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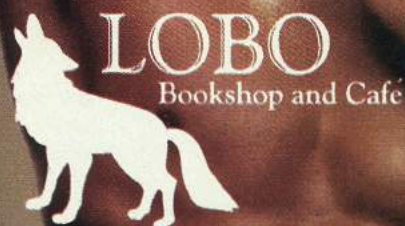
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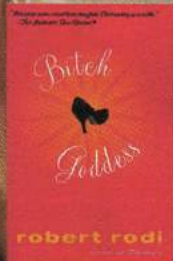


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Battle of the divas

**Cher and
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chat



and the beat goes on ... "And that won't stop me either!" wisecracked Cher of her *Mame* producer-to-come, Barbra Streisand. During a rare interview last week on Primetime Thursday, the gay icon chatted with ABC correspondent Cynthia McFadden. For those who have been living under rock for the past two years, a TV version of the stage/film hit *Mame* is finally being produced (on ABC, natch). Though Streisand was courted for the title role, she passed (a damn shame!) but agreed to produce. And yes, the *Silkwood* lesbian herself will be playing Auntie Mame.

The two women talked from the singer's home in Malibu, putting the reclusive star in an amiable, relaxed mood. Asked if she was afraid of losing her sexy allure, Cher declared, "I'd just go in a different direction, like a bumper car. You know, I hit a wall and I move to the side ... I could honestly be just as happy directing ... or something that isn't quite as 'in the spotlight,' but that gives me a lot of pleasure. There's a lot to be said for not being in the spotlight."

Nonplussed, McFadden replied, "How would you know?" At which Cher laughed and claimed sex appeal is "not something that you actually control. Oh, you can heighten it and you can polish it and you can blow it up and make it larger than it was, but I think it has to do with certain intrinsic values. I'll never lose it, really. I mean, I might lose it visually, but I'll never change what kind of woman I am. You either like something or you don't. You either enjoy



it or you don't. It's like playing basketball."

The famous singer and Oscar-winner is also a platinum record-seller. Her new CD, *Living Proof*, was released last week to mixed reviews but strong sales. But even with all her success, she still views herself as an outsider in the industry. "I always felt and still do, just on the outside, just on the perimeter of everything. Actors don't consider me an actress. Singers don't consider me a singer. Gay men consider me their best friend."

McFadden then asked, "...and straight men?" Cher replied, "Straight men are a little bit nervous, you know!"

Oh yes, and Cher isn't that happy being in her 50s. "No. Would I rather be 40? Yes. I can't find anything better about it. Let me just put it that way."

The singer, who hasn't had a starring role in a movie in almost eight years, said that she is anxious to get back into film. Let's hope it's more of the *Moonstruck* and less of the *Faithful* variety. Still, she's light years ahead of

that other singer-turned-thespian who goes by the name Madonna.

While being outspoken and trading in blue humor is nothing new in Rosie O'Donnell's off-TV repertoire, the entertainer — who is reputedly set to out herself in her memoir to be published next month — proclaimed, "I'm a dyke!" at an Ovarian Cancer Research benefit, reported *USA Today*. At Caroline's Comedy Club in Times Square last week, the entertainer, once dubbed the "Queen of Nice" on the cover of *Newsweek*, kicked off her routine by saying, "I'm sick of being fucking nice!" Then, borrowing a line from Bette Davis in the movie *All About Eve*, she said, "Fasten your seatbelts — here we go."

Her first target: Barbara Walters' interview last September with Anne Heche, the ex-lover of Ellen DeGeneres. If you read *Q* last fall, or any other magazine in America, you already know that Heche is now married to cameraman Coley Laffoon and just delivered his child. "What the hell kind of train wreck was that?"

