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Dear MC:

Recently, the Teaszer celebrated its "5th Anniversary of Presenting Live Music Five Nights A Week,"and Music Connection was kind enough to recognize our achievement in your publication. Thank you.

However, because I am the one at the club who usually speaks with the press, it seems that I am usually singled out in any praise given to the Teaszer, and this is unfair, as we have a talented staff of devoted people here who, together, make the club function as it does.

Audrey Marpol does most of the day-to-day booking here. Doreen Sanchez also books two or three nights per month, while Darvey Traylor-who is also an Assistant Manager here—books one night every four-to-six weeks. Also especially important here is our talented, loval soundman, Brian Buster, without whose efforts we would not be able to put on any shows at all.

Since Music Connection is so widely read by the powers-that-be in our industry, it would only seem right that proper credit be given to Audrey and the rest of our staff. rather than having my efforts singled out, as is often the case.

Without the above-mentioned people, the Teaszer would not have survived five years as a non pay-toplay venue run by its own in-house booking staff, and credit is due to all involved.

Hoping you can find space to print this, or in some other way set the record straight.

> Len Fagan Coconut Teaszer

Dear MC:

I really enjoyed your recent issue containing the great tips on "Doing Lunch In L.A. (Vol. XVI, #16)."

I was dismayed, however, that none of my peers seem to frequent Barney's Beanery. You may be assured that I will continue to hold court (and Alka Seltzer) on those hollowed grounds.

Also, I note that Keith Bailey favors "Blackened Swordfish" at the Palm...You may also be assured that I will be reviewing his expense reports more carefully in the future.

Danny Goodwin Vice President of A&R Charisma Records

Bailey's Lunch

Dear MC:

In the A&R Report featuring Danny Goodwin (Vol XVI, #16), he discussed the "downsizing" Charisma records has gone through recently. He attributes this downsizing in part to "smarter business and as a result. Charisma is both leaner and meaner." It also has "fewer artists and less of a staff."

Such comments were not surprising or shocking. It is no secret that the record biz is suffering in these poor economic times along with most every other industry. What was surprising was that later, in the same issue of MC, Keith Bailey (Danny's "very loyal and trusted second in command") revealed that his favorite places to "do Lunch" included two very pricey restaurants. One can just imagine that any former Charisma employees who have lost their jobs and Charisma artists who have been dropped or given smaller budgets due to the "downsizing" must be pretty sickened and pissed off to learn that Charisma could no longer afford them. Yet Keith had such fancy meals. Sounds like this record company has its priorities mixed up. Does the president of the label know? Maybe someone should make him aware of this. What is going on over there?

David Bekin

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Jeffrey Steele Boy Howdy

"This is in response to the Feedback column (Vol. XVI, #16). Concerning "Achy Breaky Heart," if you were any friend of mine, you would know I threw the demo tape, not the Billy Ray Cyrus tape, across the room and said I wanted to record Boy Howdy songs. No matter how bad you think my songs are. I like them and want to live out my dreams. Hopefully, one day achieving the kind of success Billy Ray has. Billy Ray is the epitome of the American music dream; you are the epitome of the American music failure."

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By Trish Connery

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The Third Annual Old Town Pasadena Summer Festival takes place August 29 from 10:00 a.m. to midnight on Colorado Blvd. in Old Town, with entertainment. food and fun. Scheduled performers include Hawaiian world pop artist Keo, ex-Doobie Brother Chet McCracken, Day One, the Mystery Band, Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries and Lowen & Novarro. The event raises funds for the Sycamores, a non-profit organization with a treatment center for emotionally disturbed boys. Contact Deena Durkin, Read Communications, (818) 578-0705, for additional information.

☐ Vocal coach Roger Burnley presents "L.A.'s Finest," a music industry vocal showcase on Wednesday, September 16 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Troubadour, 9081 Santa Monica Blvd. in West Hollywood. This revue features talented, unsigned vocalists performing original material representing a variety of styles in a live setting. Industry reservations are complimentary; there is a \$10.00 cover for the general public. For additional information, contact (213) 876-9306

UCLA Extension announces two oneday workshops for those interested in preparing for a career in film and television or the music industry. "Preparing For A Career In Film And Television" is scheduled for August 29, 9:00-4:30 p.m. and will be moderated by Emmy nominated producer/director John Thomas Lenox (Splash, Long Hot Summer, Laverne And Shirley). Topics and speak-ers include: "Directing," presented by eight-time Academy Award winner Richard Fleischer (Tora! Tora! Tora!, Fantastic Voyage, Doctor Doolittle); "Acting," presented by actress Lisa Chess (Star Trek) and Joe Regalbuto (Murphy Brown); "Production," presented by Simon R. Lewis (Look Who's Talking, Age Old Friends); "Cinematography," presented by Woody Omens "Harlem Nights, Coming To America); "Editing And Post-Production," presented by Michael N. Knue, ACE (Rocky V, Nightmare On Elm Street 4); and "Development". ment," presented by independent producer Ted Dodd. The music program, "Preparing For A Career In The Music Industry," will include such topics and speakers as "Film Scoring," presented by Jeremy Lubbock (Rocky IV, A League Of Their Own, The Color Purple), Jerry Fried (Roots), Bobby Etoll (Godfather III, The Danger Zone) and Don Ray (former music supervisor). "Recording Engineering," presented by Leslie Ann Jones, Van Webster, Michael Braunstein and Jay Lean; and "Songwriting," presented by Patra Libert (see Section 1). sented by Peter Luboff (songwriter for Patti Labelle), Gina Gomez (Sheena Easton and Color Me Badd) and Kurt Cuomo. For more information, contact the Department of Entertainment Studies and Performing Arts, UCLA Extension, 10995 Le Conte Ave., Room 437, Los Angeles, CA 90024, or call (310) 825-9064.

 Published songwriter Jeff Saxon, will be conducting a six-week workshop, "Contemporary Pop Songwriting," at Pasadena City College. This workshop will meet Tuesday evening, September 8, and will cover topics such as song structure, components of lyric and melody writing, developing songs from ideas, the demo process, song shopping and more. The fee is \$67.00. Call (818) 585-7608 for additional information.

☐ Streetfest '92, a free festival of street performances will begin on Thursday, September 24 and conclude on Sunday, October 11. This three week festival, made possible by the Community Redevelopment Agency of Hollywood, will feature the very best of street performance in Los Angeles, including musicians. Performers will be hired from an open audition at the Hollywood Galaxy, 7021 Hollywood Blvd. (at Sycamore, one block west of Mann's Chinese Theater) on Friday, September 18, 5:00 p.m. (sign up begins at 3:00 p.m.). Chosen performers will be contracted for a minimum of three concerts and inclusion in a showcase of "the best of the best of the festival" where artists and musicians will perform on stage with a sound and lighting system and media coverage. Call (213) 883-0206 for additional information.

 Guitar Guitar presents a free acoustic guitar workshop on Monday, August 31, 7:00 p.m. Greg Bennett conducts this workshop which not only will give you all the lowdown on acoustic guitars but will also give out free Dean Markley strings to the first twenty people. Call (818) 789-1706 to make your reservation.

Recaps

☐ Goodman Music is scheduled to begin a series of workshops to present digital and analog recording studio alternatives, "Project Studio Solutions." There will be two locations for each clinic, Tuesdays at Goodman Music-West Side (4204 S. Sepulveda Blvd., 310-558-5500) or Wednesdays at Goodman Music-Universal City (3501 Cahuenga Blvd. W., 213-845-1145). All workshops begin at 7:00 p.m. Call for more information.

☐ The West L.A. Music 6th Annual Music Expo will be held on August 29 and 30 at the LAX Hilton. This annual show features everything from the latest products and technology, to exhibits and hands-on demonstrations; and includes every major brand of guitars, amplifiers, drums, recording equipment, sound systems, computers and music software, keyboards and accessories. Numerous celebrity appearances are scheduled, including Keith Emerson of Emerson, Lake and Palmer, Tommy Lee and Nikki Sixx of Mötley Crüe, Alan White and Trevor Rabin of Yes and many, many more. Tickets are \$6.50 in advance or \$8.00 on the day of the show and are available at West L.A. Music or any TicketMaster location. For additional information, contact West L.A. Music. (310) 477-1945.

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Jackson Biographer Files \$200 Million Lawsuit Against Berry Gordy

By Tom Farrell

BEVERLY HILLS—In a press conference held on August 20th, music biographer J. Randy Taraborrelli announced that he will be filing a

\$200 million lawsuit against Motown Records founder Berry Gordy for libel and slander, stemming from remarks made by the latter concerning passages from Taraborrelli's best-selling biography, Michael Jackson—The Magic And The Madness.

Gordy, who was reportedly impressed with the author's previous Motown tome, Motown—Hot Wax, City Cool And Solid Gold, filed a \$100 million lawsuit against the 36-year-old writer and his publisher, Carol Publishing, last summer for libel and false light invasion of privacy, citing that certain passages of the Michael Jackson biography were

"lies unleashed like unguided scud missiles, not caring who or how much they hurt."

J. Randy Taraborrelli told the press: "I waited until now to file because I had hoped that Mr. Gordy would come to his senses and dismiss his meritless lawsuit, which would have served as a retraction of his statements made about me at his press conference," adding that "Berry Gordy must be held responsible for the lies he told about me last year."

BMG, Twentieth Century Fox Form New Label

By Sue Gold

Los Angeles—BMG has entered into an agreement with Twentieth Century Fox and Twentieth Television to form a new label, Fox Records. The new label will be distributed by BMG worldwide and will include all future soundtracks from both companies.

According to Michael Dornemann, Chairman and CEO of BMG, "Bertelsmann Music Group is pleased to enter into a partnership with a major entertainment force like Fox. The opportunities this partnership offers BMG are great, and I

am proud to welcome the new Fox Records label to our family."

Commenting on the new partnership, Strauss Zelnick, President and Chief Operating Officer of Twentieth Century, said, "This venture will allow Twentieth Century Fox to combine our film assets and executive talent with BMG's marketing and distribution experience to enter the record music business."

BMG will also sign and distribute albums on the Fox label not associated with Twentieth Century Fox's film or television stations.

Elektra Signs Huey Lewis

By Kenny Kerner

Los Angeles—Elektra Entertainment has signed hitmakers Huey Lewis & the News to a long-term recording contract. The announcement was made by label Chairman Bob Krasnow. The initial release under the terms of this deal will be a solo album from Huey Lewis, due in 1993. Lewis' disc will be followed by a complete band effort.

Commenting on the signing, Lewis' manager Bob Brown said, "I couldn't be happier about joining Elektra and the WEA family. Our reasons for leaving EMI after they were absorbed by SBK are another story, but it should be clear that serious money was offered for the band to remain on that label. The fact that we chose to go with Elektra is enough of a statement."

The band's last album, their 1991 EMI debut, Hard At Play, yielded the hit single "Couple Days Off." Lewis had this to say about the deal: "I'm really looking forward to a fresh start on a label I've admired from a distance over the years. Bob Krasnow's enthusiasm and creativity made this decision an obvious one for all of us."

SOUNDCHECK Finals To Be Held At Spice

By Keith Bearen

HOLLYWOOD—Four of the nation's top bands will compete in this year's SOUNDCHECK, the Yamaha Rock Music Showcase, which will be held on September 15th at Spice in West Hollywood.

The four finalists—Baba Yaga (San Diego), Tribulations (Ithaca, New York), Toadies (Fort Worth) and the Selves (Newark)—were chosen from a field of thousands and will compete for \$10,000 in cash or Yamaha equipment, a demo recording helmed by a professional producer, TDK Professional Series recording tapes and career consultations with agents, managers, record company A&R representatives and public relations experts.

The winner will then receive an all-expense paid trip to Japan to represent the United States at the MusicQuest '92 World Finals, a Yamaha-sponsored international showcase for bands from 28 countries.

HOLLYWOOD HONORS CHICAGO



Veteran rock group Chicago and Honorary Mayor of Hollywood Johnny Grant are pictured during the July 23rd ceremony presenting Chicago with a star on the Hollywood Walk Of Fame.

Anheuser-Busch Sponsors Six Southland Bands

By Sue Gold

Los Angeles—Six Los Angeles area bands—Highway 61, Slammin' Gladys, B.B. Chung King and the Screaming Buddah Heads, Food For Feat, Alma and Son Mayor—will receive sponsorships through Anheuser-Busch's In-Concert band support program. The sponsorships will run through the end of 1993 and were awarded to a total of 64 bands around the country.

Each band will receive support through Budweiser, Bud Light or Bud Dry. Four of the Los Angeles bands are repeat winners, having won sponsorships last year from Budweiser. Alma and B.B. Chung King and the Screaming Buddah Heads will continue being sponsored by Bud Dry, while Food For Feet and Son Mayor will stay with Bud Light. Highway 61 and Slammin' Gladys were awarded sponsorships with Bud Light and Budweiser, respectively.

All of the bands will receive equipment, tour jackets, a variety of promotional materials and possible opportunities to appear in the Budweiser brands' advertising. "The In-Concert program has been very positive for both the bands and our Budweiser brands," said Thomas R. Sharbaugh, Vice President of Budweiser brands. "This is a unique association that we hope will

help these bands gain additional exposure, both locally and regionally."

According to an Anheuser-Busch spokesperson, all of the bands are selected on the basis of their musical ability, stage presence, style and originality. In addition, groups must have a strong local following and play approximately 100 dates per year. Bands are chosen by a panel of Anheuser-Busch executives and music industry representatives

"These bands represent some of the best local and regional groups in the entire United States. Our support for them is a reflection of the growing importance of the regional music scene and the vast amount of first-rate local talent that's out there," Sharbaugh explained.

The bands were selected from more than a thousand acts who auditioned during competitions held around the country earlier this year. Anheuser-Busch launched the In-Concert program last year, sponsoring seventeen bands from California, New York and Texas. This year the bands come from more than 25 major markets.

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BMG recently held its first worldwide conference in the company's five-year history. One of the highlights of the five-day event, which took place in Beaver Creek, Colorado, was a performance by Michael Penn, who debuted selections from his forthcoming sophomore effort, Free For All. Pictured (L-R): Heinz Henn, Senior VP of A&R and Marketing for BMG International; Penn; Rudi Gassner, President/CEO of BMG International; Joe Galante, President of RCA Records; and Michael Dornemann, BMG's Chairman and CEO.

SIGNINGS & ASSIGNMENTS

By Michael Amicone



Hale Milgrim

Hale Milgrim, the President of Capitol Records, a position he has held since 1989, has assumed additional duties as the label's Chief Executive Officer. Milgrim has led the veteran label to its highest profits in twenty years, and has been instrumental in the success of such Capitol artists as Hammer, Bonnie Raitt, Richard Marx, the Beastie Boys and Eric Johnson.

Geffen Records has announced the appointment of Kathie Reed to the post of National Metal/Alternative Promotion. Reed began her music industry career at Roadrunner Records where she worked as Director of Radio and Video Promotion. Other industry stints include tenures with Relativity Records (West Coast Metal Promotion) and Metal Blade (Product Manager).

MCA Records has named Mindy Espy to the post of Director of Marketing. Previously the label's Director of A&R Administration, Espy will be responsible for creating and implementing marketing plans for the label. Before her stint with MCA, Espy spent three years with the Fitzgerald Hartley Company and Chrysalis Records.



Heather Davis

Epic Records has announced the promotion of Heather Davis to the post of Manager, Media Relations, West Coast. Davis was formerly an assistant in the label's Media Relations department.

Sony Music has announced the appointment of Thomas R. Ryanto the post of Director of Administration, Talent & Studio Services. In this newly created position, Ryan will oversee budgeting video production, salary administration, financial forecasting and expense monitoring for the department.

In related news, Epic Records has announced the promotion of Frank Ceraolo to the post of Director, Dance/ Crossover Promotion. Ceraolo will be based at the label's New York offices. And Columbia has named Sean T.P.

Sullivan to the post of Manager, Hard Rock/Metal Retail. Sullivan will supervise the maintenance of a sales tracking system and computer database for all of the label's hard rock/metal retail accounts.

Uni Distribution Corp. has announced the appointment of Michael McLeod to the post of Director, National Sales, Video Sell-Through Product. McLeod joins the label following a fifteen-year stint with Time/Warner, where he exited as Director of National Accounts.

WEA has announced several new appointments: Brigette Kohley, George Valdiviez and Stacy Zubrod have been named Sales Reps for the Los Angeles area; Jeff Gordon has been named Sales Rep for the Sacramento area; Dawn Mori becomes the company's Singles Specialist; Cindy Petill assumes the position of In-House Marketing Rep; and Diane Morris has been named Account Merchandising Rep.



Woody Moran

The Generalmusic Corporation has named Woody Moran to the post of Vice President, Professional Products Division. Moran will oversee all sales and marketing activities for the newly formed pro products group. Prior to his new appointment, Moran served a stint as International Music Company's Vice President and Director for Akai's U.S. operations.

