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Wednesday, December 21, 2005

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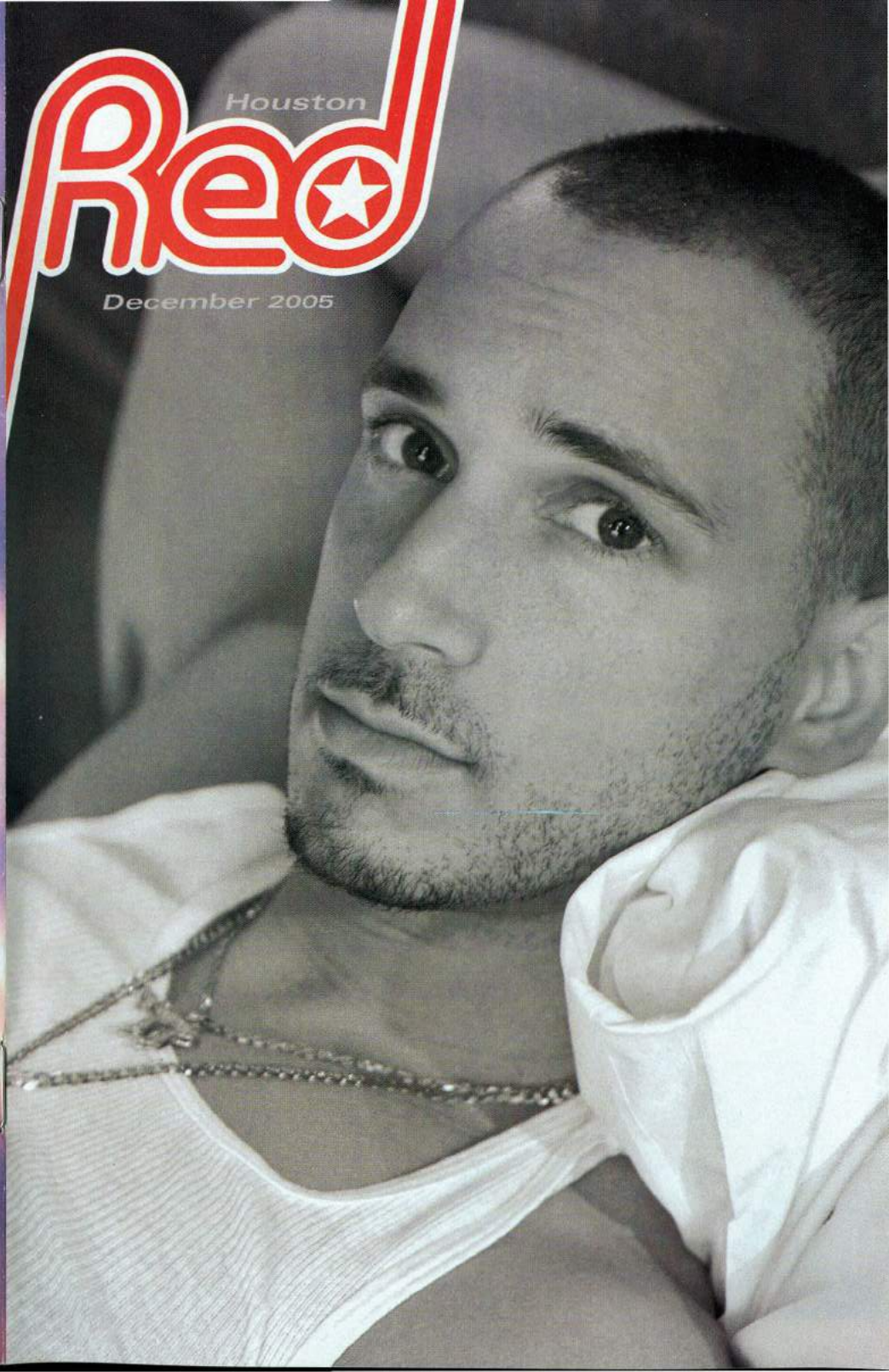


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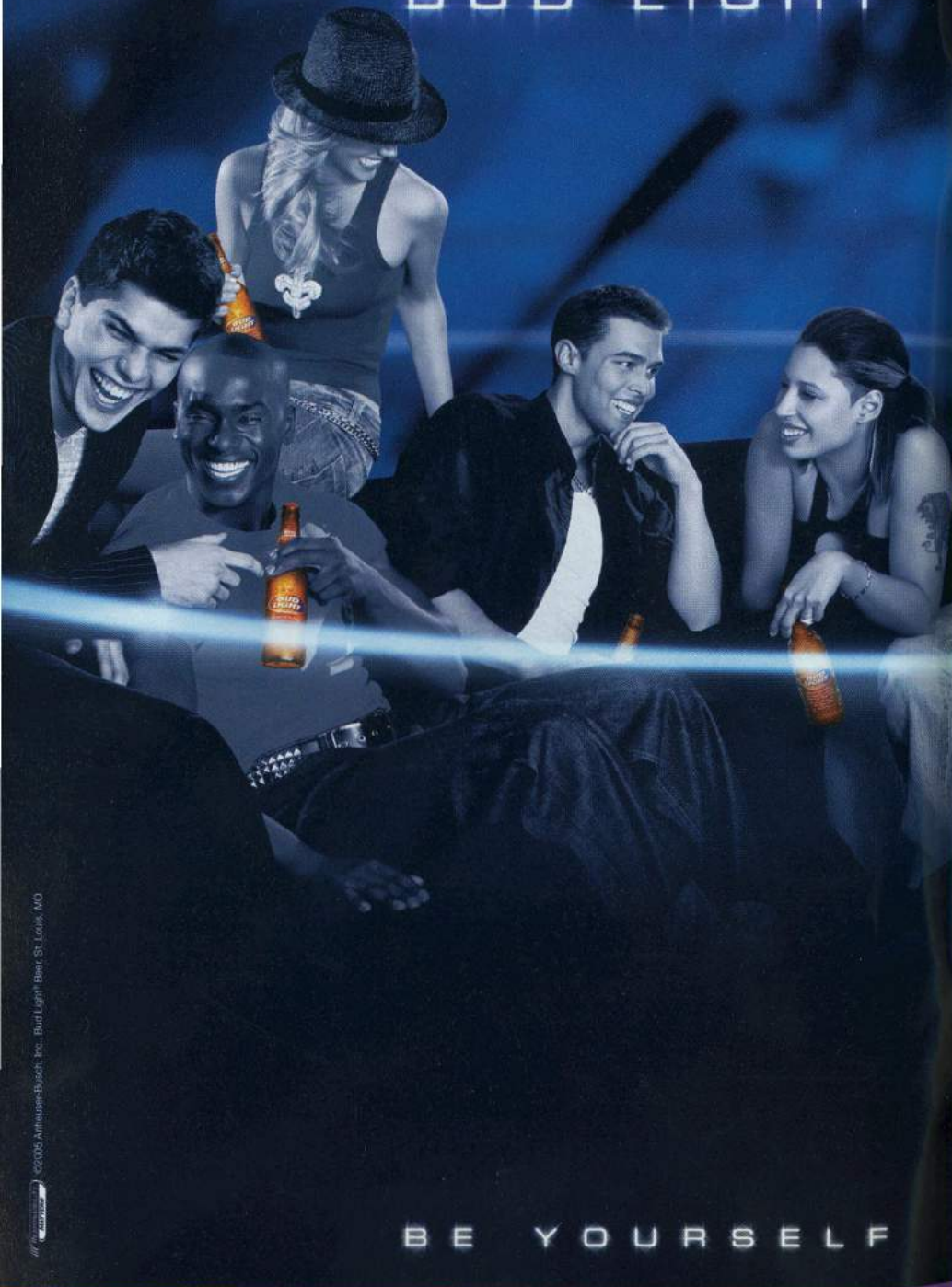
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December 2005



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December 10th

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get your **twat** on the
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missy, whitney, pink, christina, cher and many more.

