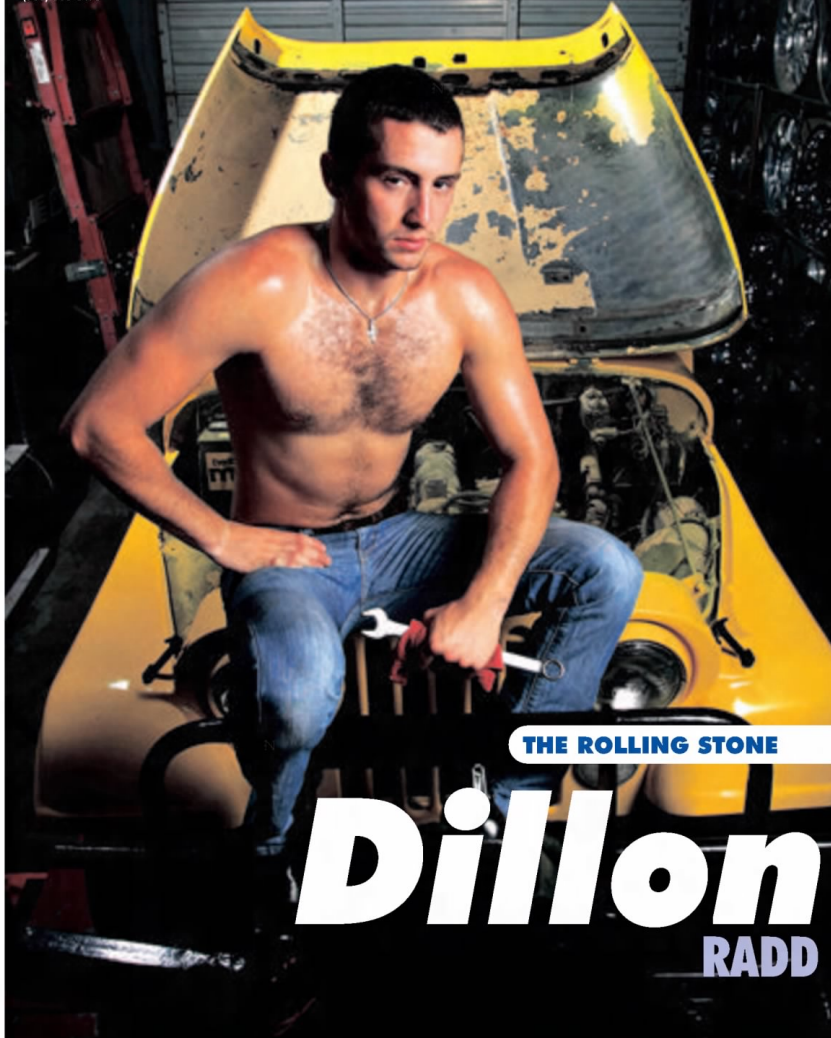


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THE ROLLING STONE

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h, the good old days — when all cars were classics, and Coca-Cola came in glass bottles and every woman looked like a movie star. With oil gushing into the Gulf of Mexico and tension over everything from immigration to the economy at an all-time high, a trip down memory lane seemed like the perfect getaway for summer 2010. So let's give our eyes a rest from jaded contact lenses and take a moment to admire the movers and shakers of today's Valley entertainment scene through the rose-colored glasses of yesteryear. Who knows? Maybe what made the "good old days" great was that people still believed the very best days were yet to come. **[BRG]**

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From the way he fingers the chords on his acoustic guitar to the way he handles a tool when working in a garage, you know Dillon Radd is good with his hands. And the way he looks at you as if you're the only one in the room, you'd kill a man, if he'd only ask. He's held many jobs, but often takes the contracts that keep him outside and active - no matter how hot it gets. But music is his first love. Dillon played with a band years ago, but the lone wolf took to solo shows at coffee shops and art houses. Now he's looking for his big break. **[ANS]**

THE STATS

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THE FACTS

MY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLFRIEND WAS ...

I'm going to be honest with you, I had a bunch of (girlfriends). I got a bad rap for that.

MOST RECENT STUPID THING YOU DID WHILE INTOXICATED?

It wasn't too recent, I don't drink too often, I guess it was maybe a year ago or so and I decided to get on my tiny skateboard and hold onto my friend's car and we were going 30 to 40 miles per hour.

OTHER CREATIVE OUTLET?

I see surfing as a form of expression.

BEST CONCERT YOU'VE EVER SEEN?

That's easy. Me and my friends went all the way to Arizona to see the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Mars Volta play and that was life-changing. They're two of my favorite bands. At that point I was just starting to play shows and that's when I realized there's nothing I'd rather be doing for the rest of my life.

IF YOU COULD LIVE ANYWHERE, WHERE WOULD YOU LIVE?

I'd live in Lebanon. I'm Lebanese and I love it there. Every time I go there I fall in love with it again. The people, the culture, there's something about it that just does something to me.

WHAT WOULD YOUR THEME SONG BE?

I Get Around by 2Pac

BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME YOU'VE EVER WORN?

It was in seventh grade and I was a prostitute. I had rubber boobs and a rubber *ss, silk stockings, everything. It was the works."