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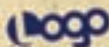
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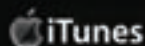


# GROOVELINES

by DJ Chris Allen



**Howdy disco citizens! It's time for your weekly dose of Groovelines – your source for what's hot and hip in the land of electronic dance music and beyond.**



Over at iTunes, and hot for digital download, is the new ep *Flood* from Austin based artist Caine Carangi. Before entering the world of electronic dance music, Caine worked all over the country as an illusionist, stunning audiences with his impersonations of Marilyn Monroe, Madonna, Boy George, and Britney Spears. Caine even did a run at CopyKatz in Palm Springs with over 1000 shows and has also worked with Icons, a celebrity impersonator revue. Along the way, Caine has worked with artists like Boy George and Kristine W, taking their advice and guidance to heart. Caine's debut effort is a well composed 6 song ep offering a clever passionate takes on a variety of styles of electronica to tingle your ear buds. CaineCarangi will be performing live at Halo in Bryan/College Station on Saturday, January 16th during the first scheduled Texas release party for his album *Flood*. You can purchase and download *Flood* at iTunes, Lala.com, Rhapsody, and the Limewire store. To learn



more about Caine Carangi online, listen to his tracks, check out his pics, and watch a few performance clips head over to [www.myspace.com/jcarangi](http://www.myspace.com/jcarangi).



Basement Jaxx, Lady Gaga, Butch, and La Roux. There's also a kick ass top singles and top compilation list. Great stuff. You'll find those floor fillers and more online at iTunes.



based. No surprise, some of it is absolutely amazing. The first thing I checked out were the delightful trance tracks Reborn, Second Coming, and Searching For Truth by N Vision. Found them on YouTube. They are from the N-Vision album The Road To Heaven - available online at [www.n-visionmusic.com](http://www.n-visionmusic.com). You will also find 3 other downloads at the site that are awesome. Kelly also thought I should check out Digital Aura. I gotta say, the

Also diggin' the good vibes and kick ass grooves being offered up from iTunes on their list of the top dance music albums of 2009! On the list are names like David Guetta, Tiga, Annie,

Thanks to one of my FB buds, the fabulous and inspiring Kelly Vela, I was recently turned on to some electronic dance music that is considered to be Christian/faith



thing out there for everybody folks. You have to simply either find it, or create it. Thank for the heads up Kelly - u rock!

Also up on YouTube right now is the latest insanely wonderful drag parody of a current top 40 hit. You will absolutely die from laughter - and shock - when you hear and watch the video for Sherry Vine's hysterically all wrong take on Lady Gagas's hit, Bad Romance. This clip is the total pool!

You can hear me play these mentioned hits and more weekly at Meteor & JR's in Houston and at Halo in Bryan/College Station. Be sure to tune into Hypersonic Radio every Saturday night at 10 pm to catch Groovelines Aloud on 101X in Austin, stream it live on the web at [www.hypersonicradio.com](http://www.hypersonicradio.com), or simply head over to the TWIT website's homepage. For info on these and all other upcoming DJ C.A. events and happenings head on over to [www.djca.us](http://www.djca.us). Stalk my every move at twitter, [com/groovelines](http://com/groovelines), MySpace, and Facebook.



Fever Mix of Digital Aura's song God's Child and the Max Payne Remix of Morning Star, also on YouTube, are a treat for the ears and way worthy of some late night dance floor play. Their self-titled ep, Digital Aura was posted on iTunes in 2006. Also considered Christian/faith based electronic are Plumb, and Andy Hunter. Cool. There really is some-

Deep in the heart of Texas, that is the Groovelines for now. You know the golden rule boys and girls - play it loud and disturb the neighbors! The scene can only grow and thrive if we participate in it folks. It exists because we make it so. Be active, support your local talent. Buy, don't share.

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# HOROSCOPES

BY JAIME



## **Aries** (March 21-April 19)

You're feeling inspired as 2010 begins and you want to live life to the full. Even so there is no sense in over-reaching yourself physically or financially. Both Mercury and Mars are retrograde and together they urge a degree of caution, don't for instance leap without looking or you could end up in a situation you don't feel prepared for. Now that you're rested, you could come up with some amazing ideas. Keep them legal.

## **Taurus** (April 20-May 20)

With emphasis now on your travel zone, you might feel an overwhelming desire to widen your horizons. If life has seemed rather dull or if work is unfulfilling, your need for change will be almost too strong to ignore. This might be just the inspiration you need to explore new possibilities. There may have recently been some discord within a group of friends you are fond of. A celebration arranged for the weekend will soon get you back in step with the band.

## **Gemini** (May 21-June 22)

This is an ideal time to look for a new home if you are thinking it is time to move on. A short trip to a place that has always interested you could get you thinking about spending more time in this area. This could give you the idea too, to look up some old friends. Their enthusiastic reception will prove there was no need to feel nervous about contacting them. Your sense of direction, teamed with unusual ingenuity, gives you greater influence than in the past. Do with less for a while until you revamp the way you regard money, trust me you won't miss the mess.