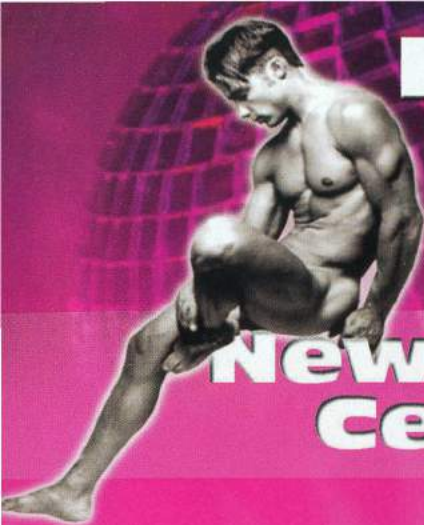


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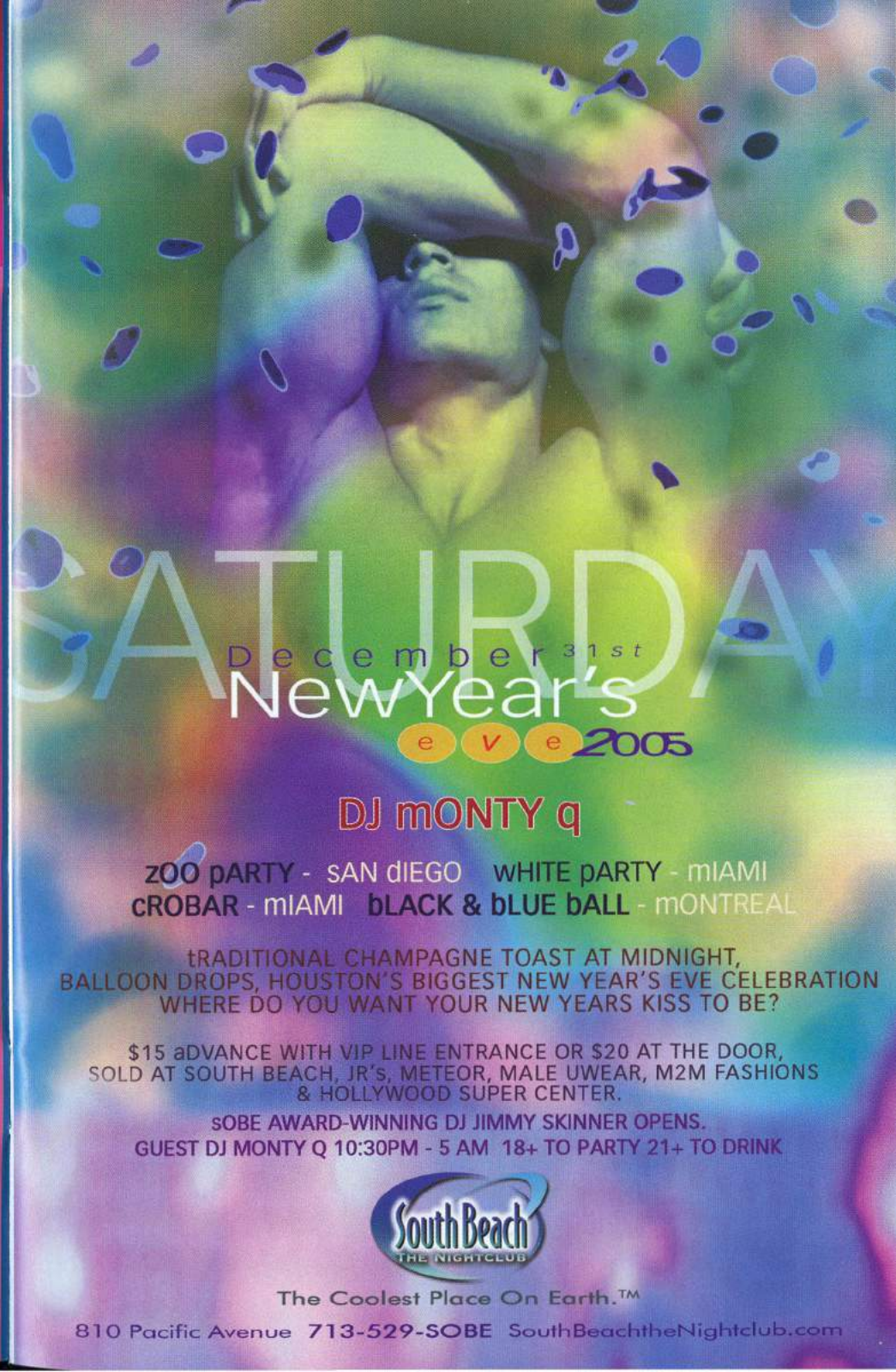
Men of Santa Fe Dancers

DJ/VJ Rick Taconi

Never a cover



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December 31st
**New Year's
eve 2005**

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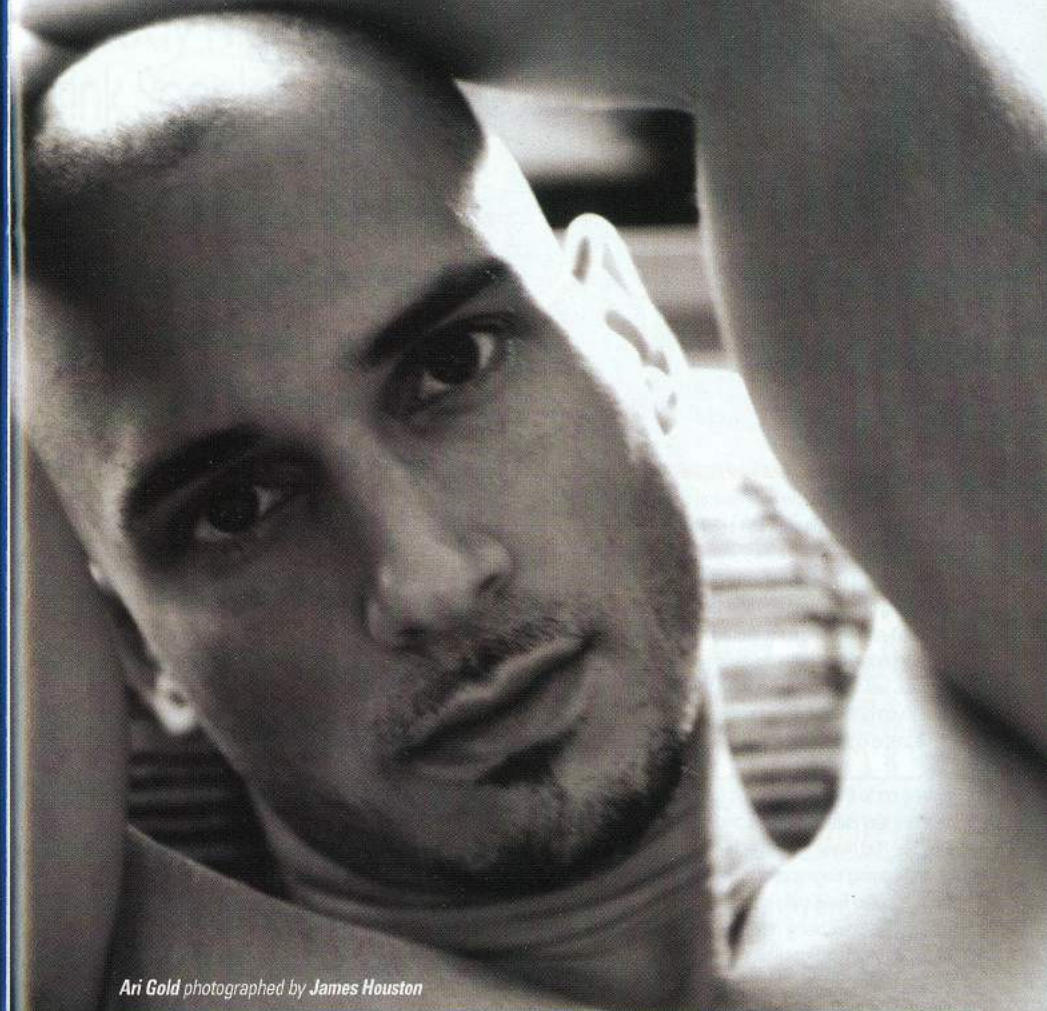
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the law



David Salcido

HAPPY HUMBUG, boys and girls! Yes, it's that most commercial time of the year again. Time to break out the credit card and celebrate the religious icon of your choice, whether it be the guy in sandals, the guy in the big red suit or **Mr. Hanky the Christmas Poo**. Time also for making out personal lists and bitching about the things we didn't receive. Oh, sure, there are those out there who actually understand what the holidays are all about, but for most, it's just the most anticipated shopping season of the year. If you're looking for more bang for your buck, you've come to the right place (gift ideas to follow).

Moving on to the issue at hand (or IN hand, as the case may be), this month we have two very tasty treats for all you loyal **Red Heads** out there. The first is an interview with up-and-coming singing sensation, and our cover model for this month, **Ari Gold**, who is the subject of a scorching hot coffee table book being released just in time for the holidays. **Corey** has the scoop on this out-and-proud rising star, his first Billboard single and the book that is sure to make him a sex symbol to be reckoned with, no matter what his audience's sexual proclivity. Oh, yes, it's *that* hot...

Wait, but that's not all. We also have an exclusive interview with international DJ (and gorgeous *hunk of man-flesh*) **Brett Henrichsen**, the **MasterBeat** legend himself, who's



got an invitation for the holidays you may find hard to resist. I know I did. (And the party he's planning sounds good too!) Coincidentally, Brett also happens to be one of the subjects of yet another steamy coffee table book filled with hot stripped-down men. Two tasty tie-ins for the voyeur in all of you, now that's our idea of a gift guide!

The rest is our usual collection of groovalicious things to do, see and otherwise experience during the month of December. The **Red Nightlife** team has been working tirelessly to bring you something you can't get anywhere else: real entertainment without pretense or drama. Try finding *that* in any other regional gay entertainment guide. **Seriously**. As always, your input is invaluable, so drop us a line. Let us know how we're doing. We don't bite. Much. And finally, however it is that you celebrate the holiday season, do it in the best way you possibly can. Make your mother proud.

Until next month,

David Salcido, **Big Giant Head** and **Lord Taskmaster**



Saturday Night
Drink Specials
All Month!