Atlantic Records has named Dwight Bibbs to the post of West Coast Co-National Director/R&B Promotion. Bibbs began his career with MCA, where he exited as the label's West Coast Regional Promotion Director.

REN Management has announced the addition of Epic recording act **The The** to the company's roster of clients.



Phil Costello

Def American Recordings has named Phil Costello to the post of Vice President of Promotion. Costello, who as Senior Director of Promotion with Virgin Records, will oversee radio promotion for all formats.





Carl Griffin

Company: GRP Records Title: Director A&R / New York **Duties:** Talent scout & acquisition Years with company: Three

Dialogue

Background: "Although I've only been working with the label for three years, I've known Larry Rosen (label president) for about ten years. I used to be a club spinner in the late Sixties and early Seventies back in New York. One night I was driving home from playing this loud, crazy music, and I turned the radio on to station WRVR. I heard this guy singing with an incredible voice so I pulled over to the curb and called the station to find out who it was. They told me it was Jon Lucien, an RCÁ artist. I called my friend at RCA to get the record and he told me it was produced by two guys named Larry Rosen and Dave Grusin. I never heard of either of them. I eventually called Larry to tell him how much I loved the record.

About a year later, I was working for Jobete Music, Motown's publishing wing, and I called Larry to see if he needed any songs for Lucien. He said 'no,' but he did sign this female artist named Angela Bofill. I sent him a couple of songs for Angela and they actually cut one of them called 'Summer Days & Moonlit Nights.' I think from that point on, Larry and I kept in touch on a regular basis."

N.Y. Jazz: "I grew up in Harlem, in New York, and jazz is part of your education. I would go down to the Village Gate and Village Vanguard and then to the Central Park concerts that were held every summer. When the dance and disco thing happened, I went to work for Jobete where I stayed for about ten years. I worked at RCA for about a year after

New Jazz: "Contemporary jazz today seems to be infiltrating into the demographic of the Thirties, Forties and Fifties. This jazz will be a part of the American culture forever. In the earlier days of jazz, you had to be 'in' to get to hear the artists. It was a closed, hip, insider thing. With people like Kenny G and we have the Rippingtons, these artists make it more palatable for people to get into

Responsibilities: "What my task is at GRP is similar to the soldier in the trenches. I basically get out there in the street and talk with groups and managers and attorneys. If I happen to come across something that I feel might interest the company, then I'll go into Larry and Dave with it and lobby to get these acts signed."

Talent Ingredients: "When you look at our artist roster and you see Chick Corea and Larry Carlton and Lee Ritenour and Michael Brecker, you know what I'm saying ...? So we have to be certain that each new artist has such unique talents that in two to three years he will become a major star in the music business. I have to be able to see that potential in a new artist. I'm like a baseball scout. I have to see the raw talent and then project that two to three years into the future."

The Hunt: "I get out to clubs and I listen to tapes. I'm on a constant hunt for the next new superstar. We try to keep the unsolicited tapes down to a minimum because we're already averaging about forty tapes per week. To be effective at my job—to pay attention to the forty or so artists on the label roster and the solicited tapes that come in, we really have to minimize the unsolicited tapes. On a lot of these tapes, people have a different impression of jazz and they're not really in the ballpark-they're more than two or three years away from development so I try to limit those tapes.

Traveling: "I travel a lot. In fact, I just got back from a fact-finding tour, as call it, in Holland and London and I'm happy to say that we are now in negotiations with five new acts."

The Numbers: "Jazz records don't sell the kinds of numbers that rock or rap or country records sell because there aren't as many jazz fans as there are rock fans, for example. But in proportion to the jazz audience, we sell very well. A good, successful jazz album would sell around 400,000 units. With radio the way it is today, with those short playlists, it's very difficult to get a jazz instrumental to break through. Right now, we have Quiet Storm type radio stations as well as the NAC stations as outlets for jazz music. If we see something starting to happen on these stations with a particular record, we'll chase it across to some of the AC stations.'

Musicianship: "Jazz is all about the music. These cats are musicians; They're artists. When I try and talk to an artist about the commerciality of their music, they're more concerned with what Herbie Hancock will think of their music. It's very difficult to try and find some commerciality and still maintain the respect of your peers. It's a very thin line. It's a very hard task.'

Advice: "First of all, never compare yourself to what you hear on the radio. That's a big mistake that a lot of young musicians make. They hear something on the radio and believe that they can also do that as well. The truth is that they need to do better than that. That's the secret. And it takes an awful lot of work. Rehearsals-really defining your compositions and making them interesting but easy for the layman to understand. Being an ex-publisher, I'm a firm believer in strong, melodic lines. Listening to it on the radio, you may not get the name of the song or artist, but I'll bet if it's strong melodically you'll be able to hum the chorus. And that's what you have to leave on the buyer's mind."



Chameleon Records' act Kyuss is pictured backstage after their sold out show at the Cathouse. Shown above from left to right are Kyuss guitarist Josh, Amanda Smith (manager, alternative radio and retail), Brant (drummer), Deejay Lorenzo (Director National Rock Promotions), E. Heather Lose (Chameleon A&R), Bob Buziak (President / C.O.O. Chameleon Entertainment and Bill Berger, President of Chameleon Records.



Progressive rock group Yes has signed a multi-album deal with Victory Music. Yes will begin recording in September with group member Trevor Rabin producing. Pictured in the front row above are Yes members Trevor Rabin, Jon Anderson and Alan White. Back row shows Chris Squire (Yes), Alex Scott of East End Management, Tony Kaye (Yes), Phil Carson (President, Victory Music), and Tony Dimitriades of East End Management. The new album is expected to be released in the spring of 1993.

Grapevine

What's that? You say you haven't been to Lollapalooza '92 yet? Boy are you missing out. This year's tour is bigger and better than ever and features a real circus/midway atmosphere complete with circus sideshows. In addition to the charitable gambling games, the bookstores, political & social organizations, unique arts & crafts booths. exotic foods and drinks, you also get to hear the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Ministry, Ice Cube, Soundgarden, Jesus And Mary Chain, Pearl Jam and Lush. Catch the tour when it comes to the Irvine Meadows on September 11-13. This is one event you don't want to miss.

Randy Nicklaus called from the Impact Records A&R department to tell me that all is well and the company is not folding. In fact, they're expecting a new smash from

Rhythm Syndicate.

If you're into preserving endangered species, check out Animal Republic's incredible line of Tshirts. There are 14 shirts in all, with an Educational Collection that features photos of the grizzly bear, snowleopard, mountain gorilla, gray wolf, bengal tiger and bald eagle. The Endangered Collection features the elephant, rhinocerous, lion and zebra and the Preserve & Protect line showcases the koala bear, kangaroo, cheetah and polar bear. Brooke Shields, Tom Cruise and the MTV VJs are already sporting this new look. To order your shirts with a pro-wildlife statement, call (800) 783-1393. It's for a great cause and many of these varieties are now available at local zoos and department stores.

Guitarist Steve Stevens, bassist Phil Sousann, drummer Vikki Fox and rhythm guitarist Robby Crane will join Vince Neil's band as the former Mötley Crüe frontman records his debut for Warner Bros.

Former Poison guitarist C.C. DeVille is turning a lot of label heads with his new rock band comprised of

Kelly Hansen, James Kottack and Tommy Hendrickson.

Local rock act Mesheen is looking for a lead guitarist to join them. Interested players should contact Bobby Tait at (714) 890-7551.

In lieu of flowers, the family of **Jeff Porcaro** has established a memorial fund in his name to benefit the
Grant High School Music Department. All donations should be made
to: Jeff Porcaro Memorial Fund, 50
West Main Street, Ventura, CA
93001.

Contrary to what we reported here last issue, Cold Gin was not asked by Kiss' Gene Simmons to stop portraying the band in L.A. The members of Cold Gin just felt the timing was right to move on. Gene, in fact, was a major supporter of the band. Sorry for the confusion.

Chart Activity

If you haven't already heard it, pick up a copy of **Don Dada's** new Columbia album, *Super Cat.* Dada combines reggae and rap into a delightful, foot-thumbing mixture that is both original and mesmerising. This one is fast becoming one of my favorites of the year.

Into the Sixties? Love the Beatles? Wait til you hear the sophomore effort from the **Rembrandts** on Atco.

Enough said.

"People Everyday" has finally been released as the new single from **Arrested Development**. I'm predicting it goes all the way to Number One.

The Jimmy Page/David Coverdale album project should be out before the end of the year. Will they try their hand at a remake of Zep's "Stairway To Heaven"?

Poison will debut their new lead guitarist when they release a brand new album early in 1993.

We'd like to see: A two-CD compilation featuring the best of Eric Burdon & the Animals (say the word and I'll get right on that one) and a Tom Jones Greatest Hits package.



Joey Ortega

Contact: Joey Ortega (517) 792-1643 Purpose of Submission: Seeking

label and publishing deal

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Every so often, Demo Critique comes across a tape that is genuinely special. Such is the case with Joey Ortega's five song submission. Ortega is a young singer-songwriter who also happened to play most of the instruments on these songs. Showing an incredibly strong knack for writing solid, radio-ready pop rock material, Ortega sounds like he already has a couple of hits with "Love Me Like Yesterday" and the chilling ballad "Serious Love." Ortega's pure pop vocals are a natural for CHR radio and with plenty more originals already in the can, he seems like an A&R dream. My recommendation is to give this kid a call right now and get a copy of this demo. If you be-lieve in Richard Marx and George Michael-if you believe in pop and Top Forty, you'll believe in Joey Ortega. This kid's ready to become a star right now!



Say Uncle

Contact: William Levins Mgmt. (818) 765-8737

Purpose of Submission: Seeking

label deal

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Originally from Toronto, these five rockers eventually made their way down to Los Angeles in search of fame and fortune. Their demo submission, which was self-financed and took over a year to put together, highlights the band's fine vocal harmonies and together musicianship. Though all of the tunes seem to describe a unique subject matter-"Bored Of Education" and "Front Page", a song about people perceiving things as they are not—the song structure still needs some work. "Time To Remember" clearly has the strongest chorus and that is a plus. The guys need to put some extra time into the songwriting department if they really want to stand ahead of the pack. They've got the basics down pat and now it's just a question of churning out one song after another until they begin to hit.



Lucia

Contact: Lucia (818) 753-7788 Purpose of Submission: Seeking

label deal

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Originally born in Italy, jet-setter Lucia comes off sounding like Dodie Stevens doing "Pink Shoe Laces" on the demo opener "Heartbreaker." Then, without warning, she shifts gears for the tender "Love Is Surrender" and the finale, "Don't Mean Nothin" During her career, Lucia has had a variety of jobs—modeling, acting, promotion, TV hostess—you name it. The problem is that as a vocalist, she is absolutely not convincing and that will hold her career in music back considerably. Not only does she sound foreign on tape, but she almost talks rather than sings each selection. Knowing how difficult it is to make it in this industry, it would behoove Lucia to spend considerable time learning to become more of a polished vocalist. Then and only then can we begin to critique the songwriting. Right now, Lucia is a long way from happening in the music industry.

To submit product for analysis, send your packages (including photo, bio & contact #) to: Music Connection Demo Critique, 6640 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028.

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BMI

J NOTEWORTHY J

I am pleased to introduce BMI's new monthly "Noteworthy Column" spotlighting some of the exciting happenings of our songwriters, artists and composers. Congratulations to all of them!

> Rick Riccobono VP, Writer/Publisher Relations, BMI

L.A. REID, BABYFACE and DARYL SIMMONS

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JULIANNA RAYE

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THE BLACK CROWES,
and THE B-52's.

Tune into BMI's next NEW MUSIC NIGHTS' showcase at Molly Malone's on September 21 at 8:00 p.m.

SONGWORKS—PAT LEWIS



Famous Music has signed a Joint venture with Thirsty Ear Communications. Pictured (from left, seated) are: Peter Gordon, President and Founder of Thirsty Ear Communications; Michelle Yules, Creative Director, Famous Music; Irwin Z. Robinson, Chairman and CEO, Famous; (second row, from left): Jerry Love, Creative Director, Famous; and Alan Bergman, Attorney.

Songwriter Activities

ASCAP's annual Film Scoring Workshop will begin in Los Angeles on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1992. Instructor for the eight-session course is ASCAP member Fred Karlin. Fourteen composers will be selected to participate in the workshop by a committee of ASCAP members. They will be guided through the entire process of scoring a film or television project. Composers interested in applying should submit an audio cassette and resume to: The ASCAP/ Fred Karlin Film Scoring Workshop, 7920 Sunset Blvd., Suite 300, Los Angeles, CA 90046. Attn. Jamie Richardson. Deadline for submissions is Sept. 8, 1992.

The National Academy of Songwriters (NAS) announced that Stevie Wonder will be honored with the Academy's 1992 Lifetime Achievement Award at the seventh annual "Salute To The American Songwriter" concert, to be held December 3, 1992 at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre in Los Angeles. For more info, call Steve Schalchlin, Managing Director, NAS at (213) 463-7178.

There certainly are more and more places popping up for singer-songwriters to showcase their wares in Los Angeles. We've just been told of a new acoustic music showcase sponsored by the Community Arts

Resources, Inc. called "Acoustic Cabaret" which will take place at the club Hollywood Galaxy on Hollywood Blvd. beginning this fall. Those acoustic performers interested in showcasing their material, should send a tape and supporting materials to: CARS/Acoustic Cabaret, 1653 18th Street #1, Santa Monica, CA 90404.

Publisher Activities

The National Music Publishers' Association (NMPA)/Harry Fox Agency (HFA) recently held their 75th anniversary/annual meeting at the Four Seasons Hotel. During the meeting, NMPA President & CEO Edward P. Murphy addressed the current impasse in the negotiations on the European Mechanical Rovalty Rate. Other keynote speakers included Irwin Z. Robinson, Chairman of NMPA/HFA and Chairman & CEO of Famous Music, Carmen Suro-Bredie, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative and Alan Shulman, Esq. of Silverman & Shulman, Counsel of HFA. Also attending the meeting were members of a visiting delegation from Russia, which included Edward Gavrilov, Deputy Director of the Intellectual Property Agency of Russia; Vladimir Prozorovsky, Director, International Relations; and Vladimir Dashkevitch and Andrei Semeynov, both music publishers.



Co-Chairpersons Linda Blum-Huntington (left) and Maria McNally (second from left) of Emerald Forest Entertainment have goodreason to smile as they congratulate their writer/artist Sophie B. Hawkins (center) and her manager Peter Rudge on her Top-five single, "Damn I Wish I Was Your Lover."

The NMPA, founded in 1917, works to protect and advance the interests of the music publishing industry. With over 400 members, the NMPA represents the most important and influential music publishing firms throughout the United States. The Harry Fox Agency, a licensing subsidiary of NMPA, provides an informative source, clearing house, and monitoring service for licensing musical copyrights, and represents over 9000 music publishers.

The Business Side

Famous Music has entered into a joint venture with Thirsty Ear Communications, the respected alternative music marketing company. Under the agreement, the New York-based Thirsty Ear will sign alternative music acts which the company will develop for either its own newlyformed Id Records or other labels.

Warner/Chappell Music has acquired the rights to hit songwriter Danny Kortchmar's catalog.



Pictured is Michael Packard, who is the singer/writer of local Los Angeles band Bird That Whistles. Packard and his rocking roots band really warmed things up at a recent "L.A.'s Best Kept Secrets" industry showcase held at the Coconut Teaszer in West Hollywood.



BMI recently sponsored their new unsigned artist showcase series called "New Music Nights" at Molly Malone's in Los Angeles. Amongst the numerous local artists and bands were the Mourning Glories. Pictured (L-R) after their impressive set are: Mike Dunn, band member; Kelly Horde, Associate Director, BMI; Michael Barriagan, band member; Julie Gordon, Director, BMI; Paul Roessler and Max Mazursky, band members.

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Kortchmar's extensive catalog includes Don Henley's "All She Wants To Do Is Dance," "Dirty Laundry," "Driving With Your Eyes Closed," and the classic "Sunset Grill," among others. Kortchmar also penned Jackson Browne's smash "Sombody's Baby." In addition to his back catalog, WCM has entered into a worldwide co-publishing deal for Kortchmar's future songs.

Vinolla Chenault has been appointed Senior Director, Research/Film-TV Administration at BMI. Chenault will be responsible for overseeing Film/TV administration and research analysis of royalty payments. She will be based out of BMI's Los Angeles offices.

Thomas J. Valentino has been named Senior Director, Writer/Publisher Relations at BMI. Valentino joins BMI from the law firm of Grubman, Indursky, Schindler & Goldstein, P.C., where he was a legal assistant, negotiating and drafting producer, management, recording and publishing agreements for the firm's music business clients. He will be based out of BMI's New York offices.

Evan R. Medow, President of Windswept Pacific Entertainment has joined the Board of Directors of the National Music Publisher's Association. Medow, a veteran of

the music industry since 1968, has served as a private attorney with a number of firms, most recently with Fischbach, Medow & Perlstein.