## **Cancer** (June 23-July 22)

It doesn't matter how hard you try, there is someone in your life who you just can't satisfy. If their complaints and grumbles are starting to make you feel useless and inadequate, it is time to look for new people to spend your days with. There is really no need to feel guilty if a relationship is turning out to be incompatible. You might have difficulty getting going. Let go and trust that when the time is right, you will come up with the right idea, tonight, meet a friend for munchies...

## **Leo** (July 23-August 22)

Conflicting advice and a variety of demands from other people will make you wonder whether you're ever going to get some time for yourself. At times it might seem as if it's impossible to please people. So, what's most important is to please yourself! It's also essential you care for your health this week.



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You don't want to burn yourself out and you will need some energy and creativity for the romantic plans your lover has in mind for the weekend.

**Virgo** (August 23-September 22)

Despite being in the mood for love, with Mercury retrograde in your fifth house, this probably isn't the best time to begin a romance. Complications you hadn't anticipated could arise and make you wonder whether you made a right choice. At the same time, love is rarely convenient and if you don't want to let a romantic opportunity pass you by, grasp it, like you did when you were first came out and your other was out of town.

**Libra** (September 23-October 22)

Your home or relationship worlds seem to be going through some changes. This is probably what's needed to move your life forward but if alarm bells are ringing and you feel some plans aren't for the best, let other people know it. Don't let anyone pressure you. There is really no need to rush into anything and the more thought put into new arrangements, the more successful they are likely to be. Re-model or refresh your surroundings, once the dust settles you will be able to breath free again.

**Scorpio** (October 23-November 21)

You're seriously thinking about taking up a course of study or a new interest that involves the communications industry. Despite some initial problems, in the form of a difficult person or procedures that must be followed before you can really get going, you know that you're moving in the right direction. You should be seeing some improvement in a close relationship that has been a bit tense lately, don't always be so guarded, and relax and it will happen.

**Sagittarius** (November 22-December 21)

Issues brought to your attention to do with the past may make you question the strength of a relationship. Don't jump to conclusions and don't believe all you hear. Somehow you and a partner have grown slightly apart and it might do you both some good to get together and discuss what's caused you to lose sight of each other. Your take-charge attitude must come out if you are to accomplish more of what you want. In any case, a decision to approach a situation differently might be ok if it works financially.

**Capricorn** (December 22-January 19)

Dividing your time between your private goals and your public interests is becoming really difficult. A friend might complain about having nothing to do, you can't even imagine what this must be like. You might reach the stage where you are ready to delegate some responsibilities in order to get your life more organized. Examine what appears to be a dead end without your natural prejudice. What you'll discover is a distinctive new direction. Go ahead and take a walk in someone else's shoes, you know you want to.

**Aquarius** (January 20-February 18)

A secret crush occupies your thoughts and keeps your imagination active. With Mercury retrograde in your twelfth house this might not be a good time to reveal your feelings. Wait a while longer until you feel more sure about whether or not you wish to make a move on new romantic possibilities. A partner or associate tries to pull you in, to no avail. What is happening could shock you, or even force your hand. Check out a proposal, and you'll see a situation differently. When a sticky situation comes your way, you know how to handle it the best.

**Pisces** (February 19-March 20)

A loved-one is full of wonderful ideas and they have a little extra surprise in store for you this week. A special moment shared will be heart-stopping and it will feel like a dream come true. You're in the mood to go out, enjoy social relationships and have a good time now. This may cause some tension in the family if housemates are expecting your help with household chores but you really aren't in the mood, but then again you have not been for a few months now, so use it or lose it.



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# MARC KATZ

by Dane Smith



On January 2, 2010 I was fortunate enough to sit down with Marc Katz on the thirtieth birthday of his restaurant, Katz's Deli, to talk about life, liberty, and a darn good sandwich. It was a delightful interview in which I learned that there is much more to this man than matzah balls and pastrami! Take a look at what I found out....

**Dane Smith:** *Katz's Deli has been one of Austin's favorite eateries for over 20 years. Where did the idea come from?*

**Marc Katz:** I am a 4th generation New York deli kosher butcher restaurant owner. I was born into a business and moved here to Austin to get out of the restaurant business. But I found out the problem wasn't the restaurant business, the problem was my wife and New York. So now I'm in Austin and I lived happily ever after.

**DS:** *Anyone who has met you probably remembers your famous tagline "I can't help it; I just gotta tell ya, Katz's Never Kloses! 6th and Rio Grande!" Out of curiosity, has there ever been a time when Katz's closed?*

**MK:** We did not go 24 hours until 1983. We opened in 1979 and kept increasing the hours. Originally we were closed on Sundays. We would close at 4am and open at 11am, which was groundbreaking for Austin, Texas to be open until 4am. The city responded immediately. Eighteen year olds could drink then. Sixth street is one way, so everybody would be coming from East Sixth. That was the only place to drink at night. It was an incredible reception that we received. It was so wild and times were so different... a different mentality. We would allow the UT football team to eat for free and they'd be my bouncers. And God knows we would need them.

**DS:** *In all of your years involved with the restaurant, what is your favorite memory?*

**MK:** My favorite memory was the 5th anniversary party. My children were little; I thought a restaurant being open 5 years was something unattainable. It was a very cute, very small party. Very intimate. It set the tone for what was coming.

