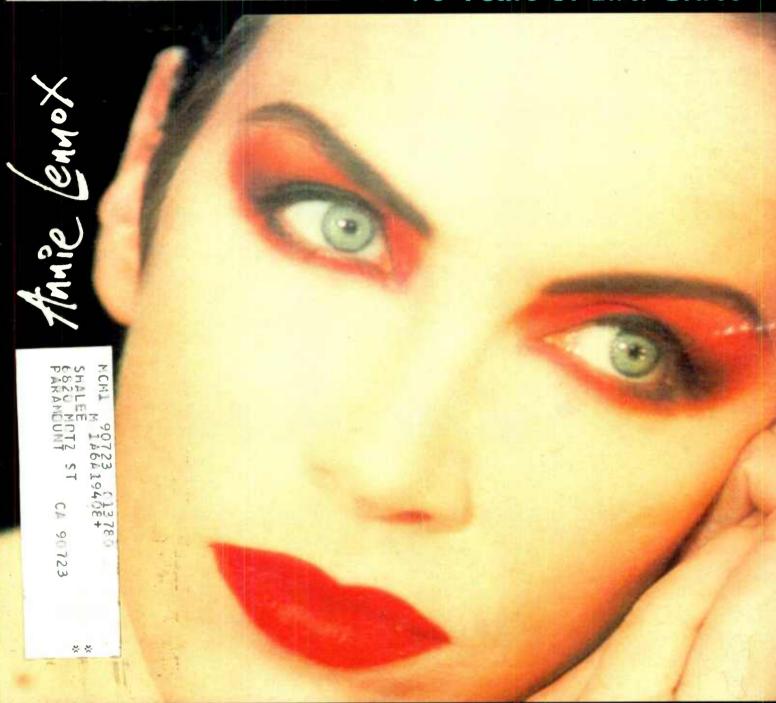
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By Trish Connery

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#### Current

Thanksgiving is coming up hard and fast, and although 1992 may have been a tough year for some people, it has been much worse for many others. That's why a group of Westside organizations are banding together to present a feast to feed over 5,000 homeless and low income families at the Santa Monica Civic Center this Thanksgiving Day. Now in its ninth year, this coalition has not only prepared and served massive amounts of food every year but has also provided clothing, blankets, hygiene kits and given free hair cuts to thousands of people. Volunteers are still needed to donate. collect, prepare and serve the food; but more urgent is the need for the actual food, specifically cooked turkeys, pies, stuffing (Stove Top) and canned cranberry sauce. Also needed are blankets, clothing hygiene kit items and Christmas cards (both English and Spanish). To find out how you can be a part of this event, contact the Thanksgiving Dinner Volunteer Information Hotline at (310) 394-1838.

☐ The Celebrity Centre International has two seminars coming up in the month of December. On December 1, 7:00 p.m., record producer Nik Venet, who has worked with such artists as the Beach Boys, Linda Ronstadt and Lou Rawls, among others, will conduct a four-hour work shop, "Creative Music And Record Production." This class is designed for recording artists, songwriters, publishers and producers. Some of the topics covered include how to save time and money in the recording process, how to define your style, how to avoid the mistakes many songwriters and singers make in their songs/demos, and maintaining artistic integrity. On December 5, 1:00-4:00 p.m., noted photographer Harrison Funk and record producer/ music director/songwriter Rory Kaplan will present "How To Create Effective Promotion For Yourself In The Music Business." Attendees are invited to bring their own demos and press kits for critique. Both seminars will be held at Celebrity Centre International, 5930 Franklin Ave. in Hollywood, and both have a \$25 fee. For addition information, call (213) 934-

Award-winning videographer David Watts will teach a day-long seminar on shooting and producing videos like a professional. The course will be taught at the Information Exchange in Los Angeles on December 5, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Topics include an overview of pre-production and shooting, phases of making a video and the technical, artistic and editorial aspects of production. The fee is \$99 plus an equipment rental fee. For more information, contact the Information Exchange. 3280 Motor Ave. in West Los Angeles at (310) 839-2800.

□ Also from the Information Exchange: Dr. Morton Cooper, noted speech therapist and self-proclaimed Voice Coach To The Stars," will present his nationally acclaimed seminar, "Change Your Voice, Change Your Life," on December 5, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. In this workshop, Dr. Cooper presents a simple minutes-per-day program that offers everyone the opportunity to have a star-quality voice. Cooper has worked with such clients as Stevie Nicks, Shadoe Stevens and Joan Rivers, among others. The fee is \$49. For further details and registration, call (310) 839-2800.

☐ Los Angeles Songwriters Showcase (LASS) continues with its fine tradition of weekly Cassette Roulettes and Pitch-A-Thons. November 24th will feature Susan Brill, Managing Director of Nichion Music as the guest for the 7:00 p.m. Cassette Roulette; while Mitch Brody, A&R at Elektra Records, will be at the 9:00 p.m. Pitch-A-Thon. As usual, this will take place at the Women's Club Of Hollywood, 1749 N. La Brea in Hollywood. Additional information may be obtained by calling the LASS, (213) 467-0533

☐ Following is a list of scheduled performances for the on-going Live At The Galaxy, a free concert series held at The Hollywood Galaxy, part of the new Hollywood Redevelopment Plan, located at 7021 Hollywood Blvd. (one block west of Mann's Chinese Theater). On Saturday, November 28, 5:00-6:00 p.m., is an evening of dance and music from the Middle East. Saturday, November 27, 8:00-10:00 is an evening of acoustic music with the National Academy of Songwriters. Saturday, November 28, 5:00-7:00 p.m., is an evening of rhythm and blues with the winner of the 1991 Hollywood Blues Festival Talent Contest, Ms. Charlie Jene and her band, the Soul Masters Blues Band. Call (310) 315-9444 for additional information. MC

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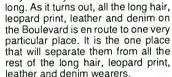
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By Karen Orsi

You may have noticed a steady stream of musicians walking up and down Hollywood Boulevard carrying their respective instruments. They don't be appear to homeless and they all seem to be intent on going to some very important place where they feel they be-



The musician's mecca is the 60,000 square foot Musician's Institute on McCadden Place just off Hollywood Boulevard near Highland. Under its vocational umbrella is the Guitar Institute of Technology, the Bass Institute of Technology, the Vocal Institute of Technology, the Percussion Institute of Technology and the Keyboard Institute of Technology, All these branches of MI have enjoyed a veritable Who's Who of top-notch guest instructors that come and go according to their own varying schedules. You want names? Eddie Van Halen, Tommy Aldridge, Pat Metheny, Albert Collins, Joe Pass, Neal Peart, Nancy Wilson, Alan Holdsworth, Steve Lukather, Steve Vai, Scott Henderson, Joe Diorio, Larry Carlton, John Entwistle, and GIT success legend Jennifer Batten. Batten began as a student, excelled as a teacher, and

struck it big after being hand picked for Michael Jackson's band. Other success stories include Paul Gilbert of Mr. Big, who was picked by BIT teacher Billy Sheehan.

'Several of our graduates have gone on to big bands," says MI President Pat Hicks, "such as the Black Crowes (Johnny Colt), Red Hot Chili Pep-

pers (John Frusciante), Judas Priest (Scott Travis), the Scream (John Alderte, Bruce Boullette) and Ugly Kid Joe (Whitfield Crane). We've got a roster of a couple hundred of our students that are currently making it with big name bands." This is due, in part, to the success of the musician's referral service at MI. "The musician's referral service has been very active," says Hicks, "and very successful in placing people with work in the industry. Because of that, we are getting a lot of people calling for gui-



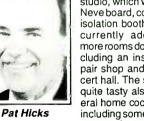
Jennifer Battan

tarists, such as Michael Jackson's management." That is how Jennifer Batten was chosen over 110 male guitarists that auditioned for Jackson. There are certain requirements for enrollment at MI that include some basic musical knowledge and a fair

level of playing ability. These qualifi-cations are established via a written take home test and a live audition or submitted cassette. As far as creating star material goes, Hicks says, "The level they're at when they graduate depends on how good they were coming in." Another factor is one's level of dedication. There are several extracurricular activities one can engage in beyond classes and homework, which include watching video tapes of all core classes and some performances and an ear training lab in which pitch recognition skills are put to the test. Some students have put in sixteen hour days becoming virtuosos.

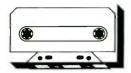
Students are required to put in 300 hours per guarter and maintain at least a C+ grade average. Formation of bands is encouraged, and the school puts on weekly concerts for critique by instructors. There are many more guitar players at MI than there are bass players, keyboard players, vocalists or percussionists, so those in the minority get rapidly snatched up to form bands with all those guitar players. The next wing of the school

to be added is a recording studio, which will feature a Neve board, complete with isolation booth. MI is also currently adding some more rooms downstairs, including an instrument repair shop and mega concert hall. The snack bar is quite tasty also, with several home cooked dishes. including some vegetarian



entrees, featured daily at a reasonable price. And for the true starving artists, they feature "musician's rice, \$1.30." There is virtually nothing about MI that one's mom could complain about. The current rate of tuition for the full year of study is \$7200. But because MI is a fully accredited vocational school, all sorts of financial aid is available, including Cal Grants, Pell grants and guaranteed student loans.

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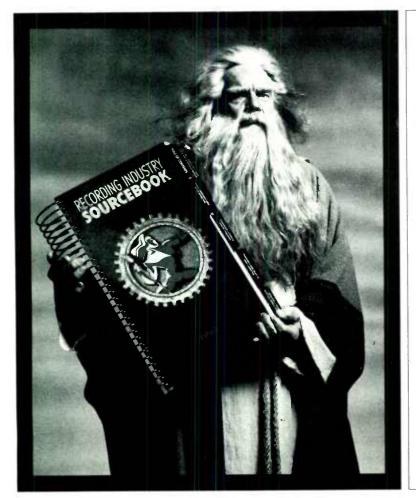
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# MCA Targets Chess Bootleggers

By Michael Amicone

UNIVERSAL CITY—MCA Music Entertainment Group has announced an aggressive campaign to protect its exclusive rights to reissue and market the catalog of legendary label Chess Records, a catalog which includes the prime output of such seminal artists as Chuck Berry, Muddy Waters and Howlin' Wolf.

MCA purchased the exclusive worldwide rights to the 25,000 titles which comprise the Chess Masters (recordings released on Chess, Checker, Cadet, Argo, Cadet Concept and Aristrocrat) from Sugarhill Records in 1985. Undaunted, enterprising bootleggers and a number of companies operating with fraudulent licensing agreements-including such well-respected reissue labels as Charly-released numerous unauthorized Chess compilations, forcing MCA to embark on a long legal crusade to protect its exclusive rights.

That time-consuming and costly (MCA has spent a half a million dollars on legal fees thus far) hunt led MCA to Marshall Schorn and his Red Dog Express company, the source of these bogus licensing agreements. In a landmark decision handed down on September 11th, MCA won its lawsuit against Marshall Schorn, proving that Schorn never had any rights to license the classic Chess recordings.

"As we investigated those who are selling Chess product without

# President Signs DAT Bill

By Keith Bearen

WASHINGTON, DC—The Audio Home Recording Act, which includes a provision requiring manufacturers of digital equipment and blank tapes to pay a royalty to songwriters, publishers, musicians and record companies, was recently signed into law by President Bush. The royalty compensates musicians and their record companies for the financial losses stemming from the use of digital audio tape. In exchange, manufacturers will have immunity from copyright suits filed by music companies.

authorization," explains Larry Kenswil, MCA Senior VP of Business and Legal Affairs, "we tapped into a subculture of companies that exploit old, classic recordings without concern as to the compensation due to the artists and rightful owners. These people bet on their ability to abuse the legal system, playing the odds that the true owners will despair of the difficulties of clarifying the legal entanglements.

"MCA's message is simple: If you are thinking of pirating Chess,

it will not be business as usual. MCA is willing to dedicate the profits it makes on legitimate sales to fight the illegitimate sellers."

At a special luncheon attended by the press and the MCA brass, held on November 10th at L.A.'s Four Seasons Hotel, Chess alumnus and soon-to-be Rock & Roll Hall Of Fame inductee Etta James applauded MCA's efforts and divulged that she did not receive any royalties from her Chess recordings until MCA started releasing the new packages in 1986. Also part of MCA's commitment to right past wrongs, the company has commendably erased any past money owed by Chess artists and has increased the artists' original low royalty rates.

MCA's future plans to stop these pirate releases, many of which sport inferior sound and recordings of questionable origin, include new lawsuits against 20 companies who still claim rights to the Chess catalog, a worldwide trade advertising and publicity campaign to educate the public as to which reissues are legitimate and the establishment of a toll-free 800 number which consumers and retailers can call to report any suspicious product.

# New Scotti Bros. Releases Aimed At College Radio

By Oskar Scotti

Santa Monica—In an effort to capitalize on the success of two of their pop acts at alternative radio, Scotti Bros. Records has released three six-song EPs exclusively aimed at college radio. It is the first time that this type of promotion has been utilized by the Santa Monica-based label.

According to publicist Carol Burnham, the label implemented the idea due to the success of bands like Pearl Jam, Soundgarden and R.E.M., who got their start on the

junior circuit and have since crossed over into the major markets. Burnham is confident that the same strategy will prove decisive with Blackbird, Naked Soul and Mother's Finest.

John Schoenberger, National Director Of Album Promotion for Scotti Bros., adds, "Mother's Finest had a real good run at college radio in the metal arena, and we thought this promotional disc would serve as a viable tool to help cross the band over into the mainstream."

In addition to four tracks culled from the bands' LPs, each promotional disc (the Naked Soul EP is the only EP available to the consumer) contains unreleased cuts and some special mixes of already recorded material.

Also cited as a contributing factor in the Scotti Bros.' decision was the recent success of Ugly Kid Joe. The Santa Barbara-based act vaulted to popularity due primarily to the impetus gained via an EP at college radio.

"If this idea succeeds, as we think it will, we're going to look further into this as a viable move in the future," Carol Burnham concluded. "The recession has forced us all to be more creative in the areas of marketing and promotion."

PLATINUM CROWES



Def American recording act the Black Crowes recently received platinum plaques for their sophomore opus, The Southern Harmony And Musical Companion. The awards were presented during a party held at Yamashiro restaurant. Pictured (L-R): Marc Ford and Eddie Hawrysch of the Black Crowes, manager Pete Angelus, Crowes Chris and Rich Robinson, Steve Gorman and Johnny Colt and Def American GM Mark Di Dia.

# New Kids On The Charts

By Tom Kidd and Lorrinda Miller

Los Angeles—Kris Kross, Immature, Bad 4 Good, Hi-Five, Voices—the teens are taking over.

It seems that every label is jumping on the teen music bandwagon in an attempt to duplicate the chart-topping success of Kris Kross' "Jump" and "Warm It Up" singles. Sure, teen idols have always been with us—Donny Osmond, Michael Jackson, Little Stevie Wonder—but after Kris Koss, there is a new interest in finding the Next Big Young Thing.

The preponderance of teen acts largely dominates the pop/urban contemporary field. Virgin Records' A&R man, Darryl Sutton, who helped discover the label's own kid group, Immature, says this is because popular music no longer breaks down strictly along color lines. "It's from the kids' experience," he says. "That's why you're getting kid acts in the genre, because it's proven not only in the ghetto, but in the suburbs."

One of the latest and, so far, most successful suburban kids is Danny Cooksey of Bad 4 Good. At seventeen, Cooksey is the senior member of this junior group of metal heads. He's also the member with the most experience, having costarred on *Different Strokes* and recently playing Edward Furlong's

best friend in Terminator 2.

Regardless of the music's appeal, Cooksey and company are still covering all the usual teen bases. He said the band is being pushed to the rock press and college magazines, as well as to the traditional teen press.

Ultimately, every teen group wants to break through to MTV. The more successful bands have already jumped onto the small screen. Kris Kross and Bad 4 Good utilized the medium to bring their sounds to that all-important older crowd; in the case of Bad 4 Good, thanks to a video on MTV and, to hear Cooksey tell it, the shear power of their music. "I figured it would come like this," says Cooksey. "I'm glad it's been the music instead of the fact that we're young. It's the music that speaks in the end."

Virgin's Sutton concurs, but takes it another step. The aspect that sets a good young act above the pack, he says, is their inherent wis-

"Every now and again you interview acts, and you know they're acts, and everyone questions the longevity of everything," he says. "But every now and then a star will come along. You know that they're stars, because they have sort of an old soul about them."

# **ESIGNINGS & ASSIGNMENTS**

By Michael Amicone



**Bob Merlis** 

Warner Bros. Recordshas announced the promotion of Bob Merlis to the post of Senior Vice President/Director of Media Relations. The publicity veteran will continue to direct national publicity efforts for the Warner and Reprise labels, as well as taking on an enhanced role in corporate relations, policies and profile.

RCA Records has appointed Kathi Moore to the post of National Director, Black Music Promotion. In her new position, Moore, who, prior to joining RCA, was National Director of Marketing for Arista Records, will secure national radio play for all of the label's black music artists

CEMA Distribution has named Bruce Gearhart to the post of National Accounts Manager. A Senior Vice President/Co-Founder of Franklin Selections (a wine export and distribution company), prior to joining CEMA, Gearhart, who will be based in Minneapolis, will oversee national sales, marketing and advertising activities for the Target and Musicland accounts.



Lesley Pitts

Veteran producing team L.A. & Babyface's label venture, LaFace Records, has announced the appointment of Lesley Pitts to the post of Director of Media Relations. Pitts, who was previously Senior Account Executive for Set To Run Public Relations, will shepherd all publicity efforts, directing and coordinating publicity efforts between LaFace Records and its distributor, Arista Records.

Orange county hard rock venue the Marquee has announced two new appointments: Rick Babiracki becomes the club's Talent Buyer and Bella Lagmay has been appointed Publicity and Promotion Director. Industry veteran Babiracki was the owner of the original Golden Bear club, and Lagmay's extensive experience includes stints as a publicist for radio station KLOS and Capitol-EMI Records.

MCA Music Entertainment Group has named Mary Burke to the post of Vice President, Planning. Burke was previously the company's Corporate Director of Planning.

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Jeffrey Taylor has joined the entertainment law firm of Myman, Abell, Fineman & Greenspan. Taylor, who was previously a partner at Cooper, Epstein & Hurewitz, will handle various clients for the firm, including Slaughter, Robert Cray and Michelle Shocked.

Atco/EastWest Records has named Jim McNeil to the post of Director of Alternative Promotion. McNeil, who will perform his duties out of the label's New York headquarters, was previously with RCA Records, where he exited as National College Radio Manager.