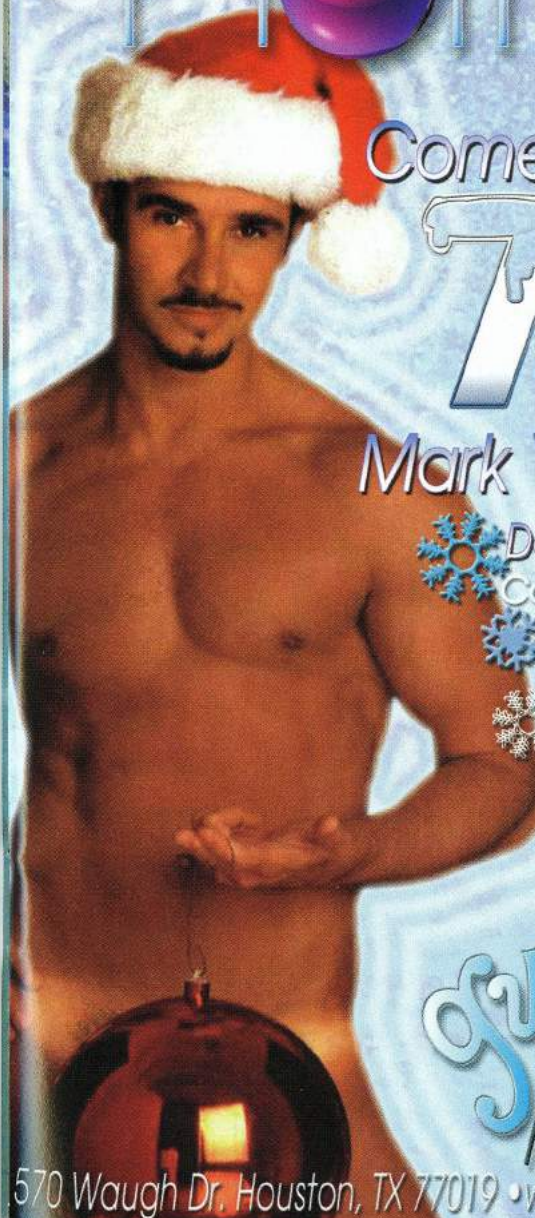
Happy Holidays

Come Celebrate,

7 YEARS OF MARYNESS

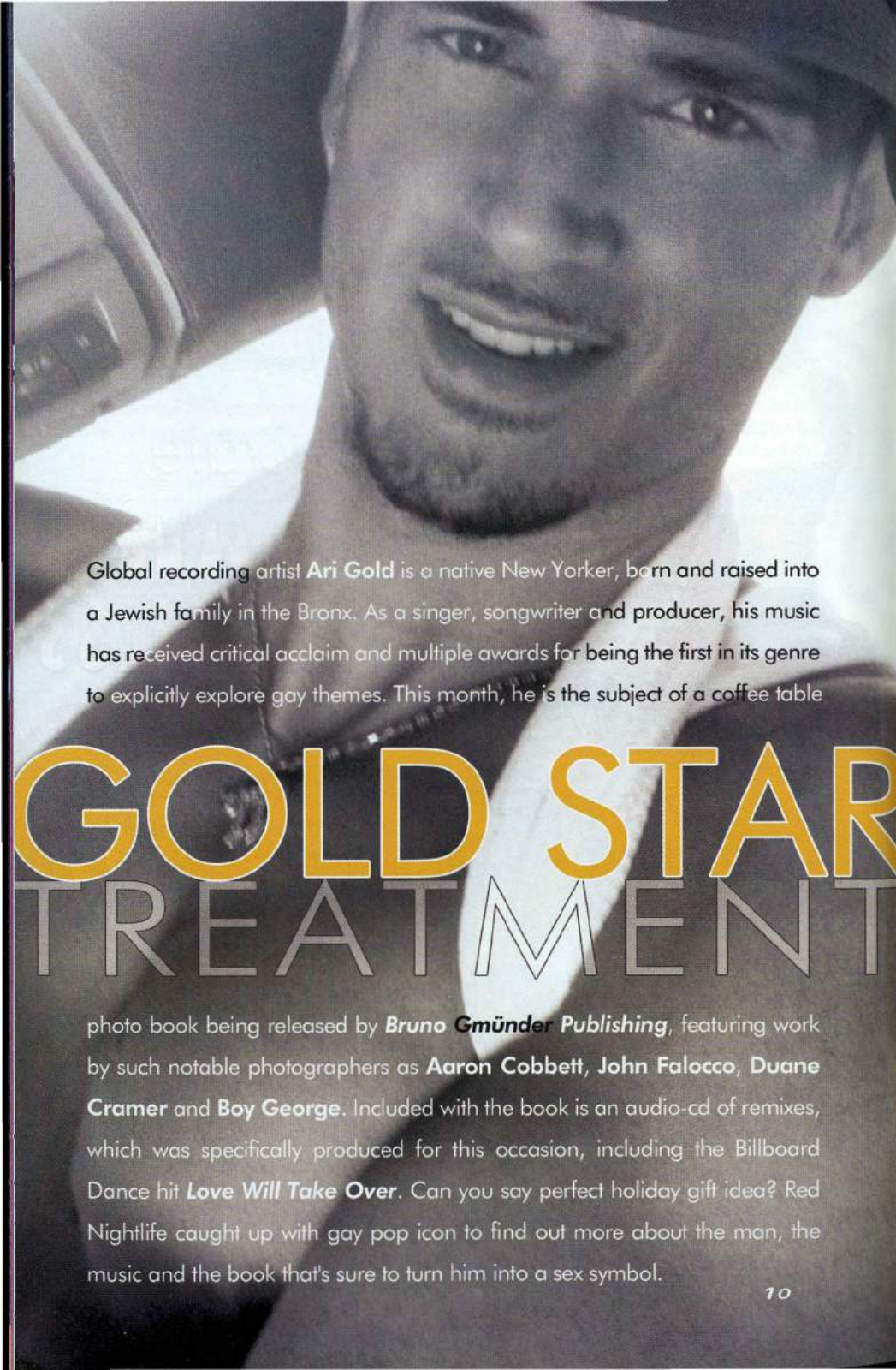
Mark Your Calendars..

- Dec. 10th- Anniversary Party
Complimentary wells 10-11pm
- Dec. 19th- Christmas Party
- Dec. 31st- New Years Eve



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Global recording artist **Ari Gold** is a native New Yorker, born and raised into a Jewish family in the Bronx. As a singer, songwriter and producer, his music has received critical acclaim and multiple awards for being the first in its genre to explicitly explore gay themes. This month, he is the subject of a coffee table

GOLD STAR TREATMENT

photo book being released by **Bruno Gmünder Publishing**, featuring work by such notable photographers as **Aaron Cobbett**, **John Falocco**, **Duane Cramer** and **Boy George**. Included with the book is an audio-cd of remixes, which was specifically produced for this occasion, including the Billboard Dance hit **Love Will Take Over**. Can you say perfect holiday gift idea? Red Nightlife caught up with gay pop icon to find out more about the man, the music and the book that's sure to turn him into a sex symbol.

Ari Hey, Corey. It's Ari Gold calling. How are you?

Corey I'm doing well, Ari. I hear that 2005 has been an eventful year for you. Tell Red Nightlife's readers what you've been up to recently.

I just got back from being on tour non-stop since April. My European tour was amazing. Everyone was very kind and generous and treated me like gold, so to speak. Sometimes it's true that in your own back yard you're not given the same respect as when you leave, but at the same time, some of my favorite shows have been here in New York City because this is where it began. This is where I have hardcore fans, a lot of friends, people in the community that have supported me, and my band is here. I also did a lot of Pride festivals over the summer all across the US. They were a blast, and the audiences were great, and excited, too, because so many hadn't been able to see me live before. It was a great way for me to get out, meet the fans, and make new ones.

Tell us about your first Billboard single, **Love Will Take Over**.

Love Will Take Over is the lead single from my new remix album. The single is already available for purchase through my website and through **CDBaby.com**, and it will also be available on iTunes and other downloadable sites. All proceeds of its sale are going to people affected by **Hurricane Katrina**. I performed for some benefits, and that single has such a positive message. It's about what we can do to make a difference, to make the world a better place. It sounds cliché, but it's true.

With a pair of successful independent R&B releases already under your belt, do you find it odd that your first Billboard charting happened to be on the Hot Dance Music/Club Play Chart?

Primarily, my music is more on the R&B/Soul tip, but I've been reading *Billboard Magazine* since I was 12 years old, so getting on any chart is a cool thing for me. I'm an independent artist and not on a major label. To get a song on the Pop charts, you need a radio hit, and it's no secret that to get radio hits, record labels are giving lots of money to radio stations. I haven't been able to get on mainstream radio 'cause I don't have that kind of corporate money! If I were to sign with a major label, it wouldn't be in exchange for my artistic freedom. If the opportunity presented itself, I'd have to make sure that it'd be a situation in which my vision was respected. The label would have to respect all the work that I've done establishing who I am and what my look is about prior to the moment we'd start working together.

What was the reason that you compiled the coffee table photo book with the remix album? I hear that task had been a number of years in the making.

I saw it as a great opportunity for me to get my name out there in a larger way, and **Bruno Gmünder**, the company who is publishing the book, has distribution in over 25 countries throughout the world. I had so many photographs of myself taken by photographers with such different styles that I thought, Why not compile them and put a book together? The book definitely has a sexy tone to it. In some of the photos I'm half-naked or more! The oldest shoot is from about five years

ago. Throughout the book I included song lyrics, and I wrote an introduction that explains why I wanted to compile the photos, and what the project means to me as a gay man. Hopefully some of my personality will come through, 'cause it's a cool thing to see that there's a real person behind the image.

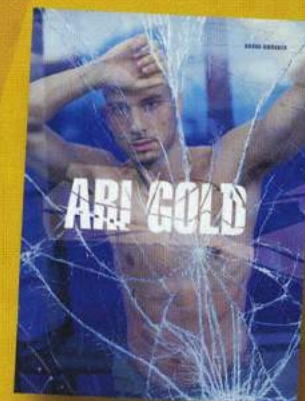
Which recording artists inspired you in your youth, and whom would you love to work with now?

I did dedicate a song of mine, **Fan-tastic**, to **Madge**, or **Esther**, depending on what you want to call her! **Madonna** was definitely a big influence on me growing up. She was one of the few artists sending out the message that it was okay to be gay. That was important for me at the time, and now I think it's important to hear that from a gay person as well. As far as singers and influences on that level, **Brandy** is definitely my girl! We share the same birthday, so we're spiritual soul sisters... although I don't know if she knows that! I like **Faith Evans'** last album, too. As for producers, I've always loved **Jimmy Jam & Terry Lewis**, **LA Reid** & **Babyface**, I like **Rodney Jerkins**, and **Darkchild**.

Being an openly gay artist, do you feel that you have a responsibility to be a role model for the gay community, especially gay youth?

I think that the gay community could use more role models, especially people who are outspoken, who are not afraid to say they're gay, and who want to explore gay elements in their work. I don't think we have enough of that yet. I didn't have any gay role models when I was growing up, so I definitely would love to act as an inspiration, and if people want to see it as being a role model, that's cool, as long as they realize that we're all human beings with flaws, and we're allowed to make mistakes.

The **Ari Gold Photobook** and limited edition cd is available from **Bruno Gmünder Publishing**. The book is 96 pages, full color, hardcover and has a suggested retail price of \$46.95.



calendar

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY



Drink Specials, All Day + Night!

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Club 1415

Closed

Closed

Boys + Girls



Happy Hour 'til 8pm;
8 Ball Open Tourne, 8pm

Happy Hour 'til 8pm

Happy Hour 'til 8pm;
301 Dart Tourne, 8pm + GHPBL



SIN Night; Free Pool;
Happy Hour, 4-8pm

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Karaoke -w- Todd, 10pm



Male Dance Contest -w- Kofi

2xist Amateur Strip Contest
-w- Kofi + Tara Dion

Papi Amateur Dance Contest
-w- Kofi



Musical Theater Night
Every 1st & 3rd Monday

Bingo!

