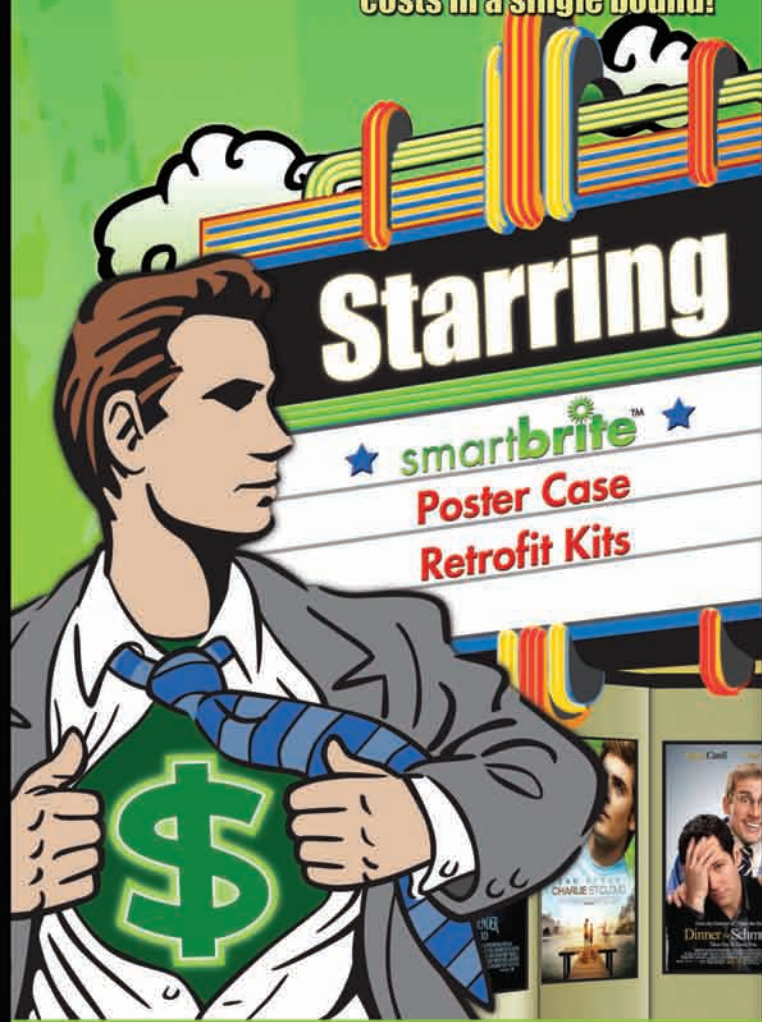


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## A TOAST TO TOM

Congratulations for the RAVE President and CEO

by Phil Contrino

BOXOFFICE salutes **TOM STEPHENSON**, ShowEast's Career Achievement winner. And here are a few more industry leaders adding to the applause:

"There are very few people I have met who have combined Tom Stephenson's innate understanding of what really works in this business with the drive and personality to effect change. I salute a great example of what this industry needs, and I congratulate a good friend!" — **Bud Mayo, Chairman and CEO, Digital Cinema Destinations Corporation**

"I met Tom within days of his first steps into the world of exhibition with his acquisition of the Trans-Texas circuit. The buzz in Dallas at the time was, 'Who is this guy and where did he come from?' Well, clearly it did not take long to get those answers and see the amazing impact Tom would have on our industry! From that small beginning, he has gone on to build the fifth largest domestic circuit and has always been at the forefront of innovation. From the creation of RAVE, as both the first all-stadium and 100 percent digital circuit, to one of the earliest proponents of 3D, Tom is always looking ahead and not behind. As important as that all is, it is his ability to listen that may be his greatest attribute! To Tom, and to another of our great long talks on "where this is all headed!" — **Rusty Gautier II, VP Southern Division Manager, 20th Century Fox**



"Back in the *Chicken Little* days when we were first starting the 3D world, Tom was the absolute first guy to say "yes" to putting in a system and joining us in the race for 3D, and

it was the beginning of an unbelievably good friendship. He's a really strong family man, and he runs a really good circuit" —

**Chuck Viane, President of Distribution, Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures**

### MAN OF THE HOUR

RAVE'S Tom Stephenson has plenty to smile about