Lesley Zimmerman

Public Relations firm Levine/ Schneider has named Lesley Zimmerman to the post of Account Executive. Zimmerman was previously with McMullen & Co., where she worked with such artists as Tin Machine, the Apostles and Ten Inch Men.

Fender Musical Instruments has appointed Mike Lewis to the post of Marketing Manager, Instrument Amplifiers. Lewis' new appointment is part of the company's major expansion in its professional audio and electronics division.

The Fostex Corporation of America has named Steve Cunningham to the post of Vice President of Sales for the company's professional audio line. Cunningham was previously a GM/VP with JLCooper Electronics.

Management firm Shankman/De Blasio/Melina has added producer John Bogosian to their roster of clients. Bogosian has worked on projects by such artists as School of Fish, Alice In Chains, the Scorpions, Lindsey Buckingham, Kiss and Alice Cooper.



Dwayne Cunningham
Epic Records has appointed Dwayne
Cunningham to the post of Vice President, Black Music Promotion.
Cunningham will perform his duties out of the label's New York offices.

# FUND-RAISER ROUNDS UP THE USUAL SUSPECTS



EMI Records Group North America Chairman/CEO Charles Koppelman, CEMA Special Products VP/GM Eli Okun, CEMA President Russ Bach, Capitol-EMI Music President/CEO Joe Smith, EMI Music President/CEO Jim Fifield, Capitol President/CEO Hale Milgrim, Virgin Records America President Phil Quartararo, I.R.S. President Jay Boberg and Angel/EMI Classics President Steve Murphy are pictured at the recent Neil Bogart Laboratories fund-raiser honoring Russ Bach. Dubbed "Return To Casablanca," the event, held in an airplane hanger outfitted to look like Rick's Cafe Americain from the film Casablanca, raised approximately one million dollars.

### A&R REPORT —KENNY KERNER



Marco Barbieri
Company: Metal Blade Records

Title: A&R / Promotion

Duties: Talent acquisition

Years with company: Two

#### Dialogue

Background: "I was always interested in music. When I was younger, I wanted to be a musician but I never really had the time or patience or talent. I was always good in school so I went back and joined entertainment committees and things like that. Eventually, I started managing some bands. The school was relatively close to San Francisco so I often found myself visiting the local clubs and talking with other managers and club owners and bands. While I was still living at the dorm, I started my own fanzine called No Glam Fags.

"My work with the fanzine led me to call lots of labels to get interviews set up and records to review. I was talking to Jim Filiault who does publicity here and he told me that his supervisor was leaving and that he needed an assistant. School was just ending and I knew all about dealing with fanzines so I went down to interview with Mike Faley. In January, 1991, I was chosen for the job of publicity assistant.

"As time went on, the people at the label started giving me tapes to listen to. The label already had a tape listener but eventually we phased him out because they preferred my tastes. That was the summer of 1991, and I've been doing this ever since."

New Signings: "I've signed a band called Epidemic from Northern California. Then, we've signed Desultory from Sweden, and Skrew, out of Austin, Texas."

Ups & Downs: "I really like discovering the bands and listening to their demo tapes. It's a really good feeling when you find something you like and bring it to Mike [Faley] or Brian [Slagel] and they like it also. When you see it all come together-that's probably the best feeling about A&R The down side of the A&R gig is that sometimes it really can seem old and tiring. I listen to every tape that comes in and I listen from beginning to end. Sometimes that can be torturous. But if these bands take time and money to record the tapes I should at least take my time to listen to them."

Unsolicited Tapes: "Our label does accept unsolicited tapes. Please send them to me c/o Metal Blade Records, 18653 Ventura Blvd., Suite #311, Tarzana, CA 91356. I listen to every tape and write back with all of my comments and opinions. Keep in mind that because of the volume of tapes, it'll probably take a month or two to get the responses out. So far, in almost two years, I've gone through some two thousand tapes and haven't signed any of those acts."

Local Scene: "Since I've been here, I've seen the long hair scene pretty much die. What I am happy about is that nobody ever thought L.A. had a strong Death Metal scene and now, that scene is really starting to take

off. That's the thing that Metal Blade is into so I try to go to all of those shows. I also see the alternative scene rising up and that too is exciting. The pop/glam bands seem to be fizzling out because the ones that were signed recently aren't doing too well."

Traveling: "We don't usually do much traveling. If we hear some tapes that we particularly like, we usually contact the band and have them send us a video of their songs or their set."

Competition: "We certainly can't compete with companies like Warner Bros. or Sony on a dollar for dollar basis. But we can offer an artist a commitment. It's easy to get the label owner or president on the phone and there's more of a personal touch. Everyone here builds friendships and relationships with the various bands. Additionally, we're really good at building a foundation for an artist's career. We may not be able to get to gold record status, but if you don't have a foundation, you're gonna have a shaky house."

Talent: "I look at a lot of things before I consider signing a band. I like to see a cohesiveness within the band; they have to function as a unit. I also like to see something physical; an exciting live show. It doesn't have to be to the extent of GWAR, but at least some movement. And, of course, the material has to be good."

Advice: "You have to have good songs and be an above average player. I'm a firm believer in bands helping to build their own careers with flyers or T-shirts or by making cassettes and CDs to sell. In today's world, it's more than just music—bands have to get involved in the business and promotion end. Bands

should also stick to their guns and not follow trends."

Local Favorites: "There are three metal-type bands that I think are good: Ruined, Nausia and Mindrot. They're all local and all unsigned now. As far as the glam and pop/rock circuit is concerned, I think that the Big Bang Babies are great. They have an exciting show and some amazing songs. I think that band is fantastic!"

#### Grapevine

On January 8th, 1993, the Elvis Presley 29-cent stamp will be issued for the first time—kicking off the "Legends Of American Music" series. Later that month, the Presley stamp will be included in a booklet with Buddy Holly, Otis Redding, Ritchle Valens, Dinah Washington, Clyde McPhatter and Bill Haley. In March, four Broadway musicals, Oklahoma, My Fair Lady, Porgy & Bess and Showboat will become part of the Legends series. By calling the series "Legends Of American Music," the powers that be have eliminated the possibility of putting the Beatles on a stamp—regardless of the contributions the Fab Four have made. Que Lastima!

Mike Matijevic, lead singer for Steelheart, was injured recently when a vertical lighting rig fell and hit him while on stage in Denver. Having sustained broken bones and some 30 stitches, Mike wants his fans and friends to know that he's doing fine and recovering in his home in Connecticut.

As a permanent tribute to its celebrities, New York's Radio City Music Hall will soon inaugurate its Sidewalk Of The Stars—two rows of stars (weighing some 50 pounds each) that will run around the venue on 6th Avenue as well as on 50th



Taking a few precious moments out to pose with their A&R reps after their successful show at the Palace are Life, Sex & Death members (back row, L-R) Brian Horak, Bill E. Gar and Alex Kayne. Front row shows Warner A&R rep Barry Squire, lead singer Stanley and A&R VP Roberta Petersen. Band is promoting their Warner/Reprise debut The Silent Majority.



Presenting Joe Cocker with an award signifying worldwide sales of over one million copies of the Capitol album Night Calls are (L-R) Art Jaeger, Executive Vice President, Capitol; Paul Bishow, Senior Director Artist Development, Capitol; Joe Cocker, Hale Milgrim, President/CEO, Capitol and Tom Corson, Capitol's VP of Artist Development. Presentation was made recently at the Greek Theatre.

Street. The walk will feature blue stars set in bronze with a gold leaf and the celebrity signatures.

Mark Slaughter and the boys are back out on the road after Mark took some time off to have a node removed from his vocal cords. Label is about to release the power ballad "Days Gone By" to coincide with the band's new tour.

Look for country crossover artist Billy Ray Cyrus to appear in an upcoming ABC-TV movie.

#### **Chart Activity**

Nirvana has released a collection of fifteen tracks on Sub-Pop/DGC representing some rare indie material and some previously unreleased material. Entitled *Insecticide*, the package is now being shipped.

December 8th is the release date for **Journey's** three-CD box set from Columbia. There are 55 tracks included on the set along with a 64-page booklet.

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the release of the Beatles' first single, "Love Me Do," Capitol released The Beatles Compact Disc Singles Collection on November 17th. Theblack fabric box that houses the 22 U.K. picture-disc singles, contains the familiar Beatles logo embossed in gold.

Atlantic Records issued Genesis Live: The Way We Walk on November 17th. But wait, there's more! There will be two separate album releases: Volume One: The Shorts, which is kinda like a live greatest hits album drawn from the band's last three albums, and Vol-

ume Two: The Longs, which will feature some of the group's more exploratory music. What a sense of humor that Phil guy has! Volume Two will follow in January.

#### On The Move

Bob Ringe, co-owner of Los Angeles-based Vault Management has announced the signings of Lita Ford, Blue Pearl & Red Devils to management contracts. Vault Management can be reached at (310) 278-3815.

Indie record label **Red Planet Records** has announced the signing of the **Leonards** to a two-album deal. Red Planet can be reached at (310) 202-7432.

L.A. Vision Management has announced the signings of New Orleans Nightcrawlers and the Pickups. L.A. Vision is at (310) 379-8578.

Ron Fair has been named Senior VP/A&R West Coast/Staff Producer for RCA Records.

Michael Soward & Joe Williams have formed Riot No-Mo Productions, a Los Angeles-based record production firm geared to send Americans the message that rioting is not the answer to the inner city problems. They are located at 1925 1/2 West 35th Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90018. Telephone (213)737-0561.

Attempting to better focus on 12-inch singles from new artists, Rick Rubin, head of Def American Records, has announced the formation of two new labels, Whte Lbis (sic) and III Labels.



Savage Brioux

Contact: Savage Brioux (818) 752-2476 Purpose of Submission: Seeking

label deal

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With blues making somewhat of a comeback both on the charts and locally in the clubs, Savage Brioux certainly has good timing in releasing their three-song demo tape. SB is a trio that recently made its way to Los Angeles from Memphis in search of greener (or in this case bluer) pastures. Their original material is grungy but has definite melody lines and strong choruses. Perhaps bluesrock is more like what these guys play! Tommy Ray (guitar & vocals), Trey Cobb (drums) and Phillip Myers (bass) really know how to perform as a trio and surprisingly have a rather full sound. "Cheap Red Wine" is a song we can all identify with and SB pulls out all the stops. Catch this band at the King King club pretty soon for an evening of great music. If they can come up with another set of good songs, they'll certainly turn some industry heads.



Matthew Roney

Contact: Robert Marden (613) 018-381-841 Purpose of Submission: Seeking

label deal

1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Currently residing in Melbourne, Australia, singer-songwriter Matthew Roney submitted a batch of original material that completely misses the mark as far as the American music market is concerned. Comprised mostly of torch songs, Roney mumbles through songs that seem to have no beginning and no end. On one medium tempo tune, the artist sounds like a combination of Elvis and Billy Idol but you still can't make out a word he's saying. So mumbled are the vocals that I can't even discern song titles. Shouldn't they have been written on the cassette somewhere? All in all, I'll just write this one off as a case of culture shock. Roney should familiarize himself with the U.S. market before shopping this tape to the major labels. With his soft, silky voice, he could do a lot better.



Death Valley Jupiter

Contact: DVJ

(213) 960-7875 Purpose of Submission: Seeking

label deal

1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9 10

Here's a tape that came in with no contact number and a cassette listing eight songs-five more than we have time to listen to. Talk about following directions! The opening song on the tape, "No, I Know, No" is an aggressive thrash song filled with angst and driven home with pounding guitars. "Turn Black" falls into the alternative category but just seems to ramble on. Snippets of a chorus do spring up every now and again. "Home," the third selection, takes the band back to their punk roots. Some parts of the songs are quite interesting but overall, the band has to decide upon a single musical style and live by that decision. They seem to feel quite at home doing the aggressive punk thing. I like their approach to many of the songs and think that they've got some way to go before the write their first hit. Stick with it and you'll do just fine.

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# BMI

# SONGWRITER SUCCESSES:

ANDY PRIEBOY just signed with Maverick Publishing...MICHAEL JAY climbing the charts with EXPOSE'S latest single, "I Wish the Phone Would Ring"...STEVE and STEPHANIE TYRELL and BARRY COFFING have the first gold single from a TV show to reach #1 since 1985, "How do You Talk to an Angel" by THE HEIGHTS

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# COMPOSER NOTES:

Look for HANS
ZIMMER'S score to Barry
Levinson's new film,
Toys, starring Robin
Williams...RANDY
EDELMAN'S score to
Eddie Murphy's newest
film, The Distinguished
Gentleman.

#### NEW SIGNING:

Welcome to INXS's MICHAEL HUTCHENCE, now licensing through BMI in the U.S.!

#### ROWDY RELEASES:

Rowdy Record's debuts DA KING AND Land Y'ALL SO STUPID.

# SHOWCASE HAPPENINGS:

New Music Nights travels to Seattle for an R&B/Hip Hop show at Pier 70 on November 19 and then back to L.A. for a rock show at Club Lingerie on December 10 at 9pm.

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# SONGWORKS—PAT LEWIS



Singer-songwriter Hollye Leven has signed a deal with PolyGram Music Publishing. Pictured (L-R) are: Danny Benair, Creative Manager Film & TV, PMP; Michael Sandoval, VP Creative, PMP; Hollye; Derek Powers, Hollye's Manager; Linda Newmark, Director of International Acquisitions, PMP; John Baldi, Creative Director, PMP.

#### **Songwriter Activities**

Just a reminder: If you're an acoustic singer-songwriter or act, there's a new showcase club for you. It's called the Hollywood Galaxy and it's located on Hollywood Blvd. near La Brea. Often, these showcases are sponsored by the National Academy of Songwriters while other nights are put on by the club's booker, Peggy Riley. To submit an act for consideration, send a package (include a cassette with several songs) to CARS/Acoustic Cabaret, 1653 18th Street #1, Santa Monica, CA 90404.

#### **Songwriter Signings**

Jud Friedman has re-signed with Peermusic.

Alternative music act, Smashing Pumpkins has signed a long-term,

co-publishing deal with Chrysalis Music.

Singer-songwriter Hollye Leven has signed a worldwide publishing agreement with PolyGram Music.

#### The Business Side

Ivan F. Alvarez has been appointed Membership Management at ASCAP. In his new position, Alvarez will be responsible for signing new writer and publisher members with an emphasis on the Latin music field.

Audra Washington has been promoted to Assistant Membership Representative at ASCAP.

CORRECTION: In our last issue, we inadvertently reversed the photo captions for the shots of Babyland and X-Crib. We apologize for the mix up and any inconvenience this may have caused



Smashing Pumpkins have signed with Chrysalis Music. Pictured (L-R) are: Chris Wright, founder, Chrysalis Music; and James Iha, Billy Corgan, and Jim Chamberlin, members Smashing Pumpkins (not pictured, Smashing Pumpkins member D'Arcy Wretzky).

#### **Songwriter Pointers:**



Faith No More's Mike Patton

Mike Patton is the eccentric lead singer of both Faith No More and Mr. Bungle. During an interview, which took place while the band was still on tour with Guns N' Roses, Pattonshared a few secrets about his songwriting processes.

MC: When you recorded your latest album Angel Dust, did you have more creative input than your first album?

MP: Definitely. I gave much more contributions. We kind of all lived with the ideas—the genesis of the songs—so, it was a lot easier for all of us to see where each song was going. Sometimes we'd think of a visual image for songs beforehand. Like we'd see, say, a crack dealer with a Hitler mustache running through an alley shooting policemen, wearing a superman cap—oh, well great, that sounds like this. You'd kind of come up with a musical interpretation of the visual image. That's kind of the way we write songs sometimes

MC: Is that the way you write songs with Mr. Bungle as well?

MP: That's a tough one. For Mr. Bungle, I think the songwriting comes a lot more from improvisation. With Faith No More, it usually starts with a bass or drum thing—a repetitive kind of skip, almost—like a sampled loop that you keep playing over and over for a long time. And then we'll add things on top of it. It's more like you're stacking up things.

MC: And the lyrics come at the end of all of this?

**MP:** At the very end, yes. Sometimes way too late.

MC: Why do you say "way too late?" MP: Because sometimes it doesn't work. Like there's a song on our new record called "Be Aggressive" that I tried to write words for at one point. But then I realized I just couldn't write any words because I didn't really like the song. So I said, "Roddy [Bottum, bassist], help me, maybe you can write some words and save my ass." And he did. Then the song kind of made sense. I was just looking at it from the wrong point of view. It's a fucked-up song. It sounds like Steppenwolf, you know? And that offended me. Which is great! It didn't spark anything out of me. And Roddy's words definitely did.

MC: So you don't mind singing someone else's words?

MP: Oh no. I'm the mouthpiece. I'll say anything. I'm a whore.

### SONGWORKS—PAT LEWIS



Recently, BMI held a reception to honor the success of songwriter Per Gessle. A member of Swedish supergroup Roxette, Gessle received BMI Million-Air Awards acknowledging over one million U.S. broadcast performances of "Listen To Your Heart," and "It Must Have Been Love." He also received BMI Pop Awards for these two songs and for "Fading Like A Flower Every Time You Leave," which was listed among those songs with the most broadcast performances of 1991. Pictured (L-R) are: Robert Thorne, Attorney; Phil Graham, Vice President, BMI; Per Gessle; Frances W. Preston, President and CEO, BMI; Charles Koppelman, North American Chairman, EMI Records; and Del Bryant, Senior Vice President, BMI.

# Songwriter Demo Spotlight:



Joel Pelletier

If you were only to read singersongwriter Joel Pelletier's bio information, you'd probably write him off as just some hokey, New Age-minded musician who takes himself far too seriously. His bio reads: "Pelletier

writes about being a human being at the end of the 20th century; about basic needs-love, happiness and security; about modern issues and problems-ecology, politics, and rapid change; about timeless questions—philosophy, karma and the meaning of life..." Wow, all that in just six songs? Sounds pretty stuffy to me! But if you give his mini album, Love This Earth, one listen, you will soon realize, that there's a wonderful sense of humor in much of this guy's lyrics (of course, I'm not sure if this is intentional). And these songs are far more pop-oriented and accessible than you're led to believe. Additionally, Pelletier's got a warm, very listenable, and unusual voice, and the songs are well-produced and wellarranged. Simply put, I like this demo and I can't help but feel if he'd rewrite his bio, he just might get a little more serious attention. Lighten up, Joel! For information, call (213) 381-7576 or write: The Way Home Music, P.O. Box 1842, Los Angeles, CA



At a recent gathering, Peermusic celebrated the re-signing of songwriter Jud Friedman with an intimate piano reception. Pictured (L-R) are: Kathy Spanberger, Vice President, Peermusic; Amber Fayaz, East Coast Creative Director, Peermusic; Nanci M. Walker, National Director, Talent Acquisition, Peermusic; Jud Friedman; Nicole Bahuchet, Creative Coordinator, Peermusic; and Gigi Gerard, West Coast Creative Director, Peermusic.

