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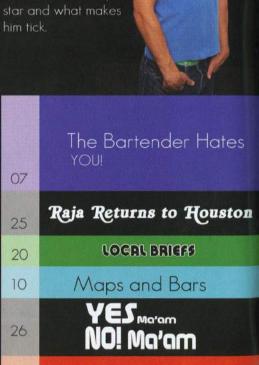
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Costoners, cash aways being the lavorite. A \$5 bill then was a true joy to behold! Ok,ok, so the candy and cookies got rave reviews as well!

# HATES YOU

As I grew older I realized that the thought behind the gesture was the truly remarkable thing. Someone you provided a service to all year thought enough of that service to remember you at Christmas. I was receiving a validation and above and beyond what I expected. There lies the warm and fuzzy feeling. And I somehow seem less greedy! All year long you have enjoyed outings with friends to your favorite place to drink and

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nights each week while he, at the very best, is allotted one or two nights during the week to party some. And NEVER on weekends!

It's the holiday season and now's your chance to show your gratitude beyond the generous tips you leave all year. Spread a little holiday cheer!

There are bartenders who can name the customers who, at Christmas, take the time to put a little something in a card and give it to them. Others talk about tins of cookies and fudge and the occasional thoughtful gift. Even upping your usual tip percentage is appreciated and recorded. Believe me, it will be remembered well into the year ahead.

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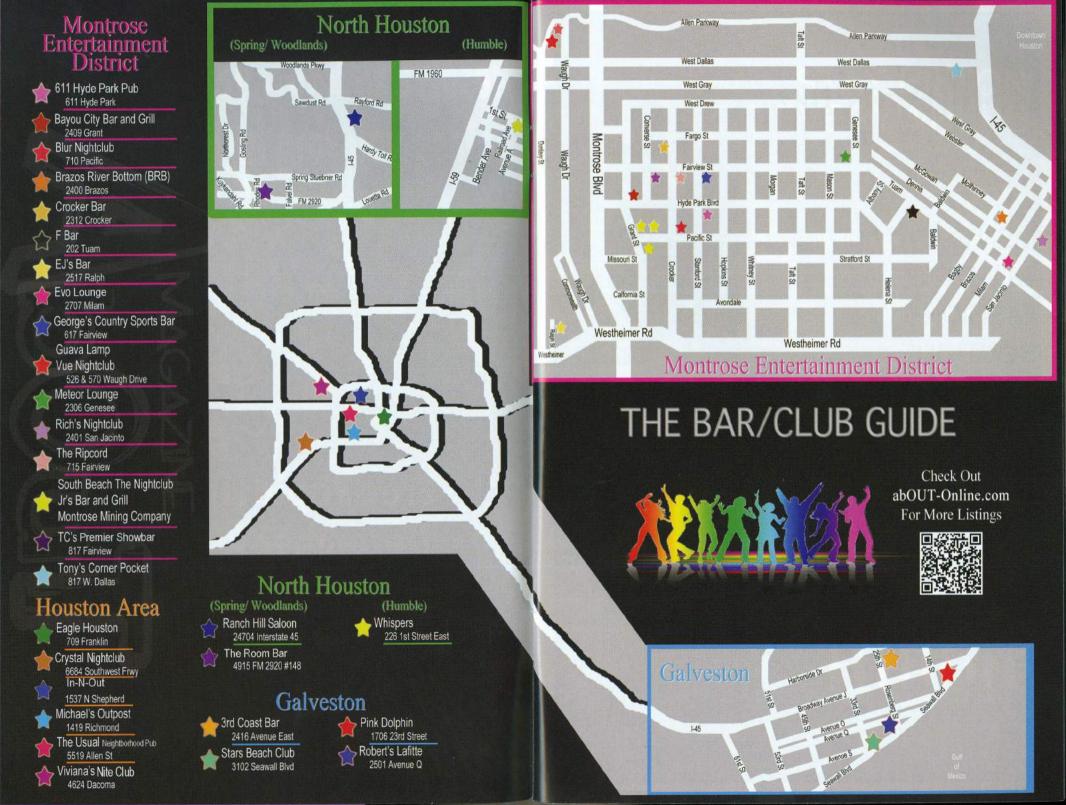
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# Taylor Garrett

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by: Cade Michals

If you have ever watched the show, you know it's full of love, love lost, love stolen, drama and did we say a alot more drama. But going behind the cameras of Logo's A-List Dallas is what we did. We picked the most out-spoken cast member to sit down with and that was Taylor Garrett.