**DS:** *I've noticed that your yellow Cadillac is often spotted parked on 4th Street. Are there any secrets you would like to share or rumors to dispel?*

**MK:** Well I know there are a lot of rumors going around and I certainly don't want to dispel them. I put it out there for two reasons. One, I like being associated and friendly with the gay community so I park in front of the clubs. Two, walking out of a club with a few drinks in you, the power of suggestion works very well.

**DS:** *Well I was hoping for something a little juicier than that.*

**MK:** Well, I'll tell you a story that can be repeated in any magazine. Within the last year, a guy jumped [my car] at 4 in the morning, and started driving away... APD pulled him over before he even got out of the spot. And they said 'Where are you going?', and he said 'Oh, I'm going to bring Marc Katz his car.' And he just didn't look like the kind of guy that was going to bring me my car.

**DS:** *As you said, you are a proud friend of the LGBTQI community. Is there anything that you would like to see happen in 2010 for the gay rights movement?*

**MK:** ...It's not just gays. I think it helps every minority to be included in a group of minorities. Because what's happening is all the minorities are being tread on. We do not get equal rights. That's all any one of us is asking for. If we can unite, we have more votes than the so-called minority majority that's running the state now... The constitution says equal rights. We are given those rights; we are entitled to those rights. Our rights, whether it's for gay people, or disabled veterans, or children or whatever it is are all being tread upon and the crux of the problem is that we don't go to the polls because we say 'What difference will it make?' Hey, I've been married five times. If you guys want to get married, go ahead and be miserable, who am I to stop you? There's the right to do that, the right to have insurance with each other, there's the right to do anything you want to do. I've read the constitution very carefully, both the United States and Texas. I don't see what sexuality has anything to do with freedom. And that's true with disability. I don't see how having a disability has anything to do with freedom. I don't see where race, color, creed have anything to do with freedom. We need our rights that we are by Constitutional Law given whether we should change the term fighting for our rights to taking our rights.

**DS:** *We know there is another location of Katz's Deli in Houston. Is there anything you would like to say about that restaurant?*

**MK:** That location belongs to my son Barry and he does a great job. And I love him.

**DS:** *What is one thing that most people don't know about you, but probably should?*

**MK:** Back in 1991, Katz's Deli received national press for being the very first mainstream business in Austin to raise money for the Aids Services of Austin. Just a couple of the papers that carried that article were the Wall Street Journal and the Houston Chronicle.

**DS:** *We hear you have some big news on the horizon. Can you let us in on the secret?*

**MK:** Without getting into specifics for political reasons that will unfold later on, let me tell you about the opportunity I have here. My job, and if I'm successful, will be an outrageously great Lt. Governor. I have quite an extensive academic degree that I can display at the right time that I don't talk about much. It's just that I don't think that defines who I am, just like I don't think sexuality is what defines you as who you are, just as I don't think bald and Jewish defines who you are. So I don't talk about my education, because that's not how I want to be known. But I will show the people of Texas that I have the education background necessary to run this state. I'm more qualified than anyone in there right now.

**DS:** *Any last words for our readers?*

**MK:** I want the readers to understand that I'm introducing a new sandwich. My opponent is David Dewhurst. Not well known, for the reason that he doesn't do anything. However, I am naming a sandwich after him. The Davy. And the Davy will be on very starched white bread stuffed with bologna.

**DS:** *Thanks for your time Marc, and good luck in all that you do!*

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# FROM MUSIC AND PICTURES



**A CONVERSATION WITH MICHAEL ALAGO**  
BY RICHARD MUNGUA



MICHAEL ALAGO PHOTO BY ADAM KROBIC

Michael Alago is best known for his work as a talent scout and executive producer in the music industry, but he is definitely more than that. I had the pleasure of meeting Michael 4 years ago, while living in New York. What I didn't know when I met him was that I was meeting a man with an incredibly rich history. One of Michael's many accomplishments while in the music industry was the signing of Grammy award winning heavy metal band Metallica to Elektra Records. He also worked with the legendary Nina Simone on her final full-length album entitled "A Single Woman".

Michael's love of music still has him still dabbling in the business. Just last year he did some A&R (Artist and Repertoire) work for the highly successful comeback CD of the one and only Cyndi Lauper- "Bring Ya To The Brink" which received a Grammy nomination, for Best Dance Album. After being in the music industry for nearly 25 years Michael decided that it was time to follow his passion and love - photography. His photographs are bold and capture a raw and sensual

quality that have made him a highly sought after photographer. Michael's work has been exhibited to great critical acclaim in New York, Paris, Berlin, San Francisco, Montreal and Toronto.

His first book entitled "Rough Gods" was very well received by the critics, and the first pressing of the book sold out completely. However, thanks to to a second run there are a limited number of books still available on his web site. Also on the website be sure to check out the first in what I'm sure will be a many in a series of Rough Gods T-shirts. They are fabulous! Become a fan of Rough Gods on Facebook and keep up with the shenanigans of Michael Alago in the Big Apple. 2010 is already shaping up to be a big year for Michael Alago and Rough Gods. In the works is a sequel to his successful first book, a calendar for 2011 and a second T-Shirt.

