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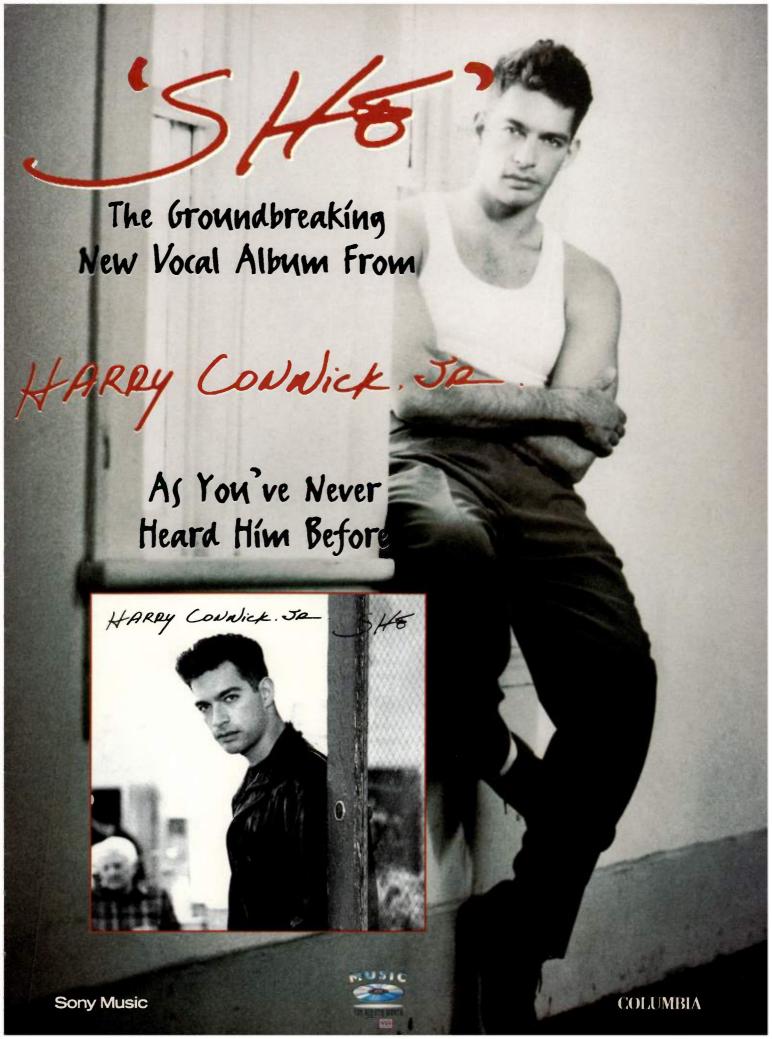
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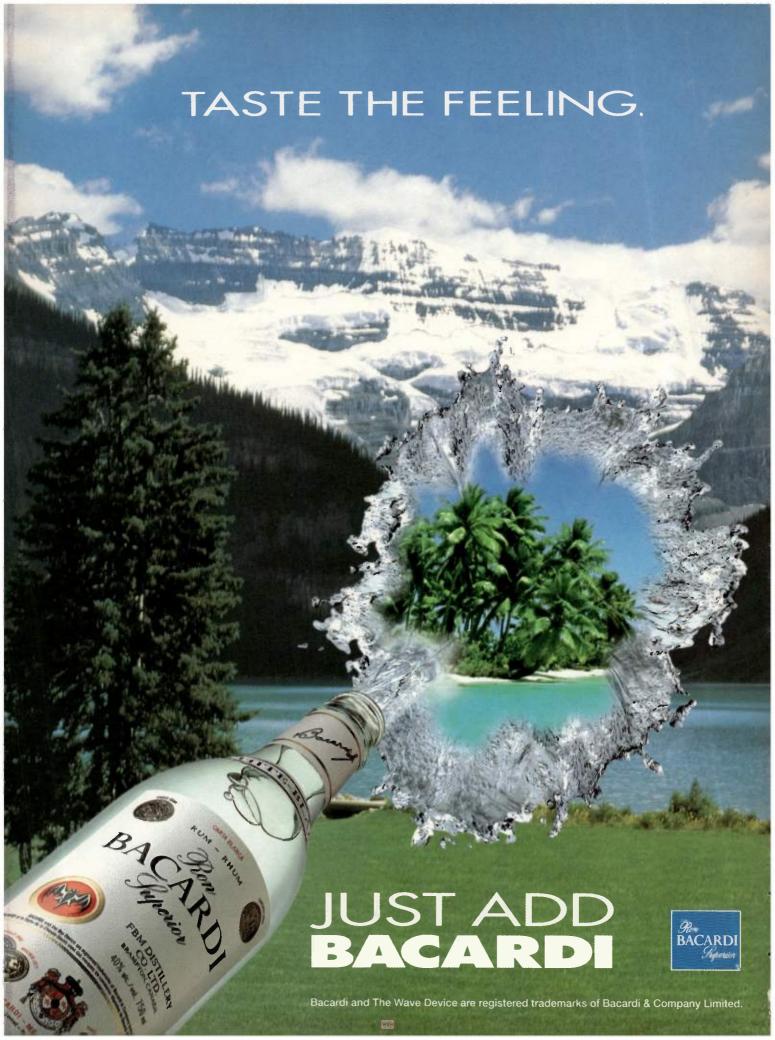


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I had an interesting conversation with a cab driver recently about sex and music. Originally from Israel, the cabbie very heatedly pointed out to me that back in his home country, lyrics did not blatantly talk about "lying down together and having sex," but rather "a man and a woman talking, she may run her fingers through his hair." He went on at some length about positive and negative energy and how sex on a superficial level creates negative energy.

### MUSIC GETS HORMONESPUMPING

I'm not sure if I understood exactly what he was talking about, but it got me thinking about how so much of what is sold commercially in North American pop culture

- music and movies, in particular - plays on the quick,

adrenalin-pumped, thrill. An example is Prince's new album, Come (included in this issue's Sound Effects reviews), filled with bedroom scenarios, fake orgasmic groans and dirty talk. Some of the hip-grinding music is great, but when paired with all the so-called taboo sexual references, the recording becomes kind of corny and teenaged.

