That attractive Taurean really does like you. Why not give him a chance, Sag? Don't be scared or you just might regret it. Stick close to home Tuesday night. That eclipse is liable to rattle your cage.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) An uneasy work alliance continues to thrive despite all predictions. It's important to hear what others have to say, Cappy. This holds especially true on Monday. A new client will end up providing you with a long term financial boost. Issues involving privacy at home could flare up next week.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) Your charm and charisma are at an all-time high. So get up off your butt and put these remarkable traits to good use. You've been in the doldrums and it's time to snap out of it. Those old "love wounds" are just about healed. Stop being such a recluse. Get back into the social scene this weekend!

Pisces (February 19-March 19) You'll be asked to mediate a dispute between two acquaintances — think it over before saying yes. That real estate investment deal is solid as a rock, so don't hesitate too long on it. Treat yourself to a full body massage this weekend. Spend Sunday alone if possible. You need time to clear and regroup.



Aries (March 20-April 19) We sense that a new love interest is just around the corner, so you'd better prepare yourself for a real treat. It's about time, too. You were not meant to fly solo for extended periods of time. When hiring a new employee, look at the resume, not how cute they are. Friday evening holds a lovely surprise.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) There's a full moon in your sign along with a lunar eclipse on Tuesday. It should have you energized, but wired. It's important to avoid people who tend to drain you that day. Work wise, the week looks quite smooth and the boss will be quite impressed with you. Catch up on long distance calls on Sunday.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Meddling friends and family members really do mean well, Gemmy. Don't blow your stack when they give advice. Just smile, say thanks and let it go in one ear and out the other. Things on the home front seem to be calming down a bit. It's amazing what compromising can do. Get away for the weekend, OK?

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Your energy levels will be off the charts as this week begins, and this is bound to affect your sleep patterns. Try to eat lighter than usual for a few days. Your metabolism will be grateful. Avoid speculative financial ventures, no matter how great they look. It's time to purchase a new PC. Start looking around.

Leo (July 23-August 22) No one can do it all, Leo — not even you. Delegating tasks is essential over the next couple of weeks. You won't be feeling up to snuff until after the 22nd. Take things slow and easy. We realize this isn't your favorite pace, but if you run on empty, there could be real problems. Ask a Pisces for advice.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) Unlike Leo, your energy levels look fine. You might consider increasing that current workout routine. A job that was offered to you before comes around again. You might want to seriously consider taking it this time. Don't be afraid to make changes. Shakeups are needed and they keep us from stagnating.

Libra (September 23-October 22) Finances appear to be bouncing back — finally. Let out a sigh of relief, but leave the credit cards at home. You look amazing and many people have told you so. Why are you still avoiding the dating scene? When was the last time you had some real fun, Libra? That long, huh?

