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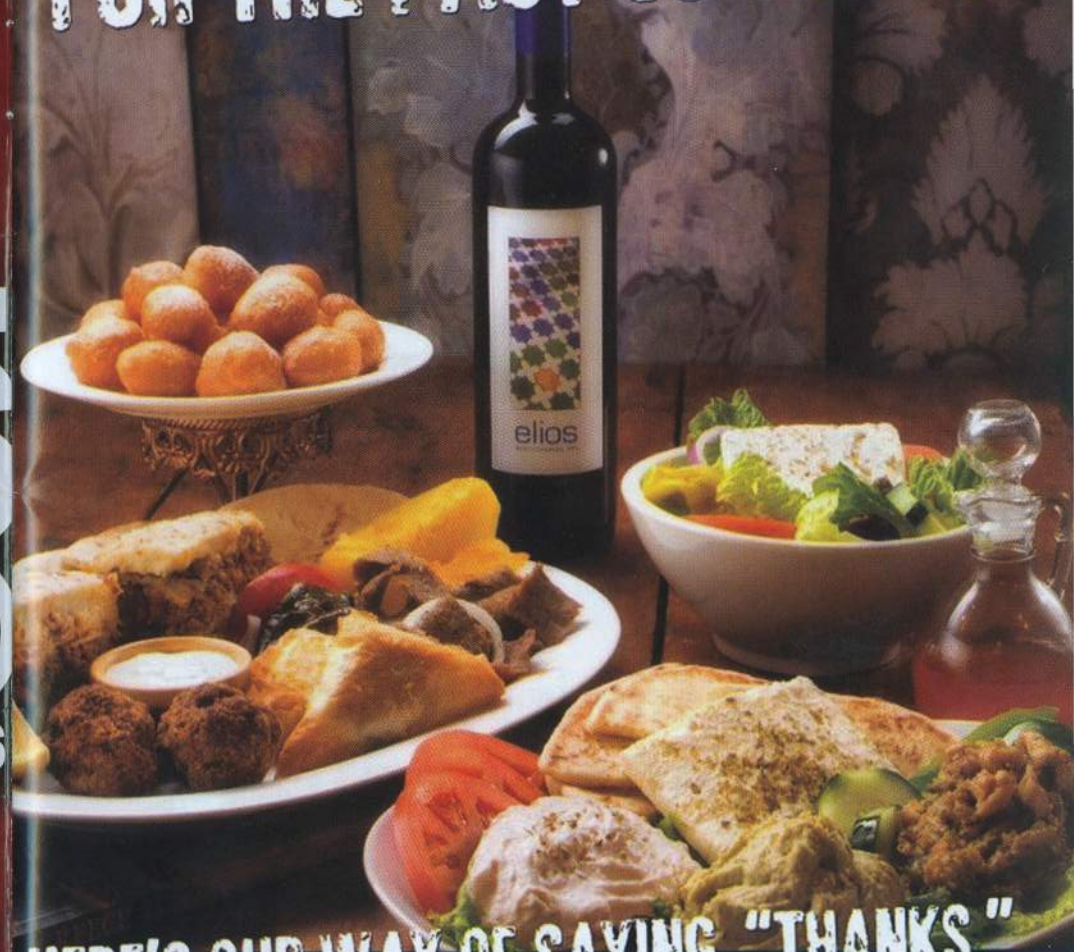
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