Professional Women's
Networking Social

RICH'S

Closed

Closed

Closed



Boxers Night/Pool Tourne, 8pm

Cammo Night; Happy Hour 'til 8pm Wicked Wednesdays



Closed

Closed

Café con Leche - DJ Cubanito;
18+ to Party, 21+ to Drink



Manic Monday Appreciation;
\$2 Wells All Day + Night

Twisted Tuesdays;
\$3 Well Martinis All Day

Wild Wednesday;
Free Pool

KON-TIKI

Karaoke -w- Lisa, 9pm;
Drink Specials, Noon - Close

Drink Specials, All Day + Night

Our Party Night!
Karaoke -w- Lisa, 9:30 pm



Monday Madness, 7am - 2am

Movie Night, 8pm

Wacky Wednesday
Bowling, 1:30 pm

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Drink Specials

Drink Specials

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Winter Wonderland
Weekend

Dec 30 & 31
New Year's Celebration

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calendar

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



Drink Specials, All Day + Night!

Drink Specials, 'til 9pm



Papi Chulo

Special Events



Happy Hour 'til 8pm;

Happy Hour 'til 8pm;
8 Ball Open Tourne, 9pm



Happy Hour, 4 - 8pm

DJ Chris Allan Spinning Your
Favorite Hits; Happy Hour, 4 - 8pm,
Buffet 5pm



Will & Grace, 8pm;
Karaoke -w- Marsha Carlton, 9pm

Block Party - 9 - 9:30 pm, Santa Fe;
10 - 10:30pm, JR's



Professional Men's Happy Hour

DJ Tad Dvorak Spins Hottest Music
+ Videos



Party Central
House + Hip Hop by DJ Real

Sabroso International on the Main
Floor; Dance and more by DJ
Albert (Univision Radio)



Classic Rock Night - Happy Hour
'til 8pm

Happy Hour 'til 8pm; Open 'til 4am
After Hours



DJ Mark Goebel Spins;
18+ to Party, 21+ to Drink

Resident DJ Tucker; No Cover
10:30 - 11pm; Drink Specials 9 -
11pm; After Hours 'til 5am; 21+ only



Turn Out Thursday;
Karaoke 9pm;

Frosty Freaky Fridays;
Show + Dancing



Drink Specials All Day + Night;
Dancer + DJ Robin

DJ Danny G Dancer Show, 11pm
Naomi Warwick, Misty Valdez +
Guests



Drink Specials

Jerome's Jump Jive Party, 6 - 9pm;
10:30 Show



Drink Specials

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December 4th
ERSICSS Presents their Christmas Show

December 11th
PWA Holiday Charities Presents its
Annual Christmas Show at 7 pm
with Special Guests the Austin Baptist Women
and Special Guest MC KHOU-TV's Lisa Foronda.

December 18th
Colt 45's Christmas Show

New Year's Eve

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with cash prizes. Door prizes given at
Midnight. Free Party Favors and Breakfast
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SATURDAY

SUNDAY



Drink Specials, 'til 9pm

Club 1415

Special Events



Happy Hour 'til 8pm;
9 Ball Open Tourne, 2pm



Enjoy the Sounds of DJ John Thompson



Block Party - 9 - 9:30pm, Santa Fe;
10 - 10:30pm, JR's



DJs Tad Dvorak + Mark Goebel
Spin the Grooves + Tunes

RICH'S

No Cover, 10:30-11pm; DJ Mark D;
Red Room-Martinis; Blue Bar-Vids;
Main Floor -Dance 'til 5am



Happy Hour 'til 8pm; Open 'til 4am
After Hours



Circuit Saturdays - DJs Jimmy Skinner + JD Arnold; No Cover
10:30 - 11pm; Drink Specials 9 - 11pm; After Hours 'til 5am; 21+ only



Happy Hour 'til 8pm;
C.C. Cabaret Show, 11pm

KOON-TIKI

DJ Robin Dancer Show, 11pm;
Naomi Warwick, Misty Valdez +
Guests

Robert's
LaFitte

Ladies Of LaFitte Show, 10:30pm

UNDERCURRENT

Drink Specials

Drink Specials, 'til 9pm

Special Events

8 Ball Tourne, 3pm; Open Pool
Tables All Day; Service Industry
Night

Karaoke -w- Todd, 10pm;
Happy Hour, 2 - 8pm

Karaoke -w- Marsha Carlton, Kofi
& Lana Blake; Pro Male Strip
Contest, JR's side

Sundays Are Hot!
Drink Specials, 4-11pm

Closed

Drink Specials All Day + Night
With 80s Retro Music

Church - Houston's Hottest
Alternative on Sunday Nights -w-
Resident DJ JD Arnold

Sunday Tea Dance, 4 - 8pm

DJ Robin, 5pm; DJ Danny G, 9pm;
Dancer Show, 11pm; Misty Valdez,
Trecencia St. James + Newcomers

Sunday Brunch;
Ladies Of LaFitte Show, 10:30pm

Drink Specials



STARZ

Guava Lamp



calendar

SPECIAL EVENTS

DECEMBER 2-3

Sports Rally Weekend
Undercurrent

DECEMBER 4

ERSICSS Christmas Show
BRB

DECEMBER 5

25th Anniversary Party
Ripcord, 9pm

DECEMBER 9-10

Day Glo Black Light Party Weekend
Undercurrent

DECEMBER 10

7th Anniversary Party
Guava Lamp

DECEMBER 11

PWA Holiday Charities Annual Christmas
Show, 7pm
BRB

DECEMBER 15-16

Studio 54 Party Weekend
Undercurrent

DECEMBER 18

Colt 45's Christmas Show
BRB

DECEMBER 23-24

Winter Wonderland Weekend
Undercurrent

DECEMBER 19

Christmas Party
Guava Lamp

DECEMBER 21

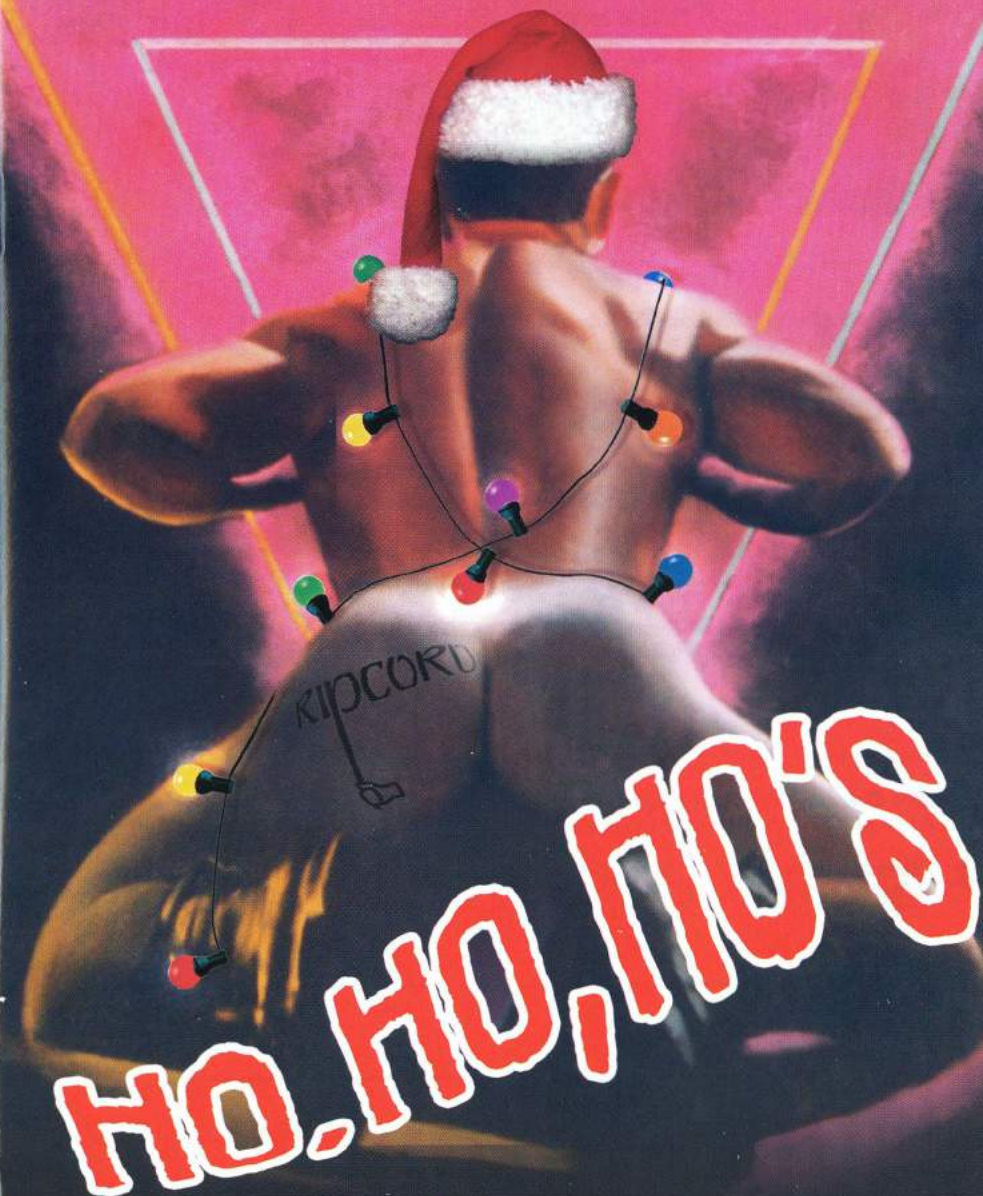
Red Party, 11pm
JR's

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Party Dinner
Undercurrent

DECEMBER 30 - 31

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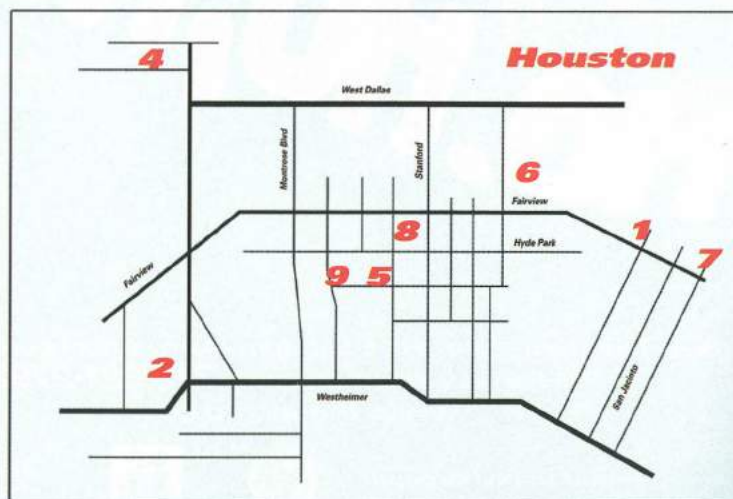
DECEMBER 2005 CLUBS + BARS

