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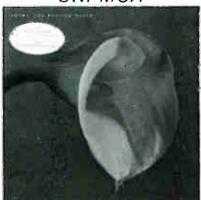


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BOB MOULD Workbook (Virgin, 9247 Alden Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210)—His first solo work and first real vinyl in over two years, the sketches of everyday life drawn in Bob Mould's Workbook show pictures of empty houses, rural lifestyles, and an immense feeling of separation and distance from the world outside. Workbook is a rainy, gray and sparse acoustic album seeming at first listen to be light-years away from the inimitable splatter-art guitar buzz that characterized Husker Du's sound. Archaeologically-minded fans wishing to trace Workbook's Husker roots should check 1986's Candy Apple Grey, whose acoustic work and crisp production point the way toward many of the slower, folkier frames Mould works within here. And he delivers some often-stunning lyrics to complement the lighter setting—check the fine single, "See A Little Light." Still, despite its flannel workshirt feel, there's more than an occasional nod in the direction of snow and fuzz, including the aptly-titled "Whichever Way The Wind Blows," an intense aural workout, sort of like Zen Arcade's "Reoccurring Dreams" rendered in miniature. Workbook absolutely shudders throughout with the stillness in its sound—even the upbeat numbers seem eerily detached, brutally honest and introspective, as if Mould were playing them in an empty old house miles away from the nearest signs of civilization, with absolutely no one to hear them but himself.

SWANS The Burning World (UNI, c/o MCA, 70 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608)—Forget everything you've ever thought about the Swans. The Burning World continues and expands upon the acousticisms explored on 1987's Children Of God and the spin-off World Of Skin LPs, but exposes a side of the band that few would have thought possible in the days of "Raping A Slave." For their major label debut Swans has vaulted into spheres of subtle religious intensity, using lush arrangements to add a veneer of accessibility to songs that still deal with dark and ugly matters (though now from a viewpoint closer to fundamentalism than nihilism). Co-producer Bill Laswell has practically become a member of the band, and has brought in a slew of his usual suspects (L. Shankar, Fred Frith, Nicky Skopelitis) to give the music a folky, neo-Eastern feel, with lots of droning violins, percussion and gentle strumming making this by far the most musical Swans LP. The most righteous Michael Gira teeters at the edge of Deuteronomous fervor, singing like the spiritual bastard son of lan Curtis and Leonard Cohen. Many of the tracks here verge on monstrous pretense ("God Damn The Sun"??), but Gira adds just enough melodrama, irony and humor to let you know that Swans don't take all this as seriously as it might sound. The intensity and energy are still there, but they're writing from—instead of defiling—the soul. Top cuts: "The River," "Let It Come Down," "Universal Emptiness," "Jane Mary" and "Saved."

THE CURE Disintegration (Elektra, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019)—If you follow the emotional trajectory of The Cure's first four albums, the mood goes steeply downhill until you hit bottom with the bleak and harrowing Pornography, wherein Robert Smith stares so long and so hard at the abyss that it nearly swallows him. Two years after Kiss Me, Kiss Me, Kiss Me, Kiss Me, Kiss Me, by far The Cure's most successful album, the obvious move would have been for the band to create another album full of perishable ditties like "W

24-7 SPYZ Harder Than You (In-Effect, c/o Relativity, 187-07 Henderson Ave., Hollis, NY 11423)—It always seemed that if a band combined hard funk with some grinding metal guitars they could rule both worlds. Others have come close—Living Colour, Fishbone, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Royal Crescent Mob, Faith No More—but no one's combined the two on their first record as consistently and effectively as South Bronx's 24-7 Spyz. This ambitious and wildly fun LP fuses elements of metal, funk, ska, reggae (they cover Black Uhuru's "Sponji Reggae"!) and hip-hop, often with serious political overtones—the rap/rant they add to the middle of "Jungle Boogie" gives the song a whole new dimension. New music fans will latch onto the Chili Peppers-style funk edge or the Bad Brains-ish eclecticism, while rockers will love the hard rock-style vocals. There's something here for anyone who likes to rock, and best of all it seems that this band has only scratched the surface of its potential. Other cuts to get the rude girls squealin': "Grandma Dynamite," "Ballots Not Bullets," "Pillage" and "Social Plague."







ORDINAIRES One (Bar/None, P.O. Box 1704, Hoboken, NJ 07030)—It's been several years since the Ordinaires' self-titled debut LP appeared on the German Dossier label, but the band has continued to hone their blend of ensemble jazz, avant-garde chamber-rock and orchestral punk. Their music would be equally at home in such disparate downtown N.Y.C. spots as the Knitting Factory and CBGB's as it would uptown at Lincoln Center. The nine-piece Ordinaires is comprised of two saxes, violins, and electric guitars with one each of bass, cello and drums, and it's Jim Thomas' percolating, jalopy-like rhythms and Joe Dizney's raw, skewed, hot-wired guitar lines that push this mini-orchestra into the realm of rock. They are serious artists who have a flair for classical beauty and warped experimentalism (sometimes in the same song, as on "Death Variations & Waltz" or "Racing Thoughts") and who keep themselves and their audiences from slipping over the edge of artsy over-indulgence by throwing an entertaining wrench into the works, as they do by ending the LP with Led Zep's "Kashmir," a cover that rivals Kronos Quartet's version of "Purple Haze." And if "The Dance Of The Coco Crispies" isn't enough to show you that these aren't musical tricks for kids, then try "Baccanal," "Brenda" and "Surplus" for some snap, crackle and pop, Ordinaires style.

DASH RIPROCK Ace Of Clubs (Mammoth, 5 W. Hargett St., 4th Floor, Raleigh, NC 27601)—After their strong self-titled 1986 debut on 688 Records and that label's untimely demise, Baton Rouge-born and New Orleans-bred Dash Rip Rock found themselves stranded like Union-broken Confederates, without a label to record them. So what did they do? They headed back to the clubs that spawned them. Recorded on the lam in Atlanta on a brief lull from terrorizing the stages of clubland, Ace Of Clubs ups the ante, raising the stakes (and the volume) on Louisiana's hardest-working touring band. Led by founder/guitarist Bill Davis and fueled by the Bam Bam-style powerhouse drumming and highly developed songwriting ken of Fred LeBlanc, Dash Rip Rock blasts a full-bore, double-barrelled onslaught of hard-drinking, hard-living, stumpwater-inspired rock and roll. The more thoughtful sides of the band's two chief writers are framed in Clubs' final, after-hours moments, two closing-time ballads spotlighting their distinct individual styles, LeBlanc's "Blue Moon At Midnight" and a re-recording of Davis' first single, "Marsupial." Other pick songs from this Sportsman's Paradise include "Legacy" (featured on Certain Damage Vol. 17), "All Hung Up," "Jenny Says," and the dark and driving "Money, Love, And Time."

CINDY LEE BERRYHILL Naked Movie Star (Rhino, 2225 Colorado Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90404/213-828-1980)—Cindy Lee Berryhill is a bohemian troubador, a clever wordsmith, a woman looking for/at her place in the modern world and finding it every time she breaks out her guitar. Where her debut LP Who's Gonna Save The World showed a singer/songwriter who was part street punk poet and part beatnik cafe intellectual, who sang of things political and personal in an acoustic folk-rock setting, her second effort is a much more ambitious affair. Naked Movie Star, under the direction of producer Lenny Kaye, casts a crew of musicians—a jazz combo—who match the perky immediacy that Cindy Lee's words and cadences demand. The music, laced with expressive piano and organ fills, reacts to her phrasing while helping to give the record a live intimacy that makes it easy to listen to. The snappy, supper club arrangements on "Trump" or "Baby (Should I Have The Baby?)" allow her to deliver a potent message without any heavy-handed burden, while the subtle enchancements on "Indirectly Yours" and "What's Wrong With Me" neatly frame her more emotional/personal lyrics. Other faves include the jazzy "Supernatural Fact," the smokey-blue sentimental "Old Trombone Routine" and the rambling 13-minute road trip "Yipee."



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CRIME + THE CITY SOLUTION The Bride Ship (Mute, c/o Restless, 11264 Playa Court, P.O. Box 3628, Culver City, CA 90231-3628)—For their second LP with a revamped line-up, Crime + paddles about in seas of moroseness and melancholic splendor with a flair that separates them from the rest of the Berlin-enamored cappucino nihilist crowd. Whereas Shine occasionally provided a glimmer of hope for redemption amid the pathos, The Bride Ship sharply diminishes the rays of sunshine allowed to burst through the shadows, seeking instead the voices of the damned at their most funereal and theatric. Once again, Bronwyn Adams's violin adds an elegant, macabre accent to both the dirges and the more rampaging cuts, and Simon Bonney's vocals and lyrics are as good a purveyor of ethical/moral self-torture as they come, setting the stage for Crime's cabaret of misanthropy and world-weariness. Most of the cuts are on the long side, stretching, drawling and thrashing the arrangements about, using their aptitude for harmonious and affecting atrophy to the greatest depths we've heard from them yet. Crime + The City Solution writes hymns for the spiritually disconnected, and here manages to communicate dark, black emotions without coming off as self-parody or outright silliness. Top Cuts: "The Shadow Of No Man," the remake of 1985's "The Dangling Man," and the title track.

JOE JACKSON Blaze Of Glory (A&M, 1416 N. LaBrea Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028)—In his odd career, Joe Jackson has explored a slew of musical styles (ska, salsa, soul, beat crazy bop, jump band jive, jazz, etc.), but more recently has taken to freely mixing colors from his musical palette of plenty. Blaze Of Glory is yet another Jackson masterpiece, one that segues from track to track, smoothly drawing together the type of in-the-pocket percussive-pop soul grooves ("Down To London," "Nineteen Forever") found on **Big World** with some newfound fancies (the Balkan rock of the instrumental "Acropolis Now," the sweet acoustippo of "Evil Empire," the urban beats of "Discipline," the string-heavy "Sentimental Thing") and more recognizable stylings like the poignant ballad "Human Touch" and the lively, high-steppin horn-bolstered pop of "Me And You (Against The World)." Jackson manages all of this with the help of a large crew of 15 other musicians, including his faithful sidekick, bassist Graham Maby, conga player Sue Hadjopoulos, backing singer Joy Askew, and a prominently featured six-man horn section. As the world spins forever out of control, Joe Jackson continues to point out that how we live and love affects the way the big wheel turns.

STAN RIDGWAY Mosquitos (Geffen, 9130 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90069)—Stan Ridgway has never really been able to escape the tall and spindly shadow of the cactus of his greatest moment, "Mexican Radio," a passing novelty gag of a song that has since gone on to become simultaneously both his boon and bane. Well, here Ridgway has neither attempted to dispense with his past reputation—after all, his voice is just plain one of the weirdest ever—by straying far from the oddball persona that was the spark of "Radio," nor has he contented himself with formulaically reprising the elements that made Wall Of Voodoo's one big hit the horribly huge monstrosity it was. What emerges on his first for Geffen is a portfolio of ten (unless you count "Peg And Pete And Me" as three and "Calling Out To Carol" as two) yellowed Polaroids of Ridgway characters, each captured in some weird barlight with all their warts and eccentricities—another busload of news-hounds, televangelists, old ladies and the countless other loners and losers that populate the strange town that Ridgway always seems to be visiting, passing through on nebulous business, a tenuous traveling salesman always checking into the same old motel on the deserted edge of town. Top cuts: "Goin' Southbound," "Heat Takes A Walk," "Newspapers," "Peg And Pete And Me."

WINDMILL SAXOPHONE QUARTET Very Scary (Pathfinder, 611 Broadway, Suite 726, New York, NY 10012)—The World Saxophone Quartet (who have an album due shortly) has inspired many a modern ensemble to explore new avenues of compositional form, namely that of playing without a rhythm section swinging, bopping or bashing away behind them. The absence of a given rhythmic structure allows the musicans more creative space, and the Windmill Saxophone Quartet takes full absence of a given rhythmic structure allows the musicians more creative space, and the Windmill Saxophone Quartet takes full advantage here, with lots of uneven pacing, expressive soloing and quick, choppy jolts. While some will be most excited by their quicker-paced, Very Scary pieces ("Singe," the album's closer, would please any pup enough to curiously fix its stare on the speaker instead of running for cover under the nearest bed), this quartet is at its best when it either swings freely or lays back and plays ballads, getting all four players into the fray. "Second Wind" is an example of the former, where a melody is stated and followed in fugue-like fashion by a counter-melody before a flute comes into play, echoing the first melody and then continuing into a flurry of solos that spin a web of semi-sweet cacophony, while the Wayne Shorter piece "Infant Eyes" is a prime example of how they can work to create stunning balance and harmony. Their sweet version of "God Bless The Child" is proof positive that you can still "sing" that same ol' song in a brand new way and make it work.

HELLCOWS Toothless (Black Label, c/o Fallout, 1506 E. Olive Way, Seattle, WA 98122)—Scratching and heaving through a morass of instrumental experiments that transport the listener to far-flung pockets of indecency, the Hellcows play a whole wind and string salad of disruptiveness on their debut LP. Raucous, funny and uncoordinated, they start out with lopsided structures and daft lyrics that teeter around the muddy domains of T.V.B.C. or the U-Men, and then stretch the mind's boundaries of confusion and delight by poking trombones, saxophones and a few unidentifiables into an already cluttered fray. Even when poised on the brink of anarchic unlistenability, the Hellcows' clatter is too endearingly original to get annoying, and there's a moment in every song that's bound to catch any listener off-guard. Though the music does lurch rather degenerately and the vocals grumble and bray upon numerous black-hearted topics, the overall sound of the record is one of funhouse uproariousness, scooted along by a plethora of musical ideas that'll take up a lot more vinyl before they're exhausted. Welcome to the jumble, here's the top cuts: "Cantina," "Harmonica," "Joe Coffee," "Down" and "Ocean."

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GIBSON BROS. Dedicated Fool (Homestead, P.O. Box 800, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-0800)—One of the foremost practitioners of pompadour jungle rhythms (the Wolverton Brothers, from Columbus as well, and the A-Bones also count pretty heavily), the Gibsons mangle their brand of trash and twang into new shapes on their second LP. Like last year's Big Pine Boogle, the Brothers play primordial Delta rockabilly as if they were there in the first place, but now they've started to twiddle with a more standard rave-up style. Musically, the band switches from graveyard to sock-hop scenery as fast as you can step into a T-Bird, Ellen Hoover's bayou drumming providing the impetus for Howland, Dan Dow and Jeff Evans to blast off with their guitars (no bass for these four, and you won't miss it either). Their vignettes of the dirt-poor and shiftless, and of the footloose and fancy-free, create an atmosphere that's at least as strong as that summoned by the lonesome guitars, and on the slower numbers, Don Howland's vocals reach a level of matter-of-fact despair that's usually the domain of those who've spent the better part of their lives drowning their sorrows, while the werewolf-in-heat side of the band's personality is hairier than ever on cuts like "The Sperm Count." The true sounds of American splendor are found on "Caught In A Dream," "Dirt Preacher" and "Lost Track Of Time."

ELECTRIC LOVE MUFFIN Rassafranna (Fever, c/o Restless, 11264 Playa Court, P.O. Box 3628, Culver City, CA 90231-3628)—Kinda like a less acid-saturated version of the Flaming Lips, heavy on the guitars and a little light in the head, Electric Love Muffin is more than just your average band with a name that sounds like it came from some old Frank Zappa album. Led by Rich Kaufman's writing and promised-land garage guitar fills, the Muffin is hottest on the instrumentals and those cuts that feature his distinctive psychedelic trip-out tactics, as on the album's opener, "Sperm Of The Moment." While there might be a tendency toward carbonated Dead Milkmen-like gags and other such juvenalia (does the world really need another song called "Drunk And Horny"?) the Muffin occasionally strikes upon sheer brilliance, as in the deranged metal-flamenco freakout of "Trilogy" or the sure pop riffing of "Late Nights, Early Mornings." Other key moments include: "Venus," the ratty rockabilly of "Club Car," and "The Revolution Comes To North Street."

MAUREEN TUCKER Life In Exile After Abdication (50,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 Watts, 5721 SE Laguna Ave., Stuart, FL 34997-7828)—This LP, only the third release from Moe since the VU days of 20 years ago, is sort of an ad-hoc affair, with numerous talented and famous pals helping out on various tracks. The tone of the record naturally varies depending on who's playing, but through every cut Moe's unassuming, unaffected personality (someone who's spent the last ten years working at a Walmart probably isn't prone to putting on airs) anchors and gives sense to the proceedings. Playing drums on only two cuts, Moe mostly stays up front on vocals and guitar, practically radiating innocence, purity and charm as soon as she opens her mouth. As a contrast to her understated, guileless vocal style, all the original Tucker compositions on the LP are loud, guitar-creepy rockers, with a couple bemoaning the state of blue-collardom ("Spam Again" and "Work"), one guitar squealing showcase featuring a highly credible Lou Reed lead ("Hey Mersh!"), and a sing-songy eulogy to Andy Warhol. With additional help from Jad Fair, all of the Sonic Youths, and Daniel Johnston, the sound is never bogged down or obscured; it's Moe's LP, and since she sings and plays her heart out, whoever's playing can't help but do the same. One hopes she won't stay so far out of the limelight in the future.

TOM PETTY Full Moon Fever (MCA, 70 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608)—Tom Petty's "solo" debut is hardly a major departure, as many of his Heartbreakers appear on this album, as do all his fellow Wilburys save Bob Dylan. By making this a solo album maybe Petty is simply drawing a dividing line in his career, and these are his "solo" songs. Frankly, it's hard to detect the difference, but these tracks do have a more personable (not personal) feel than his recent efforts, certainly inspired by the wonderful casualness of the Wilburys album. Some of these songs are downrightsilly ("Zombie Zoo"?), but when he hits the mark, these tracks are among his best: "I Won't Back Down," "Depending On You," "Yer So Bad" (which includes the lines "My sister got lucky/Married a yuppie/Took him for all he was worth") and "Love is A Long Road."

VEIL OF TEARS Veil Of Tears (Iguanasonix, 1830 Meridian Ave. #603, Miami Beach, FL 33139/305-673-2701)—The hologram on the cover of Veil Of Tears' debut D.I.Y. CD gives an indication of the sauntering and abstract music that is to follow inside. This Miami duo, with a guest guitarist on three of the five tracks, mixes guitar feedback and airy vocals in front of a synth beat, with very lively production that reveals a sound quite different from what we have come to expect from this city. Scott Glasel and Michael Gabriell share vocals, weaving refreshing harmonies on songs like "Transmigration" (which appeared on Certain Damage Vol. 16) and "Stormy Weather," the two stand-out tracks. This CD-only package offers as much to the surreal as it does to the real—enough to stimulate the auditory and optic nerves of almost anyone.

DJIVAN GASPARYAN I WIII Not Be Sad In This World (Opal, c/o Warner Bros., 3300 Warner Blvd., Burbank, CA 91510)—Eno has called this one of the most beautiful and soulful recordings he's ever heard. Djivan Gasparyan, from Armenia, makes his music on the duduk (duct flute), a wooden instrument that has the hollow tone of an oboe. On this instrumental record Gasparyan, accompanied by only a second duduk player (who holds a steady, barely noticeable drone), displays patience and grace in his playing, giving the sound a rich, weepy quality that could almost be mistaken for that of a bowed instrument (cello, viola). Sparse, soothing and spacious, Gasparyan's music is meditational, spiritual music that's more at home with global folk musics (say, Andean flute music) and religious hymns (The Gyuto Monks) than with any catatonic new age coming from the West or the Far East. Originally recorded in 1983 and released on the Soviet state-run Melodiya label, Eno's Opal label started working on getting this record released here before the earthquake crippled Armenia at the end of last year. In the wake of that disaster, all proceeds (well, net profits) will go to Life Aid Armenia.

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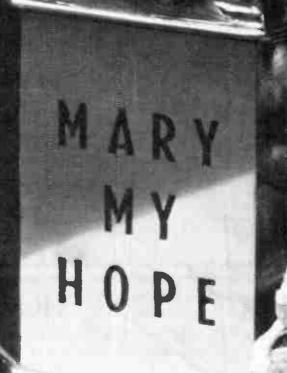
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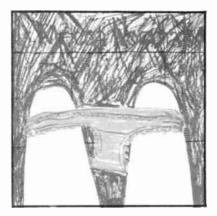






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ORIGINAL SINS The Hardest Way (Psonik, P.O. Box 2727, Lehigh Valley, PA 18001)—From the opening bars of "Heard It All Before," the Original Sins are riffing it up full throttle, flailing away at some of the gutsiest and best four-chords-or-less songs since the days of Roky Erikson or early Kinks. Not bothering with any overdubs or frilly intros (none of the songs deviate from the bass/drums/guitar/organ formula or stretch much past the three-and-a-half minute mark, which is part of the album's immediate appeal), the Sins blast away at 14 originals (penned by guitarist J.T.) in rapid-fire succession (at recent performances, they've been playing the whole album all the way through in running order, stopping only between sides, and introducing their encores as "CD Bonus Tracks"). A great live band, The Hardest Way captures the frenzy and fire of the Sins' scorching sets, sharpening the interplay between Dan McKinney's buoyant organ and J.T.'s biting, frenzied lead guitar to highlight the either sweet or sour stories of love, hate and everyday life that he belts out with such heartfelt intensity. Tempting Top Cuts: "Heard It All Before," "Tearing Me In 2," "She Understands," "Out Of My Mind," and the maniacal, utterly primal riffing of "End Of The World."

MECCA NORMAL Calico Kills The Cat (K, Box 7154, Olympia, WA 98507)—One guitar, one vocalist, and tidal waves more sincerity, realism and populist smarts than any big-budget acoustic-troubador-of-the-people currently touring Russia. Since Jean Smith happens to be female, the lyrics here predominantly concern themselves with injustices plaguing that gender, though by no means does it fit into the style-specific "women's music" classification. While the lyrics sometimes border on the preachy side, the purpose is to jolt the listener's opinions loose rather than impart hers; the words are written with enough heartfelt anger and perception to give depth to the messages within, while making no effort to dress up or glamorize any of the ugly truths. Similarly, David Lester's guitar, while inventive enough to provide a melodic underline to each sentiment expressed, races through expressions of amplified six-string fury at a pace too quick to let any scabs form, and Jean's unmistakeable full-throated croak is just as unapologetically raw and abrasive. Their music makes no concessions nor does it attempt to render palatable the simple, fiercely eloquent elements of their songs, with the end result being a record both beautiful and convincing without mouthing stereotypes. Top cuts: "Smile Baby," "Blue TV," "Richard" and "Ancient Fire."

LAUGHING HYENAS You Can't Pray A Lie (Touch And Go, P.O. Box 25520, Chicago, IL 60625)—For their first actual LP in two years of existence, Madison, WI's most bloodcurdling bunch go flying off into the depths with a steely-eyed sense of purpose that's as irresistible as it is unrelenting. For people who don't get a vicarious thrill out of truly paint-peeling shrieks, there's a good chance that the cries of John Brannon will send them scurrying for some stick of furniture to hide under, since his rather sturdy lungs are the most dominating characteristic of the band. Largely because of Brannon's exorcistics, the band has been compared to the likes of Austin's Scratch Acid, but the Hyenas channel their spirits through a steady rhythmic fit of preachin' doom that's more characteristic of a seventh son of Live Skull and the Birthday Party. Vocals alone do not a nightmare make, and as important here are Kevin Strickland's bass and Jim Kimball's drums articulating their own vision of hell on earth, with Larissa Strickland's guitar further breathing life into the gargoyle apparitions that stagger under Brannon's nose. You Can't Pray A Lie keeps its claws unsheathed from start to finish, grinding out tales of no redemption with a dark precision. The most hair-raising experiences can be found within "Black Eyed Susan," "Sister" and "Dedications To The One I Love."

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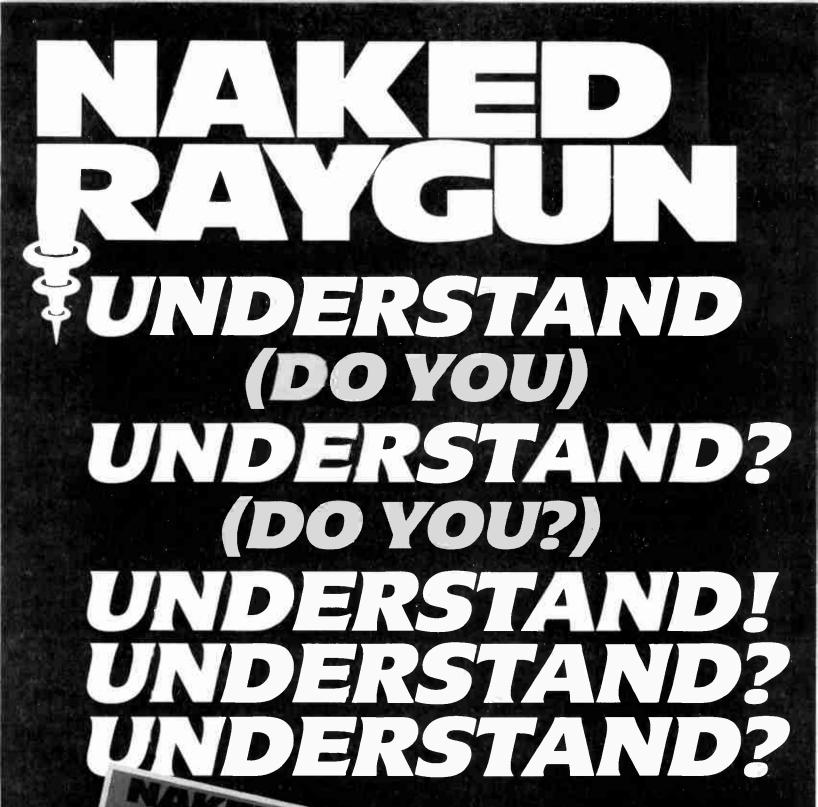
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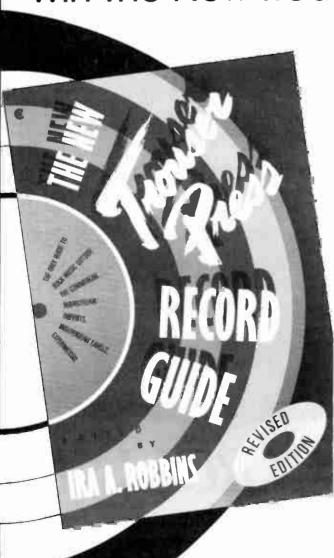


CREEPS Now Dig This! (WEA, c/o Madhouse Music, Valhallavagen 167, 11527 Stockholm, Sweden)—Signed by the bright folks at WEA in Europe but still shopping around for a deal in the U.S. (the address here is for their management company), the Creeps carry the singular distinction of being touted as Sweden's premiere '60s psychedelic revival band, and they sure know how to throw a party, driven by the rollicking vintage farfisa organ pictured on the cover. Now Dig This! puts a bit of a knot in the Creeps' indian rope trick—they've stripped their psychedelic sound back down to the gutsy urban squall of early white soul bluesmen such as the Spencer Davis Group. Going from imitating Sky Saxon to soaking in old Stax singles, the Creeps come across as Lyres that know nicer women and don't drink so hard as a result. For connoisseurs of young white retro-soul, **Now Dig This!** is completely vintage, but don't be fooled trying to decipher the album's "Swedish" liner notes—they're not in Swedish or any other language we've ever heard of, and were reportedly concocted by the band's manager as a bad joke on the unsuspecting American record-buying public. Nonetheless, as one real-life enthusiastic Swedish critic opined, "The Creeps skjuter skarpt," and whether that's a description of their music or some lost '60s trend dance we're not sure, but after one listen, we're sure you'll agree.