Sitting in Taylor's condo over looking the beautiful downtown Dallas skyline we spoke with Taylor, as his beautiful and now famous french bulldogs scrap around under the christmas tree smelling their gifts that Taylor has wrapped for them. "They have already knocked the tree over once and destroyed several ornaments" Taylor says with smile "But they are still on Santa's nice list".

Many people do not realize Taylor was addopted. He did not actually meet his birth month till 2006. She was 15 years old when she became pregant with him and did not want to have an abortion, she was forced to move with an aunt till she was gave birth and gave him up for adoption. "This is why I have extremely strong pro-life political views". Taylor states.

Growing up in a world away from Dallas in the small Texas town of Rosebud, where he lived till graduation from high school and moving to Austin.

#### How has your family been with accepting your lifestyle?

My family is very religious. My dad is a deacon in our Southern Baptist church in Rosebud, Texas. They have known that I was gay since I was 17 years old. It certainly has been a rough journey but they have loved me every step of the way. They don't agree with my lifestyle, but they love me so much that they would never let it come between us.

What about your birth monther?

My birth mother is super cool with my lifestyle; she went out to some gay bars with my friends and I when I went to college in Austin. However, in all fairness I should probably state for the record that when I first met my birth mother, I told her she had no choice in supporting my lifestyle. I literally told her, "I already have one mother that doesn't like me being gay. I don't need another mother that thinks the same!"

### What did the family think of the show?

I didn't tell them I had filmed the show until two weeks before it aired! Luckily, the LOGO channel is not available where they live.

### Why did you want to be apart of the A-List Dallas?

I didn't want to be on the show and turned the offer down four times. Production was already into week one of filming when I finally agreed to join the cast.

None of my friends and family supported my decision to do the show. I have a very successful career that I am passionate about and I graduated with top honors from college. My friends and family didn't see a real benefit from me doing the show.

As cliché as it sounds, I really wanted to show young people two things: that you can be gay and still be a Christian and also that one can be gay and belong to whichever political party want.

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Just because your gay doesn't mean you can't have a faith. Just because you are gay doesn't mean you have to be a democrat.

I have received a lot of negative press for being a Christian and participating in a show like A-List. Being a Christian doesn't mean I am always going to act perfect. I don't claim to be perfect and I know that I don't always act the way I should. I think that is just part of being human.

#### Who is your favourite on the show?

My favourite person on the show was Phillip. He was always real. Phillip has worked hard for what he has in life and doesn't get the credit he deserves.

#### And your least favourite

As far as my least favourite...Ashley, Levi, and Chase all tie for that position. All three of them are so eager to be celebrities and famous that they are willing to say absolutely ANYTHING and throw even their family under the bus if it means becoming more famous. I know that many people don't necessarily agree with my political beliefs, but I have always remained true to myself.

## Are you worried the show might portray the LGBT community in a negative light?

Honestly, I am so sick of hearing this question. I don't represent the gay community and never claimed that I do. I represent myself. Nobody asks the Real Housewives if they are worried about how their show might portray the straight community...so why would we impose this question on our own community!

"Reality" television has taken the place of soap operas. If cameras followed normal people around, the show would be boring. It takes drama to get ratings.



#### Do you have ties to Houston?

My birth mother came to the Houston area to live with her Aunt while she was pregnant with me. Three of my best friends from college live in Houston. And after some people in Dallas read this interview, I may be forced to move to Houston!!!

#### Because of your republican views, you have been a target of threats and assaults in the recent past-Can you go a little into that? Tell us a little bit about what happened?

Well the details can be found on my interview with the Huffington Post. I don't like to rehash the details. Yes, I have been physically assaulted, my car was harmed and a rock with a note was thrown threw my window of my condo. The attacks started to take place shortly after my on camera lunch with Ann Coulter. It is sad that our community advocates for tolerance but isn't tolerant when it comes to a different political belief than the norm of our community. After I had been assaulted and was bleeding pretty badly, my cast mate Chase Hutchison made fun of me being injured on twitter and tweeted a picture of me in the ambulance. I think this was when I lost all respect for Chase.

### Will there be a second season for the A-List, and will you be apart of it?

No clue about a second season. I most likely won't participate in another season. I enjoyed my experience this summer. However, I don't think I could commit the time to another season. The time commitment takes a huge strain on your career.

### What are your views of Rick Perry? Have you seen the You Tube video that went virile? Thoughts?

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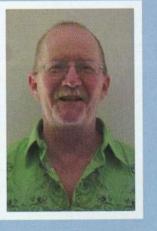
#### Guava Lamp welcomes Raja to Houston for New Years Eve

The crown jewel of the Rupaul Drag show makes a stop in Houston this New Years Eve at the trendy martini lounge in River Oaks "Guava Lamp". Raja is set to appear at Guava Lamp as part of their New Year's Eve celebration. The event which will be dubbed as "intimate" will offer complimentary champagne toast at midnight along with complimentary New Year's Eve party favours. If you have ever been to Guava Lamp on New Year's then you know what to expect. It is the perfect place for a group of friends to gather with one another for a great night.

