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www.ude.com



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THE POOL: Thousands of new members join weekly

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WHAT I FOUND: Close to 40 matches

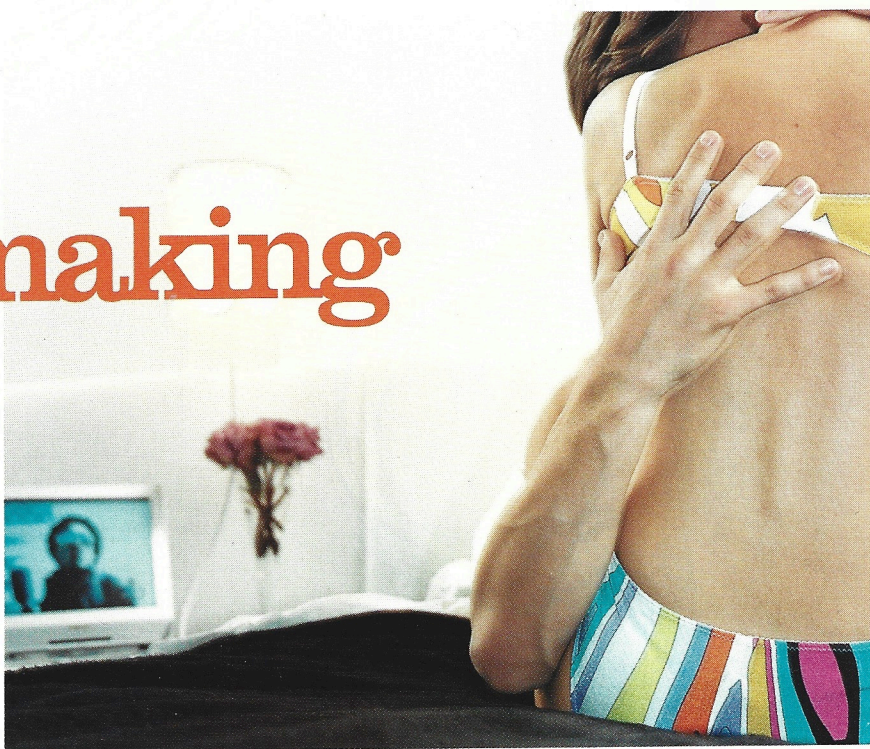
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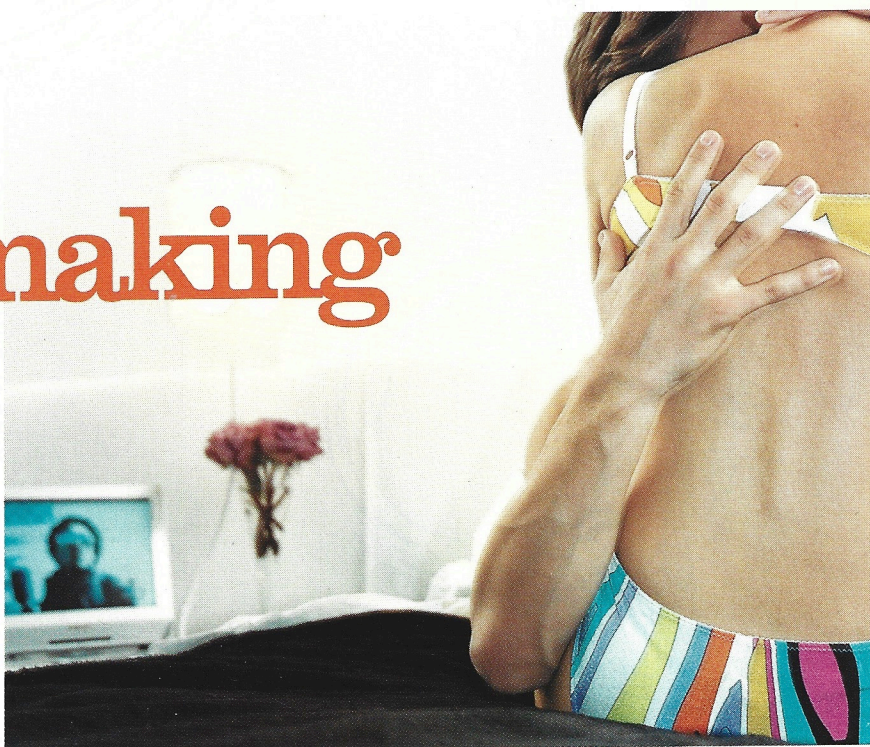
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