REPTILE HOUSE Listen To The Power Soul (Merkin, P.O. Box 16292, Baltimore, MD 21210)—Reptile House has been languishing in Maryland since the early '80s, releasing one single and not much else until now. What we have here is a cool, dark junket into death psychedelia—with slide guitar and harmonica, yet. Reptile House has lots of demon humming guitars which undulate and unwind in a slow opiate haze, providing the founding drone for the steady, deliberate chants that accumulate momentum as they go, leaving acrid trails of incense behind. They owe a little something to the Echo/Chameleons/Damned penchant for big guitars that ring repetitively and gloomily, but then shift the sound through a touch of early Flaming Line. Recorded over a few years soon. that ring repetitively and gloomily, but then shift the sound through a touch of early Flaming Lips. Recorded over a few years span, the songs just sort of collapse into each other anyway, despite the difference in personnel on the tracks (eight different players are mentioned), and while the overall tone doesn't really vary from that of electrified collapse, it does establish a sort of blissful somnambulistic state that's effortlessly enjoyable. Too loud, jarring and dependent on major chords to fit with the junkie trance crowd (epitomized by Spacemen 3), Reptile House pursues its own method of oblivion that's catchy without being gimmicky (garish purple vinyl aside), and well worth the years-long wait between releases. Top cuts: "Evil Iron Any Day Now," "ParaPollyAnna" and "Skyhead."

ALICE DONUT Bucketfulls Of Sickness And Horror In An Otherwise Meaningless Life (Alternative Tentacles, P.O. Box 11458, San Francisco, CA 94101)—For their second LP, these Lower-East-Sideians continue to let the splendor and dilapidation of their surroundings ooze its influence into their art. Sickness and horror is what excites these guys, their lyrical obsessions and demented observations squealed and stammered by Tomas Antona, probably the most over-excited sounding Alternative Tentacles vocalist since Doc of the Crucifucks set down his microphone. Michael Jung and David Giffen further splash away on their abstract impressions of '70s powerchord madness, dropping mental ward lapses of dignity among the riffs, which are getting increasingly killer as the band develops. The most stunning development in the growth of the Donut is their quickening ability to harness their Thorazine-deprived wackiness to well-written songs, whamming out monstrous hook after monstrous verse, melody and chord. Alice Donut disorients the senses and swings in true rock grandeur, giving the listener a chance to join in on a toxic waste party with these cuts: "Lydia's Black Lung," "Sky Of Bones," "My Life Is A Mediocre Piece Of Shit" and "Bucket, Forks, Pock."

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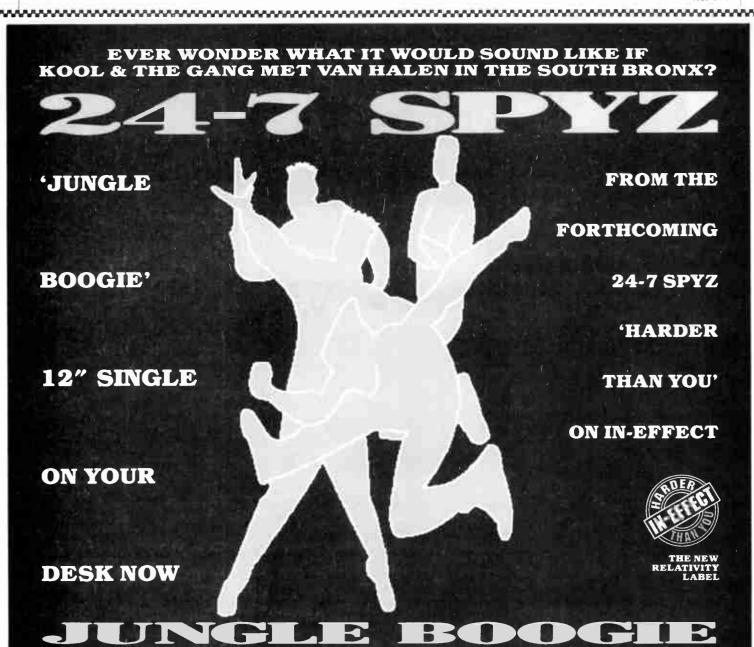


SYD BARRETT Opel (Capitol, 1750 N. Vine St., Hollywood, CA 90028)—Syd Barrett indelibly etched his name and silhouette in acid on the skyline of the '60s when he vanished from the face of the earth in late 1970. Though the Amelia Earhart of psychedelic rock's solo output after leaving Pink Floyd was previously limited to two brief and enigmatic cult albums before his mysterious ride into the sunset, that collection is now augmented by this new disc of outtakes and alternate versions unearthed in the vaults of the Abbey Road studios. Backed by the members of the band Soft Machine (including Robert Wyatt) on some cuts, on others accompanied only by his own fragile and strained guitar, Syd meanders through the poppy fields of his imagination, unfettered by restraints of rhythm or structure. While there is of course plenty of Syd's endearing childlike innocence and hesitancy (at one point he stops a song in the middle to turn the lyric page over, and later he can't seem to decide on the title of one of his own compositions), what really made Barrett stand out from the rest of rock's mad hatters was his sheer ingenuity and the tenuous fragility of his recordings. Perhaps the rarity and air of mystery around his music is what makes it so intriguing today, but his influence on the Robyn Hitchcocks, Jad Fairs, and XTCs of the world remains incalculable.

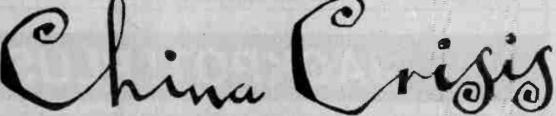
DR. JOHN In A Sentimental Mood (Warner Bros., 3300 Warners Blvd., Burbank, CA 91510)—Although the good Doctor still performs his churnin' New Orleans gris-gris funk, it's more a treat to catch him solo, where you can absorb his refined, eloquent piano style and gruff, inimitable vocals as he draws from a mixed bag of oddities, signature pieces or pop and jazz classics. His recording career has taken a number of strange twists (from TV commercials to a rap single for Arthur Baker's Streetwise label) with his most recent albums ('81 and '83) more or less solo excursions on the small Clean Cuts label. This welcome return to vinyl comes in the form of a program of standards with the Dr. delivering such doozies as Johnny Mercer's "Accentuate The Positive" and Cole Porter's "Love For Sale" as lite funk and rollin' boogie, while the Duke's instrumental title track gets a mellow, glistening treatment. The production favors brassy, high-kickin' horn charts (see "Black Night") that for the most part fit in with the Dr. 's style and add a touch of gloss and pizazz, but the sweeping, string arrangements are mostly unnecessary, and could turn off long-time fans of the Dr.'s rhythm and blues. Still, there's no messin' around when it comes to Dr. John's singing and playing, and In A Sentimental Mood suits him splendidly, 'specially his duet with Rickie Lee Jones on "Makin' Whoopee."

LABI SIFFRE So Strong (China/Polydor, c/o PolyGram, 810 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10019)—South African pop singer Labi Siffre had a worldwide hit a few years back with the anthemic "(Something Inside) So Strong," a gorgeous, supremely passionate ballad that never got off the ground when Chrysalis released it here as a 12". As part of their recent deal with PolyGram, China Records is getting another shot, and now there's an album, too. So Strong is a straight-ahead album that won't break any barriers—some of this stuff is downright sappy—but his pop smarts are evident in every track, and his vocals seethe with the passion of his people's plight. Siffre is a gifted singer and songwriter who deserves to have the same success Stateside he's had in much of the rest of the world. Top cuts: "(Something Inside) So Strong," "Nothin's Gonna Change," "Lovers," "Listen To The

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## JACKPOT! PLUS

- SOUL ASYLUM Clam Dip & Other Delights (EP) (Twin/Tone, 2541 Nicollet Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55404)—At long last (and a year after it was released in the U.K.), Clam Dip leaves the hallowed halls of 2541 and is on our desks! While this edition is missing the hilarious covers of Foreigner's "Juke Box Hero" and Janis Joplin's "Move Over" that appeared on the import, it substitutes new recordings of two unreleased early silly originals, "Artificial Heart" and "Take It To The Root." Overall, the record combines the band's penchant for tying up loose discographical ends with their irreverent sense of fun: these songs aren't polished, weren't intended for major label release and were probably recorded quickly amid many cigarettes and beers—and that's a large part of their glory. Like Metallica's Garage Days Re-revisited, this is a chance to hear a studio recording of a band in an encore state of mind, and Clam Dip is as much fun as the Herb Alpert-derived cover artwork. Additional dip-picks: "Just Plain Evil" (also on A&M's Lost Angels soundtrack), the acoustibilly "P-9" and "Secret No More."
- VARIOUS ARTISTS Live At The Knitting Factory (A&M, 1416 N. LaBrea Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028)—A small, skinny, whitewashed club located on Houston Street has for years been one of the hotbeds of the New York music scene, with an ever-intriguing blend of styles taking to the narrow stage in the "performance area" one flight up from the more functional basement bar. Be it the latest audio-visual meanderings by Elliot Sharp, fusion by the Bill Frisell Band or an intimate late-night set by Yo La Tengo (all these shows in just over one week!), the Knitting Factory plays host to some of the finest music New York has to offer. On record, Live At The Knitting Factory captures the club's warmth while emphasizing (perhaps somewhat unfairly, considering their recent bookings) the jazz and avant-garde explorations of many of its regular performers. Such regulars' names as Curlew, the Jazz Passengers and Scanners form the solid basis of jazz improv that is the core of the Knitting Factory's day-to-day calendar, while side two is rounded out with appearances by more conventional-sounding-but-still-marginally-weird acts such as Miracle Room (an Austin cult item recently relocated to NYC, whose chief instruments include a 12-foot pipe and a wooden door), highlighting the diversity that can be found on any given night on the Knitting Factory's stage.
- JOHN MOORE AND THE EXPRESSWAY "Out Of My Mind" (12") (Polydor, c/o PolyGram, 810 7th Ave., New York, NY 10019)—
  One of the dark figures slouching in the corners of the stage at Jesus And Mary Chain concerts, John Moore goes solo, grabs his own band of lackadaisical fuzzhairs, and shoots off into the dimly lit streets of trendy London armed with old Stooges tapes and suitable pharmaceuticals. Here Moore & Co. take the sunglasses, spiky black hair and classic codeine guitar fuzz of the Mary Chain, pare them back and put a dense, primal, heavy backbeat underneath the proceedings, no doubt to keep the resulting white noise and pandemonium at a suitable level. Attempting to be both Lou Reed circa '66 and Iggy Pop circa '69 at the same time, Moore and his partner in crime pull it off surprisingly well here, even throwing in some rootsy, demonically psychedelic blues rock (a Willie Dixon cover at that!) on the B-side.
- WIRE "Eardrum Buzz" (12") (Mute, c/o Enigma, 11264 Playa Court, P.O. Box 3628, Culver City, CA 90231-3628)—Wire must have liked the feeling of playing before a stadium crowd when they opened for Depeche Mode at the Rose Bowl last fall—this is the most commercial song of their 12-year career, and will doubtless win over the legions that have made fellow Mute-ineers Depeche and Erasure the rock gods they currently are. Combining a bouncy, dare we say "jolly" rhythm with a glossy pop lilt and one of Colin Newman's typically oblique lyrics, this single and the forthcoming LP, It's Beginning To And Back Again, could possibly finance this year's round of solo LPs (both Newman and bassist Graham Lewis have released albums in the 11 months since Wire's last collective offering) from this incredibly prolific combo. And hey, maybe Anton Corbijn will do the artwork for their tour program!
- BLUE RODEO Dlamonds in The Rough/Demos And Other Stuff. . . (EP) (Atlantic, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019)—
  Long noted in their native Canada as a powerhouse live band (they're big stars up North), Blue Rodeo has had trouble transmitting the spark and fire of their live show onto wax; somehow their excellent songs and spirited onstage playing seemed to have ended up somewhere else in the studio besides the tape. On this (unfortunately) promo-only EP, however, made up of six demos and live tracks culled from the sessions surrounding their most recent and forthcoming albums (only one track, "Diamond Mine," appears in its original album form), Blue Rodeo manages to convey more of the intensity and energy that no doubt inspired their being signed in the first place. Check out the acoustic Costello-ish "God And Country," the farfisa-driven "Galveston," and the homey, acoustic feel of "Jig," where simple yet elegant production makes the performance stand out in pristine clarity. And by all means, catch them live when they skip through town.
- NAKED RAYGUN "Treason" (12") (Caroline, 114 W. 26th St., New York, NY 10001)—Woweel A numbered, limited edition hot pink vinyl 12" (at 45 RPM, no less), with two live tracks on the flip! This sampler from the Chicago icons' fab forthcoming LP, Understand?, starts off with a single guitar note sounding the alarm (not unlike the fade-out on "London Calling") and immediately turns into a streamlined, lean and tough sonic slab of melodic post-punk that's heavy on hooks and aggression—it's the most accessible and single-worthy song they've done, and should bust down a lot of doors. The flip features loud 'n' mean versions of two older songs that'll please the faithful and (hopefully) have new fans digging through this underrated band's back catalogue.

PERE UBU "Waiting For Mary" (12") (Fontana/Mercury, c/o PolyGram, 810 7th Ave., New York, NY 10019)—The return of pioneering Cleveland icons Pere Ubu has been one of the most welcome reformations in a decade when rent-party comebacks have been a sad norm. While their last LP, The Tenement Year, was a challenging return to form, keyboardist Allen Ravenstine's dive-bombing insect noises rendered airplay difficult on many of the album's tracks. On this sampler from the forthcoming Cloudland, producer Steven Hague (New Order, O.M.D.) has pushed the *bleeps* and *zorps* farther back into the mix, and the result is a less abrasive Ubu that continues to challenge, but offers a song as winsome as any they've done. With its boozy sing-along "whaddar we doin here?" chorus and offbeat hooks, "Mary" should be an alternative radio smash—watch for it on Certain Damage Vol. 18 as well

CROWBAR SALVATION Crowbar Salvation (EP) (Sympathy For The Record Industry, 4901 Virginia Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805)—A conglomeration of L.A. punk mainstays (their ranks include the Divine Horseman's lead guitarist, an original Surf Punk, and Lydia Lunch's co-star in Fingered), this ongoing project is a rough and tumble, bad attitude excursion from start to finish. Peter Andrus' guitar playing, slide and otherwise, serves to rustle up a lurching, hog-riding ruckus, drawing on troublemakers from Johnnys Burnette to Thunders for his dust-raising squeals. While the first cut, "Salvation," is a deceptively slow, droning number, the remainder of the record is all accelerated snarl, with the enlightened instrumental techniques (especially on "Monkey Wrench" and "Crowbar Blues") of the players making it one of the better things we've heard from the SoCal garage.

ANTISEEN Blood Of Freaks (7" EP) (Ajax, P.O. Box 146882, Chicago, IL 60614)—Antiseen is from North Carolina, and have been releasing 7"s in one form or another since 1985. This four-song scourge further establishes these scruffs as creators of some of the most unrepentantly mean-spirited sounds in the country. With lead vocalist Jeff Clayton spewing his words at a level frighteningly close to Lemmy at his most maniacal, Joe Young's grimy, caustic guitar playing, and a frayed production sound, the Antiseen embody the pissed-off prole stance that's an essential part of punkish rock 'n' roll. "Up All Night" and "Hippie Punk," the strongest, most spiteful cuts, rattle along with a speed and intensity that will vibrate the mind.

SURGERY "Not Going Down" (7") (Amphetamine Reptile, 2541 Nicollet Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55404)—The debut two-songer from this upstate NY bunch is the most juiced-up, terrifying punk-ish showpiece by this aggro-fueled label since last winter's Halo Of Flies 7". The two-minute Kramer-produced brawl busting out of the A-side rockets past normal measures of fury and fuzzy chords, launching face-first into riffs certain to leave scar tissue, short and simple and amazingly relentless. "Blow Her Face," aggravated assault count #2, lets up on the accelerator slightly to allow an actual rhythm to intrude, but it's still a nastier experience than most people care to face in their lifetime. There should be more combustible material from this four-piece out by the time the world recovers from this all-too-brief intro.

BERNIE KRAUSE "Jungle Shoes" (12") (Rykodisc, Pickering Wharf, Bldg. C-3G, Salem, MA 01970)—Bernie Krause is a very cool guy: an environmentalist and scientist as well as a composer and musician (he recorded the music that led Humphrey The Whale back into the Pacific from the Sacramento River Delta, and he replaced Pete Seeger in the Weavers in the early '60s). Here he's taken both worlds one step beyond by making a dance record that consists entirely of sampled animal, fish and environmental sounds! At its core, it sounds surprisingly conventional, but the occasional otherworldly shriek, growl, bark, whistle or blurp telegraphs what's going on; this wildly ambient dance track is just begging to be sampled some more!



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SCAB CADILLAC Tagged & Numbered (Rave, P.O. Box 40075, Philadelphia, PA 19106-5075)—For their debut LP, these Philadelphians come out fightin' with jumbo rock mitts, making testosterone-juiced paeans to the Fender deity intended to send small children scampering for cover. A four-piece that's been plunging into meaty books like these for the past true years. Seek plunging into meaty hooks like these for the past two years, Scab Cadillac sounds very certain that their life's calling is to emulate those stubbled and smokin' rabble rousers of the '70s (inhabitors of stadiums and seedy punk clubs alike). They're not quite of stadiums and seedy punk clubs alike). They're not quite completely sure-footed about it yet, but on songs like "In This World" they tap into the same hedonistic groove-line that progenitors like Soundgarden and Sister Double Happiness have plowed in recent times. The deep, Harley-rumbling vocals complement the rev-ups and roarings of the choppier guitar leads, lending necessary heaviness to the songs. Once they dream up a steady supply of kick-ass licks to accompany their tougher-than-leather stance, we'll be flying the rebel flag at full mast for these guys. For now, swim in the oil-slick blues to these: "In This World," "Driver," "Explain This" and "In The Mind."

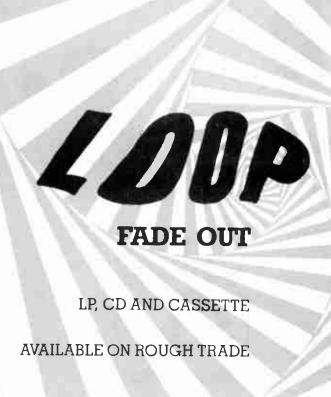
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I'll take the one in the tie-dyed body bag. . . Any Of Several Weasels has a self-titled cassette out (get it from Ermine Music, 61-A Franklin St., East Rockaway, NY 11518) that's a diverse, loopy romp through fried, baked and broiled lands, a skitter-scattered sound that owes as much to the Grateful Dead and the Meat Puppets as it does to 100 Flowers or the Minutemen. Although the sound is not quite up to super-chrome snuff, the speed with which the Weasels latch onto and discard their numerous Minutemen. Although the sound is not quite up to super-chrome snuff, the speed with which the Weasels latch onto and discard their numerous musical flights of fancy is head-spinning, as the guitars and basses slither around jazzy bits, stoned-out 10-minute hippie mantras, splintered acid punk, contortions of those and other themes. The one stable element throughout is the unwillingness to allow quiet, reflective moments to intrude upon their music, preferring to let every string and vocal chord keep as busy and quick as possible. In fact, the biggest problem of this tape seems to be that the musicians, of which there are quite a few, have too much to fit into one song or cassette leading occasionally to suite him. seems to be that the musicians, of which there are quite a few, have too much to fit into one song or cassette, leading occasionally to audio burnout. There's more than enough to keep even the most restless listener interested, however, and stand-outs include "Elephants," a cover of the Dead's "Ripple," "That Sound Sucks All The Fun Out Of Waking" and "Look What"... Every saint's nightmare... From the Washington, DC area comes a veteran band known as Devils Wielding Scimitars (pronounced "Simitars") and their debut LP Curlous Soul (Scared Guy Music, P.O. Box 13314, Silver Spring, MD 20911). Cultists and collectors from the D.C. area may remember an earlier incarnation as the Buildoos, as well as members. may remember an earlier incarnation as the Bulldogs, as well as members from a wide smattering of different DC bands from the last five or so years, but now this unlikely-monickered band is starting to set their sights outside the circular streets of the nation's capital. Finally finding a relatively stable style and personnel configuration (and we do mean relative—there were two different sets of bass players and drummers used on this LP), these Devils center their sound around the guitar of Scott Tyburski (who doubles as producer) and the lyrics and rich, angelic vocals

of Suzy Callahan. Vocally, at times Callahan is almost a dead ringer for Natalie Merchant, and Tyburski backs her high charismatic words with Natalie Merchant, and Tyburski backs her high charismatic words with sparkling acoustic/electric accompaniment befitting her princessliketone. Strong cuts here include "Devil Disease," "Daughter Of The Revolution," "Vacation" and "Strange Phenomenon"... Yo mama... Sordid Humor, a moody five-piece out of San Francisco, has just made its 12" vinyl debut, and judging from the five songs on Tony Don't (Oedipus Records, 861A Hayes, San Francisco, CA 94117) they'll be having no problem attracting attention even in the midst of the competitive Bay Area club scene. Mostly sticking to an understated, nervous sound with gloomy underpinnings, Sordid Humor has a well-developed, savvy knack for pulling just the right melodic strings, cutting pure, sprightly pop with enough grams of eccentricity to keep the brain moving right along with the toes. Although they haven't gotten their feet wet long enough to get the balance between their influences and their own ideas into a perfect balance ("Indian Ocean," while one of the better songs on the record, draws a bit too blatantly on Crazy Rhythms-style Feelies), "Apollo XII" and "First Goodbye" are radio winners and fine indications of more aural splendor from Sordid Humor further down the line... No, not of the Butthole Surfers... King Vitamin is the epitome of garbage/scruff rock— "First Goodbye" are radio winners and fine indications of more aural splendor from Sordid Humor further down the line... No, not of the Buthhole Surfers... King Vitamin is the epitome of garbage/scruff rock—you know, the kinda stuff that makes a good party—yeah, that's it, fun! They pack a wallop of the "goofy hat" Boston-type melodies and scrape together hard drivin' vocal harmonies (similar to the wah-wahing Screaming Broccoli), that forms one helluva snappy sixer of an EP. Although they still have a ways to go in matching their still-budding songwriting smarts with the overwhelming feel of hi-jinks and high-spirited delinquency, their Breakfast With The Kings EP (Sensitive Records, 3611 N. Wilton, Chicago, IL 60613) is destined to convert a few revelers-to-be, given a few more tunes along the lines of "Head In A Hurricane" and "Somehow."

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16 17	23 43	83	16 17	NEW MODEL ARMY TOM TOM CLUB	Thunder And Consolation  Boom Boom Chi Boom Boom	Red Eye/Sire-Reprise
18	16	16	16	DE LA SOUL	3 Feet High And Rising	Tommy Boy
19	18	64	18	HOUSE OF FREAKS	Tantilla	Rhino
20	 27		20 21	LOVE AND ROCKETS DEPECHE MODE	Love And Rockets 101	Beggars Banquet-RCA Sire-WB
21 22	_	-	22	XYMOX	Twist Of Shadows	Wing-PG
23	22	25	22	CATERWAUL	Pin & Web	I.R.S.
24	69	_	24	DICKIES	Second Coming	Enigma Mammoth-RCA
<b>25</b> 26	<b>30</b> 13	<b>48</b> 8	<b>25</b> 1	SIDEWINDERS LOU REED	Witchdoctor New York	Sire-WB
27	21	20	20	FLAMING LIPS	Telepathic Surgery	Restless
28	14	10	6	THROWING MUSES	Hunkpapa	Sire-WB
29	<b>57</b>	 17	<b>29</b> 1	R.E.M.	Transportational D. Vices Green	SST Warner Bros
30 31	24 15	17 9	1	VIOLENT FEMMES	3	Slash-WB
32	38	_	32	LARD	The Power Of Lard	Alternative Tentacles
33	70	=	33	SARAH McLACHLAN	Touch	Arista
34	35 —	55	34 35	NEVILLE BROTHERS PETER CASE	Yellow Moon The Man With The Blue Postmodern Fragmented	A&M Getten
35 36	_	_	36	JOE JACKSON	Blaze Of Glory	A&M
37	_	_	37	BAND OF SUSANS	Love Agenda	Blast First-Restless
38	19	14	14	PROCLAIMERS	Sunshine On Letth  Down On The Floor	Chrysalis Slash
<b>39</b> 40	<b>45</b> 20	15	<b>39</b> 15	ZULUS LIVE SKULL	Positraction	Caroline
41	29	19	11	WONDER STUFF	The Eight Legged Groove Machine	Polydor-PG
42	31	43	31	WASHINGTON SQUARES	Fair And Square	Gold Castle
43	25	18	18 <b>44</b>	MORRISSEY SCREAMING TREES	The Last Of The Famous International Playboys" (12")  Buzz Factory	SST SST
44 45	_		45	MR. T EXPERIENCE	Big Black Bugs Bleed Blue Blood (EP)	Rough Trade
46	39	46	39	KEITH LeBLANC	Stranger Than Fiction	Nettwerk-Enigma
47	58	_	47	DESSAU	Exercise In Tension	Carlyle Bouch Trade
48		51	<b>48</b> 37	OPHELIAS GOO GOO DOLLS	The Big O Jed	Rough Trade Death/Metal Blade-Enigma
<b>49</b> 50	37 33	42	33	LOOP	Fade Out	Rough Trade
51	_		51	LAUGHING HYENAS	You Can't Pray A Lie	Touch And Go
52	_	_	52	GODFATHERS	More Songs About Love & Hate	Epic
53	32 34	31 33	3 <b>1</b> 29	YO LA TENGO THELONIOUS MONSTER	President Yo La Tengo Stormy Weather	Coyote-Twin/Tone Relativity
54 <b>55</b>	83	_	<b>55</b>	SWAMP ZOMBIES	Fink	Dr. Dream
56	_	_	56	RAMONES	"Pet Sematary" (12")	Sire-WB
57	52	76	52	SANDMEN	Western Blood Nick Of Time	A&M Capitol
58 59	65 —		58 59	BONNIE RAITT REVOLTING COCKS	"Stainless Steel Providers" (12")	Wax Trax
60	82	_	60	MONTANAS	Montanas (EP)	Lucy
61	53	_	53	HAPPY MONDAYS	Bummed	Elektra
62	46	26	26 <b>63</b>	URGE OVERKILL	Themes From Venus  Jesus Urge Superstar	DB Touch And Go
63 64	_		64	POI DOG PONDERING	Circle Around The Sun (EP)	Texas Hotel
65	_	-	65	TACKHEAD	"Ticking Time Bomb" (12")	World (UK)
66	66	80	43	LIVING COLOUR	Vivid	TVT
<b>67</b> 68	<b>92</b> 49	 29	<b>67</b> 29	JAMS A.K.A. THE TIMELORDS MY BLOODY VALENTINE	The History Of The Jams Isn't Anything	Creation-Relativity
69	77	9 <b>2</b>	69	JULIAN LENNON	Mr. Jordan	Atlantic
70	74		70	HOWARD JONES	Cross That Line	Elektra  Beggars Banquet (LIK)
71 72	51 60	35 72	17 58	LOVE AND ROCKETS RADIATORS	"Motorcycle" (12") Zig-Zaggin' Through Ghostland	Beggars Banquet (UK) Epic
72	59	65	59	DHARMA BUMS	Haywire	PopLLama-Frontier
74	41	24	17	EASTERHOUSE	Waiting For The Redbird	Columbia
75 76	<u> </u>	 50	<b>75</b> 2	U2	Rotting Corpse Au Go-Go (Impressions Volume One) Rattle And Hum	Shimmy-Disc Island
76 <b>77</b>	-		77	BOB MOULD	"See A Little Light" (12")	Virgin
78	_	_	78	MARSHMALLOW OVERCOAT	Try On	Get Hip-Skyclad
79	48	56	48	GREEN ON RED	Here Come The Snakes Clam Dip & Other Delights (EP)	Restless Twin/Tone
80 81		_	80 81	SOUL ASYLUM CONCRETE BLONDE	Free	I.R.S.
82	61	30	24	THRASHING DOVES	Trouble In The Home	A&M
83	95	-	83	TIM FINN	Tim Finn	Capitol
84	85	49	30 <b>85</b>	THE FIXX SPEED THE PLOUGH	Calm Animals Speed The Plough	RCA Coyote-Twin/Tone
<b>85</b> 86	36	23	16	BUCK PETS	Buck Pets	Island
87	_	_	87	TREAT HER RIGHT	Tied To The Tracks	RCA
88	_	45	88	SOUNDTRACK	Lost Angels The Golden Age	A&M Play It Again Sam-Wax Trax
89 <b>9</b> 0	68 84	45 —	45 84	RUN WESTY RUN	The Golden Age Run Westy Run	SST Sall-wax trax
90	96	_	91	CRUEL STORY OF YOUTH	Cruel Story Of Youth	Columbia
92	44	28	23	MIDGE URE	Answers To Nothing	Chrysalis
93	_	 27	<b>93</b> 37	DEVILS WIELDING SCIMITARS GAYE BYKERS ON ACID	Curious Soul Stewed To The Gills	Scared Guy Caroline
94 <b>9</b> 5	73 —	37 <b>82</b>	37 <b>67</b>	FUGAZI	Fugazi (EP)	Dischord
96	_	-	96	SOUNDTRACK	Slaves Of New York	Virgin
97	-	_	97	DESCENDENTS	Hallraker Live!	SST Psonik
98	55	 36	<b>98</b> 36	ORIGINAL SINS YELLO	The Hardest Way Flag	Mercury-PG
99	55	30	100	STRAY CATS	Blast Off!	EMI

CHART INFORMATION BASED ON COMBINED AIRPLAY OF REPORTING COMMERCIAL AND COLLEGE/NON-COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS

Statistics are compiled from point totals tabulated from positions (1-35) of artists on airplay reports, then multiplied by station code factor

(based on programming, market size, market impact).