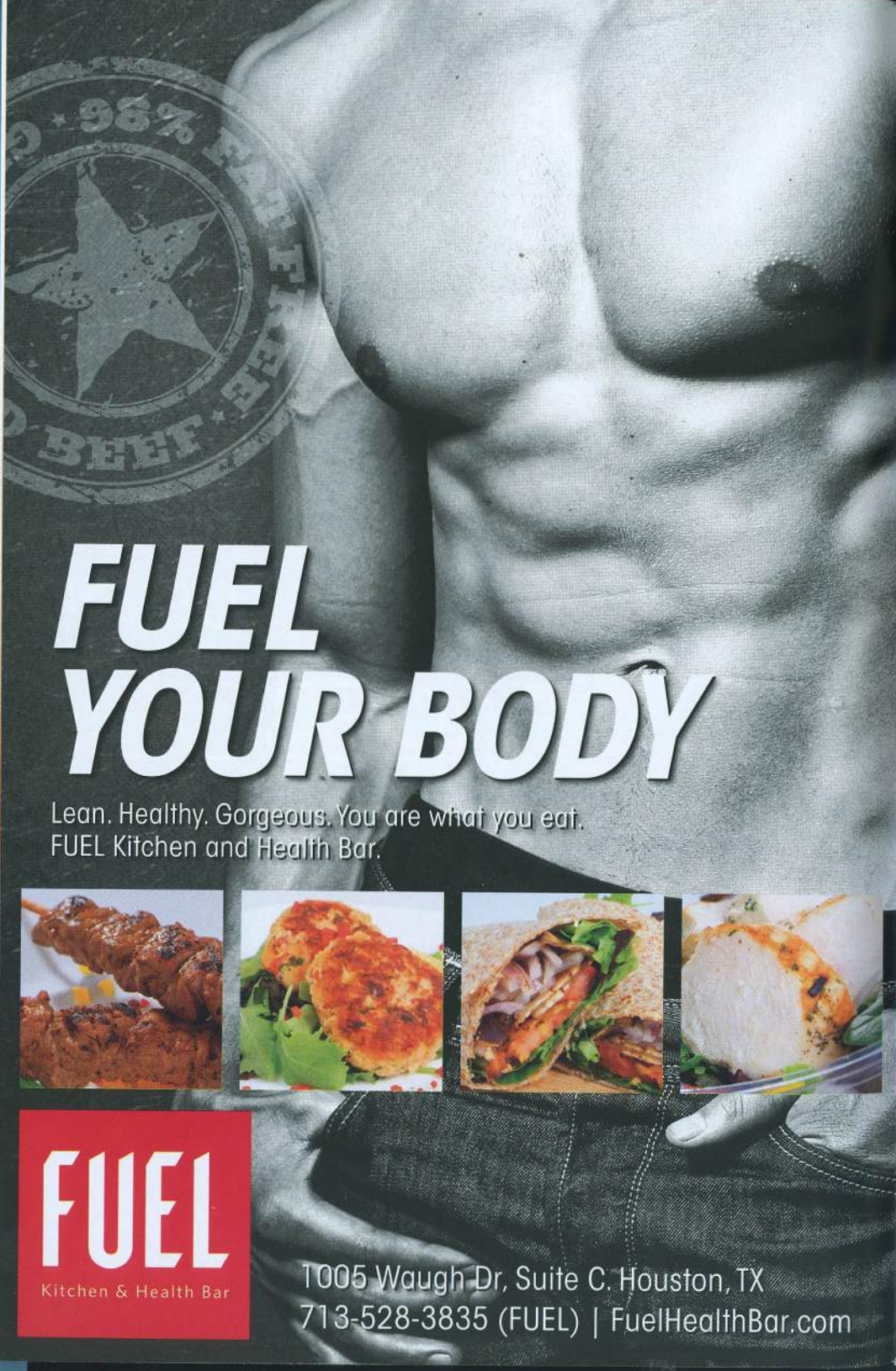
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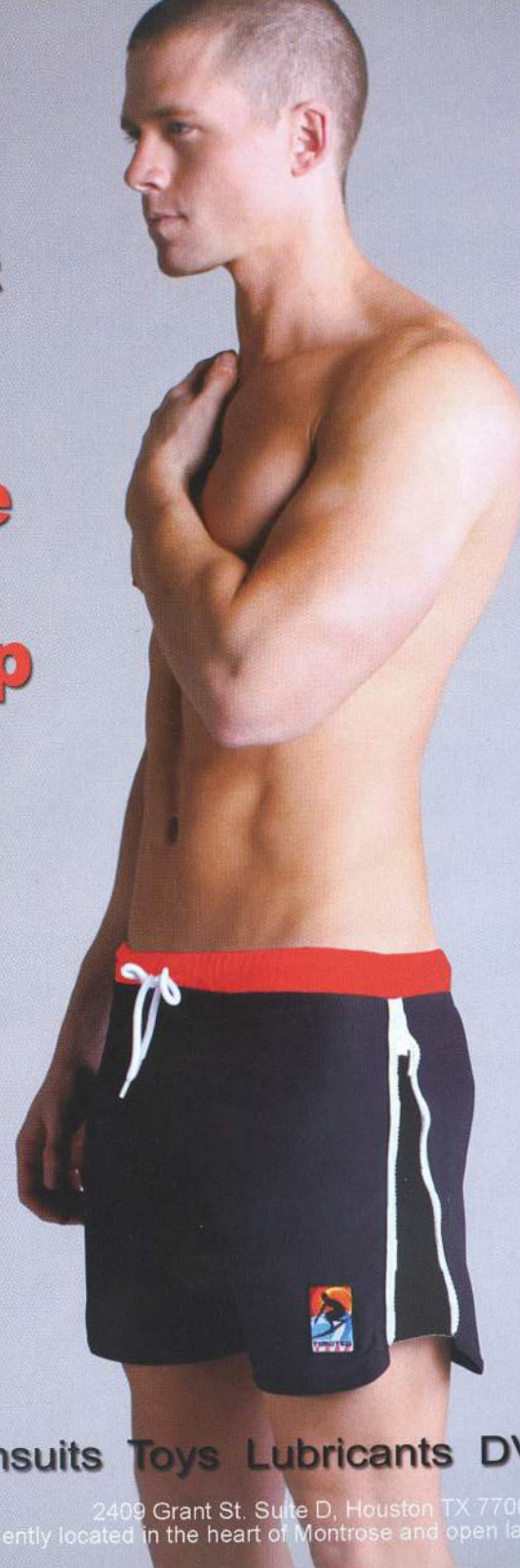