# SONGWRITER PROFILE



### Lotti Golden & Tommy Faragher

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By Pat Lewis

Ongwriting and production team
Lotti Golden (who is presently a staff writer with MCA Music in New York) and
Tommy Faragher first began working together in 1986. After hearing a song by
Prince-prodigy Vanity on the radio and being very impressed with its production
qualities, Golden made a few inquires and found out that Faragher (then a staff
writer at MCA Music) was responsible for Vanity's sound. On a hunch that the
two young writer/producers would click as a team, MCA Music's Carole Ware
suggested that they try collborating together. And did they ever work well
together! (They eventually took the collaboration thing one step further and got
married.)

Faragher and Golden have written and/or produced songs recorded by Taylor Dane ("With Every Beat Of My Heart" from her last album and several more on her upcoming LP), Paul Young ("What Becomes Of the Broken Hearted"), the O'Jays ("Something For Nothing"), and the Jets ("Magic"), among others. Their current activities include cuts by Al Green, Jeremy Jordan ("The Right Kind Of Love" from the 90210 Soundtrack), Expose, Richard Elliot, D'Atra Hicks, Dana Dawson, and Alicia Warren, among many others.

Before working with Faragher, Golden had already had some rather impressive success on her own. Her first break as a writer came in 1981 with the underground dance hit "I Specialize In Love" recorded by Sharon Brown. Soon thereafter, Golden took the production bull by the horns. "I got my first break in production at the beginning of the hip-hop era in 1982—when drum machines were first introduced into pop music," recalls Golden. "My writing partner at the time, Richard Scher, and I knew that the Roland 808 was the happening thing. So we went out and got one and composed a song called 'Nunk' which meant New Wave Funk, which was very radical at the time. The song was so hot that an independent label called Prism Records in New York immediately wanted to cut it. The record company wanted the song so badly that we forced our way into producing it. That's how you become a producer!" Golden went on to write and/or produce cuts for Patty Austin, Diana Ross, Jennifer Holiday, among others.

Tommy Faragher traveled a slightly different path. His professional career began as the keyboard/vocalist with the Faragher Brothers, who recorded four albums for ABC and Polydor before disbanding. He then became a session player and staff writer with 20th Century Fox. Eventually, he moved over to MCA Music. His list of accomplishments include cuts with Robbie Nevil, Ringo Starr, Kiss, Jeffrey Osbourne, the Pointer Sisters, among others. In the mid-Eighties he co-wrote and co-produced the Top Ten R&B Vanity hit "Skin On Skin," which was the catalyst that brought the team of Faragher and Golden together.

But how exactly do Golden and Faragher go about getting involved with these writing and producing projects in the first place? "For the most part," answers Golden, "the record companies will play us the new acts that they have—they'll play some demos which demonstrate the general direction—some very rough stuff, and then they will ask you to come up with a direction and material. And if you do and if it's suitable, basically you will be producing the group. Then other times, you write a song because you feel like it, which happened in the case of Taylor Dane's 'With Every Beat Of My Heart.' That was a case where we didn't produce it. So every situation is different in the business."

Of course, before they can produce a song, it has to be written. "We feel that the title is the beginning point," explains Faragher about their writing process. "The title really sums up whether or not you have enough of a direction to write a song. I mean, people will ask for specific types of songs—like an uptempo for so-and-so or a ballad or whatever. You could work on a track and get a groove that feels like something that's going to fit the picture, but you have nothing until you have a title. The title really gives it legitimacy."

While Faragher will sometimes contribute to the creation of the title, it is Golden, who for the most part, is the partner responsible for coming up with the title. "We work together in the same room," continues Faragher. "A lot of times, I'll be working on the track—I'll be writing chord changes or working on a groove—and she'll be in the room walking around, looking through books and picking up newspapers and looking for any source for a title—just anything that inspires an idea. And then as I'm playing, she'll start trying out ideas—she'll sing something over what I'm playing. But it isn't always as easy as it sounds. Sometimes it takes a lot of effort on both of our parts to come up with something that works. It's trial and error. Then we can put in the time internally—working on verse structure and making sure that the song changes are natural from verse to chorus or verse to B-section, etc.—But everything hinges on coming up with a title that has something special to offer the song."

# AUDIO/VIDEO—MICHAEL AMICONE

#### POWER SESSION



Columbia Records act Circus of Power recently completed their debut opus for the label. Produced by Thom Panunzio, the album, entitled Magic & Madness, is due for release in January. Pictured at A&M Studios, where the album was recorded and mixed, are (L-R): Alice In Chains guitarist Jerry Cantrell (who co-wrote/co-produced and guests on the track "Heaven & Hell"), singer Alex Mitchell and guitarists Ricky Beck Mahler and Gary Sunshine.

VALLEY CENTER STUDIOS: Dave Mason, cutting tracks for Play Records with engineer Dave Jenkins, assistant Eric Vaas and co-producer Michael Leshay...Harvey Mason, in Studio 1, recording drum samples and a Mattel toys commercial, sessions engineered by Dave Jenkins and assistant Eric Vaas...Roger Varian, recording tracks for a new project, engineering duties handled by Drake Macey, assisted by Michael Wallace.

CONWAY RECORDING STUDIOS: Stewart Levine, in Studio A, mixing tracks for London Records act Hothouse Flowers' next opus, engineering expertise supplied by Daren Klein, assisted by Marnie Riley...Ed Cherney, in Studio C, mixing the debut release by Canadian artist

Jann Arden, with Cherney manning the console, assisted by Brett Swain...Austin rock group Pariah, in Studio C, recording tracks for their debut Geffen release, sessions shepherded by veteran Tom Werman, engineer Eddie Delena and assistant Gil Morales...Bruce Hornsby, mixing a track for his upcoming RCA release, with Greg Ladanyi and assistant Brett Swain turning the knobs...Paul Young and producer Don Was, in Studio C, mixing tracks for a new project, engineering duties divided between Ed Cherney and George Massenburg. assisted by Marnie Riley...Infectious Grooves, in Studio A, recording overdubs for their upcoming Epic release, with Tom Fletcher producing and engineering the sessions, as-

#### IN THE STUDIO



Los Angeles singer-songwriter Blakey St. John is currently recording her debut LP. Pictured at Nashville's Eleven Eleven Studios are (L-R, back row) guitarist Brent Rowan, former Elton John drummer Nigel Olsson, (front row) veteran producer Larry Butler (Kenny Rogers, Johnny Cash) and St. John.

#### ROYAL SESSION



Members of rock band the Royal Court of China are pictured with veterans of Elvis' original band during sessions for the Royal Court of China's seasonal offering, "Santa Claus Is Back In Town." Pictured at the sessions, which took place in Nashville, are (L-R, back row) former Jordanaires Duane West, Louis Nunley, Gordon Stoker, piano man Floyd Cramer and guitarist Scotty Moore, (middle row) Chris Mekow of the Royal Court of China, Jordanaire Neal Matthews, drummer DJ Fontana and Royal Court of China member Robert Logue, (front row) Oscar Rice and Joe Blanton of the Royal Court of China.

sisted by Dary Sulich...Veteran producer Peter Asher, shepherding string section overdubs for a new Cher project, Frank Wolk manning the boards, assisted by Marnie Riley and Paul Lundin...George Duke, recording tracks for an AIDS benefit project featuring such artists as Paula Abdul, Michael Bolton, Randy Newman, engineering expertise supplied by Erik Zobler, Frank Clark, Greg Laney, Dave Rideau and Steve Sykes, assisted by Gil Morales and Dary Sulich.

PAŔAMOUNT RECORDING STU-DIOS: Ex-Policeman Andy Summers, in Studio C, recording tracks with producer Bob Casale (Devo) and engineer Keith Barrows...Priority Records act Blood of Abraham, tracking and mixing for their debut album, sessions produced by Epic, engineering expertise supplied by Mike Melnick.

WESTLAKE AUDIO: Westlake Audio has opened two new rooms: Production Room 2, featuring a 44-input

Soundcraft Saffire console and accommodating all forms of MIDI production and digital editing, and Digital Edit 1, featuring a Yamaha DMC-1000 and designed for remix editing and album compiling. For more information, call (213) 851-9800.

BROOKLYN RECORDING STU-**DIO:** Producer Jimmy lovine and Robin Zander of Cheap Trick fame, recording several tracks for Zander's upcoming solo project for Interscope Records, with engineer Phil Kaffel manning the console...Canadian artist Jann Arlen, recording overdubs for her debut album, produced by veteran engineer Ed Cherney...Rap group Proper Grounds (first artists signed to Madonna's new label, Maverick), recording and mixing tracks for their debut opus, tentatively scheduled for a February release...Guitarist extraordinaire David Lindley, recording the soundtrack to the children's video, Sacajawea, engineering duties handled by Micajah Ryan.

#### REAL SESSION



MCA recording artist Stephanie Mills, her team of producers and MCA President of Black Music Ernie Singleton are pictured during sessions for Mills forthcoming album, Something Real, featuring the single "All Day, All Night." Pictured (L-R): Singleton, producers Tony Peluso and Steve Barri, Mills, producers Donald Lawrence and Rodney Barber and MCA Black Music Director of A&R Madeline Randolph.

# PRODUCER CROSSTALK



# TONY Brown

By Billy Block

how me a man who has garnered Grammy Awards and platinum plaques, played piano for Elvis and has his finger firmly on the pulse of American music while maintaining a sense of humility and humor, and I'll introduce you to Tony Brown

As Executive Vice President/Head of A&R for MCA Records/Nashville, Tony Brown has broadened the parameters of country music with adventurous artist signings such as Steve Earle, Lyle Lovett, Nancy Griffith and most recently, Joe Ely. He has also helmed records by such country stalwarts as Reba McEntire, George Strait, Wynonna Judd and Vince Gill.

How does one guy do so much? "If you have a good staff that's responsible, which I do, you can do a lot of stuff," explains Brown. "That's the reason I co-produce a lot. It's the ability to delegate responsibility and still be involved. If my presence on the project helps the project, that's what producing is all about. It's not a physical thing, it's people trusting your instincts."

Brown has an uncanny ability to cast supporting players for his platinum artists. "That's what makes my job a little more fun than just a regular A&R person. To see someone like [steel guitarist] John Hughey re-emerging in the studio and involved in Vince's career, that's worth a lot.

"On Vince's record, I used some other players than the regular Nashville 'A' team. Naturally, there are certain people that are your first calls. We used Carlos Vega [considered risky in Nashville, since Vega is more of a West Coast session player] on drums, and the differences are subtle, but you can hear it. On Wynonna's record, I mentioned [guitarist] Steuart Smith to her and said,

'I'll tell you what, if this guy doesn't knock your socks off, I'll eat the console.' She loved him.

"I'll tell you though, the best combination for Wynonna's record was the rhythm section of [drummer] Eddie Bayers and [bassist] Willie Weeks. It's that real R&B feel and real country feel together."

Brown is excited about the new Joe Ely record. "I didn't really know Ely, except through producing some Austin acts like Kelly Willis and Lyle, and I just kept running into him," says Brown on how the two men hooked up. "I was really trying to find another producer for this project, but I was afraid someone might go in and change what Ely is all about. There was a happy medium I tried to find between the rawness of his Hightone records and the slickness of the MCA stuff. So, finally we talked about all the hip producers, but they wanted too much money and too much time. We brought in all his players from Austin and basically just cut it fast. Kind of banged it out live, and it was great. I told Ely, 'My job as producer is to be on your ass to finish this record."

Even though Ely is a tough artist to market, Brown remains optimistic. "It's like seven the hard way. They either have that lucky shot or something breaks through. It happens or it doesn't. I think destiny plays a role in it as well. When I signed Joe, I said, 'I'm gonna cut the record he wants to cut, because he's that kind of an artist.""

Howinvolved is Brown in the song selection process? "Well, that depends. Like in the case of singersongwriters like Lyle Lovett or Rodney Crowell, I never brought them songs. I figured they're either going to write them or have friends that write who they relate to. Their albums are like little books. How am I going to insert a chapter in their book?

"With Joe, I was more of a caretaker, helping to shape the project. With Reba, as the head of A&R for a country label, I think I know what the parameters of country music are in that case. She looks for songs; I look for songs. I know what she likes."

What about the pressure to score a hit? "That was a hard one. With Wynonna I had to cut hit records, Number One records, double platinum records, because that's what everyone expects or I'm a failure. Everybody was whisperin' in my ear, 'What are ya'll doin? Here's what you oughta do; here's what you oughta do.' It seemed like everyone's ear was to the ground on Wynonna's record. I told Wynonna, 'I trust your instincts. This is your shot, I'm gonna roll with you. I'll take the fall or enjoy the accolades—either way we're in this together. The only person I trust in this whole deal is you."

Trusting your instincts, taking chances, believing in your art. As the width and breadth of country music expands you can be assured that Tony Brown will continue to lead the way, going beyond the established boundaries and guidelines to bring out the honesty and integrity of all his setiets.

## NEW TOYS—BARRY RUDOLPH



#### Microtube 100 Power Amp from ADA

The Microtube 100 is like the Microtube 200 except it delivers 50 watts per channel into four ohms. It can be "bridged" into a mono amplifier delivering 100 watts into eight ohms. This is all amazing because this amp takes up only one rack space and weighs just ten pounds.

The Microtube uses two 12AX7 vacuum tubes in the pre-amp stages and solidstate power transistors in the output stages. So you get a warmed up tube

sound to begin with and reliable solidstate power to end with. Other features include: a Presence control, standby switch, LED peak indicators and special protection circuitry with fool-proof input and output connections.

For more information concerning this amp, you should write or call ADA Amplication Systems at 420 Lesser Street, Oakland, CA 94601. Phone (510) 532-1152 FAX (510) 532-1641.



#### **G Series from Takamine**

Kaman Music Corporation who distributes Takamine has reintroduced the G Series guitars. This G Series generation will consist of Dreadnoughts, Classical and 12 string models. The first guitars will be Dreads called G330, G332 and

G334 and they are priced at \$349, \$399 and \$499 respectively.

For more information, contact Kaman Music Corporation at P.O. Box 507, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Phones are (203) 243-7941. FAX (203) 243-7102.



#### Furman PS-8 Power Sequencer

The PS-8 is a rack-mounted AC power conditioner that absorbs computer-unfriendly spikes, surges and radio interferences but also powers up a rack of electronics in a three-step delayed sequence. This sequence is reversed when the rack is powered down.

This unit is valuable for complex audio/computer systems for three reasons. First, certain parts of an audio systemmust be powered up before other parts to prevent annoying "pops" or harmful "thumps" reaching the speakers. Second, computer systems sometimes require a powering up sequence to allow external hard disk drives to spin up to speed before the computer starts

accessing files. Third, it not advisable to load the incoming AC line with the sudden inrush of current a large system will pull all at once upon power up. The PS-8 makes turning on a large system simple and fool-proof for non-experienced personnel.

The PS-8 presents clean and filtered power to all nine of its switched outlets. There are also three AC line fault indicators that light in a specific pattern for normal wiring and in different patterns for various faults. For further information, contact Furman Sound Inc., 30 Rich Street, Greenbrae, CA 94904. Phone (415) 927-1225 or FAX (415) 927-4548.

# SHOW BIZ—Tom Kidd



Madonna

Sex sells. That's the principle lesson we learn from Madonna's book of the same title. New York-based Warner Books ordered a record 750,000 copies of the \$49.95 mylarenclosed text-500,000 for the U.S. with 150,000 being sold on the first day alone. Lots of people are paying for Sex, which features 128 pages of graphic art photos of Madonna in various stages of undress by fashion photographer Steven Meisel. "I feel like I cast myself in this book," says the woman who also told Newsweek she hopes people find her book shocking because some people need to be shocked. "I mean, I feel comfortable with my clothes off." Not everyone is so comfortable with Madonna's nudity. Officials at

Tokyo's Narita airport temporarily kept the Japanese from having Sex in their country. They sought to determine whether it violates obscenity standards that have long banned the publication of pictures depicting genitals or pubic hair, whether male or female. It's a good thing the book is generating so much press because one cannot normally preview the pictures, though a New York bookstore offered one-minute looks for a \$1 AIDS charity donation.

Yes, that is Marky Mark, shirtless as usual, in the latest series of print ads for Calvin Klein underwear. We have no idea who the equally shirtless female model is.

A couple of especially cool shows appear on Bravo this December. Classical music fans will definitely want to see Toscanini: The Maéstro, which premieres December 5 and then continues, at different times, all the way to New Year's Eve. The close-up promises a look at the maestro's musical gift, robust life, quest for perfection and tireless opposition to the forces of fascism. We also recommend Kris Kristofferson and Sarah Miles in The Sailor Who Fell From Grace With The Sea, In. this 1976 tragedy, Kristofferson stars as a sailor who carries on a passionate affair with a young British widow, causing her thirteen-year-old son to try to come to grips with his mother's new-found love. The film airs December 7 at 5:00 p.m. and December 26 at 6:30 p.m.

As we go to press, Peggy Lee was being hospi-talized with bronchitis and the Disney Walt Company is still fighting the Superior Court decision which gave the singer/composer \$3.2 million for her contributions to Lady And The Tramp. Disney reportedly feels that Lee, who played four of the major roles in the

movie, sang three of the songs from the score and co-composed all of the music, should be happy with the \$3,500 she was paid back in 1952-55. The movie grossed \$160 million; the video earned \$72 million. We agree with columnist Liz Smith who wrote, "I think Disney ought to pay Lee because she not only deserves it and because it would be good public relations to act like good sports, but because after 50 years in entertainment, Lee is a national treasure."

We hear the music of George Michael will make an appearance November 29 on Magic 94.3 FM. Dick Clark's Countdown America will follow the singer's career from his Wham! days with Andrew Ridgeley, through his appearance at the Concert For Life tribute, to the late Freddie Mercury, to his Number One hit duet with Elton John, "Don't Let

The Sun Go Down
On Me." Countdown America airs
Sundays at 9:00
a.m.

You can't keep a dead man down. Hollywood Records has released the soundtrack to the Twentieth Century Fox film, Night And The City, where they've included the late Queen lead vocalist Freddie Mercury's performance of "The Great Pretender." The original track, which is also the premiere single and video from the movie, was originally recorded and released in the U.K. in 1987, though the version America will hear has been remixed by Brian Malouf. Álso included are "Wooly Bully" by Sam the Sham and the



Pharaohs and "You Really Got A Hold On Me" by Smokey Robinson and the Miracles. "Cool Jerk" by the Capitols is also here, which is odd because we understand the very same track is slated to appear in Home Alone II. Night And The City stars Robert De Niro and Jessica Lange.