# Airplay Breakdown

		Commercia		C	olle	ge/Non Comm	ercial
5/5	4/21	ARTIST	LABEL	5/5	4/21	ARTIST	LABEL
1	1	ELVIS COSTELLO	Warner Bros.	1	1	XTC	Geffen
2	2	XTC	Geffen	2	2	ROBYN HITCHCOCK 'N' THE EGYPTIANS	A&M
3	3	FINE YOUNG CANNIBALS	I.R.S./MCA Sire-Reprise	3	_ 11	PIXIES THE CULT	4AD-Elektra Sire-Reprise
4 5	10 —	THE CULT JOE JACKSON	A&M	5	4	FIREHOSE	SST
6	13	THE CURE (12")	Elektra	6	24	MOJO NIXON & SKID ROPER	Enigma
7	5	R.E.M.	Warner Bros.	7	31	THE CURE (12")	Elektra
8	4	REPLACEMENTS	Sire-Reprise	8	7	CONNELLS	TVT
9	8	LOU REED	Sire-WB	9	10	INDIGO GIRLS	Epic
10	15	CONNELLS	TVT	10	6	GUADALCANAL DIARY	Elektra
11	7	GUADALCANAL DIARY TOM PETTY	Elektra MCA	11	3 <b>17</b>	ELVIS COSTELLO DRIVIN' N' CRYIN'	Warner Bros. Island
<b>12</b> 13	11	ROBYN HITCHCOCK 'N' THE EGYPTIANS	A&M	13	5	REPLACEMENTS	Sire-Reprise
14	6	NEW ORDER	Qwest-WB	14	9	FINE YOUNG CANNIBALS	I.R.S./MCA
15	17	JULIAN LENNON	Atlantic	15	21	NEW MODEL ARMY	Capitol
16	9	U2	Island	16	16	DE LA SOUL	Tommy Boy
17	14	BONNIE RAITT	Capitol	17	45	TOM TOM CLUB	Red Eye/Sire-Reprise
18	18	INDIGO GIRLS	Epic	18	20	HOUSE OF FREAKS	Rhino
19	_	JOHN COUGAR MELLENCAMP (12")	Mercury-PG Mammoth-RCA	19	14	NEW ORDER	Qwest-WB
20	<b>2</b> 7 16	SIDEWINDERS PROCLAIMERS	Chrysalis	20	 22	XYMOX CATERWAUL	Wing-PG I.R.S.
21 <b>22</b>	<del></del>	LOVE AND ROCKETS	Beggars Banquet-RCA	22	26	DEPECHE MODE	Sire-WB
23	_	PIXIES	4AD-Elektra	23	65	DICKIES	Enigma
24	19	RADIATORS	Epic	24	_	LOVE AND ROCKETS	Beggars Banquet-RCA
25	44	TOM TOM CLUB	Red Eye/Sire-Reprise	25	18	FLAMING LIPS	Restless
26	36	HOUSE OF FREAKS	Rhino	26	12	THROWING MUSES	Sire-WB
27	12	MORRISSEY (12")	Sire-Reprise	27	56	LEAVING TRAINS	SST
28	26	DEPECHE MODE	Sire-WB	28	34	SIDEWINDERS	Mammoth-RCA
29	30	THE FIXX	RCA Goffen	29	36	LARD	Alternative Tentacles
30	28	EDIE BRICKELL & NEW BOHEMIANS	Geffen	30	15	VIOLENT FEMMES	Slash-WB
31	29	NEVILLE BROTHERS	A&M Epic	31	67	SARAH MCLACHLAN	Arista
32	31	GODFATHERS OUTFIELD	Columbia	32	=	BAND OF SUSANS PETER CASE	Blast First-Restless Geffen
33 34	31 21	MIDGE URE	Chrysalis	33	42	ZULUS	Slash
34 35	40	MOJO NIXON & SKID ROPER	Enigma	35	19	LIVE SKULL	Caroline
36	37	SANDMEN	A&M	36	13	LOU REED	Sire-WB
37	43	DRIVIN' N' CRYIN'	Island	37	37	KEITH LeBLANC	Nettwerk-Enigma
38	24	TANITA TIKARAM	Reprise	38	_	MR. T EXPERIENCE (EP)	Rough Trade
39	52	LIVING COLOUR	Epic	39	41	NEVILLE BROTHERS	A&M
40	47	SAM PHILLIPS	Virgin	40	51	DESSAU	Carlyle
41	33	WONDER STUFF	Polydor-PG	41	30	WASHINGTON SQUARES	Gold Castle
42	_	RAMONES (12")	Sire-WB	42	_	SCREAMING TREES	SST
43	54	TRAVELING WILBURYS	Wilbury-WB	43	29	WONDER STUFF	Polydor-PG
44	_	ERASURE (EP)	Sire-Reprise	44	39	GOO GOO DOLLS	Death/Metal Blade-Enigma
45	_	CONCRETE BLONDE	I.R.S. Elektra	45		OPHELIAS	Rough Trade Warner Bros.
46	42	HOWARD JONES FIRE TOWN	Atlantic	46 47	27	R.E.M. PROCLAIMERS	
47 48	23	TREAT HER RIGHT	RCA	48	23	LAUGHING HYENAS	Chrysalis Touch And Go
<b>48</b> <b>49</b>	39	MELISSA ETHERIDGE	Island	49	28	LOOP	Rough Trade
50	51	ROY ORBISON	Virgin	50	25	MORRISSEY (12")	Sire-Reprise
51	70	CATERWAUL	I.R.S.	51	75	SWAMP ZOMBIES	Dr. Dream
52	49	CRUEL STORY OF YOUTH	Columbia	52	32	YO LA TENGO	Coyote-Twin/Tone
53	=	PETER CASE	Geffen	53	33	THELONIOUS MONSTER	Relativity
54	_	FABULOUS THUNDERBIRDS	CBS Associated	54	_	REVOLTING COCKS (12")	Wax Trax
55	-	STAN RIDGEWAY TIM FINN	Geffen Capitol	55 56	<b>74</b> 54	MONTANAS (EP) HAPPY MONDAYS	Lucy Elektra
56 57	65	GREAT WHITE	Capitol	57	_	TACKHEAD (12")	World (UK)
58		NEW MARINES	Chameleon	58	_	URGE OVERKILL	Touch And Go
59	_	SAY ANYTHING	WTG	59	_	POI DOG PONDERING (EP)	Texas Hotel
60	75	SHOW OF HANDS	I.R.S.	60	_	JOE JACKSON	A&M
61	53	COWBOY JUNKIES	RCA	61	_	GODFATHERS	Epic
62	69	LOVE TRACTOR	DB	62	85	JAMS A.K.A. THE TIMELORDS	TVT
63	-	BIG BAM BOO	UNI-MCA	63	49	LOVE TRACTOR	DB
64		ZULUS	Slash	64	46	RAMONES (12")	Sire-WB
65 66	95	SLAVES OF NEW YORK WARRANT	Virgin Columbia	65 66	46 60	MY BLOODY VALENTINE SANDMEN	Creation-Relativity A&M
<b>66</b> 67	<b>85</b> 50	GUNS N' ROSES (Lies)	Geffen	67	48	LOVE AND ROCKETS (12")	Beggars Banquet (UK)
68	57	SIREN	Mercury-PG	68	92	MARSHMALLOW OVERCOAT	Get Hip-Skyclad
69	84	SNAPPER (EP)	Flying Nun (NZ)	69	57	DHARMA BUMS	PopLLama-Frontier
70	_	EDELWEISS (12")	Atlantic	70		SOUL ASYLUM (EP)	Twin/Tone
71	92	SPEED THE PLOUGH	Coyote-Twin/Tone	71	69	LIVING COLOUR	Epic
72	_	STEVIE NICKS (5")	Atlantic	72	_	BOB MOULD (12")	Virgin
73	55	GARY MOORE	Virgin	73	43	EASTERHOUSE	Columbia
7 <b>4</b>	41	STRAY CATS HEADLESS CHICKENS	EMI Flying Nun (NZ)	74	35	BUCK PETS	Island Shimmy-Disc
<b>75</b> 76	67	VELVET MONKEYS	Shimmy-Disc	75 76	- 84	VELVET MONKEYS HOWARD JONES	Shimmy-Disc Elektra
77	96	JON BUTCHER	Capitol	77	-	DEVILS WIELDING SCIMITARS	
78	79	MIKE + THE MECHANICS	Atlantic	78	44	GREEN ON RED	Restless
79	63	FIREHOSE	SST	79	63	LEGENDARY PINK DOTS	Play It Again Sam-Wax Tr
80	61	YO LA TENGO	Coyote-Twin/Tone	80	78	RUN WESTY RUN	SST
81	_	SIMPLE MINDS (Land 12")	A&M	81	64	GAYE BYKERS ON ACID	Caroline
82	_	KING SWAMP (12")	Virgin	82	89	FUGAZI (EP)	Dischord
83	24	VIV AKAULDREN	Resonance Slash-WB	83	66	THRASHING DOVES	A&M
8 <b>4</b> 85	34 38	VIOLENT FEMMES EASTERHOUSE	Columbia	84 85	Ξ	DESCENDENTS ORIGINAL SINS	SST Psonik
86	30 <b>R</b>	LOOP	Rough Trade	86	_	LOST ANGELS	A&M
87	_	NEW MODEL ARMY	Capitol	87	50	YELLO	Mercury-PG
88	73	FIGURES ON A BEACH	Sire-WB	88	91	BONNIE RAITT	Capitol
89	88	THELONIOUS MONSTER	Relativity	89	_	SPEED THE PLOUGH	Coyote-Twin/Tone
90	93	LYLE LOVETT	Curb-MCA	90	_	BURNING SPEAR	Slash
91	_	DICKIES	Enigma	91	100	TIM FINN	Capitol
92	_	OPHELIAS	Rough Trade	92	_	HONEYMOON KILLERS (EP)	Buy Our
93	76	JEFF HEALEY BAND	Arista	93	_	THE TRAGICALLY HIP (EP)	MCA
94 95		SARAYA GRISLY FICTION	Polydor-PG Community 3	94 95	 55	CONTROLLED BLEEDING (EP) MIRACLE LEGION	
95 96	_	MAUREEN TUCKER	50,000000 Watts	95	55 —	CRUEL STORY OF YOUTH	Rough Trade Columbia
96 97	R	TALL DWARFS	Homestead	96	 76	GOVERNMENT ISSUE (EP)	Giant
98	_	WIRE (5")	Mute-Enigma	98	-	CONCRETE BLONDE	I.R.S.
99	77	SPIRAL JETTY	Absolute A Go Go	99	86	DIRTY DOZEN BRASS BAND	Columbia
100		LOST ANGELS	A&M	100	-	TREAT HER RIGHT	RCA

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(Compiled from radio station reports of their most-played cuts.)

## #1 CMJ Top Cut #1 Breakthrough

## THE CURE



"Fascination Street"

## **LOVE AND ROCKETS**



"So Alive"

5/5	4/21	
1	6	THE CURE "Fascination Street" (Elektra)
2	3	THE CULT "Fire Woman" (Sire-Reprise)
3	1	XTC "The Mayor Of Simpleton" (Geffen)
4	9	PIXIES "Monkey Gone To Heaven" (4AD-Elektra)
5	2	ROBYN HITCHCOCK 'N' THE EGYPTIANS "Madonna Of The Wasps" (A&M)
6	7	GUADALCANAL DIARY "Always Saturday" (Elektra)
7	5	ELVIS COSTELLO "Veronica" (Warner Bros.)
8	12	NEW ORDER "Round & Round" (Qwest-WB)
9	22	MOJO NIXON & SKIO ROPER "Debbie Gibson Is Pregnant With My Two Headed Love Chile" (Enigma)
10	13	FINE YOUNG CANNIBALS "Good Thing" (I.R.S./MCA)
11	4	FINE YOUNG CANNIBALS "She Drives Me Crazy" (I.R.S/MCA)
12	<del>.</del>	LOVE AND ROCKETS "So Alive" (Beggars Banquet-RCA)
13	11	CONNELLS "Fun & Games" (TVT)
14	15	INDIGO GIRLS "Kid Fears" (Epic)
15	8	REPLACMENTS "I'll Be You" (Sire-Reprise)
16	24	ELVIS COSTELLO " This Town" (Warner Bros.)
17	40	R.E.M. "Turn You Inside-Out" (Warner Bros.) HOUSE OF FREAKS "Sun Gone Down" (Rhino)
18	20	XTC "King For A Day" (Geffen)
19	19	XYMOX "Obsession" (Wing-PG)
20	23 30	LARD "The Power Of Lard" (Alternative Tentacles)
21 22	26	DEPECHE MODE "Everything Counts" (Sire-WB)
23	28	INDIGO GIRLS "Closer To Fine" (Epic)
24	10	MORRISSEY "The Last Of The Famous International Playboys" (Sire-Reprise)
25	_	SARAH McLACHLAN "Vox" (Arista)
26	27	CONNELLS "Something To Say" (TVT)
27	37	FIREHOSE "Time With You" (SST)
28	_	DRIVIN' N' CRYIN' "Honeysuckle Blue" (Island)
29	_	REVOLTING COCKS "Stainless Steel Providers" (Wax Trax)
30	16	VIOLENT FEMMES "Nightmares" (Slash-WB)
31	_	JOE JACKSON "Nineteen Forever" (A&M)
32	_	PETER CASE "Put Down The Gun" (Geffen)
33	36	ROBYN HITCHCOCK 'N' THE EGYPTIANS "One Long Pair Of Eyes" (A&M)
34	_	BOB MOULD "See A Little Light" (Virgin)
35	_	RAMONES "Pet Sematary" (Sire-WB)
36	-	FIREHOSE "Riddle Of The '80s" (SST)
37	25	NEW MODEL ARMY "Stupid Questions" (Capitol)
38	17	PROCLAIMERS "I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)" (Chrysalis)
39	39	LOVE AND ROCKETS "Motorcycle" (Beggars Banquet-RCA) DEAD MILKMEN "Punk Rock Girl" (Fever-Enigma)
40	14	DEAD WILKWEN FUNK ROCK GITT (Fever-Emgina)

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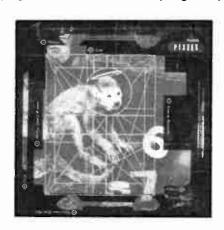
**GODFATHERS** "She Gives Me Love" (Epic)

TOM TOM CLUB "Suboceana" (Red Eye/Sire-Reprise)
ERASURE "Stop!" (Sire-Reprise)
FRONT 242 "Never Stop!" (Wax Trax)
BONNIE RAITT "Thing Called Love" (Capitol)
MOJO NIXON & SKID ROPER "(619) 239-KING" (Enigma)

## New Music Composite

## Radio Breakthroughs

(Highest debuts and most progress.)



- 1. PIXIES Doolittle (4AD-Elektra)

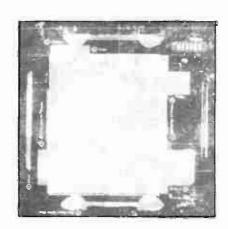
- PIXIES Doolittle (4AD-Elektra)
  LOVE AND ROCKETS Love And Rockets (Beggars Banquet-RCA)
  XYMOX Twist 01 Shadows (Wing-PG)
  PETER CASE The Man With The Blue Postmodern Fragmented
  Neo-Traditionalist Guitar (Geffen)
  JOE JACKSON Blaze Of Glory (A&M)
  BAND OF SUSANS Love Agenda (Blast First-Restless)
  SCREAMING TREES Buzz Factory (SST)
  MR TEXPERIENCE Big Black Bugs Bleed Blue Blood (EP)

- MR. T EXPERIENCE Big Black Bugs Bleed Blue Blood (EP) MR. T EXPERIENCE Big Black Bugs Bleed Blue Blood (EP) (Rough Trade)
  OPHELIAS The Big O (Rough Trade)
  LAUGHING HYENAS You Can't Pray A Lie (Touch And Go)
  GODFATHERS More Songs About Love & Hate (Epic)
  DICKIES Second Coming (Enigma)
  RAMONES "Pet Sematary" (12") (Sire-WB)
  REVOLTING COCKS "Stainless Steel Providers" (12") (Wax Trax)
  URGE OVERKILL Jesus Urge Superstar (Touch And Go)
  SARAH McLACHLAN Touch (Arista)
  POI DOG PONDERING Circle Around The Sun (EP) (Texas Hotel)
  TACKHEAD "Ticking Time Bomb" (12") (World (UK))

- TACKHEAD "Ticking Time Bomb" (12") (World (UK)) LEAVING TRAINS Transportational D. Vices (SST) SWAMP ZOMBIES Fink (Dr. Dream)

## Adventure Picks

(Reporters choices for best new releases.)



- PIXIES Doolittle (4AD-Elektra)
  SCREAMING TREES Buzz Factory (SST)
  BAND OF SUSANS Love Agenda (Blast First-Restless)
  BOB MOULD "See A Little Light" (12") (Virgin)
  GODFATHERS More Songs About Love & Hate (Epic)
- LOVE AND ROCKETS Love And Rockets (Beggars Banquet-RCA)
  THE CULT Sonic Temple (Sire-Reprise)
  PLAN 9 Ham And Sam Jammin' (Restless)

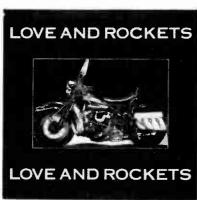
- SWANS "Saved" (12") (UNI-MCA)
  ALICE DONUT Bucketfulls Of Sickness And Horror in An
  Otherwise Meaningless Life (Alternative Tentacles)
  POI DOG PONDERING Circle Around The Sun (EP) (Texas Hotel)
  RAMONES "Pet Sematary" (12") (Sire-WB)
  WALKABOUTS Cataract (Sub Pop)

- CONCRETE BLONDE Free (I.R.S.) STAN RIDGEWAY Mosquitos (Geffen)

- THE CURE "Fascination Street" (12") (Elektra)
  PETER CASE The Man With The Blue Postmodern Fragmented
  Neo-Traditionalist Guitar (Geffen)
- CONNELLS Fun & Games (TVT) MONTANAS Montanas (EP) (Lucy
- ADRIAN BELEW Mr. Music Head (Atlantic)

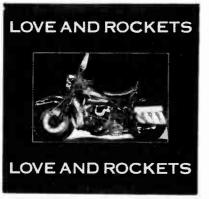
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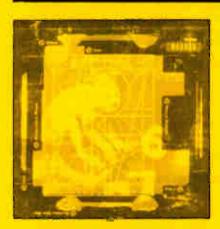
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- LOVE AND ROCKETS "Motorcycle" (12") (Beggars Banquet (UK))
  BEL CANTO White-Out Conditions (Crammed-Nettwerk (Canada))
  VARIOUS ARTISTS Young Blood (RooArt (Australia))
  THIN WHITE ROPE Red Sun (EP) (Demon (UK))
  TACKHEAD "Ticking Time Bomb" (12") (World (UK))
  VARIOUS ARTISTS Pay It All Back Volume 2 (Nettwerk (Canada))
  DEAD CAN DANCE The Serpent's Egg (4AD (UK))
  MANUFACTURE Terrorvision (Nettwerk (Canada))
  SUNDAYS "Can't Be Sure" (12") (Rough Trade (UK))
  ROYAL ASSASSINS "Open Up The Rivers" (12") (Fire (UK))
  SPACEMEN 3 Playing With Fire (Fire (UK))
  SIMPLE MINDS "Belfast Child" (12") (Virgin (UK))
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  PASTELS Suck On (Creation (UK))
  PARACHUTE MEN The Innocents (Fire (UK))
  POP WILL EAT ITSELF "Can You Dig It?" (12") (RCA (UK))
  STRAITJACKET FITS Hail (Flying Nun (NZ))
  SNAPPER Snapper (EP) (Flying Nun (NZ))
  VARIOUS ARTISTS Nettwerk Sound Sampler Two: A Food For Thought (Nettwerk (Canada))
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- MOJO NIXON & SKID ROPER

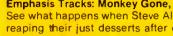
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## **Priority Emphasis**





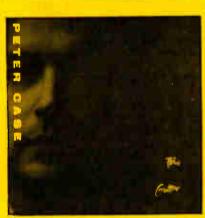
Emphasis Tracks: Monkey Gone, Manta Ray
See what happens when Steve Albini doesn't produce your record? The Pixies are reaping their just desserts after only one previous LP and a mere three years of existence, finding adoration and accolades heaped upon their way cool heads. What with New York Times features and all, the band is on its way to becoming more popular than string cheese, and those who can say they were supportive at the beginning are showing their support yet again with some stupendous chart rankings. Following airplay for the advance single, College waves the flag with a #3 debut, followed by a hefty #23 entrance on Commercial, combining at #4—and that's the #1 Radio Breakthrough with ease. Boston's native sons and daughter easily capture the #1 Adventure Pick spot, float "Monkey Gone To Heaven" up 9-4 Top Cuts, and secure numbers of a more material sort with a 19-7 Progressive Retail hop. Stations not doing little with **Doollttle** are: KALX, KCR, KDVS, KMNR, KRUI, KSJU, KWUR, WARG, WCLH, WCMW, WCWS, WETD, WLHD, WPSU, WRKC, WRUR, WRUW, WRVU, WSHL, WSMU, WTJU, WUSB, WVUM, WXCI and WXDR, who already Pushme-Pull-you the record around to the #1 position.



## LOVE AND ROCKETS Love And Rockets (Beggars Banquet-RCA)

Emphasis Tracks: So Alive, Motorcycle

Love And Rockets, always chameleon-like and difficult to pin down, has returned with an eponymously-titled album that could be their finest, most consistent, and even adventurous LP to date. Far superior to last year's Bubblemen goof 12", **Love And Rockets** draws on all the band's trademark tricks and influences, as well as covering a lot of new territory (stylistically they move from Bauhaus to Tones On Tail to glitterglam to '50s swampbilly). Long-time favorites on college radio (the import 12" of "Motorcycle" has uncontestedly topped the Imports chart since late February!), L&R starts off strong at #24 College, picks up steam at #22 Commercial, and bores full speed ahead for a debut at #20 combined—our #2 Radio Breakthrough! Programmers pounce on the platter, making it their #6 Adventure Pick, and listeners are pricking up their ears as well, making it their #18 Audience Response. As the record roars up the charts with considerable G-force, stations currently feeling the speed include KANM (#1!), KASR, KLA (#1!), KSDB, KUNV, KWUR, WARG, WBER, WBWC (#1!), WCSF, WECB, WFIT (NY), WIUS (IL), WNHU, WRBU (IL), WTCC, WUSO WUTS and WXCI, all of whom love Love And Rockets Top Five



#### PETER CASE The Man With The Blue Postmodern Fragmented Neo-Traditionalist Guitar (Geffen)

Emphasis Tracks: Put Down The Gun, Old Part, Riot

Making his second case for a solo Case, Peter has created a fresh blend of roots-rock, ballads and blues that rivals the latest efforts of John Hiatt or Eric Ambel, if not surpassing them altogether. With the help of some talented friends (Mitchell Froom, Ry Cooder and T Bone Burnett, to name but a few), Case creates a varied effort that's tied together with the striking imagery of his songwriting. **Blue Guitar** can be found on the charts thusly: debuts of #33 College, #53 Commercial and #35 CMJ Radio Top 100, good for the #4 Radio Breakthrough. Programmers make a Case for him, too, making the album the #17 Adventure Pick while the lead single, "Put Down The Gun" debuts at #32 on the Top Cuts chart. Neo-Traditionalist buying trends are gripping the nation as the record also debuts at #37 Progressive Retail. Fragmented postmodern stations include KCR, KFCR, KFSR, KRCC, WDET, WEGL (#1), WGTU, WITR\_WMNJ, WPTS, WRAS, WRSI, WUSC, WVCW (#1), WVIA, WWSP, WWVU and WXPN, who all are on the Case top ten.



#### XYMOX Twist Of Shadows (Wing-PG)

Emphasis Tracks: Obsession, Imagination, Evelyn
Airy, pright and richly textured, at times depressing and dark, Xymox (minus the Clan
Of) has created the thinking person's dance music here on their third LP, Twist Of Shadows. Aptly titled, this album twists about their earlier, roughed-up sound into a Shadows. Aptly titled, this album twists about their earlier, roughed-up sound into a more produced, more "accessible" gem that won't leave Xymox's faithful cold. The remixed advance 12", "Obsession," has been making some noise in dance clubs already, and it climbs 23-20 on the CMJ Top 40 Cuts chart. Shadowing it up the chart is the LP, debuting at #20 College and #22 combined (bubbling under on Commercial) for the #3 Radio Breakthrough, all buoyed by a #12 showing out West. Buy Dutch! Xymox zips onto the Progressive Retail Chart with a #25 debut. Praising the lost Clan are KANM, KCR, KCSC, KMNR, KSMU, KWWC, KZSC, WAPS, WCAL (#1), WCUR, WEHR, WIUS (IL), WKDU, WKHR, WLHD, WMEB, WMSC, WQCC, WRAS, WRUW, WTPC, WVUM, WXAC and WZBC, who all take Xymox with a Twist in their Top Fives. WTPC, WVUM, WXAC and WZBC, who all take Xymox with a Twist in their Top Fives



**DICKIES Second Coming (Enigma)** 

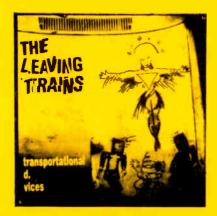
DICKIES Second Coming (Enigma)
Emphasis Tracks: Dummy Up, Tammy
Hosannah! Complete with tasteless cover art and anthemic covers of "Town Without Pity" and the theme from "Hair," the Dickies have risen from the dead and returned to stalk the airwaves with their first full album release in almost six years. Expanding on all the renewed interest in the band, triggered in part by the recent A&M Great Dictations compilation, the Dickies rise to the occasion on our College/Non-Commercial chart, jumping 65-23, while on the Commercial front they stand straight up and take the #91 spot—moving 69-24 combined (and still rising), nabbing themselves the #12 Radio Breakthrough. Stations showing everybody their Dickies include KALX, KFSR, KLMU (#1!), KNON, KSLU, WBSU, WCWS, WDCR (NH), WETD, WHSE, WIDR (#1!), WJMR, WLFR, WMFM, WMUH, WNHU (#1!), WQHS, WQRI, WRBB, WRTC, WRUR, WSPN, WUAG, WVCW, WVUA, WWSP, WWUH and WYRE (PA), who all rise again, Top Ten. WYRE (PA), who all rise again, Top Ten



## BAND OF SUSANS Love Agenda (Blast First-Restless)

Emphasis Tracks: Hard Light, Child, Pursuit

Band Of Susans might as well have called themselves the Guitar Army, because all of their songs feature this colossal massed guitar that can sound like chiming bells or clattering scrap metal. While taking an approach similar to Sonic Youth, Band Of Susans are more of a pop band, and the monstrous guitars are more often soothing than abrasive. Radio embraces the Love Agenda to the tune of a #32 debut College, and while Commercial's still trying to figure out how to pronounce "Rhys," it's reached #37 combined, good for the #6 Radio Breakthrough; they also score the #3 Adventure Pick. Stations bathing in Susan's sonic six-string swirt include KCOU, KDVS, KUPS, KXLU, WAKE, WBSU, WDNR, WESU, WHPK, WLOZ (#1!), WMBR, WMCN, WNUR, WOBC, WRUV, WUSC, WVCW, WVUA, WXDR, WYSO and WZBC, whose agenda includes Agenda Top 15.