**RM:** Hello Michael, Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to talk to me. First of all Happy New Year! What a year 2009 was. What are you looking forward to in 2010?

**MA:** *Happy New Year my friend and God Bless us all. We can use all the blessings and all the good will that we can get. LOL, well personally I am working on a second photography book that I am real excited about. Its tentatively titled Rough Gods: Brutal Truth and Beauty. I really like the title. I've been approached by some editors recently about writing a book about my 25 years in the music business and I am considering that. I just got a terrific literary agent named Mark McVeigh and that's inspired me to think about all the wild crazy and sometimes tragic stories that are still swirling around in my head. now I gotta put pen to paper.*

**RM:** Did you feel like a proud parent when your "boys" Metallica got inducted into the Rock n Roll Hall of Fame? After all, you did sign them.

**MA:** *I signed Metallica to Elektra records 25 years ago... its so crazy. We were just kids back then. That was exciting in itself to work with a band that I felt in my heart and soul were gonna be a wild success. So fast forward to 2009 and they are being inducted in the rock & roll hall of fame. it was the most exciting time in the world. I went to Cleveland with the band and was at the dinner and the parties.. it was just awesome.*

**RM:** Are you still in touch with guys?

**MA:** *yes I am now back in touch with the guys and saw a bunch of gigs in 2009 and they are better than ever.. James Hetfield is still the most charismatic front man in rock music today.*



**RM:** Ok enough with music questions, Well maybe just one more, what is your favorite Rock N Roll memory from being in the business?

**MA:** there really are a few like when I first started in the business and booked a PIL gig at my first job at the nightclub the Ritz and it turned in to a nightmare and a disaster after one song...you can look it up online it was legendary! :-). Also when I signed Metallica right after their gig at Roseland summer of 1984 and last but certainly not least when I saw Nina Simone-who I just made an album with (A Single Woman) in 1999 in London and we screamed and carried on and drank champagne and took a bubble bath together...then walked up the Thames to her gig...that's was actually the last time I saw her face to face before she died in 2003.

**RM:** What made you decide to pursue a career in photography after such a great run you had being in the music industry?

**MA:** I worked as a talent scout/ record executive for about 23 years at record companies and I did great work and I thought...I had enough!!! I saw the shift in the industry coming and records weren't selling like they use to and the internet was really taking over as far as marketing and promoting up and coming artists and right then and there it just felt like the right time to reinvent myself. I always loved photography and always had some kinda camera when I was young-from a instamatic 10 dollar camera to a Polaroid camera. I love the stories that pictures tell and at that moment around 2004 I decided I was gonna now pursue my passion and shoot professionally but I still approach the work like a fan. I still get real excited about shooting pictures and seeing the results.

**RM:** Did photography start as a hobby for you or have you always had the "eye" and just never thought you could make a living at it?

**MA:** I always have loved pictures...of course as a youngster I loved looking thru family albums...anyone's family albums...lol as a matter of fact and seeing what stories were being told or making up the stories myself. As an adult I have always loved erotica and porn and seen enough of it to know that I wanted to shoot photographs of men and that was gonna be my focus.

**RM:** What would you call your style of photography?

**MA:** most of the time it is portraiture that is engaging and strong and handsome and erotic and direct and in your face. I hope the pictures make people think and dream about the images.

**RM:** I know that we both enjoy shooting with Polaroid cameras, what is the attraction of the Polaroid picture to you?

**MA:** I love shooting Polaroid's-always have. I love the instant gratification of seeing that small square image pop out of the camera and watching it develop...my Polaroid's by nature have always been erotic sometimes x rated so that excitement of seeing the instant result has always been gratifying.

**RM:** You know I'm a big fan of your work. What I like about your photographs is the realness in your subjects. How do you get the guys to open up and show you their vulnerable side?

**MA:** Thank you Richard for the kind words about my pictures. I always meet with a subject in advance so that I get a sense of the man and I study his face and physique and we talk a lot and hope that in that meeting the ice has been broken so when we meet again we have a reference of each other and a comfortability that when we start the photo session he is at ease and then I direct him to do what I want...lol...lots of fun and laughter and loud music at the sessions.

**RM:** How did the name Rough Gods come about?

**MA:** Oh gosh I really don't remember except to say



that my subjects usually aren't professional models but are very masculine handsome sometimes rough looking and tattooed so "rough" became a word to consider and since I am a great believer in God...one day the 2 words just came together and rolled off my tongue and felt like a statement...it's really strong and everything I do photographically will go under the moniker -rough gods. It's also like when you hear about "Rough Gods" you know what you are getting when u go to buy one of my books or prints or go to my website. May I give a shameless plug to check out [www.roughgods.com](http://www.roughgods.com) and Rough Gods on Facebook...almost got 13,000 fan there and I am always so grateful for the support.

**RM:** Would you ever consider having an exhibition in Texas?

**MA:** I love Texas and have been to Dallas and Austin many times and I would welcome the chance to come back and exhibit work anywhere, anytime that Texas will have me.

**RM:** Where do you find most of your subjects?

**MA:** I find my men on the streets and on the internet and through friends.

**RM:** You have always been very gracious with your knowledge about shooting pictures with me when I started, actually not only with me you have always been very gracious to anyone who asks you for advice. What photographers inspire you?