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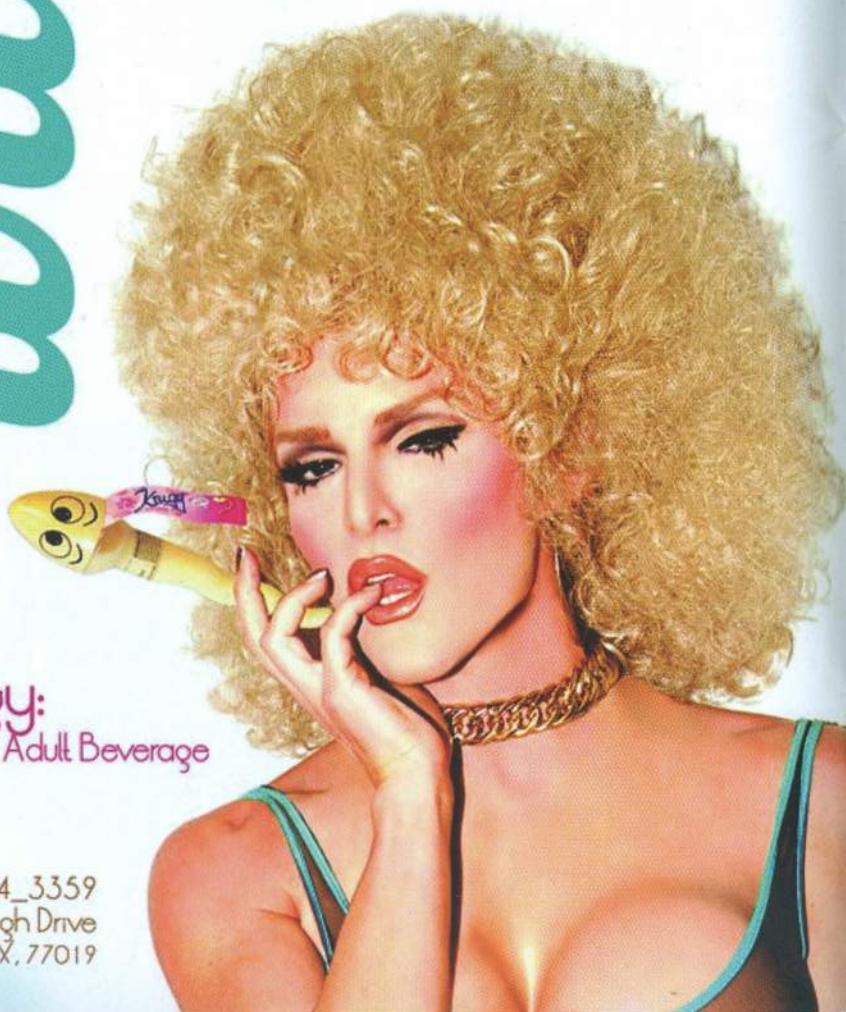
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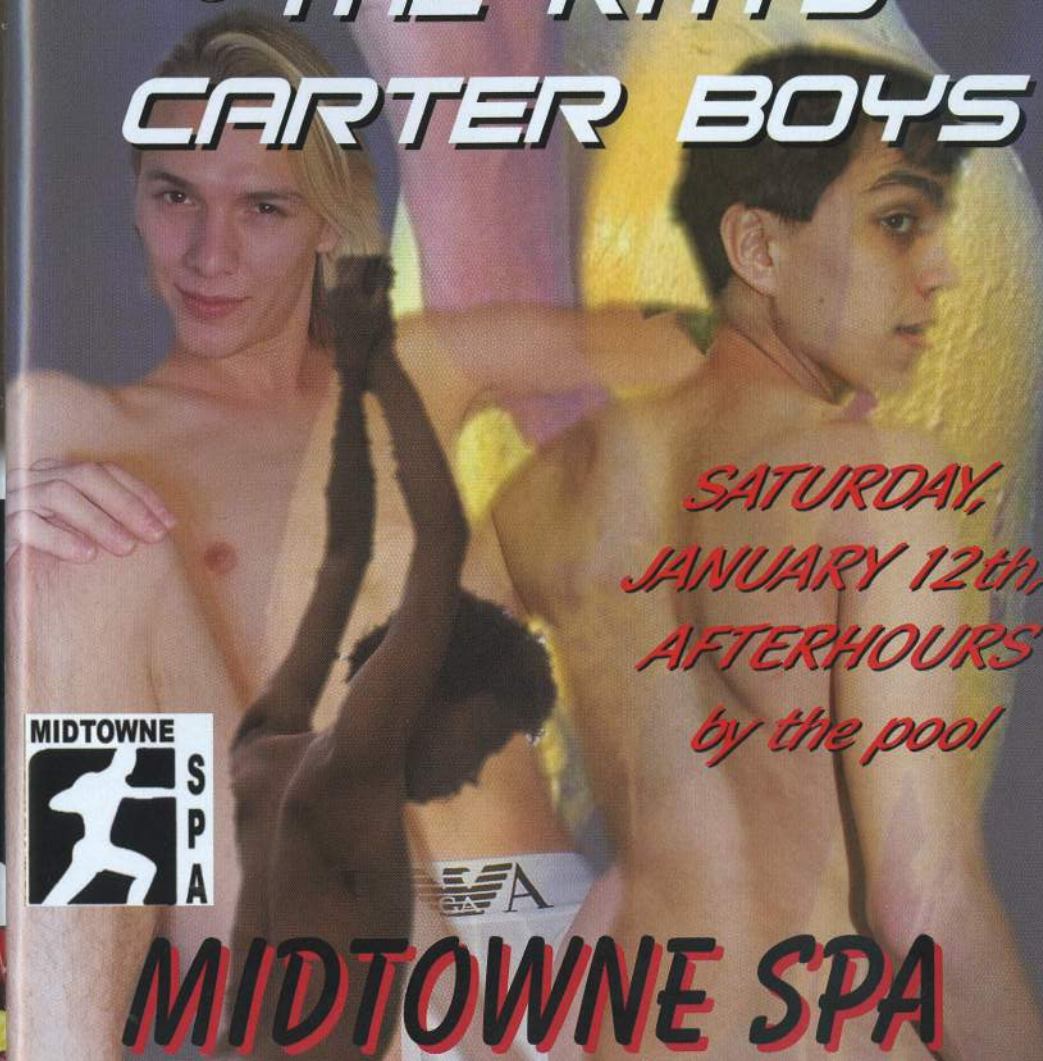
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Celebrating Families of Diversity

