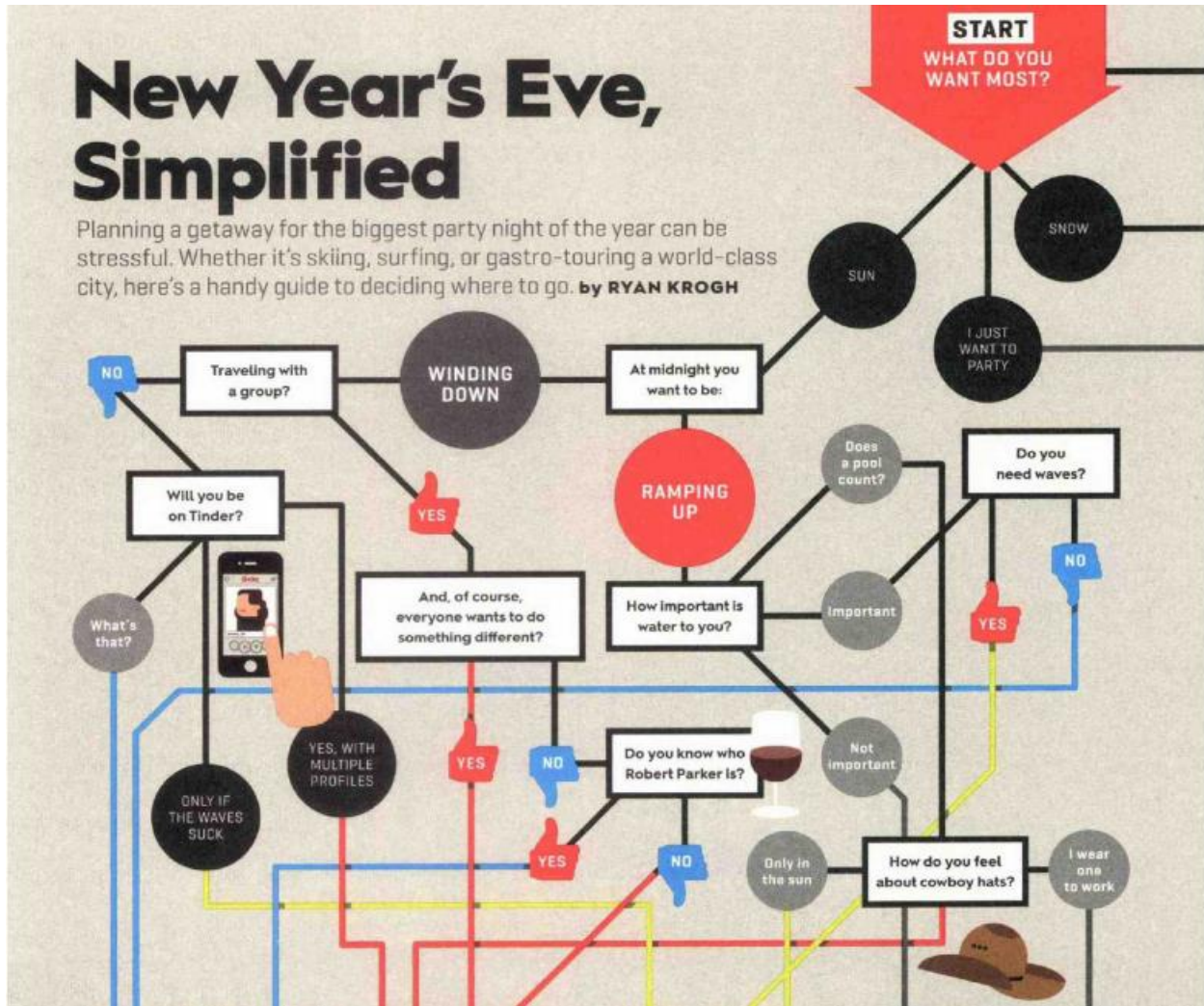


New Year's Eve, Simplified

Planning a getaway for the biggest party night of the year can be stressful. Whether it's skiing, surfing, or gastro-touring a world-class city, here's a handy guide to deciding where to go. **by RYAN KROGH**



GO WINE TOURING IN ENSENADA

BY DAY The Napa of Mexico has roughly two dozen world-class wineries; Baja Wine & Sun offers custom tours to all of them.
BY NIGHT With good wine comes good restaurants, and one of the best is Punto Morro, with dishes like lobster enchiladas. Even better, it's within an oceanside resort, so your stumble home can be a short one.



GET SPORTY IN PALM SPRINGS

BY DAY The area has more than 100 golf courses, slot canyons for hiking, and plenty of pools for lounging and tennis courts for working on your game—something for everyone.
BY NIGHT The best party is at the upscale Ace Hotel, with a mix of live music and DJs, poolside lounge, and brunch on Jan. 1.