## **LEAVING TRAINS Transportational D. Vices (SST)**

**Emphasis Tracks: Dude The Cat, Dead Days** 

Blasting off on their third disc for Lawndale's finest, the Leaving Trains prove a fine and feisty antidote to whatever flavor-of-the-month curries favor on the alternative charts of the moment. Falling James and his L.A. pals care about short, speedy, rabbit-punching-hard tunes that are noisily timeless, without any concessions to gentler, more temporal tastes. Radio obviously appreciates the Trains' sentiments: College heaves D. Vices up 56-27 while Commercial doesn't, but combined airplay witnesses a 57-29 surge, meaning a #19 Radio Breakthrough. Radio stations who give a fuck include: KCSC, KDRK, KLA, KSUN, KUCR, KWLC, WCSF, WDNR, WESU, WHUS, WLRA, WMBR, WNUR, WPTS, WRGW (#1), WTSC, WTUL and WVFI, all reporting the Trains Top 10.



### **SARAH McLACHLAN Touch (Arista)**

**Emphasis Track: Vox** 

Nova Scotia has long been known for its lox, blessing the breakfast tables of millions seemingly since the beginning of time. Nova Scotia is now being recognized for its "Vox," or the particular vox of the latest import, a new blend of classical training and vocal serenity that goes by the name of Sarah McLachlan. Her talents don't stop with her dove-like singing, as she also picks the guitar strings and massages the piano keys on her debut LP. Behind "Vox," which debuts on Top 40 Cuts at #25, the voices of the masses will soar—Touch has already debuted at #39 Progressive Retail! Programmers are being Touched, moving the album 67-31 College and 70-33 on the CMJ Radio Top 100, with a buzz beginning on the Commercial chart. These numbers are good for the #16 Radio Breakthrough. Early support is coming in from the West, where Sarah perches at #24, but nationwide, KNLU, KRCC, KUTE, WARG, WBMB (#1!), WLYX, WRAS, WSPN, WTTU and WVKR all have the Touch in their Top Five



### OPHELIAS The Big O (Rough Trade)

Emphasis Tracks: Holy Glow, Dig, Strange
San Francisco's Ophelias aren't a pack of Haight-Ashbury wistfuls like you might
expect; instead their form of post-psychedelia would rather have trod the coloured brick of Carnaby Street, hung out at Granny Takes A Trip or dropped acid beside the Serpentine in late-period Swinging London, and their sound is more of an autumnal almanac of mid-period Kinks, Syd Barrett and pre-electric T(yrannosaurus) Rex than the Dead or Jefferson flying object. The band's paisley-tinged pop is just so offbeat and weird that their records are always entertaining and unpredictable, and The Big O blooms amid the petals and flowers with a #45 debut College, #92 Commercial and #48 combined, good for the #9 Regio Brookshore. #48 combined, good for the #9 Radio Breakthrough. Stations that are fair and have sky in their hair include KALX, KCPR, KLMU, KNMS, KTEQ (#2), KUSF (#2), KZSU, WESU, WHRW, WITR, WMUC, WMWM (#2), WPRB, WRFL, WSMU, WTCC and WVKR, who wear The Big O on their brows Top Ten.



### **DESSAU Exercise In Tension (Carlyle)**

Emphasis Tracks: Never Change, Seoul, Isolation

Dessau's debut album is a literal Exercise in Tension, as they brew a mixture of industrial-strength solvents with a melodic softening agent. This Nashville trio—the Grand Ole Opry must be quaking over this one—led by John Elliott's mildly abrasive, piercing barks, is joined by Ministry's Alain Jourgensen behind the boards as they piercing barks, is joined by Ministry's Alain Jourgensen behind the boards as they drill eight tracks into a platter that is slap-happy on the eardrums. Radio is doing their push-ups, moving Dessau 51-40 College and 58-47 on the combined chart, with Commercial radio still being a couch potato. Track play is spread among three tracks, with "Never Change" and "Move Seoul" pacing the album, but it's the advance single, a cover of Joy Division's "Isolation," which should turn the ears of many. Cold fusion has begun at KFJC, KMNR, KNMS, KSCU, KWUR, WARG, WCUA, WCUR, WDNR, WLFT, WQFS, WRBU (IL), WRUR, WSGR (MI) and WTTU (#1!), all with Top 10 reports. 10 reports.

ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS TRACKS: Stray Cats "Bring It Back Again," Firehose "In My Mind," Live Skull "Circular Saw," Concrete Blonde "God Is A Bullet," The Tragically Hip "Small Town Bringdown," Devils Wielding Scimitars "24-Hour Imagination," Public Image Limited "Warrior," New Model Army "225," Mr. T Experience "Up And Down," Poi Dog Pondering "Circle Around The Sun," Neville Brothers "Yellow Moon," Thelonious Monster "Sammy Hagar Weekend," Meat Beat Manifesto "Mars Needs Women," John Cougar Mellencamp "Pop Singer," Simple Minds "This Is Your Land," Fishbone "Skankin' To The Beat," Speed The Plough "River Street," Bel Canto "Dreaming Girl," Tackhead "Ticking Time Bomb," Drivin' N' Cryin' "Toy Never Played With," Neneh Cherry "Buffalo Stance," SWA "Monster," Goo Goo Dolls "Gimme Shelter" and Washington Squares "Greenback Dollar."

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ORDINAIRES One (Bar/None, P.O. Box 1704, Hoboken, NJ 07030)—The Ordinaires are not ordinary at all, which is, one imagines, the point. Theirs is a world in which surprise is the norm, the trick is to be constantly tricky, and Led Zeppelin as chamber music makes so much sense you begin to wonder why Pagey and Planty never done it themselves. An instrumental nine-piece from New York, the Ordinaires have managed to become a formidable presence on the downtown scene without pandering to the cliches that come with the territory. Where others—especially instrumental others, be it Glenn Branca or Material—who walk the same streets tend toward the dissonant and the angular, the Ordinaires see nothing embarrassing about a smooth melody, one that both challenges and lulls. That's not to say they sink into new agedom or that you're gonna hear this on the local "lite" station. For every semi-classical section on **One** you can expect a jarring ring of scratchy guitar or a precision-timed burst of hornfire to set things right—the opener, "Brenda," is as intense a work of rock and roll as any, and the Ordinaires make a convincing case as R&R orchestra, what with a string section that incorporates not only the horns, two violins and a cello but two

shit-sharp guitarists. One is at once funky but chic, as avant-out-there as any of their more celebrated neighbors while remaining daring enough to out-punk the usual CBs bands they've been known to share a stage with. The Ordinaires' music is composed meticulously yet feels free nonetheless; One is one to confound those who need genres and jog the minds of those who thrive on show-me-something-new.

STRAY CATS Blast Off! (EMI, 8107th Ave., New York, NY 10019)—In theory, there's no reason the Stray Cats should have bothered making a comeback album. It ain't like there's been a clamor for their return or even for the brand of retooled rockabilly they spearheaded back in the early part of the decade. It's even fairly obvious that the main reason Blast Off! exists at all is 'cause the respective solo careers of Messrs. Setzer, Phantom and Rocker didn't exactly blow the world away. And it's no surprise at all that there's little here you wouldn't expect to hear—the riffs are familiar, the song topics hardly the stuff of which pumped-up brain cells are made, the arrangements predictable and unimaginative. So much for theory—the Dave Edmunds-produced Blast Off! is as fresh-sounding here in '89 as Built For Speed/"Rock This Town"/"Runaway Boys"/et al. were seven/eight years ago. Chalk it up to the contrast with the lethargic rockworld into which they've chosen to re-emerge, or call it as they want it to be called—a band finishing some unfinished business—but **Blast Off**, same of Eddie Cochran licks and all, is a record you can spin without having to say you're sorry. Expect the usual—save for a Buddy Hollyesque mid-tempoer, "Gina"—but don't be surprised if you find yerself feelin' fine.

VARIOUS ARTISTS The Songs Of Bob Dylan (Start (UK), no address available)—What do the Byrds, Siouxsie & The Banshees, Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley, Tina Turner, Tom Robinson Band, Carl Perkins, Bryan Ferry and William Shatner have in common? All of them have recorded Bob Dylan songs at one time or another. And all, save for that last one (Sebastian Cabot and Eddie Albert are also among the outcasts) have those Bob Dylan covers collected on this two-LP British compilation. The compilers have gone out of their way to secure rights for the most interesting—as well as the best known—Dylan covers, and while some of the versions fall flat, the overall concept works brilliantly; it's far more playable than Dylan's own last album for sure. From Jason And The Scorchers' "Absolutely Sweet Marie" to Ry Cooder's "Need A Woman," Rod Stewart's "Mama You Been On My Mind" to Sam Cooke's "Blowin' In The Wind," The Songs Of Bob Dylan goes a long way toward restating the oft-repeated case for Dylan as one of the century's most noteworthy songwriters. Needless to say, the myriad ways in which the performers approach the material is fascinating—Hendrix's "All Along The Watchtower" (included here) is as classic as Dylan's own take, but neither holds a candle to the chills 'n' thrills that'll be brought on by Johnny Cash's "It Ain't Me Babe" (the Turtles' hit cover is missing) or Them's (with Van Morrison) "It's All Over Now, Baby Blue." If Dylan as artist never quite connected with you, this set should easily convince you that the man is one of a select few writers whose work stands both the tests of time and interpretation. Also includes Bonnie Raitt, Flying Burrito Brothers, George Thorogood and more.

ADDITIONAL CONSOMME NEWS: Leo Kottke's 21st album in 20 years isn't all that different from the first 20: he takes an acoustic guitar and makes beautiful music with it. My Father's Face (Private Music, 220 E. 23 St., New York, NY 10010) is rich in tone, and richer in spirit. Kottke's first LP to include vocals in some eight years was produced by T Bone Burnett, who invited along the likes of Los Lobos's David Hidalgo, session drum legend Jim Keltner and other veterans who remain subtle yet contribute forcefully enough to flesh out the ringing washes of sound that emit from Kottke's strings. As for those vocals, Kottke knows he ain't much of a singer and doesn't try to be—he sings much like a Kris Kristofferson or Jerry Jeff Walker might, more talking his way around his melodies than attempting to elaborate on them. But one doesn't buy a Leo Kottke record to hear what he has to say, but rather what he wants to play, and on that account My Father's Face holds its own alongside any of this master musician's previous work. . . Take the new ones by Bonnie Raitt and Lou Ann Barton, follow 'em up with the latest from Marcia Ball, Gatorhythms (Rounder, 1 Camp St., Cambridge, MA 02140), and then try denying that the past month or two has been one to remember for killer rockinblues records from some special ladies. Ball has emerged in recent years as one of Austin's brightest, a pianist, vocalist and songwriter of no small consequence. **Gatorhythms** is the best representation yet of her massive power. Mixing up a N'awlins rhythm with some of the bluesiest piano around, Ball is a driver who stops at nothin when she wants to kick ass. And that she does, be it via a stone rocker ("Mobile") or the churchy blues that precedes it ("The Power Of Love," one that the likes of an Irma Thomas or Etta James would do well to cover). Co-produced brightly by Ball and Steve Tillisch, **Gatorhythms**, Ball's third on Rounder, still Thomas or Etta James would do well to cover). Co-produced brightly by Ball and Steve Tillisch, Gatorhythms, Ball's third on Rounder, still only hints at the wondrous live show she puts on. But it's a straightforward statement from an as-yet-unsung talent who deserves a lot more recognition than she's received thus far. Peter Case used the occasion of his first solo album a couple years ago to say that he was leaving the music of his Plimsoul past behind and getting on with presenting his own Case. The Man With The Blue Postmodern Fragmented Neo-Traditionalist Guitar (love to know what that's all about—sounds like something Christgau would make up) (Geffen, 9130 Sunset Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90069) finds him expanding on that post-folkie neo-troubadour mode and coming up with one of the more pleasurable singer-songwriter collections of the year. Case is a wonder with characters, scenarios, situations and those secret well-thunk thoughts that bring life to all of the above in no time when a neato guitar lick's stuck behind it all. Drawing on a classy talent pool (Burnett, Hidalgo and Keltner of Kottke fame, plus Ry Cooder, Mitchell Froom and then some), Case takes it easy here most of the time, allowing each tune to find its own way and his own voice to follow it there. Blue Guitar is the kinda record that, like one by Guy Clark or Loudon Wainwright III or John Hiatt, sounds great the first time you hear it and only grows on ya years down the line. Hiatt, sounds great the first time you hear it and only grows on ya years down the line

DEAR ABBIE: They're sayin' on the news tonight that Abbie Hoffman was a suicide. To those who only knew him from his public image, that doesn't wash; Hoffman was full of life and vigor, a man with a purpose. But that's what it looked like when they found Phil Ochs hanging from a rope last decade, so one never knows, does one? Perhaps Hoffman, like Ochs, simply felt that he'd outlived his usefulness, that all he sought to create and correct throughout his life was lost and wasn't gonna get found. When Hoffman gave the keynote speech at the CMJ Music Marathon two years ago, there was no way one could've walked out of that room thinking that he was a man who'd lost interest. Now that's all moot, of course, just another news blip for the media to gouge on for a few days before it moves on the next gory mass murder site or Washington official denying wrongdoing in some influence-proddling scheme. Abbie Hoffman didn't have mish the with the with the work of the course. that's all moot, of course, just another news blip for the media to gouge on for a few days before it moves on the next gory mass murder site or Washington official denying wrongdoing in some influence-peddling scheme. Abbie Hoffman didn't have much to do with music and if you're reading this on some college campus you can be excused for not knowing quite what this 52-year-old hippie pinko radical did for a living—Abbie Hoffman never made a record, major or indie. But he did influence a generation of students and those who thought like students and there'll probably never be another individual quite like him. Actor, writer, activist, rebel rouser, comic—Abbie Hoffman had all the qualities of a great rock and roller, he just chose to shout rather than sing. At Woodstock it was he who walked onstage during The Who's performance attempting to give a political speech; it was he who Pete Townshend booted off that stage. It's a safe guess that Abbie Hoffman wouldn't have bothered showing up at this summer's upcoming Who reunion—that kinda stuff had no relevance to his life; Abbie Hoffman stayed in the trenches till the end. Undoubtedly there are still some around who despised him for what he did in the '60s and what he's done since. And that's part of what made Abbie Hoffman one of the great counter-cultural heroes: he could and did affect people by screaming a message at them while playing the clown. It was a tactic that worked, whether he still knew it or not. Abbie Hoffman did make a difference. message at them while playing the clown. It was a tactic that worked, whether he still knew it or not. Abbie Hoffman did make a difference

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**FUGAZI** 

Anthrax, Norwalk, CT, April 7, and Maxwell's, Hoboken, NJ, April 12 It's a shame that Ian MacKaye and Fugazi are so afraid of "selling out" that they won't play for crowds of more than 300, making their relatively rare appearances a hot ticket among their extremely devoted and knowledgeable fans—many faces in the Maxwell's crowd were also at the Connecticut shows earlier in the week. Seeming at home amidst the old and fading Minor Threat fliers in tatters on the walls of Anthrax (if they made historic hardcore clubs into National Monuments, this would they made historic hardcore clubs into National Monuments, this would be one of the first to get a plaque), Fugazi proceeded to casually set up their equipment and deliver a blistering set of throbbing, flowing basslines cut by jagged twin guitar volleys from MacKaye and Guy Picciotto, an unrelenting onslaught from some of music's most uncompromising heroes. Sunday, MacKaye subdued his preaching and let the intensity of the songs speak for him, while Picciotto went easy on his infamous "interpretive dancing," remaining upright and attached to the floor virtually all night. If the reception accorded the tracks from their EP (most of the crowd singing along on the choruses) and the new material performed here is any indication, their next disc should be every bit as



## THELONIOUS MONSTER/POI DOG PONDERING

powerful and intense as their kinetic debut

I-Beam, San Francisco, CA, April 17 This Hawaii-cum-Austin band of gypsies draws together a potpourri of This Hawaii-cum-Austin band of gypsies draws together a potpourri of styles into a healthy whole with all the spirit of the "alternative underground," while carrying a decidedly positive feel in both the lyrics and music. At the I-Beam this Poi Dog consisted of six guys—with the accordion player, who doubled on trumpet, providing most of the multiethnic flavor along with the twin guitars and lead singer Frank Orrall's whistles and tin pan percussion—he's got the presence and talent to take this band a long way. PDP exhibited the pop smarts of the Feelies (the two guitarists often played circular, rhythmic patterns that suggested the Feelies playing African hi-life) and the loose nonchalance of Camper or he Meat Puppets, while performing songs from the first EP and the new one with genuine enthusiasm that put the half-filled crowd in good spirits one with genuine enthusiasm that put the half-filled crowd in good spirits for Thelonious Monster. Led by Bob Forrest, who looked like some kind of disheveled Ronnie Van Zandt disciple in his cowboy hat, beer in hand (albeit LITE!), the Monster started slow but clicked into high gear after "Sammy Hagar Weekend" cleared the way and kept the vehicle on the road for the rest of the hour-and-a-half set. The band cruised consistently road for the rest of the hour-and-a-half set. The band cruised consistently ("So What If I Did," "For My Lover") and pounded some heavy-handed rockers ("Nuthin's Perfect") while Forest rambled on between songs about seeing movies ("Heathers") and basketball (Michael Jordan). Highlights included the beautiful ballad "My Boy" and a long, ranting/raging version of "See That My Grave Is Kept Clean." Forrest somehow found himself on stage after the encores ended the night, so he serenaded the audience with a couple of amusing a cappella verses of "Freebird." 'Freebird



HENRY KAISER BAND/DAVID LINDLEY & EL RAYO-X

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The Fillmore, San Francisco, CA, April 15

Having two of California's most dextrous guitarists on the same bill made for a FULL night of music. Kaiser showed his skewed chops to be well up to snuff even within the context of such novelties as "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valence," "Ode To Billy Joe" and "The Andy Griffith Show Theme" (all from his latest SST LP). Amid three video screens (showing old cartons 180s TV) commercials and cheap psychodolic effects) and old cartoons, '60s TV commercials and cheap psychedelic effects) and the slow rotation of the ceiling strobe, Kaiser and his band (which included one-time Grateful Dead keyboardist Tom Constanten and included one-time Grateful Dead keyboardist Tom Constanten and vocalist Cary Sheldon) gave the sold-out Fillmore a collective flashback with a version of the Dead's experimental "Dark Star," which Kaiser then took into the Stones' "Play With Fire." He also included "The Loner," which will appear on The Bridge—A Tribute To Neil Young, the benefit LP due out on Caroline in June. Lindley, the prince of polyester, put on a dazzling clinic of rhythm 'n' grooves (he and his rhythm player used 11 different guitars!) from the opening scorcher "Mercury Blues" to the finale of "Twist And Shout," playing everything from greasy ska ("Werewolves Of London") and lilting reggae ("Quarter Of A Man") to some mean slack-key-styled lap slide (Professor Longhair's "Her Mind Is Gone") and piercing pedal steel. What a night for a luau.



## **BUTTHOLE SURFERS**

The Ritz, New York, April 8

Trippy, sweaty, smokey and always different, the Butthole Surfers stumbled in and out of New York, but not before force-feeding trips of ecstasy and wall-crawling horrors to all—dosing or not! Less than appealing, however, was the "New Ritz" (\$1 for a leaky cup of tap water—we'd never have believed we'd miss the old Ritz so bad). The Buttholes overcame such trivial obstacles by abusing the crowd with jam sessions that had been a staple of their earlier houts of nostage agarchic sessions that had been a staple of their earlier bouts of onstage anarchic perversity, just as deranged nowadays as the offensive penis-peeling surgical videos which played behind the band. Engrossed with his many toys and effects, Gibby—a picture of distorted concentration—led the rest of the synapse-splitters in the painstakingly crafted disorder onstage, rambling in and out of the third person ("I walked down the hall and stepped into Gibby's room/I walked down the hall and went into the room of regret") through old psych-outs like "Gary Floyd," "Hey" and "Sweatloat." The crowd, consisting of every conceivable type of artfag, neo-hippie, green-mohawked sludgelover imaginable, displayed the sense of abandon that follows the Buttholes wherever they go. Defying expectations of big-budget wankerisms, the Buttholes maintained their sense of originality, proving that altered brain cells can be an asset.



### HOTHOUSE FLOWERS/MARTIN STEPHENSON

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The Palladium, New York, NY, April 7
Ireland's Hothouse Flowers gave us the gospel their way at this sold-out show, with vocalist Liam O'Maonlai providing the uplifting inspiration that carried the two-hour-plus set. Their soulful, sometimes jazzy, repertoire included songs from their debut PolyGram LP, People, a slew of new material—if half of it appears on their next album, watch out—and closed with the Doors' "Back Door Man" as the third encore. The group reached out to the audience all night; the dissonant feel of "Love Don't Work This Way" provided the upswing about a half hour into the set, and blue lights on the crowd during the ballads kept everybody in an enchanting mood. Martin Stephenson opened the show sans The enchanting mood. Martin Stephenson opened the show sans The Daintees, delivering an acoustic set of material from his debut Capitol album (a repackaging of his two most recent U.K. LPs). His stage presence was not strong enough to draw people away from the bar, though the performance of "Wholly Humble Heart" was very well received.

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## THE REGGAE ROUTE



#### THE REGGAE ROUTE TOP 20

(Combined information from retail and radio reporters. BOLD indicates a significant increase in airplay.)

5/5	4/21	ARTIST	TITLE	LABEL
1	1	BUNNY WAILER	Liberation	Shanachie
2	2	BURNING SPEAR	Live In Paris-Zenith '88	Slash
3	3	SOUNDTRACK	The Mighty Quinn	A&M
4	6	SHINEHEAD	Unity/"Gimme No Crack" (LP/12")	Elektra
5	4	ALPHA BLONDY	Cocody Rock	Shanachie
6	5	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Pay It All Back Volume 2	Nettwerk (Canada
7	11	GREGORY ISAACS	Red Rose For Gregory	RAS
8	10	BIGGA	Earth People	Vision
9	9	LUCKY DUBE	Slave	Shanachie
10	13	ASHER D AND DADDY FREDDY	Raggamuffin Hip-Hop	Profile
11	8	VARIOUS ARTISTS	MUP: Reggae From Around The World	RAS
12	14	DEFENDERS	"Chant Down Babylon" (12")	Defenders
13	15	JUNIOR BYLES	Jordan	Nighthawk
14	19	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Reggae Dance Hall II	Sleeping Bag
15	7	MIKEY DREAD	Happy Family	RAS
16	R	TOOTS	Toots In Memphis	Mango
17	12	ISRAEL VIBRATION	Strength Of My Life	RAS
18	17	CHRIS WAYNE	Progress	Heartbeat
19	16	LINVAL THOMPSON	Starlight	Mango
20	R	BOOM SHAKA	Creation	CellulOid

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#### -Jackpot!-

CULTURE Cumbolo (Shanachie, 37 E. Clinton St., Newton, NJ 07860)—Comprised of lead singer Joseph Hill and harmony singers Kenneth Dayes and Albert Walker, Culture remains one of reggae's greatest roots harmony trios. Hill's vocals invoke the passion of a Burning Spear, while the harmonies are reminiscent of the earthen and soulful rootical wails of the Itals. They've been together since 1976 and were formed during the height of the "militant rockers" era; this is a reissue, available domestically for the first time, but their trademark social commentaries and prophetic, inspirational incantations are as relevant and as fresh now as they were a decade ago. Everything about Culture and this album is right on—the lyrics, the arrangements, the harmonies and the message. Stand-out tracks include (but are not limited to) "Natty Dread Naw Run," an adaptation of the traditional "This Train," "Mind Who You Beg For Help" and the extraordinary title track.

REGGAE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Reggae Philharmonic Orchestra (Mango, 14 East 4th St., Third Floor, New York, NY 10012)—Reggae Philharmonic Orchestra is receiving acclaim in its native England for their blend of musical elements that would normally not be seen (or heard) side by side. Founded by Mykaell S. Riley, one of the original members of Steel Pulse (he was on the Handsworth Revolution album), it was his vision that led to the crossing of string instruments with a reggae beat. Upon listening to RPO it's clear that they are not a reggae band, but a cross current of many musics—classical strings, reggae, jazz, dance, pop and rock. While more of a modern rock and alternative record than a reggae one, there's certainly a reggae influence skanking its way along the grooves.

JAMES CANNING "Sunshine"/"As Time Goes By We Remember Ourselves" (7") (J.C., 400 Second Ave. #22C, New York, NY 10010)—This Guyana-born singer, writer, producer, composer and arranger now resides in the Big Apple. "Sunshine" is the winning side of this single, with its soulful, dreamy rhythms and lilting melodies. Combined with the female back-up vocals, it makes you think of a warm, lazy, summer afternoon when all your worries seem insignificant and your dreams seem so real.

ARROW "O'La Soca" (12") (Mango, 14 East 4th St., Third Floor, New York, NY 10012)—Talk about summertime singles! If this record isn't one of the season's hits, then you're all a bunch of party poopers! Soca-calypso star Arrow, author of "Hot, Hot, Hot" and "Groovemaster," does it again with this dance floor mix of hooks galore, wild rhythms and percussion—you can't help but agree with Arrow when he proclaims "every day should be a holiday!" Along with the primary version of the single, it's accompanied by three polyrhythmic dubs—"jam fierce," "afro soca acid" and "techno." This irresistible beat has some Tarzananic samplings a la Jr. Reid and Coldcut, which was a la the Jungle Brothers. "O' La Soca," with its variety of Caribbean beats and flavorings should have you bopping away those hot summer days into cool summer nights.