**MA:** thanks again Richard...photographers that inspire me are Robert Mapplethorpe most of all but also Roy Dean and Bruce Weber and Slava Mogutin and George Dureau and Patrick Sarfati to name a few.

**RM:** Well Michael, I just want to say thank you again for taking the time to talk with me. Any final words for our readers before you go?

**MA:** Thank you TWIT for wanting to get to know me and my work and I look forward to exhibiting in Texas sometime in the near future.

Michael Alago is working on his second book and is looking for models to shoot here in Texas. Contact Richard Munguia at 917.334.6177 if you think you have what it takes to be a Rough God. All types of men are encouraged to apply. There is a Rough God in everybody!





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# AUSTIN TEA

Happy New Year Austin! 2009 passed us by so quickly, but we made sure to catch a few last pictures before it was over and done with! Check out all the fun we had on New Year's Eve!

Our farewell tour of 2009 starts at one of our favorite hangouts of the northern variety, 'Bout Time. The place looked great, but it was bartender Josh that really caught our eye.



With that smile and a few libations, we were almost content enough to stay all night and catch a New Year's kiss with that beautiful boy. Maybe next year!

Next on the agenda for party central, we stopped by Sister's Edge II to say hi to Austin's only ladies bar. Our friends Hutch, Torres, Dirtie, Megan and Alma were quick to buy us a drink, but even quicker to pose for a quick pic.

Those girls really know how to ring in a brand new year in style!



Before the clock struck midnight, we had to make an appearance at our favorite 3-in-1 entertainment hotspot on Seventh Street called Rusty Spurs. Jim walked us right in and introduced us to his brand new mixologist named Steven who was busy chatting it up with his friends Bobby and Steve.



We boot-scooted over to the Emerald City side and caught a glimpse of the lovely Genevieve Rainey putting on quite the show for a



mesmerized audience. No one even noticed the flash!

On our way out the door our beloved friend from Charlie's Austin, David Green, texted us that our glass of champagne that he and Michael promised us was getting warm. We



couldn't disappoint, so off to Charlie's it was. Carlos and Lupe were ever so helpful and took us right to our glass of champagne, so we just had to grab a picture in gratitude. Thanks guys! The bubbly was absolutely delicious!



We couldn't forget our friends on Fourth Street so it was time to head to Rain. Our press pass got us right past the line (we just LOVE that) and immediately up to the bar! The only thing that was more delicious than our cocktail was the scenery! Armando, Kayla and Matteo were look-



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ing so stunning that we just had to immortalize the memory. We hit the dance floor with them for a couple of songs and had to go outside to catch our breath. Thank God Mark and Cooter were outside to keep us company, because it had been ages since we saw each other.



It was almost midnight and time for our New Year's kiss, so we headed over to OCH to see if Lance was going to pucker up, but alas, Robert had already scooped him up! Shortly



after midnight (which is far past bedtime), we caught photographer of the stars Isaac peeking at us through a beautiful ice sculpture.



Since he's normally behind the camera, we just couldn't resist putting in this photo! Happy New Year Isaac! International jet-setter Larry made us promise to come back on Saturday to check out the 1st Annual Snow Bunny/White Party that he was throwing. Too many nights out in a row makes our boss unhappy, but we couldn't resist the temptation. Check out some of the pictures we were able to grab of Ben and the gang all decked out in white!



What a great week here in the Capitol City! Hope everyone had as much fun as we did. See you all next week!



# DALLAS TEA



We've been hearing through the grapevine for a while that Mickey's won't be renewing their lease and will be closing.

Of course the "For Rent" and "For Lease" signs have been up for a while giving us a clue but that could have been posturing for better rates for all we knew. Imagine our shock and horror recently when, with parched throats,

we descended upon the establishment to imbibe on beverage refreshments only to break nail after trying to open the door before realizing it was locked! We headed down to Woody's, seeing



mirages from our dehydrated delirium (never mind, later we realized it was the Rose Room cast) Upon entering Woody's, imagine our pleasant surprise to see the familiar face and hunkiness of Benny who has found a bartending home there after Mickey's and was able

to mix a potable pourable for us while Texas Tech and MSU finished the 4th quarter. We hear more familiar faces from Mickey's landed at The Brick so we'll need to stop by there soon and verify...

We recently ran into Emily and Edgar at the friendliest country bar in town—none other than the Round-Up—and it wasn't even at



Juanita's night dance lessons either. Since tequila makes my pants fall down, I try not to drink and dance these days. Anywho, they were actually there showing their support for Legacy Counseling and Cottage at a recent fundraiser held there so don't go starting any rumors about them.

Michael and Dustin were enjoying a boyz night out at Rush with cocktails and darts.



(you know, the game where you try to stick the hard pointy thing in the red dot). We were hoping it was a game of "strip darts" but sadly it was not. We can dream though. Perhaps with a few more cocktails and encouragement from friends and some wooing from Victoria Weston, maybe we'll see more of them in a

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future best body contest on Wednesdays. I bet they could walk away with and Benjamin and Grant in their back pockets for the 1st and 2nd place cash prizes.