SURF IN HAWAII

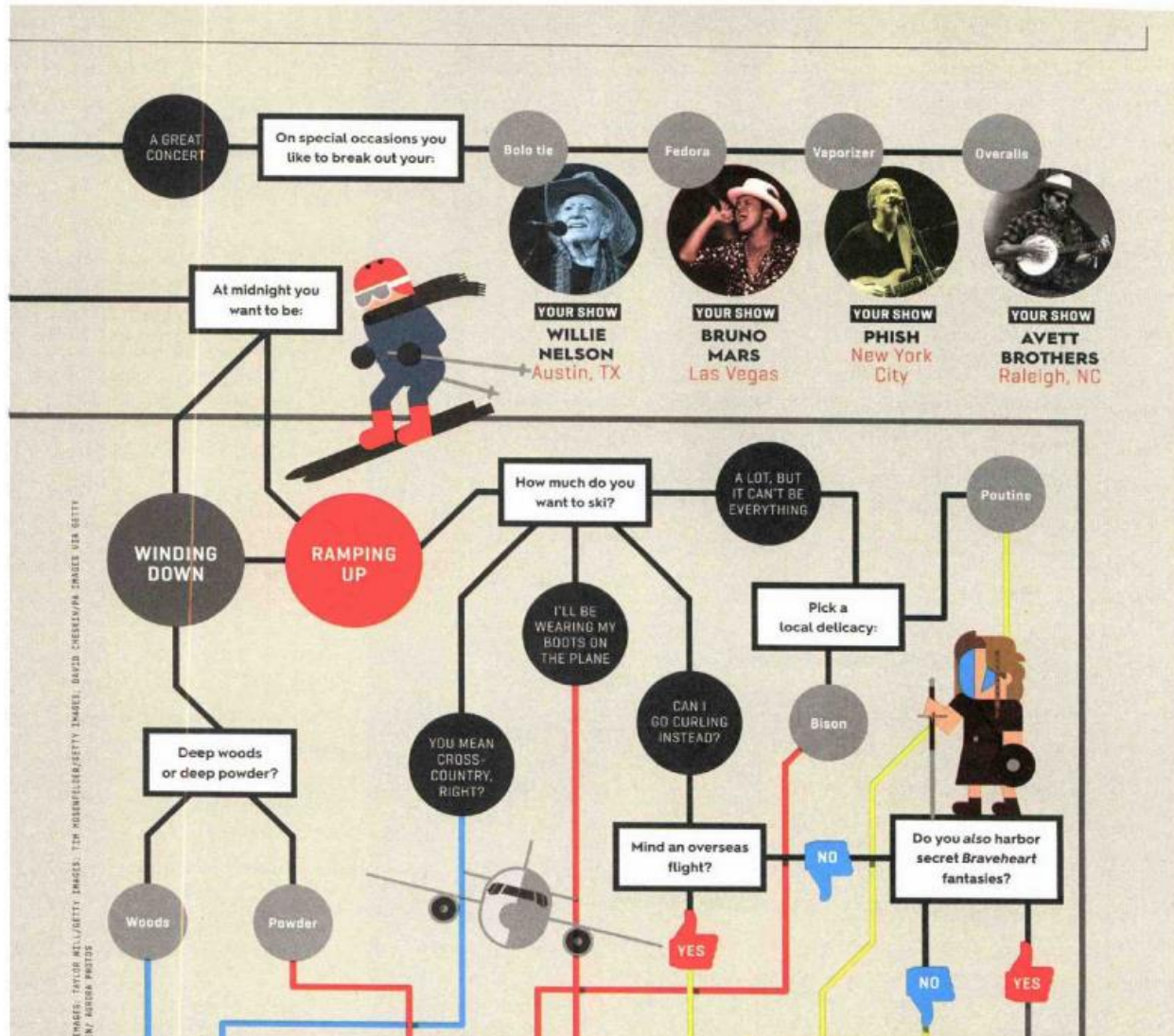
BY DAY Ken Bradshaw's surf camp, on the north shore of Oahu, will have you shredding the state's iconic waves in only a few days.
BY NIGHT Hawaii's biggest gathering is at Honolulu's Aloha Tower Marketplace, with more than two dozen food trucks and a series of concert stages with local acts. Then head down the road for the fireworks show at Waikiki Beach.



LINE DANCE IN NASHVILLE

BY DAY Prepare for the evening with a run in Edwin and Percy Warner Parks.
BY NIGHT Music City Midnight is the city's biggest party—a free street concert, headlined by Keith Urban, with midnight fireworks. For a more intimate bash, Old Crow Medicine Show plays its annual NYE show at the 125-year-old Ryman Auditorium.

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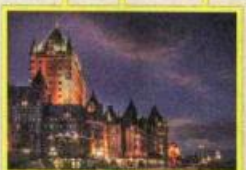
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SKI HUT TO HUT IN MAINE
BY DAY Maine Huts & Trails' four eco-lodges, which are connected by an 80-mile network of ski and snowshoe trails, are perfectly spaced for a three-day trip.
BY NIGHT The best hut, Stratton Brook, is also the only one with a midnight champagne toast and a view of the fireworks at nearby Sugarloaf ski resort.



CRUSH POWDER IN JACKSON HOLE
BY DAY If it's a snow day, line up at the tram early—like 8 a.m. early—so you can score first dibs on runs like the Alta Chutes, off the Sublette Quad.
BY NIGHT While the rest of Teton Village gawks up at the fireworks, you can look down on them from the restaurant atop Bridger Gondola at the Condi Gala bash, with live music.



OVERINDULGE IN QUEBEC CITY
BY DAY La Massif de Charlevoix resort, 30 minutes from downtown, has some of the best skiing, sledding, and snowshoeing on the eastern seaboard.
BY NIGHT The city's old-world-style plaza, the Grand Allée, fills with revelers for the DJs, and the restaurants have heated, canopied tents. The best afterparty will be at the Maurice Nightclub.



RAGE IN EDINBURGH
BY DAY Have a private sampling of the lowlands' best whiskys by signing up for Edinburgh's Scotch Whisky Experience.
BY NIGHT Hogmanay [Scottish New Year's] is a three-day party with 150,000 revelers, torch parades, and fife-and-drum gatherings—and is, perhaps, the only place you can get away with playing Viking for a day.

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