## Ah-So-Me Chat



The late Jack Ruby with Island Records president Lou Maglia. Photo Credit: Amy Wachtel

opens on a very sad note, as the reggae world mourns the untimely death of producer Jack Ruby, who passed away of natural causes on April 7, 1989, in Jamaica. Ruby is perhaps best known for his soundsystem; he was one of the first to employ the concept of the traveling hi-fi, bringing dances to all parts of Jamaica. In the '60s and early '70s, his was perhaps the most cultural hi-fi on whose earliest albums,

This edition of "Chat"

the island, showcasing artists like Burning Spear, whose earliest albums, including Marcus Garvey's Ghost, he produced. In more recent times he was linked up with Mango Records, providing many artists for the label, including Foundation and Donovan. In fact, just last March he co-hosted a

party with Island Records at Chris Blackwell's estate in Oracagessa as they showcased a number of his artists. Ruby, who was based in Ocho Rios, was featured in the movie Rockers. Heartfelt condolences go out to the surviving members of his family. . . The nationally-aired cable TV show Reggae Strong, which originally aired for one 13-week season in the Spring of 1987, will return to the airwaves on June 2 over the ITN Cable Network. It's a half-hour show that features artist interviews, concert footage, promotional video clips, news, record reviews and cultural segments. Shot in England, Jamaica and the U.S., artists to be highlighted include Jimmy Cliff, Alpha Blondy, Third World, Shelly Thunder, Marcia Griffiths, Bunny Waller, Benjamin Zepheniah and much more. For more details contact the producer of the show, Step Lively, at (212) 496-8531. . . Michael E. Johnson And The Killer Bees have signed a deal with the Manhattan-based casette-only music label ROIR to release Live In Bertlin 50-minute recording made in October, 1988, during the Berlin Independence Days convention and festival. The tape is scheduled for release June 15. In support of their new release, the Bees will be touring during the summer and fall; for more info contact Louis Meyers at E.Z. Money Productions in Austin at (512) 474-5545. . . ROIR, by the way, has two new releases on the market. The dub-fanatics have released The Mad Professor

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4	3	ELVIS COSTELLO	Spike	Warner Bros.
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6	6	REPLACEMENTS	Don't Tell A Soul	Sire-Reprise
7	19	PIXIES	"Monkey Gone To Heaven" (12")	4AD-Elektra
8	7	NEW ORDER	Technique	Qwest-WB
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10	10	DE LA SOUL	3 Feet High And Rising	Tommy Boy
11	8	COWBOY JUNKIES	The Trinity Session	RCA
12	14	NEVILLE BROTHERS	Yellow Moon	A&M
13	9	ROBYN HITCHCOCK 'N' THE EGYPTIANS	Queen Elvis	A&M
14	17	CONNELLS	Fun & Games	TVŤ
15	18	LIVING COLOUR	Vivid	Epic
16	12	R.E.M.	Green	Warner Bros.
17	13	MADONNA	Like A Prayer	Sire-WB
18	_	THE CURE	"Fascination Street" (12")	Elektra
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20	23	INDIGO GIRLS	Indigo Girls	Epic
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26	26	THROWING MUSES	Hunkpapa	Sire-WB
27	_	BONNIE RAITT	Nick Of Time	Capitol
28	15	ENYA	Watermark	Geffen
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42	43	MY BLOODY VALENTINE	Isn't Anything	Creation-Relativity
43	_	STRAY CATS	Blast Off!	EMI
44	30	LAUGHING HYENAS	You Can't Pray A Lie	Touch And Go
45	33	ROY ORBISON	Mystery Girl	Virgin
46	47	LOVE AND ROCKETS	"Motorcycle" (12")	Beggars Banquet (UK)
47	31	EDIE BRICKELL & NEW BOHEMIANS	Shooting Rubberbands At The Stars	Geffen
48	_	NEW MODEL ARMY	Thunder And Consolation	Capitol
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12	24	McCOY TYNER	Revelations	Blue Note
13	_	LAMBERT, HENDRICKS & ROSS	Everybody's Boppin'	Columbia Jazz Masterpieces
14	_	BILL FRISELL BAND	Before We Were Born	Musician-Elektra
15	_	CHET BAKER	Let's Get Lost	Novus-RCA
16	12	MARTIN TAYLOR	Sarabanda	Gaia
17	9	STEVE LACY	The Door	Novus-RCA
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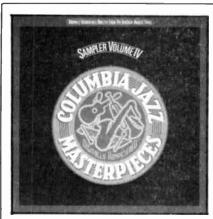
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KEYBOARDS, KEYBOARDS, KEYBOARDS: Revelations (Blue Note), new from the turbulent McCoy Tyner, is only his second solo-piano album, the first being the 1972 Tokyo session Echoes OI A Friend, based on the music of his late friend and boss, John Coltrane. This time Tyner is heard on the Steinway in a varied program of five originals (two recorded for the first time, three from his sealire falle lux hote tenury) and a batch of standars. Recorded in an empty Merkin Hall in New York City in late October of last year, Revelations balances his original works with Coltrane's "Lazybird" and the perennias" Yesterdays. ""Don't Blame Me."
Autumn Leaves, "How Deep Is The Ocean" and "Someone To Watch Over Me." Supprior a nistity from a superior arists. . A lesses-known, but in certain respects equally enterprising, pianist is James Williams, the erstwhile Jazz Messenger. Magical Trio 2 (EmArcy (Japan), available from Poli/Gram Jazz) places his manck dab between the ever-unvertived runner Elful Anone and bassist of Johnson. Williams holds his ground matching the energy and ideas of the standard of the "Please Come Home For Christmas") and pawed the way for Ray Charles and Little Richard. An exceptional album. One more For The Home was Instrusave under, and now Alligator (Box 60234, Chicago, IL 60660) has picked it up for reissue on CD (with two additional cuts). An assured singer who accompanies himself with sure-handed piano, Brown enjoys the at once compatible and complementary support of a jazzy band comprising Harold Oquety (tenor). Billy Butler (guitar), Earl May (contrabass) and Kenny Washington (drums). Marvelous, a must-have. The late planist Memphis Siltim never aspired to Brown's suavily and polish, but for homespun naturalness and spiny rockin', stridin', boggiering grit, he couldn't be beat. The Paris Seasions, new from Stash (611 Broadway #411, New York, NY 10012), documents the tast recordings of Peter Chatman, who died in February 1886 in Paris, where he had resided since 1962. On this 63-minute CD, issued for the first time in the U.S., Silim is heard with a crack blues band featuring Dom McMinn on guitar, Sunny Blake on harmonica and vocals, and Evelyn Young on alto sax and vocals. The unforced groove and syncopated barrelhouse stylings are a titting send-off from the pianist who backed Big. Bill Broonzy (1940-42) and later helped to give birth to Chicago blues alongside Willie Dixon and Sonny Boy Williamson. Righton. . . Jimmy Witherspoon. blues singer nonpariel, master of pacing and phrasing, is Rockin L.A. on his most recent album for Fantasy (Tenth And Parker, Berkeley, CA 94710). With top-light support from a quartet (Teddy Edwards, tenor, Gerald Wiggins, piano, John Clayton, bass; Paul Humphrey, drums). Spoon hit the stage of L.A.'s Grand Avenue Bar runnin' (with "You Got Me Running") in late October, 1988, and proceeded to cruse through "Call It Stormy Monday," a four-song medely (including "When The Saints Go Marching in" and "One Scotch, One Bourbon, One Beer"). "Want A Little Girl and "Big Boss Man." A Spoon-ful of this should set things right. . . The MCA/Chess facsimile blues rei

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3	2	TONE-LOC	Loc'ed After Dark	Delicious Vinyl-Isla
4	4	N.W.A.	Straight Outta Compton	Ruthless-Priority
5	13	GUY	Guy	Uptown-MCA
6	3	STOP THE VIOLENCE MOVEMENT	"Self-Destruction" (12")	Jive-RCA
7	8	THREE TIMES DOPE	Original Stylin'	Arista
8	7	KOOL G RAP & D.J. POLO	Road To The Riches	Cold Chillin'-WB
9	11	MILLI VANILLI	Girl You Know It's True	Arista
10	6	EAZY-E	Eazy-Duz-It	Ruthless-Priority
11	9	K-9 POSSE	K-9 Posse	Arista
12	18	TOO SHORT	Life Is , Too Short	RCA
13	14	BOBBY BROWN	Don't Be Cruel	MCA
14	19	ROB BASE & D.J. E-Z ROCK	It Takes Two	Profile
15	21	M.C. HAMMER	Let's Get It Started	Capitol
16	10	FINE YOUNG CANNIBALS	The Raw & The Cooked	I.R.S./MCA
17	_	SOUNDTRACK	Lean On Me	Warner Bros.
18	_	D. MOB	"We Call It Acieed" (12")	FFRR-PG
19		MAURICE	"This Is Acid" (12")	Vendetta-A&M
20		E.U.	Livin' Large	Virgin
21	2 <b>0</b>	WEE PAPA GIRLS	The Beat, The Rhyme, The Noise	Jive-RCA
22	25	ALYSON WILLIAMS	Raw	Def Jam/Columbia
23	-	NENEH CHERRY	"Buffalo Stance" (12")	Virgin
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COOKIE CREW Born This Way (FFRR/London, c/o PolyGram, 810 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10019)—We can't help that this Crew was Born This Way: precocious, funky and outspoken. The two keys to this hype debut are the title track and Daddy-O (Stetsasonic's brainy wonder). The former is a bass-driven house-rocker that has the upbeat tempo and the smarts of Salt-N-Pepa with the dialect and house-y elements of the Wee Papa Girls; the latter is the producer extraordinaire who's becoming a hot commodity due to the funky beats that he uses for his artists (Levert, Third World). Here Daddy-O creates a sound that's equal parts soul, hip-hop, funk and house—and a necessity since the lyrics sometimes wear a bit thin on tunes like "Yo! What's Up" and "Come On And Get Some." But dancefloor-wise, these mouths from South London, Susie Q and Remedee, will have you dancing non-stop with motivators like "Got To Keep On" (thanks to Edwin Starr), "Black Is The Word" and "Pick Up On This." These Cookie monsters have a sweet tooth for hook-filled grooves that will have your ears snacking on this LP day and night.

M.C. RELL & THE HOUSEROCKERS Into The Future (Mercury, c/o PolyGram, 810 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10019)—Another New Yorker's got something to say, so stand back. M.C. Rell's delivery owes a lot to Rakim, while his samples hark back to PE's latest—but those influences (and the three-dimensional gold chains on the album cover) aside, M.C. Rell and his Houserockers crush many a groove Into The Future with a more instrumental feel than most rap acts. Songs like "My Vision" and "Hole In My Pocket" are sprinkled with tambourines, trumpets and saxes (synthesized or real?) that give it a jazzy aura while the latter tune is a great story-flow about Rell's money-spending habits. Other top cuts: "Soundwave Sermon," "Something About It" and "Brainstorm."

MIAMI BASS IN YOUR FACE: What hath "Planet Rock" wrought? Otherworldly bleeps, high-pitched supersonic raps, and of course a kickin' bass come together for the signature Miami sound—and that's got nothing to do with the Miami Sound Machine. Two labels hooked into the sound are Luke Skyywalker (3050 Biscayne Blvd., Liberty City, FL 33137/305-573-0599) and Pandisc (38 NE 167th St., Miami, FL 33162/305-948-6466). Luke's latest compilation, Miami Bass Waves, Volume II (a two-record set) not only showcases the best of the bass sound with M.C. Shy D, 2 Live Crew (including their collaboration with Trouble Funk, "The Bomb Has Dropped"), Anquette, Gigolo Tony and Lejuan Love, but also has mega-mixes at the end of each side for lazy jocks who don't want to mix the songs together themselves. For even more fun, check out the Pandisc compilations, The Bass That Ate Miami and The Miami Bass Wars, filled with hyper-sub-human raps and vocoder-yelps, crazy liner notes telling the sci-fi adventures of PIGBUT and DXJ, all packaged in freaky comic-strip cover art. Also out on Pandisc is a full-length album from MAGGOTRON called The Invasion Will Not Be Televised (Cos\*We\*Don't\*Have\*A\*Video), a sample-laden dance disc created by Dee X. Jay, a Miami bass star who rocks with "Bass Invaders," "Return To The Planet Of Bass" and "That's My Man Throwin' Down."

IN THE HOUSE: The "Original House Sound Of Chicago"—the much ballyhooed sound that swept up England before invading the Apple and beyond—is well-represented by D.J. International (727 W. Randolph St., Chicago, IL 60606/312-559-1845), one of the leading Chicago labels. The latest releases from the label include FAST EDDIE's 12" "Let's Go" [130 BPM] from his Jack To The Sound LP, and KOOL ROCK STEADY'S "Let's Get Hyped" [130 BPM], both house/rap hybrids (dubbed "hip-house") that typify the new direction of Chi-town dance music. D.J. International compilations that will clue in the uninitiated include Deep House, Vol. 1 (a bit disco-y), Classic Acid, Vol. 1 and Sound Of The Underground, Vol. 2 (both acidic, but tart).

TWELVE INCHES OF PLASTIC PLEASURE: Actually seven inches in the case of the DOSTA CREW and their single. "Right On Time"/"Hard As Hell" [112/112 BPM] (Iron Man, c/o Shannon Houchins, Rt. 8, Box 200N, Valdosta, GA 31602/WVVS: 912-333-5661) discovered by Valdosta State (GA) College's WVVS, this stuff moves with rapping and soul singing... Bronx rappers the HEARTBEAT BROTHERS throw down a 12" of "Can We Do This"/"Bring In The Bassline" [108/100 BPM] (Elite, 480 E. 188th St., Bronx, NY 10458/212-364-0721) that's hardcore and funky... There are guilty pleasures galore this time: Mega-grooves on SOUL II SOUL's "Keep On Movin'" [98 BPM] (Virgin, 9247 Alden Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210); the STONEFUNKERS" "In Control" [116 BPM] (Radium 226.05, Sodra Allegatan 3, 413 01 Gothenburg, Sweden), Sweden), Swedish rap/funk that digs a knee-deep grind; ROACHFORD's acid mix for "Cuddly Toy (Feel For Me)" [128 BPM] (Epic, 51 W. 52nd St., New York, NY 10019), Brit-D'Arby soul with a rock edge; and the ultimate guilty pleasure, EDELWEISS" "Bring Me Edelweiss" [124 BPM] (Atlantic, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019), Austrian yodeling, Abba, rapping and samples of German drinking songs... DOR floor-burners include NITZER EBB's new remix of "Hearts And Minds" [128 BPM] (Geffen, 9130 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90069), Nitzerebbprodukt with help from Flood, Mark Saunders, William Orbit and others; NEW ORDER's sure-fire "Round & Round" [132 BPM] (Qwest, c/o Warner Bros., 3300 Warner Blvd., Burbank, CA 91510) with Stephen Hague, Kevin Saunderson, Ben Grosse and a bonus non-LP instrumental called "Best And Marsh"; and 24-7 SPYZ's headbanging and foot-tapping version of Kool & The Gang's "Jungle Boogie" from their LP Harder Than You (In-Effect/Relativity).

END NOTES: A new BOOGIE DOWN PRODUCTIONS LP should be out by summer, so watch out; also on deck are albums from THE CURE, PiL and the SWANS. . . P Fine will be reporting for a new NY club, Red Zone, located at 440 W. 54th St.; contact him at 212-995-1608. . . The Beat Box posse welcomes WLCC, KUTE, WMCR, WXAC and KASB. . . Congrats to Seattle's Nastymix Records on SIR MIX-A-LOT's gold certification for his Swass LP (an "Iron Man" remix and video are due soon). . . Word out.

—Mark "The Glaze" Glaser

Check this out. Send your tapes, records and CDs to me at 830 Willis Ave., Albertson, NY 11507 for consideration for review.

## **REGGAE ROUTE continued from page 30**

Meets Puls Der Zeit At Checkpoint Charlie, where the Professor's self-created style of dub is combined with the German band Puls Der Zeit's embracing fusion of rock vocals with a dubwise flair. Zeit is featured on five of the tape's ten songs, while the British Ariwa Posse is on the others. The other new tape is by Exuma and is titled Rude Boy. Born in the Bahamas and currently based in New Orleans. Exuma's lyrics are topical, spiritual, vivid and funny; he blends music of the Caribbean and West Africa with New Orleans r&b Southern soul and swing-time jazz. The title cut is m-u-r-d-e-r! Contact Valerie at ROIR at 611 Broadway, Suite 411, New York, NY 10012 or call (212) 477-0563... The Brooklyn-based Witty's label is known for releasing some of the best 12" singles on the market, and now they very much want to get involved with the college radio market and expand the scope of their sounds. "Too Young" by Robert French is just one of the many hit singles they are currently promoting; contact Jackie at Music Masters, 817 Utica Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11203 or call her at (718) 342-3569. Tell her that you report to the Night Nurse at CMJ... A couple of issues ago we reported on Shinehead's anti-crack/anti-drug campaign that he's been bringing to schools across America. Thanks to Elaine Valentine, the National Manager of Urban Music Marketing & Promotions at Elektra, the Night Nurse got to experience his presentation first-hand. On April 10th, I joined Elaine, Barry Brown (East Coast Regional Marketing

Manager), Jamie Brown (publisher of Sister To Sister). Shinehead, and other members of the press including BRE's Vynette Pryce and Yo! MTV Raps' Fab Five Freddy at the Ronald Edward Jr. High School in Brooklyn. The "Gimme No Crack" video was shown to an auditoriumfull of students, then he performed, gave a talk, and took questions from the audience. Members of the community, rehabilitated drug users and police were also present. The students' anti-drug posters were displayed, and it just happened to be Shinehead's birthday, so cake, candles and balloons were a surprise addition to the program. The Florida-based Reggae Report magazine will be holding a party in New York City some time later this month. Alpha Blondy is said to be opening a record shop and label in Abidjan, his home in Africa's Ivory Coast. A reminder that May 11th will mark nine years since the passing of the great Bob Marley. The following is a quote from Bob in an interview with Vivien Goldman which appeared in Melody Maker in August of 1979: "I love the development of our music, that's what I really dig about the whole thing. How we've tried to develop, really tried to understand what we're trying to do, y'know? It grows. That's why every day people come forward with new songs. Music goes on forever." And so it does. Thanks for checking in.

—Amy Wachtel The Night Nurse

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LABEL

5/5	4/21	ARTIST
1	1	EXODUS
2	3	METALLICA
3	2	METAL CHURCH
4	4	SKID ROW
5	6	LAAZ ROCKIT
6	10	W.A.S.P.
7	7	M.O.D.
8	_	THE CULT
9	5	TESLA
10	8	DARK ANGEL
11	9	WARRANT
12	12	ANTHRAX
13	35	HELLOWEEN
14	15	MELIAH RAGE
15	18	DREAM THEATER
16	19	LEATHERWOLF
17	22	LEEWAY
18	13	WASTED YOUTH
19	_	ARTCH
20	11	GARY MOORE
21	<b>3</b> 2	WHITE ZOMBIE
22	14	QUEENSRYCHE
23	16	GUNS N' ROSES
24	17	SACRED REICH
25	21	I.N.C.
26	26	DEFIANCE
27	23	EXTREME
28	_	DESTRUCTION
29	_	MOTHER LOVE BONE
30	30	OZZY OSBOURNE
31	39	PRONG
32	40	LIVING COLOUR
33	_	GIRLSCHOOL
34	24	GOO GOO DOLLS
35	_	BLACK SABBATH
36	33	AGNOSTIC FRONT
37	25	MURPHY'S LAW
38	28	GUNS N. ROSES
39	29	WINGER
40	27	CANDLEMASS

Fabulous Disaster
And Justice For All
Blessing In Disguise
Skid Row
Annihilation Principle
The Headless Children
Gross Misconduct
Sonic Temple
The Great Radio Controversy
Leave Scars
Dirty Rotten Filthy Stinking Rich
State Of Euphoria
I Want Out—Live
Kill To Survive
When Dream And Day Unite
Street Ready Born To Expire
Black Daze
Another Return To Church Hill
After The War
Make Them Die Slowly
Operation: Mindcrime
G N' R Lies
Surf Nicaragua (EP)
The Visitor
Product Of Society
Extreme
Live Without Sense
Shine (EP)
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1	1	EXODUS
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5	6	W.A.S.P.
6	7	GARY MOORE
7	_	THE CULT
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9	15	DREAM THEATER
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13	_	BLACK SABBATH
14	R	NUCLEAR ASSAULT
15	14	OZZY OSBOURNE
16	9	ANTHRAX
17	_	CRIMSON GLORY
18	13	QUEENSRYCHE
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20	17	MELIAH RAGE

## **Adventure Picks**

1. ARTCH

- ANNIHILATOR
- BLACK SABBATH CRIMSON GLORY
- 5. EXTREME 6. DORO

- 7. SEA HAGS 8. BARREN CROSS
- DESTRUCTION MARCHELLO

### Audience Response

- 1. METALLICA
- 2. EXODUS 3. METAL CHURCH
- ANTHRAX
   SKID ROW
- 6. QUEENSRYCHE 7. W.A.S.P. 8. M.O.D.
- 9. TESLA 10. OZZY OSBOURNE

## Retail

- THE CULT
   SKID ROW
   METALLICA
- 4. LIVING COLOUR5.' GUNS N' ROSES Appetite
- W.A.S.P. WARRANT
- M.O.D. GUNS N' ROSES Lies
- 10. METAL CHURCH

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# Hard Rock Continued

#### Killer Pick



24-7 SPYZ Harder Than You (In-Effect, c/o Relativity, 187-07 Henderson Ave., Hollis, NY 11423)—One thing that separates metal from every other kind of music is the fact that it makes you move your head instead of your butt, which is why you don't see anyone dancing (conventionally, anyway) at metal gigs. Well, at long last, here's a band that'll make you move both. Other bands have fused funk and metal sort of accidentally-Bad Brains (whose influence is all over this record), Living Colour, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Fishbone, Faith No More—but none of them have showed that they've got the funk and the spunk like South Bronx's 24-7 Spyz. This album runs the gamut from funk to metal to hip-hop to hardcore to reggae; put simply, they sound like a cross between Bad Brains and the Chili Peppers with David Lee Roth (if he was born in Watts) singing. The songwriting's a little thin in spots (this is their first LP), and sometimes the band's ambition and diversity over-reaches itself, but this is a style of music whose

potential has only just been tapped, and is just begging for more bands to give it a shot. Are you gonna play 24-7 Spyz now, or wait until the rest of the world catches on? Picks: "Grandma Dynamite," "Social Plague," and especially their ragin' cover of Kool & The Gang's "Jungle Boogie."

#### Killer Picks



CRO-MAGS Best Wishes (Profile, 740 Broadway, New York, NY 10003)-If there's a more aggressive record out there, we ain't heard it yet! One of the original hardcore/metal crossover bands, for their second LP the Cro-Mags have fused the two into a massive, brutal onslaught of sound that's somewhere beyond the realms of thrash, hardcore and metal, but has elements of all three. Bassist Harley Flanagan has also taken on the vocal chores; his voice is pretty heavily treated, but believe it or not-he actually adds melodic elements to the razor-sharp riffing and thunderous drums. The cover's really disgusting and there's all this neo-Buddhism in the lyrics, but this album roars, and that's all that matters. The 'Mags's future has been in question for the past year or so, but I think this is where their career begins for real. Picks: "Death Camps," "Days Of Confusion," "Down But Not Out" and especially Age Of Quarrel

HANOI ROCKS Two Steps From The Move (Epic, 51 W. 52nd St., New York, NY 10019)—From 1981-84, Hanoi Rocks was fusing the New York Dolls, Rolling Stones, Stooges and punk into a tight, two-fisted riff-romp that took Aerosmith one strut beyond. The combination of Andy McCoy's songwriting, Michael Monroe's frontmanship (he was never that good a singer, but he sure looked great!) and the band's overall attitude and image were totally derived from the early '70s glam movement, but they set the mold for a huge number of bands that have come out of L.A. in the past few years (interestingly, several phrases from songs on this reissue—including "welcome to the jungle"—later turned up in Guns N' Roses songs). If Hanoi's drummer, Razzle, hadn't been killed in a car accident for which Vince Neil should still be in juil, they might be as high as Reisen is today. The requirements are still active. should still be in jail, they might be as big as Poison is today. The remaining members are still active—Monroe's working on a solo LP, McCoy toured with Iggy Pop last year, and bassist Sami Yaffa is in Jetboy—but it just ain't the same. This is their last and best album. Picks: "Underwater World," "Million Miles Away," "Don't Ever Leave Me" and "Boulevard Of Broken Dreams."

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EXCEL "Message In A Bottle" (12") (Caroline, 114 West 26th St., New York, NY 10001)—In our little world of gimmicks used to sell hard rock records, remakes can make a bard look either like idiots or interpretive geniuses. Excel has taken this Police song and successfully twisted it into their own style, adopting it without destroying the credibility of the original. By raising the bottom end and thickening the guitar sound, Excel crunches "Message" into one helluva party tune. But let's not forget the non-LP B-side—a deranged Howdy Doody slam of a groove with the heaviest guitar crunch and thickest bass sound in some time. This single will have to tide you over until the LP, The Joke's On You, is released sometime this month. [KS]

OZZY OSBOURNE "Devil's Daughter" (12") (Epic, 51 W. 52nd St., New York, NY 10019)—Okay, here's the deal on this neat but very confusing single. The A-side features two unaltered tracks from Ozzy's latest LP, No Rest For The Wicked. The B-side has two rarities: an outtake from Wicked called "Hero" that actually sounds kinda like UFO, and a live version of "You Said It All" that features the late, great Randy Rhoads on guitar, and may have originally been released as the B-side of the import single of "Mr. Crowley" way back when (we can't remember). By the way, the singles from Ozzy's first two albums feature live stuff with Rhoads that's not available on Tribute—they're long out-of-print, but well worth digging through used bins for.

OBITUARY Slowly We Rot (RC, c/o Roadracer, 225 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012)—So, you think you know what death is all about? Spawned from Florida, Obituary—I mean it—ARE THE ULTIMATE DEATH METAL BAND. Taking elements of early Celtic Frost/Hellhammer to the nth power could probably tell you just how brutal this band is, but John Tardy's vocals make Blaine Fart (from the Accused) and Chuck Schuldiner (of Death) seem tunefully melodic—almost operatic. Duel flanging guitars that operate as chainsaws gutting you from the inside-out—oh my, a feast indeed! Eyes explode, skin melts, everybody dies; this beastial quintet have made a mentally scarring record surpassed only by the urban guerilla mind war of Henry Rollins. Tunes that hack at your head and regurgitate your genitals are: "Internal Bleeding," "Till Death" and "Deadly Intentions." [KS]

SEPULTURA Beneath The Remains (RC, c/o Roadracer, 225 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012)—Until now, I believed that Sepultura's only redeeming quality was that they're from an exotic country (Brazil). WRONG! This foursome has escaped the jungle image by ramming their brand of speed right down everyone's throat. This wax donut is a fireball of intensity that rolls over the so-called competition with the aggression of Kreator's classic Pleasure To KIII, but with melodic interludes and smooth hooks mixed in with their chaotic ball-speed-ahead riffs. Light years ahead of anything they've done in the past, Beneath finds Sepultura playing ball in the big leagues, and holding their own with the rest of the seasoned veterans. Picks: "Mass Hypnosis," "Slaves In Pain" and "Inner Self." [KS]

VARIOUS ARTISTS New York Hardcore: Where The Wild Things Are... (Blackout, c/o Noiseville, P.O. Box 124, Yonkers, NY 10710)—Distorted guitars, catchy drum beats, sweaty crowds and cropped heads: yet another legendary CBGB Sunday Hardcore Matinee. Overall, this compilation supercedes most NYHC compilations that I've heard in the past. Each of these bands are distinct in some way, but there's a certain element that ties them together—maybe the groovability or maybe just the distorted chaos! Like it or not, NYHC has become a powerful force in Hard Rock, and the best of it is on this swinging compilation. Check out Raw Deal (whose next release will be on In-Effect), Gorilla Biscuits, Life's Blood and Breakdown, as well as the unsigned Maximum Penalty and Uppercut. [KS]

SHOUT In Your Face (Frontline, P.O. Box 2845, Santa Ana, CA 92799-8450)—This record's greatest strength is its powerful guitarwork, which sets Shout apart from the rest of the pop-metal bands on the market. The songs on this So-Cal foursome's second LP are solid, well-constructed (at times even ballsy), and have a positive and uplifting message. The powerful title track features six guest guitarists (including Marty Friedman and Alex Masi), and with all those leads and rock-solid vocals you completely forget that it's a "We Are The World" type of song. Just one more thing, guys: GET A NEW WARDROBE! Also recommended: "Ain't Givin' Up," and the ballad "Waiting On You." [Alexandria]

IMPULSE MANSLAUGHTER Logical End (Walkthrufyre, P.O. Box 31292, Chicago, IL 60631)—Impulse who? You bet, Impulse Manslaughter is one of those under-underground Chicago bands that jumps out of nowhere and smashes you on the back of the head when you're not looking. This foursome whips up a style of serious skate/speedcore that shows shades of Gang Green, but takes them one step further. Some songs tend to break harder on a punk edge with an almost anthemic sound, while others bite raw with a metallic crunch in the vocals. Picks: "Drag," "Missing Children," "Crimson Dreams" and their covers of "Gimme Shelter" and "Stone Dead Forever." [KS]

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Metallica's Damaged Justice Tour has been extended. After playing Hawaii and Alaska, the band will tour Western Canada and then head into the Midwest; dates are scheduled through June 23. The Anchorage (May 27) date is the last that Queensryche will open; their place will be taken by **The Cult**... The **Cro-Mags** (check the review of their raging new LP) have dates scheduled all over the country through June 10: they'll have already played the Northeast by the time you read this, but through May they're covering the Midwest, into the Northwest, down through California and back across the South. . . White Zombie is on tour all over the place through May 21. . . Ex-Hanoi Rocks singer Michael Monroe is in the studio with producer Michael Frondelli working on a solo LP for summer release on Mercury. . Kreator's new LP has been licensed by Epic, pushing its release date back into June.