By Donovan Nesti

Pop singing duo and real-life partners, Jason & deMarco, are setting out on the road again this February to spread their unique brand of inspiring music. This time, however, Jason's parents will board the RV tour bus along with the family's newest additions: Jason & deMarco's one-year old twin sons, Mason and Noah. Their journey of "Celebrating Families of Diversity" begins February 1st in Houston and will continue for over thirty days through twenty-two southwest cities, including Dallas on March 5th.

Are you excited to tour again?

Jason: It's our ten-year anniversary singing together so we thought it would be timely to do something to celebrate.

This time, you're bringing your twin baby sons along with you.

Jason: It made sense to take them with us. We'll get to do what we love to do and have our family together.

Are you grooming them to be singers too?

deMarco: Wouldn't that be something? Then we'd be like the Osmonds! Our sons will certainly be exposed to lots of music in their childhood. We will see if it sticks. It would be fantastic if they picked up a musical instrument since Jason and I don't play anything well enough for the stage.

How did you make your family happen?

Jason: Through surrogacy. The boys' biological mother (the egg donor) and their birth mother (the surrogate) are two different women. Mason and Noah get to see the their birth mother regularly. She lives in Houston and we are like brother and sister.

Although the egg donor and her husband don't see the boys as often, due to living far away, they are the Godparents for one of our sons.

Did you consider adoption?

deMarco: Yes. I believe that one day we will adopt but we wanted to experience having biological children first.

Jason: We are actually both adoptive and biological parents. The State of Texas doesn't allow same-sex parents to be listed on birth certificates. We had to adopt

Does one of you fall into more of the mommy role?

Jason: Um, yeah. Me. deMarco's such a man.

What do you hope fans will take away from your new album and tour?

Jason: We want people to leave the concerts feeling inspired. We would especially love for the kids of nontraditional families to see that there are a lot of other kids out there with a 'different' kind of family, and that it's not only okay, but freakin' awesome.

Tell us about your new album.

deMarco: It's called "SAFE". We will be performing a lot of music from the album as well as our arrangements of songs that we haven't recorded yet such as "Imagine" and "Hallelujah". There will be a mixture of original and cover songs.

What's next for Jason & DeMarco and family?

deMarco: We would like to record a new CD. We like the idea of a lullabye album of classics like "Baby Mine" and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". It goes along with our family theme.

Jason: After the tour, we will be focusing on the release of my book, "The Journey of Same-Sex Surrogacy".

Jason & deMarco

What is the hardest thing about being gay Dads in Texas?

deMarco: Luckily for us, nothing. Surprisingly, everyone that learns that Jason and I are a couple and have these beautiful boys expresses genuine happiness for us. We steered clear of certain conservative courts throughout the process and have surrounded ourselves with lovely and supportive people.

What do you enjoy doing most about being Dads?

Jason: Everything. I don't even mind the poopy diapers.

Jason & deMarco's "Celebrating Families of Diversity" tour kicks off in Houston on Friday, February 1, 2013 at Unity Church.

Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.jasonanddemarco.com.

All kids 17 and under are admitted free.

A portion of the evening's proceeds benefit S.A.F.E., Jason & deMarco's non-profit charity for GLBTQ foster children. For additional Texas tour dates, visit Jasonanddemarco.com.

