

...Trust us on this one... I've lost a number of close friends to that wily Big Apple of late, and now this: Local producer **Damon Chang** is heading up to NYC on Friday, Oct. 17, to take part in that city's 24-hour "Midnight Movie Making Madness," an annual event that this year brings together more than 270 filmmakers from Australia to Texas to Western Europe to make a film in, yes, 24 hours. But here's the brilliant kicker: The actual film, to be directed by **Jeffrey Travis**, will be shot here in Austin, with a documentary team following their every move and broadcasting the moment-by-moment chaos back to New York and locally on Austin access TV and online at www.swivelkick.com. The actual creation of the contest film will begin at 12:01am, Saturday, Oct. 18, and Travis will have a 20-person crew and some 75 actors ready to go when the clock strikes midnight plus one. And as if that weren't enough, **Liquid Studios** (corner of Braker and Dessau) will be hosting a party/screening marathon on Saturday, Oct. 18, 10pm-2am, with Chang and Travis' first-round winner from last year, *The Martial Artist*, and the world premiere of this year's Madness submission. Chang will be live from New York City, the **Sleepwalkers** will play, and, presumably, much beer will flow as Austin once again tries to one-up New York. Tickets to the Liquid Studios event are \$5. More info at www.nycmidnight.com or, locally, from molly@capitol-offense.com...