BMG Music Publishing has acquired three catalogs from major songwriting team Sharon and Bill Rice. The Rices have also signed as exclusive songwriters with the publishing company. Contained in the Rice and Rice acquisition are Swallowfork Music (ASCAP), Shobi Music (BMI) and Rice and Rice Music (ASCAP). The Rices are considered two of country music's most important songwriters. Just a few of their hits include "I'll Think Of Something," "Y'All Come Back Saloon" (The Oakridge Boys' first Number One hit), "Til A Tear Becomes A Rose," and "39 And Holding." Aside from the Rices, among the other top songwriters represented in the Swallowfork and Shobi catalogs are Roger Murrah and Scott Anders, who wrote the Number One Alabama hit "High Cotton."

BMG Music has also acquired three catalogs from publisher Judy Harris—Judy Judy Judy Music (ASCAP), Four Of A Kind Music (BMI), and Four Profit Music (SESAC). Some of the exclusive writers represented include writer/artist Mark Collie, P.R. Battle and Stowe Dailey.



Warner/Chappell Music acquired the catalog of Danny Kortchmar and signed the writer/producer to a worldwide co-publishing deal. Pictured (L-R) are: Nick Ben'Meir, Business Manager; Les Bider, Chairman and CEO, WCM; Danny Kortchmar; Rick Shoemaker, Sr. VP Creative, WCM; Richard Leher, Attorney.

PUBLISHER PROFILE



Michael Sandoval

Vice President Creative PolyGram Music Publishing Group

By Pat Lewis

no stranger to the publishing world. He spent the last twenty years with Warner/ Chappell Music before recently moving over to PolyGram Music Publishing, where he holds the title of Vice President Creative. As a young music lover (or "muso," as he puts it), Sandoval roadied for a number of bands before gaining employment at WCM. He worked his way "up the ladder" from a temporary employee in the mailroom to Vice President. During his tenure, he was directly involved with hit songs recorded by Whitney Houston, Madonna, Michael Jackson, Mr. Mister, Cyndi Lauper, the Pointer Sisters, Big Daddy Kane, Biz Markie, Dwight Yoakam and the Rembrandts, among many others. He has also been involved in "developing" numerous unsigned bands and helping them attain recording contracts.

"I have tremendous loyalty to [WCM] and to those people over there," says Sandoval regarding his decision to move over to PolyGram Music. "That was my school, my home. You can't leave after twenty years and say, that was then and this is now. But I think it just got so big there. And because PolyGram pursued me so aggressively, they reminded me of how Warners was fifteen years ago. And there's no question, that was the greatest ten years of my life—the focus, the energy, the clout of the company, their vision, their understanding of music and their attitude about artists, was just in-line with mine. And I felt that if I did it once before, I'm going to do it again!"

Considering Sandoval has assumed a leadership position on the creative side at PolyGram Music, he must have numerous goals in mind for the short and long term. "I want people to know that this is a place that pays great attention to detail and I want people to also think of this company as a creative publishing company where they've got a workbench of ideas constantly coming across their table everyday or at least being tossed at them," says Sandoval.

"Additionally, the synergy between the record and film companies is fantastic! So, not only do [the writers, writer/producers, bands, etc., who are published by PolyGram] get all of the creative support, the monetary support, the mixing and matching of other writers and other acts, and all of that great stuff, but they also get the synergy between the film and record companies. And administratively, [PolyGram Music] pays great attention to detail—in making sure that the copyrights are well-protected, safe and administrated correctly."

Since Sandoval is a "hands-on" type of publisher, his new position is particularly exciting for him. "The benefit of working for a company that's not as big as some of the big majors out there, is that you have the luxury of not having a giant staff," says Sandoval. "And since you have a smaller staff, there's much more communication in creative meetings—they're much more focused, and they're much more successful. I'm very much involved creatively with the mixing and matching of writers, talent acquisition, catalog acquisition, film, etc. That is something that I've always loved to do and it's always been a part of my job. And I'm lucky enough that I still get to do it all."

Considering Sandoval has worked with a lion's share of songwriters, what advice would he offer the aspiring, young songwriter? "If you really want to actively pursue a publishing deal," he answers, "the first thing you would do is to sit down and specifically write songs for certain genres of music. If you want to write commercial pop songs for the Bobby Browns, the Mariah Careys, and the Michael Boltons of the world, then study those kinds of songs. Listen to the lyrics and understand what they are implying—what the premises of those songs are.

"If you're a young songwriter, you have to focus on understanding what you're writing about and you must be able to step outside of your own framework and say, 'This is a terrific premise for a song. Everyone has written songs about the same subjects or premises, but this is a unique approach to this idea.' or 'This hasn't been said in so long, let's just say it straight away. Let's just say it how it is and put a great hook to it."

"There's always room for great pop songs in America," Sandoval continues, "and if you decide that you want to become an artist later on, then you can become a little more introspective and abstract and you can get a little more indepth with things about your own life or other people's lives in your lyrics. But if you want to get into the business, you've got to start by writing songs that people will relate to. And I don't mean, your best friends or your family. You've got to be able to play a song for somebody and they've got to say, 'That's just how I feel. That's me singing that song. How did you know that's exactly how I feel?' That's it! And of course, that's easier said than done. You'd be amazed at how few young writers actually listen to songs."

(Contact: PolyGram Music, 1416 N. La Brea Ave., Hollywood, CA 90029, phone number: 213-856-2699.)

AUDIO/VIDEO—MICHAEL AMICONE

DODGE CITY SOUND: This newly upgraded studio (a Neve V2 48 console with automation, a Studer 827 multi-track recorder and more outboard gear have been added) recently played host to MCA recording act Flotsam and Jetsam, Motown artists the Boys, Mitch Perry and his new project 7% Solution (working with producer/engineer Jeffers Dodge), Ruthless Records act Blood of Abraham and Chameleon's Ethyl Meatplow (working with engineer Mike Schlesinger).

AIRE L.A. STUDIOS: The Scotts, in

AIRE L.A. STUDIOS: The Scotts, in Studios A and B, laying down vocals for an upcoming album, with engineer Anthony Jeffries and assistant Gregg Barrett manning the board... Chuckii Booker, in Studio A, producing tracks for RCA recording artist Gene Rice, with Rob Chiarelli and Anthony Jeffries adding the sonic expertise, assisted by Don Dickinson...Bernadette Cooper, in Studio B, producing MCA recording artist Safire, with engineer David Koenig and assistant Mike Scotella man-

ning the console.

SAYLOR RECORDING: Producer/
engineer Bill Price, mixing tracks for
Geffen act My Little Funhouse, with
Chris Puram assisting...Donna
DeLory and producer/engineer Peter Arata, mixing tracks for MCA,
Chris Puram assisting...Virgin
Records act Immature, tracking and
mixing with producers Chris Stokes
and Christopher Williams, with engineers Bobby Brooks and Chris
Puram manning the console and
Mats Blomberg assisting.

IN THE STUDIO

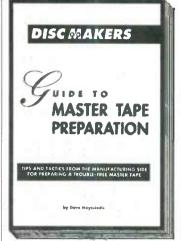


Comedy superstar Eddle Murphy Is pictured at Larrabee Studios laying down tracks for his new album, scheduled for an October release. Song titles Include "So Happy," "Yeah," "I Was A King," "Love's Airlight," "Don't Give Up On Love," "Cuteness," "What's Up With You" (a duet with Michael Jackson) and "Bubble Hill." Pictured (L-R): producer David Jones, engineer Carmen Rizzo, Murphy and producer Trenton Gums.

PARAMOUNT RECORDING STU-DIOS: Guitar hero Steve Vai, laying down tracks for a Disney movie score with engineer Evren Goknar...Soul music veteran lke Turner, cutting new tracks in Paramount's Studio C...Ice Cube protege KAM, putting the finishing touches on his new album for Street Knowledge Records, engineer Barend January adding the sonic expertise.

DEVONSHIRE AUDIO & VIDEO STUDIOS: Elektra recording act Mötley Crüe, overdubbing and mixing tracks with engineer Bill Kennedy and assistants Randy Long and Keith Kresge...Warner Bros. artist Ray Charles and producer Richard Perry, mixing tracks for an upcoming album, with engineer Mick Guzauski and assistant Jeff Graham manning the board...PolyGram act Kiss and producer Bob Ezrin, overdubbing with engineer Mick Guzauski and assistant Jeff Graham...Arista recording diva Whitney Houston and producer David Foster, mixing tracks with engineer Mick Guzauski and assistant Jeff Graham.

DISC 'N DAT



A new, very handy publication called Disc Makers Guide To Master Tape Preparation has been released and should prove useful to novice musicians and seasoned pros alike. The 45-page booklet, which is available upon request from Philadelphia-based audio manufacturer Disc Makers, explains how to prepare a master tape for error-free mass production. All formats are covered— analog, digital, CD, DAT and even that old dinosaur, vinyl-with the booklet explaining the mastering process and listing many useful tips on how to insure that your finished product makes the transition from good-sounding master tape to good-sounding CD, cassette or record. For more info on Disc Makers Guide To Master Tape Preparation (20,000 copies of this booklet's first edition were distributed), call 1-800-468-9353.

MELON SESSION



Capitol recording act Blind Melon gather round the console during sessions for their label debut, produced by Rick Parasher (Pearl Jam, Temple of the Dog). Pictured (L-R, standing): band members Rogers Stevens, Glen Graham, Shannon Hoon, (sitting) Brad Smith, Chris Thorne and producer Rick Parasher.

AN EARLY XMAS



Phil Spector alumni Ronnie Spector and Darlene Love are pictured with veteran producer/label owner (Interscope) Jimmy lovine during sessions for the upcoming charity record, A Very Special Christmas II, a sequel to 1987's A Very Special Christmas, which will once again benefit the Special Olympics. The vocal duo contributed a version of "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree" to the record, which will be released on A&M Records. Pictured at A&M Recording Studios are (L-R) Love, lovine and Spector.

VIDEO DIRECTOR



By Jonathan Widran

efore the dawn of MTV, young visionaries who couldn't decide on whether to pursue careers in the film or music industries were forced to make a decision down just one road. But, with the explosion of music video, behind-the-scenes creators could enjoy the best of both worlds, combining sensations eyes and ears could enjoy in synch. For Modi, a young, talented and dedicated producer/director, combining her two major passions has led not only to success in this increasingly competitive field, but to the formation earlier this year of her own video production company, Modivation Films.

Raised in a Hollywood family where her father was a well-known character actor and her mother was a film producer, Modi spent her childhood hanging around and working on movie sets. After long days of shooting, it was off to the L.A. club where she developed the wide range of musical tastes her videos would later reflect. Instead of going to film school, Modi opted for on-the-job training as an assistant to noted directors like Bill Fishman (Tapehead) and Penelope Spheeris (Wavne's World).

"After absorbing everything I could about the filmmaking process, I began doing videos on a real grass roots level," she recalls, "spending my own money to shoot short films. Through word of mouth and referrals, I was able to finally interest companies in giving me capital to do projects for them.

Over the past few years, Modi has made several short films, iincluding Bad Day, a Western with Kevin Costner and Exene Cervenka, directed a play starring Manny Chevrolet of the band Two Free Stooges and videos for a diverse array of artists such as Jane's Addiction, L-7 and the Rollins Band. She also directed a wellknown public service announcement with k.d. lang and a segment of Unsolved Mysteries about the death of motorcyclist Lee Selwyn, to whom Little Caesar dedicated their current

While she has worked with everything from pop to rap, Modi's most highly touted work has come doing live shoots with alternative bands that record companies deem difficult to work with. "Those companies don't know how to handle artists that are intense, creative and want to be in charge of their own visions," Modi explains, "If a band has a mind of its own, they know they can trust me to bring out the honesty and sincerity of that group. Instead of me using the band as a vehicle for my own film ideas, they force their trip through me. I just help them express who they really are. It's just the band's voice filtered through me. I find out what they want and make sure the artist is very comfortable with the ideas I offer them.'

A stint working as Senior Director for BMG Video International taught Modi much about the post-production and editing process, and led to the confidence she needed to start her own company. As head of Modivation Films, Modi hopes to further expand her scope into tour documentaries, long-form videos, then features and soundtrack work. Among the company's recent projects are the supervision of the transfer of Queen's 1986 Wembley Stadium concert, L-7's enormously popular "Pretend We're Dead" video, Queen's "Stone Cold Crazy" (combining concert footage with clips from Encino Man) and a Henry Rollins spoken-word performance at the Henry Fonda Theatre.

A busy schedule, but Modi has the energy and enthusiasm to see everything through, "What makes me a good producer and director is that I'm still a big music fan and I carry that fan spirit into every shoot and editing session," she says. "I have a tremendously dedicated and loval crew helping me, and they know they're there to represent the band first."

Now comes the inevitable question every female success story must endure: Has being a member of said gender proven a help or hindrance in getting this far? While Modi admits that "if I were a man, I'd be further along," she believes that "a mother is the ultimate director" and that she, like her mentor Spheeris, add a fresh perspective to a male-dominated field. She likes to let her reels do the talking. "On the other hand, I don't spend every moment making an issue out of it. The only thing that bugs me is when a reviewer doesn't bother to check if my name is male or female, and the piece starts out, 'As a director, he.... It's a foolish assumption.'

Furthermore, Modi believes more than anything, that her simple "go for it" approach to her life and career is the single most important aspect of her success. "Kevin Costner told me the worst thing anyone can tell you is no. No one's going to kill you, or take away your family. So it's easy for me to have an independent spirit. My job is just to put the icing on the cake that a band has already created. I won't just take on any project. If the cake doesn't taste good to start with, I don't do the job.

NEW TOYS—BARRY RUDOLPH



SWR's New SM-900 Bass Amp

The SM-900 has an all tube preamp with a solid state power amp. Featuring 900 watts in a small two rack space unit, the SM weighs just 24 lbs.

The preamp has two three band semiparametric equalizers which are foot switchable. "Parametric" means that in addition to the exact frequency you want to boost or cut, you can adjust the width or number of frequencies around that selected frequency you are also affecting. Engineers call this factor the "Q" or quality of the equalizer. SWR's designers have thought to fix Q at a good working musical position so hence the term "semi-parametric". Anyway, the SM-900 has a front panel slide switch which can select EQI (for equalizer 1), EQ2 or both EQI and EQ2 together for three different tone settings.

The SM-900 can be used in either stereo or mono and additional features include: stereo effects and blend controls, aural enhancer, limiter, balanced XLR recording output with pad for the studio, ground lift, tuner jack and thermostatically controlled cooling fan.

For more information, contact SWR Engineering Inc. at 12823 Foothill Blvd., Unit F. Svlmar, CA 91342, Phone (818) 898-3355 FAX (818) 898-3365.



MIDI Time Piece II from Mark of the Unicorn

The MIDI Time Piece II adds front panel programmability and stand-alone features to the already successful MIDI Time Piece. First of all, the MTP II is an eight MIDI in and eight MIDI out processor that can provide an eight cable MIDI interface for the MacIntosh with 128 discrete MIDI channels. Up to four MTPIs can be connected to the same computer. Full MIDI data filtering capabilities enable you remove any un-

just like the original MTP but now you may program via the four rotary front panel controls and the 16 X 2 LCD display. These knobs along with two footpedal inputs can be used to send MIDI Controller or System Exclusive data which means the MTP II can be used with or without the Mac. The onboard, battery-backed memory allows you to store all your settings (configurations) within the MTP II. If you have an MTP already, then you can network the two units for up to 16 MIDI cables and add front panel programmability and memory to the origi-The MTP II has complete SMPTE functions including true adjustable freewheeling that allows the MTP II to "flywheel"

through bad timecode dropouts. There is

also a click-to-MIDI converter that allows

you to sync up to an existing music track

that has no timecode. MacIntosh software

comes with the MTP II and allows you to

edit and store patches for all situations. The

MTP II is fully compatible with Performer,

Digital Performer, Mosaic and other major

music software for the Mac. If you would

like more information, contact Mark of the

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wanted information in the MIDI signal.

The one rack-space MTP II can be used

Rick Turner Model 1 Reissue Guitar

Veteran guitar designer/innovator Rick Turner has decided to start making the Turner 1 guitar again in limited numbers. If identical to this new reissue.

you have seen the recent Lindsey Buckingham video, you have seen the original 1979 Turner guitar which is virtually The Model 1 features a maple and

576-3609. the body with 24 frets total and a scale length of 24 3/4 inches. You get your choice (since this is a custom, handmade instrument) of either Gotoh or Schaller tuners and a "Tun-a-matic" style bridge with an all chromed brass tailpiece.