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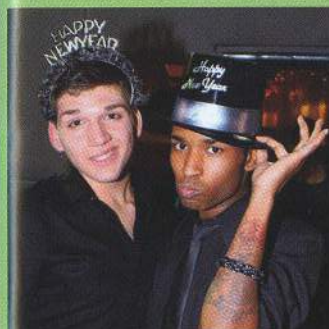
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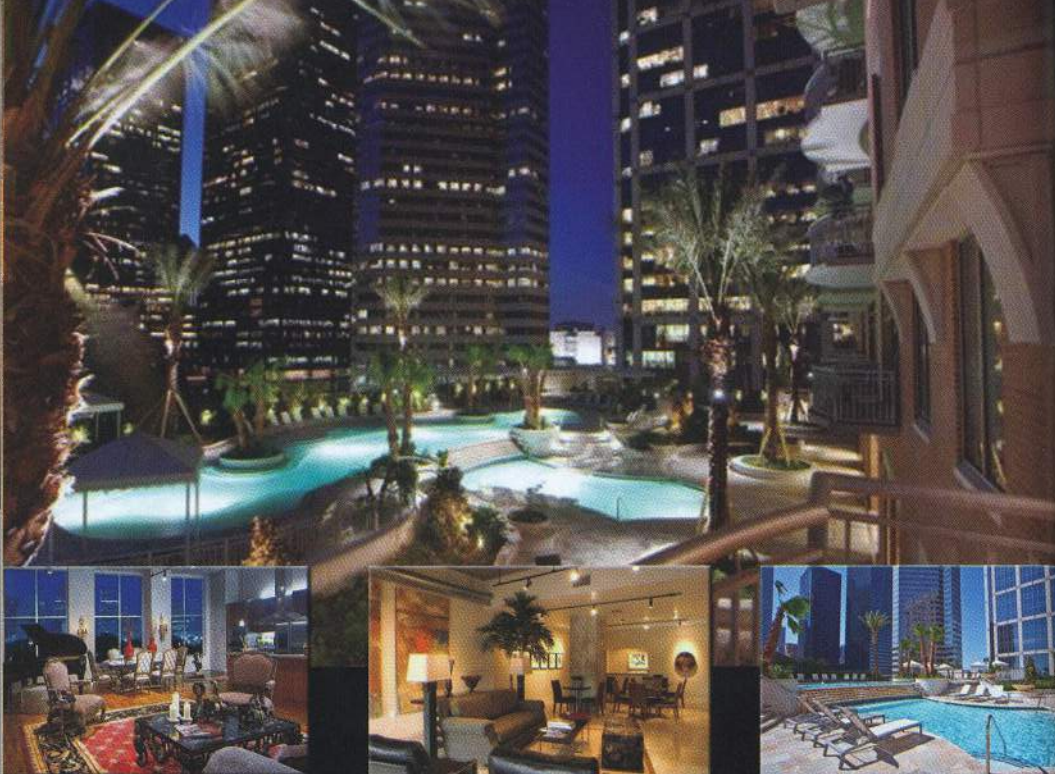
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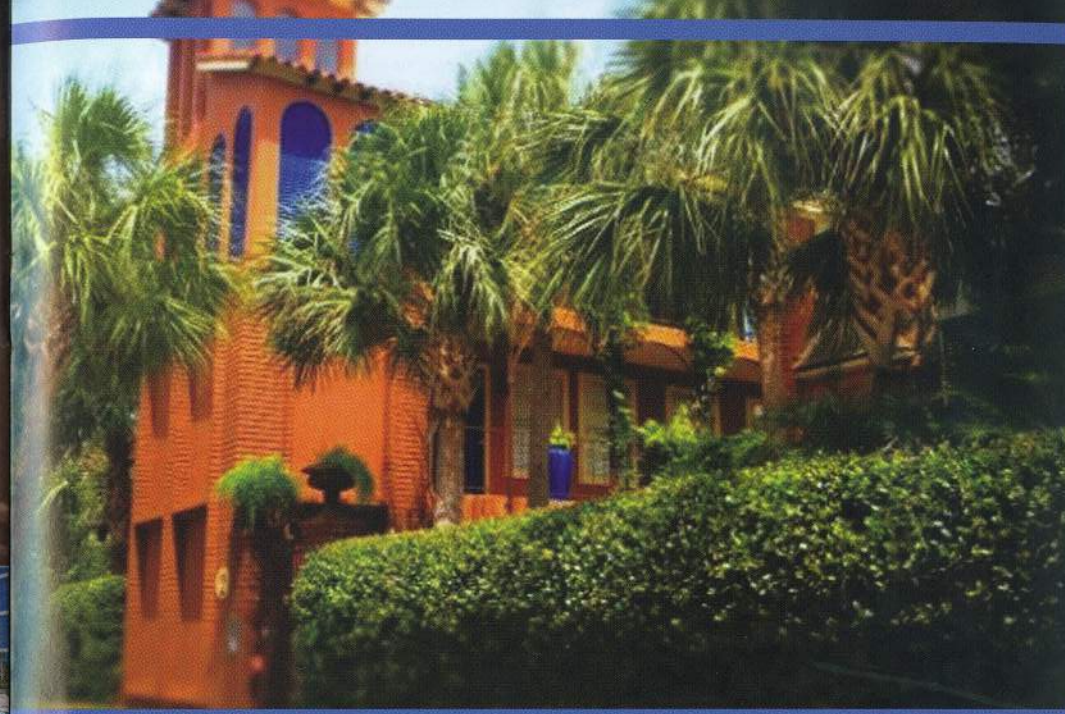
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Wayne G

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Wayne Gibbons, more commonly known in the scene as Wayne G, has headlined more major, main event parties in one year than most DJs will see in their lifetime. Just to name a few: New Orleans Mardi Gras, Fresh SF, Atlantis Allure Cruise, Sydney Mardi Gras with Kylie, White Party Palm Springs with Mary J Blige, Purple Party In Dallas, Sacramento Pride, San Francisco Pride, Provincetown Pier Dance for July 4th, Freedom at The Queen Mary in Long Beach and San Diego Zoo Party for the 3rd time. All just 12 months after being the DJ at The 53rd Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, the first Gay DJ to play the prestigious party! I can literally make this entire article a list of significant parties! Here's the scoop on superstar Wayne G:

Wayne has always been fascinated with music and where it can take you when you're listening to it, so he wanted to get behind the scenes and quick – it's impossible to deny something you're passionate for. Between the ages of 14-17, Wayne was hired to work in a local record shop on the weekends, "it wasn't until much later I tried my hand at DJing after a DJ heard one of my cassettes. He offered to teach me to mix and it went from there, he was very instrumental in getting me my first gig (Early 1996) which was shockingly a party for 3000 called The Red Heart Party in London and Grace Jones was performing!" Little did he know, the owner of Heaven in London (David Inches) was listening and approached him about a job on the main floor!