The cab driver had a point. When human intimacy is offered on a superficial level, it loses vitality and value. Really obvious sexual lyrics just seem to spell joke. I remember watching an episode of The Simpson's when a DJ was listing a top radio hit, "I Do Believe We're Naked," by Funky See, Funky Do. I was howling because it was so ludicrous - and because it was a take-off of a popular song at the time called "Let's Get Naked." Of course, this is nothing new. Madonna has made a career out of sexual provocation and music, as did

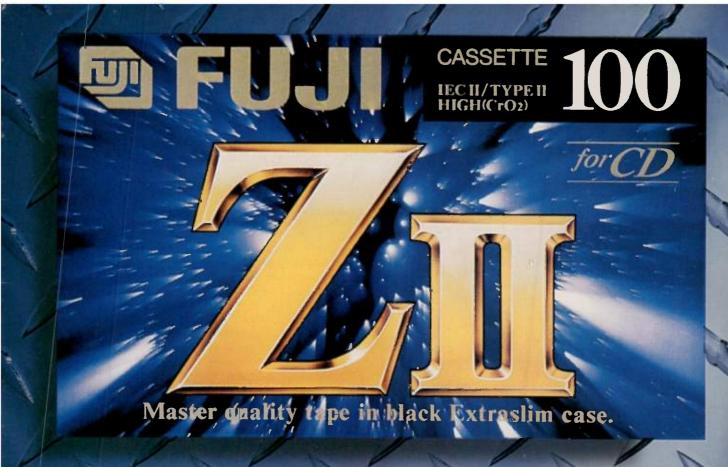
Donna Summer before her. And Barry White is in a class of his own.

But when you think about it, these recordings are classic comedy (try putting on "Love to Love You Baby" at a party). Hilarity, not romance is what moaner-groaner music evokes in most of my friends.

Sexy music does exist, though. And it usually is more about mood, emotion and imagination than hot-and-bothered grunting. When I did an informal survey of music to get steamy by, most people had a few top hits by acts such as Kenny G, Enigma, Billie Holiday, Loggins and Messina, Sarah Vaughan, Cowboy Junkies, Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey, R. Kelly, Bread, Brian Ferry and Joe Cocker. One friend mentioned Brian Eno, and as a hormonally pumped younger man he admitted Grand Funk Railroad and April Wine got his gonads going. A female colleague sheepishly said Michael Bolton did it for her. Most said they liked faster, harder music when they were younger, easing into softer, smoother, jazzier sonic stimulation as they became older. Hmmm.

Personally, I can swing from Elvis to ambient, jazz to Led Zeppelin. They all do the trick, depending on my mood. But comedy records? Sorry Prince, Come is just too hilarious to fuel my pheromones.

Maureen Littlejohn Managing Editor



# Mirial Keall

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MOVIES It's retro-tech, nostalgia time. The year is 1969 and the first manned voyage to the moon is about to take place in *Pontiac Moon*, Washington Bellamy (TED DANSON), an eccentric school teacher, and his 11-year-old son Andy (RYAN TODD) have decided to commemorate the occasion by matching the distance travelled by the Apollo XI to the moon. Except they're doing it on earth, in Bellamy's 1949 Pontiac Chief. Guess where their destination is? Spires of the Moon National Park.

In the child prodigy department, Grammy-Award nominee SHANICE proves that not everyone under the age of 30 is a Gen-X slacker.

The Motown singer turned 21 earlier this year and celebrated by recording her third album, 21.... It's just another in a long line of accomplishments for the young, L.A.-based R&B singer who's been groomed for the music business since before she could walk.

Many will remember her 1992 hit, "I Love Your Smile," which made an international success of the young woman with the stellar connections. Of JANET JACKSON, Shanice says: "I've known her since I was 10." And WHITNEY HOUSTON: "She came to me and said she's been following my music since I was a little girl."

Shanice recorded her first album at 14 years old and has "been traveling ever since," with the help of her

mother and aunt who act as personal managers. Recording for legendary Motown label is an honor and a privilege, she says.

"It's exciting.
When you think of
Motown, you think of
a legend. And so
many of my favorite
artists such as DIANA
ROSS and STEVIE
WONDER started out
there. Now, it's a
whole new Motown.

# Shanice: Putting Motown Back on the Map

The whole staff, even the president of the company, is new," she says, referring to JHERYL BUSBY, formerly of MCA records. "We're trying to build it up all over again." — Cindy McGlyn

### Tough Toad

For a group named after a line in a Monty Python sketch, TOAD THE WET SPROCKET is the antithesis of a "funny" band. In fact, prior to the release of its most recent album, Dulcinea, the Santa

Barbara, Calif., band was struggling

to shake its reputation for producing catchy but almost uniformly despondent albums.

The songs on Dulcinea are a more apt representation of what Toad (GLEN

PHILLIPS, vocals guitar; TODD NICHOLS, guitar, vocals; RANDY Guss, drums and DEAN DINNING, bass, keyboards, vocals) is all about: dark, somewhat ambiguous tales of longing and frustration mixed with sly humor. Musically, the album doesn't stray from the band's familiar combination of folk and rock but unlike its last release — 1991's overproduced Fear — Dulcinea is lean, tough and aggressive.

— Stephen Hubbard





contain the first two Ginger

videos, some Super-8 stu-

dio footage shot by Chris

and possibly lyrics.

Hooper, a band bio, photos

Toronto artist manager
RAY DANNIELS has added
VAN HALEN to a client roster
headlined by Rush and
LAWRENCE GOWAN. Vancouver

producer Bruce Fairbairn is

ON THE BEAT

helming the California foursome's new album, titled

The Club, at studios in L.A. and Vancouver

Bootsauce (who recently lost guitarist Pere Fume to his

own project, Fonzi) spent the early summer in the U.K. recording a new album with producer John Fryer (GRAPES OF WRATH, POSIES) Tom STEPHEN is haunted by THE

PHANTOMS. Stephen, drummer for the JEFF HEALEY BAND, considers the Hamilton, Ont., group the best unsigned act in the

#### VIDEO B © B

#### SYLVESTER & TWEETY IN CAGEY CAPERS

Thufferin' Thucotash! Along with many cartoon characters

being brought to movies (FLINTSTONES, BATMAN) the Looney Tunes gang has also reappeared in video games, such as the new Sega Genesis offering, Sylvester & Tweety in Cagey Capers.

This game features cartoon land's most famous cat and bird, running through seven levels (such as a train, science lab and a cruise ship) with Sylvester (controlled by the player) trying to get his paws on Tweety Bird. Other figures — such as Baby Kangaroo, Granny and Spike the Bulldog — from the Warner Brothers series, also appear throughout the scenes trying to prevent Sylvester from achieving his mission.