One of Marlene Dietrich's favorite bracelets, which she wore both on and off screen, sold recently at Sotheby's in New York to an unidentified bidder for \$990,000. This was more than three times its estimated pre-sale price of \$300,000. For those who want a cheaper memento, we recommend Capitol's new compilation, The Essential Marlene Dietrich. On it you'll find her signature "Falling In Love Again," plus plenty of other tracks from her films. What we really like, though, are covers of the Sixties classics

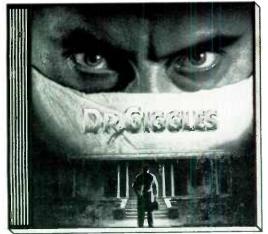


Freddie Mercury



Toscanini

### SHOW BIZ—Tom Kidd



"Blowing In The Wind" and "Where Have All The Flowers Gone." A musthave for collectors.

Dr. Glggles, a tongue-in-cheek horror film about a demented doctor, has been getting all sorts of good reviews, which is what we'd like to give the Victory Records sound-track. On the CD, you'll find "Bad Case Of Lovin' You," performed by Paul Rodgers, "Stateside" by Tin Machine and "Back To Blue" by Ten Inch Men, next to equally appealing cuts by House of Lords, Tonto Tonto and Girls Bones Found. This psychotic thriller stars L.A. Law's Larry Drake as an incurable giggling lunatic who escapes from a mental asylum and begins practicing medicine in his home town. Scary

CMT: Country Music Television

cally designed for European the market. The 24hour country music video service plays a carefullymanaged mix of contemporary American and European artists with some occasional long form programming. The station is designed to introduce new American country artists to the European market as well as showcase more traditional veteran artists.

Two Malaysian rock groups have agreed to get their hair cut, cover their tattoos and stop wearing earrings and torn clothing in order to get friendly again with the nation's information minister. Last February, minister Mohamed Rahmat banned all long-haired male musicians from Malaysian television, citing their bad influence on the nation's youth. Members of Search and Wings, feeling the television ban hurt each of their popularity, agreed to the move in order to get back on the small screen.

The Austin-based Skatenigs wanted us to tell you they're on tour right now in support of their first Megaforce CD, Stupid People Shouldn't Breed. We're glad to help them out since we

Virginia Madsen as the wife of a philandering university professor who, in her academic investigation of urban mythology, discovers that if you say the title character's name five times into a mirror, he will emerge from the netherworld. Candyman, based on Clive Barker's The Forbidden, is in current release.

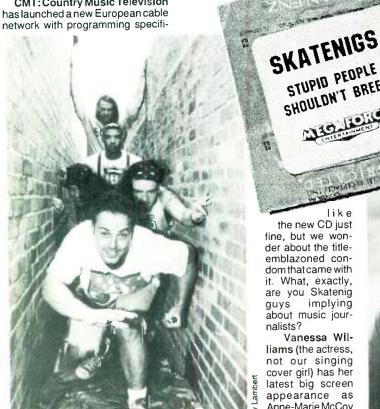
Lots of Hollywood's finest are turning out for Final Placement, a charity benefit play concerning the tragedy of child abuse. As we go to press, the list of celebrity hosts visit-ing the **Tiffany** Theater on Sunset was set to include Christina Apple-Adam gate, Horovitz, Katey Sagal, Harry Nilsson, lone Robert Skye,

Englund and Cathy Lee Crosby. Net proceeds from the event, which stars Deborah Chesher and Suanne Spoke and plays through November 22, support

Sometimes the Ones We Hurt Most... Are the Ones We Love Most. PLACEMENT

> Childhelp U.S.A. In a world where between two and five children die each day from child abuse, we think our readers should do all they can to help. The Tiffany Theater is located at 8532 Sunset Boulevard, Call (310) 289-2999 or (213) 655-4693 for tickets and more information.

Michael Small has the score to the latest Hollywood Pictures release, Consenting Adults. The film stars Kevin Kline and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio as a couple who, befriending their neighbors (Kevin Spacey and Rebecca Miller), do a little wife-swapping and end up involved in a great big murder. In terms of actual songs Small, whose credits include Klute, Parallax Viewand The Stepford Wives, has given us a version of "Cheek to Cheek" sung by Spacey.



the new CD just fine, but we wonder about the titleemblazoned condom that came with it. What, exactly, are you Skatenig implying guys about music journalists? Vanessa Wil-

STUPIO PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BREED

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liams (the actress, not our singing cover girl) has her latest big screen appearance as Anne-Marie McCoy in Candyman. The flick's premise has



Kevin Kline and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio star in Consenting Adults

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# Local Notes

By Michael Amicone

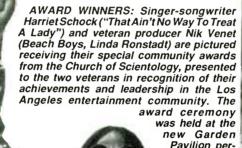
Contributors include Pat Lewis, James Tuverson and Cleta Cohen.



JAMMING WITH GILBERT: Mr. Big guitarist Paul Gilbert recently made 300 fans very happy when he and his sometimes band, the Electric Fence, performed at the Guitar Center on Sunset Bivd. The show began as an instructional clinic and ended as a mini-concert, with pal, ex-Judas Priest frontman Rob Halford (who disguised himself to avoid premature recognition), jumping out of the audience to accom-

pany Gilbert on four songs. Following his impromptu performance, Halford discussed his new project, the Storm. If all the details can be worked out, the new band will be entering the studio early next year.





World Radio History



Robinson (sporting a new beard) is arguably the most active frontman in rock. However, during the band's recent stint at the Greek Theatre, his shoulders were unable to carry the weight placed upon them by the other, more listless, members of the band (some interaction between the band members would've added more visual impact). On a positive note, it is alrefreshing to hear Robinson's whiskey soaked. Rod Stewart-influenced voice; no matter how many times he has performed songs like "She Talks To Angels," he manages to bring plenty of passion and emotion to them. Add to that the non-pretentious, loose-asa-goose attitude that the remaining members have, and you can see the potential for longevity. It's just that the Black Crowes need to find a more conducive way to communicate their songs in a concert environment the size of the Greek Theatre. I suppose a two-month stint at the Whisky would be out of the question?

"When I Enter His Mind."



MUSIC CONNECTION, NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 6, 1992



FRESH DANISH: Jann Wenner, publisher of Rolling Stone magazine, and Morgan Creek recording act Mary's Danish are pictured backstage at a taping of The Tonight Show. Welner and Mary's Danlsh, whose new effort, the Peter Asher-produced American Standard, Is winning back some of the converts the band lost with their rambling, uneven Morgan Creek debut, Circa, were recent guests on the late night show. Pictured (L-R): Wag of Mary's Danish, Jann Wenner, Julie Ritter, JBJ, David King, Gretchen Seager and Louis Gutierrez of Mary's Danish.



BACKSTAGE PALS: Restless recording act the Del Rubio Triplets and Plece of Mind artists Too Many Joes are pictured backstage at the recent Long Beach Day of Music festival, where both groups performed acoustic sets.



BEAUTIES AND THE BEASTS: Gasoline Alley recording artists the Beautles recently visited the Unl Distribution offices. The band, which features Jason Nesmith, son of Monkee Michael Nesmith, Is currently on a cross-country tour promoting their self-titled debut release.

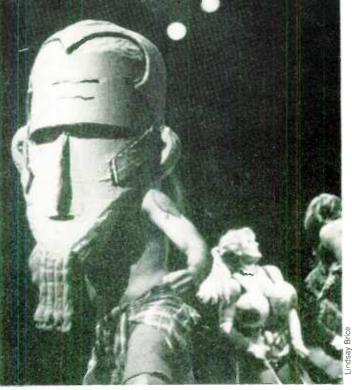


HARD ROCKING PARTY: Cherry Lane Music threw a party at the L.A. Hard Rock Cafe to celebrate the launching of a new video line. Each title in this "group portrait" series will focus on one band, covering them

from A to Z through exclusive profiles and concert and studio footage. The first video release profiles Atlantic act Mr. Big. Pictured (L-R): Billy Sheehan of Mr. Big, Guitar Recordings Director Trudy Lartz, Cherry Lane's Bar-bara Seerman, Cherry Lane GM Mike Connelly, Mr. Big's Paul Gilbert, Cherry Lane's Elaine Splnelli, Pat Torpey of Mr. Big, Cherry Lane Senior VP Aida Gurwicz and Eric Martin of Mr. Big.



THE BEAT GOES ON: As purveyors of the British ska revival of the early-to-mid Eighties, Dave Wakeling and Ranking Roger enjoyed a good deal of success fronting the band English Beat and later, General Public. Recently, the two ex-English Beat frontmen, the former currently fronting the band the Free Radicals, and the latter fronting Special Beat, treated an appreciative crowd to a few English Beat chestnuts, including a raucous version of "Mirror In The Bathroom" and a somewhat more subdued "Sooner Or Later." The brief set occurred when Wakeling joined Special Beat during the band's encore performance at the Coach House. Dave Wakeling (pictured right) and the Free Radicals and Special Beat were in the Southland for this Coach House date and another performance at the Palace in Hollywood.

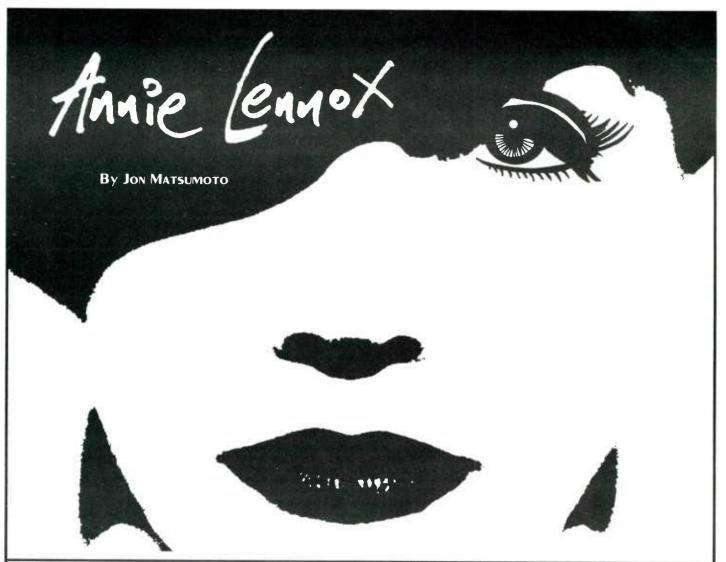


CEREAL KILLERS: Offbeat Zoo Entertainment video band Green Jello is pictured during a recent Palace performance. This colorful group, like gross-out costumed band Gwar, is an eleven-member ensemble whose members dress in all manner of regalia, rotating and changing costumes for each song, including such wholesome characters as Shit Man and (pictured above) Pinata Head and Sadistica. The ensemble's video debut release is entitled Cereal Killer and contains eleven videos, including "Three Little Pigs," "The Misadventures Of Shit Man" and "Electric Harley House (Of Love)."

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

HURTS SO GOOO: John Cougar is the latest victim of violence at a Who concert. Cougar's now sporting six stitches in his head after being knocked unconscious when he was hit with a bottle while opening for the Who in Arizona. Once the bleeding was stopped, Cougar returned to the stage wearing a hard hat and finished his set, opening with "Hurts So Good."
IN THE 'BREAKING UP IS HARO

TODO' DEPARTMENT: Paul Weller, leader of the Jam, has confirmed that the group will break up at the end of the year. "I feel we have acheived all we can together as a group, both musically and commercially. I want all we have achieved to count for something, and most of all, I'd hate to end up old and embarrassing like so many other groups do," Weller said.



IN ROCK & ROLL, IT'S OFTEN ASSUMED THAT A PERFORMER'S ONSTAGE PERSONA MUST REFLECT HIS OR HER OFF. STAGE PERSONALITY. IN MANY CASES THAT ASSUMPTION IS AN ACCURATE ONE. FOR INSTANCE, THERE IS LITTLE REASON TO DOUBT THAT THE REAL MADONNA AND THE REAL AXL ROSE ARE THAT DIFFERENT FROM THE PERSONALITIES THEY PROJECT IN THEIR MUSIC AND CONCERTS.

But, in the case of Annie Lennox, what you see onstage is not necessarily what you get off-stage. As the lead singer of the Eurythmics, Lennox exuded the confidence and showmanship of a born entertainer. She was tough; she was, as one writer dubbed her, the Ice Princess.

However, in reality, the Scottish singer readily admits that she can be a bundle of insecurities. Indeed, she was so worried about the quality of her first solo album, *Diva*, that she seriously wondered whether it was worthy of public exposure.

"I had no expectations for this record whatsoever. In fact, I was even consider-

ING NOT GIVING IT TO THE RECORD COMPANY. KNOWING MY LUCK, I THOUGHT IT WOULD DO DISMALLY," REVEALS LENNOX WITH A DIT OF A NERVOUS CHUCKLE.

We should all have such bad luck. *Diva*-released last April—recently reached platinum status in the United States. Propelled by the gorgeous ballad "Why," and her current hit, "Walking On Broken Glass," the album has put Lennox back on the pop map in a big way (all the more impressive, since the last two Eurythmics studio albums, *Savage* and *We Ioo Are One*, were disappointing works that went largely unnoticed).

"I suppose if *Diva* had been a dismal failure, I would have crept away into some sad corner somewhere and given myself up for lost," she says. "But, because it has had the recognition of commercial success. I feel...reaffirmed."

LENNOX SAYS MAKING HER FIRST SOLO RECORD WAS A "liberating" experience. She wanted TO face the challenge of making her own album, but that doesn't mean it was an EASY OR PAINLESS PROCESS.

"Although I worked closely with Steve Lipson, who produced the record, at times it was also frightening," states Lennox with a light Scottish accent. "To be alone in the writing situation with no one else to give you feedback is very challenging. It was something I decided to do, and I knew I had to grit my teeth and bear it.

"I had to expose Steve to a great deal of throwing my hands up in the air and washing my hands of it. Because I'm a great giver-upper—I always give up on things. I need someone to lead me to the grindstone. I suppose over the years they did that a lot with me—leading me to the grindstone."

IN THE EURYTHMICS, IT WAS LENNOX'S PARTNER DAVE STEWART WHO HELPED MOTIVATE HER. TOGETHER THEY PRODUCED SOME OF THE MOST INVENTIVE POP MUSIC OF THE EIGHTIES. LENNOX'S COMMANDING AND SOULFUL VOICE WAS A PERFECT MATCH FOR THE DUO'S ECLECTIC SONGS, WHICH INCLUDED

SYNTHESIZED EURO-POP ("SWEET DREAMS [ARE MADE OF THIS]"), ROCK ("I NEED A MAN") AND R&B ("WOULD I LIE TO YOU?).

At the duo's peak, the Eurythmics were built on a strong, co-dependent creative partnership between Lennox and Stewart. But as time marched on, Lennox says that working relationship began to grow predictable and stale. By the late Eighties, the duo's interaction had become tense and acidic, making it tough at times for them to even be in the same room together.

"After a while you sort of expect that he's going to do this and I'm going to do that," says Lennox. "We had done that too long. We both needed new challenges and new demands. I definitely wanted to put new demands on myself, otherwise you tread water and you never grow."

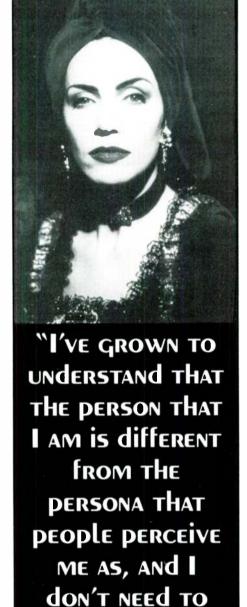
As the Eurythmics wound to a close, Lennox was also beginning to develop a strong family life away from music. In 1988 she married Israeli documentary filmmaker tri Fruchtmann. At the end of that same year, Lennox gave birth to a still-born baby. But in 1990, the couple had a healthy girl, Lola, who Lennox says has changed and enriched her life beyond measure.

"I knew that I wanted to have a baby," says Lennox. "I had no guarantee that it would happen. Being a woman in my I hirties, it was a strange time; it's a strange time for all women. It's kind of like you're either going to be able to lay that family foundation, or you're not. We just wanted to have a family. We wanted to live this life that didn't put Eurythmics first."

WITH A MORE DALANCED LIFE TO LEAD, LENNOX SAYS SHE FEELS FAR LESS PRESSURE TO CONFORM TO OUTSIDE EXPECTATIONS. WHEN SHE WAS IN THE ELRYTHMICS, LENNOX OFTEN FELT COMPELLED TO LIVE UP TO HER PUBLIC PERSONA: TO BE THAT CHARISMATIC POP STAR.

"I've grown to understand that the person that I am is different from the persona that people perceive me as, and I don't need to hide that," states the London-based Lennox. "I don't need to create anything. I can just do what I do, and that's okay. I used to feel pressure to be that thing, which doesn't exist anymore. I have now distanced myself from that monstrous creation."

After some ten years in the public eye, Lennox still feels uncomfortable with HER OWN CELEBRITY. AND SHE SPENDS MUCH TIME TRYING TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE EFFECT THAT TYPE OF PUBLIC ATTENTION HAS ON HER OWN PSYCHE. SHE DESCRIBES ENCOUNTERING TOTAL STRANGERS WHO KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT THE LIFE OF ANNIE LENNOX AS "SURREAL" AND "COMPLETELY MAD."



IN THAT REGARD, LENNOX AND MADONNA ARE DIAMETRIC OPPOSITES. MADONNA SEEMS TO SEED OF PUBLIC ATTENTION; LENNOX ALMOST SEELS PARALYZED BY IT. "I'M ALWAYS SORT OF REVIEWING THAT—HOW I SEEL ADOUT HER," SAYS LENNOX OF MADONNA, POP'S MASTER MANIPULATOR. "SOMETIMES I SEEL I'M BEING CONNED...SOMETIMES IT SEELS CONTROVERSIAL...SOMETIMES IT SEELS ARTISTIC...BUT THEN IT'S NOT. I DON'T KNOW. MUSICALLY, IT

Hide THAT."

doesn't touch me. Certainly, lappreciate that she works incredibly hard at what she does. She's obviously obsessive with it. But I personally couldn't live under that glare of spotlight."