The Dirty Disco boys and Eagle Houston have teamed up and on one special night, are bringing Wayne to town from the UK. If you're looking to attend a great party and like to let the music consume you, then you won't want to miss as Wayne G makes his debut Houston performance at Eagle Houston, "Come to The Eagle on January 26th. You won't be disappointed" Wayne says! It's an opportunity to hear uplifting, pounding grooves that will make you lose yourself and remember what our scene is all about – dancing and having fun. Plus, if you look under that HUGE mirrorball at the Eagle, you'll see me – in a state of pure dancefloor bliss!

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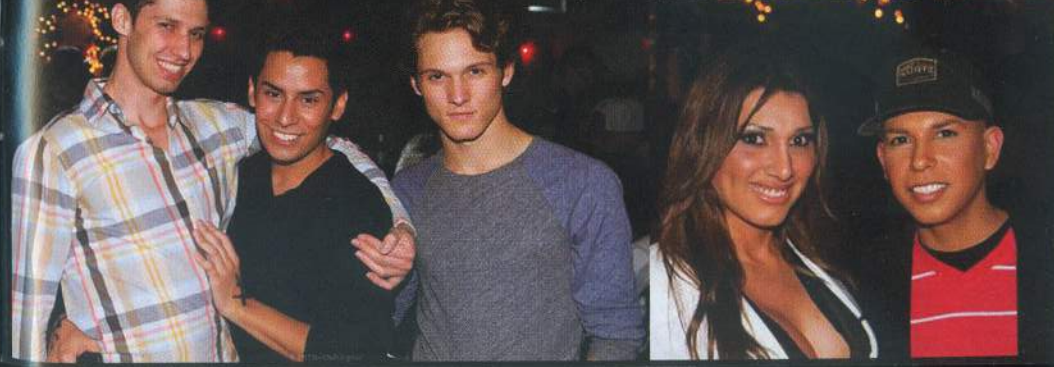


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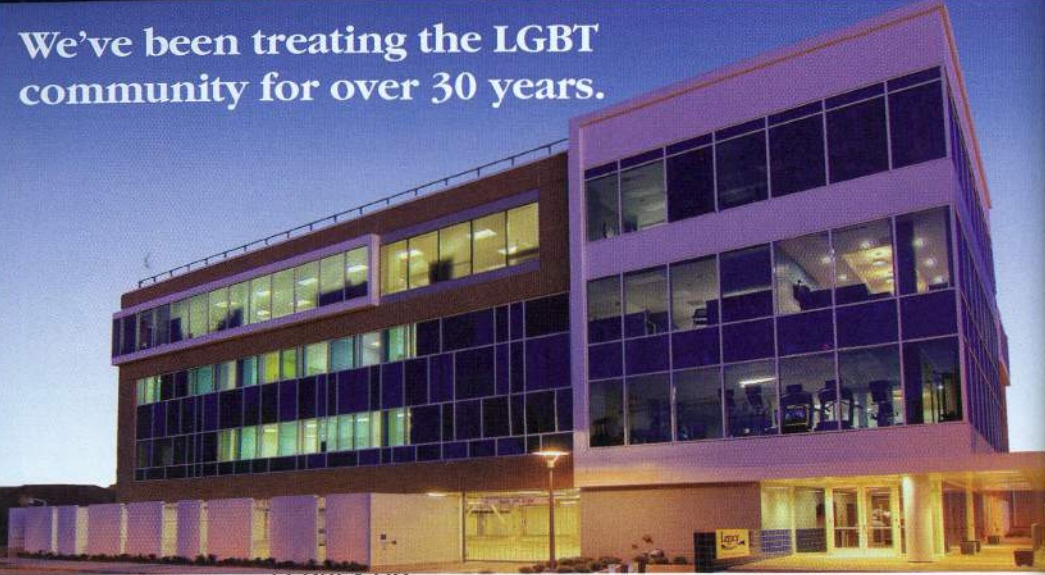
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April 21 - May 21
Taurus

Even though you started this year off a bit rough from day one, you're one cuddly bundle of very cute energy - have fun with it! But as this month progresses be sure to tell your cuddle buddy just how you feel - Don't avoid it!