It will take some time to develop a knack for this game and learning to maneuver Sylvester and collect the proper items. But it quickly becomes fun, especially for those who grew up with the characters on television. Good graphics and music add to the enjoyment. Th-th-that's all folks! — Bob Weeks

#### Luscious Crushes

LUSCIOUS JACKSON'S drummer KATE SHELLENBACH is at the hair salon and keyboardist VIVIAN TRIMBLE is sitting in her sweltering New York apartment. Thanks to the miracle of modern science, they are teleconferencing to Canada. It's the eve of Lollapalooza '94, where the band is appearing as a second stage act. Isn't this new technology thrilling? "It's embarrassing," says Shellenbach, conspicuously the only person giving an interview in the crowded salon.

Yearwoo Demand **Attentior** With a voice that alternates between the silky softness of wonder and the stinging pain of injustice, Alberta's KATHLEEN YEARWOOD is an up-and-coming artist who demands to be heard. You don't listen to her songs so much as feel them. And while Yearwood has yet to gain the attention that is surely coming her

And while Yearwood has yet to gain the attention that is surely coming her way, she isn't going unrecognized: among her fans are Bob Wiseman and Mary Margaret O'Hara, both of whom attended the release party for her new CD Book Of Hate.

Yearwood, 34, named the album after her harrowing personal diaries, chronicling an abusive childhood, and teen years as an alcoholic. Although folk-based in form and sound, her songs are characterized by sudden, violent musical shifts, screeching vocals and discordant, industrial intrusions.

"You need the contrast to understand the strength of each form — the sweet melodies and the jarring noise — and when you put them against each other the difference is so beautiful," says Yearwood.

In fact, it is the marriage of these disparate elements that makes Book Of Hate one of the most intriguing releases of the year. — S. H.

Attracting attention is new to Luscious Jackson. Along with BECK and G. LOVE AND SPECIAL SAUCE, Luscious Jackson is at the vanguard of the hybrid that critics have dubbed "slack hop." Raised on punk but propelled by hip hop, the New York quartet was founded by bassist JILL CUNNIFF and guitarist GABBY GLASER. LJ's first releases, a 1992 EP called *In Search of Manny* drew raves for the single "Daughters of the KAOS." Shellenbach and Trimble joined partway into the recording of the band's first full-length album, *Natural Ingredients.* "Gabby was saying that even though she loves, loves, loves recording, [the group] was missing a live dynamic," says Shellenbach. Adds Trimble, "They wanted to be more than just a studio band."

Now, bands such as THE BREEDERS and URGE OVERKILL are fans and THE BEASTIE BOYS are close, personal friends (Shellenbach was the Beastie's original drummer). "We want to encourage people to have crushes on us," says Shellenbach. — Rhonda Riche

#### EBSETORS JREKSON

country and is producing its comeback album Another Maritimes fiddle player is moving up to the big leagues. Following the signing of Ashley MacIsaac to A&M Canada, Halifax's Melanie Doane has been snapped up by Sony Music. Doane is best known for filling the role of MICHELLE PHILLIPS on the latest revival of the MAMAS AND THE PAPAS BOB WISEMAN is producing a debut album for KIDS IN THE HALL STAIWART BRUCE MCCULLOCH Genre-bending hip hop/industrial sensation MERLIN is recording a new album for Cargo Records in his home basement studio in Aylmer, Que. He should be back on the road this fall Boxed sets to watch for this fall include multi-disc extravaganzas devoted to the VELVET UNDERGROUND, ALICE COOPER and EMMYLOU HARRIS, while the best early bets for stocking-stuffer CDs include new albums by Bruce Springsteen, Sinead O'Connor (Universal Mother), Madonna, Neil Young & CRAZY HORSE, THE EAGLES (Hell Freezes Over) and SMASHING PUMPKINS (a B-sides collection) **HEADSTONES** recorded its second MCA Canada album with producer GLENN ROBINSON (who has worked with TEA PARTY and VOIVOD) in Burlington, Vt., in the summer MAE Moore's new album is being recorded on Vancouver Island with producer GAVIN MACKILLOP, an Australian producer who has worked with the Church, among others New York-based Jive Records has signed two Toronto hip hop acts: former Snow cohort, D.J. PRINCE and his new partner, WHITEY DON, and KRUKED, a hard-edged duo featuring G-Lock and CURSEDOG MATT SORUM of Guns N' Roses and former Mahavishnu Orchestra drum god BILLY Cobham are among the skin-bashers questing on an all-star album tribute to the late swing king BUDDY RICH. The project was the brainchild of RUSH drummer NEIL PEART, who organized and produced the New York sessions.

Although Mr. Colson, producer of The WATCHMEN's excellent nev

WATCHMEN'S excellent new album, In The Trees, has turned knobs for the likes of SMASHING PUMPKINS and NIRVANA, he hasn't hitched this Winnipeg-based band



to the waning grunge bandwagon.

"It wasn't like we wanted to sound like [those groups]," says **DANNY GREAVES**, lead singer of The Watchmen, which also includes drummer **SAMMY KOHN**, guitarist **JOEY SERLIN** and Toronto bassist

#### The Watchmen:

#### **Smells Like Fresh Spirit**

KEN TIZZARD (who replaced original member PETE LOEWEN earlier this year.) "I think the sign of a good producer is that he can take any band and make it sound like the best it can be, instead of sounding like the best that's already around."

The band's debut on MCA (and follow-up to 1992's independently released *McLaren Furnace Room*) reveals an increased confidence in the group members' playing, a fact which they credit to two years of relentless touring. It also shows a willingness to experiment both rhythmically and

melodically while staying true to energetic rock 'n' roll roots.

"This album has more

attack, it's more in-your-face," asserts Greaves. "We wanted to be more sonically adventurous on this record." — Sheri Katz

Following a star-laden, opening party for skating champ TOLLER CRANSTON'S exhibit of paintings at New York's lavish Trump Tower, The DONALD, himself, let fly with some vicious venom when Olympic skater Nancy Kerrigan didn't turn up — as promised — for the event. "She's a piece of crap," barked Trump, stung by Kerrigan's snubbing of the gala evening to





benefit the Very Special Arts, a foundation for the disabled. "Tonya Harding should have beat the shit out of her," he added with a hiss. Such class After the super-hot, surprise performance by the ROLLING STONES at Toronto's RPM night-club, prior to the Voodoo

Lounge tour - the band

was invited to party with actors Dan Aykroyd and his wife,
Donna Dixon, at Queen West hot spot, X-Rays. Joining the latenight bash were Stones' sax player Bobby Keyes, vocalist
Bernard Fowler and affable bassist Daryll Jones. Maybe Mick,
Keith, Ron and Charlie were just too pooped to party. Or, more
likely, the bandmates preferred their daytime aqua activities —
water-skiing included — reportedly much enjoyed at the
Aykroyd's Kingston-area cottage. — By Holly Woods