HOUSTON

- 1 Brazos River Bottom Club** 2400 Brazos, Houston (713) 528-9192
Open daily, noon-2am. That's 14 hours of cowboys and denim! You lucky cowpokes!
- 2 Club 1415** 1415 California, Houston (713) 522-7066
Great second level dance bar with big outdoor patio.
- 3 Decades** 1205 Richmond Ave, Houston (713) 521-2224 Eileen is the lady that knows everyone. This comfy neighborhood bar is home to a more mature crowd (over 27 in gay-eeze) that 9-5's it every day + have become family.
- 4 Guava Lamp** 570 Waugh, Houston (713) 524-3359
Re-opened + brand new! Come check out this fabulous martini bar. Great grooves + a hot staff!
- 5 JR's** 808 Pacific St @ Grant, Houston (713) 521-2519 One of Houston's best known bars, JR's caters to a young + trendy crowd. Browse 3 bars filled with impeccably dressed clientele during happy hour. Take a break on the quiet back patio.

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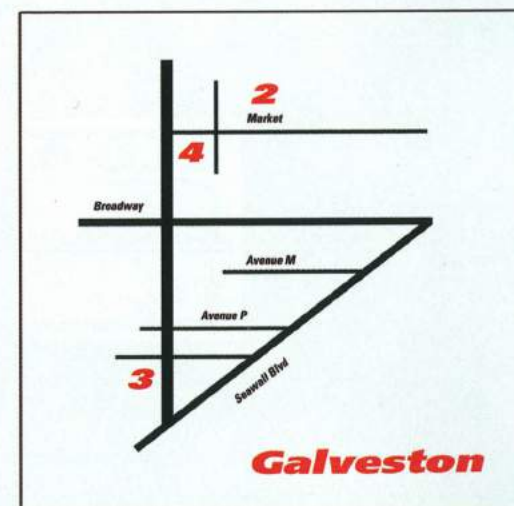
- 1 3rd Coast** 3102 Seawall, Galveston (409) 765-6911 3rdcoastbar.com Amazing view of the Gulf from the bar + patio. Friendly neighborhood hangout for regulars + travelers alike.
- 2 Garza's Kon Tiki** 315 Tremont, Galveston (409) 765-5805 thekontiki.com Located downtown the Kon Tiki is steps from the Strand.



- 6 Meteor** 2306 Genesee @ Fairview, Houston (713) 521-0123 meteorhouston.com Voted Out*Smart's Best Happy Hour 2003 + 2004; Best Martini 2003 + 2004; TX Triangle's Sexiest Staff 2003 + 2004. 'Nuff said.
- 7 Rich's** 2401 San Jacinto, Houston (713) 759-9606 richs-houston.com Huge 2-level dance club fetures a large dance floor on the first floor + 2 separate themed bars upstairs. Our favorite is the Red bar!
- 8 Ripcord** 715 Fairview, Houston (713) 521-2792 theripcord.com Leather + bears + hot men, "Oh, My!" This bar has dark + bright areas to mingle. Watch a movie or hang with the crowd! Check out the patio!
- 9 South Beach the Nightclub** 810 Pacific, Houston (713) 529-SOBE (7623) southbeachthenightclub.com Huge sprawling dance club you can walk around for days! Great bar in front to get away + chat. Dancing all night + after hours.

- 3 Robert's LaFitte** 2501 Ave. Q @ 29th, Galveston (409) 765-9602 One of the island's oldest bars. The bar has colorful drag shows + a redone patio with a swimming pool.
- 4 Undercurrent** 2409 Market, Galveston (409) 790-8571 undercurrentgalveston.com 2 levels with 15,000 sq. ft. of party space which includes a large dance floor, 2 large bars, a non-smoking lounge + a game room. Voted best dance club, best DJ, best place to see male dancers.

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 Chances/G-Spot - 1100 Westheimer
 Club Xcape - 8101 Airport Blvd
 Cousins - 817 Fairview
 EJs - 2517 Ralph
 Club Inergy - 5750 Chimney Rock
 Keys West - 817 Dallas
 Mary's - 1022 Westheimer
 Michael's Outpost - 1419 Richmond
 Montrose Mining Co. - 805 Pacific
 The Pink Dolphin - 904 Ave. M @ Seawall
 Rainbow Room - 527 Barren Springs
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Wednesdays

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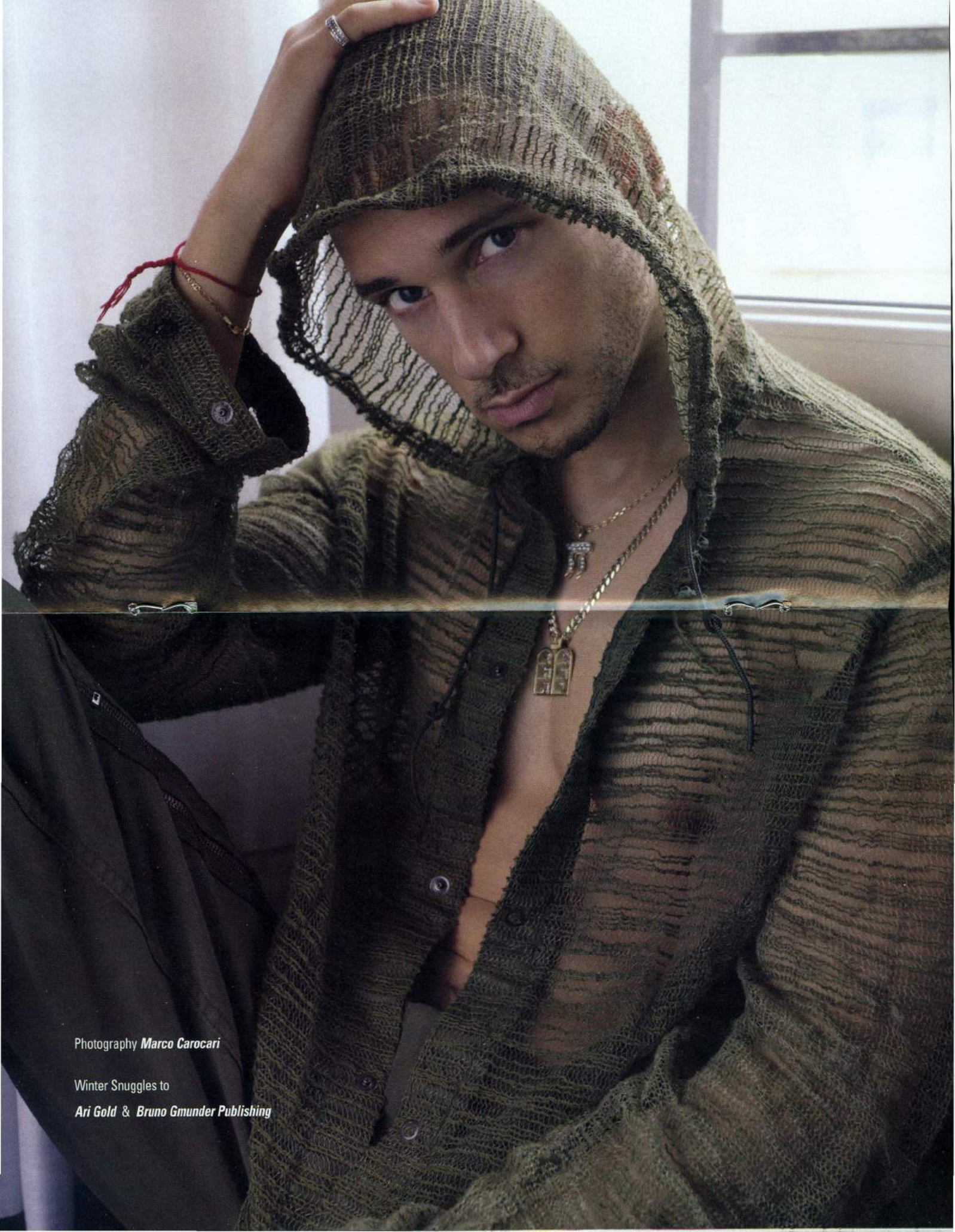


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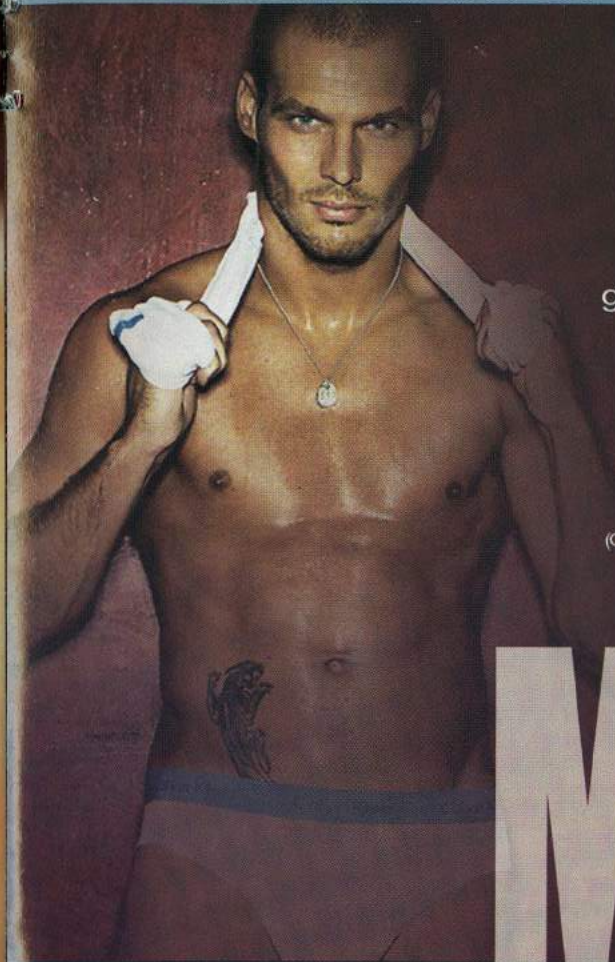
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Winter Snuggles to

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out about



Jonathan Luke

WELL, HO HO HO to you, my friends. Its that time of year, again. Yes, its time to grow out that body hair and snuggle up to something, or someone, special. What will his name be tonight, *Chris*? Or *David*? Hmm... *Christmas* time and Hanukkah is here, that special time of year to rejoice and be GAY!!! But before I tell ya what you can do, I'll fill you in on what you might have missed...

