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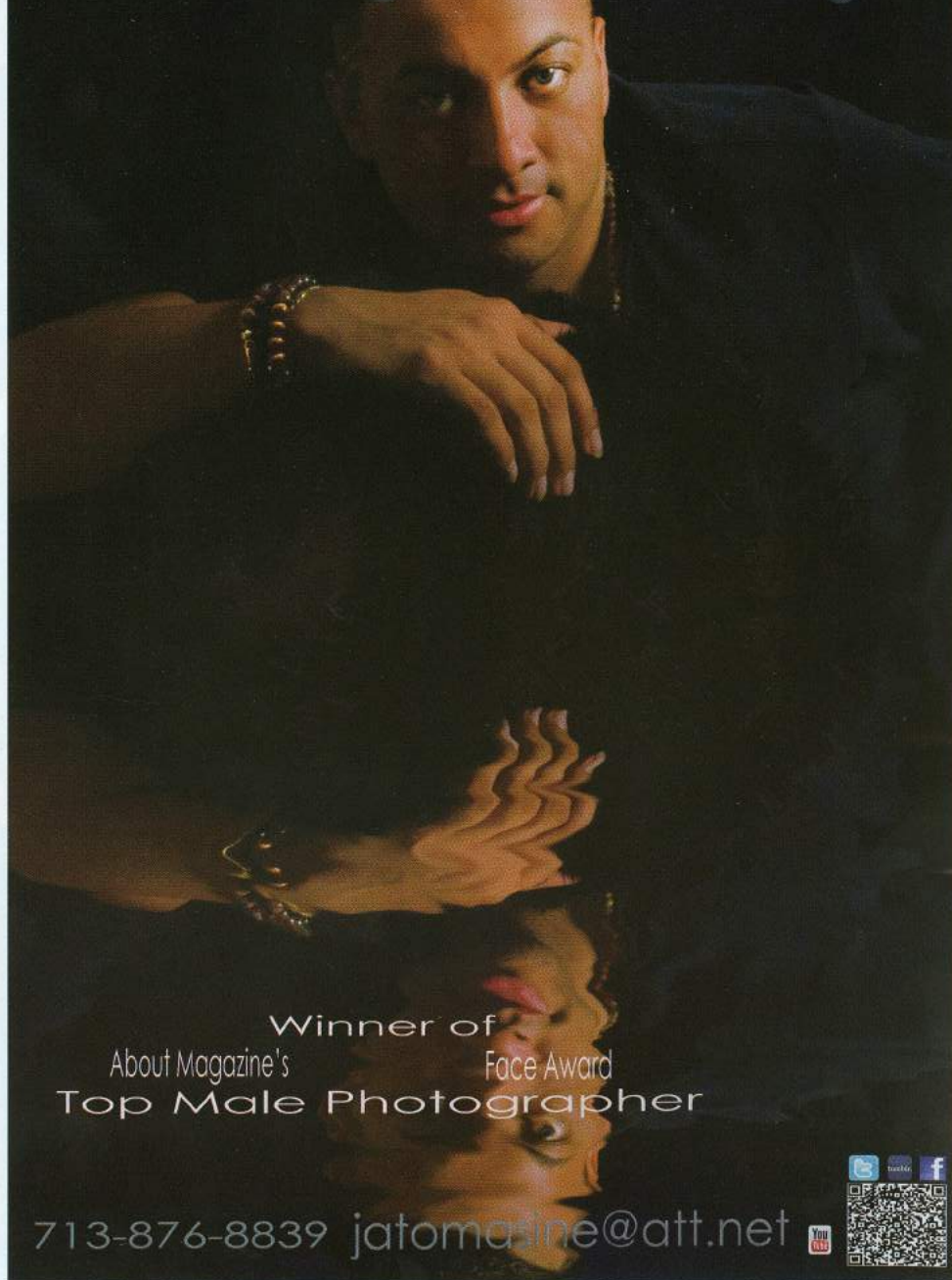
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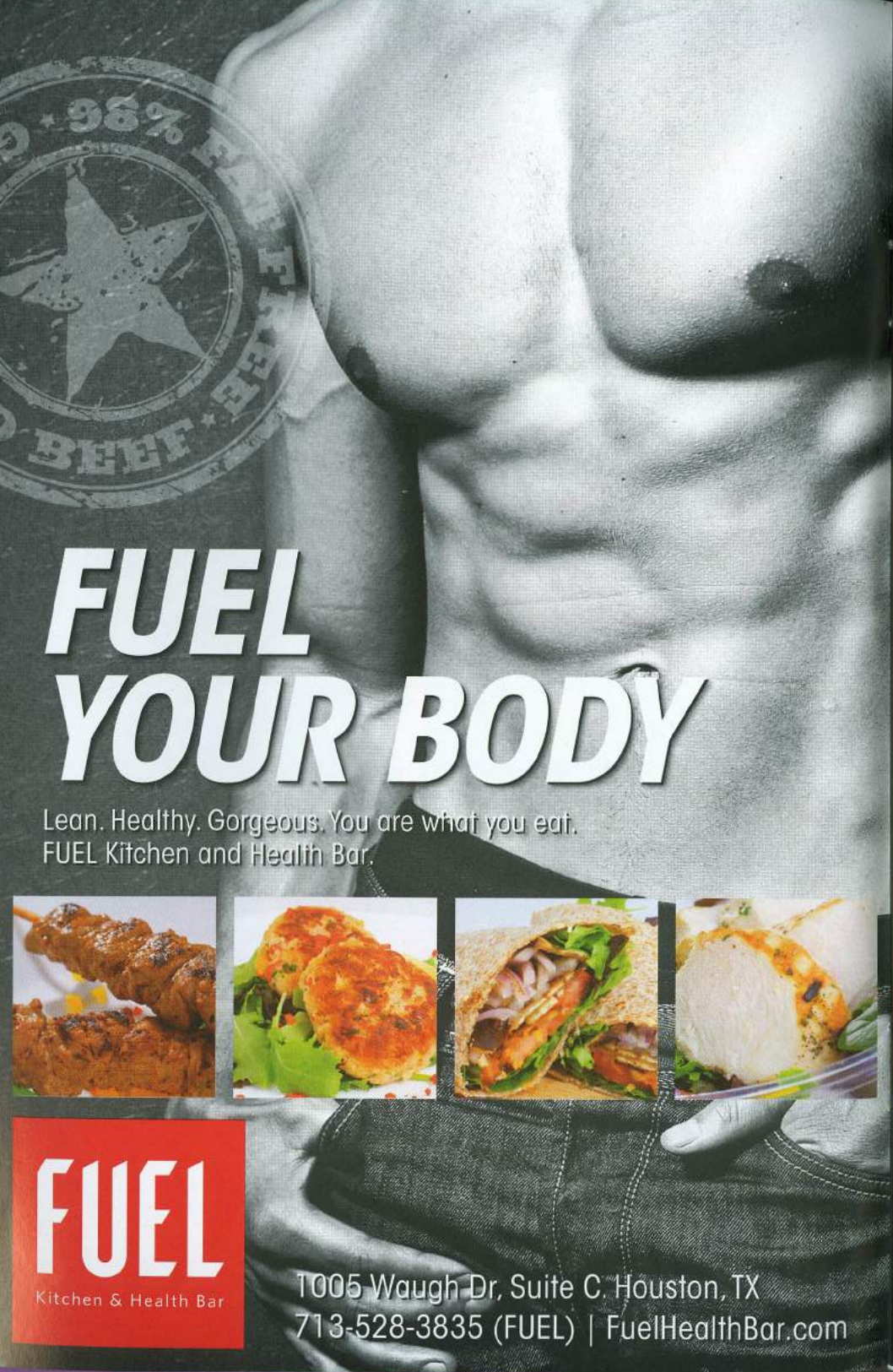
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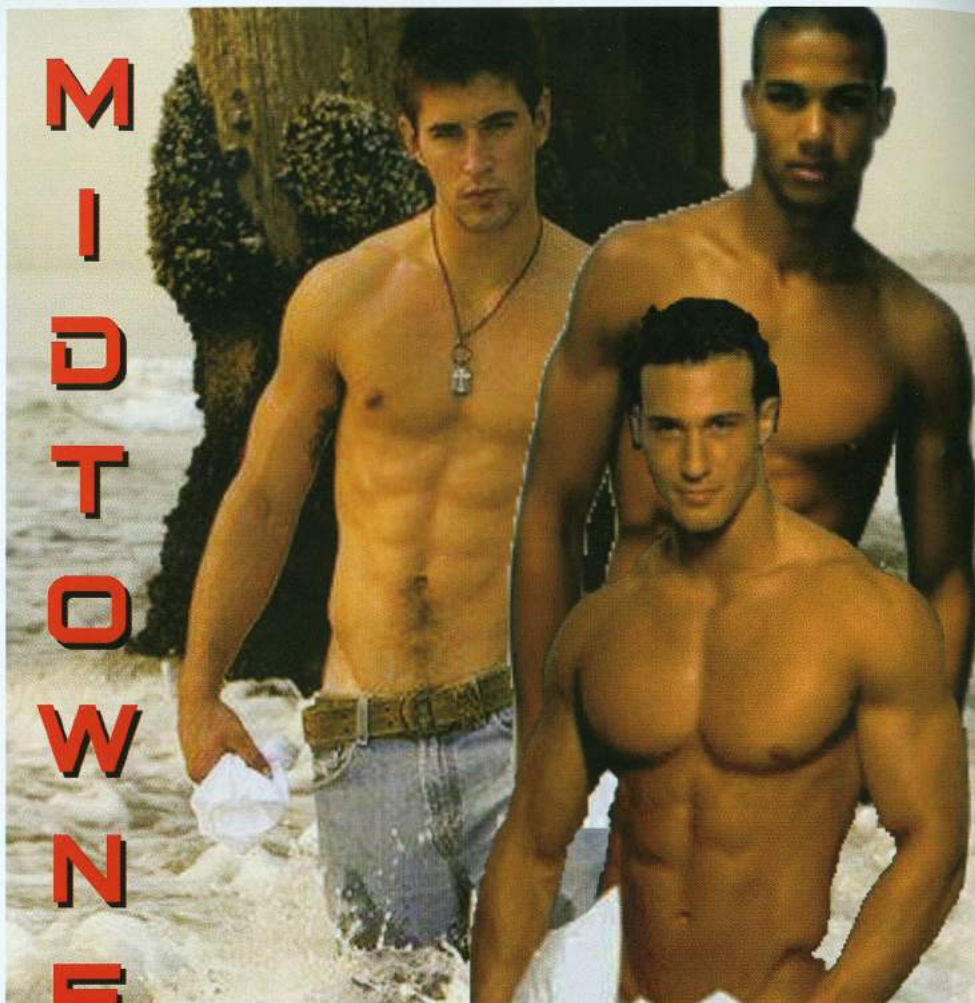
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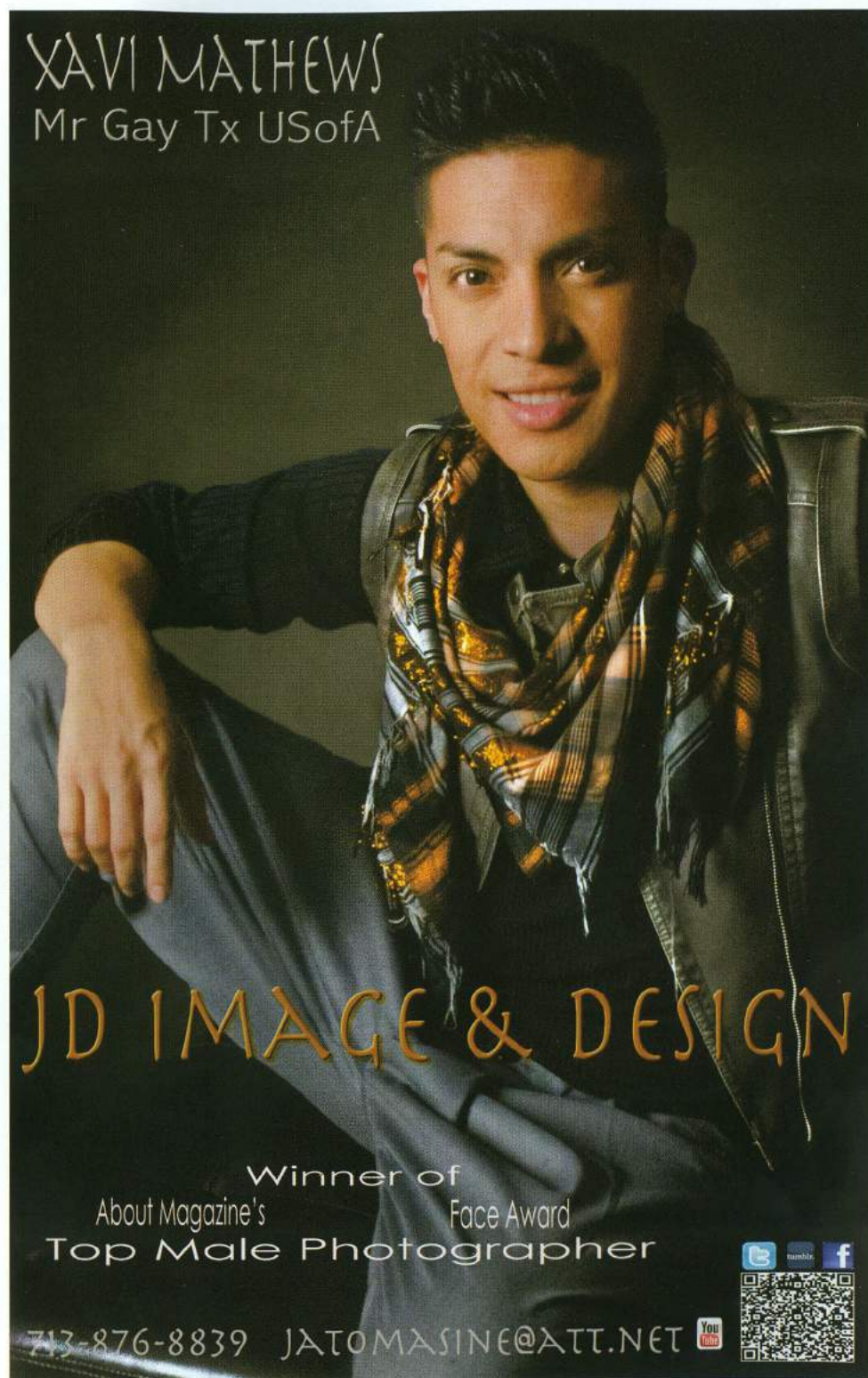
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Sometimes inspiration comes from a place right under one's own nose. For dance queen Kristine W, the idea to put her unique spin on Christmas classics, and some holiday originals of her own, for her holiday album, Hey, Mr. Christmas, came from her beloved Godmother.