Birthday boy Michael was out celebrating his birthday in style with Nick. We offered to take



Diva Deluxe and holder of many things other than titles, such as handsome Randy Norman of the Rainbow Lounge in Ft. Worth, is none other than Whitney Paige. Jet-setting it back and forth between gigs in Dallas, San Antonio and Little Rock, Whitney maintains her shows at the wildly popular cowtown canteen. Every Sunday you can catch her with incredible guests, such as this weeks lovely Necole Luv Dupree and Dallas legend Charity Case! We caught up with her on a Sunday but 2 days later intercepted a text message inviting everyone to her "Anything Goes" show - does "anything" really go gal?

Before we left the Lounge, we spied with our lil' cruisey camera, Mr. Norman hugged up on Eric, too!



Finally, it is great to see goddess amongst us lowly beauties, Lauren Brach gracing the stages of Ft Worth. It has been a few years since her beauty and talent entertained the masses but now she is working for many causes and can often be found onstage in Ft. Worth benefiting someone in need. We adore Lauren and are happy to see her back in heels! Plus we get to see a lot of her on Facebook... Lauren I need a special golden chicken for my coop in Farmville, can you help a sister out? LOL! Look for the diva onstage again soon, we'll let you know where!

Michael over the Eagle for some birthday spankings but he was having too much fun at Rush to give up is bar stool. Maybe we should have offered floggings instead?!



Wayne Smith and new Dallasite Stacie Hall (aka Miss



Illinois) along with Roxy and Ivana did the can-can to kick in the New Year at Hungdingers with budding stars from the audience. Those martinis were definitely shaken, not stirred, after that dance.



# HOUSTON TEA

Hello Houston! Grab your cups, because we are going to pour you some Teal! We met up this week with our friend Jorge, one of the local bartenders from TC's, because he told us there was someone he wanted to introduce us



to. We just could not believe that he knew Mayor Parker and her friends! After inviting her out for a drink (she was understandably busy), we headed on over to TC's and ran into



Devon Cassa and Liz. Those girls are just a hoot!



Our next stop is at EJ's because there is always something to occupy our eyes over there. Check out Gee working his magic on the dancer pole! After staring for quite a few minutes at that gorgeous hunk of man, the always entertaining Roxanne came over to help

mop up the drool that accumulated. Roxanne honey, you are always there when we need you! You're the best!



Just a hop, skip and a jump on over and we found ourselves at George. Monty and David offered us a place to sit and even bought us a



drink. We thought they just looked so cute that we just had to ask if we could take their picture and run it this week. Thank Heavens they said yes. After getting to know them for a little while, Omar and Benny came over and snagged them away for what we can only assume was a double date. Hope you boys had fun!



# HOUSTON TEA

We had not see our dear friends Todd and Jeremy for what felt like ages, so next thing we knew we were knocking on their door at Guava Lounge. I know you must be thinking



that we get around, but I promise it's not what you think. These are innocent social calls... Really! It was karaoke night, so of course we crooned just a couple of quick classics. After one of our favorite disco songs, Edward and Karlos came over to tell us that we should get an agent and sign a record deal. How flattering boys, but we'll just stick to gossiping... it's what we do best!



Now every good gossip girl has a naughty side to them, and it was time we unleashed our inner biker babe. Of course, the best place to go and flirt with all men in levis and leather is the Ripcord! We stopped on by and met up with one of

our dear friends Roger for a quick cocktail and some chit chat. As it turns out, we missed all the fun on New Year's Eve because Roger said there was a balloon drop and everybody went crazy trying to get their hands on some of that booty. Oh, you know what I mean!

Our last stop of the night (that we remember—shhhh!) was over at Crocker. Brian and Don had invited us over for dinner last week, so we needed to catch up and say thanks for the delish meal. We keep meaning to invite them over for dinner at our place, but we don't really cook all that well. Better safe than sorry! While we were in the middle of explaining this to the boys, we spotted three dapper young gentlemen that were all dolled



up. Sammy, Mike and Matt looked so handsome that we begged them to use their picture this week. Hopefully we will run into them again soon!

Thanks a lot for reading Houston! Until next week!

# SAN ANTONIO TEA

For many months we have awaited the unveiling of Randy and Pete's new pet project on 'The Strip' as it is now officially known. Well wait no more laddies and lassies! We were privileged, as mentioned last week, to a pre-opening showcase of how the establishment



will be set up, and let me tell you first-class doesn't come close! Although it was under construction then, it is now ready for patrons! If you are as excited as I am to see this new, smoke-free, quiet bar, perfect for relaxing and sipping a refreshing beverage, then head down to the strip and park it at Sparky's.

Parking is something we would love to discuss with Mike over at Luthers! But this would be at some hidden cover or beautiful bluff. Sigh, but we had to settle for one of the tasty batches of Nachos we devour regularly there! We wanted to give Mike a little nibble too, but that wouldn't be kosher... or would it?



With Mr. Jenny McCall's Newcomer of the Year fast approaching this month, Ali was getting his groove on in preparation for the annual competition. We dropped by the Saint to see what was shaking and there was Ali having a great time and shaking it with the best of them. With all the divas prepping for the contest, we are thrilled a man took a moment to get in touch with his inner diva and let us have

it! Dance mister sister dance! Along with the Newcomer event, Jenny will be hosting a Selena competition too, this gal gets around. From Charles in Austin to Laredo and the River City, spreading love across South Texas!