November 5th was the **Orange Show Gala** themed party, **Voodoo Part Deux: Leather and Lace...** yes, I wore both the leather and a form of lace. This event was an amazing collaboration of art, music and dancing with some of Houston's finest. The Orange Show is from the same organization that brings you the **Art Car Parade** and creates programs for at risk youth, patients that have traumatic injuries and a variety of other services. For more info visit, orangeshow.org

Now let's get on to the good stuff for the month of December. **Blafford Gallery** will present an opening reception, December 2nd, from 7 to 9pm, for the **2005 School of Art Annual Student Exhibition**, a showcase of several styles and varieties, including painting, sculpture, photography and graphic design. This show will be viewable thru the 17th. Call **713.743.9530** for more information. Can't get enough art? From December 3rd - January 3rd, **New Gallery** presents **Ringi Bungkus**, a group show, while **Baton Rouge** artist **Susan Bonfils** will be in **Gallery 2**. For more info newgallery.net

December 3rd and 4th, join **Diverse Works** with **Kurt Stallmann** as he presents **SONA**, an environment of sound and imagery. With the help of the **Enso String Quartet** and Filmmaker **Alfred Guzzetti**, with all of Houston's glorious noise and rumble, comes this digitally transformed presentation. Visit Diverseworks.org for more info.

The longest running show in Broadway history will make its very first appearance at **Theater Under The Stars**, from December 6th - 18th. **Andrew Lloyd Webber's** wildly popular **Cats** was a huge hit in **London** and **New York** for two decades. Based on the popular poetry of **T.S. Eliot**, **CATS** tells the story, in song and dance, of the annual gathering of Jellicle cats. Call **(713) 558-8887** for more info.



So, just when did **Laverne & Shirley** get all sexy & stuff?

The Gay Men's Chorus will perform **Jingle Jangle Jive** at the **Jesse H. Jones Hall**, December 20th at 8pm. This show is sure to put a smile on your face. And speaking of pretty smiles, these boys will be dolled up in their holiday drag and are sure to drag you into another place in time where all is shiny and bright with a glow of light. Since 1979 the GMCH has brought the community some of the finest entertainment. So get your tickets and park your sleigh for a roll in the hay for this one-time show. For tickets visit GMCH.org

While I'm at it, I should give you another restaurant referral, because we've all got to fuel up sometime. How about **Aladdin Mediterranean** restaurant in the heart of our hood? If you haven't already, you will find this little jewel at the corner of **Montrose** and **Westheimer**. This is one of those little places that you'll want to visit at least once a week... great food, good value, lovely atmosphere and an awesome staff.

If you have an arts-related event, or just something interesting coming up, drop me an e-mail at jonathan@rednightlife.com and I'll try my best to make it known.

Cheers and see you in the New Year!

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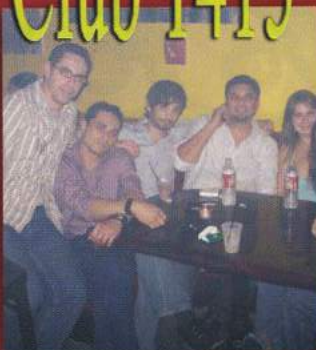
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5750 Chimney Rock, 713/660-7310

Monday 9pm - 12am



DJ Brett Henrichsen is throwing a party and he requests your presence. Got your attention? Not surprising. Henrichsen, one of the top DJs on the international circuit, is also arguably the most recognized mixologist spinning today. Getting his start a mere five years ago, in order to promote his fledgling record label, **MasterBeat**, his star has risen to phenomenal heights. One of the very reasons that his New Year's Eve party in **Los Angeles** has become the hottest ticket in the country.

Having first teamed up with internationally renowned promoter **Jeffrey Sanker** back in 1999, for the first of two New Year's Eve parties in **Palm Springs**, it was only a matter of time before Henrichsen decided to bring the party home. "It was my goal to bring an event weekend back to Los Angeles," the globe-trotting DJ said, during one of his infrequent stops at his home in L.A. "We decided, in looking at a calendar, that New Year's was a hole that needed to be filled, because while everybody does a New Year's celebration, there wasn't a huge one. So we decided to make Los Angeles be a nationwide destination."

ACCORDING TO HENRICHSEN, THIS PLAN HAS BEEN SIX YEARS IN THE MAKING. WHICH MEANS, HE BELIEVES THIS TO BE THE BREAKOUT YEAR THAT WILL PUT HIS PARTY ON THE MAP. "THIS YEAR IS DEFINITELY GOING TO BE THE BIGGEST AND BEST YET," HE SAYS. "BECAUSE NOT ONLY IS NEW YEAR'S EVE ON A WEEKEND THIS YEAR, WHICH MAKES IT MUCH MORE CONDUCTIVE TO TRAVELING, WE'VE ALSO GOT AN INCREDIBLE VENUE, THE HOLLYWOOD PALLADIUM AND WE'VE GOT MANNY LEHMAN AND DEBORAH COX AS A DOUBLE HEADER FOR THE MAIN EVENT."

In fact, one of the main highlights of this event, will be a full-length concert by Cox, to kick it all off. "It's the first time that we know of that anyone has ever done a full-length concert in conjunction with a major dance event," Henrichsen says hopefully. "We thought, why not break out of the traditional mold and do a concert at the beginning of the party to kick things off, so we aren't actually interrupting the dance party. You actually get two complete separate functions for the price of one. She'll be live, on stage, with a full four-piece band and dancers for a full 75 minutes. The doors will open at 8pm, she'll go on at 9pm, then as soon as she's done, that will segue into the venue being transformed into a club and Manny Leman will pick up right where she left off."

So far, the reaction has been extraordinary, according to Henrichsen, with ticket pre-sales going through the roof. "For the first time this year we're really seeing pre-sales that are just insane. We sold this event out two weeks in advance last year. Our tickets sales, this year, are already quadruple what they were at this time last year." Which means if you've been wondering what all the hoopla is about, the time is now to get your tickets.

"MY GOAL IS TO MAKE PEOPLE LEAVE THIS YEAR SAYING WE WANT TO COME BACK NEXT YEAR. WE WANT THIS TO GROW INTO AN ANNUAL EVENT WHERE PEOPLE GO. 'OH L.A., THAT'S WHERE WE GO FOR NEW YEARS.' WE WANT TO PUT ON AN INCREDIBLE SHOW AND MAKE PEOPLE WANT TO COME BACK." SO FAR SO GOOD. IS IT REALLY SOMETHING YOU WANT TO MISS OUT ON? AFTER ALL, IT ISN'T EVERY DAY THAT BRETT HENRICHSEN INVITES YOU TO A PARTY. IS IT?

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LOS ANGELES NEW YEAR'S 2006, VISIT THE WEBSITE AT WWW.NEWYEARS.LA.COM. PHOTO BY **KAL YEE** (WWW.KALYEE.COM), WHO FEATURES **BRETT HENRICHSEN** AS ONE OF HIS MODELS IN THE RECENTLY RELEASED BOOK, **SLIDE** (WWW.SLIDETHEBOOK.COM).

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OH, MOUNTAIN! Looking for that perfect gift idea for your favorite model of perfection? You might consider giving him the gift of literacy (hey, a picture book is still a BOOK!). Slide is a book of hot models shot by famed photographer **Kal Yee**, using his "unique slide technique," in which he draws his models into the camera, capturing all of their emotions and energy on film. However he does it, the result is a series of breathtaking photos of beautiful men who appear to leap off the page. A stunning hardcover book of 120 pages, Slide contains 70 rich black and white photos, some with color accents, and five illustrations by Kal. Read all about it at www.slidethebook.com







THERE'S NO DOUBT about it, Japanese toymakers take only the best drugs. How else can you explain the weird ass creations they pass off as children's toys? Ah, but the Western world is catching up quickly. Want proof? Kidrobot bills itself as "planet Earth's premier creator and retailer of limited-edition art toys, mini-figures, posters, clothing, action figures and more!" It's here that you can find **David Horvath's 2-Faced Dunny's** and **Scott Musgrove's Booted Glamour Cats** alongside such recognizable ephemera as **Uglydolls**, **Sittas** and **Gloomy Bear**. And what red-blooded collector of the bizarre can possibly do without a **Yeti Sticker Pack**? Don't dawdle, get on over to www.kidrobot.com and start shopping!



IT MAY HAVE hit shelves on November 22nd, but the holiday season. Why? Besides offering high-definition graphics, Dolby(r) 5.1 surround sound and a wide array of titles, Xbox 360 is also the ultimate amplifier for music, movies and photos stored on an array of devices including MP3 players, digital cameras and Microsoft(r) Windows(r) XP-based PCs. Prepare to pick your jaw up off the ground and experience game-playing the way techno-geeks have been promising it for years. It also might make the fact that you can't get a date seem trivial by comparison.