"Hey, Mr. Christmas is special because my Godmother Auntie Jo is so special to me," recalls Kristine. "She is a retired singer and always suggests older cool songs for me to breathe new life into. She kept telling me I had to listen to and record the song 'Mary Did You Know,' a ballad recorded by Kenny Rogers. I was blown away when I finally heard it. The words were so amazing and I got inspired and produced a dance version of it. After the huge response it got from my fans, I just kept writing new songs and recording old favorites like 'Hard Candy Christmas.'"

Today, her Godmother still gets a chuckle about being the impetus for the dance music Christmas album. Along with her aunt's influence, the album has another family connection that brings meaning to the release. "Oh Holy Night" is also extra special to me because every Christmas growing up, and even when I came home for the holidays, I would sing the solo for it in my church choir. I have lots of amazing memories of my proud grandparents in the front row beaming at the candle light service," she recalls.

By Ronald Berman

The holiday season is special to Kristine because it promotes the spirit of giving. She explains, "No matter what your religion, you can feel the spirit in the air and it is very inspiring. I love that it is a time we help those in need. I never associate Christmas with gifts because my mom was a single parent widowed with four children and her mom was sick and living with us. There was never enough to go around so we didn't have much money for gifts. The holidays were all about spending time with family."

Kristine is spending the holidays this year with her family in Washington and then heads to New Orleans for a New Years performance. "As long as I'm singing somewhere I will be a happy girl," she adds. "That's the best way to bring in a new year just being with my peeps!"