YET. THERE IS A CONNECTION DETWEEN THE TWO SINGERS. LENNOX-MUCH LIKE MADONNA-WAS VIEWED AS A PASHION TREND-SETTER IN HER days in the Eurythmics. Beginning WITH THE "SWEET DREAMS (ARE MADE OF This )" video, she helped make androgyny CHIC. IN THE ENSUING YEARS, SHE CHANGED HER LOOK AND FASHION SENSIBILITIES WITH REGULARITY. SHE MOVED EASILY AND NATU-RALLY FROM THE GIRL WITH THE CLOSELY cropped orange hair on the Touch Album cover, to the sultry pin-up queen ON THE FRONT OF SAVAGE. AND FEW WILL FORGET THE TIME LENNOX SHOWED UD AT THE GRAMMY AWARDS AS AN Elvis IMPERSON-ATOR.

Some cynics assumed that Lennox's EVER-CHANGING APPEARANCE WAS SIMPLY PART OF SOME PREMEDITATED SCHEME TO SELL RECORDS. NOT SO, SAYS LENNOX. "I'VE ALWAYS CHANGED THE WAY I LOOK. EVEN IF I DIGN'T HAVE MY PICTURE TAKEN, I WOULD STILL CHANGE THE WAY I LOOK DECAUSE IT'S NATURAL FOR ME TO DO THAT. IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT'S A MASTER PLAN."

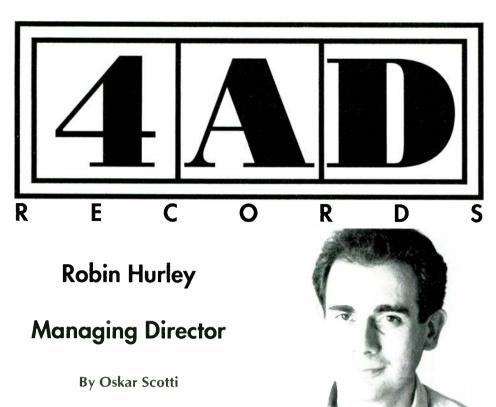
BUT LENNOX ADMITS THAT HER ANDROGYNOUS PASHION SENSIBILITIES WERE A CONSCIOUS REDELLION AGAINST THE TRADITIONAL IMAGE OF THE ORNAMENTAL ROCK & ROLL CHICK. SHE DIDN'T WANT TO BE PERCEIVED AS A VACUOUS BOY TOY.

"Cross-dressing had to do with sort of being conscious of how women are portrayed and how they portray themselves," recalls Lennox. "It was being aware from a very early stage that I wasn't that kind of clichéd singer. I wanted to do something else."

LENNOX HAS NOT TOURED TO SUPPORT HER NEW Album and HAS NO plans TO DO SO ANYTIME SOON. THESE DAYS SAMILY COMES FIRST. RECENTLY, SHE ANNOUNCED THAT SHE'S EXPECTING A SECOND CHILD SOMETIME IN THE SPRING. SO IT MAY DE A VERY LONG TIME DEFORE LENNOX SANS WILL DE ABLE TO CATCH HER IN CONCERT.

And after Hearing Lennox's description of life on the road and her own bouts with stage fright, it's unlikely she'll be experiencing any tour withdrawal symptoms. "I toured for a very long period of my life with the Eurythmics," she says. "It's like anything that you give a great deal to, you do get

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Flash an index card emblazoned with the inscription 4AD before an average college history professor and he'll either stare vacantly into space or mumble something vague and unintelligible about the year Attilla the Hun rampaged through Gaul. Try the same procedure with a KROQ aficionado and the results will be a lot more titillating. In most instances the outcome will be a lengthy filibuster detailing the history of some of the most inspiring Post Modern acts in the alternative realm.

In case you've been in exile in Siberia for the last decade, 4AD Records happens to be the current or previous residence of the Cocteau Twins, Lush, the Pixies, Bauhaus and Wolfgang Press, and that's just scratching the surface. When asked about his label's cryptic moniker, Robin Hurley, 4AD's U.S. Managing Director, merely smiles. "The main reason Ivo picked that name," he said of founder Ivo Watts Russell, "is that it sounded so bizarre, we knew no one else had it. Also, it rolls off the tongue well."

Hurley went on to explain that originally

the label, which splintered from another alternative mecca in Southern England, Beggar's Banquet, was called Axis Records but flipflopped later after they were informed that another company with the same handle already existed. What's slightly bizarre is that when 4AD was first launched a decade ago, Hurley was involved in a profession light years removed from the glitz and glamour of show biz: agricultural engineering.

"I knew a guy who had a distribution company in the north of England," he said of his rather atypical switch from manure to music, "and he kind of encouraged me to get involved with the music business, which I'd already had a passion for anyway. After saving my pennies for three years, I patterned the company I'd started, which was based in Burmingham, Manchester, and the industrial heartland of England, on his company up north." At about the same time his distribution company began turning a profit, Robin began moonlighting with yet another distribution house/record label, Rough Trade, working two days a week at the London-

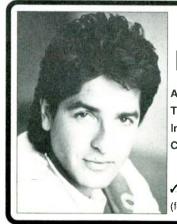
based firm. Yet, it wasn't long before fate intervened and he set sail for the alluring taste of a bigger opportunity abroad.

"After about a year, Rough Trade offered me a position overseeing a division in New York," he reflected somberly. "It was a good experience as I became more familiar with how things worked on this side of the Atlantic." Unfortunately, what Robin hoped would be an ongoing love affair with Manhattan soon went sour when things got rough for Rough Trade from a fiscal standpoint. Sensing pop immortality, they expanded too quickly and over-extended their delicate cash flow. Not long after arriving in New York, Rough Trade dissolved. Before long, Hurley was back in the U.K., having learned a valuable lesson that is paying big dividends today. That axiom amounts to: Think big; staff small. At present, 4AD Records—the Godhead of Post Modern music—sports a Spartan American division of five (count 'em) employees.

The five are ecstatic, however, having just inked an agreement with Warner Brothers Records who will be distributing, marketing and promoting 4AD's future signings in the states. As could be expected, Hurley spoke with a myriad of stateside companies prior to the signing and many, he remarked, expressed serious interest. "We talked with CBS, Capitol, Sire and Def American, to name a few," said Hurley. "In the end we picked Warner Brothers because they were willing to let us retain artistic input. The people at the top end of the Warner ladder are very knowledgeable with our type of music. Plus, they've got a tremendous track record. We hope we can stay with them for many years to come."

While Warner Bros, will be handling the bulk of 4AD's administrational work, the 'Beverly Hills Five,' as publicist Susan Arick refers to her work mates, will be behind the parent group every inch of the way, making sure that no stone is unturned in assuring their group's success. But Hurley says for the time being the staff will remain under a half a dozen as he feels more comfortable that way. "Call me a busy body," he says laughing, "but I like to know what everyone around here is doing. Growing too rapidly puts pressure on you." Shifting to a more somber tone he says, Rough Trade got a little sidetracked at times by having all that money around. Sometimes you get so excited by what's coming in, you overlook the fact there's even more cash





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This is not to say that the Beverly Hills situated firm will never expand, but Hurley asserts it would "take a platinum album or close to it" by one of his groups to allow them that comfort zone. "I don't know exactly what course we'd take or which area we'd expand in first," he mumbles, having obviously not given the matter of growth much thought. "Right now we all handle a number of jobs. I'm the contact for all the managers of the groups unless it's a special radio or pressrelated case, which Susan Arick [Director of Publicity & Video Promotion] takes care of."

Rounding out the staff as of August, 1992, are Marc Brown, Director of Radio Promotion, and Bev Chin, Retail and Marketing Chief. They are a diminutive group but versatile and hard working. That flexibility and work ethic allows this staff of five to handle a surprisingly hefty workload that would bog down other scaled down entities.

Nevertheless, juggling the needs of over a dozen bands while trying to satisfy their respective management companies must be a Herculean feat, to say the least. How do they accomplish it?

"Coordination is the key," says Robin Hurley. "We have a clause in the contracts of our acts whereby the majors who distribute them must have their marketing plans okay'd by us before they release the product. We work closely with Elektra on the Pixies, for instance, and collaborate on the marketing plans with them before the album hits retail and radio."

Noticing we have not touched upon many

of the new generation of 4AD acts, Robin is eager to steer the conversation in that direction. "We have a new band, Swallow," he says, "as well as another new recording act called Spirea X."

As always, 4AD has some rather unique acts ready to unveil and Hurley singles out the new Michael Brooks album, saying, "It should really turn some heads. He makes world music but with Western rock influences—something similar to Jah Wabble's record Invader Of The Heart album," expresses Hurley.

Robin then went on to list the Red House Painters, signed by A&R kingpin Watts-Russell, as another signing he's particularly high on at the moment.

"The great thing about Ivo is that he can really pick special groups out from all the dozens and dozens of demo tapes we get," he says, once again referring to the near legendary indy's founder. "Like Lush and the Pale Saints, two other groups we have out now who are gaining in popularity. The Red House Painters make music that sounds both haunting and riveting; really unlike anything else on the charts right now. They really defy convention."

Defying convention is the conventional approach for Robin Hurley and 4AD Records. Maybe that's why, in a marketplace strewn with the corpses of fallen imitators, they've been such an unqualified success. And the best is yet to come.

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#### **≺ 21 Annie Lennox**

CERTAIN THINGS BACK. BUT I found it VERY EXHAUSTING, VERY LONELY AND VERY TOUGH. TO PERFORM LIVE NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL PREPARATION OF AN ATHLETE. It'S VERY CONFRONTATIONAL. I feel VERY EXPOSED. I HAVE TO DRAW ON ALL OF MY RESOURCES, LIKE A BOXER."

Despite Her Stage fright and Her insecurities about Her Own Songs, it's unlikely that Annie Lennox will soon leave the music business and commit full time to domesticity. When she was pregnant with Lola, she realized that making music was an integral part of Her and that she couldn't ignore it.

BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, LENNOX NO LONGER fEELS CONSUMED OR DRIVEN BY HER CAREER. SHE'S NOW READY TO LET THINGS HAPPEN NATURALLY. "I dON'T THINK IT'S POSSIBLE TO WORK AND WORK AND WORK," SHE EXPLAINS. I WILL GO WHERE MY FANCY TAKES ME. AT A CERTAIN POINT, WHEN I HAVE THE URGE AND THE NOTION TO START TO APPROACH WRITING A NEW RECORD, I'll do IT. YOU SEE IT TAKES A TOTAL INVOLVEMENT. IT'S NOT SOMETHING I'M GOING TO JUMP INTO DIRECTLY AFTER DIVA, DECAUSE IT'S SO PSYCHOLOGICALLY DEMANDING. MAKING RECORDS HAS A LOT TO DO WITH THE REEVALUATION OF YOURSELF. YOU NEED THAT TIME TO DE JUST QUIET FOR A WHILE."

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Los Angeles has long been one of the premier cities for live music. Sure, other cities boast their share of famous nightspots—Liverpool's Cavern, New York's CBGB's and London's the Rainbow—but pound for pound, the L.A. club scene has remained the most constant and voluminous. Legendary nightspots like the Mocambo, the Trocadero and even the Starwood all played a key part in our city's nightlife history and have all become ghosts in a city whose nightlife scene is constantly being reformed by the hands of time.

We've taken a 70-year overview of the highpoints in our L.A. club scene, commenting on incidents, bands and the clubs that have entered the history books. While we endeavored to cover all of the highpoints, we may have overlooked some people, places and things, and for this we apologize. Also, I must acknowledge two important historical sources: The L.A. Musical History Tour by Art Fein, and This Is Hollywood: An Unusual Movieland Guide by Ken Schessler. Also, many thanks to Heather Harris for providing these interesting club ads from the Sixties. Photos: Tom Farrell.

#### By Tom Farrell

1921 The Hollywood Bowl opens.

Hollywood's first nightclub, the Montemarte Cafe, opens at 6757 Hollywood Blvd. With regular clientele that included Rudolph Valentino and Charlie Chaplin, the Montemarte marks the start of a thirty-five-year reign of movie celebritystudded nightspots which would draw global acclaim; Bing Crosby was a regular performer during the club's hey-

day.

The Hollywood Playhouse opens. Forty years later, it will change its name to the Palace.

1927

930 The Pantages opens.

The Trocadero opens in West Hollywood and becomes one of the most popular clubs in Hollywood history.

The Mocambo nightclub opens in West Hollywood.

1940 Built by L.A. Times publisher Norman Chandler, the Hollywood Palladium opens on the site where Hollywood filmed its first movies. Lawrence Welk played here every week for fifteen years.

1941 While movie stars flock to popular West Hollywood clubs, the black music scene takes root on Central Avenue. Lasting until the end of WWII, the black nightlife scene plays host to Cab Calloway, Billie Holiday, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Lena Horne and Ella Fitzgerald.

1942

Ciro's opens at its original location. The spot will eventually become home to the Comedy Store.

 $\overline{1946}$  The Trocadero closes.

Gangster Micky Cohen shot in Sherry's Restaurant, which eventually becomes Gazzarri's nightclub.

1949 Country singer Hank Penny opens the Palomino in North Hollywood.

1953

D.J. Dick "Huggy Boy" Hugg begins broadcasting a live R&B show from the storefront window of Dolphin's Record Store at the corner of Central and Vemon Avenue. The area becomes a popular hangout over the next several years.

1955 The birth of rock & roll.

The Troubadour opens as a coffeehouse

at its original La Cienega location. A revival of L.A.'s black music scene shows several clubs springing up on Central Ave. Sam Cooke, Bobby Day and Pee-Wee Crayton emerge from this scene.

1958

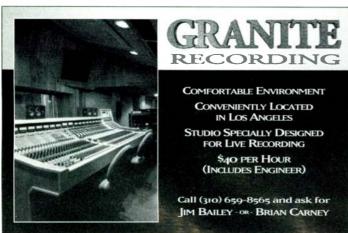
As Hollywood's movie factory crumbles, the Mocambo closes, bringing the days of movie celebrity nightclubs to an end. Meanwhile, rock & roll finds its way into the Los Angeles scene, bringing such notables as Johnny Angel, the Penguins and a host of others to light. While Bell-Gardens teen Eddie Cochran plays at the KRLA Teen Nightclub (which will eventually become the Lingerie), Pandora's Box on Crescent Heights and Sunset starts as a beatnik hangout. Bill Gazzarri opens his first club on La Cienega Blvd.

1960) The Crazy Horse twist club opens at the former location of Ciro's. The club lasts for one year, about as long as the twist craze. Gazzarri's moves to its present location.

1961

The Troubadour moves to its present location.

1962 The surf sound hits L.A., popularizing



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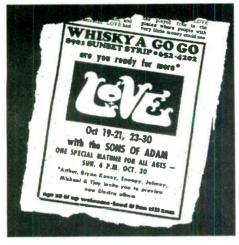
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the careers of Jan & Dean and the Beach Boys. On a local level, Dick Dale and the Del Tones establish themselves at the popular Rebellaire club in Redondo Beach, which becomes L.A.'s surf music headquarters.

964 The Whisky opens.

1965 The Sixties hit L.A., starting a five-year heyday of local talent and club-going. As the Troubadour begins to establish itself as the folk music spot, Gazzarri's, the London Fog and the Whisky rise to fame, playing host to such acts as the Seeds, Love, the Doors, Strawberry Alarm Clock, Iron Butterfly, Sonny & Cher, Lovin' Spoonful, the Monkees and a host of others. As Sixties-oriented clubs like the Trip, Wild Thing, Thee Experience and Pandora's Box come and go, the Hullaballo (at the Aquarius Theater) begins a national broadcast for its teen audience, hosting Jan & Dean and Chad & Jeremy.

The Sunset Strip riots lead to arrests, curfews and national press. Local officials come down hard on the Whisky, asking the club to change its name because of the alcohol reference. The club

temporarily obliges, and for a short time, becomes The Whisk. Bill Gazzarri becomes a vocal opponent against the city, who wants to close all Sunset Strip rock clubs. Pandora's Box, located on the island across from what is now the Coconut Teaszer, closes down. The city claims it is a traffic obstruction.

1969 Filthy McNasty opens his eponymously titled nightclub at the location now occupied by the Central.

1970 For the next several years, L.A. is pretty much dormant for new local talent. Most big acts playing the club circuit are national performers from areas other than Los Angeles. During these years, local clubs hosted some of the biggest talent in the world. The Troubadour reigned for easy listening and folk music, booking Jackson Browne, Rita Coolidge, Carole King, Gordon Lightfoot and Joni Mitchell. The Whisky pulled in Led Zeppelin (with Alice Cooper opening), Lou Reed, the Kinks, the Who and the New York Dolls. Gazzarri's Dance Contest became a popular club attraction and featured winners like Barbi Benton (1968) and Catherine Bach (1974).

Rodney Bingenheimer's English Disco opens. Bingenheimer, formerly a standin for Monkee Davy Jones, opens his club to cater to the growing glitter rock trend sweeping England. The club lasts for several years before Bingenheimer becomes a disc jockey for KROQ and is visited by T. Rex, Slade, Suzi Quatro, the Sweet and Elvis Presley.

The Roxy and the Rainbow open. Over the next few years, the Roxy will host Neil Young, David Bowie and Bruce Springsteen, among others.

1974 Chuck Landis opens the Country Club. For the first few years, it will maintain a "C&W music only" stance.

1975 The Starwood opens on Santa Monica Blvd. and establishes itself as the hard rock venue in Los Angeles. Slade, Van Halen, Quiet Riot, Black Oak Arkansas and others play the venue.

1976 Disco sweeps the United States.

As Music Connection publishes its first issue, Van Halen signs to Warner Bros. and sets the stage for heavy metal in L.A.

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• The Cathouse	836 N. Highland	Hollywood	(213) 285-8470	14	6	5.4	5.0	2.4	4.0	7.6	5.8	4.3	34.5
• Blak N Bloo	7574 Sunset Blvd.	Hollywood	(213) 876-1120	15	**	7.6	4.9	3.8	3.0	4.6	5.6	4.0	33.5

#### **ANALYSIS:**

By Dave Snow

This being the second year we have conducted an anonymous club survey provides us the luxury of comparison. The black boxes indicate high scores and shaded boxes are the lowest (the clubs are ranked in order).

There is a new number one club this year. There are also two new entries on the chart due to the closing of the China Club and Madame Wong's.

Although reasons for a club closing are undoubtedly complex, comparing last year's club standings with this year's survey is, at the very least, an interesting exercise, and at the very most, a lesson in policy for those clubs struggling to stay afloat in a bad economy.

For instance: Out of fifteen clubs, the China Club ranked eleventh and Madame Wong's was thirteenth overall. Low scores in courtesy to bands and club atmosphere dragged down the China Club as well as having the *lowest* 

scores in employee courtesy and drink prices. The lesson here might be if a club has the highest drink prices in town, then the club's employees shouldn't cop an attitude with the entertainers or patrons.