Congrats to the following winners of 1989 SKC New Music Awards: Living Colour (Debut Group of the Year, Best Rock Band, Best Debut LP, Best Debut Male Rock Vocalist [Corey Glover]), White Lion (Best Metal Band, Best Male Rock Vocalist [Mike Tramp]), Joe Satriani (Best Rock Instrumentalist, even though he's from San Francisco!), and Damn Cheetah (Best Unsigned Metal Band)...Due to a fire at their transmitter, WNYU will be off the air until (hopefully) some time in June. . . At this rate we won't have any commercial reporters left! Congrats to Jeff Ivan (formerly of KFMX), who will be doing AOR and retail promotion in Atlanta for the Relativity corporate monster, and to Lora Porter (ex-KPGA), who will be the all-around Combat

-Jem Aswad

# NEW RELEASES continued from page 65

PROFILE (740 Broadway, New York, NY 10003/ 212-529-2600)

Cro-Mags—**Best Wishes** [PRO-1274] Kechia Jenkins—"Still Waiting" (12") [PRO-7250]

PSONIK (P.O. Box 2727, Lehigh Valley, PA 18001-2727/215-435-1669) Original Sins—The Hardest Way [70001-1]

QUANTUM (727 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL 60606/312-559-1845) Joe Smooth—Promised Land

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[D.J. International DJ#1016]

Sterling Void—"Runaway Girl" (12")

[D.J. International DJ 956]

Fast Eddie—Jack To the Sound

[D.J. International DJ#1015] Kool Rock Steady—"Let's Get Hyped" (12") [D.J. International DJ-973]

Various Artists—Sound Of The Underground
Volume Two [Underground UN#2010] Peter Black—"How Far I Go" (12") [D.J International DJ 957]

Various Artists—Deep House: Volume One

[D.J. International DJ#1019] Various Artists—Classic Acid: Volume One {Underground UN#2000]

RCA (1133 Ave. Of The Americas, New York, NY 10036/212-930-4000) Hilton Ruiz—Strut [Novus 3052-1-N] Henry Threadgill Sextet—Rag, Bush And Atl [Novus 3052-1-N]

Michael Shrieve—Stiletto [Novus 3050-1-N]

RESTLESS (11264 Playa Ct., P.O. Box 3628

Culver City, CA 90231-3628/213-390-5223)
Mekong Delta—Mekong Delta [GWR 71413-1]
Holy Moses—Queen Of Slam [GWR 71410-1]
Glenn Branca—Symphony No. 6
[Blast First 71426-1]

Holy Moses—Finished With The Dogs [GWR 71411-1]

Living Death-Protected From Reality [GWR 71412-1] Various Artists—Only 39,999,999 Behind

'Thriller"/Down There Records 1981-1988 [72325-1] Ordinaires—One [Bar/None 72615-1]

Electric Love Muffin-Rassafranna [72614-1]

RHINO (2225 Colorado Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90404/213-828-1980)

Michael Nesmith—The Newer Stuff [R2 70168] Kinks—Greatest Hits [R2 70086] 2

Patsy Cline-Walkin' Dreams: Her First Recordings, Volume One [R2 70048] Cindy Lee Berryhill—Naked Movie Star [R1 70845]

ROADRACER (225 Lafayette St., Suite 709, New York, NY 10012)

Crimson Glory—Transcendence [RR 9508] Annihilator—Alice In Hell [RC RR 9488]

ROIR (611 Broadway, Sulte 411, New York, NY 10012/212-477-0563)

Exuma—Rude Boy (cassette) [A-165] Mad Professor/Puls Der Zeit—At Checkpoint Charlie (cassette) [A-164]

ROM (P.O. Box 491212, Los Angeles, CA 90049/

213-471-5000)
Various Artists—All-Ears Review Volume 6:
From Barrooms To Bayous [21006] Ciro Hurtado-In My Mind [26006]

ROUGH TRADE (326 Sixth St., San Francisco, CA 94103/415-863-6942)

Souled American Flubber [ROUGH US67]

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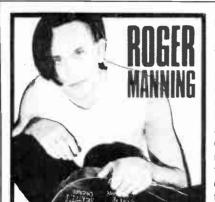
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## Guest Dialogue



**ROGER MANNING, SST Records Recording Artist** 

Somewhere, USA—On the road. Touring, what a concept; drive 10 hours, play 1 hour, then eat pizza. Wow, America. When you live in N.Y.C. and come out here, it feels like walking (driving) into a movie. The whole experience has made me a little feisty (KCOU in Columbia, Missouri, took it rather well when I informed their listenership that anyone who voted for Bush was an asshole). I'd wondered if I could make it across the Crap Lake of overly nationalistic-consumerist-sexist-racist ignorance reported to exist in this country. I found that it can be done, thanks to the stepping stones of intelligence provided by many college radio stations and their related operations (despite frighteningly conservative student bodies)—WCTU, WTJU,

WXYC, WUSC, WEGL, WTUL, KXLU, KGLT, KSPC, KSUN, KCR, KCMU, KSDT, KRUI, WJUL, and non-college KAFE, WEFT, KDHX—yeah, go-man-go. I've run up a big phone bill checking in with SST and Global Network Booking, and keeping in touch with N.Y.C. "anti-folksters" Lach, Kirk Kelly, Cindy Lee Berryhill (current Hunk O' The Month in X-Poseur folkzine), Billy Syndrome, the Washington Squares, King Missile, and Missing Foundation. Had to tell them that there are plenty of cool Americans out here just waiting for something

## RECORD COMPANY DIALOGUE

Kathie Reed Barr, Roadracer/RC Records, New York, NY (212) 219-0077

WELL, IT'S APRIL—TIME FOR SHOWERS OF KILLER RELEASES!!! Arriving at your doorstep as soon as GOD and the UPS man (who are interchangeable, by the way!) can get it there are **DAVID T. CHASTAIN Within The Heat**, with the metallic funk "ZFUNKNC"; **CRIMSON GLORY Transcendence**, with "Lonely," the killer cut for fans of melodic metal; and **ANNIHILATOR Alice In Hell**, with "Alison Hell," possibly the most amazing metal song of 1989!! *Metal Hammer* and *Kerrang!* have been singing the praises of these bands and now the states are next to be possessed!!... The **REALM** dudes are invading the Southwest area with dates in Hollywood, San Diego, Tucson, El Paso, Lubbock, Houston and San Antonio. I'll be on the phones looking for interviews in these areas!! On the local front, hey Ris—I finally met Russ from Concrete, what a cool guy!! Hawker Hardcore Extravaganza was a raging success, a sell-out crowd were on hand to lake and sweat for the upcoming live Hawker compilation. Free For All!!! Thanks to all who came down to CBGG's to sweat with us and TOKEN. and sweat for the upcoming live Hawker compilation, Free For All!!! Thanks to all who came down to CBGB's to sweat with us and TOKEN ENTRY, REST IN PIECES, WRECKING CREW and NO FOR AN ANSWER!! I'll be talking to you soon; if you have any questions or are interested in interviews give me a call!!

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## Dialogue Continued



Guest Dialogue.

#### KEVN KINNEY, DRIVIN' N' CRYIN' **Island Records Recording Artist**

I guess when you're raised in a "wouldn't it be somethin' if somethin' happened here" city, there's not really much that you can't sing. Sing of the woman walkin' to the laundromat and back; there's nothin' like the feelin' of a house full of fresh, clean clothes stacked neatly in all the drawers. Or maybe she's goin' there to meet someone, maybe that guy Sing the songs of common folk with nothin' in common at all, of the freewheelin' souls, of no exaggerated tragedy Sometimes it's more fun to just watch the change of people, the change of neighborhood, the change of day. However,

John F. Kennedy did stop kitty-corner from the Kentucky Fried Chicken for gas on his way to the White House. And the neighborhood is still talkin' about it. Although it was the year before I was born I still dream that I'm washin' his windshield and checkin' the oil and he hands me three bucks and says "keep the change." I shout down the street "keep the changin'. . ." Or maybe he just stopped for directions.

Ellis Clark & Byrd (John A. Krenger), Social Records, Chicago, IL (312) 278-8511

Greetings to all in CMJ music/radioland. We're happy to say that the response to the SOCIAL ACT being included on CMJ's Certain Damage Volume 15 has been overwhelming. If you have the disc, check it out! Track 14, "Judgement Day." The Social Act and all here at Social Records would like to welcome a new Chicago label, Halo Records, which will be headed by Barry Waterman. Best of luck and a long life. Oh, and by the way, Social Records is currently negotiating with Halo Records to have two Social Act cuts featured on Halo's second compilation album, which will be out in July. So MDs, be sure to give it a listen. . . Good news for all you couch potatoes, the Social Act has just finished the shooting of its new video, "World War III," and is now in the editing stages. All of us feel certain that we will walk away with next year's Oscars. Watch out, MTV. Now you won't have to leave the house to get terrorized. The video will premiere in Chicago, May 5th, when the Social Act performs at its video release concert at the Avalon. There will be two shows; 8 PM (all ages) & 11 PM (over 21 only). And for those of you who can't wait we'll all be partying at the Living Club (Chicago) where the video will leave to 11 PM (over 21 only). And for those of you who can't wait, we'll all be partying at the Union Club (Chicago) where the video will also be shown along with a special viewing of the alternative adult version on Thurs, evening, May 4th, 15 gets you thirty. So over-21 humanoids only at the Union showing, please. For more info, give us a call. . . We'll close this by giving a hello to love itself, Jerry Love, Michelle, and all at Famous Music Publishers in New York and Los Angeles, without whom The Social Act would not exist and this world would be a much safer place. Love to Joanne and all stations out there that have been like way too cool because they play the Social Act, and because they do, we are showing our appreciation by sending them all to Ma's house for a holiday.

Mike Mena, A&M Records, New York, NY (212) 286-0477

It's amazing some of the comments I've been hearing lately from folks. Here's a good one: "Our DJs have a hard time cueing up CD singles." My response to that was what the hell are they doing in college if they can't cue up a CD single?! Anyway, the **NEVILLE BROTHERS** have made what is probably the best record of their career and the more open-minded programmers have definitely picked up on it. The comment I hate is that it's not "ALTERNATIVE" enough for us. The Nevilles are one of the most talented and unique bands ever to make music. They sound like no one else and have need not any success on mainstream radio. When I'm told that it just doesn't fit the format, it makes me realize that some programmers are falling provite something that mainstream radio. the format, it makes me realize that some programmers are falling prey to something that mainstream radio is accused of: not stepping out. A good record should get played. If a record doesn't fit a "format" that's supposed to be open-minded, then I guess we can assume that this station is playing records that are similar in sound and style. Doesn't sound too adventurous to me. Another pet peeve: Don't you just love stations that say they program 50% indie labels, 50% majors? What bullshit! There should never be a quota from which you derive your playlist. If the majors are cranking out drivel, you shouldn't program it. Conversely, the same the other way around. AAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHI!!!!!!!! Thanks, I feel better now.

Larry Lieberman, Holographic Images, Miami, FL (305) 531-5465

Hi there, Larry Lieberman here. If you have received your **VEIL OF TEARS** CD, you'll notice the hologram. It has many planes of dimensions to be viewed. You can explore these dimensions using different lights to reconstruct the hologram. Any single white light source directed at about a 45 degree angle from above will reconstruct this image best. A note of caution, your hologram may be too bright to be viewed in direct sunlight! In flourescent light only, the surface plane will be visible. Light speed. . . Larry.

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## Dialogue Continued

Scott Glasel & Michael Gabriell, Veil Of Tears, Miami, FL (305) 673-2701

Music and surrealism do have a great future together. Music is an art form, not just a product to be produced indiscriminately. We hope you enjoy our CD, and can relate to the lyrics, music and production. The artwork on this project was considered very important to us, and we hope everyone likes the hologram. By the way, looking at this hologram while driving can be hazardous. This CD was recorded, mixed and mastered digitally. If you have a good set of speakers, you will hear what we heard. This is a D.I.Y. product, and any support will be appreciated. Call at any time.

Robert Vodicka, New Alliance Records, Lawndale, CA (213) 835-4267

CRIMONY and MARTIN BISI are still out there. So, if you think they're good, then keep playing them. The fax machine apparently garbled the things I wrote in the March 24th issue. If they didn't make sense, that might be why. The new KILLDOZER singles pack reminds me of when I was 14 and my dad came into my room and smashed my clock radio because I was blasting the local AOR station. I don't know if that's good or bad. E ticket: SUN RA doing a night of Disney tunes. Love.

Jill Maxick, National Alternative Promotion, Chrysalis Records, New York, NY (800) 221-8787

Can you stay within the lines? Then get out that 64-count box of Crayolas with the sharpener in back, and enter the SEA HAGS coloring contest! The outline is in the *Hard Rock* section of this issue. Use marker, pen, blood, or any other artistic material and color in the most creative cover. The Sea Hags album is not one to be confined to the Hard Rock realm; like The Cult (whose Billy Duffy appears on the LP under a pseudonym and whose lan Astbury is a Hags fan), this band walks the line between "alternative" and hard rock. Start with "Half The Way Valley," "Doghouse" and "Too Much T-Bone."... The wee Scots are back for five weeks of intensive gigging—catch the PROCLAIMERS 5/2 Portland, 5/3 Seattle, 5/4 Vancouver, 5/6 Calgary, 5/9 Winnepeg, 5/10 Minneapolis, 5/12 Denver, 5/14 Dallas, 5/15 Austin, 5/16 Houston, and more TBA. As I write this, these dates are still subject to change, so check with me via phone as the time approacheth. And also as I write this I am listening to the forthcoming WINTER HOURS album, which you will all hear for June. I'm getting excited about it, but will save the description for later. Meanwhile, send me those coloring entries! I promise to hang the best ones on my refrigerator door.

Karen "Clam Dip" Booth, New College Radio Geek, Twin/Tone Records, Minneapolis, MN (612) 872-0646

I figure that no matter what I write in this, I will suffer innumerable comparisons to my mentor, the totally rocking and unbelievably cool Jill Fonaas. It's hard to face a task knowing that nothing is gonna keep you from sounding like a dork. Heavy vibes aside, I am now the chick to whom all you grooving MDs should make yourself known. Keep in mind that Jill will still be around to chat in the instance that you need to get your weekly Fonaas fix. Beware, Jill and I are an AWFUL lot alike. It's eerie sometimes. Metallica, Kiefer, Bullet LaVolta, the same exact haircut, alcoholic beverages, rock boys with long hair, and about a jillion other things that there isn't enough time or room to mention (including lengthy lists of things we like). In tour news, SOUL ASYLUM is finally back from an extensive tour of Europe and will play miscellaneous Midwestern dates until the beginning of May. The BLUE HIPPOS, MAGNOLIAS and AGITPOP are also doing their fair share of road work, concentrating mainly on the Midwest. By now, you should have received the new Soul Asylum EP, Clam Dip And Other Delights. It rocks, and Soul Asylum totally rules the universe. (I told you I was a lot like Jill.) Thanks tons for all the support on YO LA TENGO. Keep those turntables dizzy with MYRA HOLDER and SPEED THE PLOUGH. To reiterate what Jill said in her last Dialogue, please call if you are hankerin' for Yo La Tengo, Soul Asylum, AL ANDERSON or REPLACEMENTS (sans cosmetics) posters. If you want a Karl Clam Dip standup, you're gonna have to beg. Maybe even grovel a little bit. Okay, just kidding—I'll only make you beg.

Dyana Kass, Metal Blade Records, Tarzana, CA (818) 981-9050

Yo, people, get your ears to the ground. There is a new vein of music out there that no one has bothered to define yet, so I am taking it upon myself to do it for you. The sound depicts hard rock on the cutting edge of now! Need an example? Try MOTHER LOVE BONE. This Seattle band is certainly not your run-of-the-mill metal or hard rock band, but they take that realm of music one step further. Throw a curveball to your listeners and put "Thru Fade Away" or "Capricorn Sister" on the airwaves. I think that you will be pleasantly surprised, and if you're not, get your ears checked!!!!!

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Stewart Morales, Torrid Records, Mt. Vernon, NY (914) 664-3885

New York City is still the ruling capital for live music! Last weekend was a prime example. On Friday, my buddies the CYCLE SLUTS FROM HELL obliterated their audience at CBGB's with their fiery but refined concert. On Saturday, Torrid's own GOTHIC SLAM packed them in at Sanctuary 2, despite the torrential downpour, providing a little thunder and lightning of their own to captivate the crowd. On Sunday, a new band called RIP PLANET put on an intricate yet powerful show at the Limelight. Check them out! All of these shows were very special because the artists poured their souls into their dynamic and intense live performances. Only in the New York area do you get Saturdays where the CRO-MAGS, DREAM THEATER, LIVING COLOUR, M.O.D. and THE PACK (featuring Ross The Boss of MANOWAR) are all performing simultaneously. . . Watch your desk for the new MUCKY PUP LP, with 15 tracks of musical mayhem and sonic satire, around late May!. . . Oh yeah, does anyone know where I can get a TONE-LOC baseball cap?

Lisa Yimm, Reckless Records, San Francisco, CA (415) 431-8435

Yes, the rumors are true—Jesus Acedo and Odin Helgison of **BLACK SUN ENSEMBLE** got the official tour of the Long Beach Jail after their first ever West Coast show opening for Throwing Muses on Friday, March 31st. From what my spies tell me the show was amazing—too bad they had to cancel two other gigs! I guess that's what you call being truly RECKLESS!!!!! Anyway, the boys are out now, and dying to play some shows. So if you would be interested in having them visit your jail (oops!) town, just give me a call. My thanks to all the stations who have really supported the BSE's second album, you know who you are! (So do I.) If you still don't have a copy of this great LP, then by all means call and pester me, and you can be reckless, too!

Debbie Southwood-Smith, Label Manager, Giant Records, Rockville Centre, NY (516) 764-7938

Just got back from a trip to my old stomping grounds (Boston) where I saw about 15 bands in three nights. Felt like I was at a seminar or something. I also did the coolest thing I've ever gotten to do. I was one of 75 people who saw R.E.M. perform an acoustic set at Charlie's Tap (a small cajun restaurant) for the benefit of a documentary chronicling Vietnam vet Ron Kovak's life. That band is so awesome—anyway, enough bragging. Giant has a new employee; Jeff Pachman, formerly of Important and TVT Records, will be handling retail promotion and some A&R work. Jeff is one of those rare breeds who actually enjoys working late, so we're pleased. New on Giant: SLICKEE BOYS Live, ANNA DOMINO Colouring In The Edge And The Outline, BLAINE RENINGER Expatriate Journals...
GOVERNMENT ISSUE on tour in the Midwest and UNIFORM CHOICE on the West Coast. Please call us with gossip and other fun stories.

Gerard Cosloy, Homestead Records, Rockville Centre, NY (516) 764-6200

We expect arrival any day now of the following: HONOR ROLE Rictus LP, GREAT PLAINS "Exercise" 7", BASTRO Bastro Diablo Guapo LP, FISH & ROSES We Are Happy To Serve You LP, and DANIEL JOHNSTON's Yip Jump Music... The new volunteerism? Business Week? Kakie Urch tells me that to qualify for one of Bush's volunteer programs one must be certified HIV negative. So when do the AIDS tests start at PolyGram Records?... 94 dead in soccer riot, no big surprise. What do you expect when 3/4 of the (un)civilized world glorifies a sport where you're not allowed to use your hands? Human beings are born manually-oriented, and it's easy to imagine a 50,000-strong mob growing frustrated and blood-thirsty after watching hours and hours of grown men kicking a ball around. "I got trampled to death at a soccer match" is only slightly less embarrassing than being crushed against the stage at an R.E.M. gig... I've just joined a bizarre religious cult that practices voodoo rituals and animal sacrifices as a way of keeping undesirable spirits away. So far this week I've received no demo tapes or phone calls from stations requesting service, so it must be working... On second thought: Just caught a brief snippet on the Indigo Girls on VH-1. In an era when "alternative rock" and easy listening have become one and the same, there really might be worse things than doing Stooges covers. I know, there's only so much originality to go around, and maybe if I believed that everyone reading this was lazy-minded I would try to differentiate between "art" and "entertainment," but it's that kind of cynicism that's done more harm to free expression than all record labels and trade magazines combined. If rock really died, if this whole fucking underground thing is just chewing on its own tail, how do you manage to write off Mecca Normal? Royal Trux? Graeme Jeffries? Wayne Horvitz? Just because that spark became harder to find is no excuse for giving up... Round, black and plastic: Surgery 7", Suckdog Drugs Are Nice LP, The Mathematical Genius Of Pep Le

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## **Dialogue Continued**

Jerry Rubino, Bar/None Records, Hoboken, NJ (201) 795-3809

What a fine time I had at the New York Music Awards held at The Beacon Theatre, Saturday, April 8th. What made the evening extra special was being able to mingle with a wide variety of area talent. Included were the SMITHERENS, L.L. COOL J, DENISE LOPEZ, DEBBIE HARRY, CHRIS STEIN, DEBBIE GIBSON, CHRISTINE LAVIN, NOEL, WHITE LION, SAMANTHA FOX, JOEY and DEE DEE RAMONE, AL B. SURE, TAYLOR DANE, Hilly Kristal of CBGB fame, RUN-D.M.C., the FAT BOYS, LISA LISA, SA-FIRE, DICK MANITOBA of DICTATORS fame, and DAMN CHEETAH, who were chosen Best Unsigned Metal Band. Believe me, these guys will be HUGE!! But the highlight of the evening came when THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS were given the award for Best Rock Band On An Independent Label. When CIRCUS OF POWER gave John Flansburgh and John Linnell the award, Flansburgh dedicated it to the newest member of the Bar/None world, Gina Morrow. Gina was born Saturday morning, April 8th, to Bar/None Director Glen Morrow and his wife Elizabeth. It seems, however, that Gina was actually ushered into this world with a little bit of help. The prior evening, newest Bar/None recording artists, the ORDINAIRES, had their record release party at New York's Knitting Factory. This nine-piece instrumental band from NYC was finishing up their set with Led Zep's "Kashmir" (which appears on the new album One), when Glenn and Elizabeth felt "it was time to go." It seems the swirling, "snake-charmer dance-like sounds" of "Kashmir" actually lured little Gina to want out!!!. . . Speaking of out, you should have both the Ordinaires and BILL DRUMMOND records at this moment. You'll hear from me soon. Until then.

Jonathan, Flake, Sub Pop Records, Seattle, WA (206) 441-8441

Hey, so there's this combo called the AFGHAN WHIGS, they hail from the banks of the O-HI-O, and the rokked the mighty Squid Row tavern here in Seattle like no one has in a long time. They're on tour, indulge yerself and go catch 'em. Speaking of the Whigs: their single is the next Sub Pop single-of-the-month. For all you sweet subscribers, we're throwing you a bonus single. We have this lame band who we're tyring to break and we figure you'll like 'em better if you get a free single. I forget their name—they wear loin cloths and play cheap Swedish guitars. Give it a spin before you throw it in the dumpster. . . In other news: TAD, the man and the band, had an Everclear record release party. A 4AM road rally to the Doghouse capped an evening of socially responsible behavior. THE FLUID and MUDHONEY are both in Europe, drinking beer, yodeling and falling down. SWALLOW is on the road here on the West Coast. The WALKABOUTS are about to leave on their first national tour. Do not miss this group!! Pack up the station wagon—fun for the whole family! France's LES THUGS will be touring with BLOOD CIRCUS this summer. Look for a compilation LP from the former and a new single from the latter. NIRVANA will also be touring this summer. Their debut LP, Bleach, will be out in about three weeks. Any info needed about Sub Pop bands on tour call Bulging Eye booking in San Francisco at (415) 863-8245 (Nirvana) or Danny at Terminal Booking here in Seattle at (206) 441-3011 (Tad, Blood Circus/Les Thugs). . . We endorse: NWA Straight Outta Compton, MECCA NORMAL Calico Kills The Cat, DWARVES Tooling For A Warm Teabag. . . We can't wait for: Dial M For Motherfucker by PUSSY GALORE. . . Here come THE LONELY MOANS.

W. Vann Hall, President and officer-in-charge-of-thinking-about-Wynona-Ryder, Top Records, Washington, DC (703) 845-2844

Ah, spring is here, when it becomes even more obvious that "unattractive woman" is an oxymoron. So, a couple of weeks ago I went out to my favorite teeming-with-rich-and-beautiful-19-year-old-Georgetown-students bar for a night of drinking and dancing. I should have stayed home. The local Columbia flack was throwing a big LIVING COLOUR party. This meant that everybody through the door got a free Cassette Single (TM); they dragged in a local fabric artist to paint customized Living Colour t-shirts; and every few songs the DJ—who was none too good to begin with—had to stop whatever feeble groove he had going for a Living Colour interview clip, or a Living Colour video, or a Living Colour giveaway announcement. Not only was the evening as much fun as dancing to MTV—ads and all—but the total cost for this minor bash probably doubled Top's entire usual promotional budget for a release. Now, I'm not claiming-that it's somehow unfair for a major to put big bucks behind a release, but I want to emphasize that we independents count on alternative programmers to look beyond the packaging and hype to the music. I can't bribe you with the offer of a dozen CDs or front-row seats to sold-out shows. But I can offer you music that the majors can't—or won't. I've spent the last few weeks putting together a loan application for Top. If we get the bux, we should be able to put out nearly 40 releases in the next 45 months. How much are we asking for? About as much as Epic blows on a single video for tripe like Europe. . . Play the WOLVES; watch for CARNIVAL OF SOULS, the REPLY, THE NOW, HYAA!, the SCHMOVIE, and a cast of thousands.

Michele Block, Experiencing Concert Overload, Arista Records, New York, NY (212) 830-2179

SARAH McLACHLAN's recent promo tour was very successful. Thanks to WNYU, WRAS, KCMU, KCRW and WXYC for interviewing Sarah. Her debut album, Touch, is chock full of tracks to play. Make sure you check out "Steaming," "Strange World," "Trust" and "Uphill Battle." LEGAL REINS is currently touring California; catch them when they come to your town. They are available to do interviews, just call the above number to set it up. THREE TIMES DOPE are putting the finishing touches on their video "Funky Dividends." Don't limit the music you play in your regular format—Three Times Dope should not only be played on your rap shows but in your regular programming. Bands that blew me away in concert: Indigo Girls, Elvis Costello, the Replacements and the Royal Crescent Mob. More later.