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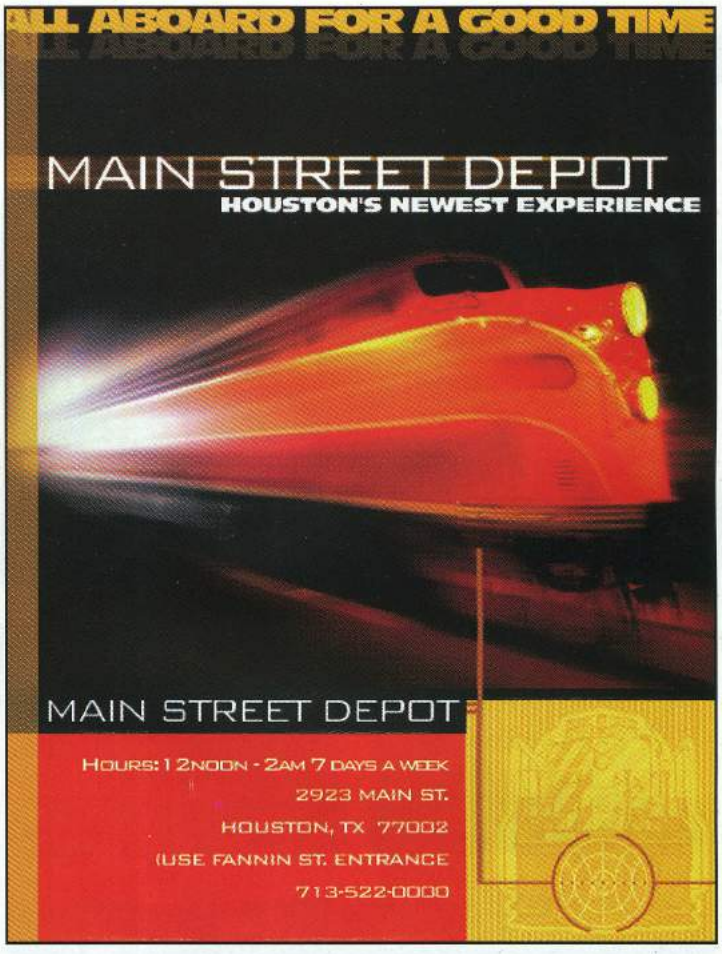
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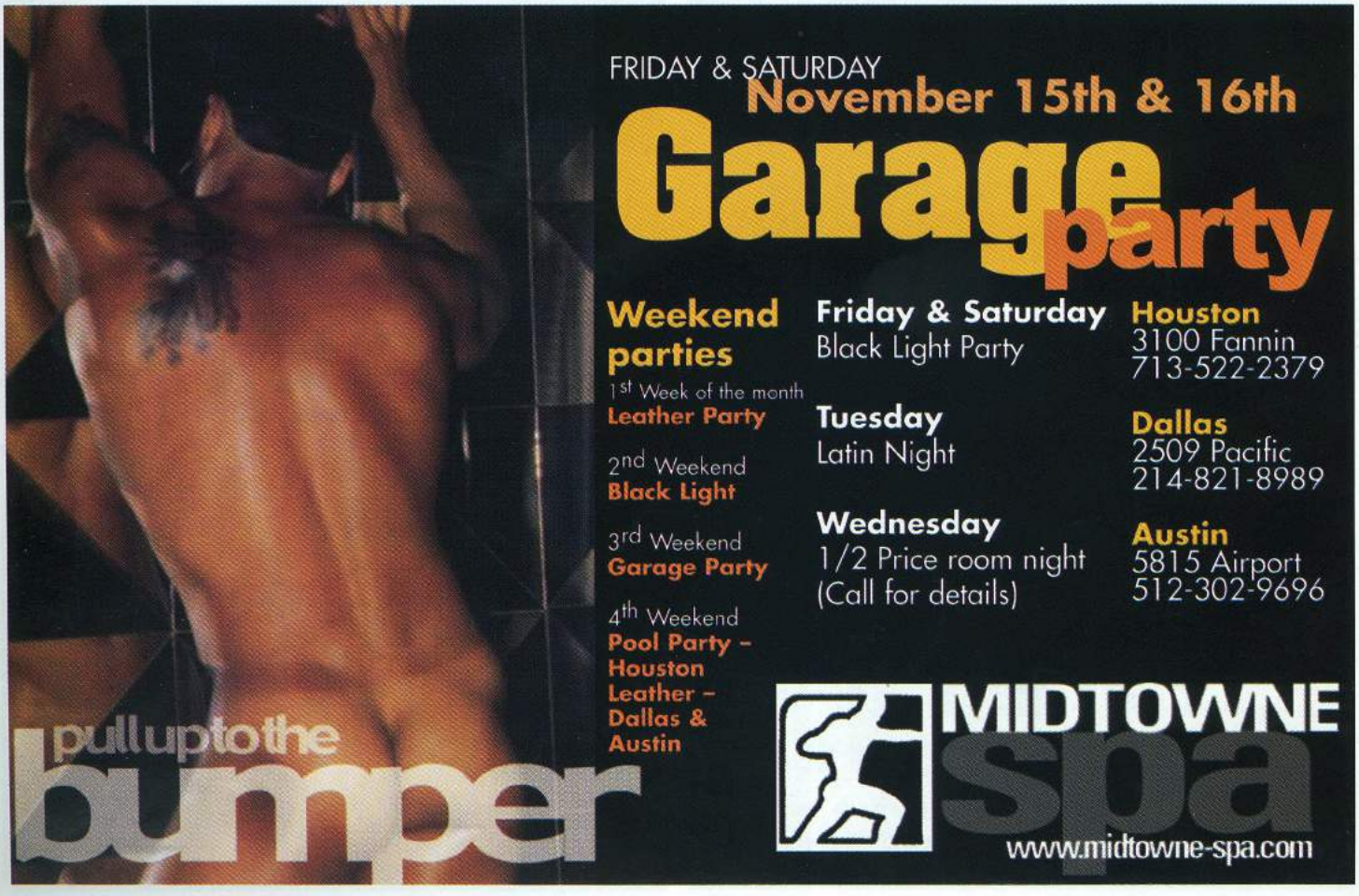
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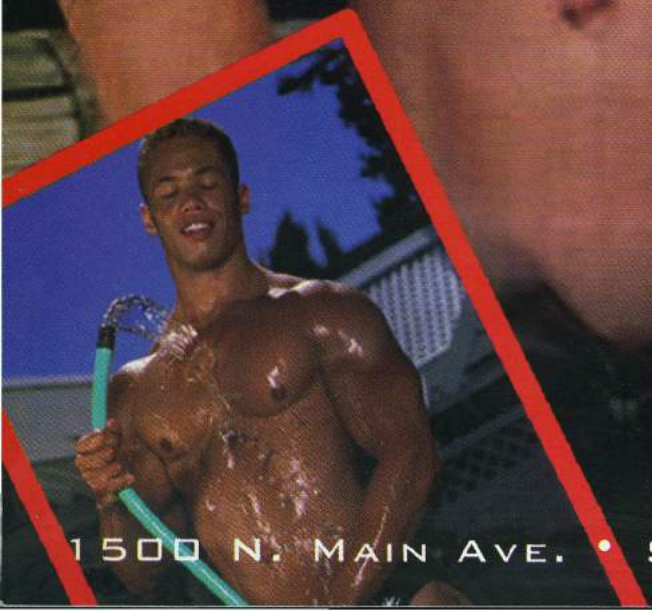
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