As for Madame Wong's, all scores were below average, but it seems that the club's lack of technical support was the deathknell for the venue (lowest scores in sound, lighting and club atmosphere). Equipment-wise, Raji's tied or did even worse than Madame Wong's last year and their standings in this year's survey reflect no improvements in light or sound.

One of the two new entries in this year's chart, Al's Bar, also seems to have some deficiencies in quality of equipment as well as a problem with attendance. It could just be the downtown location, but if Madame Wong's is any indication, the club owners should upgrade the P.A. and lights if they want to see a higher attendance.

Blak N Bloo is another nightspot popping up at the bottom of the chart this year. The

underground image could account for such a low ranking, but a little congeniality toward the bands might help the club out next year.

Riki Rachtman better not quit his day job because his club, Cathouse, had the biggest drop in ranking this year. Service with a smile could be what the employees need to give.

Surging this year are two long-standing West Hollywood hotspots—Gazzarri's squeezed up from last place in 1991, having made improvements in courtesy and atmosphere. The Troubadour is also on the rise, with better numbers in all categories except courtesy to bands. They're also the best pricewise.

As far as last year's top club, the Roxy, the best lighting and sound in town still doesn't cut it when your drink and cover prices are so high. And, once again, lack of courtesy to the bands is hereby noted.

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⊒ Jabberjaw	3711 W. Pico Blvd.	Los Angeles	(213) 732-3463	Gary	•	•					150	10	•			•				Coffeehouse.	
→ King King	467 S. La Brea Ave.	Los Angeles	(213) 934-5418	Manager	•			•			300	12	•	•		•	•			Hip R&B hangout.	
⊇Largo Pub	432 N. Fairfax Ave.	Los Angeles	(213) 852-1851	Flanagan	•		•	•			180	10	•	•	•	•	•			Under new management.	
☐ Mint Lounge	6010 W. Pico Blvd.	Los Angeles	(213) 937-9630	Jed	•			•			85	6	•	•		•		0		Great R&B venue.	
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→ Nucleus Nuance	7267 Melrose Ave.	Los Angeles	(213) 652-6821					•			150	6	-	•	•	+				Jazz and blues.	
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□ Central	8852 Sunset Blvd.	West Hollywood	(213) 503-5510	-	-		-			-		8-10	-	•	-	•	•			A non-pay-to-play strip club.	
Coconut Teaszer	8117 Sunset Blvd.	West Hollywood	(213) 654-4773	Audrey	-	•				4	285	15	•	•		- 1			•	Highly respected.	
⊇8121 Club	8121 Sunset Blvd.	West Hollywood	(213) 654-4887		•		•	•		4	60	4	•			- (	•		•	Low-key room below the Teaszer.	
J Gazzarri's	9039 Sunset Blvd.	West Hollywood	(310) 273-6606	Bill	•						450	10	•	•		•	1		•	An L.A. rock icon.	
l Roxy	9009 Sunset Blvd.	West Hollywood	(310) 276-2222	Promoters	•						450	12	•	•	•	•	9		•	Another landmark rock outlet.	
□ Sunset Social Club	8210 Sunset Blvd.	West Hollywood	(213) 654-1001	Roy	•						200	9	•	•		•			•	Blues only.	
⊇Whisky A Go Go	8901 Sunset Blvd.	West Hollywood	(310) 652-4206	Various	•						450	8-10	•	•		-	•	•		Occasionally revisited by the biggest rock a	
<b>■ WEST</b>	SIDE									ı											
∟ Alligator Lounge	3321 Pico Blvd.	Santa Monica	(310) 449-1844	Milt Wilson	•	•		•			300	8-10	•	•		• •	•		•	Good outlet for up-and-coming bands.	
At My Place	1026 Wilshire Blvd.	Santa Monica	(310) 451-8985	·	•			•				10-12		•		-			•	Many national acts play here.	
Cock and Bull Pub	947 Lincoln Blvd.	Santa Monica	(213) 848-7371		•	•	•	•			-	8-10		•			•		•	Small but hoppin'.	
⊒Harvelle's	1432 4th St.	Santa Monica	(310) 395-1676								- 1	4-6					_		•	Blues! A variety of blues every night.	
⊒ McCabe's	3101 Pico Blvd.	Santa Monica	(310) 828-9839					•	•					•					Ī	Opes not accept unsolicited material.	
□ McGinty's	2615 Wilshire Blvd.	Santa Monica	(310) 828-9839			, III.						4-8		-		•	1	-	•	Rarely a cover.	
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⊇St. Mark's	23 Windward Ave.	Venice	(818) 506-3219 Eliza	abeth						150	6	•			•		•	Only R&B. Club phone is (310) 452-222
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Westside Wok	12081 Wilshire Blvd.	West Los Angeles	(213) 914-1766 Geo	rge or Bob				•		120	8-10	•	•	•	•		•	Jazz, fusion, blues
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⊒Al's Bar	305 Hewitt St.	Downtown	(213) 625-9703 Lizz	ry	•	•	•			175	10	•	•	•	•		-	Underground and alternative hangout.
□ Babe and Ricky's Inn	5229 S. Central Ave.	Downtown	(213) 235-4866 Mar	nager				•		125	15	•			•		•	Rhythm & blues.
⊇ Shark Club	333 S. Boylan St.	Downtown	(213) 747-0999 Edd	lie	•	•				1200	15-20	•	•	•	•		•	Big disco club.
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The Classroom			(818) 885-0250 Tim						1	120	10	•		T	Î	T		R&B and jazz.
2 Club M	8333 Tampa Blvd.	Reseda Conoca Bork	(818) 341-8503 Les		•					200	12		•		•			Original rock—all styles.
	20293 Roscoe Blvd.	Canoga Park	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					•		-	20+		•		-	-		Huge venue—all ages.
The Country Club	18415 Sherman Way	Reseda	(818) 881-5601 Sus								10-12		•	ľ				New in-house booking.
Niterock	7179 Foothill Blvd.	Tujunga	(818) 352-3298 Gin							-	10-12						•	Club phone is ((818) 222-1155.
□ Pelican's Retreat	24454 Calabasas Rd.	Calabasas	(818) 879-1452 Dav						_	-				1				Old phone is ((010) 222 1100.
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⊇Blue Saloon	4657 Lankershim Blvd.	North Hollywood	(213) 937-2668 Joh	nny Vargas	•			•	•	100	15	•	•		•		•	C&W bar.
Chimneysweep Lounge	4354 Woodman Ave.	Sherman Oaks	(818) 783-3348 Dar	Singer						100	4	•			•		•	Come in on Sundays and see Dan Singe
→ FM Station	11700 Victory Blvd.	North Hollywood	(818) 769-2220 Toy	,	•					500	10-12	•	•	•	•			The rock place in the Valley.
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⊇ Palomino	6907 Lankershim Blvd.	North Hollywood	(619) 481-3030 Mai		•	•	•		•	300	25	•			•			Primarily C&W.
Universal Bar and Grill	4093 Lankershim Blvd.	North Hollywood	(818) 766-2114 Ma	nager	•			•		200	5	•	•		•		•	R&B and jazz
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☐ The Annex	38 N. Mentor Ave.	Pasadena	(818) 577-1894 Bot	b						100	8	•	•		•			Blues. Part of the Icehouse.
☐ The Forge	617 S. Brand Blvd.	Glendale	(818) 246-1717 Rol	bin					•	220	5	•	•		•		•	C&W.
⊒Silverado Saloon	18340 Fiske Ave.	Pasadena	(714) 537-3894 Sta	n Scott	•					200	8	•	•	•	•		•	Hard rock and heavy metal.
⊒ Sunset	322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.	Sierra Madre	(818) 355-3469 Bot	b	•	•	•			300	8	•	•	•	•		•	Alternative venue in Sierre Madre.
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→7th Street Bar & Grill	1276 W. 7th St.	Upland	(714) 982-8712 Jos	se	•				•	300	10	•	•		•			Diverse.
□Spanky's	3850 Main St.	Riverside	(714) 369-8985 Ezz	at	•	•	•			250	8	•	•		•			Long-running Riverside hotspot.
□ Whisky Creek	1331 W. Colton Ave.	Redlands	(714) 798-6330 Phi	il	•	•	•			325	6	•			•			Books a variety of acts.
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□Bogarts	6288 E. Pacific Coast Hwy		(310) 594-8975 Ste								8-10		•	1.				Dining available.
⊇ Coach House	33157 Camino Capistrano				•					-	10-12		-					The hotspot in San Juan Capistrano.
⊒ Doll Hut	107 S. Adams Blvd.	*	-		•					50	8		•			•		Great outlet for new bands
⊒ Friday Night Reggae Clu			(310) 498-0091 Car								4-8				•		•	In the Golden Sails Hotel
⊇Frogs	16714 Hawthorne Blvd.	Torrance	(310) 371-2257 Edd			•			•	3	-		•	1	•	•	•	c/o Chocolate Chip Entertainment
⊇Jezebels	125 N. State College	Anaheim	(714) 772-1572 Joh			+					8-10	-	-	١.		•	•	Club phone is (714) 776-4546.
2 Marquee	7000 Garden Grove Blvd.	Garden Grove	(714) 891-1430 Bol		-				-	452	*		-	1.	-		•	Major O.C. nightspot.
⊇ Silver Bullet	3321 South St.		(714) 779-1160 Dir						•	1000	-		•	1	-	-	•	Club phone is (310) 634-6960.
☐ The Strand	1700 S. Pacific Coast Hwy	Long Beach	(310) 316-1700 Cai							-	15-20							Mainly national acts. Rarely local.
⊇ Sunset Beach Club										375		1			-			Great friendly bar.
□ Toe's Tavern	777 S. Main St.	Orange Bodondo Boook	(714) 835-7422 Ma							225			•	1				Very small venue.
	732 W. Catalina Ave.	Redondo Beach	(310) 374-4628 Too		200					_	12-15	-	-	1				
■ Waters Club	1331 Pacific Ave.	San Pedro	(310) 547-4423 Toi	ΠV			1		-	■ 890	17-15	1 <b>1</b>		•			. •	Booking rock again.

#### **₹ 25 L.A. Club History**

1978 The punk and new wave movement hits Los Angeles. During its four-year reign, a new crop of local talent and venues springup. Gazzarri's hosts the new wave television show, Hollywood Heartbeat. Bands: Black Flag, the Germs, X, the Go-Gos, the Knack, the Busboys, the Naughty Sweeties, Fear, the Weirdos, Berlin.

Clubs: Cathay De Grande, Club '88, Madame Wong's, Masque, Atomic Cafe, Lingerie, Gazzarri's, Whisky.

 $\overline{1979}$  One of L.A.'s most unusual clubs, Flipper's Roller Disco, opens to a decade long stint. Various performers, including John Cougar Mellencamp, Prince and the Blasters played in the center stage while skaters whirled around them.

 $\overline{1980}$  Responding to the new wave of British heavy metal (fron Maiden, Judas Priest). L.A. begins a six-year movement that launches many local artists to national acclaim and transforms many clubs into a rock format that still flourishes.

Bands: Quiet Riot, Mötley Crüe, W.A.S.P., Dokken, Ratt, Steeler, Rough Cutt, Armored Saint, Stryper, Dante Fox (Great

Clubs: Gazzarri's, Roxy, Troubadour, Country Club, Starwood, Perkins Palace.

1981 The Starwood is forced to close due to neighbor complaints and the owner's growing problems with the law.

1982

The Whisky temporarily shuts down. The gothic movement sets in on an underground level. The dark fashion statement is still adapted by many of today's local bands.

Bands: Christian Death, Choir Invisible, 45 Grave, Cathedral of Tears.

Clubs: TV, Madame Wong's, Lingerie.

1985

The Cathay De Grande closes. It will reopen a few years later as the China Club. The mod scene makes a brief comeback, and the equally short-lived mod hangout, the Cavem, gains national attention through television and mainstream press coverage.

 $\overline{1986}$  The Whiskyre-opens. Triple X Records is formed and signs the Dils. Rhino 49 and Jane's Addiction. The label will go on to sign many local faves. The Cathouse opens. Pay-to-play starts. As alternative bands like Jane's Addiction and the Red Hot Chili Peppers grow in popularity, glam rock begins a two-year reign and launches the careers of many local performers who remove the make-up upon achieving national status.

Bands: Poison, Faster Pussycat, Odin, Jetboy, L.A. Guns, Mary Poppinz, Ruby Slippers, Guns N' Roses, Warrant.

Clubs: Scream, White Trash Au Go-Go, Troubadour, Gazzarri's, Cathouse, Roxy, Whisky, Country Club.

1988 With pay-to-play in full swing, the local scene subdivides into different factions of rock, metal and alternative, which remain constant for the next few years. While glam goes underground, the black hair, leather and tattoos look takes over. Bands: Shark Island, Junkyard, Pretty Boy Floyd, Salty Dog, Tuff, the Zeros. Black Cherry, Kik Tracee, Bang Tango. Clubs: Roxy, Whisky, Troubadour, Coconut Teaszer, Scream, Lingerie, Gazzarri's.

1989 The Country Club loses its liquor license and popularity.

1991

The China Club closes its doors. Bill Gazzarri dies. His club ends the once popular dance contests. Roxy/Rainbow proprietor Mario Maglieri requests that the Sunset Strip be given historical landmark status. The city agrees. Pay-to-play is in full swing and spreading, and many critics cite that the local scene is in its worst state ever.

# SIGNINGS: A HISTORY

One of the most important factors of any club is who's playing there. After all, if it wasn't for the Beatles, who'd even know about the Cavem? That's why local clubs adorn their walls with photos and mementos of past clients that have gone on to greater things. These mementos, in the form of photos, gold records, contracts and autograph walls provide not only history, but proof of who actually has played there. We've compiled a list of many area clubs and researched or asked local bands what club were they inked out of and what club played the biggest role in getting them signed. Then we listed the club, the band and what label they were signed to, regardless of whether or not they're still with that particular label. A few things to note: Some bands owed their allegiance to more than one club, and many bands we spoke with weren't listed at all, since they avoided playing the club circuit all together.

#### AL'S BAR

The Creamers ..... Triple X Sativa Luv Box ...... Gasoline Alley **BOGART'S** 

Tender Fury ..... Triple X **CHINA CLUB** 

The Beauties ...... Gasoline Alley Soul Kitchen ...... Giant CLUB WITH NO NAME/

SCREAM Jane's Addicition..... ...... Triple X, Warner Motorcyle Boy ..... Triple X Human Drama ...... RCA, Triple X XTRA Large ......Giant Junkyard ...... Geffen Edan ..... Hollywood Motorpsycho ...... Hollywood **COCONUT TEASZER** 

Kik Tracee ...... RCA The Poorboys ..... Hollywood Holy Water ..... Piece Of Mind Haunted Garage ..... Metal Blade Flies on Fire ......Atco

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Spinout ..... Relativity **GREEN DOOR** 

The Poorboys ..... Hollywood

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Holy Water ..... Piece Of Mind Pleasure Thieves ...... Hollywood Duchess De Sade...Piece Of Mind

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#### **WATERS CLUB**

Vandals ...... Triple X THE WHISKY

Bang Gang ......Sinclair/MCA Darling Cruel ......PolyGram Nymphs ......pgc 45 Grave ...... Triple X Celebrity Skin ..... Triple X Bang Tango ..... Mechanic/MCA

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Band members: Eddie Ruscha, Jim Goodall, Brad Laner, Jim Putnam, Beth

Thompson

Type of music: Heavy alternative Date signed: March, 1992 A&R Rep: Marc Geiger

#### By Chuck Crisafulli

something is horribly wrong with your stereo. Your grounds are ungrounded, your plugs are dirty, your tweeters are tweaked—something must be responsible for the grating, electronic death-tone coming out of your speakers. Hold on though, here comes a bass line, and a drum beat, and even some sweet harmonies. Your stereo is fine. You're just listening to Medicine.

This L.A.-based quintet has just released their first album, Shot Forth Self Living, on Def American, and their sound is not easily ignored. In the wake of bands like the Jesus and Mary Chain and My Bloody Valentine, Medicine is attempting to pump a little lifeblood into the music scene by breaking as many musical rules as possible. Their album is full of perfectly constructed pop tunes, but in executing those tunes-or better yet, electrocuting them-none of the standard pop protocols has been followed. Vocals worthy of Smiley Smile drift around what sound like downed power lines. Distorted guitars are layered like so much sonic stucco. Ham radios are abused for effect. And the damnedest thing is that it all starts to sound lovely.

"I'm really happy with it," says

Brad Laner, one of Medicine's guitarists and vocalists, who was granted the unusual privilege of being able to produce his band's first record. "There was no outside interference. Nobody said, 'Do this' or 'Don't do that.' It turned out very personal sounding. We really wanted to make something that didn't sound like anything else."

The band had only been together about a year when their demo tapes impressed the folks at Def American. "They were either wise enough or foolish enough to let me produce," says Laner. "Part of our challenge was to see if we could make the album as nasty as the demos. I think it turned out nastier."

Laner had always been a home studio tinkerer and had played in bands with drummer Jim Goodall. Vocalist Beth Thompson was a veteran of the L.A. scene through her work with Four Way Cross. Bassist Eddie Ruscha, son of artist Ed Ruscha, and guitarist Jim Putnam are, in Laner's words, "typical artistic Valley dudes."

The band's distinctive sound was born through some decidedly tow-tech experiments with guitars and tape machines. "Open-mindedness to sounds is crucial," Laner explains. "We make our sounds as important as our songs. We spent a lot of time learning to do things the wrong way."

And that was probably time well spent, since pop drones like "A Short Happy Life" and "Sweet Explosion" are simultaneously as catchy as an Abba ditty and as noisy as a roomful of malfunctioning appliances.

Laner is proud of the fact that Shot Forth Self Living is primarily a guitar album; no samplers or tape loops were used to get any of the startling effects. "It might sound like drudgery, but we actually play everything on the album. It's too abstract for me to sit at a computer to make music,"

he shruas

"We specialize in reckless precision. I like the Beach Boys as much as I love John Cage. I'm obsessed with harmony and melody and all the standard musical notions, but I'm also interested in putting them into a new context. I think that's the only way you can make a statement in rock anymore. But we came together out of a love for music and not out of some reactionary thing. We were lucky enough to get signed. Re-combinations are important. It's time for something new to happen."

Laner says that while the Medicine sound depends on a certain harshness, basic songwriting is still an important foundation. "We write songs. You have to. If you don't have a song you don't have anything. Songwriting can start with an acoustic guitar and a melody, and then our job in the studio is to make it Medicine."

As for the challenge of being a first time producer, Laner used some self-taught studio tricks and tried not to change the live sound the band had developed. Rather than use distortion on his guitar, he played it through an empty four-track tape machine. Most of the guitar tracks were recorded directly into the board in order to give them an upfront feel. The biggest problem Laner faced was keeping the balance between the assault of the guitars and the pulse of the rhythm section.