There is a single Turner designed rotating pickup with an active equalizer/ preamp. There are many pickup and electronic options available which you can discuss with Rick if you decide on one of these beautiful guitars. For more about the entire Turner guitar line including the Baritone Acoustic/Electric contact: Rick Turner Guitars at P.O. Box 1612, Topanga, CA 90290 Phone (310) 455-2839.

purpleheart neck, rosewood fingerboard and an arched mahogany body with black binding on all edges. There are 15 frets to

SHOW BIZ-Tom Kidd



Holli Would and Jack Deebs (Gabriel Byrne) in Cool World

It's been a hot summer for Paramount Pictures, but can they maintain their winning streak? The entertainment giant has announced that the soundtrack to Eddie Murphy's Boomerang followed their Wayne's World effort into the Top Five. This gives the company two million-selling albums in the same year. The Boomerang soundtrack's debut single, "Give U My Heart," by Babyface and Toni Braxton, is currently in the Top 30 on Billboard's pop chart. The company's newest release is the soundtrack to Cool World, whose first single, "Sex On

Wheelz," by My Life With The Thrill Kill Kult, is getting play on both radio and MTV. While we think this is great, Showbiz must note that the success of both soundtracks comes despite lukewarm reviews on both films from critics and public alike.

Fans of the Pet Shop Boys will want to check their local bookstores for Pet Shop Boys, Literally, a first-person account of the Pet Shop Boys first concert tour in Hong Kong, Japan and Britain. "What I [really wanted] to write," says author Chris Heath, "was a book that showed in sometimes horrible detail the kind of

intimate anatomy of how a popgroup exists. It's one of the great private worlds of the late 20th Century. The tour described was the prototype to the group's first North American tour in the spring of 1991. Pet Shop Boys, Literally is published by Da Capo Press and should be in stores about

Mark Watters did the tunes for Disney's latest animated short, Petal To The Metal. The story-line for this one follows new toon star Bonkers D. Bobcat as he races against the clock to deliver a bouquet of flow-

ers to stunning starlet Fawn Deer. Bobcat, originally conceived as a television toon, will be a recurring character in the new CBS series Raw Toonage and will have his own half-hour series for The Disney Afternoon, debuting in 1993. Petal To The Metal screens in theaters exclusively with 3 Ninias.

Elton John has offered to help pay for the college education of Ryan White's sister, Andrea. According to White's mother, AIDS activist Jeanne White, John offered to pay half the cost of educating Andrea, who hopes to become a physician.

Billy Joel joined about 30 other people in protesting regulations on stripped bass fishing in Amagansett, the eastern Long Island town where Joel lives with his wife, Christie Brinkley. The protesters, who each received a \$250 ticket, collected the fish in nets attached to pickup trucks on shore. State regulations require the fishermen to sort through the

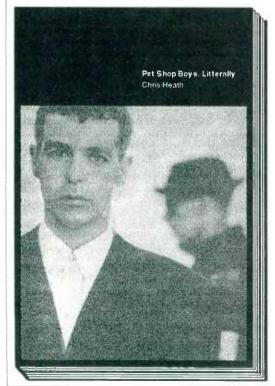


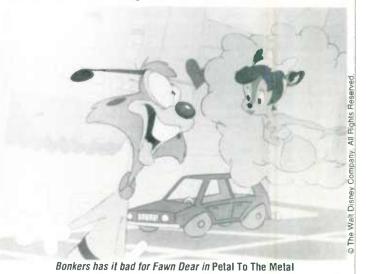
Zachary Throne

nets and throw back the smaller bass. The protesters claim the size limits discriminate against commercial fishermen who find complying with the rules costly and time-consuming.

Actor/musician Zachary Throne wants you to watch for him on *The Helghts*, which airs Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. on Fox. On the show, Throne plays "Lenny," an eccentric sound engineer and keyboardist obsessed with computer sampling. You may remember Throne from his tours with Don Henley and Susanna Hoffs or you may have seen him as "Clay," a wheelchair-stricken teen with muscular dystrophy in the ABC-TV movie-of-the-week *When You Remember Me.* Throne may also be remembered as the character "Officer Stillman" on the still-born musical drama *Cop Rock*.

How do you remember Mike Reid? The singer-songwriter, whose country hits include the 1991 album Walk On Faith, is granting free admission to his concerts to the first ten people who turn in the 1971 football trading card showing him as a National Football League rookie. "I'm just taking advantage of this opportunity to see if I can re-acquire a card of my own," admits the former defensive lineman for the Cincinnati





SHOW BIZ—Tom Kidd



Darlene Koldenhoven

Bengals, Reid left professional football for the music world in 1975.

From out of the background comes Grammy Award-winning recording artist Darlene Koldenhoven. The Helion recording star served as the production vocal coach for Sister Act. In this position, her duties including contracting the singers (who ultimately became on-screen nuns), vocal coaching and teaching all the music and conducting the pre-recording sessions. In other words, Koldenhoven did behind-the-scenes what Whoopi Goldberg did onscreen. The lady's next solo album, Keys To The World, should be in stores now if you want a closer listen. Or look for her on screenshe's the tall nun in the back.

Dolly Parton has donated \$500,000 to the school district in her native Sevier County. "This is just great," says Jack Parton, Sevier County Schools Superintendent and a distant relative of the performer. "It will unlock some doors for our school-children. Previously, Parton had donated money for a 1988 "buddy program" where pairs of seventh and eighth graders helped each other get through high school. If both in each pair graduated, they received \$1,000.



Cast of 3 Ninjas

What do you get when a trio of inept kidnappers are hired to abduct three young brothers? It's Touchstone Pictures' new 3 Ninjas. The three brothers, Rocky, Tum Tum and Colt (Michael Treanor, Max Elliot Slade and Chad Power, respectively), have been trained in martial arts by their grandfather, opening the way for all sorts of danger, adventure and comedy. Think of it as a cross between Home Alone, The Karate Kid and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Rick Marvin (Mission: Impossible, The A-Team) gave the film its music.

RCA Victor has released the new Broadway cast recording of Guys & Dolls with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser and book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows. Winner of four Tony Awards, including Best Revival, the hit Broadway musical stars Peter Gallagher as Sky Masterson, Nathan Lane as Nathan Detroit, Josie de Guzman as Sarah Brown

and Faith Prince, who won a Tony for Best Leading Actress in a Musical, for her performance as Miss Adelaide. Guys & Dolls opened to universal acclaim at the Martin Beck Theatre in New York on April 14, 1992.

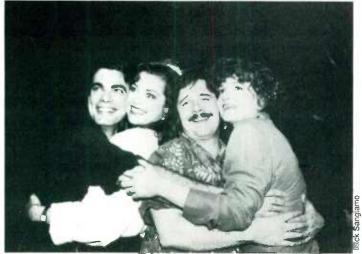
In collaboration with ASCAP, Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller have established a four-year \$10,000 scholarship for music students. In Los Angeles, the first recipients of the annual prize are trombonist Carlos Perez III and drummer Trevor Lawrence, both eighteen. The New York recipients were soprano Nkenge Simpson and harpist-pianist Emily Lin, both seventeen. Leiber and Stoller, composers of the hits songs "Is That All There Is?" and "Hound Dog," hand-picked the winners with composers Carmen Moore and William Bolcom.

Warner Bros. seems quite serious about filming a biopic on the life of Nat King Cole. The only indecision at this point is which of several ways to go. The studio had wanted to use Leslie Gourse's 1991 book

Unforgettable: The Life and Mystique Of Nat King Cole as a blueprint, but Cole's widow, Marle, who owns the rights to her late husband's music, disliked parts of the text. The studio was also reportedly speaking with Cole Natalie about helping create a script that would deal with both her and her father's lives. The most likely script source, though,

looks to be an as-yet-unfinished memoir by Kelly Cole and writer David Wallace. The 32-year-old son of the king, Cole is also an officer of King Cole Productions, the company that controls the Nat King Cole music library. While waiting for Warner to sort things out, we do recommend you check out Capitol's back library which includes the just-released disc called The Unforgettable Nat King Cole.

Those interested in musical theatre as an alternative music market will want to check out Broadway on Sunset, the musical theatre organization in Los Angeles sponsored by The Songwriter's Guild of America which covers craft, business and development. Broadway on Sunset's six-week basic workshop is structured for anyone interested in musicals. They emphasize libretto as dramatic structure, lyrics as an extension of character, musical dramatization and the business side of musical theatre. A new series of classes starts in October. Call (818) 508-9270 for more information.



Peter Gallagher, Josie de Guzman, Nathan Lane and Falth Prince of Guys And Dolls.



Loca Note

By Michael Amicone

Contributors include Keith Bearen, Pat Lewis and Jan McTish.

SATRIANI SIGNING SESSION: Music Connection cover boy Joe Satriani is pictured mingling with a fan during an autograph signing session held at the massive Wherehouse record store on Sunset and La Brea. Satriani is currently promoting his fourth LP, The Extremist, Joe's hardest rocking effort since his career-breaking Surfing With The Allen. Hundreds of fans showed up to pay homage to the string wizard.





Wat Power I I I A&M PARTY: A&M hosted a barbecue celebrating the release of Total Eclipse's self-titled debut on Tabu/A&M Records. The affair, which was held on the A&M lot, preceeded the band's sold-out evening gig at the Roxy. Total Eclipse includes ex-members of the Bus Boys and Sound Barrier. Pictured (L-R): A&M VP of Album Promotion J.B. Brenner, manager Myles Mangram, band members Dre Baby, Dave Brown, Bernie K. and Victor Johnson, manager Guy Abrahams, A&M VP of

Sales Bill Gilbert, Walker Baron (son of A&M publicity maven Diana Baron), manager Charles Kimball and A&M Product Manager Jill Glass.

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MURPHY AT THE GREEK: Peter Murphy's (pictured above) recent concert at the Greek Theatre looked more like the set of a low-budget vampire movie than a concert. But then again, if you're at all familiar with his solo career, or his past history as singer in the British Gothrock outfit Bauhaus, you've probably come to expect a hefty dose of darkness, drama and gloom and doom. Murphy performed almost all of the material from his latest effort, Holy Smoke, and his devoteesmany of whom huddled together at the foot of the stage and offered him flowers and other tokens of appreciation—seemed to enjoy new songs such as "The Sweetest Drop" and "Hit Song" just as much as older tunes like his alternative radio hit, "Cuts You Up." With his latest slicked-down, back-to-black hair style, Murphy looked even more like early David Bowie than In past incarnations. And of course, Murphy's overly dramatic song interpretations, vocal inflections, anorexic body and the way in which he prowled and pranced around the stage, only helped to heighten those SHIVERTOWN LIVE: Local rock act Shivertown recently completed a

live radio interview for KFOX radio station. The band is promoting their newly released five-song EP. Pictured at KFOX radio station (L-R): producer Dino M., engineer Chris Maddalone, Stanly, Kevin and David of Shivertown, KFOX radio personality Maddog Maddox, producer Steve Celi and Tony and Steve of Shivertown.

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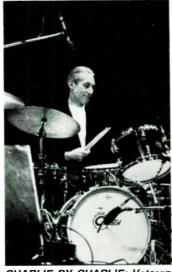
GOODMAN JUST GOT BETTER: Just months after their La Brea/ Wilshire store was completely de-stroyed in the Los Angeles riots, Goodman Music has announced the grand opening of two regional super stores, one located in Culver City (4204 S. Sepulveda Blvd, near MGM) and the other located in Universal City (3501 Cahuenga Blvd., near Universal Studios), the latter location replacing Goodman Music's original North Hollywood location. Goodman Music, whose recent client list has included Stevie Wonder, Ray Parker, Jr., Michael Jackson, Bruce Springsteen and Herbie Hancock, is gearing both stores toward expansion into merchandising computers, software, digital record ers. DAT machines and recordable compact disc machines. And to help the consumer and Goodman Music's star clientele choose the best equipment for their needs, the stores feature separate sound rooms and even a full 24-track recording studio. As a result of the expansion, Goodman Music is looking for qualified computer/recorder/synthesizer sales personnel. Interested parties should contact Joe Goodman at (213) 845-



ANOTHER SLICE OF APPLE: Capitol has released the second wave of reissues from the Apple Records vaults (the label created by the Beatles). Included in the new set are George Harrison's 1968 soundtrack, Wonderwall Music, and two albums by Badfinger: Maybe Tomorrow, the band's debut release under their original moniker, the Iveys (an extremely rare LP which only saw limited overseas release; most of the material resurfaced on their second LP, Magic Christian Music), and their third LP, the great No Dice, featuring the hit "No Matter What" and the original version of "Without You," a song Nilsson recorded and took to Number One. Rounding out the list are R&B stylist Doris Troy's lone Apple opus and Mary Hopkin's folk-tinged LP, Earth Song/Ocean Song. For collectors, the gems of the lot are the Badfinger records, though each album contains its fair share of sonic pleasures. As with the first set of reissues, each CD (except the Harrison and Hopkin CDs) sports interesting bonus tracks and informative liner notes. Coming up next year in the third set of Apple reissues: Badfinger's fourth LP, and the one that most critics cite as being their best, Straight Up, featuring the hit "Day After Day.

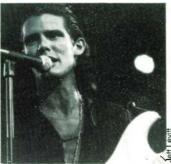


SOLO STONE: Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie Wood stopped by the Howard Stern radio show to promote his new solo venture, Silde On This. The noted slide player and former Faces guitarist brought along the album's cowriter/co-producer, Bernard Fowler (left). Wood, a notable artist in his own right, is pictured holding a signed Howard Stern art original.



CHARLIE BY CHARLIE: Veteran Rolling Stones stickman Charlie Watts, keeping himself busy between Stones projects, brought his jazz quintet to the Palace in Hollywood for a concert on July 23rd. Watts' new album, a tribute to Charlie Parker, is available on Continuim Records.

ROOTS N' BLUES: In late 1990, Columbia/Legacy inaugurated its Roots N' Blues series with the Grammy winning Robert Johnson two-disc set, and several other worthy blues compilations, profiling many well-known and not-so-well-known blues musicians who recorded during the Twenties and Thirties. Many more releases have subsequently made their way into the reissue marketplace, each one a treasure trove of information and classic blues performances. Now Columbia/Legacy has released an excellent four-CD Roots N' Blues compilation entitled The Retrospective 1925-1950, which includes 107 selections (over five hours of music), 47 of them previously unreleased. Produced by Lawrence Cohn (executive producer of the Roots N' Blues series), the set offers recordings by familiar bluesmen such as Lonnie Johnson and Charlie Patton as well as more obscure artists. As Cohn states: "Many of the artists recorded a handful of sides and were never heard from again. What is consistent throughout this set, however, is the high level of artistry." Highly recommended.



HEAVENLY GIG: DGC recording act Arc Angels, featuring Charlie Sexton (pictured above) and Doyle Bramhall II, recently performed a well-received concert at the Roxy in West Hollywood. The band's self-titled debut features the twin vocal/quitar attack of Sexton, who formerly played lead guitar for Joe Ely and recorded as a solo artist for MCA Records, and Bramhall II, who toured for several years with the Fabulous Thunderbirds. Bassist Tommy Shannon and drummer Chris Layton, rock solid rhythm section for the late great Stevie Ray Vaughan, round out the new band.



THE GANG'S ALL HERE: New Tonight Show host Jay Leno and band leader Branford Marsalis are pictured with Chrysalis/EMI Records Group rap act Gang Starr. The group guested on the show, performing "Take It Personal," from the band's latest platter, Daily Operation.



CHOICE T-BONE: T Bone Burnett's new Columbia LP, The Criminal Under My Own Hat, is one of the finest records of the year, yet it (much like Lindsey Buckingham's new album) seems to be falling through the release cracks. For anyone familiar with T Bone's production work (Los Lobos, Elvis Costello) or his excellent back catalog of albums (especially Truth Decay), the quality of his new opus, from the songs (emotionally direct odes to former lovers and songs about the dark side of human nature) to the performances (great dobro work by Jerry Douglas and the always sturdy drumming of veteran Jim Keltner) to the album's production (co-helmed by T Bone and Bob Neuwirth), will come as no surprise. Every track on the album is a gem—especially the acoustic cuts "Every Little Thing," "Over You" and "It's Not Too Late" (co-written with Elvis Costello) and the electric romps "Tear This Building Down" and "I Can Ex-plain Everything." If you haven't heard this one yet, give it a spin.

MUSIC CONNECTION Ten Years Ago... Tidbits from our tattered past

REMEMBRANCES OF DEPRESSIONS PAST: Forget all those dire reports about the slumping economy hurting record labels—if, that is, you're a label making physical fitness records. In 1976, Gemcom, putting out self-improvementand exercise albums, grossed about \$20,000. Projected figures for this year: \$11,000,000!

TO BOLDLY GO WHERE NO SOUNDTRACK...:The soundtrack

TO BOLDLY GO WHERE NO SOUNDTRACK...:The soundtrack to Star Trek II: The Wrath Of Khan will be released this month by Atlantic. Music for the movie was composed and conducted by 28-year-old James Horner, who also produced the digitally recorded soundtrack. He enlisted an 88-piece orchestra, including four synthesizer players.

T BONE REVISITED: T Bone Burnett, whose songs have been recorded by Kris Kristofferson, Rita Coolidge, Arlo Guthrie, Robert Gordon and many others, has signed with Warner Bros. Records. He's currently preparing his debut release, Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend.

