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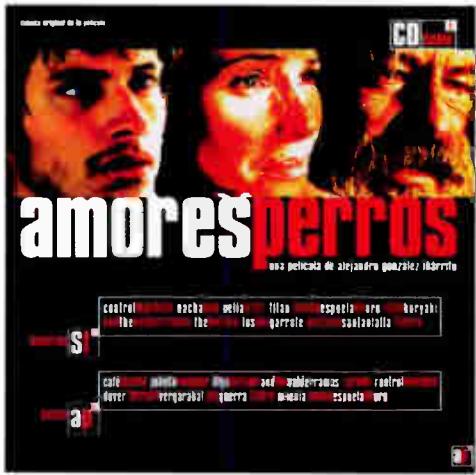
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**ERYKAH
BADU**
Mama's Gun
(Motown-Universal)



SOUNDTRACK
Amores Perros
(Surco-Universal Latino)

Contrasting funky jazz inflection with a tugging hip-hop groove (courtesy of Dr. Dre), the "Cheeba Sac Mix" of "Bag Lady," Erykah Badu's first solo single in more than three years, shows that the earth mother of the neo-soul movement remembers where the moss grew on her tree. But don't be fooled into thinking you'll be bumping and grinding your way through *Mama's Gun*. On her second studio release, Badu further dilutes her hip-hop impulses and eases deep into a sultry, concentrated concoction of mild jazz and soft '70s marked by an all-around reverence for "retro." The album version of "Bag Lady" discards Dre's bounce, evolving into an airy ballad that gets by on moody melody alone. Standouts such as "Booty," "Cleva" and "...& On" are bubbly jazz ditties littered with witty, sometimes biting lyrics that show Badu hasn't lost her no-nonsense edge. But Badu shines most majestically on "Green Eyes," a lament over lost love that boasts her most vulnerable lyrics to date. Elsewhere, timely collaborations with the Roots and Common should keep her queen of the urban airwaves. But it's Badu's gravitation toward the timeless sounds and emotions embraced on the rest of *Mama's Gun* that demonstrates the true caliber of her artistry.

— M. Tye Comer

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Love's a bitch sometimes. With this brilliant soundtrack to the Mexican film *Amores Perros*, some of the world's most innovative Latin alternative artists offer their take on dogged love — albeit in Spanish. That the movie won a viewers' choice award at the Cannes Film Festival suggests that *Amores Perros* — a Tarantino-esque thriller — should hold its own at the box office. As for its double-disc companion piece, it's the best Latin alternative/rock en español compilation of 2000. Produced with the magical touch of Gustavo Santaolalla, the collection is an exercise in conceptual cohesion and artistry. The soundtrack CD includes a biting cumbia treatment of Molotov's "Dame El Poder." The rest includes previously released tracks by artists such as Titan and Control Machete, all separated by Santaolalla's non-vocal, Andean-inspired instrumental interludes. On the second disc, 11 artists run with the concept of *amores perros*. And while it features two new numbers from Café Tacuba ("Aviéntame" and "Dog;God"), it's chanteuse Julieta Venegas who provides the album's best moment in "Me Van A Matar," where she growls over forceful acoustic guitar that love is out to kill her. But rising star Ely Guerra sugarcoats any heartache with a wound-licking bossa nova groove on "Dime Cuándo." Who knew *el amor* could hurt so good? — Enrique Lavin

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MUCHO MACHO

Death On Wild Onion Drive

(Wiiija-Beggars Banquet)

Any group that calls itself Mucho Macho can't be too serious about anything. Luckily, the London-based duo's sense of fun is all over *Death On Wild Onion Drive*, its second full-length album. Catchy and ready to tear the lid off of any party, the album features '80s sounds channeled through a late-'90s sensibility. The duo pays tribute to a diverse range of artists, from Depeche Mode (on the melodic and melancholy "One Day") to Mantronix (the futuristic funk of "Codebreak"). Even Moby gets a shout-out on "Life Is Fragile (Handle With A Prayer)," via its uplifting, gospel choir sample. From there, everything is thrown into the recycle bin, with modern sonic settings veering from big beat to house to techno. There's even a rather hilarious take on Latino tradition in the form of "Salsa Shark (Everybody Knows Your Name)." Tailor-made for snowboarding commercials (one of the group's songs has already been used as the theme for a BBC radio show), none of it is terribly deep, experimental or groundbreaking. It is, however, an extremely smart pop record that shows an uncanny facility with clever pop hooks and feel-good dance beats. Mucho Macho calls its style "party-style breakbeat funk." We call it fun, catchy as all hell and laced with stratospheric commercial/crossover potential. — Amir Hijazi

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SUNSHINE

Velvet Suicide

(Big Wheel Recreation)

In 1992, three years after the fall of Communism, the satellite nation of Czechoslovakia went through the chaotic political process of reassuming its pre-Communist borders, once again establishing the Czech Republic and Slovakia. As is often the case, that sort of tumultuous struggle spurs the arts into a frantic creative state. Thus, from the Czech Republic comes Sunshine. Eschewing the political punk leanings one might expect — and in total contrast to its name — the band has opted for the tortured sounds of post-punk and no-wave. Already known by the American underground for a split EP shared with Texas' newest rock saviors, At The Drive-In, the English-speaking/singing trio's *Velvet Suicide* is a desperate collection. The songs sublimely mesh gurgling keyboards with crazed, screechy guitars and resonating bass. The mouthpiece for the band's tales of sex and drugs is guitarist Kay, whose quavering, though often-subdued voice sounds like a Johnny Rotten/Ian Curtis hybrid. Heavy reverb paired with loops of voice tracks and found sounds give "The Stardust Angel," "Adventures With Her Stereo" and "The Picture Of Anorexic Beauty" an eerie Joy Division-like quality. — Kelso Jacks

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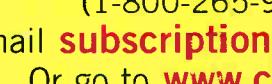
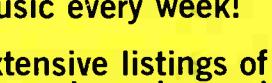
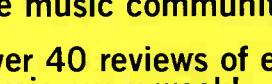
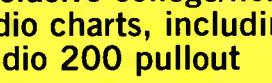
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Fresh from resolving its tussle with Universal Music Group, MP3.com is back making deals. The online music company has entered into a marketing pact with Tommy Boy Music, home to De La Soul, Everlast and others. Under the deal, tracks from Tommy Boy artists will be available to users of the soon-to-relaunched My.MP3.com. Details of the deal were not disclosed.

Meanwhile, the MP3.com-UMG "judgment" is drawing the ire of major labels with whom MP3 has already reached settlements. Both Warner Music Group and Sony Music — which settled with the company for about \$20 million each — have reportedly sent letters to MP3 expressing their distress over UMG's \$53.4-million award. "The reality is that Universal did it right," says Nitsan Hargil, an analyst for Kaufman Brothers. "They settled and then asked the judge to ratify it, which makes it a judgment. That's legally correct. Universal is the only one who stayed around for the fight. The other four decided to settle. Universal put all of its eggs on the table and said, 'We're not going to settle. We don't want \$20 million. We're going to

it.' With all this talk about judgments and settlements, it looks like Alanis Morissette wants to put a little more distance between herself and MP3.com. The Canadian singer is working on selling off \$433,090 in MP3.com stock. In the last three months, she's sold 189,328 shares in MP3 worth about \$1.5 million. Morissette received the shares as part of a promotional arrangement with the company last year.

Bad news for the EMI Group. The London-based media giant saw a net loss of \$44 million for the six months ending on Sept. 30. This was largely due to a \$60-million hit the company took after its abandoned merger attempt with Warner Music. Overall revenues were \$1.6 billion, up 5.9 percent from the same six-month period a year ago. EMI recently noted that Bertelsmann has approached the company with the possibility of a merger. But don't look for a decision overnight. The company says it is considering the offer, and that it will take "some weeks" to decide on it. One thing EMI will confirm, however, is that it plans to move its headquarters from London to New York next year, in hopes of boosting its U.S. market share.

U2 will play an intimate, invite-only free concert at New York City's Irving Plaza on Dec. 5. A thousand tickets will be doled out a pair at a time to 500 lucky callers via local FM station K-Rock. According to the K-Rock website, the concert will be stripped down affair — i.e., no video-walls or pyrotechnics — and will be broadcast nationwide. The band launches a full tour in support of its ninth and most recent effort, *All That You Can't Leave Behind* (Interscope), kicking off in Miami in March. It will be the first worldwide trek for U2 in three years.

EMusic is now using software that it says can identify those

Napster files that infringe on the copyrights of the artists and labels it sells downloads for. CEO Gene Hoffman said that once the software — which uses "acoustic fingerprinting" technology — detects a song, the company will notify that person by Napster's instant messenger service and give them 24 hours to remove the track from the service. If that fails, EMusic will notify Napster about the infringement. Napster CEO Hank Barry says that his company is still assessing the implications the EMusic software will have on its privacy policy.



Ozzy Osbourne

Ozzy Osbourne has filed a \$20-million suit in U.S. District Court in California against MCY.com. He's claiming that MCY — which recorded a show of Ozzfest 2000 for webcast purposes — did not have the right to sell the material for television broadcast. The show was scheduled to air on Nov. 10 on iNDemand, a pay-per-view TV service. It includes performances by Osbourne, Godsmack, Static-X, Methods Of Mayhem, Kittie, Pantera and Slaves On Dope. MCY claims it does have the proper rights. "MCY paid Osbourne Management for the pay-per-view rights to Ozzfest 2000," a publicist for the company said in a statement, "and Osbourne Management will continue to share in the proceeds of the pay-per-view."

Ticketmaster has announced that it will reunite its online

and off-line ticket businesses, which split in 1998 when the company — then wholly owned by Barry Diller's USA Networks — sold its online division to CitySearch in exchange for stock. Under the \$653.1-million stock deal, the recombined company will join the online and off-line ticket sales operations with CitySearch's entertainment guide. The deal increases USA's control of Ticketmaster Online-CitySearch from 49 to 68 percent. USA Networks, which restructured in June, plans to use the Ticketmaster brand as a platform for selling items other than tickets, coordinating the effort with USA's Home Shopping Network and the online content of CitySearch.

Last September, when the Federal Trade Commission made waves with a report that alleged explicit music, movies and video games were being marketed to children, the entertainment industry began to fear government regulation of advertising practices. Now the FTC is saying that it has no authority to crack down on such practices. In a letter to Senator John McCain, FTC chairman Robert Pitofsky pointed out that only ads that claimed explicit content was suitable for children would fall under current law. He called on Congress to draft new legislation giving the FTC more authority if the entertainment industry fails to step-up self-regulation efforts.

A new study from Edison Media Research and Arbitron shows that many radio station website visitors aren't getting what they want. The study concludes that while most listeners go online to find streams of station programming, it's only available on 59 percent of the sites. Says the report, listeners would also like to see the title and artist info for songs currently playing, a feature currently available on only six percent of station sites.



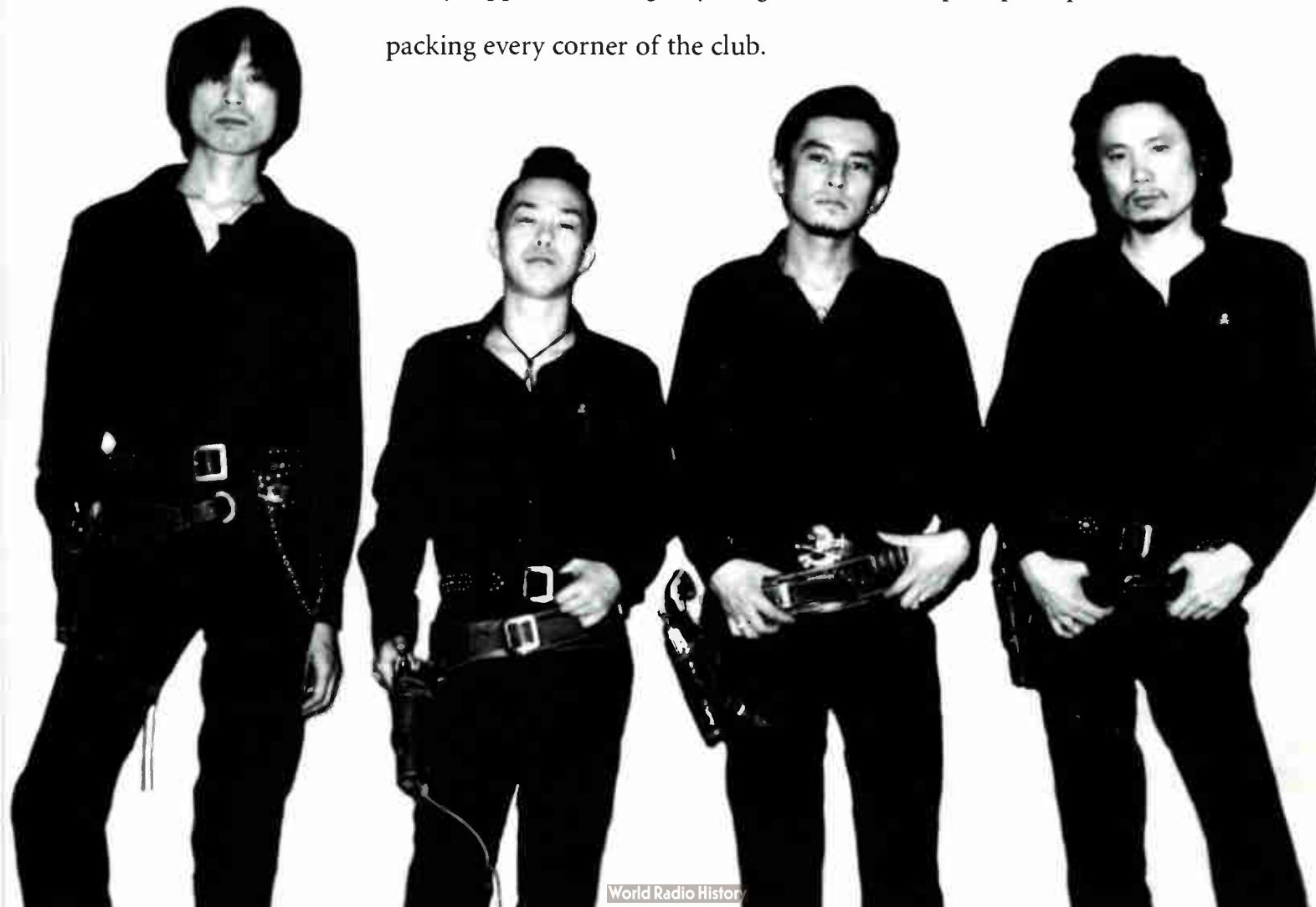
Alanis Morissette

fight it 'till the bitter end? They deserve to win. They took a big, big chance. And they won.

TIME

Double-Barreled Maximum R&B By Cheryl Botchick

It's getting late on the last night of Cavestomp!—the annual three-day New York City garage-rock festival that showcases favorites, both vintage (e.g., Question Mark & The Mysterians, the Monks, the Pretty Things) and new (The Go, the Makers, the Dirtbombs)—and something very strange is afoot. The crowd is thickening, and it's not all cranky record collectors with eight-dollar Ramones haircuts filing in. The audience is actually getting considerably hipper: A throng of young rockers and hip ex-pat Japanese kids are packing every corner of the club.



One explanation: Japanese rock stars Thee Michelle Gun Elephant are making their second NYC appearance, and no fan of shredding rock 'n' roll would be fool enough to miss such a holy event. When the band kicks into "West Cabaret Drive," the lead track from its fourth album and U.S. debut, the front half of the room turns into a pogoing euphoric, sweaty mass.

Thee Michelle Gun Elephant is truly a wonder to witness. They exude cool the way some people breathe, and their ruthless delivery and burning R&B-based rock sears an indelible impression into your memory, language barriers notwithstanding. With primary influences based in U.K. punk and pub rock (the band cites Dr. Feelgood as a favorite), aided by an ear thoroughly absorbed with rhythm and blues (think The Who or *England's Newest Hit Makers*), TMGE is hardly your kid brother's Guitar Wolf. In fact, in the land of the rising sun, Guitar Wolf, which had some success Stateside with a few lo-fi records on Matador, is at little more than also-ran status to TMGE's blockbuster fame. Michelle Gun's most recent album sold 600,000 copies in Japan (the equivalent of six-times platinum, when adjusted for the country's population), and sold-out arena shows are everyday business.

To borrow a phrase, 600,000 TMGE fans can't be wrong, and the band's ferocious dexterity is breathtaking. When was the last time you heard a U.S. band so visceral, yet so melodic and catchy? Anchored by bassist Koji Ueno, who carries the majority of the band's melodies on his well-worn Fender Precision, the band's sound is best described as a roar, with guitarist Futoshi Abe's lightning-quick riffing providing electricity and

drummer Kazuyuki Kuhara's swinging drumming laying the foundation. Remarkably, frontman Yusuke Chiba only picks up a guitar half the time—you'd never guess by the sound of the band's wall of six-string fury—but his voice (a ragged, scratchy holler that is astoundingly melodic considering its rough texture) is the band's trademark.

Backstage, the scene in TMGE's dressing room is a different world. With each band member reclining on his own couch, and all with translators crouched and

publicity and management company YWA Music, which also represents the Mad Capsule Markets and Guitar Wolf), says that the difference has made building a U.S. following difficult: "There's a huge gap between how famous they are there and how unknown they are here. So every effort we've made to show them to A&R reps and other important people has been unsuccessful because of the scheduling—because of their fame."

Despite the VIP treatment they're accustomed to in Japan, the band remains

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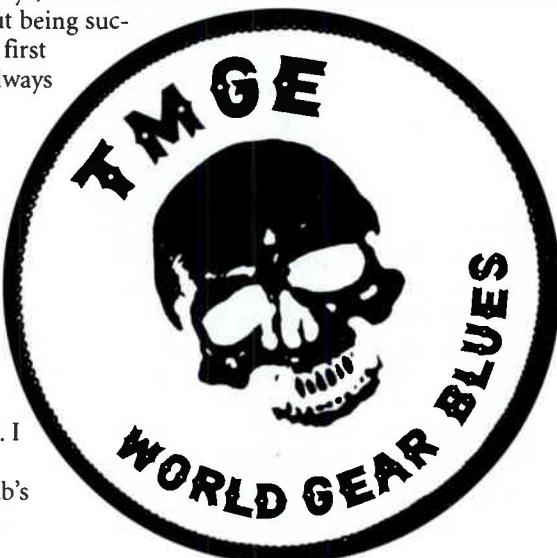
ready to spring into English-to-Japanese-to-English, the band accepts well-wishers like rock 'n' roll royalty. Japanese TV has come to cover the event, and a reporter tapes a segment on the show in excited tones as its cameras roll on the band in repose. Assistants and roadies bustle about, and band manager Mr. Nono (we're not making that name up, either) watches over the comings and goings with a keen eye. It's quite a contrast to what you'd expect backstage at a garage-rock show, but it mirrors the dichotomy between the band's rep at home and in the United States. TMGE's U.S. representative, Yuki Watanabe (owner of the

willing and able to attack the U.S. market. Our interview with the band via translator reveals a tried-and-true rocker ethic. Chiba says, "I never thought about being successful in the first place, but I always knew what a cool band we were." Abe continues: "The point is not whether we're a success or not, I just have faith in how good we are... I don't mind whether a club's size is big or

small, because we play just as hard no matter where we are." And Ueno? "Our live show has always been in the red. I never even imagined being successful. But I had lots of confidence anyway."

Watanabe notes that the band has faced elements of culture shock. Last spring, when it embarked on its debut U.S. tour—a month-long stint hitting cities all across the country, just like an upstart American band—it was blown away by the vastness and chain-store homogeneity of the States. Watanabe says that TMGE doesn't yet "have a feel for the U.S. It's so huge, they don't know where to start," though they felt at home in larger cities, where bigger numbers of adventurous rockers had heard of the band by word-of-mouth. Future U.S. tours will focus on such markets, and as Watanabe rightfully notes, the band's live show creates diehard fans. "All you have to do is show this band to people."

That simple fact is what finally secured the band a U.S. label for its album *Gear Blues*. Total Energy-Alive owner Patrick Boissel heard about TMGE from another band on its roster, the iconoclastic Brian Jonestown Massacre. "They played [in L.A.] at a small club called the Garage, and Brian



Jonestown Massacre saw them that night... They really freaked out over them, telling me 'These guys are unbelievable!' said Boissel. He then sought out Michelle Gun. "I was very surprised to find that the band had no label – it just blew me away, really."

Boissel doesn't mince words, and his assessment of TMGE rings true: "I believe they're the best rock 'n' roll band I've heard in the past 10 years. It's as simple as that. If there's going to be any kind of rebirth of rock 'n' roll, they're going to be part of it," he declares.

Why?

"Well, they're truly songwriters for one. [And in comparison to other Japanese rock bands like] Teengenerate, their sound is completely different. There's the tradition of rock 'n' roll there, and the assimilation of the roots. But they really go to the next level. It's a combination of tradition and a new way of doing it. They really have their own sound. In Japan, there is a fascination for American culture, and they do mimic very well. But in

recent years, they're going to a new level with this kind of music. They're creating something new with their culture."