### Mews, Gossip

### Technology

Depending on whether you wire your computer's modem to the myriad of BBS' through the Internet, or whether you subscribe to one of the commercial information services such as Compuserve, America Online, or Prodigy, here's a sampling of music related topics you might have recently collided with:

The ROLLING STONES fan club, where fans can communicate with the band, swap stories, buy memorabilia and see photos from the latest tour (Delphi Internet)

Artists as diverse as Lou Reed, Thomas Dolby, X, and White Zombie holding interactive, on-line conferences where fans ask questions and banter historical trivia (*Internet, Compuserve, America Online*)

PETE SHELLEY of the BUZZCOCKS writing a daily, online diary of the group's recent tours of Australia, Asia, the U.S. and the U.K. (Compuserve)

A gossip "dirt file" that is all the buzz of the U.S. music industry (America Online)

The All Music Guide, a database of over 230,000 albums, including over 100,000 reviews and ratings combining the input of some 200 music writers (Compuserve; "Go AMG")

Direct, online "conversations" with staff from such major U.S. labels as Warner, Geffen, RCA, Arista, and PolyGram, with access to artist bios, tour schedules, digitized photos, and sound samples from recent releases (*Internet, Compuserve, America Online*)

#### Aerosmith Parked At Info-Highway Truck Stop

Geffen Records and AEROSMITH carved out a lane of info highway history earlier this summer by making available an entire, neverbefore-released song exclusively for download by personal computer.

"Head First," a song recorded during the *Get A Grip* sessions which Geffen has no plans to release commercially, was available for free download over a one-week period to subscribers of Compuserve Information Service.

"If our fans are out there driving down that information superhighway," said Aerosmith's Steven Tyler in a Geffen news release, "then we want to be playing at the truck stop. This is the future—so let's get going."

Record companies and performers have been providing sound samples from recordings via online services for some time now, but this promotion represented the first time a major label or artist has made an entire track available via a computer network

Not everyone's computer met the technical specifications (compatible sound-card, modem speed, etc.) necessary to take part in the experiment. Still, several thousand cyber-surfers invested the 60 to 90 minutes required to download the 3.5 minute stereo track. Sound quality was roughly the equivalent of a song being played over an FM radio receiver.

"We're trying to push the boundaries," says Geffen marketing rep LUKE WOOD.

#### Commission and Contine

Vancouver industrial rockers LUNG have teemed up with multimedia artist STREAKFACE to produce Canada's first example of an interactive, multimedia press kit. *Lunginfo* is a computer program available online (*Internet*, *Compuserve*), telling the group's story through audio and mind-blowing computer graphics. Contact datapanik at info@panik.vancouver.bc.ca or at (604) 669-9189.

Ottawa-based net-surfer TYSON MCCAULAY is seeking to become the country's first cyberspace indie distributor. Bands submit five minutes worth of recorded music, which McCaulay makes available—accompanied by visuals—to a potential audience of 30 million on the Internet. Interested parties can then place an order online for the full-length album. Contact McCaulay at ah044@freenet.carleton.ca or at (613) 744-4432.

Earlier this summer, Calgary-based management company Musicworks used online services to promote the release of JANN ARDEN's second album in the United States. Contact Musicworks on Compuserve at 73374,1406.

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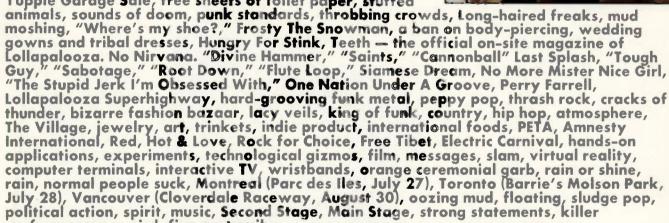
# Lollapalooza '94



# Snapping the Synapses

Tibetan monks, The Smashing Pumpkins, Boredoms, The Beastie Boys, The Breeders, L7, Nick Cave &

The Bad Seeds, A Tribe Called Quest, George Clinton and the P-Funk Allstars, Plaming Lips, Palace Songs, The Verve, Luscious Jackson, Girls Against Boys, hypnotic spoken-word performances, poet-terrorists, Shappy, Maggie Estep and Reggie Cabico, carnival stalls, A Touch Of Evil, Grunge Yuppie Garage Sale, free sheets of toilet paper, stuffed



performances, weird, fine party vibe, shaking, jumping, heated bodies, cool night air. Lollapalooza '94.





Clockwise from

upper left-hand

corner:

Billy Corgan of the

Smashing

Pumpkins,

Richard Ashcroft

of The Verve,

George Clinton

and "Doggin' it".

### by christopher waters

Chris Murphy is dictating into the tape recorder: "The boys are all gathered around inspecting the art work on their latest album, Twice Removed." Patrick Pentland laughs at Murphy's joke and suggests referring to Sloan as "the boys" — Jay Fergusen, Andrew Scott, Pentland and Murphy — whenever possible.

Well, the boys are all gathered around a table of a Queen Street West eatery, having flown in from Halifax the previous day. And they are inspecting the art work for *Twice Removed*, the band's second album for Geffen Record's alternative label, DGC, which they are seeing in completed form for the first time. Excited by its novelty, members of the group try to wrestle the CD away from Scott, who designed the artwork. Successfully retaining the coveted disc, the 26-year-old drummer notices a few small changes and admits he likes the look of it. The other members, each in his own turn, agree.

It's hard to lump Sloan together as "the boys." It's not an accurate assessment of the band. Murphy claims, "Twice Removed represents a delicate balance between four people. Its title is sort of like a disclaimer. When you say someone is a first cousin, twice removed, it implies relationship, but also a separation. Some days we're a unit, some days we're totally different."

The difference in personalities becomes obvious just by looking around the table. Scott sits back at the far end of the table watching silently, letting bassist Murphy and guitarist Pentland, the most vocal members of the group, address all of the questions. Guitarist Ferguson politely waits to get in a word or two.

Sloan is comprised of four individuals who are joined together by a common vision of what it takes to make good music — in this case, good accessible, melodic pop with rich, vocal harmonies. When the band's record company suggest-



ed that the group's profile would benefit by appointing Murphy as sole vocalist, the idea was matter- of-factly dismissed. "They wanted us to be like Counting Crows," explains the 25-year-old bassist, his tongue placed firmly in cheek. "Unfortunately my dreadlocks wouldn't nat."

Twice Removed features all four members contributing vocals and each sings his own lyrics. The diversity makes listening to the album much like listening to the radio.