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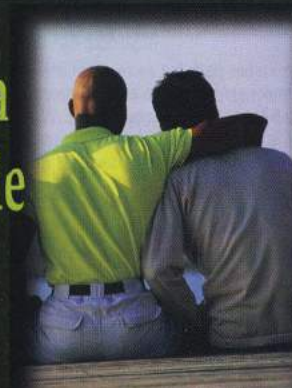


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AFTER A LONG DAY

at work, there is nothing better than casual dining with fantastic food. **Barnaby's Cafe** on Fairview is right in the center of the **Montrose** and it's one of the most energetic and eclectic places in the area.

Entering, you'll notice that the walls are painted with various things, such as steaks, and the ceilings in one area have puppies. You know you're in for a treat when puppies are flying above your head.

It's a sit-on-your-own sort of place, so pick a table. Amazingly, the menu doubles as a placemat and only serves, throughout your meal, to remind you that you had to make a choice and couldn't just order everything listed. Thank the gods that Barnaby's is right next to where you want to be, so trying everything is eventually going to happen.

First off, the appetizers. We started off with the *Spinach & Artichoke Dip* with chips, which was so wonderful that **Cuba**, the manager, informed me she has trouble passing it up, that it could be eaten daily and never get old. I have to agree.

Next up were salads. There are several to choose from, including the *Chicken Mediterranean Salad* with feta and an amazing dressing and a *Chinese Chicken Salad*, which is served with a peanut sauce. Even better, they have a *Lebanese Chicken Fattoush*, exceedingly fresh, yummy, and the portions are massive. It's a full list of tasty treats that are really good for you. Your mother would approve. Imagine.

There are full dinners, of course, for those of you out there who only consider a large slab of meat to be a meal. Try the *One Pound Aged Prime Ribeye*, which comes with a side of vegetables that change daily. It also comes with seasoned fries — as if consuming the most tender, delicious, wonderful entire side of beef isn't enough for you. You should also order their *Secret Fry* dipping sauce. The big secret? It's beyond tasty. The bigger secret? It's bar-b-que sauce and honey-mustard dressing. Mixed.

If that slab of beef isn't your style, you can always go for the *Grass-fed Texas Buffalo Burger*, which is large enough to satisfy any appetite, and also comes with those groovy fries. Even better, you can have it cooked to taste. Buffalo is a truly tasty meat.

The staple of the menu is the *Hawaiian Pork Chops*, which are divine. It's always fun to realize that what you're eating isn't kosher, but it's so good that even a rabbi would think twice before passing it up. And it's served with the vegetables of the day. I had broccoli, which was steamed to perfection, so good that it literally fell apart on my fork, and it was so tasty!

Dessert comes next, but there was barely any room left in our stomachs. After all, we'd had appetizers, salads, meals and now it was time for some sweets. We decided to have *Apple Pie à la Mode*. It was heaven in a bowl, with vanilla ice cream covering the pie and powdered cinnamon covering the ice cream.

After having such a wonderful meal at Barnaby's Cafe, my pants had a problem covering my extremely full, yet completely satiated, belly. I wholeheartedly recommend stopping by with some friends. You'll enjoy the food, the people and the place. It's the best way to switch from workday to going out!



the guide



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Tues-Thu 11am-9:30pm; Fri 11am-11pm; Sat 12 noon-11pm;
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Mo Mong 713-524-5664 1201 Westheimer #b, Houston
Mon 11am-10pm; Tue-Sat 11am-11pm; Sun 12 noon-10pm

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Niko Nikos 713-528-GYRO 2520 Montrose Blvd., Houston www.nikonikos.com
Mon-Thu 10am-10pm; Fri-Sat 10am-11pm; Sun 11am-10pm

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CANYON RANCH



"WHEN SOMEONE loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth."

This was a quote from Tim's 6 year old son, while he perched on my shoulders as we watched the *New York City Gay Pride* parade go by. I was stunned at the prophetic power issued from this innocent youth, whose tiny hands reached out and cupped his fathers cheek as he stood beside me, my lovers fingers interlaced with mine. That's the way it is when I hear my name being spoken from Tim. I gazed at the crowd waving their boas and flags, listening to the cheers being tossed across the street laden with horses pulling floats, covered with cowboys and leather studs on motorcycles, not seeing anything except the love and acceptance within this child's heart. The whole scenario was as surreal as the finale of *Priscilla*.

The first time Tim met Veronica was at an intimate, break-the-ice, post-Pride dinner party being hosted by her new lover, Christy. The two women—both statuesque and breathtakingly beautiful—graciously welcomed Tim, his son Victor and I into their upper westside pied-a-terre. Through the full length windows across their foyer, the glitter of the Big Apple sparkled like diamonds across the tree tops of *Central Park*. Uncannily, Veronica and Tim became instant friends, and he understood immediately why I loved her so deeply, and yet loved her enough to encourage her into both of our new lives, as well. Christy showed the kind of respect toward Tim and I that only the mature of accepting heart can give to a current's ex and ex's current, knowing full well that even in the deepest of loving another, there will always be a place for them in their lives. Those women were perfect together, Ronnie and I were perfect apart. Dinner was a rack of lamb. We stayed at the W.

New York City is a wonderful place to visit, shop, gather one's magical dreams and disappear into the hustle of *Greenwich Village*. It's also a great place to escape from. Christy headed for *Rome* and another catwalk on fashion row, with Veronica in deep tow. We men boarded the

train at *Grand Central*, bound for the *Berskshires* and a weekend stay at *The Ranch*. The chauffeur met us in *Albany* and whisked us through the golden oak countryside to the main entrance of the grand Chateaux. Across the vast green lawns, the sense of casual luxury immediately removed us from the normalcy of our lives back in Arizona. We were there to be pampered, to be guided into a more healthy lifestyle, to relax, to get in touch with nature. This is what I love so much about experiencing *The Ranch*. Whether it be in the *Catalina foothills* of *Tucson*, here in the *Berskshires* in upstate New York, aboard the *Queen Mary II* or at the *Venetian Hotel* in *Las Vegas*, the experience is always of superb standard.

Tim was his usual charming, handsome self, critiquing the cuisine of perfection established by the cordon bleu chefs, Victor enthralled in playing with other tykes on the hiking trails that surround this magnificent villa. I was engaged in having my yearly physical checkup provided by the extraordinary medical staff. There were enough tips on how to maintain proper form in the realms of meditation, calorie intake, lifting weights, sinking deeply into the massage table and the backstroke in the Olympic pools, that I will be incorporating them into my regime for years to come.

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Rejuvenated from the tour-de-farce of New York, we headed West. On the plane home, Tim was excited to share his little surprise of having booked a villa in *Puerto Vallarta* with Ricky and Tony from Vegas for Thanksgiving and *Latin Fever*. This should be an exciting adventure to come, I will start looking for a new speedo straight away.

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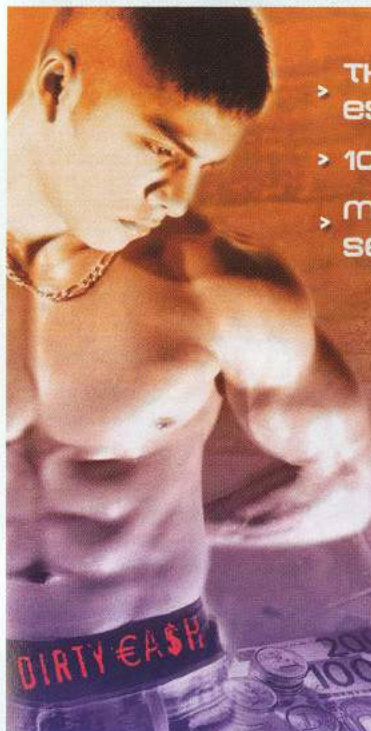
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"Seriously, Charlotte, the DJ last night was the bomb-mutha-fuckin'-diggety!"

After a sultry, cocktail-filled Saturday night, right about the time the bartender makes last call, I know the real party is about to commence. I must say that I'm fairly particular about after-hours clubs, but **Habitat** caters to the crème de la crème. Every Saturday night from 1am till dawn, **Club 1415** on California Street transforms into Habitat, a dimly lit, crowd-filled, adult playground jamming the hottest House music, courtesy of resident **DJ Michael DeGrace**.

Strolling past what looks like a **Studio 54** door line, I make my VIP entrance and head upstairs to spread my social butterfly wings: color them **Red** babies! There I find an eclectically gorgeous gathering of groups. There are people propped against the bar and socializing at circular booths along the walls overlooking a strobe light filled dance floor infected with shoulder-to-shoulder rump-shakers.

I quickly squeeze in at the bar, grabbing a **Red Bull** from my friendly bartender **Dorian**, and make my way past the thriving dance floor, up to the stage to pay my respects to the man behind the night and the turntables, Michael DeGrace. He happens to be playing my favorite House mix of *'Scandal in New York'* so I hit the dance floor to sweat off a few of the nights cocktails.

The music and the partygoers aren't the only thing hot here, so I head to the back room to cool down. This quaint room is definitely the club's chill-out area, filled with my favorite plush red couches, a dart board and a few video games. This is typically my meet-up spot with friends, so it's no surprise I run into **Kev** and **Mark D**, who I quickly plop between for some warm gossip. Oh, if these blood red couches could talk, they would have their own column!