Joe Satriani

By Michael Amicone

When guitar god Joe Satriani began recording what would eventually become his fourth album, The Extremist, he had no idea that it would change his whole approach to the recording process. Somewhat of a maverick, Satriani has always had his own notion of what an instrumental album should sound like, and how it should be recorded, and for his tour-de-force efforts-his first album, Not Of This Earth, which Joe financed with his credit card, his career-making Surfing With The Alien and Flying In A Blue Dream, which featured Satriani's first singing efforts-he's been rewarded with gold and platinum albums and numerous Grammy nominations.

But this time out, things didn't go as planned. Coming off a grueling year-long tour promoting Flying In A Blue Dream, and after a monthlong break to collect his creative thoughts, Satriani flew to the East Coast, set up shop at Bearsville Studios with longtime producing partner John Cuniberti and began recording the fifteen or so songs he had assembled for the album, only to find that his usual session methods had become too sterile to capture the energy of his new compositions. With his belief in the project shaken, Satriani changed directions and musicians, moved the sessions to the West Coast, first setting up shop in San Francisco and eventually settling in the City of Angels.

Enter veteran producer-engineer Andy Johns (Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin) and the Bissonette brothers, bassist Matt and drummer Grego (David Lee Roth alumni). With the help of a new, ballsier rhythm section, a new producer and a live, more performanceoriented approach, the L.A. sessions yielded the right stuff-eighteen months after the project had begun. The resulting album is Satriani's most focused collection since Surfing With The Alien, the album that catapulted this quitar maverick from cult status to the big leagues. With strong cuts like the inviting opening track "Friends," the harrowing "War," the beautiful ballad "Cryin" and the folk-flavored "Rubina's Blue Sky Happiness," The Extremist once again showcases this Long Island native's string prowess, inventive song structure and his ability to coax a variety of sounds and emotions out of the guitar.

During his recent stay at the Le Parc Hotel, we talked with Joe about the new CD's long and winding creative road, his pending band project for Epic and his unflagging quest for the ultimate instrumental album.

MC: Your new album took longer to record than usual. Could you tell us a little about those aborted first sessions?

JS: We got a lot of work done there, at Bearsville Studios. We got 50 percent of "New Blues" and 25 percent, basically the nucleus, of "Rubina's Blue Sky Happiness." So there was stuff that was done that had incredible performances by the other musicians, but it didn't constitute the bulk of the record. They were what I consider some of the more colorful songs you have on a record to provide relief, or exploratory songs like "New Blues."

So I don't look at the sessions as being that bad. But we certainly didn't get what we wanted for a lot of the material-like "Friends," "The Extremist," "War,"

"Cryin".... And we basically never used the tapes when we got back to San Francisco. Eventually, we tried to re-record some of them using our usual method, which was to pile up tracks against a drum machine and then bring [real] drums in later. That was the second step we took in the wrong direction.

We finally got back to the album's original concept earlier this year in L.A., but it took a while, I had gotten off the road from the Flying In A Blue Dream Tour, and the idea was to continue with that kind of a live vibe. I wasn't going to make a live album, but I wanted to keep some of those elements.

MC: Had your usual approach to recording become too sterile?

JS: Yeah. I'm always in a state of change, and I know that I can only play a certain way at a given time, and you gotta make sure the tape

> is rolling. So there is no way to repeat something, and it's dangerous anyway. I was lucky that, every time I would go in and make a record, I was always given the freedom to do whatever I wanted to. so each of the records is different. On this particular album, I wanted to hear the drummer play the song, not just play the beat or groove, which is how you generally do it with machines, because you can't get 'em to sound real. I thought that these songs begged for everybody in the band to be playing the song and adding their own feelings to it.

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MC: The first thing that is noticeable about The Extremist is the fact that you don't sing on it.

JS: I did sing, actually. I started out with five vocal songs and cut it down to one. But then I stopped the project, 'cause I really didn't like the way it was turning out. The whole thing with the vocals...it just didn't sound like part of the record.

MC: Was the project starting to sound like Flying In A Blue Dream, Part Two?

JS: I didn't want it to, but I had a funny feeling it would. I had no faith in the project at that point. I felt I had completely misdirected everybody.

MC: That must have thrilled your record company.

JS: Relativity was concerned, because I had always cranked out records, even through adversity. And I always kept them under budget. But this record wasn't turning out like that. They said, "Take a break," 'cause I think they knew that I had been on the treadmill. I had done four records in four years, and I had stuck in three tours. I spent eleven months touring in 1990, I took a month off and then went in the studio. So after a while, it was like, well, shouldn't I have a little bit more time to figure this out?

MC: What were the demos like for the album's songs? I know you don't like to record elaborate ones.

JS: No, I go for really bad ones. The funny thing was, John [Cuniberti] and I discussed the demos before I even made them. We said, "We're not gonna have demo damage---we're gonna make even worse demos." I told him, "Don't worry about it, 'cause I'm not even gonna make any demos until a couple days before I fly to New York." Some of the songs, I didn't even bother making demos, because I had 60-second versions from a year earlier.

I tried to emphasize when I rehearsed with the Bearsville group. here's the demo, and it's kinda funky, and everyone would sit down with their charts, and we would rehearse for a while. And I purposely stood back and didn't critique. I just tried to be a musician a bit more. But it didn't work. I think there wasn't a shared vision. John and the guys in the band all had different versions of what they thought the record should sound like, and they were completely different from mine.

MC: How were they pulling the music in their own direction? JS: I think, perhaps, the musicians didn't understand that it was rock

music. A lot of the players didn't really know me. I think they thought it was a fusion-type gig. It's really hard to explain. If someone has never

enjoyed AC/DC's Back In Black, or Rolling Stones' Exile On Main Street, how do you explain to them the ethic or the rules of rock & roll? Like Stu [Hamm, longtime touring bassist with Satriani] and Jonathan [Mover, drummer]. I remember one night when Mick Jagger wanted to play with us, and we decided we were gonna play "Red House" by Hendrix, and Stu and Jonathan had never heard the song. It was one of those moments where me and Mick looked at each other, and we thought, you just can't explain it.

When I'd tell the musicians, "On this song, 'Motorcycle Driver,' imagine yourself on a bike, riding down the highway"...I would give them little movies to think about: You're the motorcycle driver, there's some sort of metaphysical angst in there, there's a little bit of sadness, but then there's this intensity, freedom out on the road. And they're lookin' at me like, "Hello [impatiently] ...okay, Joe, what are the chords?" And of course, I'd just get a very stiff, wooden performance.

MC: That must have been very frustrating.

JS: It was, and it's not really their fault. Their approach to music is just different than mine. People were just sort of missing each other.

When we finally got down here to L.A., and we met with Andy Johns and Gregg and Matt Bissonette, I found people who were at least willing to embrace my strange attitude toward creating instrumentals.

MC: How did you get hooked up with Andy?

JS: I was lookin' around for a producer, and I think it was one of my managers who sort of reminded me that Andy Johns was available. And I'm thinkin' Andy Johns...Led Zeppelin, Rolling Stones, Van Halen. Why would he want to work with me?

MC: The Extremist is definitely the best sounding record you've made, especially the drums, something which seems to spur your guitar playing.

JS: There was such a difference in the way we did things. The first thing we did with Andy was "Friends." Andy has a funny way of working where you don't know if he's actually doing anything, because he makes everybody feel really comfortable. So we went into the studio and played a little bit, and we came back into the control room and couldn't believe how good we sounded. There we were, the three of us, Gregg, Matt and myself, with our mouths open, going, "We did that?" We started laughing, because we were so excited.

Finally, I could be a co-producer and a musician. We were able to record bass, drums and rhythm guitar live, all at once. We'd do a song twice or three times or however many times it took, and we'd find the most inspired performance. And we'd be done so quickly. I'd never been able to work like that.

And one of the cool things about Andy is, he never let anything technical get in the way of an inspired performance. He'd say, "Don't blow off an inspired performance just because there's a little bit of leakage here, or maybe something wasn't perfectly in tune—we can always deal with that later. But you can't throw away inspiration, 'cause it's just too precious."

MC: Did you write the songs for the new record quickly?

JS: Some of them were written quickly. Most of *The Extremist* was written on tour, backstage before a show, or at the hotel room, or on the bus. That's how I finish things up. That little month that I had after the Flying tour, before going to Bearsville, I spent getting together all the loose ends.

And there are songs that didn't come out. There was a song, "Speed Of Light," that we all loved, but for some reason, the recording never got off the ground. That was one of those songs I wrote in about a minute, about three days before I left for the Bearsville sessions. There was also a song called "Thinking Of You," a real pretty song that I started writing in 1978, but didn't get to write the second half of the song until 1990. We recorded that, and that also didn't completely explode on tape.

My audience, thank God, doesn't hear all the things that I've written that don't work [laughs]. Like "Motorcycle Driver," we recorded that song during two different sessions, with a different introduction and refrain, and it really didn't work. But I fought for it. I kept saying to myself, I know this riff is good, I know it's going to work. But it wasn't until I found a piece of tape that I had done—a 30-second recording—in a hotel room in Sydney, Australia, when I was on tour with Mick Jagger. And I heard this riff, and I thought, that's a cool riff. It's too bad I never wrote a song with that. And "Motorcycle Driver" was

out on my table, with that introduction that no one could seem to play. I thought, if I could take out that part, and take this other part from the other recording and put it in...it took about three days to change little things. I finally figured out a way to put them together, and it was perfect. Little did I know that years apart, these two parts were gonna meet and be a million times better than what I'd written originally. I almost felt really silly for forcing the earlier riff on all those other musicians who kept saying, "I don't know about this, Joe, it just doesn't feel right." But I had this tenacity, which can sometimes be a bad thing. It's strange that you can write something when you were twelve years old, and it winds up being the perfect introduction for something when you're 30 years old.

MC:So you keep all the little tidbits you've recorded over the years. The Joe Satriani archives must be extensive.

JS: Yeah. But I recently had a very important part of that stolen. Almost a year ago, someone broke into my rehearsal space—it was just at that time when I was moving from Berkeley to San Francisco and I had dropped off a bunch of stuff at my rehearsal space. Someone had gotten in there and started selling my guitars and things around town about two months later. We tracked him down, and the guy went to prison eventually. This guy or somebody else took a box of tapes that I had been collecting of me playing since I was about fourteen years old, so I've lost a huge portion.

MC: Looking back on your last record, how do you view your vocal coming out?

JS: It was the best thing I could've ever done. I was really grateful that Relativity let me do it. I get to sing "I Believe" [Satriani's manifesto from Flying In A Blue Dream] all over the world, and people sing along with it. During the Flying tour, when we did our last show in Phoenix, we finished that song and 15,000 people all stood up and gave us a standing ovation, for like three minutes. I couldn't even announce the band. And if I hadn't have gotten a chance to sing a song that was really close to my heart, I think I would have felt stifled.

MC: Some critics may harp that you're not singing on the new record because it was a failed experiment and you learned your lesson.

JS: You see that's so shortsighted. Because in Europe, Flying In A Blue Dream outsold Surfing With The Alien by two to one. The attitude in Europe was, "Flying In A Blue Dream was such an enormous success, why didn't you sing on the new album? We were expecting more vocal songs." And over here in the United States, it's, "I see that you've given up singing. Good for you. We taught you a lesson." The truth of the matter is, I recorded these vocal songs, but the subject matter was not flowing along with the instrumentals.

I had songs like "Under This Falling Sky," "Crazy," which is about mental breakup, and a song called "Cruel World." I didn't have one positive song that had lyrics. They were all about desolation and loneliness. And I didn't notice it until I took a break, and I started making lists. Very often I make tempo lists, key change lists.

You've got to arrange songs in movements sometimes, especially instrumental records, like movements in a symphony. And one of the lists I had was vocal versus instrumental tracks. And I started to notice that the instrumental list really looked kind of cool. It had a positive thing about it. Even though there were one or two dark songs, most of the record had a really cool, visceral quality to it. But the vocal songs were bummer time, you know.

I remember, I called up one of my managers and said, "Just give me a quick answer. What if I did an all-instrumental record?" And he said, "Just record the best record that you can, and it doesn't matter if it has one or two vocals songs or it has no vocal songs."

MC: You've got a record deal pending with Epic Records where you're putting a band together, and you won't be the lead singer.

JS: No, I won't be. I'm looking for a vocalist, someone who's a really special communicator—the ultimate front person. And it could be man or woman, black or white, short or tall, whatever. We've listened to maybe two or three thousand cassettes and videos and CDs, people from all around the world. What I'd like to do is get Gregg and Matt and Andy Johns and myself in the studio with a singer, or maybe go somewhere and sit down and write and see what comes naturally. Come up with coolest, the greatest rock record ever, and make it a real collaborative effort.

"Relativity was concerned, because I had always cranked out records, even through adversity. And I always kept them under budget. But this one wasn't turning out like that."

Novus Records

By Scott Yanow

CA has had a long, if erratic, association with jazz. As the Victor label, it was the first company to record jazz, way back in 1917, with the Original Dixieland Jazz Band (those pioneering recordings are now available on 75th Anniversary, Bluebird). From the Twenties into the late Forties, RCA was always ranked as one of the top jazz labels, but its association with improvised music became much more occasional during the next few decades. By the mid-Eighties, RCA was recording fewer new jazz records, and its Bluebird reissue series, which had concentrated on two-LP sets of major swing orchestras, had stalled.

Enter Steve Backer, who, as the creative force of the newly formed Novus label, quickly made RCA one of the powerhouses of the jazz world. He reactivated and expanded Bluebird, and at the same time signed a dozen of the top young lions of jazz, ranging from the brilliant pianist Marcus Roberts and the popsounding saxophones of Marian Meadows and Warren Hill to the M-Base leader Steve Coleman and new mainstream stars such as Roy Hargrove and Christopher Hollyday, among others.

Recently, I chatted separately with both Backer and Skip Miller, the Vice President of Black Music at RCA. Miller, who is bestknown for his sixteen years at Motown Records (advancing from promotion and A&R to serving as the company's last president before its



Skip Miller, RCA's VP of Black Music

sale to MCA), has been at RCA for the past couple of years and oversees not only the jazz department but also RCA's rap and R&B acts. How did he happen to get interested in entering the music world? "When I was around thirteen or fourteen, my brother and I used to book concerts-gathering talent, selling tickets and, with our parent's help, renting a hall. From then on, I wanted to be around show business.'

At Motown, Miller worked in many different areas. "I really thought I had died and gone to heaven when I got to work with artists such as the Jackson Five and Stevie Wonder. I was particularly proud to have worked on Marvin Gaye's What's Going On, a record

which still has a timeless message, and to have assisted with Lionel Richie's huge suc-

"I joined RCA after the demise of Motown," continues Miller. "I was hired to shape the black music area, and two years ago I was asked to take over the jazz and Bluebird catalogs. At the time, we were rated Number Seventeen. Last year we were up to Number Fourteen, and this year we are Number Two. So we've had a great deal of success. I work closely in the marketing and promotion areas with Michelle Taylor, while Steve Backer is the creative force in charge of building up the roster. RCA has a very rich heritage as the first important record company and is now 90years-old. At Novus, we have a small but very strong roster with lots of potential, looking toward the future and pretty much covering the span of jazz today. Roy Hargrove and Delfeayo Marsalis are our current special projects, but Marcus Roberts is, of course, a very great talent, and everyone on the label is special. My future goal is to get additional respect for RCA and Novus as major forces in jazz today and as very important influences on the music of the future."

Steve Backer has had an impact on the jazz record business since the early Seventies. After short stints with MGM/Verve and Elektra, in 1972 he joined Impulse, moving up from National Promotion Director to General Manager of the label in just six months. After revitalizing that label, in 1974 Backer moved over to Arista where, during a six-year period, he leased the avant-garde Freedom label, revived the swing and bebop catalog of Savoy and formed the original Novus label to document the advanced music of the period. His other accomplishments at other labels included building up a jazz roster for Antilles and establishing Windham Hill's jazz label (Magenta). Then, in 1987, he joined RCA.

"At that time, the job I had done at Windham Hill was pretty much completed. A new regime had taken over at RCA, and I saw it as a potentially very viable recording label for both new and reissue recordings, although it was probably the only major label that did not have a real jazz program. Since that time, we have put out 60 to 70 titles on Novus and have started the Novus 70 series of reissues, in addition to releasing half a dozen soundtracks on Novus Vision, including Field Of Dreams, Radio Days and Let's Get Lost. My main job



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at RCA primarily involves putting together the roster for Novus and always working on upgrading it so it will keep on being viable. I also work beyond the A&R realm by consulting on all of the aspects involved in bringing the music to the marketplace."

What qualities does Backer seek in musicians before signing them to Novus? "I look for standards of world class excellence that, in my estimation, are of the highest caliber. Balance is the key word—between young and old, inside and outside, pure and crossover—balance with consistent excellence. We have a lot of young players on our roster, but we also have Carmen McRae, Hilton Ruiz, John Hicks and five albums by James Moody. We do not stick to just one area."