"Our new record strikes me as a compilation," claims Ferguson. "It's so all over the place, but I like records like that, my favorite records (including the Beatles' Rubber Soul

# SLOAN

and the White Album] are like that. I like the variety of it."

Despite the fact he's only 25, Ferguson has a deep respect for many bands of the '60s (he's even wearing a Who T-shirt). He's just as likely to talk about his love of the Beatles's use of melody as he is to evalutate George Clinton's Parliment years or voice his admiration of Sonic Youth's noisy guitar experimentation.

Murphy claims that it's Ferguson's far-flung musical knowledge that keeps the band honest when it comes to recording. "He always knows if something has been done before, or if we're coming too close to another band's guitar parts or songs." A skill that, no doubt, came in handy during the Twice Removed sessions.

The album was completed in March, but due to a Geffen marketing decision, was released in August. This left Sloan a stretch of time to participate in a few side projects.

Scott returned to his adopted home of Toronto, where he has lived for more than a year with his girlfriend, Fiona Highet, an actress who recently had a recurring role on the Toronto-based TV series, *Robocop*. He got involved in the film world when he was approached by Gus Van Sant's production team to tutor Matt Dillon on how to mimic playing the drums for Van Sant's forthcoming feature, *To Die For*. Shot on location in Toronto this past spring, the film features a cameo by Scott playing the bassist in Dillon's band.

Perhaps inspired by Scott's silverscreen experience, the Halifax-based
Ferguson, Pentland and Murphy decided to dabble in some film work of
their own. Together they hatched a
plan for a band film, aiming for a cross
between KISS's late-'70s, cornball,
superhero flick, KISS Meets the
Phantom, and Bob Dylan's classic Don't
Look Back documentary. But the massive undertaking never got further
than the developmental stage as the
three quickly cooled on the idea after
a few days of rough shooting.

Although the motion-picture venture was scrapped, Sloan has not abandoned its desire to draw from past influences for its imaging. At press time, the band was planning a retro-influenced video clip for "Coax Me," the first single from *Twice Removed*.

"We're hoping to stylize it as a '60s CBC variety show, using three cameras and just changing the camera angles," says an enthusiastic Ferguson. "It's pretty simple really, but hopefully, it'll look really good."

The past has been a bit of an obsession this time around, from video concepts to recording techniques. The group began recording the new album at Waterfront studios in New Jersey, a favorite haunt of classic rock-influenced performer Lenny Kravitz. The studio boasts a lot of older equipment, such as the mixing board from Abbey Road.

Ferguson explains, "We were originally going to record [at Waterfront] using an old 16-track machine because there are more spaces between the tracks on the tape so it sounds really great — bassy — but the machine was hard to work. The co-producer of our record, Jim Rondinelli, was getting frustrated with it because it didn't stop properly. There wasn't a digital counter to let you see where you were, so he always had to figure it out himself." Despite the romance of the old gear, the band re-located to a more user-friendly, modern studio to finish up the record.

With its blend of old and new, Twice Removed is the product of a maturing band. Sloan builds on its accessible style, not only by embracing a broader range of influences than sourced for debut recording Smeared, but, by showing off a cleaner, more seasoned sound. The wall of guitars may have been dismantled and cleared away, but fans won't be disappointed. Sloan has kept its solid foundation. The group hasn't eliminated its strong sense of melody or tinkered with its keenly wrought pop savvy.

"Some bands say how radically different their new stuff is — totally wigged-out and crazy — but then you listen to it and it's exactly the same as the last Tears For Fears record," says Murphy. "This record is different, but

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While the only super highways Sloan is familiar with are the ones used when the band's on tour, computer-literate fans of the band are able to bond via the Infobahn. James Covey, a graduate

student at Halifax's Dalhousie University set up Sloan Net, an E-mail based newsgroup, which focuses its online discussions on Sloan and other East

Coast alternative pop bands.
Sloan Net subscribers recently got a preview of Sloan's debut single, "Coax Me," in a handy computer-encoded form that they could download onto their computer system.

Has Sloan signed on to Sloan Net to see what people are saying?

don't own a record label, but we don't own a computer. When we're trying to do art work and stuff, we are constantly running down to the photo copy place. It's ridiculous.

Julie from Bite [a Montreal pop-punk quartet, that has released records on derivative/Cargo] tried to show me some of the postings, but she couldn't get it on her computer. I'd like to see it sometime.

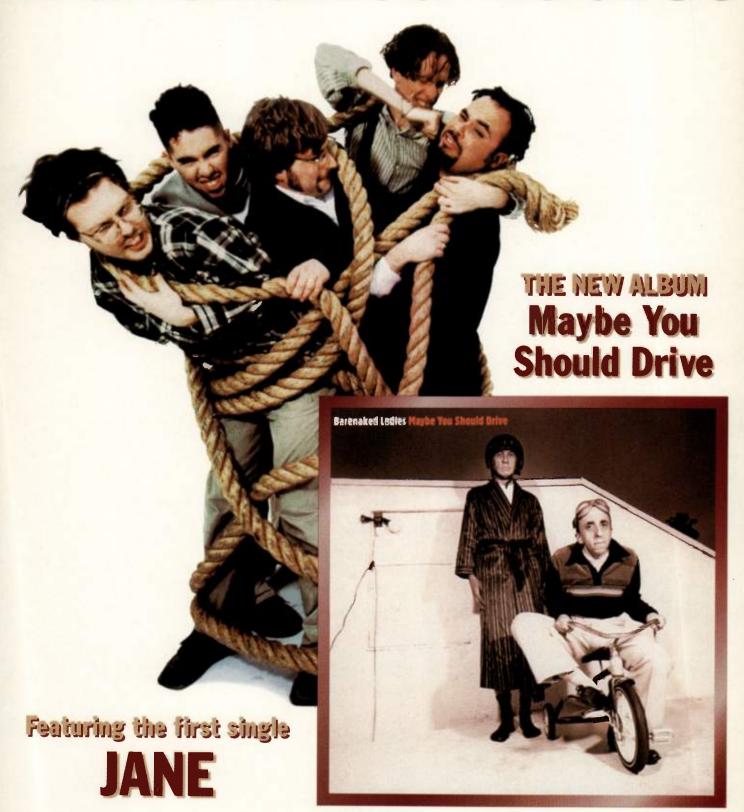
It sounds hilarious. They have these discussions about lyrics and stuff.

lay Ferguson: Really? I'd love to see some of that.

Work and Colin [MacKenzie, murderecord's administrative assistant] is talking about getting Sloan Net hooked into that.