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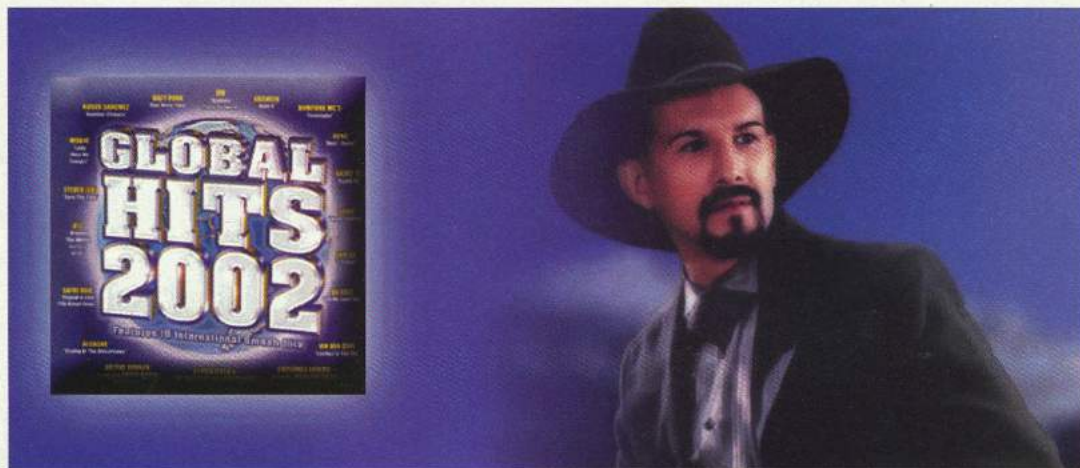
Castro Cowboy returns to his Texas roots

Gay country recording artist Charlie Pacheo moves to Houston, issues new CD

beat

by jimmy smith

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Universal Records has released the quintessential dance compilation of the season. *Global Hits 2002* is a collection of some of the biggest hits from all over the world. This juicy compilation hit the shelves this past Tuesday. Each of its 19 tracks has achieved hit status, whether it be No. 1, Top 10, Gold, Platinum or otherwise.

The first single from *Global Hits 2002* is "Rapture," by IIO. This record has been massive since back before the holidays, a No. 1 European chart-topper, and getting nice airplay here in the U.S. There are also tracks by ATC, Modjo, Da Buzz, Ian va Dahl, Sono, Kosheen, Daft Punk, Artful Dodger and more! This one is a definite grabber!

How about a little honky in your tonk? Check out Charlie Pacheo. Born and raised in San Antonio, he began singing country music professionally at the age of 15, with a very well known local group, The Country Horizons Band, formed by his brother Phillip Pacheo. Charlie began his career singing to a primarily "Classic Country" audience. He has said many times that it was great doing gigs in small Texas Hill Country honky tonks, "it was an experience I would not trade for anything in this world."

With the onset of AIDS in

1981, Charlie took the band from Texas honky tonks to local gay bars to do fund raisers. "I guess you could say we all experienced the devastation of this horrible disease and wanted to do our part to help people living with it," he says.

Charlie moved to San Francisco in 1994. Two years later he began to do fund raising for AIDS organizations there, singing country music all over San Francisco. He lives in the Castro neighborhood and has been fondly named by his neighbors "The Castro Cowboy" — and the name has just stuck!

Charlie has dazzled audiences at such major events as the San Francisco Pride Celebration, Phoenix Pride Parade and Celebration, Folsom Street Fair and Castro Street Fair, and appears as a regular live entertainer at The Sundance Saloon, Daddy's Bar, The Edge, and The Mens Room, all in San Francisco, and The 1220 Club in Walnut Creek, California. Charlie can be seen performing at the San Jose Gay Rodeo, the Rainbow Room and the Turf Club in Hayward, California.

Charlie's first CD, *Here Come The Blues*, is now getting extensive airplay all around the world and on the Internet. *Here Come*

the Blues was produced by A.V. Mittelstedt and recorded in Houston at SoundMasters Studios, with Randy Cornor on lead guitar and background vocals! The Castro Cowboy and his new CD have been featured on *This Way Out* and on *Audiophiles* with Chris Wilson, who said, "Charlie Pacheo, born and raised in San Antonio, Texas is truly the genuine article." Songs from the CD have been featured on *Outsounds*, which is aired on Direct TV on the music Channels. Cuts from *Here Come the Blues* can be heard in Houston every Saturday night on *Afterhours* on radio station KPFT 90.1 FM

Charlie now lives in Houston, and has just released a new CD entitled *You're in Love with the Wrong Man*, a 12-song effort full of two-steppin' heaven! This new CD was produced by A.V. Mittelstedt and also recorded in Houston at SoundMasters, with all the same players that were on Charlie's first CD.