How did Steve Backer originally get involved in the music business? "My father was a tenor player in the Coleman Hawkins/Ben Webster school, and he also had a day gig in the business world. I was impressed early on that the day job was making him old while the music was keeping him young. Early on, I was a bass player, but I never got to the level that I wanted to; I was more of a journeyman. I lived in Paris for a while, working in the travel field, but I wanted to get closer to music. When I got a job at Impulse, I had an opportunity to put together a unique tour of avantgarde artists such as Pharoah Sanders, Archie Shepp, Gato Barbieri and Keith Jarrett—a national tour that ended up being immensely successful. As a result of the tour, their records really started to sell, and the powers that be were very appreciative, and I became director of the label. I helped to sign Gato Barbieri, Sam Rivers, Marion Brown and Dewey Redman to Impulse, and that was a rewarding association. After three or four years, I moved to Arista where the top executives, who were successful in pop music, were not at all that knowledgeable about the area of jazz. They gave me carte blanche to create the type of label I believed in. First, I licensed Freedom, and then it was logical to create a jazz label that would be an actual part of the company."

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At Arista, Backer developed the "balanced" philosophy that he employs at RCA, signing both very adventurous (Oliver Lake, Julius Hemphill and Anthony Braxton) and more accessible (John Scofield, Larry Coryell) artists to his original Novus label.

These days, in addition to building up the Novus roster for RCA, Backer is the executive producer of the Bluebird reissue series and has expanded its scope from its original swing era boundaries to encompass the RCA jazz recordings of the Fifties and Sixties by artists such as Sonny Rollins, Shorty Rogers and Gary Burton. "Coming up in the next batch will be sets by Artie Shaw, a classic Phineas Newborn string date from 1957, Art Blakey live in Paris, volume three of Duke Ellington's early years and the third volume of Lionel Hampton sessions of the Thirties."

When asked what were some of his favorite accomplishments on Novus and his general goals for the future, Steve Backer replied, "I love Roy Hargrove's new recording, Carmen McRae's recent albums, especially the Monk tribute, and the new Delfeayo Marsalis record, which has really superb writing. I am proud of finding artists such as Vanessa Rubin and John Pizzarelli-both of whom have lots of potential. Coming up in the near future for Novus is a John Hicks set featuring Joshua Redman, a new release by Antonio Hart and a strong crossover album from Warren Hill. We are the Number Two label in the Downbeat critics poll and from Billboard's point of view, we are Number Three. My goal for the future is, naturally, to become Number One. We started in 1987 so it's only been four years, and we have only half the number of artists on our label as the competition; we have fifteen artists. If we can continue to maintain the standards of excellence that we've achieved in a very short time, then I'll be satisfied."

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The Cowsills

By Richard Rosenthal

Everyone's heard of the Cowsills, but that doesn't make Bob Cowsill particularly happy. His band is working on all-new, original material, but he worries that people will include the Cowsills in that group of oldies bands that regularly play the "nostalgic circuit." At the start of the conversation, he sets things straight right off the bat.

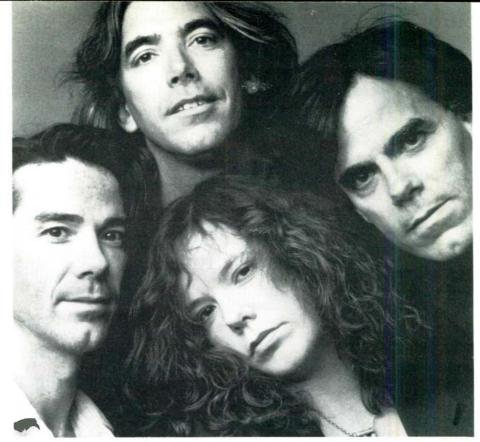
"We're not ashamed of our past, it's just that it isn't relevant. Susan was seven years old. It's hard to relate to that. We did use our name initially to get our foot in the door, but once we played in L.A., we had to take ourselves seriously for what we are today. In the Seventies, we went by the name the Secrets, but you can't hide from who you are.

"Our name, and I'll be honest, not with radio, not with the press, and not with the people, but with the decision makers in this town, they get nervous. 'How do you market the Cowsills?' Well, how do you market Bryan Adams? How do you market Sting? How do you market the Traveling Wilburys? You get that nervousness, which I can understand, because it's a major investment for the labels. That's okay with us, because we'll overcome it."

The story of the "new" Cowsills begins about two and a half years ago. The band had gone into the studio to cut three songs that Bob had written with his wife Mary. Pleased with the results, they made the decision to treat themselves like a brand new band, a local band, and for one year they went out to the Midwest and did some shows, some television and some press to get the word out that the Cowsills were back and not going down the oldies road.

The second year was spent in the club scene in L.A., getting reviews and getting the word out locally that the Cowsills were back doing original material. "We were saying, 'Give us a break. We were young children back then, take us for what we are now,'" says Bob. "We succeeded in that goal, in terms of the club scene."

"It's gratifying that these reviews happened all during the past year, and it helps you feel valid at this stage. If they had been bad reviews, we would have had to take the stand, oh, you can't listen to critics, what do critics know. We're fortunate that they have liked us, and hopefully, the reviews do the job of informing people. Every good review serves a purpose. We have been looked at, we have been checked into, we've been rejected, we've been offered deals—not with a major label yet, but with smaller labels. Still, it's been gratifying because ultimately they concen-



trate on the fact that the Cowsills are a new band, and they talk about the new material."

Bob Cowsill is so enthusiastic and motivated, he even looks at rejections in a positive light. Atlantic turned him down without listening to a note of their music just because they are the Cowsills, but that's okay, because that means he can move on. Capitol says they're sure the band is going to be signed, just not with their label. Hey, that's progress, too.

"We don't get down about this, because we are aware of what we are involved with. We came out of that studio two years ago and said, 'Look, we're going to go for the long shot here, and we're going to do it right from scratch.' We knew we were in for a long battle."

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—Bob Cowsill

The next step for the Cowsills was to go back into the studio. Thus far, they've spent the whole summer recording new material. "The tape that we have is a good tape, but it's two years old. After that tape, that band evolved into what it is today. We're in the studio now, and we're going to finish making this project. We're going to finish making it

ourselves while we're waiting to get signed. If we get signed tomorrow, great. If we don't get signed, at least we're standing with product, and that's good."

"We're going to go in and record fifteen songs, and we also have three songs that are done. We keep writing, and the band keeps evolving, and we feel it's definitely time to go in and document where we're at right now. We're not going to limit ourselves."

When the Cowsills do get signed (it's always "when" and not "if" to Bob), they want to hit the ground running. Bob says he is in the process of assembling a team to get his band to Number One. Selling a "respectable 20,000 units" to get people's attention won't cut it with him, and he feels that with the right backing, they can have a major, major debut.

"Our audience, there are millions of us. They're the people that didn't want Fleetwood Mac to break up, the Beatles to break up. They like U2, they like Bryan Adams, they like Tom Petty. If someone says, 'Where are you going to get your music played on the radio?' Come on! These are people that are thinking about a band that had my sister Susan in it, and they're thinking of her as a seven year old. It's our job to rectify that kind of thinking, and we know that it's going to take us longer than most bands, although we also feel that most bands would trade places with us right now. We're in a good position, even though we're not signed."

They would be in a better position if they were signed, but that's what this summer's studio sessions are for. Besides, they are now to the point where they can get heard by the decision makers at a record label, which is an accomplishment in itself. "It's starting to be known that, 'Hey, these guys are serious,'" says Bob. "We're not going away."

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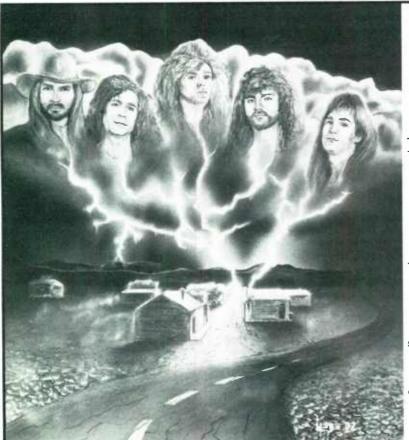
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By Richard Rosenthal

Il of the little guys in the music business like to believe in the old saying, "if you're good enough, people will hear about you." In theory, an unsigned band shouldn't need high-powered managers, lawyers and publicists to get a label deal. Can an unsigned band really make it without all of the above? Raise a toast to the underdogs of the world and meet Flame.

The story begins in the San Francisco Bay area, in the small East Bay town of Niles, where vocalist Phillip Sullivan and drummer Denis Bostok grew up. The two had played in earlier bands before hooking up with bassist Steve Smith. The newly formed trio started writing songs and looking for a guitar player, trying and rejecting two guitarists before finding Chicago-born Billy Harvey

With the lineup completed, Flame started "attacking the scene," as Harvey puts it. After building a considerable following in the Bay Area, they decided to conquer L.A., and in what would become an ill-fated strategy they packed up and moved to Venice.

"It worked out good, it just didn't work out with a record deal," says Harvey. "It helped us a lot as far as getting our feet wet in the real world and knowing what not to do. We had a lot of good times-maybe too many-and we had gotten a bad reputation as being an uncontrollable bunch, a reputation which I guess we did deserve. I don't think anybody wanted to manage us. We did have a couple of management deals that didn't work out, which was not entirely the fault of the manag-

Like a defeated army, the band retreated back to their hometown of Niles. Their experiences in Los Angeles made them realize they would have to buckle down and work harder for what they wanted. If no one wanted to manage them, then hell—they would manage them-selves. "At the point in time when we moved back home, I think we were more concentrated on regrouping and trying to stay to-gether and trying to press on, and at that time we didn't need a manager for the kind of things we were doing. We just ended up managing ourselves when we started rolling again. It just kind of happened."

To survive without having to work day jobs, Flame worked out a deal with a local club so they would play a set amount of gigs per month, and in lieu of being paid for the gigs the club would cover the band's overhead. Additionally, they set up a home studio and recorded, pressed and independently distributed their own CD, re-establishing a strong foothold in the local club circuit and

attracting label interest-again, without the aid of a manager.

Eventually, they signed with Giant Records, and together with producer Bill Wray, they headed off to the quiet surroundings of Mendocino County to record their debut. According to lead vocalist Phillip Sullivan, the band had more than enough material to choose from because they are always thinking of song ideas. "We may not be in front of a tape recorder every day, but the ideas are in your head all the time. You're thinking about riffs, and everything around you can spark some creative juices. I think it's constant." Sullivan says they also appreciated being sequestered away from everything, although it took them a while to appreciate it. "There's 37 people in a hundred square mile radius of where the studio was," he laughs. "I don't think we realized how much we enjoyed it until we were done. It was an awesome experience.'

Both Sullivan and Harvey credit Flame's strong fan base in the Bay Area for helping them to persevere through the tough times. "We've done well from the beginning, but for our following to be this strong for so long is a really good feeling," says Sullivan. Harvey adds, "I have a lot of fond memories of different times we've played in the Bay Area and different experiences we've had.'

So, six years after Flame was formed, and two-and-a-half years after they were signed, the little band that could finally has a record out. That achievement having been met, what is their next goal? According to Harvey, "We plan on touring with Aerosmith. We're not literally on the bill yet, but...."



Flame

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Producer: Bill Wray ☐ Top Cuts: "Rain," "Electraglide," "Blood For Blood."

☐ Material: What decaffeinated is to coffee, what "lite" is to beer, this is what Flame is to hard rock. All of the familiar elements are there, from the power-chorded guitars to the wailing vocals; it's just that they're toned down and mellowed out. Some people do like decaf coffee and lite beer, but after I listened to the album, I found it hard to recall the melody to any one of the songs. Even after a few more plays, looking at the song titles drew a blank except for a couple of the tunes. A little more punch to the material would have made it more memorable

☐ Musicianship: Never having seen the band play live, it's hard to say if the four guys that make up Flame are just laid back, easy goin' dudes or if they're really roaring rockers who were kept on a short leash in the studio. (Seeing their long-haired, leather-clad, tattooed bodies in their video, and also talking to people that have seen them live, I have my suspicions.) From their work on this album, all that can be said is that they are competent players, with no outstanding instrumental strengths or obvious weak-

Production: Getting to the bottom of the mystery...Flame's debut was produced by Bill Wray, who, among other things, is noted for producing the highly successful debut of Trixter. Just like musicians, producers have characteristics and idiosyncrasies, and Wray's touch is obvious on this record. Smooth, polished, easy to listen to; it almost sounds overproduced, as if every rough edge was carefully sanded down to a high-gloss finish.

□ Summary: Flame would be the perfect band to open for Warrant or Poison, judging from their debut disc. It's hard to gauge how much of what's on this effort is really Flame and how much of it is a baby band being told by their label, "this is the way it's going to be." The songs show the potential is there, but this debut has them stumbling, instead of sprinting, out of the starting blocks.

-Richard Rosenthal

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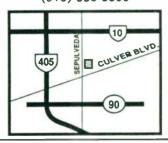
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NIGHT LIFE

ROCK By Tom Farrell



Francesca Capasso

There's been some really significant local releases this last month: I've already told you about the Babylon Minstrels, which features the talents of ex-Dear Mr. President frontman Julian Raymond, on Hollywood Records. Well, he's joined by labelmates Edan, that band that features Edan Everly (offspring of one of the Everly Brothers) and Frankie Avalon Jr. Their debut, Dead Flowers, combines a T-Rex and Sly Stone feel. Silent Majority, the long-awaited Life, Sex and Death debut, is finally on the streets (probably lying next to frontman Stanley). It's great stuff in the vein of Cheap Trick with a raw feeling.

Shotgun Messiah, House of Lords, C.C. DeVille and Syl Sylvain will be among the many artists scheduled to perform in a benefit for ex-N.Y. Doll bassist Arthur Kane, who was mugged outside his apartment in West Hollywood earlier this sum-

mer, just yards away from where Sal Mineo was fatally stabbed nearly two decades ago. Kane suffered severe injuries which required extensive surgery and recovery procedures, and the benefit concert will help to alleviate Kane's bills. The event will take place at the Troubadour on September 12th.

Local singer-songwriter Francesca Capasso has inked a development deal with Columbia/Sony Records, Capasso, a talented local artist who has turned a few heads with her diverse styles and amiable vocals, is under the guidance of Sony A&R rep Randy Jackson.
Guitarist Rick Shaffer has left

Tomorrow's Child.

Danny Dangerous has given up his role as bassist for the Zeros in trade for a new, different role: father and husband. When the Zeros decided to hit the road, Dangerous decided to call it quits, dye his hair blond and devote more time to his wife and child. Ex-Baby Doll bassist Toy Stacy was selected to be the newest Zero.

I guess the big question these days is who *really* is the new lead singer for **Mötley Crüe?** We hear that Scream vocalist John Corabi has not finalized any agreement with the band, and that his position with the Crüe may be in jeopardy.

A lot of local inking going on: X has reunited minus Billy Zoom and signed with Big Time through Warner; girl-group the Muffs have signed with Warner; Hole has inked to Geffen; Rage Against The Machine have signed on the dotted line with Epic.

Local rhythm & blues outfit the Red Devils have released their Def American debut. The album, entitled King King, is a tribute to the local venue of the same name that played host to the band for three years. Located on the corner of 6th and La Brea, King King has been growing in popularity over the last year. Now that's supporting your local club scene!

By Billy Block



Randy Sharp at Western Beat

The BBC is coming to Ronnie Mack's Barndance for a special taping of Great Britian's answer to Good Morning America. This Morning, Britain's top morning show, is focusing on American Western culture and will spotlight the music and fashions at the Barndance, L.A.'s premier showcase for original C&W. Ronnie Mack has invited Jim Lauderdale, Rosie Flores and Wylie and the Wild West Show to appear as well as a Rockabilly Extravaganza with Florida Slim, Russell Scott and many more. The show starts at 8:00 p.m. sharp, so get there early for this exciting night of music, and wear your best western duds.

Thanks to all who attended the Barndance Birthday Bash for making it such a memorable night. Special thanks to the L.A. Weekly's Jonny Whiteside for the kind words and great plug.

Boy Howdy hits the road as their single, "Our Love Was Meant To Be," enters the Top 40. Scott Saturday is now subbing on drums for the steadily recovering Hugh Wright.

The American Made Band continues their busy summer schedule as they recently performed at the Signal Hill Summer Concert, along with Cajun accordion master Joe

Larry Dean of the Shooters fame is working with producer Ron Dante,

whose pop credentials include Pat Benatar, Cher and Barry Manilow. Dean has been hard at work writing and performing and the Dante connection could be the ticket for national recognition. Larry has also been working on the soundtrack for an upcoming movie project.

Marty Rifkin of Marty's Country Demos has been working with Smokey Robinson at his Santa Monica facility. Marty and Smokey have recently finished six tracks and are shopping the tunes as we speak.

Rick Shea will return to the airwaves as he appears on Roz and Howard Larman's Folkscene again on Sunday, August 23. The tape from his last stint is a real favorite of mine. It'll be great to hear some new material.