If you want to connect with Sloan Net, contact James Covey at jrcovey@ac.dal.ca.

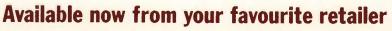
# Barenaked Ladies













# SLOAKLOAN

not in a way that upsets me. I have a new-found confidence about it, whereas before, I was always self-deprecating about our music."

From a Canadian perspective, after having watched Sloan dominate national radio play lists (college and commercial) and television airwaves (with support from MuchMusic and CBC), it's hard to grasp why Murphy would ever be glum about Sloan's prospects. Nevertheless, being signed to an international, major label, Sloan is quite aware it hasn't matched its Canadian success in any other market. Touring on an international level has made the band appreciate what it has in Canada and understand how difficult it is to compete in more hostile environments.

Perhaps the most striking thing about *Twice Removed* is not the up-tempo songs with strong melodies, but the economy of quieter tracks such as "Before I Do," and the excellent "I Can Feel It," which features Pentland in a duet with jale's singer/guitarist Jennifer Pierce.

"Usually, the record company is pushing for a radiofriendly pop record and the band totally wants to make a raw rock record," says Murphy. "We have the opposite conversation with our record company."

"I want to make a melodic pop record more than I want to make another 'screaming-mimi' record, there's already so many of those that I find they can be really boring. I think my obsession with quiet things comes from spending a year and a half on the road playing and having my ears ring all the time. The thing I would take out on Andrew is that the drums were so loud when we played, which led me to Fleetwood Mac's *Rumours* where the drums are so quiet you can barely hear them, it sounds like Mick Fleetwood's playing on cardboard boxes."

Despite the complimentary reference to a corporate, 1970s supergroup, Sloan still adheres to its punk rock, do-it-yourself, be-yourself, low-tech ethics.

Murderecords, the independent record label which the group set up in 1992 in order to release its debut, the *Peppermint* E.P., is still going strong. Once signed to DGC, Sloan decided to keep Murder active, and used it to support East Coast bands, such as Eric's Trip, Hardship Post, Al Tuck and No Action.

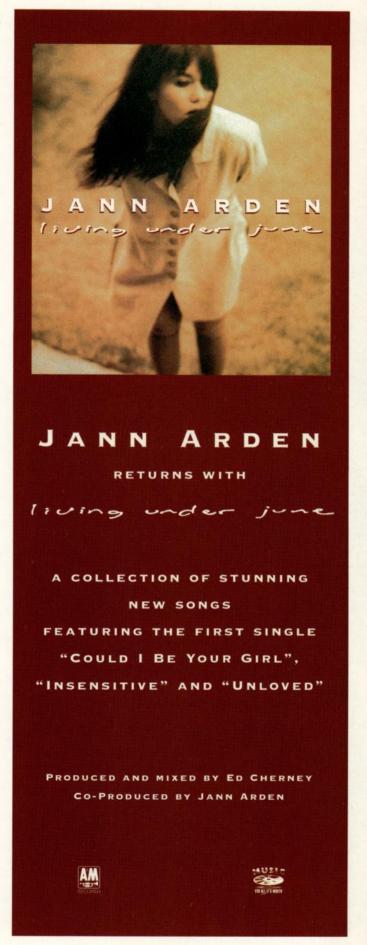
"I don't know why we put out what we put out, except that we think it is good," explains Pentland. "Being from Halifax, there are all these bands, who are our friends, so we have to be careful not to put out something just because it is by our friends."

"We don't put a lot of stuff out, but now that we've branched into seven-inch singles, we can probably do more because they are not as expensive to release," says Murphy.

Murder's latest marketing strategy is to release seven-inch vinyl singles by various Nova Scotian hip hop bands. Starting with Halifax's Stinkin' Rich's Stolen Bass E.P., the label hopes to follow up with work by Truro's Hip Club Groove. "Hip hop seven-inches have not really been done, traditionally they're released as 12-inch vinyl records," admits Ferguson. "We thought it would be cool to do seven-inches, you know, and recall the feel of a lot of those classic soul singles.

"We are hoping to put out vinyl copies of *Twice Removed* on murder," adds Ferguson. "Geffen normally doesn't make vinyl with the exception of its bigger acts — Sonic Youth, Urge Overkill — so we asked if we could put it our ourselves. It'll be fun to have it in our catalogue."

Murderecords and vinyl singles is just another example of a match made in Sloan heaven: it's something old, something new, something borrowed, but something completely distinct at the same time.



## WANTED

The story you are about to read is true: the names weren't changed to protect the innocent.

SNOW (a.k.s. Darrin O'Brien)
Breaking and entering, aggra-t assault, assault causing, bodily harm, attempted murder DETAILS, "I went to jail and that's how I got my confidence," he affirms. Twenty-three criminal counts — that's

GRACE SLICK
Assault and brandishing a Wespon at a police officer
Diracts: (March '94) On arrival at
Slick's house, police encountered a
man who came to the door yelling
"Kill me." Slick came to the door waving a shotgun and yelling at them to
leave. An officer wrestled the gun
away from her.
Conscript Ordered to attend alcohol
treatment meetings (four times a week
for three months) and perform 200
hours community service.

T-BONE (a.k.a. Terry Grey), rap trio Da Lench Mob
Camer Murder; Attempted murder
Draw (March '94) Accused of shooting
two (one fatally) poople. Says his lawyer,
"T.G. did not murder anyone. They
arrested the wrong man," — claiming arrested the wrong man," — claiming the rapper was not at the scene of the crime, a bowling alley, at the time.

TOMMY LEE, Motley Crue Possession of a conceale

oaded firearm.

DETAILS! (February '94) Charged after
frying to walk through L.A. airport with
a semi-automatic 40-calibre pistol.

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Consistent Murder charge dropped (but still facing charges of possession and illegal discharge of a weapon).

Past: Previously convicted of not paying child support. (July '94) Charged with driving without a licence (after licence suspened 43 times).

His parents and teachers knew he had it in him when he

was 12 years old. He made his professional conducting debut at 23. And at 37, the precocious Finn who has lead two orchestras, is burning up the classical world with youthful energy and the vision of a seasoned connoisseur. Best of all, Jukka-Pekka Saraste is now situated in Canada.

Starting as music director for the Toronto Symphony Orchestra in September, Saraste says he wants to lure a younger audience by trying more plain clothes concerts and offering

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talks analysing pieces and telling stories about composers. But Saraste says he needs a musically literate audience.

"You can't beat the rock stars or the baseball team. So, music has to have a meaning for the individual before you can manipulate his or her life through music."