• Tonni Maryuama, Promo, Nettwerk Productions, Vancouver, BC (604) 687-8649

BOXCAR!!!! If you have not listened to this release yet, do it now! Taking the clubs by storm, "Freemason" should be on your playlist. A very big thank you to WDRE for believing early. I still have hope for BEL CANTO to see some more adds—have a listen to "Dreaming Girl" and let me know what you think. New 12"s in your face in May: MC 900 FT JESUS, MR. BIG MOUSE, Bel Canto, and the ever popular SEVERED HEADS. Debut Nettwerk release from England's BILL PRITCHARD entitled 3 Months, 3 Weeks, 2 Days will be to you in May, and this album is killer! In closing, I would like to mention three artists I haven't talked about for a while, but are always on my mind: SARAH MCLACHLAN, MOEV and KEITH LE BLANC—thanks to everyone who is supporting. Until next time, keep the faith.

Jill Cohn, Medusa Records, Culver City, CA (213) 390-9969 x124

How's it going out there? Have you all received the new Medusa releases? There are some stations that have already added the gutwrenching sounds of the MENTORS to their airwaves. If you are looking for a "clean track," you should check out "Oblivion Train" and "Police Hotel." As far as I can tell, the dirt can only be heard when the tracks are played at 45 RPM. On a more serious note, I'm glad to see you all getting into SACRILEGE BC. This Berkeley, CA, band plays with as much intensity as the words they write. Turn up "Ripping Apart" and "Revenge," then keep the needle down for "Party With God." I also hear that some of you have found out that the WASTED YOUTH song "The Gift Of Death" gets a lot of listener response, so before you think of shelving Black Daze, remember there is still some great metal to turn your listeners on to. That's about all, I just want to say hi to Mike Pain (Z-ROCK) and a big thanks for all your support of Wasted Youth. Talk to you all soon, bye.

Karen Lee Kahn, Bodega Promotions, New York, NY (212) 243-3121

JING is heating up with stations from Oregon to Maine, Bethlehem to Southern California. If you still have the Jing postcard, please forward it to us so we can service you better and send you the genuine original JING THING. The first single, "World Gone Mad," will be available in video format by mid-May. In describing the video, director Tom Krueger says, "provocative with a rock and roll punch." Producer is Bradshaw Leigh. So call for servicing! Jing will be appearing at selected venues on the East Coast in June and July. Also coming in June is the return of CHEMICAL WEDDING, last heard from on Today Brooklyn; Tomorrow The World. Some of you may remember their debut single, "Just Like Mondrian," on Neo-Plastic Records. You'll hear from me soon!

Sheri Hood, 4AD Records, New York, NY (212) 353-3773

"Hope everything is alright. . ." Hope by now everyone's received the new **PIXIES** album, **Doolittle**. We've licensed the band to Elektra here in the States, so if your station didn't get a copy give Mark Cohen a call at (212) 484-7211 and he'll send one your way. The band is presently in Europe touring, so they will not be available for interviews until they return in July. They'll do a few dates here in July and will start an extensive national tour in August. But until then you can get another Pixie fix by checking out the upcoming compilation album **The Bridge—A Tribute To Neil Young**, due out June 6 on No. 6-Caroline Records. The Pixies cover "Winterlong" on this LP, which benefits the Bridge Foundation, a school for children with cerebral palsy. Other records we have out now are "Raintime" from the **WOLFGANG PRESS** and the **Mercy Seat** EP from **ULTRA VIVIO SCENE**. I'll be out of the office quite a bit in May, so please leave a message on the machine and I'll (probably) call you back. (I'll really try!) Truly rulin' shows over the past month or so included the Dwarves, the Go Team, Some Velvet Sidewalk, Scrawl, Lucinda Williams and FUGAZI!!! P.S. I need an intern. Please call if interested!

## Dialogue Continued

Keith ("must I do EVERYTHING?") Sparbanie, The Big Cheese, K.D. Sparbanie, West Alexander, PA (412) 484-7672

Hello! CMJ Dialogue readers, we're new and hope you like the stuff we're putting out. **KEITH SPARBANIE AND THE SOFT PARADE** is a brand new act out of Western PA, and we've just released, independently, a 3" CD. The four cuts serve as a sampler-teaser until our debut LP, **29**, is finished. Hope to be gigging throughout the Northeast soon. Some promos are available, so drop us a line or make that call. We'd love to hear from you!

Chris Porter, Presto Records, Lowell, MA (617) 893-2144

Hi folks! It's been a long time since I've written one of these things. I hope you have all received the new album from Boston's **CLASSIC RUINS**, the first of hopefully many releases on Presto Records. For those of you who aren't familiar with them, Classic Ruins has been one of the Boston area's best roots-rock groups, first scoring way back in 1980 with a three-song 7" record on Ace Of Hearts Records and then with an album on Throbbing Lobster Records in 1986 (as well as many tracks on various compilations). Their new record **Ruins Cafe** was released a few weeks ago on Presto in the U.S. and New Rose Records in Europe. If any of you did not receive the record and feel you should have, please give me a call or write to P.O. Box 1081, Lowell, MA 01853. Please send playlists, too!... Other records slated sometime in the future include an album from **MIRANDA WARNING** (also from Boston) who were featured on the Vacant Lot Records compilation **None Whatsoever** in 1987 (Bob Weston from Volcano Suns used to be in the band), and an album from the **TERRIBLE PARADE** (from Cleveland) who had an EP on After Hours Records a few years ago... That's all for now. Thanks to WVCW, WCNI, WMBR, WJUL, WMWM, WEGL, WIUV, WMUH, WBSU, KEOL, KUOR, and a slew of others for all the support and kind words. Stay in touch!

Brian (Where's my promos, Lisa Paulon?) Way, Radio Guy and Finkmaster MC, Dr. Dream Records, Orange, CA (714) 997-9387

I'm really happy right about now. Nathan and I have only been tracking for about a week as I write this, and the response to **SWAMP ZOMBIES'** Fink has been incredible! Muchas, muchas gracias to all of you who threw it right into heavy—you know who you are (and what you like)! But don't stop now! Let's pump this sucker 'til it blows! Anyone who isn't on the ball, shame on you! If you haven't received **Fink**, CALL ME NOW!! We're running short on precious viny!! Here's some quotes which indicate that '89 will prove to be the year of the **Fink**. "Existentialist boho nihilist post-dada folk"—WESN; "If Bo Diddley was retarded"—WDJM; "Cute. Makes me smile. My friend loves the album. She's dancing around to it right now"—WCBN; "Violent Femmes meet Gilligan's Island"—KNAB; "Makes me droo!"—WPSU; "They're bitchin'. . . we'll get together and have a party ball!"—KFSR; "Something I could play to annoy all my listeners"—WNWG; "C'mon down real soon!"—KWWC; "Great! Glorious! Orgasmic!"—WVVS; "Where's my gun, Bob?"—KUOR. So, folks, call me and tell me, in your own words, what you think of the album. . Other stuff: 1) Maybe Raymond from KSCR and the alleged Lou Reed should get in the ring at the New Music Seminar. 2) Hey Dorothy from KXLU, sorry about my boss chewing you out, but that's life in the big city, baby! I love you anyway. 3) I have Swamp Zombies tour dates if ya want 'em. 4) It's official: imagine a sound like you've never ever heard before, indescribable, inescapable, **IMAGINING YELLOW SUNS!**. Good night. .

Bruce Flohr, RCA Records, Los Angeles, CA (213) 468-4177

You might want to hang on to that advance test pressing of the new LOVE AND ROCKETS album. I only sent out about 400 of those things. Everybody is calling and saying how glad they are to hear Love And Rockets take their music a huge step forward. The chance to have Love And Rockets play at your campus could give your station demi-god status, so be sure to call me if you plan on submitting artwork. The tour will start in June. It will be the album and tour of the year, so enjoy your head start with the music. In other news, the SIDEWINDERS are the next great guitar band, and college radio is spreading the word about the way they make a familiar sound come across fresh, exciting and loud. Also on deck is the band The Cult once was and the Doors might have been: MARY MY HOPE. TREAT HER RIGHT is out with Guadalcanal Diary, and their new album has some great blues/rock songs—nothin' wrong with a great harp lead. One final note: Gibson, Marshall and Murray spell back to back.

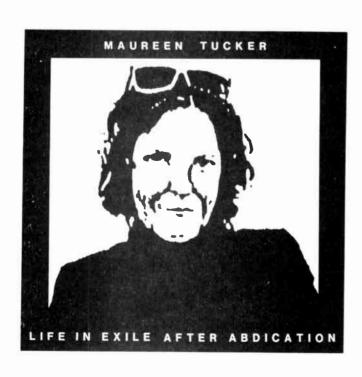
## Radio Dialogue

Tony Procaccino, Music Director, WMUA, Amherst, MA (413) 545-2876

It's the post-spring-break-'89-flaunt-your-tan-expose here at U/Mass. Talk about forced exposure. But happily for us pale folks, these fun 'n' sun lovers that attempt to cram a month's worth of tanning into four or five days are rapidly peeling. So the sale of skin cream lotion is skyrocketing in Amherst and I can't book thirty minutes in a salon until the middle of May. As if any of that mattered. The real factors keeping my GPA down: GRISLY FICTION Scrapeface LP, CLASSIC RUINS Ruins' Cafe LP, FROGS LP, CLARK TERRY Let's Cool One LP, DEAD C Sun Stabbed EP, the MORTICIANS She's Like Heroin LP, DON CHERRY Tibet LP, and lotsa WHITE BOY. Not much of which you'll find on the CMJ Top 100, but that's the price I pay for being tragically hip.

Rosanne Samson, Music Director, WVCR-FM, Loudonville/Albany, NY (518) 783-2990

Well, hi again. We've got major happenings here at WVCR. MIKE + THE MECHANICS are arriving in Albany very soon, and I'm looking forward to that concert. We've also got lots of metal doings at a fun place called Saratoga Winners, just a couple of miles north of us. CELTIC FROST and HADES blew the roof off the other night. Now we're eagerly anticipating RATT and M.O.D. Ooooh, it's nice to be in radio. Well, let's see, I'd like to thank Graham and Melissa at Atlantic for the good words, and I want to tell John at MCA that I'm really sorry that we keep missing each other. Of the music I've gotten lately, my favorites are LEATHERWOLF and DREAM THEATER; both hard rockers with a metallic edge. "Hideaway" and "Status Seeker" are runaway hits at WVCR. THE CULT and SKID ROW are major phone ringers, and one of my new picks is the CONNELLS' Fun & Games. Keep the music playing, and I'll talk to you in two weeks.



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## Dialogue Continued

Michael Kinsley, Program Director, WJMR, Harrisonburg, VA (703) 568-6846

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to all the music types. We here at James Madison University have been busting our butts for about five years to get a student-run radio station broadcasting at our lovely institution of higher pursuits. After much hard work and patience with everyone from the state legislature to the administration, we are about to start to be a "real" radio station. We are currently trying to buy catalogue records from labels (everyone's help is appreciated), finishing up our training, and just itching to go onair. We hit Friday, April 14, and are planning quite a bash to announce our presence. Playlists and other neat stuff will soon be arriving, so thanks for helping us become a real station.

Ken Schiele, Music Director, KAGU, Spokane, WA (509) 328-4220 x2292

Hey now! Not only is KAGU new to CMJ, but I'm also new to this whole Music Director stuff. Frustrating as hell, being a new station with a tiny budget and almost no music, but we do love it. Sorry for the lag in playlists, we've been busy; and then I tried to send out some, but the post office didn't like how I mailed out personal letters with the rest of the bulk mailings. We just started reporting; you can find us at the beginnings of the non-commercial West section (sorry KALX) and, as you may have noticed, we still need service—more from those of you who have already been helping out, and anything from those of you who don't yet. We have a daytime format that we call "adult alternative" that is constantly expanding, and our nights are devoted to our immensely popular specialty programs. We'll play just about any type of music: alternative, folk/country, dance/beat box, metal, jazz, reggae, classical, instrumental and many, many others. So we'd love any help, but please, no more canned food. Posters are good, though—our walls are still mostly blank. Our Address: KAGU, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA 99258. The hours I spend up at the station waiting for anyone to call: Weds. 9-11 AM, Thurs. 7-9 AM, and Thurs. 10 AM-noon. Just ask the operator for KAGU. So if any of you ever get down, just remember that of all the millions of sperm cells, you were the strongest and the fastest! Business is good. People are terrific. Life is wonderful. . .?

Michael Gondek, Music Director, WOUI, Chicago, IL (312) 567-3087

ATTENTION ALL RECORD LABELS! Here are five tips to producing a better product. 1) For Compact Discs: Please put a number next to every track so us lazy bums can cue a track without having to know how to count. 2) Include the length of a song in minutes, so we will know when the tune is over. 3) Lyrics and 4) photo of band give us something to look at. 5) Don't use clear vinyl because it is difficult to cue up ('cause you see the lines underneath the record). I can only release these simple tips to the public, for more information please observe the SEX PISTOLS "Rock & Roll Swindle" video (hello S.T. at EMI). . . Can you believe that it took five years for commercial radio stations to get the MINISTRY "Halloween" EP? If it wasn't any good for you in '84 why do you play it now?\$?\$?\$?\$?\$ Ska and oi are getting very popular here down in Chicago. Music is heading in the right direction (bands like GUNS N' ROSES, METALLICA and NITZER EBB are getting major distribution). Special thanks go out to all of those great record labels who continuously put out good bands: Caroline, Profile, Giant, Link (the real one in U.K.). Rock-O-Rama, GWR, Enigma, Mordam, SST, Combat, Wax Trax (Cheryl, please call), Alternative Tentacles, etc. A great underground band is MORTICIA; they are a mix of 45 Grave, Sisters Of Mercy, Ministry, Misfits. Hey, our new mixing board is finally in! Bollox to you!

Tara Lee, Music Director, and Couch, Program Director, WVAU-AM/FM, Washington, DC (202) 885-6161

Well, we here at WVAU have just recently gone through another one of those confusing-as-hell-but-necessary management staff changes, and Couch and I can claim, in all honesty, that the casualty rate was low. We're quite surprised, since this transition thing was not a very pretty experience! Anyway, "Couch," who will divulge his secret identity only on pain of death (or if you buy him a few drinks) is our NEW PD, and I, Tara Lee (no relation to Sara or Scarlett O'Hara), am the new MD. You will be hearing a lot from us, as WE are very sociable. To all you college reps—I'm sorry if I haven't gotten back to you yet, but please be patient, I'm learning my way around the office slowly but surely. Nothing much else is happening except that we're getting ready for NITZER EBB, who will be in DC on the 23rd! Keep those records and posters coming—we're still here!

Dan Mackta, Music Director, WESU-FM, Middletown, CT (203) 347-0050

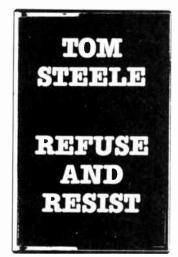
I'm bugged. First of all, sorry to Ger. for some twit leaving him on hold for 10+ minutes then hanging up on him. Imagine my chagrin when I answered the fone only to hear Ger. Cosloy's distinctive whine chanting "You motherfucker what the fuck are you doing, etc." Sorry dudester. Wasn't me. I guess one of the news dorcks did it (news is the enemy of radio). Sorry for making you mad, dad. Lisa from Caroline has a weird concept of how to make WHITE ZOMBIE a mega-success. Our copy was swiped o'er spring break so's I called for a replacement—she seemed kinda miffed that I, rather than Evan our Metal Direktr, called. Apparently, I was never supposed to have opened the thing in the first place. "It's a metal record, not an alternative rock record" or some such. She finally consented to sending a new copy, through I had to swear that I would add it to metal. "They are trying to push themselves as the new Slayer," she sez. Good. Let them. I'm going to add it to my general rotation, along with FLOR DE CANA, SCREECHING WEASEL and RHYS CHATHAM. Every DJ has access and free choice. That doesn't save it from being dull, tho'. Sorry, but it is. Good luck with it, I guess. But around here, committing new records to some specialty ghetto just doesn't go over too well. It's boring. And it peeves me. Hi Dave+Mark @ WHUS. No hi to the Wickit Witch o' Smith College, Kathleen. Call me for our fuggin' neat program guide.

 Ron "Destined to be a Jeopardy! contestant" Eugenio, Music Director, and Karen "The only non-tanned Union student" Schaefer, Promotional Manager, WRUC, Schenectady, NY (518) 370-6154

Greetings and salutations! Spring, in all its joys and pleasures, has descended with a vengeance upon the Union College campus. This means both a change in medicine cabinets—from Nyquil and Comtrex to Sudafed and Contac—and a change in Executive Board members. Amongst the chaos, Karen Schaefer is still the reigning Promotional Queen (giveaway royalty) and I'm still clinging as Music Director. However, along the way, John Morgan hung up his cap, turned in his badge, and is no longer an MD with me. (Actually, wait! I know he's around here somewhere! I last saw him shooting Nerfhoops in the record library... never mind.) He *did* remind me to spread the word of our CD jukebox-that-looks-like-a-microwave. It holds up to 100 CDs from a mostly new music format, although there is some jazz and some Hendrix in it also, and all our DJs have access to this for use on their shows. Ergo, all CDs are gratefully accepted and put into rotation. As for the bands on upstate New York airwaves, I foresee heavy play for FIREHOSE, ROBYN HITCHCOCK, the SAFE AS HOUSES EP, and, hell, most everything else. Also on the horizon is Camp Union and Fitz Hugh Ludlow Day—Union's answers to Springflings. Interested bands and/or booking agents should contact either Karen at the station (518-370-6154) or the Union College Concert Committee via Loraine Marra (518-370-6118). Come hang out with us and learn what a 16-sided building looks like with a hangover.

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Lou "The Riz" Rizzo, Music Library Manager/Producer, WFUV-FM, Bronx, NY (212) 365-8050

Welcome to my first ever CMJ Dialogue; I certainly hope you're enjoying it as much as I am. Anyway, in case you didn't know, WFUV is a 50,000 watt monster in NYC. What's better is that we've just put together a program which will showcase bands—national ones as well as "we-might-get-someplace-if-we-could-only-get-some-airtime" local talent. We're really psyched about this hour-long, weekly showcase called "Alternative Axis" premiering May 2 with 10,000 MANIACS (incidentally, thanks muchly to Mark Cohen at Elektra for his help in setting up that deal). So, reps, gimme a call and we'll rap about featuring your latest deal. We've also put together a weekly alternative music countdown type thing which we're looking to syndicate, but more about that later. While I'm here I should tell you that I'm updating my record catalogues and ordering information, so send yours to me ASAP! That's all for now; looking forward to talking to ya!

Aaron Benner, Music Director, WZBT, Gettysburg, PA (717) 337-6315

Things are working well here. We are setting up a jazz section to add to our beat box, metal and reggae sections, and this is a formal "solicitation" to labels to please put us on your jazz list, or whatever, as we will be reporting to CMJ jazz (as soon as we get some music to report). On other frontiers, DE LA SOUL, LOOP, METALLICA, ASHER D & DADDY FREDDY, BONGWATER (7"), BLUE CLOCKS GREEN, LEAVING TRAINS, (my favorite) N.W.A. and EAZY-E are cold running things here! I recently received a cassette from a band called SKEPTIC'S BOOKSHELF—strange name but good stuff! Guitar pop, edgy (but not Edge-y)... I often find that some of the best stuff out there is still unsigned. I guess predicting future success for a band is sometimes more important than quality for larger labels—who knows. We're not griping here... I recently took the stage myself at a college concert to do a cover version of "He's Glassick" (our departing school president) to the tune of the Beastie Boys' "She's Crafty"—good fun, good fun... One other note. I wish labels like 4AD, etc., would hook up with some kind of distribution deal so radio could buy their stuff for near-cost prices. I recently paid \$22 (!) for our station's replacement COCTEAU TWINS Head Over Heels CD and their cost is probably closer to \$2... Word.

Sarah Lehner, Music Director, WMRE, Atlanta, GA (404) 934-9042

Yes, we finally did it. . . Emory University now has a radio station. Thanks to all who helped get us on our feet. Thanks also to Dog Gone Records and **SNATCHES OF PINK** for stopping by last week (Freddie, you have great taste in music). Emory is the home of Jimmy Carter and the **INDIGO GIRLS**, only one of which has an album we can't keep off the turntable. Our latest fetish is Atlanta's **DRIVIN' N' CRYIN'** (check out "Honeysuckle Blue" on the new record and you'll see why we love it in the South). Word of advice: never get into a debate about grits with record companies in N.Y.C. Atlanta is THE place to be; three college radio stations, The Cotton Club, and DB Records, the best damn label around. It don't get no better than this.

Ted Clayton, Hip And Groovy Music Director, WCWS, Wooster, OH (216) 263-2240

Okay, I make a heartfelt plea for people to write useful stuff, and the circle jerk goes on. Fine. I'll offer the one piece of information that I've learned that may be useful. Ready? If you're going to deal with a major label (WEA, Atlantic, CBS, etc.) it's best to see if there's a regional office near you to talk to. For some reasons, no one at the companies (except CBS) let me in on this, but it's a real time and phone bill saver. Seems obvious now, but if I would have known it in September (say, through this publication) it would have helped a lot. Also, we used to pay Capitol for service, but no longer. This might explain whey they send us no albums, just singles. Oh, well, more room for the indies. My tenure here ends May 8, which is sad to think about. I've talked to some real nice and intelligent people who realize that while this is a business, it's not all business. Thanks to all of them, and I hope to stay in touch. Especially Tim at Apache. Final words: I'd like to congratulate the **DEAD MILKMEN** on finally becoming juvenile enough to gain mainstream acceptance and incidentally help co-opt what's left of punk. And a last recommendation: Peter Buck, according to Rolling Stone, finally bought a CD player. Why? So he could get the **MISSION OF BURMA** compilation CD. **R.E.M.** also does a cover of "Academy Fight Song" in concert now. Maybe this will convince all of you to get the CD. Something ought to. It blows away their Taang! stuff and 99% of everything else I've ever heard. Finally, thanks to **VOICE OF THE BEEHIVE** for doing the **COMSAT ANGELS** "Independence Day" at their concert in Cleveland. (The Comsats' early material is part of that 1%.) The next VoB album ought to be pretty good too, even though I thought the first one was sort of average. Good luck to everyone, and *enjoy your fucking job or quit doing it!* 

Julian Francis, Music Director, WQSU, Selinsgrove, PA (717) 286-8400

Hey now! Well, it's about that time of the year again—time to be a-changin' hands. Mr. ex-Music Director, Brian Stettler, is moving on (mainly due to graduation). So from here on in, I'm the law in this here territory. I enter this position dazed and confused, so please bear with me until I regain my sanity. I welcome all your calls—my business hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45-4:45. I look forward to talkin' with y'all. . . I don't want to say too much too soon, but I will say how I love that new JOE JACKSON single. TANITA TIKARAM is sounding pretty hot, along with fIREHOSE. I just get chills thinking about it. . . Brr! What else can I say? See y'all in the funny papers!

Jerry Rubino, Music Director, WFDU-FM, Teaneck, NJ (201) 692-2012

Well, here we are in April in the midst of another one of our annual pledge drives. Instead of the usual 10 grand, we need to now raise 40 grand!!! At this point it seems we'll make it, plus we'll probably host a handful of benefit shows. Any bands interested? Leave a message at the phone number above. .. BMI has once again asked us to do full radio coverage of the New Music Seminar. At last year's NMS we interviewed nearly 115 bands in the three days. More specific details will follow. .. On the import scene, DIE HAUT, the NOMADS, AFRICAN HEAD CHARGE, WONDER STUFF, ADULT NET, SAD LOVERS AND GIANTS and the POOH-STICKS continue strong play at this point in mid-April. Speaking of imports, it's good to see SYD BARRETT's Opel album released domestically. As an import months ago it peaked at the top of our charts. . . This week's interviews include BOB MOULD, fIREHOSE and a live acoustic set from the Wonder Stuff. Well, I'm outta here, it's Wonder Stuff week 'round here. Road trip to Philly, the new Ritz in N.Y.C. for shows, plus a bowling/drinking night with these lads from Edinburgh. Thanks to Tim Hyde for making it happen this time!

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## Dialogue Continued

David Gottlieb, Crotchety 'Til The End Ex-Music Director, KFJC-FM, Los Altos Hills, CA (415) 960-4260

Yeah, ex-MD, as Doug takes over, Tom the asst. and Dave to his favorite golf course for overloads of plaid, sandtraps and burgers (ask LaSalle at Profile). Final bitches before becoming just a DJ: An East Coast MD has asked me to harp on this for a while—\$7.25 an issue for CMJ yet it can't arrive anywhere outside of metropolitan New York on time. I mean I won't read this issue until I'm married and own an indie promo firm. You pay \$4.00 an issue for *Gavin*, just over \$3.00 for *Rockpool* and \$3.75 for *WARD*. They all arrive able to supply people with worthy info and without **Certain Eardamage** CDs. Face it, CMJ, second class mail is less efficient than the pony express. Lori Blumenthal's Dialogue of 3/24 brought up some good points, but one reason college radio doesn't play records falling into the songwriter realm is basic ignorance. A lot of the DJs on college radio today grew up with such dominant songwriters as Depeche Mode and Psychedelic Furs and the schlock of '80s AOR radio (which is the same as '70s AOR radio). It doesn't help that the one way people could overcome this ignorance is by being exposed and educated by the great variety of music many major labels are unwilling and uncooperative in supplying to college radio, namely the Chess and Hank Williams reissues, which showcase songwriters who have dictated the way music is made today. It also doesn't help that most of the records Lori mentioned are commercial, homogenized college radio feed which should actually be working at AOR but don't because of its crushing stagnation. It also doesn't help when they just plain blow. Final bruising: for those college stations who thought they were hip playing Public Enemy but won't play N.W.A. because of the profanity and they're in a major market and whatever other excuse, do one thing: listen to the LP, realize there are four songs without profanity, the album is real, not "politically correct," and the FCC will allow you to play "Fuck The Police" after midnight. Compton is the part of L.A. the film *Colors* 

Raymond So, Music Director, KSCR, Los Angeles, CA (213) 743-5727

After reading Colleen Baxter's (from SST) Dialogue about us in the March 24th issue, I have got to set a few things straight. Any point she might have had was lost 'cause she didn't have the facts right about KSCR. She accuses our top 35 of being "virtually identical" to KROQ's, however, in that issue, only 15 out of our 35 were the same. As I had claimed, we are a modern rocker, but there's enough room in the format for many more artists than KROQ plays. I've sent Colleen an actual six-hour playlist from our station; she shouldn't go around making way-off-base accusations about a station she has never actually heard. We're not as out of touch with the rest of college radio as she tries to make us sound. The reality is that 28 of the records in CMJ's current top 30 for college radio are in our rotation. Colleen then manages to insult every carrier-current station in the country by calling us a "weak, mono AM station manned by inexperienced jocks." Where does she get off saying things like that? I thought she was in promotions, but it seems like she could really use a lesson in good P.R. Colleen then insults me personally by accusing me of trying to "kiss her ass" when I told her that I liked

FIREHOSE a lot, yet I didn't know they were from L.A. There's good reason for that: I'm from New York City, so of course I don't know all the local groups; however, I could tell her that MURPHY'S LAW, TOO MUCH JOY and SHOT B/W are New York groups. Bet she didn't know that. As for my claim about "breaking" records, I meant only that we played them before any other L.A. station; I wasn't talking about retail. Colleen knows perfectly well that most college stations don't track retail sales. ENOUGH—on to more important business. Thanks go out to everyone involved in recent interviews we had with the REIVERS, THROWING MUSES, LEGAL REINS, WALL OF VOODOO, T.S.O.L., WHEN IN ROME, ED HAYNES and the BEAT FARMERS. Finally, I think the new records by the OPHELIAS, RAINING VIOLET, BEL CANTO, XYMOX and BRIAN RITCHIE (yes, I know he's on

Munsey S. Ricci, Music Director, WQCC, Bayside, NY (718) 423-5116

At last WQCC had its first club night in ten years at L'Amour East in Elmhurst, Queens. An estimated 1,200 people showed up, many of them students from Queensborough CC who came to support their campus radio station. I booked a heavy bill which started with a local act from New York, WILD CHILD, who are known because John from HITTMAN came from that band. They delivered a heavy set of rock and roll that goes to show they can rock just as hard, or even better. Next up was L.A.'s ELECTRIC ANGELS, who have only been in the New York area for four or five months but seem to be making waves locally. The headliner was none other than CIRCUS OF POWER. We had a whole shit-load of CDs, records, and other stuff to give away, thanks to Stephanie Lopes, Bruce Flohr and Chris LaSalle. That's all for now. Ciao.

