



# Brad About You

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## But Kurt can really throw a football ...

First things first. I did enjoy the Dove Awards on Thursday night, but I do wish the fine folks at the Gospel Music Association would solve what seems to be a chronic problem with the show host.

The eternal struggle sectar- ingly is Mainstream Host vs. Industry Host.

One year, it's **John Tesh** (yawn), the next, it's John and **Naomi Judd** (do what?). Then it's **Michael W. Smith** -- pretty good, but not the home run inside-the-industry host that **Vince Gill** is for the CMAs.

This year, it was Super Bowl champ **Kurt Warner**, a fabulous quarterback and, by all accounts, a great guy. But, despite his fine rugged two-day beard growth, he's a stilted host who was reading stilted jokes. He wouldn't make a better presen-



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Clean, cute, insider -- good stuff.

Hire Jeff, and bring main- stream fans by adding main- stream music acts, not a main- stream host.

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Two, four, six, eight, who do we appreciate? Titans cheer- leader director **Meeka Gabriel**, who set up this whole thing.

## Hunter digs truckin' around Nashville

**Grateful Dead** lyricist

**Robert Hunter**

(remember *Casey Jones* and *Truckin'*?) played a jig Thursday night at the Belcourt and, according to his online journal (at dead.net), he digs Nashville.



HUNTER

"One obvious realization was that I need not tailor my show in any respect to subliminal expectations of what should be done when playing the world capital of country music," Robert wrote.

"What I do ain't *not* country -- that's as far as it goes. Expect to come this way many times again. There's just something about a city as devoted to music as this which feels like home."

Robert, you're welcome back any time.

## 'It will make the hair crawl on your skin'

Boy, I can hardly believe **Eminem** is offending people again.

But Slim Shady now has taken on the persona of one Osama bin Laden in his latest video, for the song *Without Me*. He plays bin Laden in a **Sally Jessy Raphael** show



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spot. MTV will release a *Making of the Video* on it next month.

Oh, but that's not all. Pro-

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