He continues: "I think that rock 'n' roll is an American form." (Though we have to report that when asked about his Western rock 'n' roll influences, Chiba cheekily replies, "What is Western rock 'n' roll? I don't quite understand.")

"But entertainment here comes from the top," Boissel says. "All trains are chan-

neled through big corporations, and ultimately you consume what they're giving you to consume. I do believe that there are great rock 'n' roll bands in this country, but the industry is just pushing other forms of music... The thing with Michelle Gun is they play pure rock 'n' roll, even though it's a Japanese approach, and they sell records."

In fact, these days you have to leave the U.S. to have any success playing pure rock 'n' roll. "In Sweden," Boissel notes, "you can end up selling half a million records and be on the charts playing rock 'n' roll." The same is true for



TMGE's Yusuke Chiba, Koji Ueno, Futoshi Abe and Kazuyuki Kuwara (L-R)

a number of other countries (Spaniards, for instance, love traditional rock 'n' roll, and tiny garage-rock labels like Crypt thrive in Europe), but what happened here?"

With sterilized pop music an easy sell, A&R has changed, Boissel says. "There's a fear of losing your job," he says, "You have to sign people that will sell numbers. There's a real pressure from your boss, and now there's a fear of taking any chances."

But the cause isn't lost. "There are basically two ways

to channel music," Boissel says. "It can come from the top, or from the bottom. And the real movements come from bands in garages."

What about the big question: the language barrier? While the band's choruses are often in English, they otherwise sing in Japanese. Does it matter for a U.S. audience? Watanabe doesn't think so.

"I don't think lyrics and language are a problem," he says.

Boissel, on the other hand, hedges his bets. "I do believe that the Japanese language could be a barrier. If you really want to be big in the United States, the language is a basic [necessity]," he says. "All the bands from Europe, for instance, who have actually managed to have hits over the past 40 years from any kind of music do sing in English. But [TMGE] could break that rule. Why not?"

Why not, indeed. When the band tears through barn-burners like "Smokin' Billy," "Dog Way," or

older material like "Hi! China!" at its Cavestomp! gig, you don't see any chin-scratching over the finer points of what Chiba's trying to say. Fact of the matter is, you know exactly what he's saying, and it's a testament to the enduring relevance—worldwide, evidently—of guitar, bass and drums. Let the U.S. labels run scared. The kids at the shows don't need their stamp of approval to recognize greatness, anyway.

"I believe they're the best rock 'n' roll band I've heard in the past ten years. It's as simple as that."

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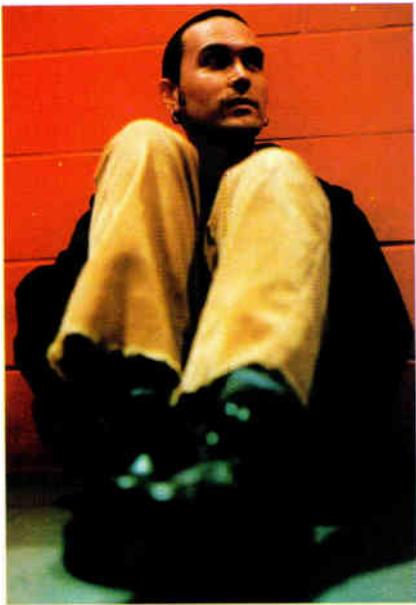
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Sutekh

Few institutions are as integral to popular music as the "scene"—the organically grown collective of artists and fans that creates a genre and a mythology rooted in a certain time and place: Think Detroit techno, D.C. hardcore, South Central hip-hop.

Since the days of love and the Haight, San Francisco has nurtured its share of homegrown communities gone global. Undoubtedly, the S.F.-launched scene currently traveling with the greatest velocity is laptop techno.

Why laptop techno? The rise of the personal computer—alongside tools like SuperCollider, MAX/MSP and Reaktor—has been crucial to the recent developments in electronic music. Beginning in the late '90s, artists like Germany's Oval made the PowerBook their central instrument. More recently, it appears to have supplanted the standard 808s and 909s for a certain school of minimal techno. Diehard label Force Inc. (and its imprints Mille Plateaux and Force Tracks) has vigorously embraced and promoted the shift: Its 200th release, *Met@music*, features only a laptop for the cover art.

But it's in San Francisco, where the glowing apple has become a common sight at live gigs, that the new paradigm has become most immediately apparent.

Scissors have all jumped from releases on their own imprints (Cytrax, Delay, Context and Belief Systems, respectively) to prominent spots with Force Inc. While

the maker of the MAX and MSP applications—has distinguished himself with a broader vocabulary, moving effortlessly between punchy dance tracks, noise-oriented squall and deep dub reconfigurations. (Clayton's remix of Yo La Tengo can be found on the Hoboken, New Jersey, trio's recent *Danelectro* EP.)

Similarly "experimental" artists like Kid606 and Matmos are growing a famous fan base: Radiohead's Thom Yorke recently charted a Kid606 track on a personal playlist, while Björk enlisted Matmos to remix "Alarm Call."

The laptop's place in all this is arguable. As Sutekh (a.k.a. Seth Horvitz) points out, "I was lumped into the category before I even owned a laptop. And even now, I mainly use the laptop for live performances. This adds to the myth, of course, because whenever I'm seen in public, it's with the laptop."

Safety Scissors (a.k.a. Matthew Curry) echoes Sutekh's sentiment: "The laptop is associated with the music because that's what people play out live with. There are sounds that take a bit more programming, and the arrangement is many times more complex."

BEATS BY THE BAY

With new software fueling their programming tools, a clutch of digital music mavericks have come together in San Francisco to form what may be the new hotbed for electronic experimentation.

By Philip Sherburne

"San Francisco is weirdly reminiscent of the Louisville [Kentucky] hardcore scene I grew up in, simply because there are all these tiny shows and people playing at parties. And when you look at the crowd in front, it's all these other people who are also in bands themselves, making music."

— MATMOS' DREW DANIEL

A quick rundown of the scene's affiliated artists suggests the range of the phenomenon. Kit Clayton, Sutekh, Twerk (all featured on *Met@music*), and Safety

the latter three plow deep grooves marked by rock-steady dub-techno rhythms and gritty digital swirl, Clayton—who works as a programmer for Cycling '74,

However, many of us are not using computers exclusively to create our music."

Clayton tends to downplay the link between his programming and his composition and notes: "The more I focus on programming software, the less I'm interested in making accessible music."

He points out a broader trend at work: "People want to consolidate art forms by the means of production, and they want a causal relationship between tools and art forms," he says. "Certainly they affect each other, but the relationship is less causal than people want to focus on. More often, artists are using computers in ways that weren't their intended design. To some extent, they're right: The 303 had a hand in creating acid house, but it takes more than a 303 to create a genre."

Kid606 (a.k.a. Miguel Depedro) points out that truly laptop-based composition entails an entirely different methodology. "*PS I Love You* (Mille Plateau) was all done on tour. I'm really influenced by [label Mego's] Christian Fennesz, who was the first person to take the studio out of the home, and to use a laptop in order to do work on trains, in hotel rooms, wherever — that's the true form of the laptop musician" says Kid 606, "But in San Francisco, it shouldn't be seen as the torch of the local scene."

But what can't be denied are the links between these artists: If Kid606's *Down With The Scene* (Ipecac) is an ironic comment on the politics of underground scenes, it's also a nod to the foundation that makes a place like San Francisco possible. As Drew Daniel from Matmos explains, "To me it feels like a social network more than an aesthetic vanguard. It's weirdly reminiscent of the Louisville [Kentucky] hardcore scene I grew up in, sim-

ply because there are all these tiny shows and people playing at parties.

And when you look at the crowd in front, it's all these other people who are also in bands themselves, making music, who are DJs or who write about the scene, so it feels really small and creative. That's the good part. The bad part is that if the same crew plays all the time, and screams and yells and applauds for each other, it can seem like an in-joke, a bit cliquish.

Adds Daniel, "The most important part for me is that when I've made something new, I try to play it for Miguel, Jay [Lesser], the Blectoids, and Matthew and Seth, and sort of 'test drive' material before I put it out. So it's nice to have so many sympathetic — and critical — sets of ears around. It's a good bullshit detector."

Perhaps the most accurate description of San Francisco circa 2000 is simply its vigorous creative flowering: Mirroring the Valley-born tech boom, the city's artistic output has resulted not only in ample attention from abroad, but an explosion of upstart labels. Kit Clayton and Sue Costabile's adamantly eclectic Orthloring Musork has put out music by Brooklyn's Timeblind and Germany's Stephan Mathieu. Kid606's Tigerbeat6 has releases out — not only from locals Blectum From Blechdom and Lesser, but also Baltimore's Cex, France's Dat Politics, and Australia's Pimmon. If at times misrepresented, San Francisco's most recent digital export serves at least to solidify the city's position as a hub in the global electronic music network — no matter what platform it's running.

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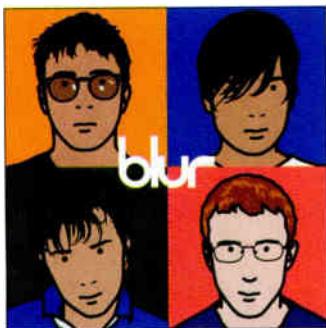
Kid606

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Kit Clayton

Blur's Damon Albarn



It seems like only yesterday that Blur, the cheekily adorable quartet from Colchester, England, was bouncing across MTV's *120 Minutes* whining, "There's no other way." Between picking fights with rival artists in the British press, Blur found time to write a slew of fantastical- ly creative pop tunes, making it one of the most important bands of modern British pop. Ten years and seven albums later, including the recently release *Blur: The Best Of* (Virgin), pinup frontman Damon Albarn looks back on the band's wild ride to the top — and looks forward to landing on Mars.

What the greatest hits album demonstrates best is the wide range of styles you've incorporated in your music over the years, from Manchester rave to new wave to torch songs. What ties it all together?

The thread between all of the singles is that it's pop music. They're simple songs with simple melodies, but we constructed them all in very different ways. I've had mad love affairs with all different types of music, and I've never broken up with any of them. People used to find it quite shocking just how flirtatious I was with different music. But now they just kind of expect it.

When you listen to the greatest hits collection, do you sit back and think, God, we were fucking geniuses?

I don't really look back on any part of our career with that sort of sense. I haven't reached the point where I don't think [we're] improving, and I think we can still make music that's better than what we've done in the past. I had mentioned to a member of Can that I wasn't happy with everything I had done as a musician up to now, and he said, "Don't worry about it. Just look at it like you were at college" — which I thought was a great of categorizing [our past] and realizing where we can go in the future. Plus, it's nice to think of it like we've just left college. It gives us another 10 years.

body can't take it, and I've got a lot more responsibilities. I might enjoy going on tour with my family, but that's not very rock 'n' roll, is it?

On the recent VH-1 special *The Greatest Rock 'N' Roll Fueds*, Blur's infamous bout with Oasis in the British press ranked No. 12, just ahead of *LaToya vs. The Jacksons*. Was the catfight as fun for you as it was for us?

The aftermath of that whole thing with Oasis was awful. I spent six months not being able to go anywhere without an Oasis record being put on immediately. People would



Blur's Graham Coxon, Alex James, Dave Rowntree and Damon Albarn (L-R)

Blur has only played two American shows in the past few years. Do you hate us?

No, I love playing in America. But I've become kind of tour-shy recently. When we were taking touring seriously, [I'd] go away for eight months at a time. At this point in my life, I would rather spend that eight months playing with my daughter and making music in my studio, rather than re-discovering how much I can drink. I was just up for it more when I was younger. Now, my

open their windows when I passed and start shouting, "We're on your side!" There's never been [a band feud] quite so vitriolic or all encompassing. It was as big as the Beatles vs. the Stones. It was ridiculous, really.

Who would you pick first for your football team: Liam Gallagher or Robbie Williams?

Well, Robbie's a much better footballer, but I'm not a particularly big fan of either of

them as a human being. **But you are a big fan of Dan The Automator, aren't you?**

Yeah, we took a holiday to Sardinia together a few weeks ago. We're really good friends, actually.

You and Dan the Automator seem like an unlikely pair. How did the two of you hook up?

I had half-finished working on the Gorillaz record, [the forthcoming soundtrack to cartoon created by "Tank Girl" illustrator Jamie Hewlett], and we were thinking of [a producer] who might work well with the mixture that we were looking at — a combination of hip-hop, reggae, Latin music, funk. So I just rang him up, and he said that he would produce the record, whatever it [sounded like]. He came over, and we spent a little time together in London and Jamaica. Apparently, I recorded my vocal bits for the Deltron 3030 record while we were in Jamaica.

Apparently?

Well, I only vaguely started to remember doing them. It was all very stoned, really — as it often is in Jamaica.

Where you also stoned when you told the *NME* that Blur would provide the soundtrack to a British space exploration to Mars in 2003?

No, that's true. Alex [James] and Dave [Rowntree] have always been interested in space exploration. They got a chance to meet the head of the British Mars Institute (something like that), and he asked us to write a bit of music that would play when his spaceship landed on Mars. So I thought, Great, let's do it. I always said that Blur would be the biggest band on Mars anyway.

— M. Tye Comer

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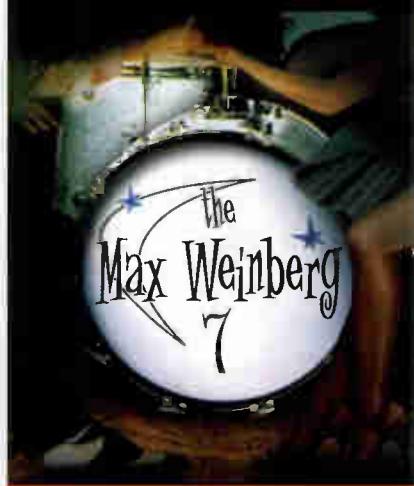
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ROBERTSON'S RUT

A year and a half ago, MP3.com appeared ready to clinch the online music market. With other companies stepping up to the plate, has it lost its lead?

By Michael Dabaie

With its Nov. 14 agreement to pay Universal Music Group \$53.4 million in damages and legal fees, MP3.com can finally put its major legal woes aside and go back to what it once did best: being an online music company. Still, market-watchers warn that it had better act quickly if it doesn't want to lose its lead in the area it pioneered.

Soon after news of the UMG-MP3.com agreement hit the wires, MP3.com president/CEO Michael Robertson announced plans to relaunch the flagship My.MP3.com service within weeks. It will be offered in two forms: The first is free, with a limited number of albums users can access and advertisements between songs; the second is a subscription service, offering unlimited access and less intrusive ads.

But will users pay to listen to CDs they already own? And will they put up with advertising just to hear the music for free?

Phil Leigh, digital media analyst for Raymond James & Associates, thinks they will. But he remains cautious. "One can make a case that people are going to be reluctant to pay for something they've already bought. At the same time, you can make a case that if you get hooked on the service on the free level, you might decide it's worth paying some amount to avoid the commercials," he says.

Leigh also believes people will be willing to put up with commercials that are targeted correctly. "Hopefully, if I'm playing a Blink 182 album,

they'll give me an ad that says Blink 182 is coming out with a new album," he says. "That kind of highly targeted advertising [listeners] wouldn't consider intrusive because it will add more value."

What's key for MP3.com, Leigh adds, is to waste no time in adding bells and whistles to keep users interested. "A year's delay in getting the service off the ground is significant in Internet time," he says.

And right now, MyPlay and MusicBank are breathing down MP3.com's neck. MyPlay, is an online digital

lars because they've secured agreements with music providers in advance of launching, says Leigh. "But on the other hand," he adds, "MP3.com had the money to spend and has an infrastructure in place to make the service attractive."

Another market observer also took note of MP3.com's resilience in the online music world. "I like the fact that they were able to get out of this," says Nitsan Hargil, senior Internet analyst for Kaufman Brothers. "What it takes now is creating a business model

"As long as Napster allows you to download whatever you want free of charge, MP3.com doesn't stand a chance in hell."

locker service, while MusicBank — which is looking to launch later this fall — plans to offer a service similar to My.MP3.com, but has been actively signing licensing deals with labels before it opens shop.

Leigh says that both could present formidable challenges to MP3.com, but that Robertson's company still has name value and money to back it up. Both MyPlay and MusicBank have reached their current place in the industry without paying millions of dol-

that works."

In the short term, no one will overtake MP3.com in its own space, Hargil says. But the company must act quickly to keep that lead, because with the major label deals, "we have all the proof we need that the music labels will be willing to sell their music to essentially any retailer."

However, he warns that until Bertelsmann whips Napster into copyright-law compliance, all bets are off. "As long as Napster allows you to download whatever you want

free of charge, MP3.com doesn't stand a chance in hell."

Another major player in the digital music space is EMusic, which sells secure album downloads and also has a subscription service that gives users complete access for a monthly fee. To do this, the company has licensed a vast collection of independent label releases. While EMusic's stock price has taken a beating along with the rest of the Internet sector, the company now boasts 3,000 subscribers without the benefit of much marketing, says Gene Hoffman, EMusic's president/CEO.

Hoffman hails the end of free Napster, saying that it could lead to the boom his company needs. "As the free alternatives fall out of the marketplace, we think we're going to see massive growth," he says.

Says Leigh, "What EMusic has done is they've aggregated the catalogs from all the independents. If you look at that as being one single catalog, that means EMusic would be the sixth-largest catalog on the Net."

Leigh foresees a time when the relaunched Napster sets the pace for the digital music world. Once Bertelsmann and Napster restart the file-trading software as a fee-based service, Leigh predicts that the German conglomerate will "go to the other companies and say 'Look, drop your lawsuit, license your content to us, and we'll bring you in as a major shareholder.' That would include EMusic," he says.

And that, says Leigh, could lead to new — albeit massive — competitors.

"There are other Web companies [Yahoo, America Online, RealNetworks] that are interested in multimedia," he says. "They could approach the labels and say, 'In licensing Napster, you've made peace with the enemy and you've essentially licensed Satan. And if you've licensed Satan, then you should license us as well.'

The anyone's guess as to how the super-busy quintet managed to fit it into its schedule, but Tortoise has completed its fourth album, which is set for release on Feb. 20. Though Tortoise proper hasn't had a new album since 1998's *TNT*, the bandmembers have played with Tom Zé, and recorded with other projects, including Isotope 217, Chicago Underground Duo and Trio, Brokeback, Pullman and Eleventh Dream Day. Band mainstay John McEntire has been keeping busy as a producer, helping the likes of Stereolab, the High Llamas, the For Carnation, Smog and Sea And Cake record new albums. (McEntire has

since gone back into the studio with Stereolab to work on a new album slated for 2001.) Somehow, amidst all that résumé-building, the band hit the studio last spring to record



Tortoise

Standards (Thrill Jockey). Billed as a return to form focused more on songwriting than studio manipulation, the album is

hotly anticipated by college programmers. In the meantime, we suggest they work on tightening up their skills in the game of Six Degrees Of Tortoise.

Feb. 20 is also marked as the release date for Leonard Cohen's *Field Commander Cohen: Tour Of 1979* (Columbia-CRG). The 12-song disc is culled from Cohen's appearances in London and Brighton in December 1979, and is the first release from the songwriter since a best-of compilation three years ago.

Though a three-year break between albums is status quo for Cohen, it's not for The Orb, whose new album has endured label delay after label delay for more than a year. A release date for *Cydonia*, the band's followup to the college radio favorite *Orblivion*, is set for Jan. 29. Cross your fingers — and

stop trading bootlegs! On Feb. 13, Love's classic 1967 album, *Forever Changes*, will get a re-release that reflects its importance in the minds of rock scholars. Rhino has assembled an expanded, remastered *Forever Changes* with seven additional tracks, including alternate versions, B-sides, demos and outtakes.

It's like we're psychic! We've been reporting on Luna's label woes over the last few weeks. And now, things are looking up for the band, just as we'd hoped. Arena Rock has stepped forward to release the band's 14-track live album. And while the group is still without a label for its new material, the Feb. 6 release is a welcome surprise for fans. Note to superfans: The vinyl version features four extra tracks ("California," "Double Feature," "Bobby Peru" and "Indian Summer").

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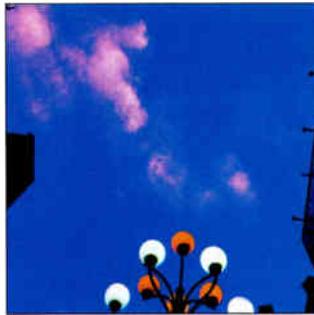
Young Soul City
(Olivia Cornell)

What would've happened if, in the early '70s, Joni Mitchell had taken a tip from her friend Neil Young and recorded an album with Crazy Horse? What might have 10,000 Maniacs sounded like if Natalie

Merchant had favored a biker jacket and boots over twirly homespun skirts? In a way, Olivia Cornell's self-titled debut answers these hypothetical questions, and asks a few more, as well. The New York City-based singer-songwriter offers blues-rock without bombast, riffs without pretense or pose, and a unique perspective on boy-girl issues and questions of destiny and the heart. And judging from "Good Flight" — a straight-up homage to Janis Joplin designed to pin barflies and sleepy drunks against the wall with a blast of sound and energy felt from the stage all the way to the back of the bar — Cornell is the kind of girl who, when she meets a guy who suits her fancy, might just throw him on the back of her motorcycle and ride off.