#### **Community Loses a Activist...**

Buddy Thompson, community activist, member of Colt 45s, former Houston Police Dept. employee, dies. This announcement from Colt 45s:

It is with a very heavy heart that I announce that Buddy Thompson, one of our Colt Family Members, passed away Thursday, December 15, 2011. Buddy has been in and out of the hospital since September due to respiratory problems and pneumonia. His family was at his side at the time of his death. Final arrangements are pending and we will update you as soon as possible. Please keep Buddy's family and his host of friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.



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### Three people shot at Midtown lounge

Three people were shot overnight Sunday December 18th at Link Lounge in the 2900 block of Fannin. Police say the suspect, who's been identified as Raymond Mazon, had just been kicked out of the club after getting into a fight when he got into an argument with another group of people just down the street. Mazon then allegedly pulled out a gun and shot three people. The victims -- who've been identified as Jacqueline Ortiz, Kevin Bernard and Compton Cuffy, were hit and taken to the hospital. No word yet on the extent of their injuries. Mazon was taken into custody, where he is expected to be charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

### SAVE THAT DATE Bunnies on the Bayou Announces the date of SnowBunnies 2012

The date of January 15, 2012 has been picked as the next date for the always fun and winter themed "SnowBunnies". Produced by Bunnies on the Bayou, the ever famous nonprofit that also produces the annual shin-dig on Easter Sunday! The event will be held at Vue Nightclub, the location that was used for the after party of Bunnies on the Bayou 2011.

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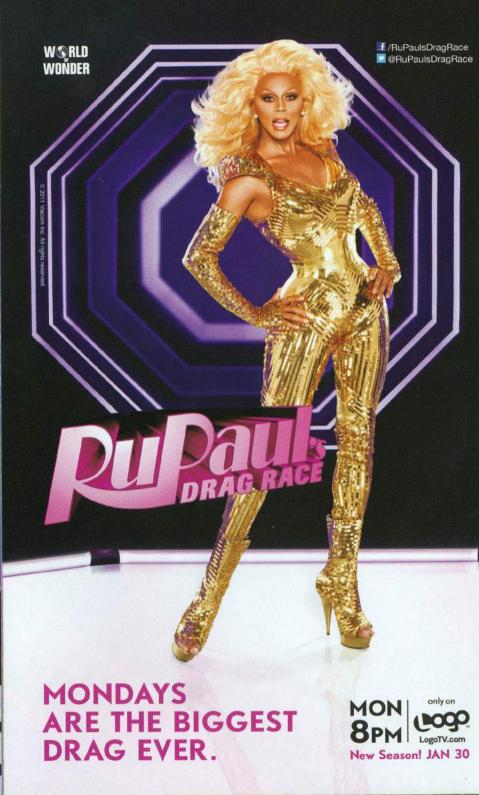
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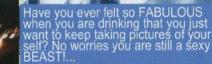
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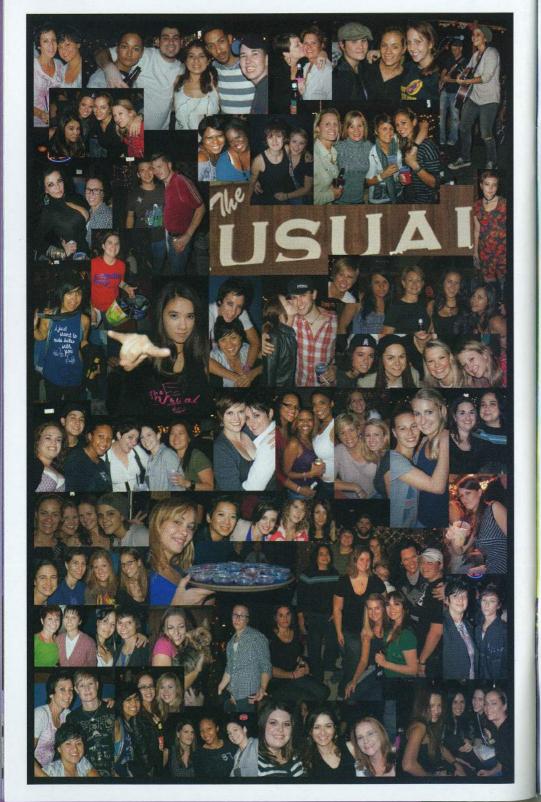
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