May 22 - June 21
Gemini

You are starting the year off right, what with all the light debating, playful teasing and engaging conversation you're enjoying! But really focus on your physical self, and on being in your body, to counteract any fuzzy-headedness you might experience.

June 22 - July 22
Cancer

You want to run! You want to jump! You want to sing! However, you might do best to run down to the grocery store. You really need to check in on your domestic life and take the temperature there. Are things running hot? Are they feeling cool towards you? Due to your spotty dishwashing record? Hmm?

July 23 - August 21
Leo

You start the year off in a pretty great way. You're in a great mood. You've got great ideas. But of all the virtues you should cultivate, patience is going to be really high on the list. Why? Because impatience is going to get you exactly nowhere.

August 22 - September 23
Virgo

Like, if you have no desire to meet friends of friends for brunch, why did you agree to do it? Even if you agreed, it's not too late to say 'no.' Call them and tell them you're over-extended, so you can't join them. Doesn't being honest with yourself and others feel good?

September 24 - October 23

Libra

Spending New Years with your friends was the way to go! But as this year gets started, pamper yourself... meet a man! This month is awfully romantic for you. But chances are, they are feeling just the way you do about all of this. So why not kiss?

October 24 - November 22
Scorpio

A lamp shade - and singing karaoke was definitely a great way to ring in the New Year! Fresh ideas this month may ruffle a few feathers, but what the hell, go with it! Just be sure to channel your irritations into productive outlets - like a steamy workout!

November 23 - December 22
Sagittarius

Why not try some breathing exercises, followed by a little free-form finger paints? Hmm, hmm, hmm! You like a little romance, and you love a lot, a lot, and this month you're going to be loving -- a lot! There's nothing quite like smooching to make your whole day better.

December 23 - January 20
Capricorn

Whether it's which restaurant to pick or which apartment to take, go with your instincts: They are right on. Your creativity is what should really take the lead on the romance this month. You could be surprised by how much they like it!

January 21 - February 19
Aquarius

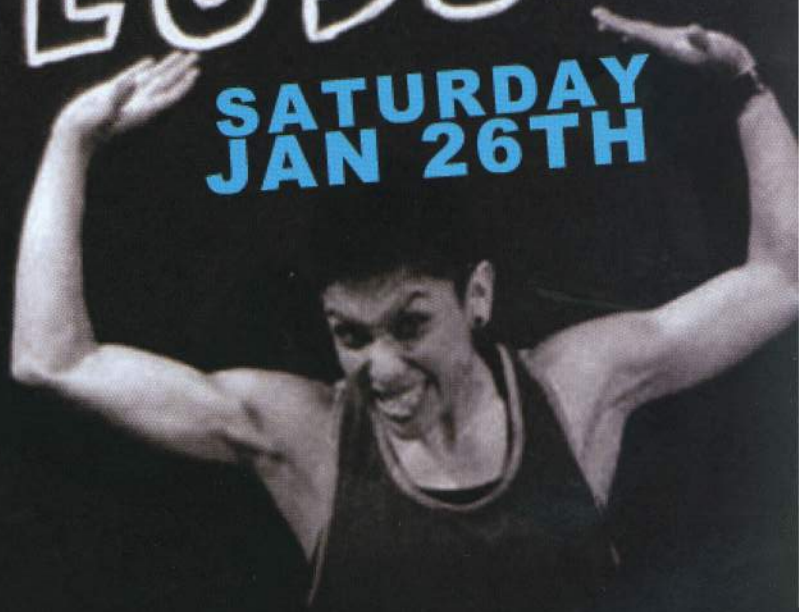
As the year gets going, you might want to devote a little bit of time to thinking about relationships. How is your romantic life? Friendships? Family? Colleagues? How well do you know them? How well do you know yourself? It's never a bad idea to touch base with these issues, and now you could have some real insights.

February 20 - March 20
Pisces

Let your thoughts wander and your dreams take center stage! You're in for love and fun and success and romance this month. Lavish yourself! Keep in mind, Riddles can always be romantic. Mystery can be romantic, too!

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