—James Lien

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EASTERN YOUTH

May My Scream Reach The Clouds (Toy's Factory)

It's pretty amazing how Japanese bands can take a sub-genre of American rock and make it their own. Teengenerate, for example, conquered Ramones-style garage punk. Now Eastern Youth, a trio

that's been on the Tokyo scene for 10 years, hits the States with a toughened-up brand of emocore. The sheer aggression with which this trio attacks its songs might single-handedly put the 'core' back into emocore, and ensure that critics will never again incorrectly dub a pop band like the Promise Ring emo. In fact, *May My Scream Reach The Clouds* (as overly dramatic a title as you could hope for) even puts many legitimate U.S. post-hardcore bands to shame. The vocals — sung completely in Japanese — need no translation either, thanks to guitarist Hasashi Yoshino. His forlorn wails and pissed-off screams transcend language, as the chunky guitar-and-bass progressions follow alternating tempos. Both beautifully composed and exhilaratingly riled, *May My Scream* kicks ass.

— Kelso Jacks

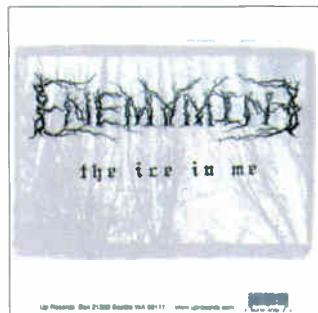
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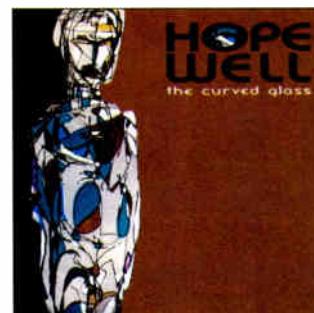
ENEMYMINE

The Ice In Me (Up)

Rather than sounding like an obscurist gimmick, Enemymine's unconventional lineup — two bass players and a drummer — fits like an iron fist in the group's metal glove. For its first full-length release, Enemymine includes Mike Kunka of the bass/drum duo

godheadSilo, Ryan Baldoz of Lois (almost as big a switch for this guy as if Lois herself joined Queensrÿche) and drummer Danny Sasaki. Since the lead bass is eight strings, the music doesn't miss out on any nuances of the righteous guitar variety; the mood remains icy, tense and deliberate, with vocals that would sound emo if not for the misanthropic lyrics. The ominous, creeping instrumental buildups reach earth-splitting peals of twin-bass vengeance, unfolding with economy and discipline. With its willingness to experiment and riffs that connect, Enemymine sounds a little like Slint, if Slint had been a Nottingham band on Earache. All of which makes for a scenic little path to doom and bleakness. — Deborah Orr

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HOPEWELL

The Curved Glass (Priapus)

Somewhere on the sonic plain that divides Radiohead's atmospherics and Sparklehorse's pop romanticism, Hopewell has assembled a space-rock observatory of sounds.

Enlisting the steady hand of producer Max Lichtenstein (Mercury Rev, Lightning

Seeds), the Poughkeepsie, New York, outfit oscillates between existential odes and psychedelic balladry, encasing splintered loops and tipsy falsetto within walls of finely caked distortion and haze. It's no wonder the group's windswept guitars and country-licked vocals mirror those of noise-pop heroes Mercury Rev. (Hopewell's Jason and Justin Russo are touring members of that band.) Lyrically surreal ("If my brain is alive in 2005") and gorgeously paced, *The Curved Glass* dips into a TRON-worthy bag of effects, picking up — with its Rhodes piano and Mellotron — where Rev's *Deserter's Songs* leaves off. Intimate on a grandiose scale, Hopewell embraces the quiet and the storm.

— Solvej Schou

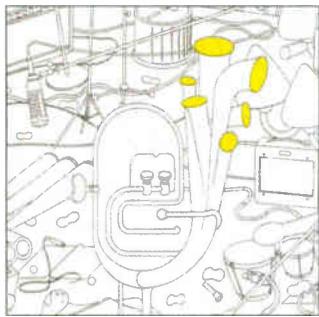
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SHAWN LEE

Monkey Boy (We Love You)

There's a certain art to the phenomenon of the one-man band — the studio-entrenched visionary who creates music all by his lonesome, surrounded by boxes, wires, gizmos and guitars, with nothing but the glow of the recording meters to guide him. Ninety percent of the time, you can point to a predecessor or role model who provides the main looming influence for a particular young multi-instrumentalist studio whiz. In Shawn Lee's case, the role model seems to be Prince. Not to say that he gyrates around his bedroom in a G-string with a bottle of baby oil — only that this young studio-bound Brit most closely mirrors the young Prince's diversity, his multi-instrumental flair and his uncanny ability to not sound like one guy playing all the instruments. Lee's blueprint comes from '60s and '70s soul — Bill Withers, Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye spring to mind — with a little bit of modern experimentalists like Beck and

Beasties' keyboardist Money Mark thrown in for good measure. In a world of blue-eyed soul imitators and post-modern pretenders, Lee is that rare combination: an artist who is both reverent and innovative. — James Lien

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KREIDLER

Kreidler (Wonder—Mute)

Kreidler has been wandering the borderlands of the electronic post-rock wild country throughout its two-album-long career, exploring the wide area between art-track and song-crafted instrumental while never seeming intent on finding that magical pop "eureka!"

But with "Mnemorex," its collaboration with Scottish pop savant Momus, which is prominently featured on the group's new self-titled CD, the Düsseldorf, Germany-based trio has nevertheless pierced the heart of the heavenly jukebox. All warm ambient electronics, piano and soft-spoken streaming narrative that veer between lascivious and conscience-free, "Mnemorex" is like the synth-pop side of Stephin Merrit, devoid of his retro lo-fi-isms but ablaze with German digital quirks. The rest of the album finds Kreidler back out on the familiar range, playing with space and rhythm like the whitest ghost-dub cowboys to ever haunt a studio. Check out Kreidler's other vocal collaboration, "Estatico," with its unlikely co-star, Argentinean popster Leo Garcia, sounding like he's being smothered by synthetic winds at the bottom of an echo chamber. — Peter Orlov

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Release Date: Nov. 21; at radio now



MIKE LEVY

Fireflies (Bus Stop-Parasol)

With *Fireflies*, Sneetches alum Mike Levy has hit on a recipe any mother would love. Serenely inoffensive and wholesome as a cucumber sandwich, Levy's highly palatable confessional pop shakes out the awful artistic cramps rampant self-loathing can induce. Levy's first solo outing maintains a spongy balance between pained contemplation and unbridled joy — those full-blown moments when only strings and a horn section will do. Delicate piano-only instrumental interludes nicely temper such unabashed Nilsson Schmilsson-meets-McCartney moments as "New Day," "Away From My Head" and "Take This Child Away." To update things for the post-Vietnam generation, Levy's equally adept command of melody and melancholy have him settling into "so good it hurts" territory, while his insights into the vaguely absurd, and his championing of the ivories, should bring to mind Ben Folds. Yet, there's a certain vintage charm to

Fireflies, an assuming magnificence that smacks of the best sort of living room nostalgia. Like we said, a credit to moms everywhere.

— Hobart Rowland

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LOS LOBOS

El Cancionero: Mas Y Mas (Rhino)

Los Lobos have always occupied a special place in the lives of their fans, whether they first witnessed the band on the dingy L.A. punk-club circuit of the early '80s, on the soundtrack to the movie *La Bamba*, on college radio, or perhaps even for the first time on this four-CD box set. Pioneers of Latin rock fusion in the U.S., the group blends electric and acoustic instruments in a hybrid of rock, R&B, Tex-Mex and traditional Mexican styles. While the title of a previous

best-of compilation self-deprecatingly referred to Los Lobos as "just another band from East L.A." they've nevertheless garnered a tremendously loyal critical and popular following. This box set follows the odyssey of the band from its humble East L.A. roots to its *La Bamba* stardom to the rampant experimentalism of its latest albums. Taken in sum, it's a lesson to musicians everywhere, telling them to follow their hearts and not the whims of the marketplace. — James Lien

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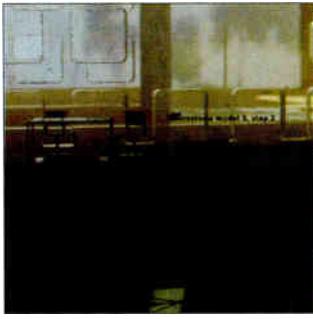
MAN OF THE YEAR

The Future Is Not Now (Tiny Beat-Loveless)

More proof that the pop scene in Portland, Oregon, is still blooming: the snappy sounds of Man Of The Year. *The Future Is Not Now* is the debut long-player from the quartet formerly-known-as-Lolly (a name change forced by the discovery of a band already using that moniker). Its 10 bouncy, hummable tunes are marked with the sort of super-stereophonic production associated with popular Britpop acts — not surprising given that the band was produced by Tony Lash, known for his work on the similarly styled first two albums by fellow Portlanders the Dandy Warhols. The band's straightforward pop benefits from Katy Sanford's playful keyboards, and embellishments like the restrained trumpet on "Toledo." Pulling vocal duties is guitarist Tod Morrisey, whose ever-so-slight faux-British accent fits in well, and is supported by bubbly backing harmonies. On ballads such as "Cutie" and "Supernatural," he pulls off a falsetto that will surely delight.

— Kelso Jacks

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MICROSTORIA

Model 3, Step 2
 (Thrill Jockey)

Charting any sort of progression/evolution in Markus Popp and Jan St. Werner's ongoing Microstoria project becomes more difficult with each new release. *Reprovisers*, 1997's collaborative "remix" album, at least offered the likes of

Stereolab and Jim O'Rourke their own stab at reconfiguring the Germanic pair's electronic fragment-art into some recognizable shapes; *Model 3, Step 2* returns Popp and Werner to their respective digital bedrooms to gather up yet more samplings of indefinable static, pop and hum. The resulting tone poems can be surprisingly warm, even occasionally melodic — although the emphasis here seems to be on Pollock-esque textural splashes. "Flexen," through all its seemingly random fits of alien gurgling, traces the outline of some exquisite melodic idea, but its pink hues are characteristically scarred by abrasive, shifting sub-frequencies. As maddening as *Model 3*'s self-destructive behavior may be, the minutia of decay that it depicts is wholly engrossing. Like hours spent observing cell mitosis through a microscope, it just takes a little getting used to. — Colin Helms

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NINE INCH NAILS

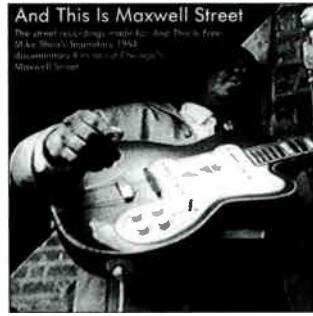
Things Falling Apart
 (Nothing-Interscope)

It may be part of the mystique, but Nine Inch Nails albums have always been so intense and rigidly defined that there's little room for much air, let alone experimentation or (heaven forbid) fun. With the

occasional exception, the songs are often variations on the same white-knuckled, teeth-gritting formula. Thankfully, the remix albums that have followed each of the group's last three releases are looser, and more daring and diverse. Though the first inclination is to attribute that to the remixers on hand (most of whom are from the Nothing stable), it's often Trent Reznor himself who's responsible for the most drastic reinvention. *Things Falling Apart* features "various manipulations of songs recorded from *The Fragile* sessions," including two previously unreleased tracks, one of which is a buzzing take on Gary Numan's "Metal."

And while three remixes of "Starfuckers Inc." is a little excessive, the overall result is a daring and imaginative redefinition of both the original album and the group's sound. — Amir Hijazi

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VARIOUS ARTISTS

And This Is Maxwell Street
 (Rooster Blues)

In the heyday of '40s and '50s Chicago blues, Maxwell Street was the nexus of an entire scene, a thriving urban market brimming with street musicians, vendors, hustlers, red-light women and storefront preachers saving

the souls of the damned. Filmmaker Michael Shea's 1964 documentary, *And This Is Free*, chronicled the lively street music and blues culture that once existed on this busy urban thoroughfare. Amazingly, Shea was forced to throw away most of his visual footage in the 1970s. But by some miraculous stroke of luck, the sound recordings survived. They showcase an amazing array of talent — first-tier bluesmen Robert Nighthawk, Carey Bell, James Brewer, Charlie Musselwhite and others — all in top form and playing for change on a street corner. The third CD features Michael Bloomfield's 1964 interview with blues legend Robert Nighthawk, which offers an insightful look into the life and times of a rolling, tumbling bluesman. — James Lien

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In what was something of a shake-up, Nuclear Blast America closed its New York City and Philadelphia offices on Nov. 15. But Meshuggah, In Flames, S.O.D., Dimmu Borgir, Children Of Bodom and Savatage fans, take a deep breath. You will still have access to these bands. Century Media will now run all Nuclear Blast America operations out of its L.A. office, and that includes manufacturing and distributing all of NBA's releases. Century Media is now the major player in the Loud Rock world. And with an already rock-solid stable of bands like Emperor, Skinlab, Stuck Mojo, and Nevermore, it should dominate in 2001. Radio promotion guy Andrew Sample wants to dispel the notion that Century Media has become the "metal Microsoft." "There will be Nuclear Blast employees working here in A&R/product management, publicity and possibly more," says Sample. "I will be more than likely handling radio promotions for both CM and NBA. NBA fans should not be worried, as we are as metal as they come, and both labels have similar bands and musical styles. CM has been very successful in all aspects in the last several years, and we plan on having the same success with all NBA releases." So don't worry: CM will take good care of our favorite bands. • Metal Blade Records also closed its New York City office. While the label will soon have an in-house radio contact, direct radio inquiries to metalblade@metalblade.com for now. In the meantime, former Metal Blade promotions expert Chainsaw is currently looking for a new gig. You can always shoot him an email at ragnarok@brainlink.com; or give him a buzz at 212.387.8986. I fully expect to see Chainsaw back promoting in the metal world very soon. • Calling all sympho-nymphos and metal chicks who feel: With the exception of Kittie and Crisis, the double-X chromosome is poorly represented in the Loud Rock world. But now, Dark Symphonies has released a triumvirate of albums, which just

made it onto my cluttered desk. On *The Tears Of Odin's Fallen*, Long Winter Stare has added a female vocalist to its ranks, and she's simply gorgeous over pianos and doomy guitars. It's Dead Can Dance meets Arcturus — and with the shorter tunes hovering at about seven minutes in length, this is definitely for those with long attention spans.

November's Doom is aptly named. It's gothic, depressing death metal that sounds like it erupted from some far European land. In reality, these guys

are from Chicago, with dual he-said/she-said vocals at play over progressive melodies. Fans of My Dying Bride and Anathema need to gobble up a copy of this. "Shadows Of Light" is my personal favorite. Lastly, Corvus Corax delivers *The Atavistic Triad*. Self-styled pagan, symphonic black metal, it's brimming with crazy-fast riffs, gentle keyboards and evil, evil, evil vocals. The band claims Limbonic Art and Ulver as influences, so all you indier-than-thou kids, get on it. Hit up Dark Symphonies at 978.663.8871 or darksympho@aol.com. • Linkin Park's debut, *Hybrid Theory*, shipped gold, and seeing the band bounce around live is an indicator of why. These young cuties definitely have energy and hit-making capacity. • 311 may not be truly organic Loud Rock, but they are loud and they do rock. At a recent NYC stand, the bassist wore a classic Iron Maiden T while the guitarist sported a shirt with the metal horns. The new songs the band played hit hard. • Snapcase will release a compilation featuring some re-recorded old tunes, along with outtakes and a documentary-style video/DVD with live footage and behind-the-scenes shit. A certain Loud Rock editor was interviewed at the Warped Tour for this video, since it is her favorite band. So you should buy it just for that. • Longtime singer Skip School has left OS101. Prospective new frontmen who can play guitar, send demos to: Old School 101, c/o Stuck Up, 533 Atlantic City Blvd., Beachwood, NJ 08722. •

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TW	LW	2W	PK	WKS	ARTIST + TITLE	LABEL
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2	2	1	1	7	MORBID ANGEL Gateways To Annihilation	Earache
3	3	7	3	6	DYING FETUS Destroy The Opposition	Relapse
4	5	10	4	4	NEVERMORE Dead Heart, In A Dead World	Century Media
5	8	11	5	4	BRUJERIA Brujerizmo	Roadrunner
6	13	20	6	4	STRAIT UP VARIOUS ARTISTS	Immortal-Virgin
7	10	14	7	5	OVERKILL Bloodletting	Metal-is-Sanctuary
8	6	8	6	6	IOMMI Iommi	Divine
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12	21	32	12	3	CRYPTOPSY And Then You'll Beg	Century Media
13	9	9	9	7	PRO-PAIN Round 6	Spitfire
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14	—	—	14	1	NEUROSIS Sovereign [EP]	Neurot
15	7	6	6	8	CORROSION OF CONFORMITY America's Volume Deal...	Sanctuary
16	15	18	15	6	LINKIN PARK Hybrid Theory	Warner Bros.
17	31	—	17	2	SICK OF IT ALL Yours Truly	Fat Wreck Chords
18	20	19	14	5	TYPE O NEGATIVE The Least Worst Of	Roadrunner
19	18	16	16	3	HAMMERFALL Renegade	Nuclear Blast America
20	23	21	14	9	SLAVES ON DOPE Inches From The Mainline	Divine
21	19	22	19	4	IMMOLATION Close To A World Below	Metal Blade
22	24	23	22	5	ENSLAVED Mardraum (Beyond The Within)	Necropolis
23	30	30	23	3	VBS Deep Sleep	Flip Top Box
24	12	15	6	8	LAMB OF GOD New American Gospel	Metal Blade
25	17	12	1	14	SOULFLY Primitive	Roadrunner
26	11	4	4	9	DOWNSET. Check Your People	Epitaph
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28	26	27	26	4	TATTOO THE EARTH: THE FIRST CRUSADE Various Artists	1500
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30	27	28	27	3	GODSMACK Awake	Republic
31	—	—	31	1	HAUNTED Made Me Do It	Earache
32	32	29	21	8	AT THE DRIVE-IN Relationship Of Command	Grand Royal
33	—	—	33	1	CANNAE Troubleshooting Death	East Coast Empire
34	39	—	34	2	DAMAGED Purified In Pain	Rotten
35	29	33	1	20	IN FLAMES Clayman/Bullet Ride (CD5)	Nuclear Blast America
36	28	25	21	5	ENTOMBED Uprising	Metal-is-sanctuary
37	—	—	37	1	MARILYN MANSON Holy Wood	Nothing-Interscope
38	34	35	26	7	FACTORY 81 Mankind	Mojo
39	—	—	39	1	DISEMBODIED Heretic	Edison
40	40	—	40	2	DISCORDANCE AXIS The Inalienable Dreamless	Hydrahead

Chart information is based on combined airplay reports of Loud Rock releases from CMJ's panel of college, commercial and non-commercial radio stations.

ADDS

1	HAUNTED Made Me Do It	Earache
2	FLYBANGER Scenes From Headtrip To Nowhere	Columbia
3	GODHEAD The Reckoning (CD5)	Posthuman
4	CARNAL FORGE Firedemon	Century Media
5	GEDDY LEE My Favorite Headache	Atlantic

**DISEMBODIED****Heretic** (Edison)

Though Disembodied disbanded a year ago, *Heretic* is a swansong worthy of the posthumous promotion it's receiving — it's a black hole that sucks you in and suffocates any chance of escape. This Midwestern dissonant metalcore behemoth revels in a down-tuned guitar sound abrasive enough to make your teeth rattle in your

gums. And while there are grooves, it's definitely not on the trendy tip. Just listen to the vicious "you fucking junkie" wail on "Barbituate" or the repetition of "I fucking hate you" from "One For The Wicked," and you'll be running for cover. And if "Amaranth" and "Nemesis" don't make crushed peanut shells out of your brain, nothing in Loud Rock ever will. Three former members of Disembodied may have regrouped under the moniker Martyr AD, but the blood-blistering *Heretic* makes us hope for a reunion.

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**HAUNTED****The Haunted Made Me Do It** (Earache)

Are you *still* having trouble turning that frown upside down since Euro-metal pioneers At The Gates went kaput? Do you find yourself running out of patience in between Slayer albums? If these are your ailments, then the kill-you-dead riff from "Dark Intentions," the first song on the rock 'n' fuck-

ing rollin' *The Haunted Made Me Do It*, is a surefire cure. Melodic, bluesy and heavier than a ton of bricks, this album is a textbook example of why metal is to European music culture what the Backstreet Boys are to American pop culture. Mosh — or bang your head in figure-8 formations like Tom Araya — along to the Haunted's "Bury Your Dead" and "Human Debris."