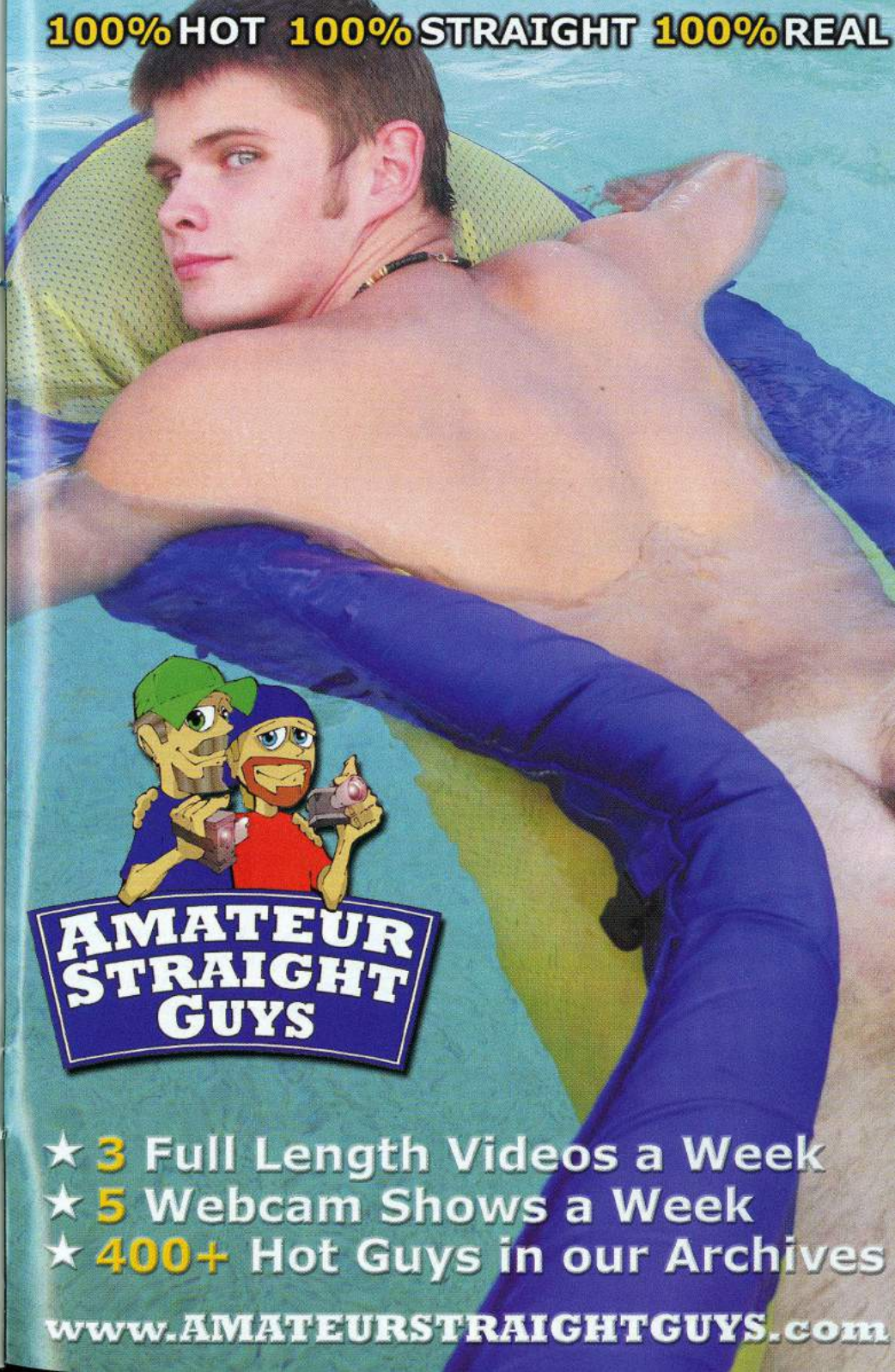
Finally cooling down, no thanks to lots of hot talk, I scoop up Kev to make the rounds, gallivanting and taking a few photos. I suppose we got lost in a sea of socialization, for as the curtains are drawn, sunlight streams into the club and we realize the dawn has caught up with us. Walking outside there are a stream of chatty partygoers gathered on the sidewalk, as cat-calls and number swapping bring the night to a close.

A wonderful collaboration of socialites and rocking House music make this end-up one of the hottest after hours in Houston. With the long-lived name of Michael DeGrace, it's no wonder he's the king of after hours, packing more partygoers to new venues every year. Look forward to a new event thrown by DeGrace at Club 1415 on Friday nights, starting at the beginning of the year. Unlike most of his events, it will be from 9pm to 2am; however it will be filled with a wide variety of House, from funky to dark and deep.

Not only does this DJ have a knack for bringing groups together, he has staying power and a fan base that gets larger every year. During a chat with Michael about Habitat and his future projects he expressed gratitude towards Houston partygoers for their support throughout the last two decades. For over 23 years he has delivered the hottest House music in Houston, and I wish him a lengthy future of energy-filled nights.

Niki Angelo is a native Houstonian, a self-described barfly and a resident DJ at Clark's on Wednesday nights and Dean's Credit Clothing on the first Thursday of every month. Find out more about her at

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Pandora

Dear Pandora,

I have been dating this guy for about 6 months. It started off great and he really seemed to be Mr. Right but within weeks I started to realize that I might have seriously deluded myself. If he called and I didn't answer he would begin to obsessively text me. He would even come to my job and wait for me to get off, just to "make sure I was okay". A couple times I freaked out, screamed at him about it and told him I didn't want to see him anymore and he would be waiting on my doorstep with flowers and an apology. He is a sweet person, but he is just entirely too clingy and insecure for an independent person like me. How do I get him to take a hint and just go away?

Sincerely,
Stalked and Scared

Well, SS, it sounds like you have gotten yourself into a serious mess, Miss Thing. I will never understand why people stick around when the person they are dating exhibits psychotic traits in the very beginning of their relationship. It seems to me that "God is trying to tell you something" when that type of shit happens. I always try to follow a simple motto when it comes to dating: "When you see crazy coming, cross the street." If you shack up with someone and within the first couple weeks he is so far up your ass that the hair on his head is tickling your tonsils, then there is a problem. Those people are generally "in love with the idea of being in love" and have already planned out their wedding and will try to fit every person they meet into the wedding dress they purchased years ago. In other words they are working out karma from a past relationship that went wrong and are trying to find a replacement for their runaway bride.

You need to grab hold of your coconut honey and just tell him to go away, and mean it. Stop sending mixed messages! As soon as he started obsessively text messaging me, I would have replied by telling him to get a grip and get out. I have no time for that madness! Is he still in the eighth grade or something? So, if you are really done, then explain to him that you can't see him anymore and if he shows up on your doorstep claiming he will change, hold your ground. If he was gonna change, he would have done so the first time you told them to knock that shit off. If necessary get a restraining order and some pepper spray. A shot of pepper spray in the eye and a night in jail should make it very clear that you are serious. Only a true psycho would persist after that. Regardless, it sounds to me like you need to speed on, before you get peed on! (Unless of course that's your kink... and that's another issue that I don't have time to get into right now.)

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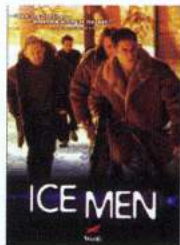
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OUR FIRST ENTRY, *Ice Men*, comes to us from **Wolfe Releasing** and marks the feature film directorial debut of *Queer As Folk* director, **Thom Best**. *Ice Men* is about four friends who escape to the main characters cabin for a boy's weekend to celebrate a birthday. No, it's not what you think (class remember?). All are childhood friends who have grown up together, but as adults have very little in common. Each comes to the cabin with hopes of having a great time drinking beer, hanging out and reliving old times. Ah, nothing like some good ol' male bonding! Unfortunately the fun is interrupted when the leader of the group, **Vaughn**, is paid a visit by his estranged brother, **Trevor**, who, unlike Vaughn, is not an uptight, emotionless prick. Trevor stands up to Vaughn and does not take any of his alpha male antics like the other three men do. The arrival of his ex-wife further complicates matters among the group.

Throughout the film, the background of each character is explored in depth. Vaughn is very successful when it comes to his profession, but does not know how to keep a woman in his life and has carried the burden of his family secrets all on his own. (Sounds like most of the straight men we know, huh?) Trevor is the black sheep of the family and has a gambling problem that is beyond his control. Then there is the birthday boy, and Vaughn's best friend, Bryan (played by Stargate: Atlantis hunk David Hewlett), who says he loves his wife but doesn't always show it. Especially when he sleeps with Vaughn's ex-fiancé, who stops by the cabin to get her remaining stuff and winds up sampling Bryan's stuff while she's at it. Hey, who doesn't love a scheming, conniving bitch to liven things up? The divine Alexis Carrington taught us that!

Then there is Jon, who is a closeted gay man and has very deep feelings for Steve, who is a personal trainer and has a controlling girlfriend back at home. Who among us can't relate to this situation? It's very clear that Jon wants Steve to himself and after a night of drinking and hanging out in the hot tub (where we get to see Steve's ass and what an ass it is!), the two men share a bed. Soon Steve passes out and Jon uses this time to explore Steve's naked body. Steve wakes up, but instead of pushing his friend off, the two share a passionate scene that will have you jumping for the

replay button on the remote control. Naturally, this furtive encounter only further complicates things among the group as more secrets are created and makes things even more awkward.

All of this drama between the men and their respective "loved ones" comes to a head with a very dramatic confrontation out on the frozen lake, where one of the men comes very close to death. All of the secretiveness, drama and bitterness between the four friends erupts in a dramatic climax, with all the baggage between them finally going up in flames.

Overall this is a great film, with excellent writing and a script that delivers the dramatic goods from an up-and-coming director with great potential. I would not be surprised to see more from Thom Best. The only problem I had with it was the ending, where many questions are answered, yet at the same time so many more questions are raised. It doesn't leave enough questions for a sequel (thank the movie gods!), but I wish I would of gotten a better sense of where these men were headed. Each actor plays his specific character with emotion and depth that connects wonderfully with the viewer. Most independent films with first time directors never flow as well as *ICE MEN* does. Bravo to both a well-written and well-directed film.

Ice Men will be released on December 20, 2005, from Wolfe Releasing, with a suggested retail price of \$24.95. To find out more visit the website at www.WolfeVideo.com.

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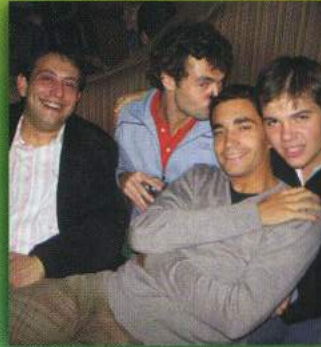
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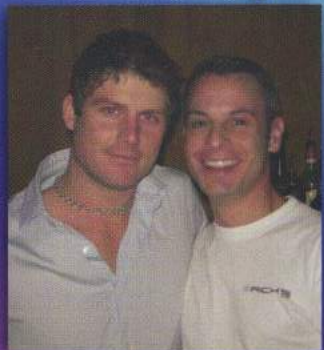

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