Make sure to join Charlie and the gang at 9 p.m. on March 9 at E/J's in Houston for a combination CD release party and fund raiser for Bering Omega — yippi ti yi yay!

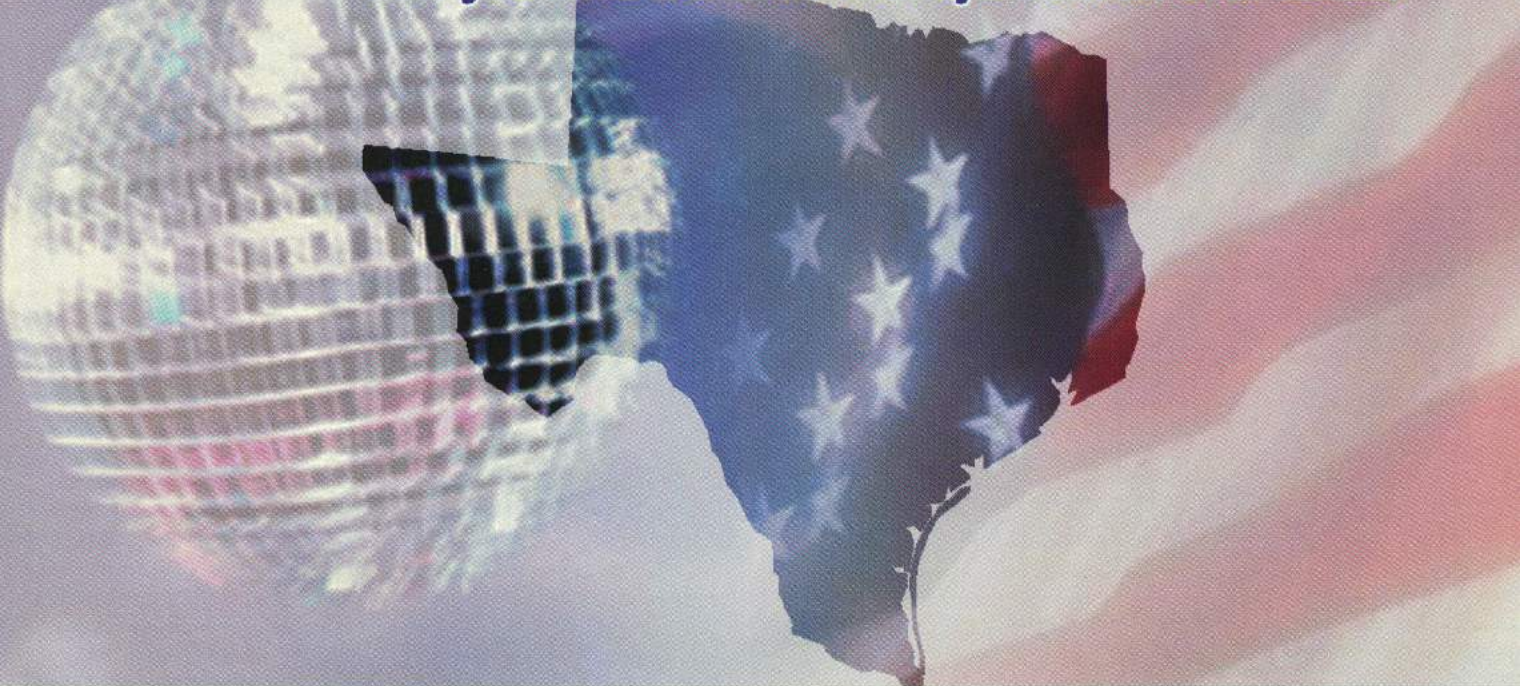
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