"We'd bring the guitars up high and the drums would start to disappear, so we'd bring the drums up and then the bass disappeared. We were always chasing our tail. Generally, the drums lost if there was a battle with the guitars. We have a great, powerful drummer, but thankfully he's a good sport."

Another interesting touch that Laner insisted on was keeping the vocals down in the mix and not including a lyric sheet with the disc. "I love the idea of people misinterpreting our lyrics. I like our words, and they mean a lot to me, but if they're really clear, that's the only way you can hear the song. We weren't trying to be vague or pretentious. It's a guitar album, and the vocals do their job by carrying the melody rather than by being the thing that people latch on to for communication."

And so, with their first dosage in the stores, Medicine is preparing for the Rollercoaster Tour with Jesus and Mary Chain, Curve and Spiritualized ("Our chance to pay our dues and eat it at the bottom of the bill," offers I aner)

He thinks for a moment before he describes how he'd like his band's music to affect listeners. "I'd like it to be an overwhelming musical experience. Everybody has his favorite record that moves him some way. We won't be the next Beatles, or even the next Nirvana. We're an anomaly. But we don't want to be an intellectual curiosity—'Oh look, they're making strange guitar noises.' I want us to move people. We want to be heavy."



#### Medicine

Shot Forth Self Living Def American

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☐ Producer: Brad Laner

☐ Top Cuts: "A Short Happy Life," "Sive." "Queen Of Tension."

☐ Material: It may take a few spins of the disc, but listeners who can handle the rawness and noisiness of Medicine's sound will discover that this band can write some pretty nifty tunes. Under the many layers of distorted and contorted guitars there is almost a bubblegum sensibility, and on a well put-together song like "A Short Happy Life" the band even achieves a kind of stately gracefulness. There's a lot of noise on this album, but it is wielded with a solid sense of composition and arrangement.

Musicianship: Well, these guys would probably be heckled out of the Musician's Institute, but it is possible to think of them as great players if you compare what they're trying to play to what they acheive. The band is bearing their share of comparisons to My Bloody Valentine, but a better parallel might be found in the noisier, odder passages of the White Album. The players of Medicine are grinding up the language of pop music into bits and pieces and then pasting it back together.Guitar fans who aren't exclusively concerned with clinical chops should find this disc a pretty interesting catalog of squonks and squeals, and despite the harsh backdrop, the vocals are mostly sweet and sooth-

ing, and occasionally angelic ☐ Production: If you can't get past the first 52 seconds of dirty white noise, you'll remember the record as one horribly annoying drone. But if you buy into Medicine's approach, it's a compelling album with some amazingly original textures to it. Brad Laner may have gotten lucky in being given the chance to produce, but he did a very good job of giving them a sound that isn't easily cubbyholed. And considering the amount of sheer din that's on this record, Laner did an impressive job of balancing it all into something musical.

☐ Summary: Almost everyone will hate this record the first time they hear it. Some will go back to it and find that the music grows stronger with repeat listens. The rest will use Medicine's disc as a coaster for their coffee mugs. —Chuck Crisafulli



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# NIGHT LIFE MANUALE

# ROCK By Tom Farrell



Julian Raymond of Babylon Minstrels

All the bands that put flyers on people's windshields, beware! The new citywide law now in effect makes it a misdemeanor to put handbills on people's windshields, punishable by a fine and/or six months in the county jail.

Sykotik Sinfoney will be doing their final show of the year at the Roxy on Thursday, December 10th, at 11:00 p.m.

Haunted Garage will be doing their final show of the year—and forever—on November 25th at the Coconut Teaszer. The band is breaking up due to musical differences.

Kell Raven will be doing his final show of the year at X-Poseur 54 on December 20th at midnight. Raven will then be returning to the studio with producer/songwriter **Howle Rice** (Patti LaBelle, Kiss, Pointer Sisters).

The Babylon Minstrels have cancelled their plans to do a live performance in support of their self-titled EP on Hollywood. The band features ex-Bang Bang/Dear Mr.President frontman Julian Raymond, who has been doing a lot of production work lately with the Pleasure Thieves, Vanity Kills and Edan. In lieu of live performances, Raymond is in the studio at work on a new solo project.

We've heard that former Celebrity Skin singer Gary Jacoby will be releasing a solo album on Triple X Records. Rumor also has it that former Skin bassist Tim Ferris has fled to Japan to join a band called (now get this) Gary, Gary, Gary, Gay, Gay, Gay, Gay.

The Shamrock club has re-

The Shamrock club has reopened. Former Hardly Dangerous singer Toml Rae is handling booking/promotion.

English Acid will be holding a benefit show one day prior to Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 25th, to benefit the L.A. Mission, which feeds and shelters the growing number of homeless. Headlining the seven-band event will be Atlantic act Stone Temple Pilots, (formerly known as Mighty Joe Young) Also playing will be Hollywood metalheads Motorpsycho, and Greta, who recently inked to Mercury. The event will be sponsored by Pirate Radio and recorded live by Westwood One.

Riding the success of their current industry buzz, avant-metallers Ministry have sold out their December 26th show at the Universal Amphitheatre and have booked a second show on the 27th. Opening are Sepultura and Helmet.

Orange county metallers Mesheen have added guitarist Billy Alexander to their ranks.

# WESTERN BEAT By Billy Block



Marty Stuart

The top showcases for L.A. country continue to attract great crowds and big names. At Ronnie Mack's Barndance, the "Hillbilly Rocker" himself, Marty Stuart, showed up, hung out and jammed all night long. Following bang-up performances by featured artists Kyle Waites, Elly Rome and Debrorah Leigh Porter, Stuart took to the stage. Many of our big-time local country players were on hand to pick with Marty. Uncle Dave Pearlman came alive at the pedal steel as he, Boy Howdy guitarist Cary Park and Stuart traded hot licks, while Desert Rose's Bill Bryson and Cajun rocker Keith Rosier shared bass chores. Drummer Danny O'Brian and I played the traps as Johnny Cash piano man Earl Pool Ball pounded the 88's. The crowd was thrilled to see Stuart and the local boys getting on so well.

The Los Angeles Songwriters Expo 16 was a great event. I was the moderator for the Hot Country panel that discussed country music's resurgence. On the panel were Curb recording artist Rick Vincent, Boy Howdy producer Chris Farren, music mogul Brad Parker, Unistar

Radio Network's VP of Programming Chris Kampmeier and the conference's keynote speaker Wendy Waldman.

Ray Doyle's CCMA-sponsored Country Writer's Spotlight featured Nashville-based/Bluewater Music's Re Winkler, a gifted country singersongwriter who calls L.A. home. T. Cane Honey, recently back from his showcase for Polygram/Nashville, sang and played with Libby Floyd as she presented new material. Banjo virtuoso Cody Bryant picked up the six-string for a fine set of original material.

The Western Beat American Music Showcase featured one of Sixties pop music's most prolific writers, Graham Gouldman. Performing acoustically with Andrew Gold on guitar, Marc Jordan on keys and Jimmy Caprio on bass, the quartet had the packed house clapping and singing along to familiar Gouldman Singing along to farming Gouldfrain hits like "Bus Stop," "Heart Full Of Soul," "I'm Not In Love" and "For YourLove." Wendy Waldman shared her set with Brindle mates Kenny Edwards and Karla Bonoff. Third Stones' Betty Rosen beamed as Eddie Cunningham aroused a huge ovation following his set with co-writer Ed Berghoff. Bass legend Freebo revealed a tender side as he sang a beautiful set of love songs. A&M Records' newest American rock signee, Kevin Montgomery, was also very impressive. Kacey Jones kicked off the evening's festivities with a bluesy acoustic set accompanied by Dorian Michael. On the Western Beat scene were Dusty Wakeman (Dwight Yoakam, Lucinda Williams) and Rob Bleetstein. Bleetstein, whose most recent gig (he's currently seeking employment) was managing Robt. Earl Keen Jr., made good use of the schmoozatorium as he acclimated to the L.A. songwriter scene. The Dec. 3rd. Western Beat will feature Brindle, Steve Seskin, Gary Burr, Wiley and the Wild West Show, Reine River, the Rhinestone Homeboys, Rick Vincent and Brad



Tim FerrIs of Celebrity Skin,



Caprio, Gouldman and Gold at Western Beat



### JAZZ By Scott Yanow



Chick Corea

Trumpeter Jeff Beal, who recently moved to the San Fernando Valley, performed with an all-star quintet at Le Cafe. In addition to the fine quitarist Steve Cardenas, Beal's group featured pianist John Beasley, drummer Dave Weckl and John Patitucci (one of the world's great bassists), but the real star may have been Beal's complex originals. Such new songs as "The Three Graces," "Through A Glass Dingaling," "For Miles" and "Three Legged Race" displayed both lyricism and passion and somehow did not seem all that difficult to these virtuoso jazzmen, but neither of the selections was a simple jam session device. Beal's warm tone on both trumpet and fluegelhorn made the music seem somewhat accessible as did the funky grooves set by Beasley and Patitucci. Speaking of John Patitucci, his

Speaking of John Patitucci, his Heart Of The Bass is one of the two first releases by Chick Corea's new label, Stretch Records. Coming up will be rereleases of two of Chick's earlier dates: Touchstone (the last of the Return to Forever recordings) and *Three Quartets*, a meeting with **Michael Brecker** that will also include some unreleased performances.

Bob Florence's Limited Edition, one of the most exciting big bands based in Los Angeles, had a memorable two-night engagement at the Moonlight Tango Cafe during which they recorded their first disc for the MAMA Foundation, an up-andcoming jazz label. Florence's arrangements are always colorful and full of surprises. With such soloists as the pianist-leader, altoist Lanny Morgan (one of Los Angeles' treasures), tenorman Dick Mitcheil and trumpeters Warren Leuning and Steve Huffsteter, among others, the brilliant orchestra read through the fairly new charts as if they'd been playing them for many years. Particularly noteworthy were "Slimehouse" (which was in the Count Basie tradition), "Lester Left Town" and an abstract "Come Rain Or Come Shine."

Upcoming: The Jazz Bakery (310-271-9039) welcomes Oscar Brashear and Billy Childs (Nov. 21), a tribute to Jimmy Rowles (Nov. 27) and Teddy Edwards (Nov. 28), Catalina's (213-466-2210) hosts singer Trudy Desmond (Nov. 23), Ray Brown's Trio (Oct. 24-29), Bob Florence's Limited Edition (Nov. 30) and Charles Fambrough's Quintet (Dec. 1-6), Le Cafe (818-986-2662) features John Beasley (Nov. 22), Atmosphere (213-243-5166) has Kevin Toney (Nov. 22) and Nedra Wheeler (Nov. 28), the fine fusion group Continuum visits the Westside Wok (213-267-1830) on Nov. 20, Tribal Tech roars in At My Place (310-451-8597) on Dec. 1 and the Moonlight Tango Cafe (818-788-2000) features big bands led by Med Flory (Nov. 24), Les Hooper (Dec. 1) and Tom Garvin (Dec. 8).

# **URBAN**CONTEMPORARY

By Gary Jackson



*Immature* 

Ah, to be in the position of being a talented musician in the age of rap. sampling, MIDI, technology, synthesizers, Linn drums and the like. It's got to be frustrating as hell, because in the world of modern popular music, fragmentation has taken its prejudicial toll on the African-American musician. In order to be recognized as a virtuoso on one's instrument, African-Americans must ply their trade in the jazz field. Witness Branford & Wynton Marsalis and such lesser-knowns as Najee, etc. Test: Name the best black guitarist in urban music, rap or funk. Paul Jackson, maybe, but beyond that, it's a stretch. Switch instruments to bass, drums, piano, whatever. You'll be brain dead before you can name one of distinction.

That's a sad play on music, and the world, today. There are musicians who would love to boast of their talents beyond the framework of urban music, but because of the strictures placed on the Nineties black artists, exploration by these artists beyond the Bermuda Triangle of black music is discouraged. Who's

to blame? Hard to say. Should we place blame on the doorstep of record labels, radio, the media...who?

In that vein, let's see if we can avoid the syndrome by spotlighting a super-talented musician who is wellversed in funk, rock, fusion, rap, jazz and urban. His name is Les July, a well-respected L.A. musician who doubles as an accomplished songwriter. He's got a tape (and a video) floating throughout the industry that accents those abilities along with a solid vocal delivery. His obvious influence is Jimi Hendrix, but there are substantial elements of all the aforementioned genres of black and rock music. My first impression upon viewing the video is that of a bass-playing Lenny Kravitz. July's approach and ability to mix crucial elements of pop and funk have attracted the "creme de la creme" of the L.A. music scene. He's played with such diversities as producer Nile Rodgers, Guns N' Roses' Slash, rappers Eric B & Rakim, comedian Sam Kinison and Mick Jagger.

Now, July has teamed with former Bus Boy Brian O'Neal in a band called Black Bart, and is juggling other important projects. Should the music world break the stigma of casting a jaundiced eye to every black musician who comes down the pike, Les July is a respectable candidate to show the world more than just a funky side to life.

Atlanta's got Kris Kross, but now the world will know of Los Angeles' contribution to "kiddie rap." In a word, Immature, a three-member act that ranges in age from nine to ten years. Their outrageous approach includes billowy hats and caps and Rastastyle hair cuts, along with such names as Batman, Half-Pint and Romeo. An album called On Our Worst Behavior has spawned such titles as "Meet Me Outside," "Be My Girl" and "Honey Dip." But what's most attractive about this group is that they front a real live band—funky as you wanna be! Incidentally, Batman was the the late Robin Harris film, Bebe's voice behind the lead character in



John Patitucci



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# **CLUB REVIEWS**

#### Life, Sex & Death

The Palace Hollywood

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The Players: Stanley, vocals, piano; Alex Kayne, guitars, backing vocals; Bill E.Gar, bass, backing vocals; Brian Michael Horak, drums. ☐ Material: Life, Sex & Death blasts out hard rock with a slight Cheap Trick flavor that is hook-laden and memorable. Note their opening cut, "We're Here Now," which might provoke a thought or two about Cheap Trick's intro "Hello Ladies & Gentlemen." LSD doesn't cop their formula, however, the leanings seem unintentional, and probably serve only as a base to compare them. LSD's songs are slightly off the beaten track, with titles like "Some Fuckin' Shit Ass" and "Jawhol Asshole." I can see where this band would run into trouble on the airwaves. Their most memorable song was definitely the anthemic "School's For Fools.

☐ Musicianship: Stanley's voice is about as unkempt as his appearance. He hits all his notes, but like a runaway train sloshing about the track. His voice is memorable, soulful and suited for the band's "in-yerface" vibe. Kayne kicks out a full-blast tone that Johnny Thunders would be proud of—his sound batters and assaults. Gar and Horak's rhythm section was admirable for the most part, with the upper end going to Gar and his rambunctious playing style.

☐ Performance: LSD's long suit. Still the band's focal point, hobo-like lead singer Stanley started the show is his now-familiar raggedy clothes, homeless appearance (complete with a toned-down but still noticeable body odor), wandering through the audience with his cordless mic.



LSD: A focus on attitude.

He grabbed an acoustic guitar (with a roadie holding his vocal mic) and launched into the intro for "We're Here Now" much to the audience's curiosity and approval. Onstage, Stanley's orchestrated St.Vitus dance seemed to incorporate elements that "took the piss" out of other rock frontmen. Whatever the reason, Stanley is always entertaining. The rest of the band's stage philosophy was steeped in the New York Dolls' noisy kick-it-out vibe, which focuses more on attitude than

hitting all the right notes. LSD did both, and with a vibe that discredited the over-polished, sampled vibe of too many of today's rock bands.

Summary: Although the world would seem to need a band like LSD and their N.Y. Dolls/Sex Pistols headspace, I don't know if they're ready for it yet. LSD shocks, rocks and kicks their audience into an emotional response. One weekend warrior rocker (who was obviously there to see the formula pop-metal of headliners Lynch Mob) muttered, "These guys are noise!" Hmmm. Sounds like my parent's reaction to the music I listened to, but we're stuck in an era where most teenagers could easily listen to their favorite rock records with mom and dad listening-"Oh, that's nice Billy! And what are they called?" Life, Sex & Death is not about parental approved rock & roll, but I think they're a little closer to the real spirit of rebellious, stand-on-vour-own rock that most people are aware of, or willing to admit. You can keep your sampled, polished, government and radio approved, drug-free corporate rock. Personally, I'd rather take LSD.

-Tom Farrell

#### **Soul Talkers**

Club Lingerie Hollywood



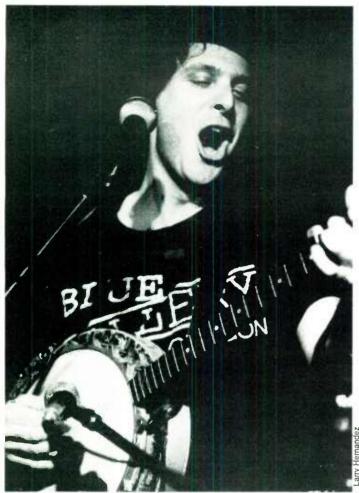
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The Players: Gonz Ozen, vocals;



Soul Talkers: A diverse set.

# **CLUB REVIEWS**



Moris Tepper: All for one!

Joe James, guitar; Roger Baer, bass; Stevie G., drums; Julie Airali and Rosanna DiLoretta, background vo-

☐ Material: Perhaps Soul Talkers greatest strength lies in their early English, R&B-flavored repertoire. The sound is rounded out by a moody psychedelic vibe, some well thought out commercial hooks and a whole lot of harmony that overwhelmingly prevails. The second song in their 45-minute set, "Where Are You," was well punctuated by the female backing vocalists. On the flip side, it was a bit heavy on the percussion, which tended to overshadow the velvety smooth vocals of frontman Ozen. However, the band's best material was their most low-key. Case in point: Songs like "Feel" and "You Say Goodbye" managed to showcase the band's songwriting and talent rather than their ability to arrange complex multi-part compositions.

 Musicianship: Without a doubt, the most distinctive talents in the band belong to vocalist Ozen and guitarist James. Ozen's rich, powerful voice is chock full of diversity. At times, wrenched with emotion, at others, filled with the uplifting spirit of a gleeful choirboy. The talent of James blends well with Ozen's. Although, sometimes the guitar solos were a bit technical—even if Ozen's

well-trained vocals beg for guitar perfection. Possibly the weakest link in the band were the backing vocals. But don't get me wrong-both women have beautiful voices. In a nutshell, the timing and delivery seemed forced, which subsequently distracted from Ozen-a true crime in itself.