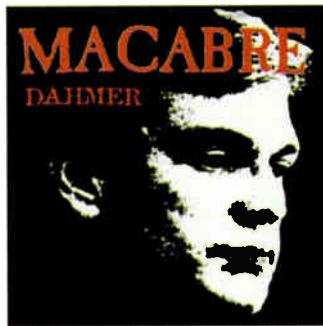
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**BURN IT DOWN****Let The Dead Bury The Dead** (Escape Artist)

Burn It Down's *Let The Dead Bury The Dead* is as much a head-scratcher as it is a head-turner. It's slow-'n'-heavy rock 'n' roll like Neurosis and Crowbar. At the same time, it's dissonant hardcore with a subtle yet slick sense of

melody. Led by music scribe Ryan Downey, *Burn It Down* bruises as it heals. (Downey's theatrical vocals work equally well whether they're accompanying blistering riffs or slow melodic.) Stick around for the cover of the Stones' "Paint It Black," along with the originals "The Past Ain't Through With Us" and "Bones Are Made For Breaking."

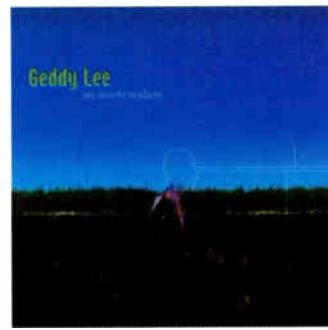
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**MACABRE****Dahmer** (Olympic)

Macabre has always had a perverse fascination with serial killers — and this time it's Jeffrey Dahmer. It's not as if the band finds the late slaughterer an interesting subject for a single artistic, abstract ode. Rather, Macabre has penned an entire *album* of nursery rhyme-ish, death metal-with-a-twist-

of-punk centered around lyrics that focus on tidbits and phases of Dahmer's murderous life. Move over *A&E Biography*, here comes "Dog Guts," "Grandmother's House," "Jeffrey Dahmer And The Chocolate Factory," "McDahmer's," "Temple Of Bones," "Do The Dahmer" and "Into The Toilet With You." Call it a sonic synopsis of Dahmer's decades of dirty deeds. He was one fucked-up dude — and so is the humor of this album. It's almost too weird to chuckle over.

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**GEDDY LEE****My Favorite Headache** (Atlantic)

Drop the name "Rush" to a music freak and you should get a positive response, regardless of whether said person is a devoted fan of the rock legends or not. The band commands oodles of universal respect from musicians and music aficionados alike. *My Favorite*

Headache, frontman Geddy Lee's first solo outing, could easily be mistaken for Rush — Lee's nasal vocals are that distinct. He hasn't played heavy metal years, so it's no shock that *Headache* is more straight-ahead rock, with bits of programming and violins to accompany his hypnotic voice. The title track and "Working At Perfekt" are tailor-made for programmers who were in the business during Rush's heyday.

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Sepul-fucking-tura covered Bauhaus's "Bela Lugosi's Dead" for its forthcoming album *Nation*. It's been said that the Seps will be experimenting with more melodic vocals this time out. • Limp Bizkit axe Wes Borland has a side project called Big Dumb Face. It's an ironic name, since Wes seems to be the smartest guy in the band. • Ozzy has a

cameo in Adam Sandler's *Little Nicky* and is rumored to be releasing a new album in March, with guest appearances from Zakk Wylde, a longtime Ozzman co-conspirator. • Someone slipped me a demo of J. J. Paradise Players Club, which boasts an all-star cast, including Dave Curran (ex-Ursane), Joel Hamilton (ex-*Glazed Baby*, *Shiner*) and Eric

Cooper (ex-Kiss It Goodbye, Kill Van Kull). (Are your eyes popping out of your skull, too?) While all have diverse backgrounds, the tunes here are very much stoner rock — think *Nebula* and *Clutch*. Look for a full-length on Tee Pee Records next year and a contribution to the upcoming Eyeball Records tribute to Negative Approach.

Q & A



NOTHINGFACE

It's no secret that Nothingface is one of my favorite bands. But it seems that the rest of the world is just catching up with the Loud Rock radio community in understanding Nothingface's greatness: *Violence* (TVT) has sold over 15,000 units in just its first month of release. I spoke with the band's in-a-class-all-his-own guitarist and all-around nice guy Tom Maxwell, who was battling the flu just before the band headed back out on tour to continue its road-warrior quest.

You're going back on the road soon. Excited?

We've been home for three weeks — it's too long. I was

bored a couple days after we got home.

Right now, heavy music is in vogue. Why should a kid with 15 bucks in his pocket shell out his McDonald's salary, or his allowance from cutting the grass, for *Violence*?

Above all, they will not get a more real, honest representation of music somewhere else. If I wasn't in this band, I would think that this band is as real as it gets. There's no clichés or any type of false prophecy behind what they're doing. Plus, they rule [laughs].

Loud Rock radio has always loved Nothingface. Both *Pacifier* and *An Audio Guide To Everyday Atrocity* were top three records on the chart. And *Violence* spent two weeks at No. 1. What do you think of that?

I know! I'm very happy about everything that's going on. I'm not happy that I am home; I wanna get back on tour. When we go to active rock in January, that's gonna open more doors for us. It's going to be world domination, honey.

So what's up with the drool when you're playing? It's sick and cool at the same time. Shit happens. I can't stop it. It's just a matter of... When I play, it's so fucking physical. I breathe erratically and everything.

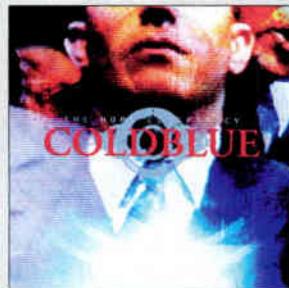
How did you guys come up with the title *Violence*?

It's the mind frame of it as a whole, not the music or lyrics separately. It's kinda like a mirror image of one's self, not anyone in particular. Anyone can pick up this record and find things in it that they can relate to, or have been through, and ponder it. The violence we're giving up is a repetition of everything around us. We're giving it back; it's been filtered through us. The end result is violence. There's a lot of beauty in the world, and beauty in humanity. But when you really think about it, everything is based on violent intent, no matter how subtle it is.

Everything can be violent — love, hate, passion, sadness, weakness, sex.

Jane's Addiction even said it: "Sex is violent."

ON THE CHART



It didn't take long for programmers to warm up to Hope Conspiracy's posicore gem, *Coldblue* (Equal Vision), and Neurosis's art-core *Sovereign* EP (Neurot). Both albums debut at No. 11 and No. 14, respectively, only a week after their official add dates. VBS's new metal album, *Deep Sleep*, is still

climbing the charts, despite limited servicing. It seems those who received the indie album love it. Cannae's Caligula-style metalcore beast, *Troubleshooting Death*, Boiler Room's active rock dream, *Can't Breathe*, and Disembodied's disemboweling *Heretic* all enjoy chart debuts this week as well.

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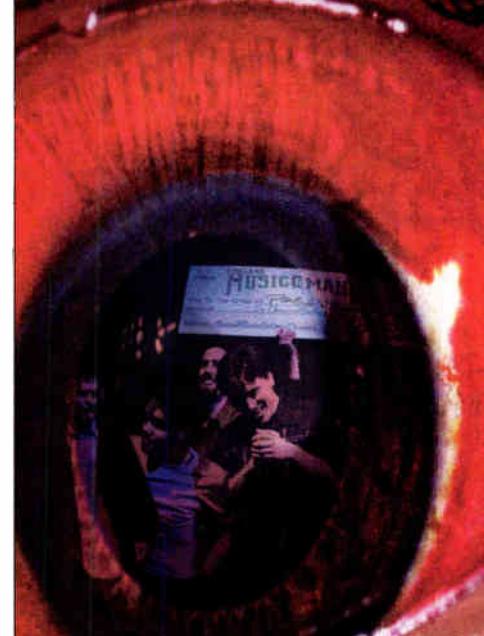
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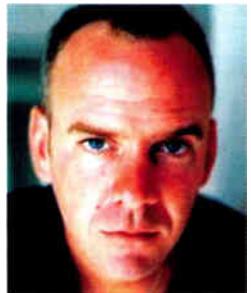
Critics may be divided over Fatboy Slim's *Halfway Between The Gutter And The Stars* (three-and-a-half stars from *Rolling Stone*, completely panned by *URB*), but most fans seem ecstatic that the funk-soul brother has returned to the airwaves. The album debuted at No. 51 on the *Billboard* Top 200 Albums chart its first week out of the gate, selling slightly fewer than 27,000 records. The figures are a bit shy of the peak achieved by its predecessor, 1998's *You've Come A Long Way, Baby* (which reached No. 38 on the chart and pushed 38,000 a week when "Praise You" received constant rotation). The

jury is still out on whether *Gutter And Stars* has the musical muscle to achieve the stalwart success of *Baby*, sales of which stand at 1.4 million and counting. In a recent issue of London's *Sun* newspaper, drum 'n' bass icon Goldie claimed he was injured after police, who thought he was carrying a gun, pinned him to the ground and handcuffed him. Goldie said the incident happened after a night out, while he was traveling through London with fiancée Sonjia Ashbury. "It was outrageous," he told the *Sun*. "I had seven rifles pointing at me, and I was pulled out [of my car] and pinned down on the road. There were about 100 people watching. I was cuffed, which hurt my wrists, and one of the policemen put his knee in my back, which I am still having problems with. We thought we were going to get shot. The officers kept screaming, 'Where's the gun? Where's the gun?' I told them I didn't know what they were talking about." Goldie said that he thinks a driver whom he'd had words with earlier in the night called the police, and that the authorities may have thought the mobile phone he was carrying was a gun. "One of

the police even recognized me and said, 'Aren't you that bloke from the James Bond film?' But nobody even said sorry." Goldie is looking to take legal action against the police. • In January 2001, Full Cycle Records, the drum 'n' bass imprint headed by Bristol, England's Roni Size and DJ Krust, will release *Full Cycle: Through The Eyes*, a two-CD compilation that includes recently released tracks from the label.

The collection displays the crew's less-eclectic side, forgoing the jazz, hip-hop and hardcore elements embraced on the outfit's full-length albums for straight-up, DJ-friendly breakbeat stormers. The first disc of the

set features 11 recent cuts from Roni Size, Reprazent's DJ Die and DJ Suv, Scorpio and DJ Product. DJ Die mans the decks on Disc 2's 20-track mix. • On Oct. 31, Chicago house DJ/producer Curtis A. Jones, the man behind Green Velvet and Cajmere, released his first-ever DJ mix, *Techno-Funk* (303 Recordings), out under Curtis' house-oriented Cajmere alter-ego, is a 17-track mix of funky techno and hard house that boasts tracks by such underground luminaries as Joey Beltram, Sky Master, Jay Denham and others. • Britain's Positiva Records will license Simon's West Coast house anthem "Free At Last." The cut has been a huge hit since it was premiered at the 2000 Winter Music Conference — it's since appeared on mix CDs by Essential Selection's Pete Tong and Washington, D.C.'s Scott Henry — though the sample of Martin Luther King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech that serves as the crux of the track has just been cleared for use. Better late than never, as they say. To celebrating the cutting of the red tape, Positiva plans to release the track in 2001 accompanied by a slew of new remixes.



Fatboy Slim

Q & A



Ben Watt and Jay Hannan (L-R)

LAZYDOG

In 1998, frustrated by the under-exposure of the deep house music they loved so much, Everything But The Girl's Ben Watt and KISS-FM DJ Jay Hannan took matters into their own hands and began Lazy Dog, a Sunday-afternoon ritual dedicated to deep grooves and positive vibes. Now that West London's best kept secret has reached our ears (with the pair's phenomenal *Lazy Dog* compilation), the Dog boys took a moment out of their schedule to talk about keeping it real, and to pledge allegiance to the hypnotic beat of house.

What was the original inspiration that led to the formation of the weekly Lazy Dog event?

Jay: When we first started it, it was 4 to 11 on a Sunday, so it started off as kind of a relaxed place where Ben and I could play deeper, slightly more musical and soulful stuff that we didn't think was getting the exposure that it deserved in London. That was the premise of the club. But two and a half years down the road, the club has sort of mutated into a whole kind of entity of its own. Now we have people who only leave the house on Sunday to come to Lazy Dog.

Ben: It's kind of like the whole vibe of the club has gotten ever deeper. People are just so soulful about it and so spiritual about it and so into it. It's a really uplifting night. It's incredible how all of the regulars kind of know each other — there's lots of group hugging and drinking. It really is a massive party. And we still adhere to our original plan, which was to let most people in for free.

That's an interesting way to run a business.

Jay: It was a scam at the beginning to get people in — the first three or four hours were free, and then it was five pounds. But we've just kept it going. The club's so popular now that it's just packed with people within the first hour. And we never really wanted to change that. It was never really a money-minded venture. It was more to do with music that we liked it at the time. We started it for ourselves really.

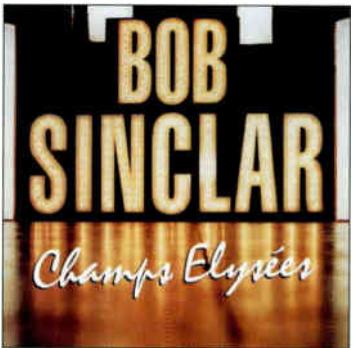
Ben: Plus, it was at that period where everyone was writing about superclubs and gun-for-hire DJs, and people just coming in and caning the roof for an hour and a half and walking with a thousand pounds. And we just wanted to go back to having an old-school vibe where there's only two residents — they know the crowd, they know the vibe.

And it's not about the marquee value of the name.

Ben: Exactly. We're just the record selectors. We're the ambiance coordinators.

What is it about house music that makes it as relevant in 2000 as it was 20 years ago?

Ben: I think that house music is the ultimate dance beat. It's the ultimate tempo. It's all encompassing. Everything that people seem to want to dance to is anywhere between 120 and 128 BPMs. Latin rhythms and African rhythms both sit around there: it's been said a hundred times that it's the tempo of the human heart. It just feels right. Plus, it's a naturally dynamic [beat] of uplift. It's not one of darkness. So if that's your template, then if you add darker and deeper textures to it, then it just makes it more complex and more interesting — and better I think. It's like when I did "Missing" (with Everything But The Girl), it was like a good-time beat with a melancholy song. It's a good tension. There's drama there. It's got it all really.



BOB SINCLAR

Champs Elysées
(Subliminal)

Like fellow Frenchman Dimitri From Paris, Bob Sinclar (real name Christophe Le Friant) is a post-modern house-head who prays at disco's original altar, baptizing his music in more frilly string flourishes and twangy guitar funk than some dancefloors are inclined to allow. Sinclar's first U.S.

album, *Champs Elysées*, packs enough disco kitsch and camp to bring the polyester leisure suit back from the dead. But there is brilliance in Sinclar's brazen revivalist tactics. The blithe vocal melody and care-free but uncompromising kick of "I Feel For You" made it the summer's most irresistible house anthem; the organic, high-energy funk of "Got To Be Free" (which pays homage to both Prince and Earth, Wind & Fire in the same stroke) asks to follow in its footsteps. Amid house music's current tendency toward "deeper" and "darker," *Champs Elysées* is a rainbow connection that recalls dance music's forgotten era with a happy-go-lucky hedonism that has nary a hint of sarcasm. The album's careful chemistry between retro orchestration and modern musicality makes it the guiltiest pleasure to hit your decks in years.

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Release Date: Dec. 5; at radio now

SUPA DJ DMITRY

Screams Of Consciousness (Wax Trax!-TVT)

If you only know Supa DJ Dmitry as the flower child who engineered Deee-Lite's kaleidoscopic grooves, then it's time to update your files. On *Scream Of Consciousness*, his first official DJ mix, Dmitry puts his peace pipe on the shelf and presents an 18-track tour de force of fierce techno funk and hard, heavy house, with a bit of breakbeat thrown in for novelty's sake. Recent bombshells by producers such as Luke Slater, Timo Maas and Super Collider set the pace, but the collection also highlights several of Dmitry's own productions, such as the filtered and frenzied breakbeat gem "Singularity," and an odd electro-funk remake of David Bowie's "Space Oddity."

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TECHNO ANIMAL VS. DÄLEK

"Megaton"/"Classical Homicide" (Matador)

This split single from U.K. duo Techno Animal and Newark, New Jersey's Dälek might be part of Matador Records' ongoing hip-hop 12-inch series, but its distorted EBM grooves and brutal bass rolls often resonate with more apocalyptic angst and primal energy than Alec Empire in a foul mood. Dälek pushes hip-hop to the extreme with his murky sonic wallpaper and menacing lyrical refrains. But the infusion of Techno Animal's vicious techno dissonance ensures that your neighbors will duck for cover.

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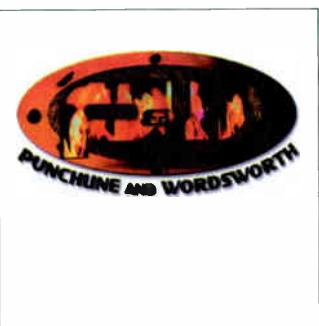
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TW	LW	2W	PK	WKS	ARTIST + TITLE	LABEL
1	1	1	1	5	RONI SIZE/REPREZENT In The Mode	Island-IDJMG
2	4	-	2	2	FATBOY SLIM Halfway Between The Gutter...	Astralwerks
3	2	3	2	6	VARIOUS ARTISTS Xen Cuts	Ninja Tune
4	5	6	4	5	VARIOUS ARTISTS Plastic Volume 4	Nettwerk
5	6	11	5	4	PAUL OAKENFOLD Perfecto Presents: Another...	London-Sire
6	10	13	6	4	DIESELBOY The Sixth Session	Palm Pictures
7	3	2	2	8	TIMO MAAS Music For The Maases	Kinetic
#1 DEBUT						
8	-	-	8	1	GATECRASHER: GLOBAL SOUND SYSTEM	Incredible-Epic
#2 DEBUT						
9	-	-	9	1	JAZZANOVA Remixes 1997-2000	JCR-Compost
10	26	-	10	2	VELVET ACID CHRIST Twisted Thought Generator	Metropolis
11	7	4	3	8	MOCEAN WORKER Aural & Hearty	Palm Pictures
12	9	10	9	8	BANCO DE GAIA Igizeh/Obsidian Remixes (EP)	Six Degrees
13	14	19	13	4	VARIOUS ARTISTS XXX'd Generation	Possessive Blindfold
14	11	22	11	4	STATE OF BENGAL Visual Audio	Six Degrees
15	15	14	9	13	JUNO REACTOR Shango/Pistolero EP	Metropolis
16	16	21	16	3	VICTOR DINAIRO Logic Trance 4	Logic
17	29	39	17	4	DZHIAN & KAMIEN Freaks & Icons	Six Degrees
18	17	17	10	7	DJ MICRO DJMixed.com	Moonshine
19	20	-	19	2	GROOVERIDER Essential Rewindz	Renegade Hardware
20	8	15	8	4	NIGHTMARES ON WAX DJ Kicks	Studio K7
21	18	5	1	11	PHOTEK Solaris	Astralwerks
22	13	8	7	8	DAVE RALPH Love Parade: Berlin	Kinetic
23	22	26	22	4	BEN WATT/JAY HANNAN Lazy Dog	Astralwerks
24	-	-	24	1	VARIOUS ARTISTS Hi-Fidelity Lounge: Volume Two	Guidance
25	28	34	25	4	RED SNAPPER Our Aim Is To Satisfy Red Snapper	Matador
26	21	30	21	5	DOWNLOAD Effector	Nettwerk
27	-	-	27	1	PEPE DELUXE Super Sound	Emperor Norton
28	-	-	28	1	DELTRON 3030 Deltron 3030	75 Ark
29	24	-	24	2	ICON OF COIL Serenity Is The Devil	Metropolis
30	30	18	15	8	JEGA Geometry	Matador
31	-	-	31	1	TERRY LEE BROWN JUNIOR From Dub Til...	Plastic City-UCMG
32	-	-	32	1	VARIOUS ARTISTS Cybonetix 1999	DSBP
33	19	20	8	8	DJ TIESTO Summer Breeze	Nettwerk
34	12	9	2	10	DJ? ACUCRACK Sorted	E-magine
35	-	-	35	1	CRISTIAN VOGEL Rescate 137	Novamute-Mute
36	25	12	2	12	UNDERWORLD Everything, Everything	V2
37	23	7	1	9	IAN POOLEY Since Then	V2
38	R	23	23	5	JUNIOR VASQUEZ Twilo Vol. 1	Twilo-Virgin
39	-	-	39	1	LITTLE LOUIE VEGA/ERICK MORILLO House Nation...	Ultra
40	39	29	7	11	SAINT GERMAIN Tourist	Blue Note

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ADDS

1	SUPA DJ DMITRY	Scream Of Consciousness	Wax Trax!-TVT
2	ANTILOOP	Remixed	Stockholm
3	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Blunted	Shadow-Instinct
4	GATECRASHER: GLOBAL SOUND SYSTEM		Incredible-Epic
5	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Hi-Fidelity Lounge: Volume Two	Guidance



PUNCHLINE & WORDSWORTH

EP (Mona-Landspeed)

"As Seen On MTV's Lyricist Lounge." Right off the bat, the debut outing from the long-heralded duo of Punchline & Wordsworth targets mainstream success. They open the disc with a basic, self-titled boast-fest anchored to a promising funk loop. Unfortunately, the track has no noticeable variations and suffers from insufficient volume, presumably in an effort to highlight the pair's already crisp vocals. The "party people" chorus is aimed at getting mass crowd participation, but sounds misappropriated from Busta Rhymes' notebook. "Last Days" is essentially the same song with better engineering. But "Mistress" is the EP's best-constructed cut and a bit of a guilty pleasure. Wordsworth's as-seen-on-MTV boyish charm spoils a bit on this cringe-worthy ode to infidelity: "Stains on the comforter, pull out and I would come in her/ Hit her on her period, put a towel under her/ Sprung, eventually I would place my tongue in her/ Cook my favorites and even take shits in front of her." Even yuckier, "I-95" is yet another Southern-bounce knock-off attempt at crossover, complete with an irrelevant R&B vocal hook. Despite the mediocre conventions hemming him in on all sides, Wordsworth survives this EP with his crystal wit intact and, ironically, plenty more punchlines than his lagging partner.