Hey, Mr. Christmas and Kristine W's latest dance album, New and Number Ones, featuring a mix of her number one hits and new tracks, are available on iTunes. Both make the perfect stocking stuffers for any dance music fan.

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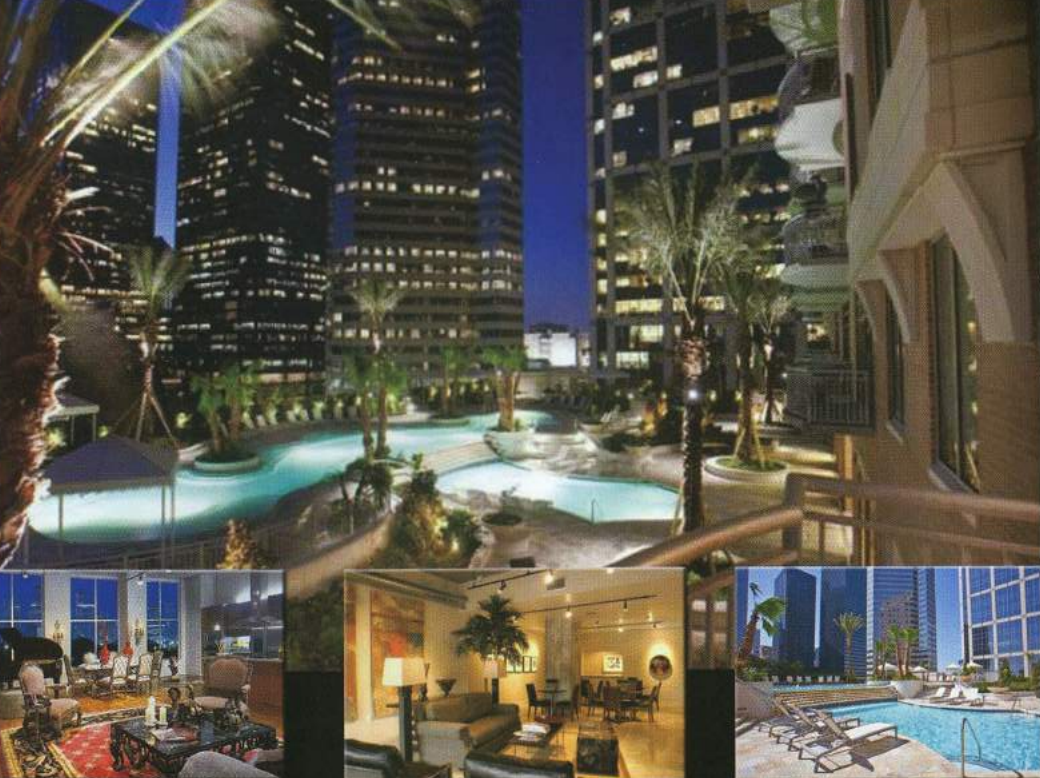
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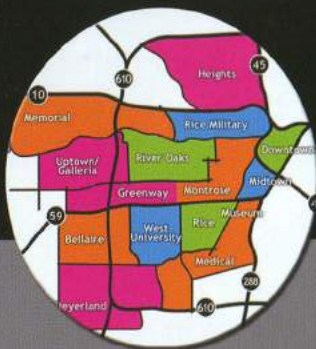