Kyle Waites and the Confederacy has taken to the road with a weeks worth of gigs in Denver. Kyle has enlisted the help of Chad Watson on bass to add a little more fire to his already hot show.

At Boulevard Sound, Richard Barron is producing tracks for Jenny James, with the Demo Gods providing basics. One of the tunes is being pitched for an upcoming movie project. Jenny also sings in the versatile new vocal group Mama Says.

Western Beat celebrates its first year at Highland Grounds, Thursday, Sept. 3rd., with a Best of Western Beat Show featuring many of the artists who have appeared over the last year. Scheduled to appear are Andrew Gold, Karla Bonoff, Kenny Edwards, Jenny Yates, Randy Sharp, Jerry Fuller, Pam Dwinell, Jamie Houston, along with regulars Wendy Waldman, Brad Parker and Rick Vincent. Open mic will begin with a 6:00 sign-in and a random drawing. Good luck!

There is a new acoustic night in Orange County on the third Monday of every month called the Blue Beat Amercan Music Showcase, held at the Blue Beet in Newport Beach. Hosted by Mark Wood, their first night was a huge success, with Richard Stekol, Steve McClintock, Nick Pyzow and the Plowboys Kevin Banford appearing. For more information, call Mark Wood at (714) 675-6170



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Pam Loe and Chad Watson at the Barndance



By Scott Yanow



Maceo Parker

Arco, in their Jazz at the Bowl series, offered a special night of blues at the Hollywood Bowl with four very different acts who stretch the boundaries of the idiom a bit. The great pianist/vocalist Charles Brown played his early Fifties variety of rhythm & blues-tinged jazz, revisit-ing "Driftin' Blues," "Bad Bad Whis-key" and "Save Your Love For Me" with his superb quintet which also featured tenor-saxophonist Clifford Solomon and the versatile guitarist Danny Caron. In contrast, Etta James' rather tired repertoire ("Feel Like Breaking Down Someone's Home," "Damn Your Eyes" and the melodramatic "I'd Rather Be A Blind Girl") was highlighted by her tasteless sexual gyrations; James' bottoms are not that appealing! Her Roots Band was excellent and on her final number, Etta James showed that she can still sing the blues when she wants to. The J.B. Horns featured Maceo Parker's soulful alto, trombonist Fred Wesley's jazz solos, lots of group singing (maybe they should be called the J.B. Voices!) and plenty of funky riffs. It was quite enjoyable despite the lack of any solos from tenorman Pee Wee Éllis. Closing off the night was John Lee Hooker who, even if he totally wasted guest Albert Collins, had a good time on four straight onechord boogies; his female vocalist Vala Cupp was particularly talented. Jazz Central held its fourth annual tribute to the highly influential pianist Bill Evans at the Musicians Union in Hollywood. This time around, Joyce Collins and Ross Tompkins were the headliners. Collins, a fine singer, stuck exclusively to instrumentals with her trio (bassist Andy Simpkins and drummer Paul Kreibich) in her wellplanned set which included versions of "You And The Night And The Music," "Sometime Ago," "But Beau-tiful," "Periscope" and "Just In Time" in the style of Evans. The great tenor-saxophonist **Bob Cooper** joined her unit for a beautiful "If You Could See Me Now" and "Thinking Of You." To turn a cliché around, Coop could play the phone book and still sound wonderful. Tompkins (joined by Simpkins and drummer Frankie Capp) was in lyrical and thoughtful form on "A Child Is Born," a medium-tempo "Love Walked In," "Emily" and "Someday My Prince Will Come" before Coop returned to join in on 'Gone With The Wind" and "Speak Low." Once again, Dan McKenna and Jazz Central have put on a memorable and successful show. For information about this worthy organization, call (213) 257-2843.

Upcoming: The L.A. Classic Jazz Festival Sept. 4-7 (310-521-6893); Oscar Brown Jr. (Sept. 5), the Bob Florence/Dave Pell Quartet (Sept. 6) and Meredith d'Ambrosia (Sept. 11) at the Jazz Bakery (310-271-9039); John Scofield (through Aug. 30) at Catalina's (213-466-2210) and Pedrini Music (818-289-0241) continues to offer free jazz each

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Bob Cooper

URBAN CONTEMPORARY

By Wayne Edwards





Mary J. Blige

First of all, as I prepare to move on to life's next big adventure, a hearty "thanks" to all of you, especially the wonderful editors and staffers at Music Connection, for supporting both this column and myself over the past twosomething years.

Maze featuring Frankie Beverly

tore up the Strand a few weeks ago. Maybe the intimacy of playing in a club versus a concert hall sparked the band but, whatever, Beverly (who was not in the best of voice on the first of two sold-out evenings at the Redondo Beach hotspot) led the group through a set that turned the supper nitery into a bonafide dance club.

Beverly scored points with the audience, as he has at previous concerts, when he announced that he would never go solo. "If anyone ever tells you I'm leaving these guys," he said, "they're full of ——. Maze will be here forever!" The records may -. Maze will not get the attention they used to, but Maze featuring Frankie Beverly is tough to beat in concert. Opening the set, in the tradition of Kenny G., Curtis Stigers and other blue-eyed soulful saxmen, was newcomer Boney James.

In similar fashion, guitar virtuoso Carlos Santana brought the latest version of his internationally popular group, Santana, to the Greek Theatre for three sold-out concerts. Opening night was a veritable feast of latin/jazz/rock/fusion. Weaving a

tapestry of sounds under the warm night sky, Santana hit many highlights including, of course, the per-cussive "Black Magic Woman/Oye Como Va," the still fresh '69 Woodstock anthem, "Soul Sacri-fice," and the avant garde jazz strains of Miles Davis' "In A Silent Way."

According to the rumor mill, Mary

J. Blige, whose "You Remind Me" (from Strictly Business) was the best kept Number One secret in recent R&B chart history, may be hitting the road soon to support her debut disc on Andre Harrell's **Uptown Records**.

It's hard to believe, considering the lack of enthusiasm over the last reunion, but there are whispers that the Time, featuring mega-produc-ers Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, may try it again. Don't know where those rumors started but consider the odds of another Time get-together to be a longshot at best. After all, with Perspective Records doing great business and Janet Jackson's next project waiting in the wings, it ain't like Jimmy and Terry need to make mo' money by resurrecting the dead.

Coming soon to the Greek Theatre: Johnny Mathis (Aug. 28 & 29), Chaka Khan/Najee (Sept. 25) and Hiroshima/Bobby Caldwell (Oct. 17). Anaheim's Celebrity Theatre counters with Chaka Khan/ Najee (Sept. 27), Smokey Robinson (Oct. 4), the Pointer Sis-ters (Oct. 11), Hiroshima/Bobby Caldwell (Oct. 16), Bill Cosby (Oct. 24) and the David Sanborn Group (Oct. 31). Sanborn performs at the Universal Amphitheatre the previous night (Oct. 30).

The Strand is back in full swing, offering Joe Williams (Sept. 11), the Stylistics (Sept. 12), Marky Mark & the Funky Bunch (Sept. 13), Third World (Sept. 17), Carl Anderson (Sept. 18), L.A. All-Stars (Sept. 25), Poncho Sanchez (Sept. 26), George Howard (Oct. 2), R. Kelley & Public Announcement (Oct. 11) and the Dramatics (Oct.

Hey y'all, it was fun, but I gotta run. I'm outta here.



Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis



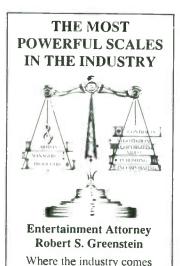
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Downy Mildew: Moody and esoteric.

Downy Mildew

Club Lingerie Hollywood

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□ Contact: High Street Records (415) 329-0647

The Players: Jenny Homer, guitars, vocals; Charlie Baldonado, vocals, guitar, keyboard; Nancy McCoy, bass; Rob Jacobs, drums; Salvador Garza, violin.

☐ Material: Downy Mildew—a moody, esoteric, acoustic guitarbased, alternative troupe—is certainly one of the hardest working bands around. They have endlessly played the circuit here in L.A. and in Orange County as well. Over the past several years, they have self-released an EP and an LP and Triple X also released a seven-inch single. Recently, the band took the plunge and signed with High Street Records, which is the "vocal" label of Windham Hill.

☐ Musicianship: Lead vocals were primarily handled by Jenny Homer, whose beautiful, flowing voice circled around the Lingerie and held me spellbound, before gently fading away. She kind of reminded me of a cross between the lead vocalists of Lush and 10,000 Maniacs. Charlie Baldonado, also a soft-voiced singer, took over the lead vocal spot here and there. He did a particularly splendid job with "Trading Jewels." The remaining members, all excellent players, added loads of textures and moods to the material at hand.

Performance: It had been a while since I had seen this band, and making their new record, An Oncoming Train, has certainly seemed to have tightened them up. Vocalist Homer is still not what you'd call a mobile performer, however, her vocals carry her performance just fine. Actually, this is one of the most stationary bands around. But the whole idea here, I guess, is to set-up a sort of psychedelic mood—to lift the listener to another plane, so to speak. And they succeeded quite nicely. During their encore, Pat Fish, a.k.a. the Jazz Butcher, got up and sang a tune of his called "Girlfriend" with the band, which seemed to be an especially exciting moment for the packed house.

☑ Summary: Considering Downy Mildew is signed to a label primarily associated with folk artists such as John Gorka and Patty Larkin, it will be interesting to see how well the label is able to "break" this innovative, moody band that probably falls in the "alternative" music category. But whatever the future may hold, Downy Mildew is one band certainly deserving of the best! —Pat Lewis

Vanessa Rubin

Cinegrill Hollywood

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☐ Contact: Novus Records: (212) 930-4400

☐ The Players: Rubin, vocals; Aaron Graves, piano; Aaron Walker, drums; Tarik Shah, bass.

☐ Material: Since Ms. Rubin has a new album out on the RCA-Novus label, several of her offerings at the Cinegrill were from that recording, including a well-crafted version of the old standard "I've Got The World On A String." There was also a souland-heart-stirring "Tenderly," which almost had some of us running for hankies. She has a way with ballads, to be sure, as she again demonstrated in "But Beautiful"; however, she can swing with the best, and had opened her more than hour-long set with "Music Makes The World Go Round," the little-heard Wayne Shorter tune "Black Nile" and a fast and furious version of "Summertime." Musicianship: This lady has learned her jazz well and scats as the genre was originally intended, as a solo instrument, instead of gratuitously. Her reading of Shorter's composition had all the makings of an inventive jazz improviser. Rubin had chosen her allies well; she seemed completely at ease with them, and there was a lot of give and take between them all. Graves, in particular, is a lyrical, expansive pianist, offering a flowing, almost flowery contribution to "Language Of Love." Both Walker and Shah know Rubin well and are totally simpatico at all

☐ Performance: The band has been together on tour for a while now so they have had a chance to perfect their stage presence. Rubin is a

mature, confident performer, with a sense of humor that's felt both in her singing and in her jaunty takes between songs. She looked ravishing in a hot pink satin, strapless miniskirted dress embellished modestly with gold trim. If you don't think clothes make the (wo)man, watch someone like Vanessa Rubin moving in that outfit, delineating even further the meaning of the lyrics.

□ Summary: There has been a recent upsurge in young jazz singers. Some of them have it; some don't. Rubin definitely has it, even though at times she does try a little too hard to make something work (such as a blues medley that kind of lost its way). Overall, though, she's one of the ones to watch in the Nineties parade of new jazz stars.

—Frankle Nemko

My Sister's Machine

The Whisky
West Hollywood

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☐ Contact: Jenny Bendel: (213) 874-0702

☐ The Players: Nick Pollock, vocals, guitar; Owen Wright, guitar; Chris Ivanovich, bass; Chris Gohde, drums.

☐ Material: What can be said about this group's material other than don't expect to hear any cover songs of their stuff? The music was uninspiring, and most of their songs were indistinguishable from the next. Not to say they didn't have good intentions, because often the songs had worthy topics, like environmental awareness, "explicit lyrics" stickers, death, etc. But subject matter alone doesn't necessarily make a good song. And in addition to the music being banal, so were the lyrics. With lines such as "I hate you/I wish it wasn't so/l fuckin' hate you/l love you/I know what I said/I fuckin' love you," it's kind of hard to go through any sort of emotional catharsis.



Vanessa Rubin: A mature, confident performer.

CLUB REVIEWS

☐ Musicianship: If anything, this was the band's strong point. Pollock, at his best, sounded like a cross between Axl Rose and David Lee Roth. At his worst, he instilled fears of a Molly Hatchet reunion. And although he didn't appear to have much of a range, he did convey a lot of energy. And the same goes for the rest of the band.

☐ Performance: The group appeared to be very comfortable onstage, with Pollock introducing almost every song. Although there was a certain amount of energy emanating from the band, most of it was extinguished by its clichéd behavior. There's only so many times you can pull off the shake-your-head-make-your-hair-fly routine, and this band definitely exhausted their quota. But, Wright's falling off the stage, however clichéd, did add a nice bit of spontaneity to the show.

☐ Summary: My Sister's Machine needs a lot of work. Their material was bland, and their performance was stale.

—Michael Kramer

The Soup Dragons

The Palace Hollywood

1 2 3 4 5 6 2 8 9 10

☐ Contact: Mercury Records: (310) 996-7235

☐ The Players: Sean Dickson, vocals, guitars; Jim McCulloch, guitar, backing vocals; Sushil Dade, bass; Paul Quinn drums. Additional players, Steve Sidelnyk, percussion; Val Chalmers and Emma Whittle, backup vocals.

☑ Material: As the Soup Dragons opened with "Running Wild," a song taken from their new LP, Hotwired, it became immediately apparent that this Scottish band was able to accurately duplicate the relatively good sonic quality of its albums. And considering this performance took place at the Palace, which is one of the worst houses in L.A. for concerts, that's saying quite a lot! If the sights



Soup Dragons: Back to the Sixties.

and the sounds of the psychedelic Sixties is your cup of tea, then feast your ears on the Soup Dragons, who have managed to delicately balance that Sixties pop vibe with an updated Nineties dance sound. Which was just perfect for the KROQ-FM crowd that jammed up against the stage to sing along with the band. As expected, the band performed last year's alternative radio hit "I'm Free" at the climax of the show and the crowd went wild!

☐ Musicianship: The Soup Dragons are all competent players, but what gave them a huge lift in this department was the pre-recorded and/or sequenced parts that they consistently used to augment their live performance.

☐ Performance: Everything seemed to be going along extremely well for about the first twenty minutes-the band was sweating, the Palace was swaying and the moshers were giving the bouncers guite a run for their money. Then the P.A. went out, which stopped the entire procedures for quite sometime. The crowd seemed hardly bothered by the delay and when the band finally returned to the stage (and repeated the last song since they weren't sure everyone had heard it the first time), they blazed through their set like nothing had gone wrong. Such champs!

☐ Summary: While I was taking photographs of the band for this review, I was pretty seriously injured by a mosher who threw himself over the barricade and landed directly on my back. Yet, the band was so envigorating, I forgot about the pain, at least for a while, anyway. Maybe I'm getting old, but doesn't anybody in this town remember how to respect one another anymore? Even vocalist Sean Dickson asked the crowd to "take it easy" and, not surprisingly, they didn't pay him much heed. Go figure! -Pat Lewis

Toledo Waltz

Club Lingerie Hollywood

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☐ Contact: R.S.V.P. Management: (310) 392-1304

The Players: Norman Dahlor, bass; Chaz Waltz, vocals, violin; Shawn Michael Poores, drums; Bill

Latas, guitar. ☐ Material: The two core members of Toledo Waltz-vocalist Chaz Waltz and bassist Norman Dahlorcertainly have had their share of past successes. Waltz, who resembles actor Kevin Bacon, has recorded five major label releases, spending much of the Eighties in a Kansas City band called Shooting Star. Dahlor, prior to hooking up with Waltz in Shooting Star, cut his professional teeth with the Secrets on Euro Why-Fi label with Stan Lynch (of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers fame) and toured with Tommy Shaw. So, as you might well imagine, To-



Toledo Waltz: They need clarity and focus.

ledo Waltz is a well-seasoned band. Additionally, they have professional attitudes (yet they are able to simultaneously cut loose and have a good ol' time on stage) and they also have a batch of tasty tunes. Waltz's heavy use of violin is probably where their slight Southern sound a la Mellencamp comes from, yet there is also a pop edge as well. At times, like during the tune "Sun Don't Shine," there's almost a Sixties quality to the material. Yet at other times, I can almost hear some early Eighties influences, like the Plimsouls. Which brings me to my major complaint and that is, because the material somewhat flip flops around stylistically, I get a tad confused as to this band's direction. However, while clarity and focus need to be addressed here, there is still plenty of potential in the songwriting department.

☑ Musicianship: As the term "wellseasoned" would suggest, the members of Toledo Waltz are certainly no slouches on their various instruments. Guitarist Bill Latas and Waltz on violin traded the solo spotlight, complimenting one another exquisitely.