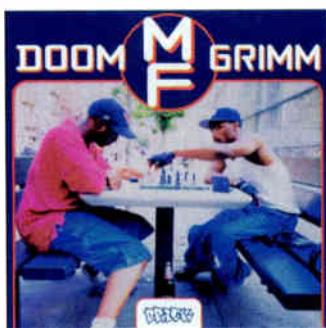
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Release Date: at radio now



MF DOOM/MF GRIMM

MF (Brick-Landspeed)

The MF EP is a pairing based more on esthetic than anything else. The two MCs never share the same space on this release: Three tracks feature Doom (formerly Zev Love X of KMD), and the other four belong to Grimm. What Doom and Grimm do have in common, however, is a love for loose, stream-of-consciousness

lyrical content and an utter disdain for polish. On the Doom side, the "metal faced terrorist" comes off like a deranged Parrish Smith, spitting, "Me and this mic is like yin and yang/ Clang, crime don't pay, listen youth/ It's like me holding up the line at the kissing booth." "No Snakes Alive" is a clattering, droning, soundbyte pastiche that has serious problems sticking to one tempo. Grimm's half starts off pretty normal with "The Original Remix," a standard headnod-inducing battle theme. But the wheelchair-bound MC's mind starts to wander a bit over the mangled toy piano of "Break Em Off": "Highway heaven, news at 11/ Film shows you and your crew all dead and/ Hard like pork rinds, remote switches/ Security minds on bitches." MF is a meeting of the twisted minds for those who prefer their hip-hop a little squirrelly.

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Release Date: Nov. 7

Q & A



GURU

Gang Starr frontman **Guru** and his partner **Premier** have five full-length albums to their credit, not to mention being one of the few hip-hop acts that actually merit a greatest hits compilation. Aside from the Gang Starr legacy, Guru has just completed the third installment in his critically acclaimed *Jazzmatazz* series. In between promoting *Street Soul* and helping the Roots out on the Okayplayer tour, it's a wonder the middle-aged MC was willing to pull away from napping in his Dallas hotel room to talk to me.

What is the difference between the *Jazzmatazz* audience and the Gang Starr audience? And which audience do you, personally, identify with more?

I would say [the *Jazzmatazz* audience] is more mature — cats who listen to more soul and stuff like that, besides hip-hop. First of all, there's no way I could identify with something more than Gang Starr. Gang Starr is the foundation of everything. The initial concept was so that Gang Starr wouldn't be called "jazz rap," because if we were, I wouldn't be talking to you. Back then, they tried to put us in that shit with Digable [Planets] and Dream Warriors and Pete Rock & CL [Smooth], they tried to put us all as "jazz rap," and I didn't like it. That era with Premier, Pete Rock, Q-Tip, Large Professor, Showbiz, Diamond D, Easy Mo Bee —

guys like that who were DJ/producers — came about because everyone before that was sampling James Brown and it was like, "Well, what's next?" And they actually took hip-hop to the next level — not to create "jazz rap" or "hip-hop jazz," but to create hip-hop. I said, "In order to get this label off of Gang Starr, I'm going to step up and sacrifice myself, and probably have a few fans like, 'What is he doing?'" But I didn't care because I wanted to save Gang Starr.

How did the idea of including soul vocalists in this third installment come about?

Really, the whole word *Jazzmatazz* is fusion. That's what it means for me. It's fusing, bringing the generations together. It doesn't mean that it has to have a whole bunch of jazz in it. I think people understand that what I did was make it more contemporary.

Everybody who's on my album, all the soul singers, are people who expressed to me that they were influenced by *Jazzmatazz* volumes 1 and 2.

You said that you felt the album was rushed a little bit. How so?

With an album like this, you got to set it up right. With these major labels, a lot of them don't understand. They just want to get the street date that they [set] in the marketing meeting. It might have been better to have the single out longer, or even put another single out before dropping the album — just to prepare people for it. When I was in Atlanta doing promotion, I went to Justin's [a restaurant], and there were a bunch of black guys in suits. They love the *Jazzmatazz* shit, [but] they didn't even know it was out.

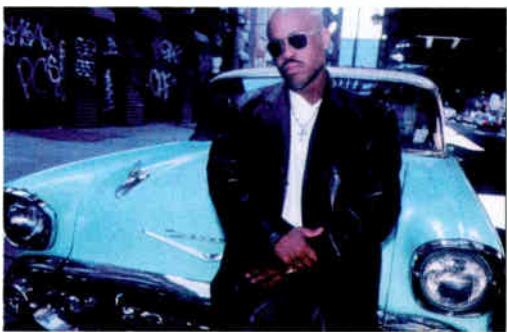
On the new album you mention that you're "almost 40 now."

How has that changed your perspective?

I'm in my 30s. I know I look young, but I've been doing this a long time and I'm really not trying to do a lot of the same dumb shit over and over again. It's more a statement of strength than anything else. It also means that even though I'm older, I can still spit. There's this myth that when rappers get older they can't spit. That's bullshit. Some of them can't, but I'm not them. You'll see when we come with the next Gang Starr shit after this.

Do you still remember your lines from old Gang Starr Records?

It's funny you say that because we [Gang Starr] just did Cypress Hill's Smoke Out in San Bernardino, and that was in-between touring with Jazzmatazz. Premier was teasing me, like, "You're going to come



onstage and do Jazzmatazz lyrics instead." And then I blew them away because I remembered all my shit. We did, like, an hour show.

"Now is the chance to advance and get an outlook/ Create the circumstance because..."

"I doubt books can relate words this way, so I'll portray a new image." I know it's the first album. Let me see, "Positivity?" That was the first video before "Manifest."

"You puny protozoa..."

"You're so minute you didn't know the/ Gang has been watching you..." Oh! "Check The Technique."

"I had to get an attorney/ I needed someone to defend my position..."

"Decisions I made 'cause now it's time to get paid." I was just talking about how you have to have good representation in the rap game. I was more talking about how we had got jerked. But we were still getting jerked on that album.

With songs like that ("Who's Gonna Take The Weight?") and "Positivity," how did you avoid getting branded as "conscious rapper," being that all of your albums have advice on them?

I don't think Gang Starr falls within labels — jazz rap, gangsta rap, conscious rap. I think that Gang Starr is just hip-hop in general. There's certain subject matter that I always cover. That's philosophy, spirituality,

relationships, romance — without being disrespectful to women. Some street stories with morals. Songs about pure skills, songs about paying dues. As far as getting brand-

ed as that... It doesn't fall totally into that realm. I like the whole "conscious" thing, but I'd rather be universal than pegged as one thing. I used to work with some of the illest little knuckleheads. I used to work in a maximum detention unit with juvenile offenders, and I used to work in the foster care system in New York. In that respect, I know how to get through to these young cats and how to speak to them on their level. But in a way, that's not preaching — and then they get a message out of it.

HIP-HOP

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TW	LW	2W	PK	WKS	ARTIST + TITLE	LABEL
1	1	1	1	4	OUTKAST Stankonia	LaFace-Arista
2	3	6	2	7	DELTRON 3030 Deltron 3030	75 Ark
3	5	2	2	8	TALIB KWELI AND HI-TEK Reflection Eternal	Rawkus
4	R	3	3	2	GURU'S JAZZMATAZZ Vol. 3: Streetsoul	Virgin
					#1 DEBUT	
5	—	5	1		WU-TANG CLAN The W	Loud-Columbia-CRG
					#2 DEBUT	
6	—	6	1		MR. LIF Enters The Colossus	Metro Concepts
7	—	7	1		CAPONE & NOREAGA The Reunion	Tommy Boy
8	14	—	8	2	UNSUNG HEROES Unleashed	Scenario-75 Ark
9	7	12	4	9	JURASSIC-5 Quality Control (album)	Interscope
10	2	4	1	9	DE LA SOUL Art Official Intelligence: Mosaic Thump	Tommy Boy
11	6	5	2	9	BLACK EYED PEAS Bridging The Gap	Interscope
12	8	8	8	4	JAY-Z The Dynasty Roc La Familia	Roc-A-Fella-Def-Jam-IDJMG
13	—	13	1		R.A. RUGGED MAN "What The..."	Priority
14	15	25	14	3	SOLITAIR "No Doubt"	Figure 4
15	28	36	15	4	K-OTIX "Y'All Know The Name"	Bronx Science
16	21	24	5	11	CREATORS The Weight	Bad Magic
17	—	—	17	1	EDO. G "Sayin' Somethin..."	Nu Gruv Alliance-Ground Control
18	24	13	1	35	DILATED PEOPLES The Platform	Abb-Capitol
19	12	20	12	4	HUSH "Knuckle Up/150 MCs"	Intuit-solar
20	35	—	11	6	SLUM VILLAGE Fantastic Vol. 2	Goodvibe-Atomic Pop
21	—	21	1		MR. SHORT KHOP "One Way To Win"	TVT
22	—	22	1		MASTERS OF ILLUSION Kutmaster Kurt Presents	Threshold
23	—	23	1		PHARCYDE Plain Rap	Edel America
24	—	24	1		MEMPHIS BLEEK "Is That Your Chick"	Roc-A-Fella
25	40	—	25	2	BLACK THOUGHT "Hardware"	MCA
26	—	26	1		APANI B-FLY MC A Million Eyes	Bronx Science
27	R	21	11	6	MICRANOTS Obelisk Movements	Subverse
28	—	—	28	1	SMUT PEDDLERS "That's Smut"	Rawkus
29	—	—	29	1	CHECKMATE "These Days and Times"	Double Up
30	26	22	15	8	M.O.P. Warriorz	Loud
31	—	—	31	1	PLANET ASIA Planet Asia (EP)	Heratik
32	20	19	3	10	AUTOMATOR A Much Better Tomorrow	75 Ark
33	—	—	33	1	R. KELLY TP-2.com	Jive
34	29	—	29	2	CASH BROWN "Double Homicide"	Landspeed
35	33	—	19	6	NEXTMEN Amongst The Madness	75 Ark
36	R	39	15	4	SHYNE Shyne	Bad Boy-Arista
37	R	—	11	5	COMMON Like Water For Chocolate	MCA
38	—	—	38	1	COMPANY FLOW / CANNIBAL OX DPA / Iron Galaxy	DefJux
39	—	—	39	1	GROUCH "Wish You A Good Day"	Battle Axe
40	—	—	40	1	OUTSIDAZ "Keep On"	Ruffnation

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ADDS

1	WU-TANG CLAN The W	Loud-Columbia-CRG
2	JURASSIC-5 W.O.E. Is Me (CD5)	Interscope
3	COMMON Like Water For Chocolate	MCA
4	SNOOP DOGG "Snoop Dogg"	No Limit-Priority
5	ERYKAH BADU Mama's Gun	Motown

COLUMBIA JAZZ'S NEW LOOK

It appears rumors of the demise of the Columbia Records jazz department have been exaggerated. The label — the subject of much speculation since it purged its jazz staff earlier this year — has handed over control of the department to Jeff Jones, a senior vice president who also runs Sony Legacy, the label's successful reissue department.

"Columbia is committed to making this work," says Jones, who has spent the past few weeks hiring new staff and taking stock of the label's jazz roster. Among the changes, Jeb Hart, formerly of Sony Classical, will be the new marketing director, and Jay Schumer will take over sales



Branford Marsalis

coordinator. The hiring of an A&R director is pending.

"I think [the transition] will have a positive effect on the artists we decide to continue working with," Jones says. "And I have a lot of faith that we can sign new artists and have success, as well."

The turnover in the Columbia jazz department comes only three years after Branford Marsalis — who owes the label one more album — was hired to sign new talent (an arrangement that has subsequently concluded). His first signing, avant-garde saxophon-

ist David S. Ware, drew considerable media attention. Not surprisingly, Ware is the first artist to be dropped under the new regime. "He's better served by a smaller, more focused label," Jones says. "It's not a marriage that's really right for Columbia at this point."

Ware joins a long line of "prestige" artists — including Henry Threadgill, Tim Berne and Ornette Coleman — who have enjoyed brief careers at Columbia. As for Ware's labelmates, the status of pianist Joey Calderazzo and drummer Jeff "Tain" Watts — both members of Marsalis's band, whom he also signed to the label — had yet to be resolved at press time.

The label's best-known artist, trumpeter and mainstream jazz figurehead Wynton Marsalis, may be history as well. "He has fulfilled his obligation," says Jones.

Meanwhile, Jones has signed Afro-pop vocalist Angelique Kidjo and contemporary jazz trumpeter Chris Botti, who join Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, vocalist/bassist Richard Bona, saxophonist David Sanchez and guitarist Peter White on the label's roster. Jones says he looks to broaden the range of music that could fit under the Columbia "jazz" umbrella.

Pointing to the success of genre-blurring organ trio Medeski Martin and Wood on Blue Note, Jones suggests that the label would be open to signing "jam bands" and hip-hop-influenced acts. He will also scout artists signed to Sony's international affiliates.

"What we want to focus on is music for grown-ups," Jones points out. "Artists who are compelling and unique, and who have a voice."

— Steve Dollar

Q & A



JOEL DORN

Producer Joel Dorn has been in the business of jazz for more than 40 years, first as a DJ in Philadelphia, then as a house producer at Atlantic, and later as a freelancer and an independent label guy. While he's been at it awhile, the irrepressible Dorn is still looking for new challenges, recently launching Label M after walking away from his successful but unsatisfying tenure as the creative head of 32 Records. Like 32, Label M specializes in reissues and releasing archival unreleased live performances. And still there are other surprises on the horizon.

How have you kept the fire after 40-plus years in the business?

I find myself constantly in the position of starting over every five years. I seem to work in cycles: You come up with a thought or concept, and you sort of run the string to the end of where it's supposed to go. Then you go do something else. I could get a job at a

major and learn how to do the corporate shuffle, but it just doesn't appeal to me. I like to climb new mountains.

People may not know this, but 32 was not your first label.

I had a few small labels. I'm not much of a businessman in the traditional sense, so I've always liked working as an independent contractor for different people. The first label I had that I was really into pulling off was Night Records in the '80s. It was unsuccessful as a business for a variety of reasons, but it was very successful in that it helped me lay the groundwork for what I'd do in the future.

With all these live dates and reissues, you seem to have turned into an archivist.

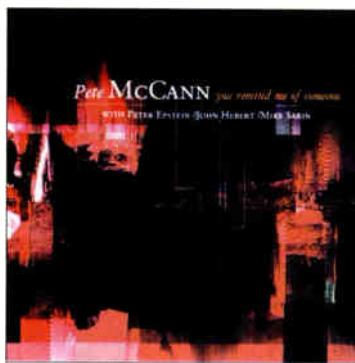
In a sense — but not in an academic sense. I still think this is show business and entertainment, and I try and package things and present things in a way that's entertaining. If someone learns something as a consequence of it, it's only because they had a good time. I enjoy coming up with a concept, packaging it and marketing it.

Speaking of concepts, packaging and marketing, how did the *Jazz For...* series come about?

Like most things in my life, it was completely by mistake. We were contracted to do lifestyle music for *Elle* magazine. So, using [32 Jazz's] catalog, I put together this compilation called *Music For A Rainy Day*. It was available exclusively through the magazine. We did six full-page ads and got a photo from the magazine because we felt they would know how to best market it to their readers. They

used the word "music" because they were afraid of the word "jazz," and they put the *Elle* logo on the cover. We tried it for six months, and it bombed terribly. My partner wanted to put it out at retail, and I was like, "Why? What does the word 'music' mean?" The other thing was that the *Elle* logo didn't work in the magazine, so it sure wasn't going to work at retail. So it came out as *Jazz For A Rainy Afternoon*. Before we released it, we sent the disc to the 28 field representatives that worked for Rykodisc, our distributor. And this rep in the

Northwest liked the record — even though she wasn't a jazz fan — and talked a store into putting *Jazz For A Rainy Afternoon* at a so-called "discretionary" listening post. They sold 25 copies in two days — and it sold mostly to white women who aren't into jazz. So we started buying up listening posts, a couple at first. And as it grew, we bought every one we could get. Ultimately, we sold over a million copies of the series. I'd like to say that I was a marketing genius. But like most of the hits in my life, it happened by accident.



PETE MCCANN

You Remind Me Of Someone (Palmetto)

With the varied *You Remind Me Of Someone*, guitarist Pete McCann has created a smart work that showcases his ingenuity as a composer, arranger and player. Early on, McCann delves into panoramic territory first trail-blazed by Bill Frisell. But just as you think

the music is getting a bit too predictable, McCann throws listeners a curveball — going, for example, from the acoustic, bossa nova-like "Falling Grace" to the muscular jazz-fusion workout "Mr. Fritters." Just like he does with the tunes, the bandleader leader mixes his players, rotating reedist Peter Epstein in and out of the lineup, effectively broadening the emotional and sonic range of his musical palette. While some might remember this relatively young guitarist's debut, *Parable*, or his work on the Other Side Of Ellington project, *You Remind Me Of Someone* undoubtedly casts aside the album title's euphemism to announce McCann as a guitarist to watch.

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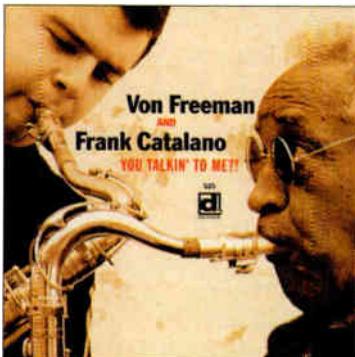
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Contributing reporters this week: 101 • See page 62 for a complete list of Jazz airplay reports.

TW	LW	2W	PK	WKS	ARTIST + TITLE	LABEL
1	1	1	1	6	MEDESKI MARTIN AND WOOD The Dropper	Blue Note
2	3	3	1	8	PATRICIA BARBER Nightclub	Premonition-Blue Note
3	5	2	1	9	SAINT GERMAIN Tourist	Blue Note
4	R	23	4	2	KEITH JARRETT/GARY PEACOCK/JACK DEJOHNETTE	ECM
5	6	7	5	8	REGINA CARTER Motor City Moments	Verve
6	10	18	6	4	JIM BLACK AlasNoAxis	Winter & Winter
7	9	-	7	3	ABBEY LINCOLN Over The Years	Verve
8	R	20	8	2	FIVE DEGREES OF SOUL Esplendidos	Casanegra
9	2	5	2	7	SUN RA & HIS ARKESTRA Greatest Hits	Evidence
10	12	11	5	9	DANILO PEREZ Motherland	Verve
11	21	-	11	2	PETE MCCANN You Remind Me Of Someone	Palmetto
					#1 DEBUT	
12	-	-	12	1	JOHN LINDBERG A Tree Frog Tonality	Between The Lines
13	7	4	4	10	JOEL FRAHM The Navigator	Palmetto
					#2 DEBUT	
14	-	-	14	1	VARIOUS ARTISTS The World Of Swing	Columbia-CRG
15	15	21	15	3	DON BYRON A Fine Line: Arias And Lieder	Blue Note
16	11	15	3	10	MAT MANERI QUARTET Blue Deco	Thirsty Ear
17	17	13	13	7	MARK ELF Live At Smalls	Jen Bay
18	R	22	18	2	ALEX BLAKE QUINTET Now Is The Time	Bubble Core
19	-	-	19	1	CARLA BLEY 4x4	ECM
20	-	-	20	1	CASPAR BROTHMAN Mute Massaker	Thirsty Ear
21	-	-	21	1	MCCOY TYNER Jazz Roots	Telarc
22	-	-	22	1	MILFORD GRAVES Grand Unification	Tzadik
23	23	-	23	2	MICHAEL WOLFF Impure Thoughts	Indiana
24	16	10	6	10	LIVING DAYLIGHTS Electric Rosary	Liquid City
25	13	-	13	2	SONNY ROLLINS This Is What I Do	Milestone

Chart information is based on combined airplay reports of jazz releases from CMJ's panel of college, commercial and non-commercial radio stations.



VON FREE-MAN AND FRANK CATALANO

You Talkin' To Me??!