☐ Performance: Playing to a sparse audience, Soul Talkers did the best with what they had to work with. Unfortunately, stage presence isn't the band's strongest suit. At times, both bassist Stevie and guitarist James seemed withdrawn-as if playing in their garage rather than to an audience. Performance-wise, Ozen, Baer and the backing vocalists were the most perky-joyfully shaking and grinding to the soulful groove. They were also the most generous with audience contactso much so that I swear they caught me scribbling notes in the corner.

□ Summary: Soul Talkers are a band with obvious potential, they just need to iron out a few wrinkles. This could be achieved by toning down the busy nature of some of the songs and performing with more collective unity. There's really nothing missing, talent-wise or materialwise, I simply found it too hard to concentrate with so much going on. -Judy Jade Miller

# **Moris Tepper**

Nomads Los Angeles

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□ Contact: Moris Tepper: (818) 343-1704

☐ The Players: Moris Tepper, guitars, banjo, lead vocals; Thom Roach, accordion, harmonica, vocals; Louis Durra, keyboards, vocals; Miiko, bass, vocals; Mike Tempo, percussion; Alan Reisner, drums; Adrian Esparza, additional

guitar.

Material: The best reason to check out the consistently amazing Moris Tepper band lies in their set list. From dirt-stompin' hootenannies to schnapps-hoisting cabaret songs, the band delivers each wellcrafted tune with demented energy and a great sense of fun. That's not to say they're just out for yuksmaniacal dance numbers like "Can't Stop Cryin" and "Mudpie" are balanced out with achingly tender ballads like "Hurt Someone" and "Chelsea." And because the material is so strong to begin with, it's a particular pleasure to watch the band get wild and weird on ravers like "Old Tin Can."

☐ Musicianship: A rare treat here. While all the players are quite competent, nobody is in this band to sport his chops. Every squeeze of the accordion, pluck of the banjo and whack of the cowbell was in service to the songs. Miiko's bass lines expertly anchored the proceedings, while Louis Durra's sneaky keyboard stabs and Thom Roach's work in the "fun zone" added a gleeful carnival edge to the sound. Tepper may be known to many as a respected avant-guitarist, but anyone who came to this show expecting a night of up-front, electric psycho-licks would have been disappointed. The band's the thing, and each player worked hard this night to turn an ordinary club setting into a high-spirited hullabaloo.

□ Performance: Tepper may not have pushed his guitar solos, but he held nothing back as a frontman. He seemed to break every rule of vocal training as he rasped and croaked out his lyrics with a distinctive, whiskey and iron filings voice. The redoubtable Roach was a great foil to Tepper's manic stage presence, and borrowed Bonedaddy Mike Tempo added some deranged visual flash. Despite the wide shifts in style throughout the set, the band never lost the crowd's attention. In fact, the energy in the room seemed to snowball right through to the encore, when a large portion of the packed room took to dancing with

happy abandon. □ Summary: If you're depressed, disillusioned and on a tight budget, the best advice I can give you is to catch one of the Moris Tepper band's club gigs. If they can't cheer you up, you're in trouble.

-Chuck Crisafulli

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Wheel Of Fire: Ready to happen.

## Wheel Of Fire

The Troubadour West Hollywood

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☐ The Players: Scott Taylor, vocals, guitar; John Hussey, guitar, vocals; Jean Paul Tantet, bass, vocals.

☐ Material: Stimulating. Wheel Of Fire pens lyrics on topics that range from love, despair and letting go, to criticism of organized religion, the evils of material possessions and socioeconomic conditions. By camouflaging these messages in riveting melodies with a hard rock feel, you hardly notice (or mind) that you're being slightly educated while being totally entertained.

☑ Musicianship: Taylor's vocals are stirred (not shaken) with a well-flavored mix of blues, rock and soul. He's got a set of pipes that makes your skin tingle when he hits those high notes (Steve Marriott and Paul Rodgers come to mind). Hussey's adept guitar work and strong vocal harmonies complement Taylor's singing style and add an element of confidence to the music. Bass meister Tantet rounds out the trio with his mesmerizing, remarkably smooth, groove-oriented playing and solid backing vocals.

☐ Performance: Cursed with an 11:15 time slot on a Tuesday night, the band gracefully took the stage and played as if they were headliners. No ego, just passion. People that were prepared to leave the club stopped in their tracks, listened a moment and sat back down! Sharp, clean sounds emanated from the threesome as they lit up the Troubadour with their vocal prowess and

undaunted style. Upbeat numbers "Heaven On High" and "Layin' It Down" got both the band and audience alert and energized. "I Hold The Fire" captured the fervor of Taylor's vocals.

Taylor's vocals.

Summary: Wheel of Fire is guaranteed to restore your faith in the artistic future of the L.A. music scene (by the number of record company personnel milling about, it seems I'm not the only one with that opinion!). Songwriting skills, talented players and stage presence are a few good reasons to see this band; the way you'll feel after you've seen one of their shows is another. Let the bidding begin.

—B. Shaughnessy

# Nag Nag Nag

The Coconut Teaszer Hollywood

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□ Contact: Philip: (213) 851-5375 or Seth Lichtenstein: (310) 278-1111 The Players: C.J., vocals; Philip, guitar; Richie, bass; Tony, drums. Material: Nag Nag Nag wears their influences like a comfortable pair of shoes: sleazy, thrashy, trashy, power-pop that melts the mind and shakes yer booty. If the New York Dolls slept with the Plimsouls and the Replacements, a little Nag Nag Nag could easily be plunked on your doorstep nine months later. Songs like "Cal Trans Blues" and "Misery' showcase their natural flair for capturing everyday angst in an upbeat melody. In fact, they manage to say with their songs the emotions most of us take out on those inanimate objects in our lives-like say, our significant other. Perhaps the most poignant example of this is revealed during the chorus of the sixth song in

their seven-song mini-set. They simply sing "I Don't Want Your Love."

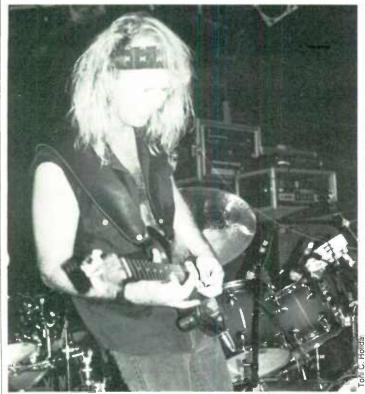
☐ Musicianship: It was evident from this performance that Nag Nag Nag spends ample time in rehearsalthey have a strong, cohesive grip both on their individual and collective talents. If anyone lags, the others quickly take note and compensate. Such was the case during the first song where vocalist C.J. was coming across a bit flat and fuzzy. Bassist Tony immediately smoothed it over with his harmonious backing vocals and the two voices merged into a much thicker sound. Further evidence of the band's polish was obvious during the swift tempo changes and breaks. transitioned from an upbeat rock tempo to a more subdued, melancholy sound, with ease.

☐ Performance: If vocalist C.J. hadn't begun writhing on the floor two songs into the set, the band may have lost a few points in this area—but they don't; if anything, they gain. Frontman C.J. is a natural performer. He had no apprehension about stepping off the Teaszer's (barely above the ground) stage and venturing into the audience. There was also a high level of interplay from bassist Tony, who zig-zagged across the stage like a demon and had the nerve (at one point) to actually join vocalist C.J. on the ground.

Summary: If Nag Nag Nag can stay true to their raw, punkish influences without giving in to their slight L.A. rock edge, they may have a highly marketable thing going. Although, as demonstrated by their influences, it may take the public a few years or albums to actually catch the drift. In other words, Nag Nag Nag's material, performance and image coupled with today's garage band mentality will definitely not hurt them.

—Judy Jade Miller

# **TCLUB REVIEWS**



Marc Bonilla: A guitar master.

# **Marc Bonilla and** the Dragon Choir

The Palomino North Hollywood

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Contact: Doug Buttleman Management: (818) 752-8020

The Players: Marc Bonilla, quitar, Toss Panos, drums; Mike Keneally, guitar, keys; Dave Moreno, bass

☐ Material: Bonilla's material can best be described as a vehicle to showcase his guitar prowess and individual musicianship in his band rather than an expression of quality songwriting. As is customary in instrumental rock guitar music, Bonilla's tunes consist of familiar shuffles with a dose of syncopated lines that are mostly deficient of memorable melodies. However, due to the proficiency of the band and amazing guitarmanship of Bonilla, the significance of the songwriting was almost irrelevant. The focus here

is on great playing.

Musicianship: There is amazing playing in this band. Bonilla's mastery of the guitar is quite inspiring. Most notable is the energy that is created by his incredible meter over million mile-anhour tempos and complete command of his instrument. Backed by a world-class rhythm section, this band is a machine fueled by musical awareness and instinct. The combination of Panos, Keneally and Moreno is a real treat for those musos out there.

Performance: The band was loud

and aggressive and succeeded in generating enough energy to entertain the crowd. It was apparent that Bonilla and the rest of the band were dience interest and attention.

moved by lyrical and unforgettable songs, you may want to pick up some of Bonilla's previous work on the debut album of Toy Matinee. All in all, Marc Bonilla and the Dragon Choir is a quality act and is outstanding for what they do. - J.R. Speights



Selecter: A comfortable formula.

# The Selecter

The Palace Hollywood

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□ Contact: Bruce Duff, Triple X Records: (213) 221-2204

The Players: Pauline Beck, vocals; Neol Davies, guitar; Nick Welsh, bass; Martin Stewart, keyboards;

Perry Melius, drums.

Material: This group's been around for a while (try 1979) and has solidly cemented the sound of the two-tone/ska movement. Relentlessly animated and up-even when their lyrics are speaking pragmatically about today's societal ills-the Selecter is the thinking/drinking/ toking man's bar band. If I had to

define them by one of their numbers, I'd pick "Train to Skaville."

☐ Musicianship: Black may not have the most dynamic range, but then again, this music doesn't demand one. She belts out these tunes with a well-oiled confidence, accompanied tirelessly by a band that never misses a cue. Stewart and Davies in particular give the Selecter's music its bright character and strong iden-

Performance: Straight up, no frills, boundless energy—they'll make your heart beat faster than diet pills. The addition of guest brass on a few final numbers helped break the unavoidable sameness of their tunes. At one point, there was a brief skirmish in the crowd, and Black (herself a buff and imposing presence, by the way) expertly seized the attention back onto the stage by hurling a few choice words at the perpetrators. It made everyone laugh, broke the tension, and likely saved the show.

□ Summary: Don't expect invention from this group, don't expect them to stray from a formula they wear comfortably, and don't expect them to go platinum. But The Selector is a steady bet, an odds-on favorite to deliver a good show and a fun -Sam Dunn

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Michael Bolton Timeless (The Classics) Columbia 1) 2) 3) 4) 5) 6) 7) 2) 9) 10

☐ Top Cuts: "Drift Away," "Yesterday," "Knock On Wood." □ Summary: Stand back, all you Bolton bashers! What's wrong with giving some solid pop classics a little soulful TLC? While it seems curious for a songwriter of Bolton's ability to

Producer: David Foster and

Walter Afanasieff

continuously reach back so safely, he breathes new life into these timeless tunes with more restraint and tact than usual. The arrangements—including gospel on the Dobie Gray gem-are first rate, and his "Yesterday" is one of the most beautiful versions ever. If he can't be innovative, at least he knows how to redefine "crowdpleaser."

☐ Producer: Bruce Burger □ Top Cuts: "Junkman's Son," □ Summary: Rebbe is the pet

project of Bruce Burger, and Rebbe Soul is a collection of jazzy pop

songs which accurately reflect Bruce Burger's very adequate talents as a

musician, songwriter and producer. Burger does a fine job of being a one-man show, as Rebbe Soul ex-

hibits a definite character and en-

compasses a wide variety of emo-

tions. Burger's slick production and clean arrangements make for a wor-

thy adventure into his world, and when you're through listening to this

album, you can't help but feel you've

-Jonathan Widran



Siouxsee & The Banshees Twice Upon A Time—The Singles Geffen

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Producer: VariousTop Cuts: "Fireworks," "Cities In "The Last Beat Of My Heart." ☐ Summary: This CD spans the last decade of this group's music and illustrates their evolution from their punk days sixteen years ago. All of the singles are here: "Peek-A-Boo," "Candyman," "The Killing Jar," "Kiss Them For Me" and "Face To Face." What makes this package so outstanding is Siouxsee's combina-tion of quality songwriting married to her own dark, dreamy eclectic sound. Siouxsee's inspirational map stems straight from her soul, and the individuality, sound phrases and attitude are all packaged nicely in eighteen songs that score many hits and

☐ Producer: Julian Raymond☐ Top Cuts: "Let Me Into Your Heart," "Faith Healer."

-Tom Farrell

very few misses.

☐ Summary: There's been a lot of hype surrounding the band formed by Phil Everly's son Edan Everly and Frankie Avalon Jr., and I hope it won't overshadow the fact that the group has managed to put out what has to be one of the best debut albums of the year. The group's nonpretentious songwriting style orbits heavily around the same icons espoused by the Black Crowes and their ilk. Vocally, Edan Everly has a subtle, introspective voice that just plain works. Sew it all together with great production, and Dead Flowers comes out as a winner.

☐ Producer: Roy Bittan☐ Top Cuts: "I Should Be Laughing," "Make Me A Believer."

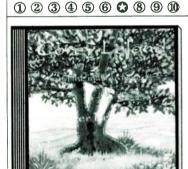
□ Summary: The former warrior wins every battle she fights on this

—Frank Hillman



Edan **Dead Flowers** Hollywood

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Rebbe

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Corey Leland and the Mustard Seeds The Ever Present Now Unsigned 1 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

☐ Producer: Corey Leland and

-James Tuverson

□ Top Cuts: "Goodbye Ron."

somehow made a new friend.

Summary: With folky romps and ballads of self-affirmation and positive ways to live one's life, The Ever Present Now is a weak effort with unoriginal tunes and overly preachy lyrics. Titles like "You Had The Right Idea Mr. Gandhi," "It's So Good To Be," "God Is Love," and "Save The World," are childlike in their idealism, twee in content and probably wouldn't be taken seriously by the average pop fan. Birds chirping, thunder storms and crickets as background sound effects don't strengthen the tunes either. Unfortunately, a very unpromising debut.

—Stacy Osbaum



Patty Smyth Patty Smyth **MCA** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ 8 **۞** ⑩

stunning pop/rocker. With a voice full of pain, rage, wonder and grit, Smyth explores the uncertainty of sacred emotions, the irony of the love game and the desire to return to a simpler time. And she's amazingly convincing, mixing lovely ballads with

> Don Henley. Most tunes were cowritten with Styx's Glen Burtnick and employ that band's mix of tough yet tender sentiments. -Wanda Edenetti

raw rock edges, a la Heart, and smoothing out the pace for some

lush Eagles-que harmonizing with

□ Producer: Bob Mould and Lou ☐ Top Cuts: "A Good Idea,"

"Changes," "Helpless."

Summary: For his Rykodisc debut, following two intriguing solo alburns and nearly a decade of worthy work as a member of Hüsker Dü, Bob Mould has fashioned a solid collection of hook-filled songs propelled by powerful riffing and tight ensemble playing. Abetted by ex-Zulu drummer Malcolm Travis and ex-Mercyland bassist David Barbe, Mould moves from macabre subject matter ("A Good Idea") to romantic material ("If I Can't Change Your Mind") with equal ease. Definitely, Mould's most commercial effort to -Keith Bearen



**Blind Melon** Blind Melon Capltol

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□ Producer: Rick Parashar and Blind Melon

☐ Top Cuts: "Holyman," "No Rain," Wonder."

☐ Summary: Blind Melon will probably get lumped in with the alternative rock crowd. Considering its occa-sional stylistic wandering, that won't exactly be a misclassification. But at heart, this is basically a Seventiestype Southern rock band-and a good one at that. Indeed, this group's capable of dealing out some of the most appealingly twangy twin guitar figures this side of the Allman Brothers Band. Then there's vocalist Shannon Hoon, who somehow manages to straddle that odd but fetching line between Perry Farrell and Chris Robinson. -Jon Matsumoto



Sugar Copper Blue Rykodisc

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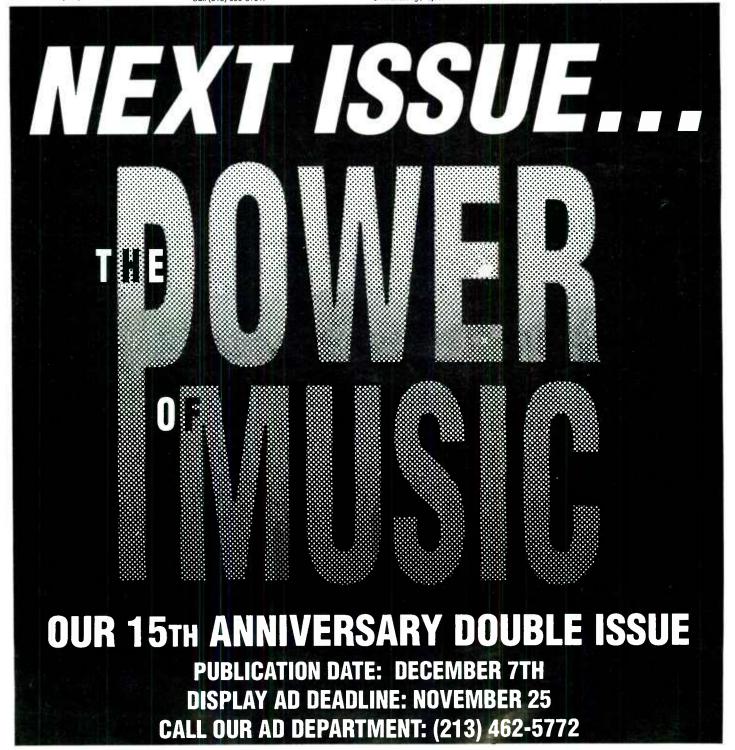
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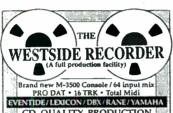
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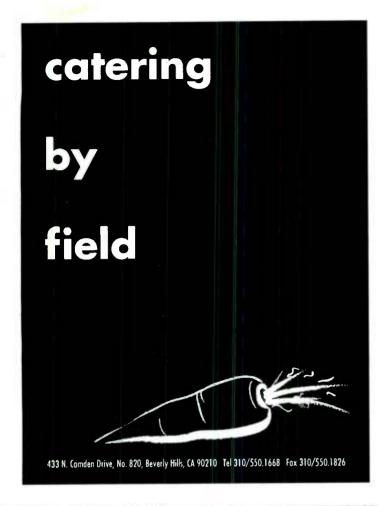
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