Rounding Type in Photoshop

To create type effects such as this, you would typically use Adobe Illustrator, Macromedia Freehand, or Corel Draw. Creating your text on a path in Adobe Illustrator, for example, is much faster than the procedure outlined in this tip. If you don't have one of these programs, use this tip to create the effect in Photoshop. You can achieve a similar effect experimenting with the Distort>>Polar Coordinates filter, but you have far less control.

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Create a new image and draw a circle with the marquee tool. Stroke the selection with a thin black line (select Edit>>Stroke>>1 from CENTER).

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Create a new layer and place your text in the center of the circle.

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Draw a box around the middle letter and drag it straight up to the top of the circle. This is your midpoint.

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Continue to move the letters up, but now rotate each letter so it fits along the circular path. With Photoshop 3.0, select Image>>Rotate>>Free. In 4.0, use the free transform tool (CTRL+T).

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Continue until you have placed all the letters around the circle.

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Delete the layer that contains your circle, and crop your image to size. You will need a little practice to make the image look right. You can use these same steps to create text on the bottom of an image.

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