(Delmark)

Jazz folks never seem to tire of witnessing young Turks and wise sages playing together. It happened in the '50s, when Lester Young and Coleman Hawkins played with the beboppers. It happened in

recent years with Doc Cheatham and Nicholas Payton, and with Fred Anderson and Ken Vandermark. And it happens here with 78-year-old Von Freeman and 23-year-old Frank Catalano's *You Talkin' To Me?*! The two tenors — Freeman on the right with a warm, robust tone and Catalano on the left with a thinner, edgier sound — dual their way through a robust post-bop set. They trade twos, take lengthier individual solos, play heads together; they even leave some room for pianist Larry Novak and rest of the rhythm section. And though the duo seems to be working from the same page, the difference between the two horn players is such that listeners won't have to struggle to keep track of who does what. All in all, a fun and solid listen.

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HYPE OR HOPE?

Hype can be a good thing — especially when there's something solid behind it. Take, for instance, Radiohead's *Kid A*, which has made an indelible impact on the music scene this year. And so I must make a parallel between *Kid A* and Café Tacuba's 1999 release, *Revés/Yosoy* (Warner Bros.), a double-album that finds the Mexico City quartet grappling with its dualities. Much like *Kid A* challenged Radiohead fans to look beyond its masterpiece *OK Computer*, the all-instrumental *Revés* dares Tacuba fans to look at the world outside the innovative — and now-friendly — *Ré* sound the quartet forged years earlier.

Because *Revés* is so demanding, the group's label squeezed out a more commercially viable addendum to the band's experimental blitz: the exquisite, lyrics-and-all *Yosoy*. Fans were waiting for Café Tacuba, not post-Café Tacuba. And the label delivered. The double-album's strength is reflected in the Ñ Alternative chart. Since CMJ started tracking Latin rock albums in May 2000, the Tacubos have climbed up and down the chart for 26 weeks.

For "Solo Con Invitación" ("By Invitation Only"), Miller Genuine Draft's Latin-rock equivalent to the "Blind Date" mystery concert series, Café Tacuba performed Nov. 2 at a swanky Los Angeles nightclub for some 1,000 fans. This fab four played a flawless show, perhaps because it was in such a controlled setting. The sound was particularly crisp. Maybe it's time for a live album.

The band won't dismiss the idea of a live release. But what seems certain is that their next album won't be for Warner. According to a reliable source, Café Tacuba is moving to Virgin Records (Virgin wouldn't confirm or deny the

news). Imagine that: Titán, Manu Chao and Café Tacuba all on the same American label.

VIVA EL ROCK!

Nov. 10-12, Mexico City's Vive Latino rock festival featured 28 bands playing for 21 hours, drawing some 100,000 music lovers. Veteran Argentine hyper-fusion jam band Los Fabulosos Cadillacs drew the largest crowd, playing to more than 70,000 fans on opening night. The second night's headliner, Jaguares, played for a mere 20,000.

Produced by Ocesa Presenta, Vive Latino is the second-largest Spanish-language rock festival, behind Colombia's Rock Al Parque. Bands from seven different countries —including crossover artists like Fishbone and L.A.'s Tito & Tarantula — shared the stage with some of Latin rock's most notable acts, including Enrique Bunbury, Molotov, El Gran Silencio, Julieta Venegas and Ely Guerra. For more on Vive Latino, see www.ocesapresenta.com.mx/vivelatino.

CUCHI-CUCHI TALK

Our transparent friends from Venezuela, Los Amigos Invisibles, made a stop at New York City's Shine on Nov. 13, as part of their "Super Sancho Variety Presents Los Amigos Invisibles and DJ Afro" tour. DJ Afro — a.k.a. Los Amigos guitarist José Luis Pardo — kicked off the concert by spinning techno dance music. Then, one by one, the other members of the band joined him onstage, filling out the group's mango-cool acid-jazz sound until the six-man orchestra was complete.

From there, the tropical-disco playboys brought the packed crowd to a frenzy with their hip-shaking grooves and sing-along goo-goo talk of love and sexual apogee. "If you don't know what you're saying, that's OK. It's beautiful," announced singer Julio Briceño



Julio Briceño of Los Amigos Invisibles

in a heavy accent, trying to rouse the mixed audience.

The crowd let loose with abandon during the needs-no-translation dance number, "Cuchi-Cuchi." Briceño's fly opened just a bit more with each passing song, placing him in the same crotch-checking-entertainer category as Michael Jackson and Madonna. The ladies returned the favor by throwing their undergarments onstage.

If you haven't seen Los Amigos live, it's time you did. Antics aside, these guys are solid musicians. Pardo's technical prowess on guitar is enough to make your jaw drop.

Hear Los Amigos Invisibles' Nov. 13 concert, recorded exclusively for CMJ, at www.cmj.com.

Ñ ALTERNATIVE

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Contributing reporters this week: 38 • See page 63 for a complete list of Ñ Alternative airplay reports.

TW	LW	ZW	PK	WKS	ARTIST + TITLE	LABEL
1	2	2	1	5	KING CHANGO The Return Of El Santo	Luaka Bop
2	1	1	1	15	LOS AMIGOS INVISIBLES Arepa 3000	Luaka Bop
3	7	6	3	6	JUANES Fijate Bien	Surco-Universal Latino
4	3	3	1	12	LOS RABANES Los Rabanes	Crescent Moon-Sony
5	4	7	4	7	ORISHAS A Lo Cubano	Surco-Universal Latino
6	5	4	4	13	JULIETA VENEGAS Buenaventura	BMG U.S. Latin
7	12	11	6	16	SOUNDTRACK Amores Perros	Surco-Universal Latino
8	6	5	1	30	LA LEY Uno	WEA Latina
9	8	8	4	13	PLASTILINA MOSH Juan Manuel	Astralwerks
10	11	20	10	7	EL TRI No Podemos Volar	WEA Latina
11	14	13	9	13	PERICOS 1000 Vivos	EMI Latin
12	17	22	12	4	VARIOUS ARTISTS La Tejadora De Nubes	Nimboestatic
13	19	24	12	8	TITAN Elevator	Virgin
14	15	18	14	6	SANTA SABINA Mar Adentro En La Sangre	Babel Discos
15	18	10	2	28	BUNBURY Pequeño	EMI Latin
16	13	12	2	28	RESORTE [XL]	Manicomio-Universal Latino
17	20	-	8	17	MIKEL ERENTXUN Te Dejas Ver	WEA Latina
18	10	19	1	28	ZURDOK Hombre Sintetizador	Manicomio-Universal Latino
19	23	17	4	26	CAFE TACUBA Revés/Yosoy	Warner Bros.
20	9	9	4	21	JUMBO Restaurant	BMG U.S. Latin
					#1 DEBUT	
21	-	-	21	1	SIDESTEPPER More Grip	Palm Pictures
					#2 DEBUT	
22	-	-	22	1	FORD PROCO Vertigo De Lodo Y Miel	Nimboestatic
23	R	-	2	25	JAGUARES Bajo El Azul De Tu Misterio	BMG U.S. Latin
24	22	21	21	3	AUGE Jugar	Sirena Music
25	-	-	25	1	LA GUSANA CIEGA Correspond...	Universal Latino

Chart information is based on combined airplay reports of Ñ Alternative releases from CMJ's panel of college, commercial and non-commercial radio stations.

Q & A



ORISHAS

Together with salsa-dancehall combo Sergent García and technofied salsa orchestra P18, Orishas are at the vanguard of the Paris-Havana connection. Fusing old-school hip-hop with traditional Cuban music, the band's monumental debut, *A Lo Cubano* (Surco-Universal Latino), clearly defines the urban music of its native country. Tag-team rappers Ruzzo and Guerrero represent with hip-hop, while crooner Roldán Rivero bears the traditional music standard. I spoke to Rivero on Nov. 21, prior to a sold-out show in New York City.

Your mix is very organic. How did it come together?

Our music came out of necessity. In Cuba, hip-hop has existed for more than 15 years. Cuban artists had, for a while, imitated stuff that was coming out of the United States. We live 90 miles from Miami, so we always had influences from the U.S. Second, we never had the appropriate technology to develop our own rap culture. Many rap groups worked with two tape recorders or spliced tapes; they'd stop one tape and start another... Imagine how that worked. We forge our own identity of Cuban hip-hop.

In a sense, Cuban culture is very pure — untouched or polluted by American or European mainstream culture. That is fortunate on a certain level. Because of the embargo, we had the obligation of doing our own music without many outside influences. Thanks to

that, we have original music that is recognized worldwide. The fundamental work of Orishas is tying everything together with our roots — Cuban traditional music. In the last 40 years, *cubanos* have created a musical treasury that covers the full spectrum of sound. We have diverse rhythms — *cha cha cha*, bolero, *son*, *danzón*, *guaguancó*. There are two or three samples that we use; the rest is original music that we wrote. "537 C.U.B.A." is an adaptation of Compay Segundo's version of "Chanchán." But if you strip away all the elements of hip-hop, you see the basis of our music — in the songs "Atrevido" or "Orishas Llegó," for instance.

Did you start off doing hip-hop?

No. I started singing at the age of 8. My influences were Silvio Rodriguez and Pablo Milanes, the maximum exponents of the *nueva trova* sound. Later, I studied classical guitar at the University of Havana. My traditional influences came out. I started playing with traditional music bands. Later I met up with one of the pioneering Cuban hip-hop groups, La Amenaza. Together we became Orishas.

Is there a hip-hop scene in Cuba?

There are about 300 hip-hop groups, but only one or two clubs that you can go to. The organization isn't there yet. Little by little, there are some festivals, but hip-hop isn't something that is on the tip of anyone's tongue.

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SANTA SABINA
MAR ADENTRO EN LA SANGRE

SANTA SABINA

Mar Adentro En La Sangre (Babel Discos) On *Mar Adentro En La Sangre* (rough translation: "Sea Inside The Blood"), underground rock diva Rita Guerrero laments and wails over a mix of classical, jazz-influenced art-rock and esoteric lyrics that teases your serotonin with psychedelic twists and turns.

Taking its name of Mexico's most celebrated shaman, Sabina — known for her mystical teachings with the aid of hallucinogenic mushrooms — the veteran quintet has, for more than a decade, established a synergy between urban reality and the psycho-spiritual as seen through an expressionist lens. Recording under the guidance of like-minded producers Adrian Belew (King Crimson, Frank Zappa, Talking Heads), Pedro Aznar (Charly García) and Alejandro Marcovich (Caifanes), Santa Sabina has gained a widespread cult following. But after five critically acclaimed albums, including 1998's *Santa Sabina: MTV Unplugged*, the band has stepped away from the unstable trappings of the major labels. *Mar Adentro* is the kind of blessing only Santa Sabina can give. And Guerrero, with her operatic vocals, emerges as a Latin rock answer to the late Ofra Haza.

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PLAY IT AGAIN

GUSTAVO CERATI

Bocanada (BMG U.S. Latin)

After retiring his seminal alt-rock supergroup Soda Stereo with an exhaustive Latin American tour in 1997, singer/guitarist Gustavo Cerati spent a couple of years resting and re-examining his life and career. Last year, a renewed Cerati emerged with his first post-Soda solo effort, the sophisticated electronica-pop offering *Bocanada*. Cerati flirted with electronic devices six years earlier on the radio-friendly *Amor Amarillo*. But here he holds nothing back. Among the best Latin rock albums of 1999 and 2000, the 15-track *Bocanada* — its title referring to puffs of smoke or small epiphanies — explores spiritual themes ("Alma") and the ways love permeates everything. The most Soda-esque song on the album, "Puente," delves deeply into matters of the heart, while the cinematic "Verbo Carne" features the London Session Symphonic Orchestra's feathery strings as a backdrop to Cerati's soothing vocals. Tracks like "Y Si El Humo Está En Foco..." and "Aquí & Ahora" — with their electronic moods and textures — successfully update his sound while maintaining his relevance as a living legend.

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Hot on the heels of music trade Gavin's announcement that it was cutting its Americana section, the newly formed Americana Music Association held its first annual convention in Nashville Nov. 10 and 11. The convention — 367 registrants strong — featured daytime events at the Hilton Suites Hotel and evening music showcases at Jack Legs'. The AMA presented early results of initial audience research, and organized panels on topics like retail and distribution, touring, labels, press and public relations, and the realities of being a niche format.

Notable alterna-twang artists Jim Lauderdale, Sam Bush, Mike Ireland & Holler, Jeff Black, Chris Knight, Sleepy LaBeef, Trent Summar & The New Row Mob, Jamie

Hartford, Rhonda Vincent, Rodney Crowell, Greg Trooper, and Bill Lloyd performed at night, and also made special daytime appearances at the hotel. The new AMA board — which consists of various label reps, artists, managers, and promoters — is currently seeking a new home for an Americana chart and column. • The Go-Go's are in the studio working their first album in 16 years.

The Fort Apache tandem of Sean Slade and Paul Kolderie (Juliana Hatfield, Buffalo Tom, Radiohead, Hole) is manning the boards for the reunion, which features original members Belinda Carlisle, Gina

Shock, Charlotte Caffey, Kathy Valentine, and Jane Wiedlin. Look for it on the Beyond label in spring 2001. • Aimee Mann is calling *Ultimate Collection*, a new best-of



Aimee Mann

compilation released by Hip-O/MCA, a "wretched fraud." In a posting on aimeemann.com, the singer-songwriter — who's been in numerous label scraps through the years — writes, "I want to give everyone a heads-up about this CD, because it was not only something that I had nothing to do with, it's a product I consider to be seriously substandard and misleading." Mann claims that she was barred from participating in the Hip-O collection, and urges fans to wait for a collection of her own making. • Former Soul Coughing frontman M. Doughty has released the solo acoustic album, *Skittish*, via superspecialquestions.com.

Available on CD, it features several new tracks, along with a cover of Mary J. Blige's "Real Love," which segues into the Feelies' "It's Only

Life." Though Doughty is selling the album on his own, he's reportedly looking for a new label. •

Folk-pop troubadour Ellis Paul has just released two early albums on CD that were previously only available on cassette. Each about a decade old, *On Am I Home* and *Urban Folk Songs* offer a

portrait of an artist developing his signature sound. Fans should enjoy the familiar live favorites "Ashes To Dust" and "Jest A Jester Fool," all available on CD for the first time. For copies, contact Ralph Jacodine Management at

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SOUTHERN CULTURE ON THE SKIDS

Liquored Up And Lacquered Down (Emusic.com-TVT)

Southern Culture On The Skids' Rick Miller was first raised in North Carolina, where his father ran a mobile home factory, and later in California. So it's hardly a surprise that his songs mix hillbilly white-trash stomps with West Coast surf and swamp rock. SCOTS' last album, 1997's *Plastic Seat Sweat*, was released by Geffen. But the combined Emusic.com-TVT offer tempted the band to a new home. Regardless of label affiliation, it's hard to miss SCOTS' raucous mix of styles. The title track rips it up with a Tex-Mex horn section warmed-up Southern style by a Jimmy Buffet-inspired melody and party vibe. "Damaged Goods" is dished out à la Mississippi blues, as Miller sings of a big-haired vixen: "Pours herself a drink of gin/ She likes the booze 'cause it makes her thin." SCOTS also churns out the obligatory, tonk-tinged "tears in my beer" song, "Drunk And Lonesome (Again)," complete with a humorously cheap modulation at the end.

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Release Date: Oct. 31; at radio now

BEN SWIFT BAND

Cud (Stone Bone)

The Ben Swift Band is certainly one of the more unusually configured trios you're likely to hear. Consisting of Ben Swift on vocals and guitar, Scott Kessel on drums and Dan Fox on trombone, the group has tossed out the bass guitar to make room for some slippery brass. And while they're only three, the Ben Swift band takes a folk-rock core and throws in nearly everything but the kitchen sink ("House On Fire" has a percussion section that includes pots, pans and congas). But while eclecticism pervades the instrumentation, the focus remains on warm songwriting and emotive vocals.

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SOULFARM

Live At Wetlands (Phoenix Presents)

Founded in New York City by dual lead guitarists/vocalists Noah Solomon Chase and C. Lanzbom, Soulfarm employs three-part harmonies to announce a high-intensity band that pairs classic rock with blues and funk. *Live At Wetlands* features Soulfarm in its natural live habitat — which, on the night this album was recorded, included Hammond B-3 wizard T. Lavitz, who's toured with Widespread Panic and Dixie Dregs. "Wake Me" and "Don't Stop Now" are impressive enough originals, but it's on the Grateful Dead's "Sugaree" where the band seems most comfortable "jamming," laying down the album's tightest groove.

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TRIPLE A

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TW	LW	2W	PK	WKS	ARTIST + TITLE	LABEL
1	8	8	1	8	MARK KNOPFLER Sailing To Philadelphia	Warner Bros.
2	1	3	1	6	PAUL SIMON You're The One	Warner Bros.
3	2	6	2	4	PJ HARVEY Stories From The City, Stories From...	Island-IDJMG
4	4	9	4	5	JOHNNY CASH American III: Solitar...	American-Columbia-CRG
5	3	1	1	8	RADIOHEAD Kid A	Capitol
6	6	2	1	11	EMMYLOU HARRIS Red Dirt Girl	Nonesuch
7	18	32	7	3	U2 All That You Can't Leave Behind	Interscope
8	13	19	8	7	KEB' MO' The Door	550-Epic
9	5	5	2	11	JOHN HIATT Crossing Muddy Waters	Vanguard
10	9	10	9	5	SONNY LANDRETH Levee Town	Sugar Hill
11	7	4	4	7	VAN MORRISON & LINDA GAIL LEWIS Exile-Pointblank-Virgin	
12	20	38	12	3	MARTIN SEXTON Wonder Bar	Atlantic
13	12	13	4	9	SHEMEKIA COPELAND Wicked	Alligator
14	15	18	14	3	JOE JACKSON Night & Day 2	Sony Classical
15	17	31	15	5	MERLE HAGGARD If I Could Only Fly	Anti-Epitaph
16	14	16	14	5	SARAH HARMER You Were Here	Zoë-Rounder
17	38	-	17	2	SOUNDTRACK Genghis Blues	Six Degrees
18	16	22	16	4	R.L. BURNSIDE Wish I Was In Heaven...	Fat Possum-Epitaph
19	39	-	19	2	DOVES Lost Souls	Astralwerks
20	22	-	20	2	VARIOUS ARTISTS Badlands: A Tribute...	Sub Pop
21	21	30	13	7	BADLY DRAWN BOY The Hour Of...	XL-Beggars Banquet
22	10	7	1	9	WILLIE NELSON Milk Cow Blues	Island-Idjmg
23	32	-	23	2	FATBOY SLIM Halfway Between The Gutter...	Astralwerks
24	11	11	2	14	DAR WILLIAMS The Green World	Razor & Tie
25	36	25	18	11	RYAN ADAMS Heartbreaker	Bloodshot
26	25	17	14	7	AMY CORREIA Carnival Love	Capitol
					#1 DEBUT	
27	-	-	27	1	AMY RIGBY The Sugar Tree	Koch
28	31	39	28	3	STRANGEFOLK A Great Long While	Strangefolk
29	R	29	16	8	SEA AND CAKE Oui	Thrill Jockey
30	R	26	2	10	BJÖRK Selmasongs	Elektra-EEG
31	30	20	16	6	KASEY CHAMBERS The Captain	Asylum-Warner Bros.
32	29	27	27	3	MEDESKI MARTIN AND WOOD The Dropper	Blue Note
33	R	35	22	7	HOOVERPHONIC The Magnificent Tree	Epic
					#2 DEBUT	
34	-	-	34	1	DAVID SYLVIAN Everything And Nothing	Virgin
35	R	-	16	7	HOT CLUB OF COWTOWN Devilish Mary	Hightone
36	-	-	36	1	ZIGGY MARLEY AND THE MELODY MAKERS Live...	Elektra-EEG
37	35	36	3	13	VICTORIA WILLIAMS Water To Drink	Atlantic
38	-	-	38	1	PEPE DELUXE Super Sound	Emperor Norton
39	33	34	1	16	GREG BROWN Covenant	Red House
40	26	14	11	8	JOAN OSBORNE Righteous Love	Interscope

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ADDS

1	SOUNDTRACK	O Brother, Where Art Thou?	Mercury Nashville
2	BLUR	The Best Of	Virgin
3	JURASSIC-5	W.O.E. Is Me (CD5)	Interscope
4	MATTHEW SWEET	Time Capsule 1990-2000	Zoo-Volcano
5	MATH & SCIENCE	Math & Science	Brick Red