Admittedly, this might exclude those who haven't had their ears opened to classical, and Saraste says some people just won't get it.

As for rock music, the bovish, sandy

### JOAN JETT

#### HER FEMALE SKIN

As a female rocker, Joan Jett has been the recipient of the most asinine questions ever to fall out of the mouths of journalists. And it's all because of two x chromosomes.

From her stint in seminal

all-girl group the Runaways, in 1975, through her entire front-and-centre role in the Blackhearts, the 33-year-old New Yorker has heard it all.

She can handle the standard "What does it feel like to be a woman rocker?" or even the silly "Do you feel like a man or a woman when you go on stage?" but one mind-blowing question virtually rendered the tough talker speechless.

"Do you think the fact that you have female skin on the guitar strings makes it sound different than if it were man's skin?" one European writer asked. "I'd like to think it was the language barrier," Jett says in retrospect. "But at the time, I just said, 'Get this fucker outta here.'

"I've always felt pretty irritated by those kinds of questions," she admits. "I don't know what it's like to be a man, so they're pretty unanswerable. But, also, you wouldn't ask someone what it feels like to be an Italian rocker or a Jewish rocker."

After 20 years, Jett now hears more flattering gender-based questions. Agro-girl groups Bikini Kill, Babes In Toyland and L7 — whose members either played or co-wrote on Jett's latest album, Pure And Simple — cite her as a role model.

"People take the words role model and make them too broad," says Jett, "[They think] that everybody has to eat the food I eat, dress the way I dress and speak the way I speak. To me, a role model is just being an inspiration.

"When I was in the Runaways, we were looked at like we were freaks of nature. So if other women, or high school girls, look up to the Runaways or The Blackhearts, and say, oh, I can do that too, that's great. It's really nice to be looked up to on that level." - Karen Bliss





blond who conducts with a full body passion knees bent and tense arms pulling performances out of his players doesn't think much of it.

"I like to go to jazz clubs, but the rock 'n' roll...I simply don't understand why they're

repeating the same thing over and over again. I think we are living in a world with so much noise it's hard to concentrate. If I'm forced to listen to rock 'n' roll in an airplane or a shop, it's like punishment."

He's also wary of the commercialism surrounding a classical phenomenon such as England's Nigel Kennedy, but grants that the eccentric violinist seems sincere. "He's a good player. As long as he's playing absolutely the way he believes instead of letting his image influence how he plays."

To some extent, however, the spike-haired Brit and the scruffy, bearded Finn follow the same canon. which is, in Saraste's words, "The very great rule is never to be boring." - Cindy McGlynn

**New Orleans** — The woman sitting next to me on the airport shuttle leans over to her travelling companion and whispers, "This is New Orleans? It's not how I pictured it." I can't help but think she's right. The route from the airport to our hotel winds through the Warehouse District, a decrepit, vacant

part of town, and the cascading rain only adds to the dreary atmosphere. Where is the

light, Connick, 26, doesn't look at all like the natty jazz crooner who has recorded five gold and three platinum albums, won three Grammy awards and played to millions of fans around the world. While his sudden change in image — not to mention the musical deviations on She — requires his fans to make a leap of faith, in the sultry confines of Tipitina's it all

makes sense. Connick began his musical career in his

early teens playing jazz in the clubs of New Orleans' Bourbon Street. But, as he is quick to point out, he's always had more than jazz

> on his musical mind. "This is music I've played down here my whole life," he explains.

She is fat with grooves, and, like Bourbon Street itself, dripping with tradition, atmosphere and fun. On

stage, it's obvious why Connick and his brilliant band (Jonathon Dubose, guitar, the only one not originally from New Orleans; Tony Hall, bass; Leroy Jones, trumpet; Lucien Barbarin, trombone; Michael Ward, percussion and Raymond Weber, drums) love playing She: it swings, rocks and chugs along with the power of a locomotive and the spirit of the city that inspired its creation.

"We're having a lot of fun and people respect sincerity," says Connick. "Even if some of the fans are a bit shocked by this, I think over time they'll jump on the bandwagon." - Stephen Hubbard

Development (September '93) Charged, with his bodyguard (alleged shooter), and another man for shooting a man (L.A. gang member) in a city park. Claims self-defense. Released on \$1 million bail.

AXL ROSE Chium Ende , mg human lives Durante (Jan y 93) He throw a chair at rans and reporters from his hotel room balcony in Sao Paolo, Brazil — didn't injure anyone — but

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Brazil — didn't injure anyone — but was charged.

PART (February 89) Arrested for disorderly conduct. (November 90)
Arrested for allegedly assaulting his West Hollywood next-door neighbor with a wine bottle. (November 92)
Found guilty of property damage and assault. (93) Sued by Stephanie Seymour (ex-fiances) for assualt, battery and the recevery of \$100,000 et jewelery. ('94) Sued by Ms. Seymour — she says Rose punched and slappe her, gave her a bloody nose and black eye and kicked her dawn a flight of stairs during a party he wanted cancelled. (March 94) Sued by Ern Everty (his ex-wife and daugher of Bon Everty) after threatening to kill her, her dog and himself if she told police about the time he beat her after asking him if he wanted something to eat.

BILLY IDOL

(October '91) After getting a ride to his car from a fan he met at a L.A. nightelub, he allegedly shouted a her, then punched her in the mouth

Convictions A public apology, \$2,000 in damages and counselling for alcohol.

**RICK JAMES** 

Childle Sexual assault, imprisonment, torture Director (June 91) With his accomplice/girlfriend Tanya Anne Hijazi, the Super Freak allegedly kidnapped a woman from her Hollywood Hills home. Then, after burning her with a crack pipe and a heated butcher knife, forced her to perform oral sex with his date.

Sentenced five years and

DONNIE WAHLBERG, New Kids

The Block was Arson (reduced to

criminal mischief)
DETALE (March '91) Used an alcoholic substance (vocka) to start a fire in the hallway of a Louisville, Ky., hotel.
Conviction Placed in a diversion program for young offenders and ordered to make public service videos on fire safety, drug abuse and drunk driving.

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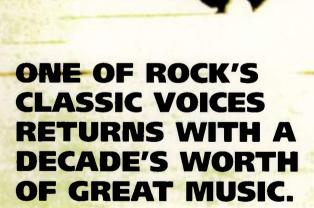
### **BOURBONSTREET.**

#### HARRYANDME

celebratory spirit this swampy city is known for?

The answer comes a few hours later at an historic dive called Tipitina's, as Harry Connick Jr. bounds on stage with a band of veteran New Orleans musicians for an enticing taste of his new album, She. The crowded club is filled to capacity and alive with anticipation.