☐ Performance: Waltz had an almost inexhaustible supply of hats (or was he simply turning a few inside out and wearing them upside down and around backwards?) and he was quite a charismatic front person. Even though the Lingerie audience chose to stand at the back of the dance floor, Waltz put on such an intense show that by the end, he had those folks up front. Good vibe, good attitude and good live performers.

☐ Summary: Give these guys a few more months to tighten up their tunes and find one, solid direction and I have more than a sneaking suspicion they will get quite a bit of industry attention. I'll certainly be back for more!

—Pat Lewis

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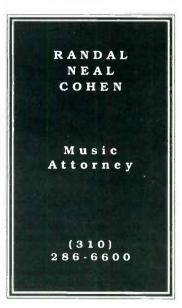
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TCLUB REVIEWS



Maddhouse: Fast-paced and dazzling live.

Maddhouse

FM Station North Hollywood



Contact: Susan Butler, ESQ .: (818) 784-5559

The Players: Bert Narro, vocals; Krik Loud, lead guitar; Carlos Flores, rhythm guitar; Andre Arango, bass; Marty J, drums.

☐ Material: Maddhouse kicks out upbeat, early Van Halen-flavored hard rock with the energy of a thousand aerobicising cheerleaders. The tunes are 90%there, but need that extra little push to get them into the major leagues.

☐ Musicianship: I think the phrase "ass-kicking rock & roll" sums it up the most. Maddhouse could hold their own with Roxy Blue, Cold Sweat, Asphalt Ballet, etc. The band's playing style is fast-paced and dazzling and definitely aboveaverage.

Performance: The band's strong point. Maddhouse is an all-out pyrotechnic assault that keeps the blood pumping and the sweat flowing. Of note is the groups's totally amiable attitude, which is optimistic yet still cool. A pleasure to watch, and frontman Bert Narro is one of the best I've seen in the circuit, yet could do better focusing toward the audience a bit more rather than his bandmates. Of course, you could set yourself on fire and still only get polite applause from the laid-back FM-Station clientele.

☐ Summary: Maddhouse is a really good band with a knock-out live show that displays a sincere love of the

stage. With a bit more work on the songs, these guys could be contenders for a spot on the bill occupied by bands like Tesla. Grab a beer, let your hair down and check these guys out! —Tom Farrell

Billy Goat

The Palace Hollywood

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☐ Contact: Pat Magnarella: (310) 280-4999

The Players: Mike Dillion, percussion, vocals; Earl Harvin, drums; Phil Major, guitar, voacls; Kim Pruitt, movement, prop hostess, vocals; Brandon Smith, bass, vocals; Kenny Withrow, guitars.

☐ Material: Don't look now, it's a runaway Billy Goat! Just as Los Angelinos have their beloved Chiles, the streets of Dallas are alive with the sights and sounds of Billy Goat, a band that defies convention and celebrates sweat, energy and individuality in whatever form possible. Billy Goat's brand of sonic/tribal/p-funk/rap/shakeyour-butt-or-loose-it music pulls a new rabbit out of the hat and draws the listener into a party where everyone's invited. Billy Goat is likely to become the next band everyone's talking about.

☐ Musiclanship: The key to Billy Goat's winning formula starts with frontman Mike Dillion's voracious. tribal percussion centerstage, with drummer Earl Harvin fortifying the beat into a rhythmic frenzy. Dillion's strong voice and alternative/rap

rhymes make you smile, but it's the collective charisma and energy of the entire band which gets your spirit lifted! There's a little bit of something for everyone in the music which transcends African, Indian, funk, punk and rock styles without seeming contrived. Kenny Withrow slams nasty metal riffs into the mix and the solution to the world's weighty problems is answered in the tune "Clothes Off": "No heinous travesty/Strolling in the buff/ When you're naked/ Can't fight and shove.

☐ Performance: Billy Goat comes complete with an illustrious prop mistress who sways and slithers continuously, and also provides visual representation as to what Dillion's singing about. Given the lyrical content of Billy Goat's tunes, Pruitt spent her time pelting us in the mosh pit with cornflakes and Top Ramen (which was mixed with lots of spilled beer and churned up by the moshers to result in a delightful brew), as well as parading about in exotic masks and animal skins. Images of soup cans and butt cheese dances in front of our eyes, and when Winnie The Pooh was hoisted high and paid homage, I knew I had reached Valhalla.

Summary: Billy Goat, with a backdrop of solid, listenable songs and a freeballing attitude, is destined to strike a nerve in an audience who's growing tired of untouchable rock demi-gods and hypocritical hip-hoppers. Billy Goat is about the freedom to be whatever, whoever, however, without worry, inhibition, or oppression. Smoke 'em if you got 'em, boogie to that driving beat and rejoice—Billy Goat accepts you for who you are. --James Tuverson

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Queen Live At Wembly '86 Hollywood

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☐ Producer: Queen ☐ Top Cuts: "Who Wants To Live Forever?" "In The Lap Of The Gods," "Brighton Rock Solo."

O Summary: A favorable recording of the band's live excellence that captures all of the energy, imagination, well-written tunes and bravado that propelled Queen to the forefront of the Euro-market and kept them there. Notable: the late Freddie Mercury's strangely prophetic rap dismissing rumors that a Queen breakup would occur only upon the deaths of its members. "I keep wanting to be [dead], but they won't let me!" quips Mercury, six years before his untimely departure. You'll get shivers throughout the whole disc. Long may they reign. —Tom Farrell



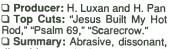
Megadeth Countdown To Extinction Capitol

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☐ Producer: Dave Mustaine and Max Norman

□ Top Cuts: "Skin O' My Teeth," "Symphony Of Destruction."

 Summary: Having maintained the same lineup for two successive albums for the first time ever, Megadeth now has the confidence and cohesion to really stretch the boundaries of the techno-speed genre. Unfortu-nately, *CTE is* less a revelation than Rust In Peace and covers too much of the same thematic territory. In addition, Mustaine has yet to qualify his vocals as the kind of instrument Heffield recently uncovered. But, the sonic clarity of the music-tighter and trickier than ever-never fails to amaze or entertain ("Psychotron" notwithstanding). —Scott Schalin



disturbing and plenty powerful, Ministry's latest offering may be in-dustrial rock's crowning achieve-ment. The team of Al Jourgensen and Paul Barker have produced a record of hellish intensity. Here le-thal punk-metal guitar riffs chafe against shrapnel-like sonic frag-ments to create art-noise pieces of sublime dimensions. With the track "Scarecrow"—a wicked eight minute opus—the Chicago duo embarks on a scalding death march that would impress even the most jaded gloom-

metal disciple.

-Jon Matsumoto



Various Artists **Bod Chonnels** Moonstone Records 1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 10

□ Producer: Various ☐ Top Cuts: "Manic Depresso," "Mr. Cool," "Power Station II."

Summary: The soundtrack to this Grade B sci-fi comedy flick features an assortment of songs and incidental music by Blue Oyster Cult lesser known bands like Joker, Fair Game, DMT and Sykotik Sinfoney. Aside from the Mr. Bungle vibe laid down on the two tracks by Sykotik Sinfoney, the majority of the music on Bad Channels is rather pedestrian. Still, it does serve its purpose as a soundtrack, but with a couple exceptions, you'll wonder why you just didn't stick with the movie and leave the soundtrack in theater instead of your CD player.

☐ Producer: Paul Avgerinos

---Tom Farrell



Ministry

Psalm 69: The Way To Succeed...

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Dead, White and Blue Heads Triple X

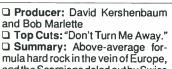
☐ Top Cuts: "Invocation," "Muse Of The Round Sky," "Well Of Souls."
☐ Summary: Wow! A really incredible project representing three years

of thought-provoking compositions by Greek artist Paul Avgerinos, who meshes traditional and electronic instruments. The vibe is atmospheric, brooding instrumental music which shows the talented Avgerinos painting a rich, sonorous textured musical landscape, tinted with Greek and Arabic overtones drawn from a haunting, soulful pallette. Check out "Invocation," it's a space music classic. Close your eyes and just listen: If this music doesn't move you, you're as



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shallow as a wading pool. Highly recommended. -Tom Farrell



mula hard rock in the vein of Europe, and the Scorpions doled out by Swiss rocker Steve Thompson. The tunes are kind of catchy, inoffensive and pallatable. Thompson's long suit is his powerful, swooping vocals, which are miles ahead of the standard synergisms of his backup band. One bright spot is the guest appearance of Stevie Salas, whose guitar spot brings the disc to above par. Still, the songwriting needs to capture a more distinct flavor to draw away from the generic overtones that plague the better qualities of this disc.

-Kelly West



Midi, Maxi & Efti Midi, Moxi & Efti Columbia

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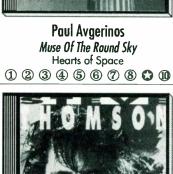
Producer: John Aguon, Barry Conley and Paul Burneko

☐ Top Cuts: "Peace, Luv &....,"
"Number One," "Come And Get It."
☐ Summary: Triple X records has the uncanny knack of signing some of the freshest, most exciting bands in LA. Dead, White and Blue is yet another feather in the label's headdress, featuring tight, ornery rock & roll with just enough chunky barroom blues to make these songs stick to the listener's ribs in the most fulfilling way. The catchy and clever songwriting may be the most commercially accessible that the adventurous label has yet to offer evidenced by the Nick Lowe cover, "Peace, Luv &...." An excellent de-Scott Schalin

□ Producer: Anders Wollbeck, Alexander Bard and Per Adebratt ☐ Top Cuts: "Ragga Steady," "Bad Bad Boys."

Summary: This world beat trio twin sisters Midi and Maxi (who were born in Ethiopia) and Efti-dishout a fair example of reggae dance pop. Certain tracks have an undefinable charm, especially "Ragga Steady" and the playful "Bad Bad Boys," which was a big hit on the Swedish charts. But, though this disc boasts some simple sonic pleasures, there's nothing here to distinguishes it from the rest of the pack-except the fact that the girls could pass for triplettes. Alexander Bard of Army of Lovers fame co-helmed the project.

Jan McTish



Steve Thomson Steve Thomson

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Type of Music: Original, unique. Experimental only.

Club Capacity: 176

Stage Capacity: 8-10 PA: Yes Piano: No

Lighting: Yes Audition: "No Talent Night" every Thursday and/or send cassette, etc. Pay: Percent of door. No guarantees.

BOURBON SQUARE/THE CAVE 15322 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91411. Contact: Mona McElroy, (818) 996-1857 or (818)

997-8562

Type Of Music: Top 40/Ail original rock. Club Capacity: 200 Stage Capcity: 5 PA: No/Yes

Plano: No Plano: No Audition: Send promo pack to club c/o Mona and/or call

Pay: Negotiable.

CENTRAL
8852 Sunset Blvd., W. Hollywood, CA 90069
Contact: Mitch Farber/Simon Sez Prod. (310)
652-5937, (213) 503-1085
Type Of Music: Original, R&B, Rock Alternative, Hard Rock, no Top 40.
Club Capacity: 120
Stage Capacity: 10
PA: Yes
Lighting: Yes

Lighting: Yes
Plano: No
Audition: Send package to club: Attn. Becky

Pay: Negotiable.

CLUB 4222
4222 Glencoe Ave., Marina del Rey, CA 90292.
Contact: Fritz. (213) 821-5819
Type Of Music: Original, all styles.
Club Capacity: 150
Stage Capcity: 10
PA: Yes
Lighting: Yes

Plano: No
Plano: No
Audition: Mail tape & bio or call Fritz.
Pay: Negotiable.

CLUB SIMI CLUB SIMI
995 Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley, CA 93065
Contact: Kevin Navis, (805) 581-4861
Type Of Music: Anything but speed metal.
Club Capacity: 400
Stage Capacity: 8
PA: Yes.

rA: Yes. Lighting: Yes Piano: No Audition: Tape or VHS to 1539 Sutter Ave. Simi Valley, CA 93065

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19221 Ventura Blvd. Tarzana, Ca. 91356
Contact: Sharon (818) 342-3405
Type of Music: Original, Acoustic, New Age,
Jazz, Folk, Blues.
Club Capacity: 40

Stage Capacity: 3 PA: Yes

Plano: Yes
Audition: Send tape to above address.
Pay: Tips and drinks.

FREDDY JETT'S PIED PIPER 4325 Crenshaw Blvd. L.A., CA 90008 Contact: Geneva Wilson (213) 294-9646 Type of Music: R&B, jazz, top 40 & pop. Club Capacity: 200 Stage Capacity: 10 PA: Yes

Lighting: Yes Piano: No

Audition: Call for appointment at above num-

Pay: Negotiable.

HENNESSEY'S TAVERN

8 Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach, CA, 90254 Contact: Billy (213) 376-9833, Mon 12-6, Thurs-Fri, 12-10pm

rn, 12-10pm.
Type Of Music: Rock, R&B, reggae, blues, oldies.
Club Capacity: 100
Stage Capacity: 2
PA: Yes

Lighting: Yes Plano: Yes Audition: Call & or mail promo package to: The LightHouse Cafe, 30 Pier Ave. Hermosa Beach, Ca 90277.

IGUANA CAFE 10943 Camarillo St., North Hollywood, CA. 91602.

Contact: Tom, can leave message on machine, (818) 763-7735.

Type Of Music: Original, soft rock, jazz, folk,

Poetry, Club Capacity: 55
Stage Capacity: 6
PA: Yes
Piano: Yes
Lighting: No
Audition: Open Mic Night Sundays starting at
7:00.
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Trype Of Music: Rock, reggae, R&B, blues, jazz & world beat.
Club Capacity: 200

Stage Capacity: 10 PA: Yes

Lightlng: Yes
Plano: No
Audition: Cail &/or mail promo package.
Pay: Negotiable.

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Piano: No

Lighting: Yes Audition: Send tape & promo package/contact

Pay: Percentage of door/no guarantees.

NITE ROCK CLUB CAFE 7179 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042 Contact: Brent Hunsaker, (818) 896-6495.

Type Of Music: All styles.
Club Capacity: 440
Stage Capacity: 15
PA: Yes -house soundman.

Lighting: Yes
Audition: Call Brent &/or send promo to above

Pay: Negotiable

PALOMINO 6907 Lankershim Blvd., N. Hollywood, CA91605 Contact: Bill (818) 764-4010 Type of Music: Original, country, reggae, no T40

Club Capacity: 450 Stage Capacity: 15 PA: Yes

Lighting: Yes Plano: Yes Audition: Call Bill at club or Mac Faulk at (619) 481-3030

Pay: Negotiable.

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Type of Music: All types, except heavy metal. Club Capcity: 360
Stage Capcity: 10
PA: No
Plano: No

Piano: No

Lighting: Yes Audition: Send tape, promo. kit to David Hewitt at above address.

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Stage Capacity: 5
PA: Yes

PA: Yes Lighting: Yes Plano: No Audition: Contact Stan Scott, (818) 798-7432, & send promo to Stan at 1830 Fiske, Pasadena, CA 91104

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Stage Capacity: 5
P.A.: Yes
Lighting: Yes
Plano: No
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Lighting: Yes Piano: No

Audition: Send Promo to above address. Pay: Negotiable

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Funk.
Club Capacity: 400
Stage Capacity: 8-10
PA: Yes
Lighting: Yes
Plano: No
Audition: Call or mail tape/promo pkg. to above

address.
Pay: Negotioable: Must pre-sell tickets.

ORANGE COUNTY

THE COACH HOUSE 33157 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Contact: Ken Phebus (714) 496-8927 Club Capacity: 350 Stage Capacity: 8-15 PA: Yes

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PA: Yes
Lighting: Yes
Piano: Yes
Audition: Call for info.
Pay: Negotiable ay: Negotiable.

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125 N. State College Blvd., Anaheim, CA 90028
Contact: John Schultz (714) 522-8256
Type of Music: R&R, metal, original rock.
Club Capacity: 368
Stage Capacity: 5-10
PA: Yes
Lighting: Yes
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Audition: Call for booking. Pay: Negotiable.

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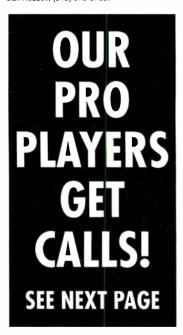
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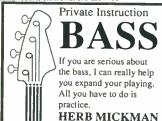
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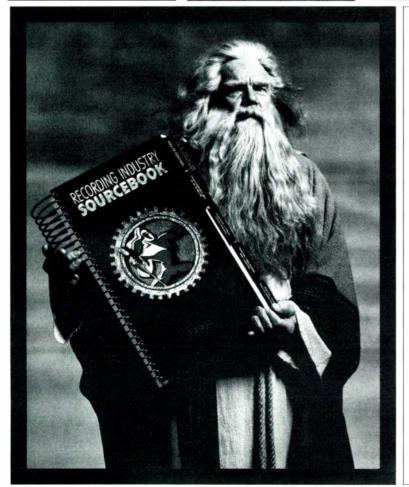
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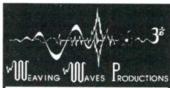
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