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TW	LW	2W	PK	WKS	ARTIST + TITLE	LABEL	TW	LW	2W	PK	WKS	ARTIST + TITLE	LABEL
					#1 CORE		49	51	54	49	5	LINKIN PARK Hybrid Theory	Warner Bros.
1	2	2	1	4	PJ HARVEY Stories From The City...	Island-IDJMG						#3 DEBUT	
2	1	1	1	8	RADIOHEAD Kid A	Capitol	50	—	—	50	1	VARIOUS ARTISTS Shanti Project Collection 2	Badman
3	3	4	3	5	JOHNNY CASH American III	American-Columbia-CRG						#4 DEBUT	
4	4	31	4	3	U2 All That You Can't Leave Behind	Interscope	51	—	—	51	1	NINE INCH NAILS Things Falling Apart	Nothing-Interscope
5	9	17	5	4	ELYSIAN FIELDS Queen Of The Meadow	Jetset	52	35	67	35	3	MAGNETOPHONE I Guess Sometimes I Need To Be Reminded... 4AD	
6	12	12	6	6	SUPERDRAG In The Valley Of Dying Stars	Arena Rock	53	60	50	50	6	ORGY Vapor Transmission	Elementree-Reprise
					#1 HIP-HOP		54	158	—	54	2	Q AND NOT U No Kill No Beep Beep	Dischord
7	8	21	7	4	OUTKAST StanKonia	La-Face-Arista	55	34	23	14	10	TITAN Elevator	Virgin
8	5	6	5	6	NEW FOUND GLORY New Found Glory	Drive Thru-MCA	56	45	41	34	6	PLASTILINA MOSH Juan Manuel	Astralwerks
9	28	146	9	3	FATBOY SLIM Halfway Between The Gutter And The...	Astralwerks						#1 TRIPLE A	
					#1 JAZZ		57	99	82	57	6	MARK KNOPFLER Sailing To Philadelphia	Warner Bros.
10	15	27	10	4	MEDESKI MARTIN AND WOOD The Dropper	Blue Note	58	—	—	58	1	SICK OF IT ALL Yours Truly	Fat Wreck Chords
11	16	128	11	3	DELTRON 3030 Deltron 3030	75 Ark	59	74	51	51	5	MEAT PUPPETS Golden Lies	Breaking-Atlantic
12	10	22	10	5	PALO ALTO Palo Alto	American-Columbia-CRG	60	77	—	60	2	VARIOUS ARTISTS Strait Up	Immortal-Virgin
13	42	—	13	2	VARIOUS ARTISTS Badlands: A Tribute...	Sub Pop	61	57	58	43	7	ELENI MANDELL Thrill	Space Baby
14	6	3	2	10	BADLY DRAWN BOY The Hour Of...	XL-Beggars Banquet	62	58	113	58	5	TALIB KWELI AND HI-TEK Reflection Eternal	Rawkus
15	7	10	7	5	DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE Forbidden Love E.P.	Barsuk	63	37	19	7	10	J MASCIS + THE FOG More Light	Ultimatum
16	19	40	16	3	ADD N TO (X) Add Insult To Injury	Mute	64	105	—	64	2	SUNSHINE Velvet Suicide	Big Wheel Recreation
					#1 RPM		65	136	—	65	2	LILYS Selected (EP)	File 13
17	18	30	17	4	RONI SIZE/REPRASENT In The Mode	Island-IDJMG	66	94	154	66	3	ONEIDA Come On Everybody Let's Rock	Jagjaguwar
18	11	15	11	6	GOMEZ Abandoned Shopping Trolley Hotline	Hut-Virgin	67	—	—	67	1	DASHBOARD CONFESSINAL The Swiss Army Roman...	Drive-Thru
19	13	28	13	4	LESS THAN JAKE Border & Boundaries	Fat Wreck Chords	68	53	32	15	8	DON CABALLERO American Don	Touch And Go
20	36	127	20	3	POE Haunted	Atlantic	69	—	—	69	1	BLUR The Best Of	Virgin
					#1 DEBUT		70	55	43	43	5	RICHARD BUCKNER The Hill	Overcoat
21	—	—	21	1	SOUTHERN CULTURE ON THE SKIDS Liquored Up...	TVT	71	56	94	56	3	PELICAN CITY Rhode Island	December First
22	26	37	22	4	BRATMOBILE Ladies, Women And Girls	Lookout!	72	54	55	54	5	HIGH LLAMAS Buzzle Bee	Drag City
23	17	13	13	8	WESTON The Massed Albert Sounds	Mojo	73	85	119	73	3	TUPAC SHAKUR The Rose That Grew...	Amaru-Interscope
24	22	24	19	5	KARATE Unsolved	Southern	74	71	76	71	6	REEVES GABRELS Ulysses	E-Magine
25	24	5	5	9	HOOVERPHONIC The Magnificent Tree	Epic	75	97	123	75	4	MERLE HAGGARD If I Could Only Fly	Anti-Epitaph

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PJ Harvey

1 DEBUT



Southern Culture
On The Skids

2 DEBUT

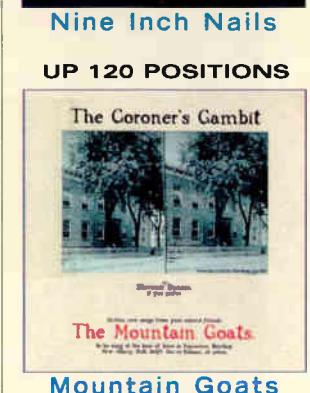
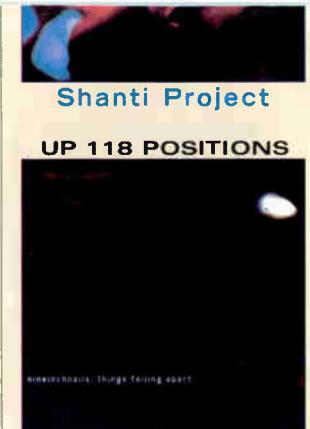


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3 DEBUT



26	29	33	26	6	COLDPLAY	Parachutes	Nettwerk-Capitol	76	84	141	76	4	A3	La Peste	Columbia-CRG	
27	30	34	27	4	GURU	Jazzmatazz: Street Soul	Virgin	77	121	136	77	3	JOE JACKSON	Night & Day 2	Sony Classical	
28	21	29	21	6	DOVES	Lost Souls	Astralwerks	78	86	57	46	11	EMMYLOU HARRIS	Red Dirt Girl	Nonesuch	
29	20	8	7	8	ELF POWER	The Winter Is Coming	Elephant Six-Sugar Free	79	44	20	2	13	GO-BETWEENS	The Friends Of Rachel Worth	Jetset	
					UP 120 POSITIONS				80	46	42	42	4	ALUMINUM GROUP	Pelo	Hefty
30	150	-	30	2	MOUNTAIN GOATS	The Coroner's Gambit	Absolutely Kosher	81	-	-	81	1	PIZZICATO FIVE	The Fifth Release From Matador	Matador	
31	14	7	5	9	BLACK EYED PEAS	Bridging The Gap	Interscope	82	78	115	78	4	JOY ZIPPER	Joy Zipper	Bar/None	
32	23	11	11	8	GREEN DAY	Warning	Reprise	83	120	130	83	3	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Stoned Immaculate	Elektra-EEG	
33	25	9	1	11	BJÖRK	Selmasongs	Elektra-EEG	84	-	-	84	1	PLACES	The Autopilot Knows You Best	Absolutely Kosher	
34	38	44	31	6	VERSUS	Hurrah	Merge	85	82	95	82	6	PAUL SIMON	You're The One	Warner Bros.	
35	73	91	35	3	JOSEPH ARTHUR	Live From The Gypsy Tearoom	Realworld-Virgin	86	154	-	86	2	MAN OF THE YEAR	The Future Is Not Now	Tiny Beat-Loveless	
36	41	52	36	4	R.L. BURNSIOE	Wish I Was In Heaven Sittin'...	Fat Possum-Epitaph	87	-	-	87	1	LOW	Christmas	Chair Kickers' Union-Kranky	
37	31	14	3	10	SEA AND CAKE	Oui	Thrill Jockey	88	122	-	88	2	HOPEWELL	The Curved Glass	Priapus	
					#2 DEBUT				89	89	117	89	3	EVERLAST	Eat At Whitey's	Tommy Boy
38	-	-	38	1	DRESSY BESSY	The California EP	Kindercore	90	40	38	19	8	BROADCAST	Extended Play Two	Warp-Tommy Boy	
39	27	16	1	13	AT THE DRIVE-IN	Relationship Of Command	Grand Royal	91	59	75	49	8	SUBMARINE	Skin Diving	Kinetic-Reprise	
40	64	68	40	4	RUSSELL SIMINS	Public Places	Grand Royal	92	-	-	92	1	TWILIGHT CIRCUS DUB SOUND SYSTEM	Dub...	Netherlands	
41	76	85	41	4	EMILIANA TORRINI	Love In The Time Of Science	Virgin	93	88	167	88	3	BARCELONA	ZeRo-oNe-INFINITY	March	
42	33	18	8	10	SELF	Gizmodgery	Spongobath	94	48	35	32	8	CINERAMA	Disco Volante	Manifesto	
43	61	-	43	2	EUPHONE	Hashin' It Out	Jade Tree	95	83	161	83	3	PEPE DELUXE	Super Sound	Emperor Norton	
44	43	63	43	7	CATCH 22	Alone In A Crowd	Victory	96	69	83	69	5	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Xen Cuts	Ninja Tune	
45	52	60	45	4	SONGS: OHIA	Ghost Tropic	Secretly Canadian	97	65	74	65	4	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Take A Bite Outta Rhyme	Republic	
46	32	26	21	5	IDAHO	Hearts Of Palm	Idaho Music	98	-	-	98	1	SILVER SCOOTER	Good Bye (EP)	Peek-A-Boo	
47	39	25	14	7	GODSPEED YOU BLACK EMPEROR!	Lift Your Skinny Fists...	Kranky	99	137	185	99	3	PAUL OAKENFOLO	Perfecto Presents: Another World	London-Sire	
48	47	47	47	4	VARIOUS ARTISTS	We Thank You - Kindercore Fifty	Kindercore	100	-	-	100	1	YO LA TENGO	Danelectro (EP)	Matador	



The Coroner's Gambit

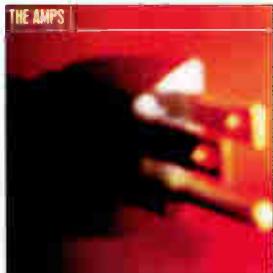
 The Mountain Goats
 The Coroner's Gambit EP

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1 AMPS
Pacer (4AD/Elektra-EEG)

2 BOSS HOG
Boss Hog (DGC)

3 SMASHING PUMPKINS
Mellon Collie And The Infinite Sadness (Virgin)

4 RENTALS
Return Of The Rentals (Maverick-Reprise)

5 ROCKET FROM THE CRYPT
Scream, Dracula, Scream! (Interscope)



10 YEARS AGO

1 CHARLATANS UK
Some Friendly (Beggars Banquet-RCA)

2 JANE'S ADDICTION
Ritual De Lo Habitual (Warner Bros.)

3 THE CURE
Mixed Up (Elektra)

4 POGUES
Hell's Ditch (Island)

5 VARIOUS ARTISTS
Red Hot + Blue (Chrysalis)

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101	107	102	99	9	JOHN HIATT Crossing Muddy Waters	Vanguard
102	93	99	93	4	MONSIEUR LEROC Le Slow Motion Boogie Woogie	Cornerstone Ras-Skunk
103	67	53	53	5	LIMP BIZKIT Chocolate Starfish And The Hot Dog Flavored Water	Flip-Interscope
104	—	—	104	1	COLLIDE Chasing The Ghost	Noiseplus
105	113	125	78	5	33.3 Plays Music	Aesthetics
106	50	56	50	5	SWINGIN' UTTERS Swingin' Utters	Fat Wreck Chords
107	119	100	100	4	RED SNAPPER Our Aim Is To Satisfy Red Snapper	Matador
108	132	71	33	7	BLONDE REDHEAD Melodie Citronique (EP)	Touch And Go
109	49	36	10	11	SQUIRREL NUT ZIPPERS Bedlam Ballroom	Mammoth
110	—	—	110	1	NATION OF ULYSSES The Embassy Tapes	Dischord
111	75	96	75	5	COMAS A Def Needle In Tomorrow	Plastique-Yep Roc
112	100	138	100	3	GODSMACK Awake	Republic
113	129	107	94	6	SARAH HARMER You Were Here	Zoë-Rounder
114	72	80	72	3	PENNYWISE Live@The Key Club	Epitaph
115	—	—	115	1	KREIDLER Kreidler	Wonder-Mute
116	70	49	32	9	WILLIE NELSON Milk Cow Blues	Island-IDJMG
117	95	188	95	5	COCO Coco	K
118	187	195	118	5	FRIGATE Blow Me Down	Spinning
119	161	—	119	2	ASHTRAY BABYHEAD Radio	Glue Factory
120	166	156	120	5	KEB'MO' The Door	550-Epic
121	101	64	51	10	BARENAKED LADIES Maroon	Reprise
122	63	65	59	6	JEJUNE R.I.P.	Big Wheel Recreation
123	—	—	123	1	BEVIS FROND Valedictory Songs	Rubric
124	170	—	124	2	TRISTAN PSIONIC Mind The Gap	Sonic Unyon
125	92	73	66	6	CHICKS ON SPEED The Unreleases	K
126	91	98	91	4	WALLFLOWERS Breach	Interscope
127	185	—	127	2	MARTIN SEXTON Wonder Bar	Atlantic
128	66	39	25	8	TWILIGHT SINGERS Twilight As Played By The Twilight Singers	Columbia-CRG
129	111	101	101	7	FASTBALL The Harsh Light Of Day	Hollywood
130	96	133	96	4	DAVID HOLMES Bow Down To The Exit Sign	1500
131	—	—	131	1	EVERCLEAR Songs From An American Movie, Vol. 2: Good Time For A Bad...	Capitol
132	106	62	3	14	ELASTICA The Menace	Atlantic
133	159	112	112	4	LENNY KRAVITZ Greatest Hits	Virgin
134	163	—	134	2	PAPER CHASE Young Bodies Heal Quickly, You Know	Beatville
135	87	103	87	5	JEBEDIAH Of Someday Shambles	Big Wheel Recreation
136	169	126	124	6	COLLECTIVE SOUL Blender	Atlantic
137	—	—	137	1	LUNGFISH Necrophones	Dischord
138	140	177	138	3	ORANGER The Quiet Vibration Land	Amazing Grease
139	145	168	139	3	JOY DIVISION The Complete BBC Recordings	Fuel 2000
140	174	179	140	3	SONNY LANDRETH Levee Town	Sugar Hill
141	—	—	141	1	MARILYN MANSON Holy Wood	Nothing-Interscope
142	124	—	124	2	EARLIMART Kingdom Of Champions	Devil In The Woods
143	133	—	133	2	SINCLAIRE Attention Teenage Girls	Sonic Unyon
144	112	145	112	3	SELBY TIGERS Charm City	Hopeless
145	—	—	145	1	SOUNDTRACK Genghis Blues	Six Degrees
146	R	173	146	2	DIABLO PROJECT Volume 1	E-magine
147	180	—	147	2	SAD ROCKETS Transition	Matador
148	110	116	110	5	LAIKA & THE COSMONAUTS Absurdistan	Yep Rock
149	81	78	71	7	MOCEAN WORKER Aural & Hearty	Palm Pictures
150	—	—	150	1	FRENCH KICKS Young Lawyer (EP)	Star Time

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151	68	150	68	3	STATE OF BENGAL	Visual Audio	Six Degrees
152	—	—	152	1	OFFSPRING	Conspiracy Of One	Columbia-CRG
153	134	122	104	7	MOVIELIFE	This Time Next Year	Revelation
154	148	—	116	3	SWEARING AT MOTORISTS	Number Seven Uptown	Secretly Canadian
155	109	89	89	5	ENEMYMINE	The Ice In Me	Up
156	130	148	130	3	SPOON	Loveways (EP)	Merge
157	—	—	157	1	DELGADOS	Great Eastern/No Danger (CD5)	Chemical Underground
158	—	—	158	1	FARAQUET	The View From This Tower	Dischord
159	98	121	98	4	MARK ROBINSON	Tiger Banana	Teenbeat
160	—	—	160	1	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Hi-Fidelity Lounge: Volume Two	Guidance
161	79	46	19	12	SAINT GERMAIN	Tourist	Blue Note
162	147	129	48	11	RYAN ADAMS	Heartbreaker	Bloodshot
163	164	151	104	8	SHEMEKIA COPELAND	Wicked	Alligator
164	103	97	97	5	VAN MORRISON & LINDA GAIL LEWIS	You Win Again	Exile-Pointblank-Virgin
165	—	—	165	1	GOOD LIFE	Novena On A Nocturn	Better Looking
166	186	84	9	12	MAN OR ASTRO-MAN?	A Spectrum Of Infinite Scale	Touch And Go
167	80	—	77	6	ROCK*A*TEENS	Sweet Bird Of Youth	Merge
168	178	—	168	2	SOUNDTRACK	Little Nicky	Maverick
169	90	72	1	15	DE LA SOUL	Art Official Intelligence: Mosaic Thump	Tommy Boy
170	—	—	170	1	FIVE FOR FIGHTING	America Town	Aware-Columbia-CRG
171	183	105	73	9	SIGUR ROS	Agaetis Byrjun	Fat Cat-Bubble Core
172	—	—	172	1	EASTERN YOUTH	Eastern Youth	Toys Factory
173	171	—	171	2	CHRISTIAN MARCLAY/OTOMO YOSHIHIDE	Moving Parts	Asphodel
174	135	104	104	3	JIGSAW SEEN	Zenith	Vibro-phonics
175	128	132	71	14	DAR WILLIAMS	The Green World	Razor & Tie
176	R	170	86	10	MOVETONE	The Blossom Filled Streets	Drag City
177	R	—	136	3	GAZA STRIPPERS	1000 Watt Confessions	Lookout!
178	—	—	178	1	UNSUNG HEROES	Unleashed	Scenario-75 Ark
179	175	118	114	5	ERIN MCKEOWN	Distillation	Signature Sounds
180	141	142	81	6	DEATHRAY DAVIES	The Return Of The Drunk Ventriloquist	Idol
181	—	—	181	1	BIKERIDE	Summer Winners/Summer Losers	Hidden Agenda-Parasol
182	102	79	3	24	DANDY WARHOLS	Thirteen Tales From Urban Bohemia/Tales From...	Capitol
183	160	134	12	15	VAST	Music For People	Elektra-EEG
184	139	88	15	11	MOONEY SUZUKI	People Get Ready	Estrus
185	116	109	109	4	INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	International Airport	Overcoat
186	108	—	108	2	BUDDYREVELLES	American Matador	Motorcoat
187	—	—	187	1	MOBY	Play: The B-Sides	V2
188	125	155	125	7	LOWER EAST SIDE STITCHES	Lower East Side	Ng-Artemis
189	155	—	155	2	SEVENTEEN	Bikini Pie Fight	Xoff-V2
190	R	140	140	5	JOAN OSBORNE	Righteous Love	Interscope
191	167	—	167	2	INSTRUMENTAL	Acoustek	Angel
192	—	—	192	1	BUILD YOUR OWN RADIO	Build Your Own Radio	Bumblebear
193	146	59	3	13	JETS TO BRAZIL	Four Cornered Night	Jade Tree
194	R	—	186	2	AIX EM KLEMM	Aix Em Klemm	Kranky
195	—	—	195	1	BIRDWATCHER	The Darkest Hour Is Just Before Dawn	Arena Rock
196	R	162	162	2	ASHLEY PARK	Town And Country	Kindercore
197	126	—	91	6	QUINTRON	Internal Feedback 001-011	Bulb
198	199	—	198	2	BAXENDALE	You Will Have Your Revenge	Le Grand Magistry
199	—	—	199	1	KLEENEX GIRL WONDER	Why I Write Such Good Songs	March
200	R	—	195	2	SCHEMA	Schema	5 Rue Christine



15 YEARS AGO

- 1 HÜSKER DÜ
Flip Your Wig (SST)

- 2 HOODOO GURUS
Mars Needs Guitars
(Big Time)

- 3 SIMPLE MINDS
Once Upon A Time (A&M)

- 4 THE CURE
The Head On The Door
(Elektra)

- 5 ALARM
Strength (I.R.S.)



20 YEARS AGO

- 1 DAVID BOWIE
Scary Monsters (RCA)

- 2 BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN
The River (Columbia)

- 3 B-52's
Wild Planet (Warner Bros.)

