

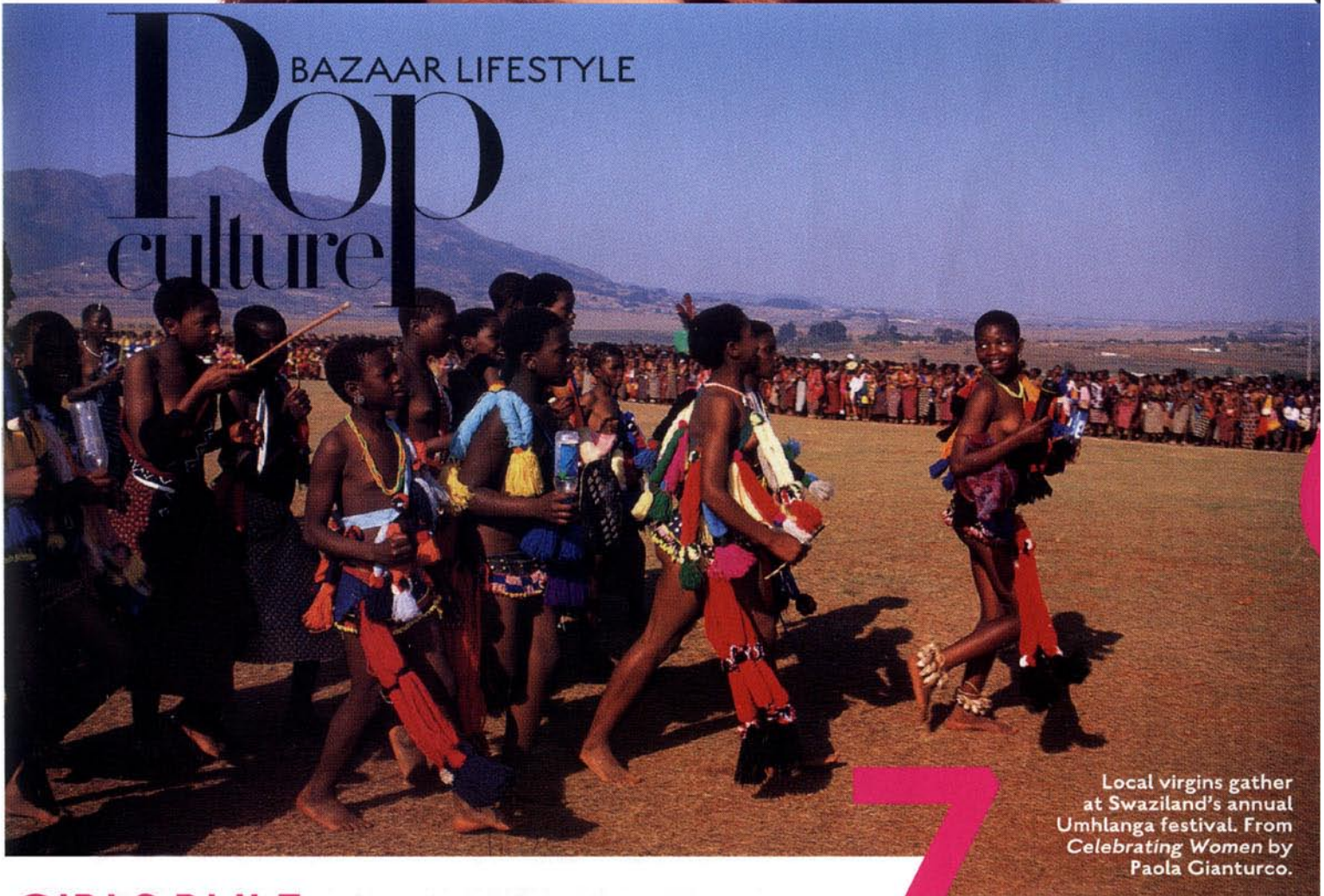
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Local virgins gather at Swaziland's annual Umhlanga festival. From *Celebrating Women* by Paola Gianturco.

GIRLS RULE. Couples race over obstacles in Finland's World Wife Carrying Championships; Spaniards who have had near-death experiences ride in open coffins and thank Santa Marta for saving them; 25,000 Swazi virgins dance for their Queen Mother. What do these festivals have in common? They all celebrate women. Photographer Paola Gianturco spent five years photographing 17 festivals in 15 countries across five continents, a journey that resulted in *Celebrating Women* (powerHouse), with a complementary exhibition at San Francisco's International Museum Of Women (until December 17).

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