Micah Winston, Music Director, WIUS, Bloomington, IN (812) 855-6552

One of my favorite parts of being MD is schmoozing with reps on the phone. One of my least favorite parts is getting bitched at monthly by the Almighty Dean of Students for running over my \$80 (!?) monthly phone limit (I haven't been much under \$100 yet). Anyway, I always hear reps complaining about how the majority of us don't return calls. Thusly, I'd like to suggest a simple remedy. Why don't you record companies get 800 numbers? I know that major labels can afford it, yet the only one that I have come across is PolyGram's Chicago office. C'mon Elektra, WB, Relativity, MCA, I.R.S., Island, etc., etc. It would make both of our jobs infinitely easier. Shit, even some small labels seem to be able to afford it (Brave Dog and Sky, whose rep, Mike, says that it works wonders). I'd like some feedback/comments on this issue. I'm sure that there are many stations out there that don't even have long-distance budgets! On a lighter note, see LAUGHING HYENAS and NICE STRONG ARM at all costs. I am still stunned, and the concert that they played at 33 Steps was a week ago!!

Salena, Rock Director, WMHC, South Hadley, MA (413) 538-2044

Hello, everybody. I'm the newly-elected Rock Director at the country's oldest and largest broadcast facility run and managed entirely by women. But that's not important here. I just wanted to say that I really enjoy the bitching and the putting down that goes on here—it's too funny for words. Please, don't ever stop! To Adam Lewis, WFPR. If you thought that **NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK** (what a stupid name, I must say) wearing a **BAUHAUS** shirt was nauseating, it's because you don't remember an old **CHICAGO** video (I can't remember the song—thank god!) with Peter Cetera wearing the exact same shirt! Bleaugh! What's next? **TIFFANY** in **JOY DIVISION**? Oh no, it's my first letter in Dialogue and those names are going to be in BOLD, aren't they? Maybe I should mention a few "cool" groups to compensate. . .

Gene Hahn, General Manager, WZBC, Newton, MA (617) 552-3511

I was in the dentist's office yesterday when I saw the old January issue of Rolling Stone. The issue told me, among other things, how to be quite fashionable. That was something which I was glad to read about. I always wanted to know where Saturday Night Live's guitarist got his clothes. It made me feel much better about getting my double root canal. Additionally, there was an article about the demise of vinyl. At WZBC, we have a strong commitment to new vinyl, a very strong commitment that occasionally gets in the way of new CDs. Because of a malfunctioning process, I thought I'd write in my picks of Favorite Spring CDs. My favorite Mod. Rock CD of spring '89 is by THREE BOXES. The CD is called Real India and it's on Slidd Records. For N.C.P., our more experimental format, there's a tie between ERLING WOLD's Music Of Love on Spooky Pooch and the spoken-word Celestial Navigations on Nouveau. I don't feel compelled to explain them; I just like 'em. Check 'em out.

Mitchell Speert, Music Director, WLBS, Piscataway, NJ (201) 932-4105

Greetings from the new kids on the block. Lewis Goldberg and I are the new Music Directors at WLBS, and it's been a real adventure so far. Due to former MDs' negligence (no offense to former MD Tom Murphy) most of the major labels stopped sending us stuff years ago, our music library was an absolute mess (KREATOR under R?), many of our DJs were irresponsible, and nobody was reporting to CMJ. Now after a lot of hard work our entire library has been recatalogued, we're getting mailings from many companies on a regular basis, our DJs are taking a real interest in the station and, as many of you have noticed, we are now reporting regularly to CMJ's radio and Hard Rock reports. We would like to thank Atlantic for supporting us through our "dark ages," and all of you who've recently put us on your mailing lists. We really appreciate all of your support. Now it's only onward and upward. (Oh yeah, a special thanks to Murphy, lan, and the others who have donated extra time to getting this station back on its feet.)

Michael Kinsley, Program Director, WJMR, Harrisonburg, VA (703) 568-6846

We would like to first thank our brothers and sisters in the "biz" who have helped us get our station on the air. We are kicking butt in the 'Burg now, and working out all the little quirks of the station. I'd like to thank all of the labels that helped us out on our "start-up bash," especially Tim Hyde of PolyGram and Stephanie of Island Records. The giveaways were welcomed with open arms. On the new music scene, we are especially digging the **PROCLAIMERS**, **HALF JAPANESE** and the **THRASHING DOVES**. Our library is small but growing, and we welcome any additions to our collection. Got our mojo working in the 'Burg. . . Till next time. . .

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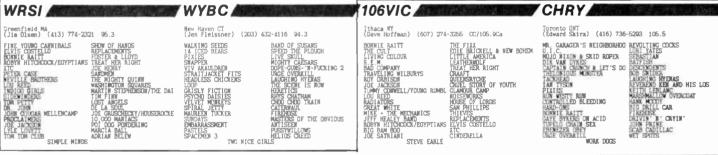
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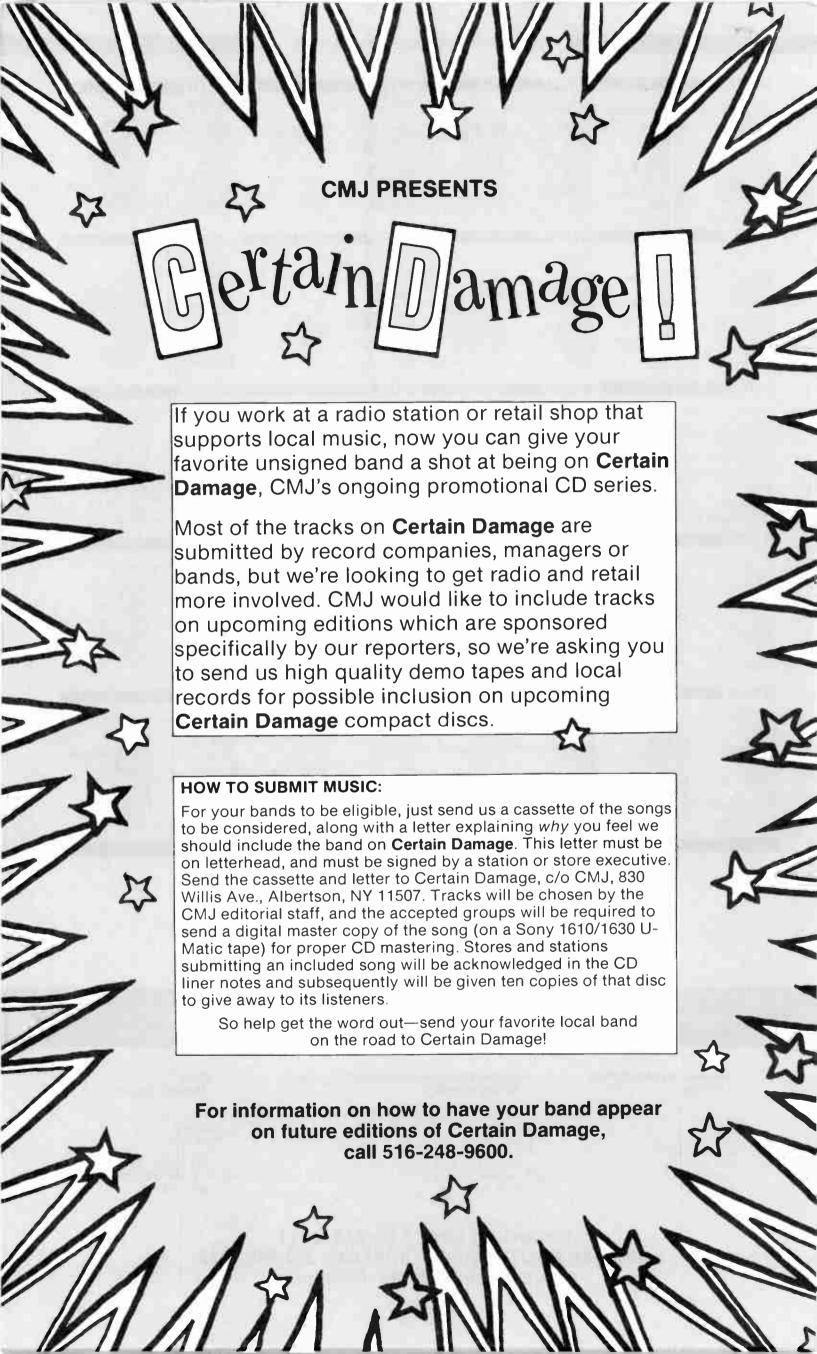
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Maureen Tucker-Life In Exile After Abdication [MOE 7-1]

A&M (1416 N. LaBrea Ave., Hollywood CA

90028/213-469-2411)
Soundtrack—Lost Angels [SP3926]
Joe Jackson—Blaze Of Glory [SP5249]
Gregg Alexander—Michigan Rain [SP 5255]

AJAX (P.O. Box 146882, Chicago, IL 60614/ 312-929-2935) Antiseen—Blood Of Freaks (EP) [003]

ALLEGIANCE (620 Hampshire Rd. #6, Westlake Village, CA 91362/805-496-4960) Tom Rigney—Rigo [Takoma D2-72707]

ALLIGATOR (P.O. Box 60234, Chicago, IL 60660/312-973-7736) Delbert McClinton—Live From Austin [AL 4773]

ALTERNATIVE TENTACLES (P.O. Box 11458, San Francisco, CA 94101/415-541-5305) Alice Donut—Bucketfulls Of Sickness And Horror In An Otherwise Meaningless Life **[VIRUS 73]** 

**AMPHETAMINE REPTILE (2541 NIcollet** 

Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55404)
urgery—"Not Going Down"/"Blow Her Face"
(7") [SCALE-17]

ATLANTIC (75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019/212-484-60001 Rockmelons—Tales Of The City [81949-1]

BLACK LABEL (1506 E. Olive Way, Seattle, WA 98122/206-324-4559) Hell Cows—Toothless [BLR 005]

BLACKOUTI (P.O. Box 544, Yonkers, NY 10710/ 914-793-5122) Various Artists—New York Hardcore: Where The Wild Things Are [BL-1]

BLACKSMYTH (7188 Sunset Bivd., Suite 204, Hollywood, CA 90046) Penny Black—Penny Black [0013]

BLOOMFIELD (36 Whittier Terrace, Bloomfield, NJ 07003/201-338-1844) Felix And The Havanas—Next! [0002]

BLUE NOTE (810 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10019/212-603-8600)
George Adams—Nightingale [B1-91984]
Freddie Hubbard—Times Are Changing [C1-90905]

BLUE WAVE (3221 Perryville Rd., Baldwinsville, NY 13027/315-638-4286) Hamell On Trial—Conviction [110]

BRAD IS SEX (P.O. Box 41453, Santa Barbara. CA 93109/213-395-8835)
Brad Is Sex—The Triumph Of Good [S-21584]

BUS STOP (P.O. Box 3161, Iowa City, IA 52244-3161)

-"Markers"/"Almost Home" (7") Bag-O-Shells [BUS002]

CAPITOL (1750 N. Vine St., Hollywood, CA

90028/213-462-6252)
Syd Barrett—Opel [Harvest C1-91206]
Great White—... Twice Shy [C1-90640]
Eddie Palmieri—Sueno [Intuition C1-91353]
Controllers—Just In Time [C1-91100]

CBS (51 W. 52nd St., New York, NY 10019/ 212-975-4321)
Lisa Lisa & Cult Jam—Straight To The Sky [Columbia OC 44379]
Barney Bental And The Legendary Hearts— Barney Bental And The Legendary Hearts [Columbia FC 45193]
No Shame—Good Girls Don't Last [Columbia FC 44469]
Lori Yates—Can't Stop The Girl

Lori Yates—Can't Stop The Girl [Columbia FC 44278] Alton "Wokie" Stewart—All Our Love [Epic FE 45210]

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Noiseworks—Touch [Columbia FC 45121]
Godfathers—More Songs About Love & Hate
[Epic FE 45023]
Takeshi Itoh—T.K. [Columbia FC 45161]
Various Artists—Greatest Country Hits Of The
'80s, 1982 [Columbia FC 44430]
Fabulous Thunderbirds—Powerful Stuff
[CBS Associated OZ 45094]
Shooters—Solid As A Rock [Epic FE 44326]
Bite The Bullet—Bite The Bullet
[Jet/CBS Associated FZ 44410]
Neal Schon—Late Nite [Columbia FC 45106]

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Kimoko Itoh—Follow Me [Columbia FC 45214] Various Artists—Pop Classics Of The '60s [Columbia FC 45019]

Various Artists—Rock Classics Of The '60s [Columbia FC 45018]

Various Artists—Rock Classics Of The '70s [Columbia FC 45048 Kirk Whalum—The Promise [Columbia FC 45215]

CHRYSALIS (645 Madison Ave., New York, NY

10022/212-758-3555) Sea Hags—Sea Hags [FV 41665] Debbie Harry/Blondie—Once More Into The Bleach [V2X 41658]

CRIMINAL (222 W. 37th St., New York, NY 10018/212-967-5465) ahsun—"Love Is Blind" (12") [CR12-034]

DIONYSUS (P.O. Box 1975, Burbank, CA 91507/ 818-953-4036)

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DOGHOUSE (191 Presidential Bivd. #907, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004/215-860-0781) David Rowand And Exisdance—Time Will Tell

EDGE (6464 Sunset Blvd., Suite 530, Los Angeles, CA 90028)
Tu Phaces—"Girls (Spend Your Money Up)"

(12") [ED 12016]

ELEKTRA (75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019/212-484-72001

Pixies-Doolittle [4AD 60856-1]

ELITE (P.O. Box 23, Fordham Station, Bronx, NY 10458/212-364-0721) Heartbeat Brothers—"Bring In The "Can We Do This" (12") [TP-003] "Bring In The Bassline"/

ESYNC OCULAR INTERCHANGE (P.O. Box 380621, Mlaml, FL 33238/305-759-1331) Velvascurge—Wiggly Shake [ESY-009]

GREEN LINNET (70 Turner Hill Rd., New Canaan, CT 06840) Capercaillie—Sidewaulk [SIF 1094] House Band—Word Of Mouth [SIF 3045]

GULL (c/o Paul Martinez, 16 Sweall St. Apt. 2, Boston, MA 02120/617-427-7406) Ginger Bread Men—"Happy Squirret" (7") [G-01]

HEARTBEAT (One Camp St., Cambridge, MA 02140/617-354-0700) Lee "Scratch" Perry--Chicken Scratch [HB-53]

HIGHTONE (220 4th St. #101, Oakland, CA 94607/415-763-8500) Reverend Billy C. Wirtz—Deep Fried And Sanctifled [King Snake HT 8017]

HOMESTEAD (P.O. Box 800, Rockville Centre. NY 11571-800/516-764-6200)
Rhys Chatham—Die Donnergotter [HMS120-1]
The Ex—Aural Guerrilla [HMS115-1]

Me A Deer"/"Goiter Blazes'

Bastro—"Shoot Me (7") [HMS131-7] I.R.S. (100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608/818-777-4730) The Truth—Jump [IRS-6290] Concrete Blonde—Free [IRS-82001] Black Sabbath—Headless Cross [I.R.S.Metal IRS-82002]

INTENSE (2835 Beividere Rd., Suite 113, Waukegan, IL 60085/312-662-5048) Vengence—Human Sacrifice [SSC 8115] Sacred Warrior—Rebellion [SSC 8116]

IRON MAN (c/o Shannon Houchins, Rt. 8 Box 200N, Valdosta, GA 31602) Dosta Crew—"Right On Time" (7") [001]

ISLAND (14 E. 4th St., Third Floor, New York, NY 10012/212-995-7800) Mica Paris—So Good [90970-1] Soundtrack—Mississippi Burning [Antilles 91236-1]

ITI (620 Hampshire Rd. #6, Westlake Village, CA 91362/805-496-4960) Mottoretti—First Generation [D2-72976]
Daryle Chinn—From The Closet [D2-72975]

J.C. (400 Second Ave., Sulte 22C, New York, NY 10010/212-642-8260)

James Cannings—"Sunshine (Son Shine)" (7") [JC1987]

K (Box 7154, Olympia, WA 98507) Mecca Normal—Calico Kilis The Cat [KLP-04]

K.O. CITY STUDIO (P.O. Box 255, Dracut, MA 01826)

Various Artists-Turn Of The Grindstone [K014]

KALEIDOSCOPE (P.O. Box O, El Cerrito, CA 94530/415-234-4100) Kate Wolf—The Wind Blows Wild [F-30]

LEGACY OF LIES (c/o Rogers Consulting, 2 Cain Dr., Brentwood, NY 11717/ 516-434-1134) Irons In The Fire [TR-520872]

LUKE SKYYWALKER (3050 Biscayne Bivd., Sulte 307, Mlaml, FL 33137/305-573-0599) Various Artists—Miami Bass Waves Volume II [XR-5001]

MANGO (14 E. 4th St., Third Floor, New York, NY 10012/212-995-7800) Arrow—"O' La Soca" (12") [MLPS 7829]

MCA (70 Universal City Plaza, Universal City,

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Larry Carlton—On Solid Ground [MCA-6237]
Jody Watley—Larger Than Life [MCA-6276]
The Tragically Hip—The Tragically Hip (EP) [MCA-39116]
Tom Petty—Full Moon Fever [MCA-6253]
Bo Diddley—Is A Gunslinger [Chess CH-9285]
Etta James—The Second Time Around [Chess CH-9287]
Various Artists—The Blues Volume 4

Various Artists—The Blues Volume 4 [Chess CH-9290] Little Milton—If Walls Could Talk [Chess CH-9289] Muddy Waters—Brass And The Blues

[Chess CH-9286] Chuck Berry—After School Session [Chess CH-9284]

Justo Almario—Family Tree [MCA-6271]
Steve Wariner—I Got Dreams [MCA-42272]
Landry & Biener—Landry & Biener
[Universal UVL-42280] James House—James House [MCA-42279]

MEDUSA (11264 Playa Ct., P.O. Box 3628, Culver Clty, CA 90231-3628/213-390-5223) Sacrilege B.C.—Too Cool To Pray [Ever Rat 72324-1]

MERKIN (P.O. Box 16292, Baltimore, MD 21210) All Mighty Senators—Spit Fire Why? [MM304] Reptile House—Listen To The Powersoul [MM301]

METAL BLADE (18653 Ventura Bivd., Suite 311, Tarzana, CA 91356/818-981-9050) Angkor Wat—When Obscenity Becomes The Norm. . . Awake! [Death 72408-1] Sacrilege—Turn Back Trilobite [72405-1]

MOON CHEESE (c/o Richard Head Productions, P.O. Box 1036, Jamaica Piain, MA 02130/ 617-323-4514) Norberts—Mish-Mish (EP) [MOON-010]

MUSIC WEST (2200 Larkspur Landing Circle, Larkspur, CA 94939/415-925-9800) Kimbal Dykes—The Avenue [MW-140]

NARADA (1845 N. Farwell Ave., Milwaukee, Wi 53202/414-272-6700)
Peter Buffett—One By One [CD-2004]

OTHER WORLD (203 Chapel Ave., Nashville, TN 37206/615-226-4240) Tomorrow's World—"Rituals"/"Hello, Hello" (7") [TW-001]

PANDISC (38 NE 167th St., Mlaml, FL 33162/

305-948-6466) Various Artists—The Bass That Ate Miami [LP-8801]

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Maggotron—The Invasion Will Not Be Televised
(Cos\*We\*Don't\*Have\*A\*Video)
[Jamarc JAMARC 9001]

Various Artists-Miami Bass Wars [8802]

POLYGRAM (810 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10019/212-333-8000)
Ricardo Silviera—Sky Flight
[Verve Forecast 837 696-2]
M.C. Rell & The Houserockers—Into The Future

M.C. Hell & The Flouset charts
[Mercury 836 953-1]

Xymox—Twist Of Shadows [Wing 839 233-1]

Cookie Crew—Born This Way
[FFRR/London 828 134-1]

arious Artists—The House Sound Of London [FFRR/London 838 203-1] Labi Siffre—So Strong [China/Polydor 837 369-1]

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# UPCOMING RELEASES

(All release schedules are current at press time, but are subject to change or cancellation at any time.)

Undead Swans

Soundgarden Happy Flowers
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Slovenly No Man is Roger Miller Soundtrack
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K.D. Lang
Royal Crescent Mob
June Pointer
Dangerous Toys
Full Circle
Joey DeFrancisco
Johnny P
John Coltrane

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**MAY 12** Beat Happening Pierce Dr. Bombay Jigsaw Seen Half Life Hall L... Vipers Tomi Jenkins 10,000 Maniacs World Saxophone Quartet

MAY 15 Robby Krieger Victims Of The Pestilence Various Artists Pato Banton Great Plains Living In A Box Aswad

MAY 16 China Crisis Al Green Don Cherry Mofungo Soundtrack
Beauty And The Beast
Various Artists
Party Posse

MAY 17 One Voice Tin Machine King Sun Twin Hype Judy Torres

MAY 19 Bali/Recorded By David Lewiston Philip Tabanie & Malombo

**MAY 22** Inner City Neneh Cherry Latifah Jacksons Jacksons
Stewart Hamm
Jet Rod
Marizanera/MacKay
System
Robert Hart

MAY 23 Miles Davis Soundtrack Soundtrack James Ingram Chris Isaak Gail Ann Dorsey Junk Yard

Sunshine (Sonshine) Act Your Rage The Burning World "Flower" (12") Oot Dedicated Fool Three Chords, No Waiting "Waiting For Mary" (12")

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Rictus Beneath The Remains Slowly We Rot Rise Above 9
"You're The One" (12")
"4 At A Time" (12")
Maniquin
A Night To Remember
Lost In The Wind
I've Got Everything
Vicious And Fresh
Silver Blue

The Master Banned In Boston Chuckii
Stop The World
I.D.
Another Time Another Place
Badlands
This Is Where The Fun Starts

We Shoot For The Moon Win! Instantly!
Earth Girls Are Easy
The Warmer Side Of Cool
Absolute Torch And Twang
Spin The World

"Express Yourself"/"Straight " (12") Ruthless-Priority

Car Crash Rage Never Give In Nest In Peace Tomi Blind Man's Zoo Rhythm And Blues

Black Candy

No Habla Born To Leave Night Of The Guitar Visions Of The World "Exercise" (7") Gate Crashing "Beauty Is Only Skin Oeep" (12")

Diary Of A Hollow Horse I Get Joy Art Deco Work
Roadhouse
Of Love And Hope
Jive Presents. . . Yo MTV Raps!
It's Party Time

Love Story

Big Fun "Dance For Me" (12") 2300 Jackson St. Kings Of Sleep Jet Red Up In Smoke Rhythm And Romance Cries And Whispers

Amandia
Indiana Jones And The Last Crusade
Pink Cadilitac
Is Real
Heart Shaped World
The Corporate World
Junk Yard

Post Mortem UNI SST Homestead Homestead Enigma Reptile Reptile Fontana-PG Nonesuch-Elektra Restless Mute-Restless Mute-Restless Mute-Restless Mute-Restless

Homestead RC-Roadracer RC-Roadracer RC-Roadracer Virgin Tommy Boy Tommy Boy Epic Epic CBS Associated CBS Associated Gold City Portrait Masters Portrait Masters Portrait Masters Portrait Masters
Portrait Masters
Mango
Atlantic
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Megaforce-Atlantic

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Nonesuch-Elektra Nonesuch-Elektra

Virgin
Virgin
Tommy Boy
Epic
Relativity
Relativity
Relativity
Atlantic
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Ramones Lynch Doobie Brothers Peabo Bryson New Grass Revival David Slater Brother Beyond

MAY 24

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Guardian
Richard Elliot
Sandra Bernhard
Alex Masi
Wire
Renegade Soundwave
Dead Milkmen
Mikki Bleu
Jose Feliciano
Robert Palmer Robert Palmer MAY 26 Sergio Mendes Indigo Sun Ra Tora Tora Various Artists DC3 Tar Babies Jayhawks

**Jayhawks** Skunk Tar Godbullies Bobcat Clints

MAY 29
Bang Tango
The Call
Spirit
Various Artists
Leather
Too Poetic
Accept Accept Mamado & She Freiheit Russell Smith

MAY 30
Winter Hours
Stage Dolls
Mavis Staples
Wynton Marsalis
Dan Hill
Burns Sisters
Darling Buds
Zawinul Syndicate
Fred Astaire
Dolly Parton
S-Express
Aswad
Phranc
Shakespeare's Sister
Michael Penn
Hunger
10 dB
Glenn Jones
Kool

10 dB Glenn Jones Kool Moe Dee Adonis Vanessa Bell Armstrong D-Nice Louden Wainwright Christopher Hollyday Flements Elements Peter Moffitt Amina Claudine Myers James Moody

JUNE 2 Jackson Browne Anita Lane

JUNE 5 Daniel Johnston Bastro Whiplash Whiplash Last Crack Soul II Soul Identity Ray Lema Mr. Big Yusef Lateef White Lion Janis Siegel Janis Siegel Mick Jones Stacey Q Kon Kan Billy Crash Craddock

JUNE 6 Trotsky Icepick Peter Gabriel Don Henley Maria McKee Various Artists Cher Cher Paul McCartney Queen

JUNE 9 Buffalo Tom

JUNE 12 Heavy D. & The Boyz Peregrins Holly Johnson Digital Underground Malcolm McLaren Stevie Ray Vaughan Kreator

Brain Drain Pinch Of Lynch Cycles
All My Love
Friday Night In America
Be With Me Get Even

First Watch
Take To The Skies
Without You I'm Nothing
Attack Of The Neon Shark
It's Beginning To And Back Again
"Biting My Nails" (12")
"Smokin' Banana Peels" (12")
I Promise I'm Never Gonna Change
"Tell Me I'm Not Dreaming" (12")

Arara
Big Harvest
Blue Delight
Surprise Attack
House Hallucinates: Pump Up. .
Vida Honey Bubble Two Sides Last American Virgin Handsome Mama Womb Womb Cat Got Your Tongue No Place Like Home

Psycho Cafe Let The Day Begin Rapture In The Chambers Every Day Is A Holly Day Shock Waves "God Made Me Funky" (12") Eat The Heat Fantasy This Little Town

Winter Hours Stage Dolls Time Waits For No One Real Love Endangered Species Pop Said Blackwater

Blackwater
Starring Fred Astaire
White Limozeen
Original Soundtrack
Crucial Tracks (Best Of Aswad)
I Enjoy Being A Girl
Heroine

Liberal Arts

World In Motion Dirty Things

Yip Jump Music Bastro Diablo Guapo Insult To Injury Sinister Bunkhouse #17 Keep On Movin' All In One Nangadeel

Big Game

El Cabong Passion
The End Of The Innocents
Maria McKee
Greenpeace Rainbow Warriors
Heart Of Stone
Flowers In The Dirt
The Miracle

**Buffalo Tom** 

Big Tyme Peregrins Blast "Do What You Like" (12") Waltz Darling In Step

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Columbia Capitol
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Island
London-PG
RCA
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Jive-RCA
Jive-RCA
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Jive-RCA
Jive-RCA
Silvertone-RCA

Silvertone-RCA Novus-RCA Novus-RCA Novus-RCA

Elektra Mute-Restless

Homestead Homestead Roadracer Roadracer Virgin Mango Mango Atlantic Atlantic Atlantic Atlantic Atlantic Atlantic Atlantic Atlantic America

Geffen Geffen Geffen Geffen Geffer Capito Capitol

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