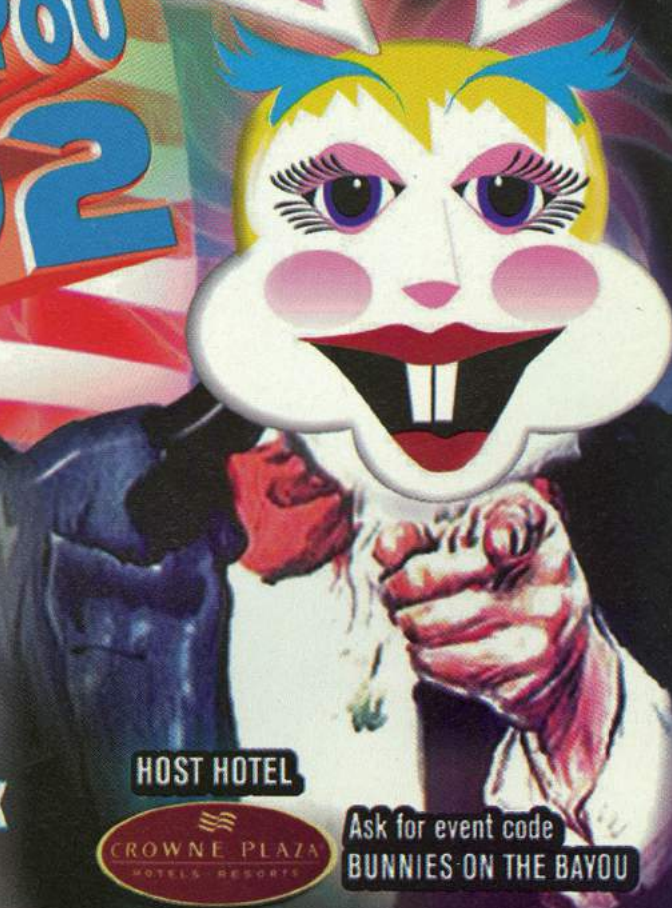
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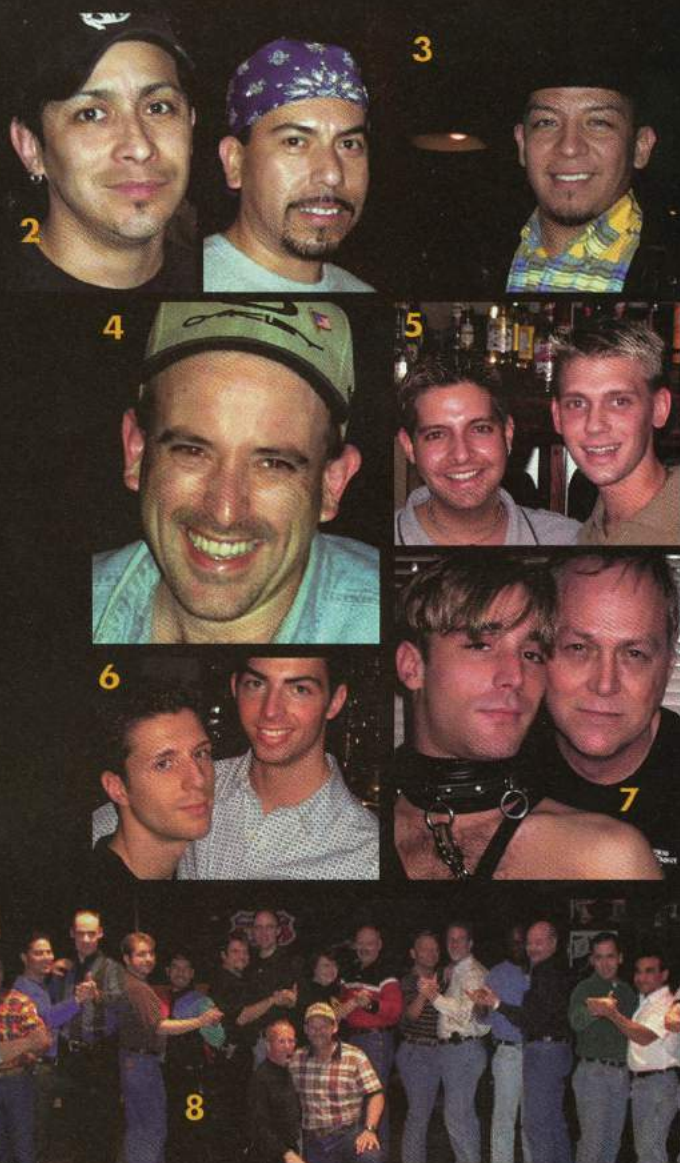
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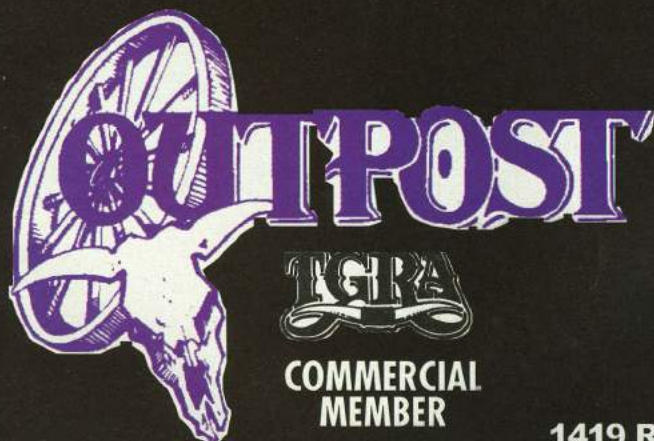