Across the street and over at the Heat, the always gorgeous Janet Andrews posed alongside Mr. Gay USofA Emeritus Ram Crawford.



Ram was in town visiting for the New Years all the way from the Valley. Always good to see the 1st Mr. Gay USofA and his intricate costuming and makeup! Back at The Chill Lounge inside





# SAN ANTONIO TEA

Heat, DJ Spinstress Ci Ci spins her magic. The reason why Chili is always packed... well that and the lovely lady Vikki!

The gang at the Silver Dollar had a massive balloon drop and we didn't score a single buck! It was a shame but Pete sure made up for it in hospitality... there was a shot concocted that sent us through the roof. Let me tell you, not in many moons have we been lit up like that... dangerous stuff! We spied



Leandra Lang and TWT's very own Rusty giving us face that evening, and Happy New Year to those who capture the dolares inside the SD!

As you probably gathered, we have begun our New Years romp through the town and



stopped in at Essence where Emcee Erica Daniels had their New Years Show in full swing! We adore Jonathan, one of the house dancers at Essence, but our heart and many other areas pound for Dalton. That boy has been well equipped for his job!

Both will grace our cover soon... ohhh, where is a champagne room when you need one. Essence has become a haven for hunky men and cruising the best College guys around. Just ask Erica, who gets to see all the backstage action! We envy you gal, keep 'em on their toes!

Finally, we headed to the Bonham Exchange to ring in the New Year next to the Alamo and San Antonio's fireworks celebration. A quarter of a million people braved the chilly winds and we were wrapped up in the Bonham love that is Kenny, Niccy, Lee, Teresa and the rest of the crew. Check out Kenny and Niccy at the cool ice sculpture, while next



weeks 'Diva', beautiful Teresa manned the reservations desk! That's Mrs. Whoochie flashing signs in Teresa's moment... bless her heart! We toasted in the New Year alongside Martin, in his Find Fred.com Party



shirt from the evening along with Christian and Brandon. Finally, a special shout out to the legendary Lady Margo. We spent a few moments reminiscing about the years gone by and then off she was to help hand out Find Fred Dog Tags for us. What a peach!



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Alternatives	1720 W. Mockingbird	630-7071
Blossoms	4100 Maple	252-0552
Leather Masters	3000 Main Street	528-3865
Nuvo	3900 Cedar Springs	522-6886
Obscurities	4300 Cedar Springs Site B	556-3796
Outlines	3906 Cedar Springs	528-1955
Skivvies	4001-C Cedar Springs	558-4955
Tapelenders Video	3926 Cedar Springs	528-6344
Union Jack	3620 Cedar Springs	528-9600

### Dallas Churches/Spirituality (AC: 214)

Cathedral of Hope	5910 Cedar Springs	351-1901
Promise MCC	2527 W. Colorado Blvd	623-8430
WhiteRock Community Church	9353 Garland	320-0043

### Dallas Clubs (AC: 214)

Alexandra's	4026 Cedar Springs	556-0720
Brick Uoer's	2525 Wydriff #120	521-3154
BL's NXS	3215 Fitzhugh	526-9510
Cross Bar	5334 Lemmon	443-8336
Dallas Eagle	5763 Maple	357-4375

Havana	4006 Cedar Springs	528-9494
Hidden Door	5025 Bowser	528-0620
Blossoms	4100 Maple	252-0552
JR's	3923 Cedar Springs	528-1904
Kokitec	4350 Maple	520-6678
Pekers	2815 Oak Lawn	528-3333
Pub Pegasus	3326 N. Fitzhugh	558-4663
Rush	3903 Lemmon Ave	780-0955
Road-up	3912 Cedar Springs	522-9611
Station 4	3911 Cedar Springs	528-7171
Sue Ellen's	3014 Throckmorton	558-0797
Tin Room	2514 Hudnall	528-6365
TMC	3903 Cedar Springs	521-4295
Woody's	4011 Cedar Springs	520-6629
Zippers	3333 N. Fitzhugh	528-9519

### Dallas Fitness Centers (AC: 214)

Club Dallas	2616 Swiss	821-1990
Midtowne Spa	2509 Pacific	821-8888

### Dallas Restaurants (A/C: 214)

Black-Eyed Pea	3857 Cedar Springs	521-4580
Sub Cafe	3908 Cedar Springs	528-5410
Cafe Straci	3947 Cedar Springs	461-8782
Hunky's	4000 Cedar Springs	522-1212
Hungdingers	4000 Cedar Springs Site E	522-4864
Panda's	3917 Cedar Springs	528-3818
The Lotus	3851 Cedar Springs	520-9385

### Houston Accommodations (A/C: 713)

The Lovett Inn	501 Lovett	532-5224
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### Houston Businesses (A/C: 713)

Blackhawk Leather	711 & 715 Fairview	532-8437
Hollywood Super Ctr	2409-D Grant	527-8510
Male U/Wear	415 Westheimer #104	537-8499