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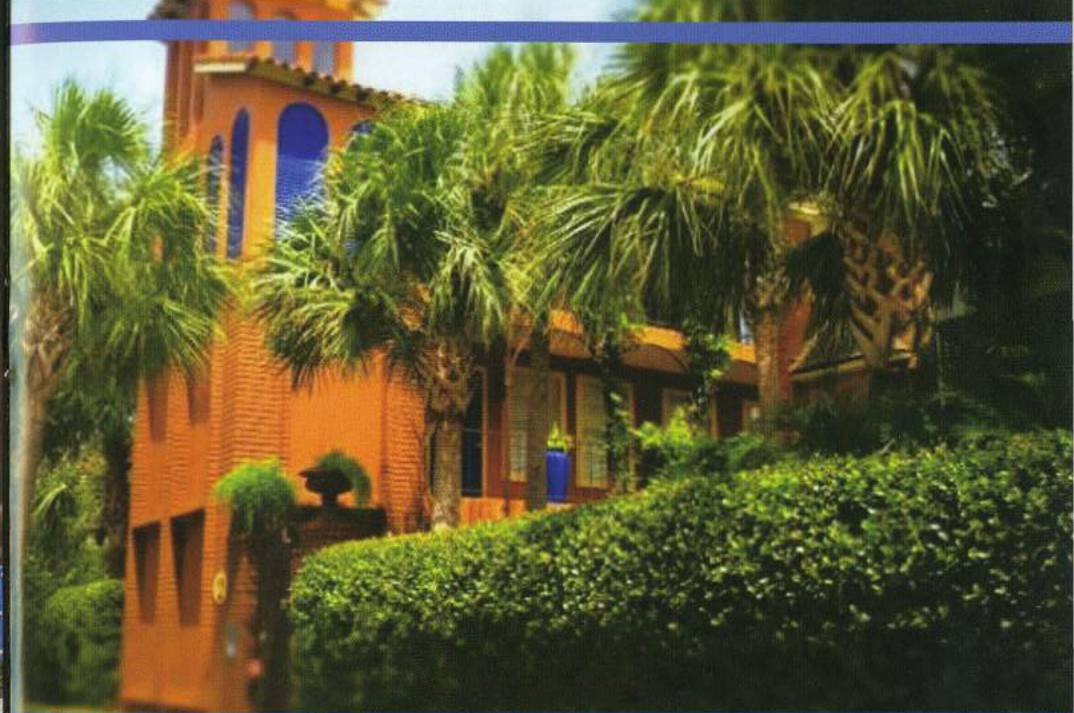
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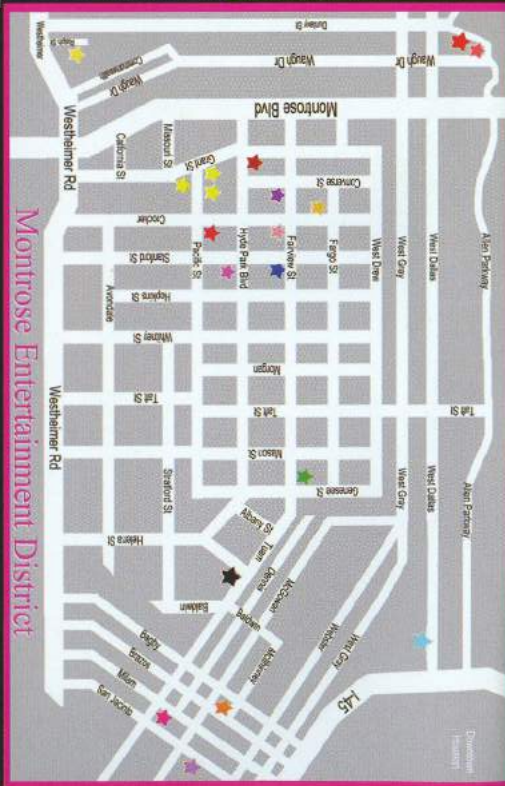


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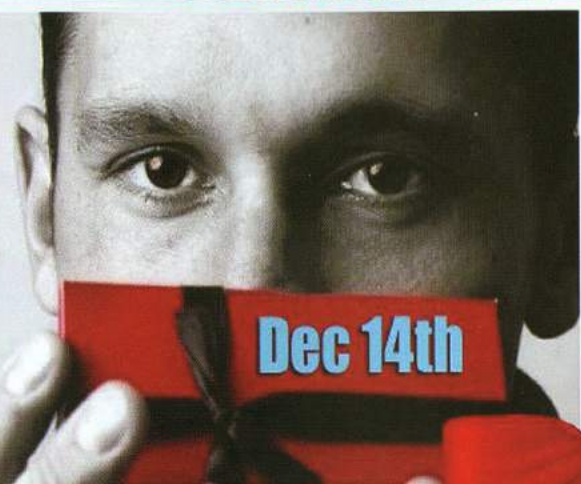


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