- 4 POLICE
Zenyatta Mondatta (A&M)

- 5 ELVIS COSTELLO
Taking Liberties (Columbia)

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TW	LW	2W	PK	WKS	ARTIST + TITLE	LABEL	TW	LW	2W	PK	WKS	ARTIST + TITLE	LABEL
1	2	2	1	4	PJ HARVEY Stories From The City, Stories Fr...	Island-IDJMG	37	34	75	34	3	PELICAN CITY Rhode Island	December First
2	3	4	2	4	JOHNNY CASH American III	American-Columbia-CRG	38	18	61	18	3	MAGNETOPHONE I Guess Sometimes I Need To Be...	4AD
3	1	1	1	7	RADIOHEAD Kid A	Capitol	39	67	—	39	2	EMILIANA TORRINI Love In The Time Of Science	Virgin
4	5	20	4	3	ADD N TO (X) Add Insult To Injury	Mute	40	36	36	33	5	NEW FOUND GLORY New Found Glory	Drive Thru-Mca
5	4	—	4	2	DELTRON 3030 Deltron 3030	75 Ark	41	—	—	41	1	VARIOUS ARTISTS Shanti Project Collection 2	Badman
6	21	11	6	6	SUPERDRAG In The Valley Of Dying Stars	Arena Rock	42	—	—	42	1	LILYS Selected (EP)	File 13
7	14	29	7	3	OUTKAST Stankonia	LaFace-Arista	43	47	—	43	2	EUPHONE Hashin' It Out	Jade Tree
8	16	—	8	2	FATBOY SLIM Halfway Between The Gutter And...	Astralwerks	44	31	24	7	8	BLACK EYED PEAS Bridging The Gap	Interscope
9	9	16	9	4	MEDESKI MARTIN AND WOOD The Dropper	Blue Note	45	30	40	30	5	HIGH LLAMAS Puzzle Bee	Drag City
10	13	23	10	4	BRATMOBILE Ladies, Women And Girls	Lookout!	46	53	62	46	4	ELENI MANDELL Thrill	Space Baby
11	11	32	11	4	RONI SIZE/REPREAZENT In The Mode	Island-IDJMG	47	26	12	12	5	IDAHO Hearts Of Palm	Idaho Music
12	24	41	12	3	ELYSIAN FIELDS Queen Of The Meadow	Jetset	48	45	—	45	2	TALIB KWELI AND HI-TEK Reflection Eternal	Rawkus
13	42	—	13	2	VARIOUS ARTISTS Badlands: A Tribute To...	Sub Pop	49	55	28	21	9	EMMYLOU HARRIS Red Dirt Girl	Nonesuch
14	17	33	14	5	VERSUS Hurrah	Merge	50	61	66	40	4	33.3 Plays Music	Aesthetics
					#1 DEBUT		51	49	55	44	5	PAUL SIMON You're The One	Warner Bros.
15	—	—	15	1	MOUNTAIN GOATS The Coroner's Gambit	Absolutely Kosher	52	—	—	52	1	SUNSHINE Velvet Suicide	Big Wheel Recreation
16	7	3	3	9	BADLY DRAWN BOY The Hour Of...	XI-Beggars Banquet	53	R	65	17	5	BLONDE REDHEAD Melodie Citronique (EP)	Touch And Go
17	20	43	17	3	U2 All That You Can't Leave Behind	Interscope	54	44	52	44	4	SONGS: OHIA Ghost Tropic	Secretly Canadian
18	6	8	6	5	DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE Forbidden Love E.P.	Barsuk	55	—	—	55	1	PLACES The Autopilot Knows You Best	Absolutely Kosher
19	10	6	4	7	ELF POWER The Winter Is Coming	Elephant Six-Sugar Free	56	—	—	56	1	KREIDLER Kreidler	Wonder-Mute
20	12	22	12	4	GOMEZ Abandoned Shopping Trolley Hotline	Hut-Virgin	57	—	—	57	1	TWILIGHT CIRCUS DUB Sound...	M
21	19	19	19	3	PALO ALTO Palo Alto	American-Columbia-CRG	58	32	13	13	8	CINERAMA Disco Volante	Manifesto
22	8	10	8	6	DOVES Lost Souls	Astralwerks	59	43	56	43	4	VARIOUS ARTISTS Xen Cuts	Ninja Tune
					#2 DEBUT		60	68	—	60	2	ONEIDA Come On Everybody Let's Rock	Jagjaguwar
23	—	—	23	1	Q AND NOT U No Kill No Beep Beep	Dischord	61	—	—	61	1	PAUL OAKENFOLD Perfecto Presents	London-Sire
24	33	37	24	3	GURU'S JAZZMATAZZ: Volume 3: Streetsoul	Virgin	62	28	25	1	13	AT THE DRIVE-IN Relationship Of Command	Grand Royal
25	15	7	1	9	SEA AND CAKE Oui	Thrill Jockey	63	29	18	18	4	RICHARD BUCKNER The Hill	Overcoat
					#3 DEBUT		64	—	—	64	1	KEB'MO' The Door	550-Epic
26	—	—	26	1	DRESSY BESSY The California EP	Kindercore	65	37	14	9	8	DON CABALLERO American Don	Touch And Go
27	23	26	23	6	COLDPLAY Parachutes	Nettwerk-Capitol	66	—	—	66	1	NATION OF ULYSSES The Embassy Tapes	Dischord
28	—	—	28	1	JOSEPH ARTHUR Live From The Gypsy...	Realworld-Virgin	67	—	—	67	1	JOHN HIATT Crossing Muddy Waters	Vanguard
29	52	—	29	2	POE Haunted	Atlantic	68	—	—	68	1	MERLE HAGGARD If I Could Only Fly	Anti-Epitaph
30	62	47	30	4	MARK KNOPFLER Sailing To Philadelphia	Warner Bros.	69	—	—	69	1	RED SNAPPER Our Aim Is To Satisfy Red Snapper	Matador
31	27	39	27	4	R.L. BURNSIDE Wish I Was In Heaven...	Fat Possum-Epitaph	70	63	60	60	4	VARIOUS ARTISTS We Thank You	Kindercore
32	22	17	17	5	KARATE Unsolved	Southern	71	—	—	71	1	MARTIN SEXTON Wonder Bar	Atlantic
33	38	9	9	8	HOOVERPHONIC The Magnificent Tree	Epic	72	35	31	30	4	ALUMINUM GROUP Pelo	Hefty
34	25	5	5	7	GODSPEED YOU BLACK EMPEROR! Lift Your...	Kranky	73	50	42	34	4	PLASTILINA MOSH Juan Manuel	Astralwerks
35	—	—	35	1	SOUTHERN CULTURE ON THE SKIDS Liquored Up And...	TVT	74	—	—	74	1	LUNGFISH Necrophones	Dischord
36	69	—	36	2	RUSSELL SIMINS Public Places	Grand Royal	75	—	—	75	1	BARCELONA ZeRo-oNe-INFINITY	March

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POSITION	TOTAL ADDS	ARTIST + TITLE	LABEL
1	199	BLUR The Best Of	Virgin
2	110	JURASSIC-5 W.O.E. Is Me (EP)	Interscope
3	76	GARAGELANDO Do What You Want	Foodchain
4	73	MATTHEW SWEET Time Capsule 1990-2000: The Best Of	Zoo-Volcano
5	58	DWEZZIL ZAPPA Automatic	Favored Nations
6	55	ARSON WELLES Inside The System Is The Spark	Arson Welles
7	53	CAFETERIA Knee Deep	Backburner
8	52	GODHEAD The Reckoning (CD5)	Posthuman-Priority
9	50	MATH & SCIENCE Math & Science	Brick Red
10	50	WU-TANG CLAN The W	Loud-Columbia-CRG
11	35	HELMS The Swimmer	Kimchee
12	35	KEPLER Fuck Fight Fail	Troubleman Unlimited
13	30	ERYKAH BADU Mama's Gun	Motown
14	28	SUBZONE Paranoid Landscape	Badman
15	27	PIZZICATO FIVE The Fifth Release From Matador	Matador
16	27	MARACA FIVE-O Headin' South At 110 Per	Smooch
17	21	ECHOBOT Vol. 2	Mute
18	20	EVERCLEAR Songs From An American Movie, Vol. 2	Capitol
19	20	ROSE OF SHARON Even The Air Is Out Of Tune	Espo
20	18	D Volume 3	Dew

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CAFETERIA Knee Deep	Backburner
DWEZZIL ZAPPA Automatic	Favored Nation
ECHOBOT Vol. 2	Mute
ERYKAH BADU Mama's Gun	Universal
FLYBANGER Scenes From Headtrip To Nowhere	Columbia-CRG
SUBZONE Paranoid Landscape	Badman

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OAKOTA SUITE Signal Hill	Badman
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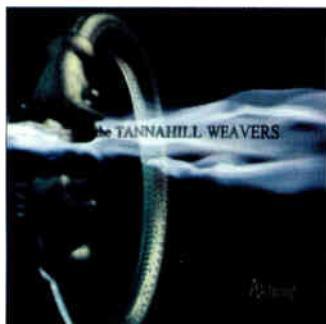
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TANNAHILL WEAVERS

Alchemy (Green Linnet)

For 27 years, the Tannahill Weavers have been known far and wide for their hybrid of traditional Scottish music and modern folk. Not surprisingly, the quintet's latest updates tradition in tasteful, reverent ways. The key to the Tannahill sound

is how acoustic guitarist Roy Gullane interacts with piper Duncan J. Nicholson. It's a thrill to hear Gullane manhandle the guitar, with chopping chords and fierce strums, as Nicholson skips along with his melodies. In some ways, Gullane is probably just trying to be sure he's heard above the din of the pipes, fiddles and whistles. But it conveys the excitement and energy that Celtic music is known for. On the slow songs, the plaintive strums of the guitar interact with the fiddle of John Martin to create the mood of sadness and sorrow that's such an unmistakable part of this musical tradition.

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Release Date: Oct. 24

Serge Gainsbourg, Montefiori Cocktail, France Gall



PARIS COMBO

Living-Room (Tinder)

The sensual sounds of jazz-influenced cabaret music have been a hit with Francophone audiences for years — even before French icon Serge Gainsbourg unleashed his distinctive swinger's pop on the world. On *Living-Room*, it's almost as if Paris Combo heads

back to the late '60s and picks up the thread where Serge left off, concocting delightful jazz-tinged arrangements. With a touch of Edith Piaf's darker, haunted side, vocalist Belle du Berry's voice has just the right blend of whimsy and tragedy to make this album the perfect accompaniment to a night of intrigue in a crowded, smoke-filled nightspot.

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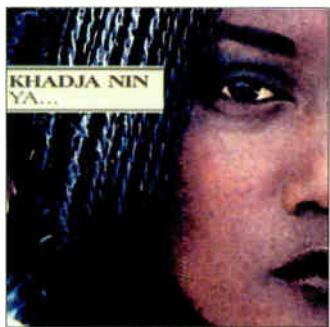
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KHADJA NIN

Ya... (Mondo Melodia)

Hailing from Burundi (a small country bordered by the much larger Zaire and Tanzania), Khadja Nin has seen the world. And it shows on Ya..., her fourth album. Arguably, parts of the release have little to do with "world music." A few tracks are little more than slickly produced Peter Gabriel-esque R&B, with

Nin's soaring vocals sometimes the only reminder that the music didn't originate in England or Los Angeles. That said, there are still several interesting moments in which the singer's roots show through unmistakably — and these save Ya... from being just another disposable attempt at reaching a mass audience.

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NEW WORLD

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TW	LW	ZW	PK	WKS	ARTIST + TITLE	LABEL
1	1	1	1	8	YOUSSOU N'DOUR Joko (The Link)	Nonesuch
2	5	5	2	5	RUBEN GONZALEZ Chanchullo	World Circuit-Nonesuch
3	2	7	2	6	VARIOUS ARTISTS Ethiopiques Vol. 8	Allegro
4	8	20	4	3	KING CHANGO The Return Of El Santo	Luaka Bop
					#1 DEBUT	
5	—	—	5	1	GJALLARHORN Sjofn	Northside
6	7	9	6	5	FRIKYIWA Collection 2	Six Degrees
7	3	8	3	7	SIDESTEPPER More Grip	Palm Pictures
8	6	2	2	11	LOS AMIGOS INVISIBLES Arepa 3000	Luaka Bop
9	15	3	1	11	TABLA BEAT SCIENCE Tala Matrix	Axiom-Palm Pictures
10	4	6	4	8	VARIOUS ARTISTS Afrobeat...No Go Die!	Shanachie
					#2 DEBUT	
11	—	—	11	1	SOUNDTRACK Genghis Blues	Six Degrees
12	—	—	12	1	AMADOU ET MARIAM Tje Ni Mouso	Circular Moves
13	10	11	8	5	HENRI DIKONGUE Mot'a Bobe	Tinder
14	11	—	11	3	STATE OF BENGAL Visual Audio	Six Degrees
15	13	15	13	5	VARIOUS ARTISTS Italian Musical Odyssey	Putumayo
16	20	13	13	4	NATALIA ATLAS The Remix Colle...	Mantra-Beggars Banquet
17	—	—	17	1	OUMOU SANGARE Ko Sira	World Circuit-Nonesuch
18	9	—	9	4	ISRAEL VIBRATION Power Of The Trinity	Ras
19	17	10	6	9	ELIADES OCHOA Tribute To The Cuarteto...	Higher Octave-Virgin
20	—	—	20	1	DJELI MOUSSA DIAWARA & BOB BROZMAN Oce...	Celluloid
21	—	—	21	1	VARIOUS ARTISTS Ground Zero	Shakti
22	—	—	22	1	SAM MANGWANA Sings Dino Vangu	Stern's Africa
23	—	—	23	1	TWILIGHT CIRCUS DUB SOUND SYSTEM D...	M (Netherlands)
24	—	—	24	1	VARIOUS ARTISTS This Is Samba! Vol. 1	Rounder
25	—	—	25	1	PARIS COMBO Living Room	Tinder

Chart information is based on combined airplay reports of New World releases from CMJ's panel of college, commercial and non-commercial radio stations.

Q & A



ELIADES OCHOA

A perennial figure in the Cuban *son* tradition for more than three decades, Eliades Ochoa achieved international recognition only after he participated in the Buena Vista Social Club, a supergroup phenomenon documented on the massively successful self-titled album and like-named film by Wim Wenders. Leader of the Cuarteto Patria since 1978, the singer/guitarist pays homage to the group's legacy and origins on *Tributo Al Cuarto Patria* (Higher Octave), which reaches all the way to 1939. Alternative editor Enrique Lavin recently spoke to Ochoa from his home in Santiago, Cuba, as he prepared to embark on a North American tour.

What is the point of view of *Tributo Al Cuarto Patria*?

I make traditional Cuban *son*, *changui*, *el afro* [Afro-Cuban], *bolero*, the *guaracha*, but with my own style. I don't do the *son* the way that Matamoros did it — that is, I don't take away the harmony or the melody. I don't deconstruct it; I enrich it with my style. And it always has a point of view that is very much part of *el pueblo*, the people.

How would you describe your signature?

When I play, I make sure that no one plays the way that I do. My lead guitar is full of

improvisations. And when I sing, it's a real *guajiro* style. You can't mistake me with anyone else.

Santiago de Cuba is the capital of Cuban traditional music. You even pay tribute to an infamous music venue on "Son A La Casa De La Trova." Have you seen more interest in Santiago from the rest of the world after the Buena Vista Social Club.

In the whole world, everyone knows that Santiago de Cuba is the capital of *son* and Afro[-Cuban music] — the mix of African music and Spanish music. Thanks to Buena Vista, Cuban music has been recognized and given its just place by the rest of the world. More people have come to Santiago to find traditional music and groups.

And locally, have young people renewed their interest in the traditional music?

Sure, even though this form of music has always enjoyed a level of good health, and interest in the country, many more young people have awakened to it. I don't give lessons, but I am talking to a lot of young people about what I know. I give them an orientation to this style of music.

You've been traveling a lot.

I've been traveling since 1981. But ever since Buena Vista, we only go back to Cuba for vacation.

In your travels, what impact have you seen traditional Cuban music make?

There may be music that becomes fashionable, whether it's Caribbean or African or American, but the one thing that is certain is that traditional Cuban music is part of the world music consciousness, and it is not going to leave. The whole world knows.

INTERNET



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Remember the game Celebrity Deadpool, where twisted participants bet on the celebrities most likely to croak and rack up points when their personality of choice actually kicks the bucket? Well, welcome to Fucked Company, a Deadpool site devoted to Internet companies that are on the verge of kicking the bucket (and, as we all know, there is no shortage of such companies at present time). Fucked Company Deadpool players choose three to five companies that they think will get "fucked." Company "fucks" range from general bad news, to minor layoffs, to all-out corporate slaughters. Each "fuck" is assigned a severity factor between one and 100, and players receive points when their selected company is officially "fucked." Fucked Company maintains a list of the top 100 players, but one need not participate in the Deadpool to truly appreciate the site. "Recent Fucks" maintains daily tabs on the latest company adversities, complete with amusing commentary. For example, according to the site, rumor has it that health-and-beauty site eBody.com has closed its offices and forced remaining employees to work in the basement of a house. Some e-tragedies are accompanied by links to heartfelt and pathetic letters written by company CEOs and human resource personnel. Fucked Company also contains message boards so site visitors can comment on current fucks, and lament those of their own.

— Bill Konig

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TW	LW	2W	PK	WKS	ARTIST + TITLE	LABEL
1	1	1	1	8	RADIOHEAD Kid A	Capitol
2	2	3	2	3	PJ HARVEY Stories From The City, Stories From The Sea	Island-Idjmg
3	5	7	3	4	JOHNNY CASH American III: Solitary Man	American-Columbia-Crg
4	7	—	4	2	DELTRON 3030 Deltron 3030	75 Ark
5	15	11	5	4	NEW FOUND GLORY New Found Glory	Drive Thru-MCA
6	8	22	6	3	U2 All That You Can't Leave Behind	Interscope
7	14	—	7	2	OUTKAST Stankonia	Laface-Arista
8	13	10	8	5	DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE Forbidden Love E.P.	Barsuk
9	3	4	2	9	BADLY DRAWN BOY The Hour Of Bewilderbeast	XI-Beggars Banquet
10	R	15	10	4	SUPERDRAG In The Valley Of Dying Stars	Arena Rock
11	25	—	11	2	ELYSIAN FIELDS Queen Of The Meadow	Jetset
#1 DEBUT						
12	—	—	12	1	MEDESKI MARTIN AND WOOD The Dropper	Blue Note
13	10	—	10	2	RONI SIZE/REPREZENT In The Mode	Island-IDJMG
14	11	—	11	2	FATBOY SLIM Halfway Between The Gutter And The Stars	Astralwerks
15	9	—	9	2	ADD N TO (X) Add Insult To Injury	Mute
16	16	23	9	8	BLACK EYED PEAS Bridging The Gap	Interscope
17	4	2	2	7	ELF POWER The Winter Is Coming	Elephant Six-Sugar Free
18	6	5	5	7	GREEN DAY Warning	Reprise
#2 DEBUT						
19	—	—	19	1	LESS THAN JAKE Border & Boundaries	Fat Wreck Chords
20	R	9	9	5	HOOVERPHONIC The Magnificent Tree	Epic
21	12	—	12	2	COLDPLAY Parachutes	Netwerk-Capitol
22	23	21	21	4	GOMEZ Abandoned Shopping Trolley Hotline	Hut-Virgin
23	R	12	12	2	IDAHO Hearts Of Palm	Idaho Music
24	—	—	24	1	SONGS: OHIA Ghost Tropic	Secretly Canadian
25	—	—	25	1	MOUNTAIN GOATS The Coroner's Gambit	Absolutely Kosher

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TW	LW	2W	PK	WKS	ARTIST + TITLE	LABEL
1	—	—	1	1	#1 DEBUT	Capitol
2	—	—	2	1	BEATLES 1	Jive
3	1	1	1	3	BACKSTREET BOYS Black & Blue	Interscope
4	—	—	4	1	U2 All That You Can't Leave Behind	Reprise
5	—	—	5	1	ENYA A Day Without Rain	Epic
6	—	—	6	1	SADE Lover's Rock	Columbia-CRG
7	—	—	7	1	RICKY MARTIN Sound Loaded	Curb
8	2	2	1	4	TIM McGRAW Greatest Hits	Virgin
9	—	—	9	1	LENNY KRAVITZ Greatest Hits	Sony Classical
10	R	—	3	5	CHARLOTTE CHURCH Dream A Dream	Universal
11	—	—	11	1	VARIOUS ARTISTS Now That's What I Call Music 2	Elektra-EEG
12	4	4	1	5	EAGLES Greatest Hits	ATO
13	5	18	5	3	LIMP BIZKIT Chocolate Starfish And The Hot Dog Flavored Water	Maverick-Warner Bros.
14	18	15	14	8	SOUNDTRACK Charlie's Angels	Wind-up
15	10	9	2	8	DAVID GRAY White Ladder	Jive
16	13	11	1	61	MADONNA Music	Columbia-CRG
17	25	—	9	4	CREED Human Clay	ATO
18	—	—	18	1	'N SYNC No Strings Attached	Reprise
19	R	—	1	21	OFFSPRING Conspiracy Of One	Artemis
20	3	3	3	4	BRITNEY SPEARS Oops!...I Did It Again	Motown
21	9	6	1	12	GODSMACK Awake	Warner Bros
22	—	—	22	1	BARENAKED LADIES Maroon	MCA
23	—	—	23	1	BAHA MEN Who Let The Dogs Out	
24	R	—	7	32	ERYKAH BADU Mama's Gun	
25	6	—	6	2	FAITH HILL Breathe	
					BLINK 182 The Mark, Tom And Travis Show	

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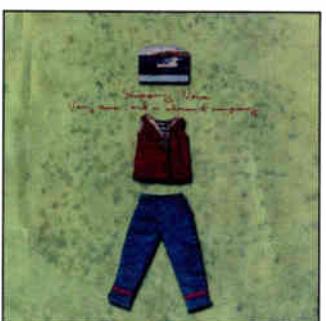
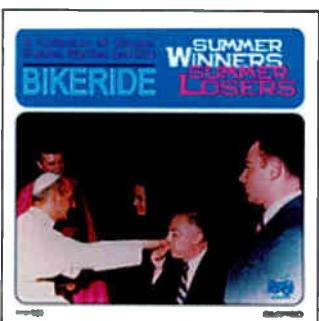
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