### Houston Churches/Spirituality (AC: 713)

Bering Memorial	1440 Harold	526-1017
Dignity Houston	2515 Waugh	880-2872
Resurrection MCC	2025 W. 11th St	861-9149



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Whispers	226 First Street	359-2900
<b>Houston Clubs (A/C: 713)</b>		
611 Hyde Park Pub	611 Hyde Park	526-7070
Blur	710 Pacific	529-3447
Brazos River Bottom	2400 Brazos	526-9162
Chances	1100 Westheimer	523-7217
Club 20/20	2020 Leeland St	227-9667
Crocker	2012 Crocker St	529-3355
Crystal	6660 SW Freeway	278-2582
Decades	1205 Richmond	521-2224
EJ's	2517 Ralph	527-6071
O-Spot	1100 Westheimer	523-7217
George	617 Fairview	526-8102
Guava Lamp	570 Waugh	524-3359
In and Out	1537 N. Shepherd	589-6780
Jiff's	806 Pacific	521-2519
La Raza Nightclub	3869 Magnum St	627-5480
Meteor	2306 Genesee	521-0123
Montrose Mining Company	805 Pacific	529-7488
Rich's	2401 San Jacinto	759-9606
Ripcord	715 Fairview	521-2792
South Beach	810 Pacific	526-7623
TC's	817 Fairview	526-2625
The Roof	2608 Travis	522-4900
Tony's Corner Pocket	817 W Dallas	571-7870
Viviana's	4624 Dacoma	681-4191
<b>Houston Fitness Centers (A/C: 713)</b>		
Club Houston	2205 Fannin	659-4998
Midtown Spa	3100 Fannin	522-2379

<b>San Antonio Accommodations (A/C 210)</b>		
Actor House Suites (888)	109 Arniega	472-3005
Beauregard House (888)	215 Beauregard	222-1198
Fiesta (888)	1823 Saunders Ave	226-5548
The Painted Lady I	620 Broadway	220-1992
A Victorian Lady Inn	421 Howard St	224-2524

<b>San Antonio Businesses (A/C 218)</b>		
Des Kwis Studio	1112 West Ave	735-5555
Dreamers Apollo News	2376 Austin Hwy	653-3538
DW Brooks Funeral Home	2950 E. Houston	1-800-773-8908
Encore Leather & Lace	2525 N.E. Loop 410	657-3771
Encore Video.com	1031 NE Loop 410	821-5345
EncoreUniversalVideo	2617 Pat Booker Rd	659-7131
Oh Man Off Man	120 W Madeline Ave	737-2323
Q San Antonio.com		www.qsanantonio.com
Rainbow Video & Gifts		rainbowvideogifts.com
Riverside Ranch Nudal Rest	1238 CR 125	652-1748
William Video & Gifts		williamvideo.com
Zefrac	1608 N. Main	472-2800

<b>San Antonio Churches (A/C: 218)</b>		
Dignity	PO 12544/78212	340-2230
MCC	611 E. Myrtle	472-3597
River City Living Church	202 Holland St	822-1121
<b>San Antonio Clubs (A/C: 218)</b>		
2015 Place	2015 San Pedro	733-3365
Annex	330 San Pedro	223-6957
Bar 11	128 W. Rector	524-1016
Bonham Exchange	411 Bonham	271-3811
Club Venum	2407 N. St. Mary's	738-8180
Cubalt	2022 McCullough	734-2244
Electric Company	820 San Pedro	212-6635
Essence	1010 N. Main	223-5418
Heat	1500 N. Main	227-2600
Memories II	826 San Pedro	212-7194
Pegasus	1402 N. Main	299-4222
Sant	1430 N. Main	225-7330
SilverDust/Saloon	1814 N. Main	227-2623
Sparks	8011 Webbles	599-3225
Sparky's Pub	1416 N. Main	320-5111
The One-o-Six	106 Panshing	820-0906
The Pointe	19178 Blanco Rd	545-7469

<b>San Antonio Fitness Centers (A/C: 218)</b>		
Executive Health Clubs	402 Austin	299-1400
ACI-AlternativeClubs, Inc.	827E. Elmsa	223-2177

<b>San Antonio Restaurants (A/C: 218)</b>		
Candlelight Coffeehouse	3011 N. St. Marys St.	738-0099
Govanni's Pizzeria	813 S. Brazos	212-6626
Lulu's Bakery & Cafe	916 N. Main Ave	222-9422
Luther's	1425 N. Main	223-7727
Timo's Coffee House	2021 San Pedro	733-8049
W.D. Deli	3123 Broadway St	828-2322
Web House Cafe and Bar	517 E. Woodlawn	320-4280

<b>San Antonio Salons (A/C: 210)</b>		
Fanc Salon	7460 Callaghan Rd Ste 108	979-8100
Renai Roberts	1207 McCullough	738-3870
Shag the Salon	110 Warren	222-1700
The Wave	3609 Broadway	533-5831

<b>Bryan/College Station (A/C: 878)</b>		
Halo	121 North Main St.	823-6174

<b>Galveston (a/c: 409)</b>		
3rd Coast Beach Bar	31st and Sewall	785-691

<b>F1 Worth Club (A/C 817)</b>		
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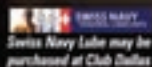
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