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Aries (March 21-April 19) It looks as if the planets will be giving you a relatively clear path for the week. Career frustrations should lessen considerably. Take a little breather from getting involved in a new relationship. You need serious time by yourself. The facts a friend tells you may be hard to take, but virtually invaluable.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) The boss will continue to be on your case for a while, and there's not much that can be done except to grin and bear it. Watch your spending very carefully over the next two weeks. A bit of brightness enters your life Saturday in the form of a blind date. Enjoy yourself, but keep those expectations realistic.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) It's never too late to start exercising again, Gemmy. That body can be back to peak form in no time at all. Lay off the fast food for a spell, though. A certain Capricorn gent has his eye on you, so pay closer attention and try to smile more. You might want to rethink wearing those extremely colorful shirts.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) You'll have no problem at all impressing the "higher ups" this week with your dazzling skills. The only trouble could come when it's time to get paid. Don't settle for less than was agreed upon. That chilly atmosphere at home needs tending to ASAP. Try a different and special social routine on Sunday.

Leo (July 23-August 22) That contract looks pretty strong and there are some perks that go along with it, but resist the urge to sign away your soul. Having a cherished goal is fine, but it shouldn't be all-consuming. Steal away some quality time this Saturday at a theme park or upscale mall. Treat yourself to a few special goodies.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) Head for the hills (or beach) this weekend if you don't want those well-meaning but annoying out-of-town guests descending on your sacred space. Don't indulge that sweet tooth too much, Virgo. Emotions on the job might run high on Monday. Take your vehicle in for a tune up and oil change, pronto!

Libra (September 23-October 22) As you've undoubtedly discovered over the last couple of months, time heals all wounds. Isn't it nice to not be carrying around so much emotional baggage? The past is over and done with and the future looms busy and bright. The big question now is, are you going to end up with bachelor No. 1, 2 or 3?

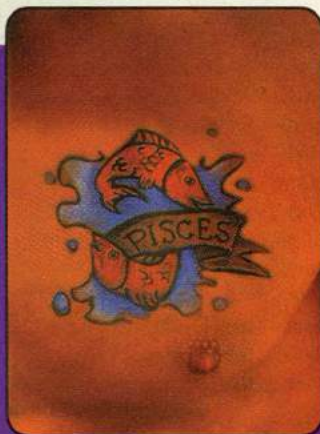
Scorpio (October 23-November 21) We hope that you didn't plan on a low-key and leisurely weekend, Scorp. It's just not going to happen (not until next week). You'll be asked to fill in and do favors all over the place. Think of this as payback for all of the favors that you've been blessed with. A bit of down time can be found early Sunday.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) An out-of-court settlement seems quite likely, and in your favor. The other party doesn't want to risk a court date, Sag. What are you going to do with that money, anyway? Probably plan a trip and pay off some bills. How about splurging on some stylish designer blinds for the bedroom?

Capricorn (December 22-January 18) That extremely cute but oh-so-mysterious Pisces certainly has your attention. Now, what's your next move going to be, Cappy? Ask him out already! But don't invite him home until your place has been cleaned (we didn't know mushrooms grew that big indoors) and spiffed up a little bit, okay?

Aquarius (January 19-February 18) Most of this month promises to be kinder and gentler for you. Isn't that a huge relief? You need to learn how to say no when someone asks for help. You can't fix everyone's problems, so stop trying. Unexpected cash discovered Sunday makes for a fun-filled time. Go ahead and blow the whole wad.

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