Dressed in a dark T-shirt, and bathed in smoky, orange



FOR THE LOVE OF STRANGE MEDICINE



#### ALLBUNGEDUP "There are several def itions for a bung," states

"There are several defin-Jon Whalen. The raw-

throated vocalist is explaining where the name of his St. John's, Nfld., band, Bung, originated. "The hole in a keg of beer and the little stopper is called a bung, so it's a blocking thing. When we came up with the name we just liked the sound of the word. We just thought we'd use something that sort of phonetically represents what we are: loud, heavy, bassy...BUNG."

The group's debut CD Whole (independently produced and distributed by Duckworth Distribution) is a refreshing experience. The sound is an ecstasy of guitar noise (thanks to Phil Winters and Arthur Haynes) on top of a thunderous rhythm section (Barry Newhook on bass, Justin Hall on drums). Whalen writes the lyrics, which filter through social conscience, angst, despair and observation.

"Nations" is a stand-out song on the album. Whalen notes, "The lyrics were originally commissioned for a film about Newfoundland independence. The overall theme is about



when you give up control of your life to people who don't understand what you do or how you live your life. Then you're setting yourself up for some terrible losses."

His lyrics may be conditioned by the geographical isolation of the province, but, as he states, St. John's is "very supportive, not only between bands but across genres and age groups. There's not too much presumption about success there and that's artistically liberating."

Bung formed out of the ashes of about four or five hardcore/punk bands in late '91. Whalen explains, "Barry and I used to play in a band together and once it ran its creative course we just waited for brilliant musicians to congeal around us. That took three years."

On stage, Bung is a force to be reckoned with; there's an energy sparked between the audience and the band as they feed off each other. The future can only hold concerts, more CDs and, no doubt, mayhem. — Timothy Hawkins

In her 1927 novel To the Lighthouse, Virginia Woolf chose the image of an open window to frame a theme of connection and separation in human relationships. Seventy years later and an ocean away, Halifax-based singer-songwriter Lennie Gallant chose the same powerful image to anchor his Sony recording debut, The Open Window.

#### WINDOWGAZINGWITH LENNIEGALLANT

"I think in this day and age, so many people are afraid of touching, afraid to get close to others," says the soft-spoken Gallant. "There is certainly a need for communication — between men and women, races, and provinces. I don't like borders." Gallant crosses both geographical

and musical borders with a seamless blend of Celtic, country, and traditional influences. "My family is the oldest family on Prince Edward Island," he smiles, "so I feel a strong affinity for that region." With his French and MicMac ancestry, this son of a grocery store owner grew up in a diverse community that treated music as an integral part of life.

"Living in the Maritimes is a tenuous exercise, because you're on the edge of the ocean. That in itself brings people closer together, in order to survive. Music is not only a way of entertaining, but also of spreading local news. Often, someone might be able to make or break a business just by a song alone." Although you won't find much muckraking in Gallant's music, you will find narratives of seaside life, new love, and persistent heartache. While the rest of the country slowly wakes up to the East Coast "scene," Gallant has already found his niche in a national tradition of strong Canadian songwriters.

"I can't tear myself away from the Maritimes," he laughs, "so I'm fortunate that I've been able to do what I want to do and still pay the rent. That is success." - Amber Meredith

#### **CHUCK BERRY**

taurant.

7. (July '90) A police raid on hite netted marijuana, hashish, and pomographic videotapes of teenagers. ('79) Indicted for tax eva sion. ('59) Arrested/served two yea for transporting a 15-year-old acro state lines for immoral purposes.

#### JAMES BROWN

Chart. Aggravated assault, resisting arrest, failure to stop for police, illegal possession of a revolver.

DETAILS: (November '88) Led police in a high-speed chase after carrying a shotgun into an office he ewned and demanding to know who used his private toilet. Released on bail, he was re-arrested the next day for driving under the influence.

CONVENENT Served two and a half years (of six).

CONVICTION Served two and a half years (of six).

PAST: (May '88) Arrested for possession of PCP. Arrested/jailed at age 15 for stealing clothes out of parked carr

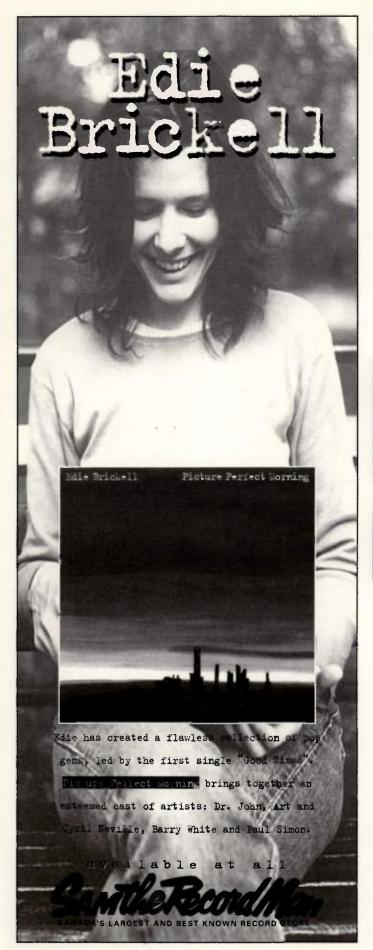
Motley Crue and Bon Jovi) Cause: Drug smuggling
DEFALLS: (March '88) Pleaded guilty to
smuggling 20 tons of marijuana (valued over \$9 million) into U.S. in 1982.
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such as Gen. Noreiga.

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# MONDO BEYONDO by Rhanda Richa

If Vancouver's FACEPULLER was driving down the info-bahn, it would be cruising along in an Econoline van. Says drummer BRAD FACEPULLER, "We're going to be on the Internet by fall. People will be able to buy our records and read tour dates and lyrics." But the hardcore trio's fall offerings will be available on 7" slabs of vinyl, not CD-ROMs. Brad and the other Facepullers, bassist BRENT and vocalist/guitarist lan's two albums may be called Cranial Expansion Device and Auditory Surgical Technicians, but they are not 'my way or the i-way' kind of guys, nor are they the prophets of doom that some listeners of their fast, furious music expect. "They think we're angst-ridden, manically depressed people," says Brad, "but we're very easy going."

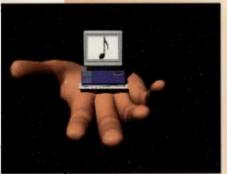
As indie bands are uploading demos on the Internet, literary types are trying to become more human. Live readings and spoken word performances are the talk of the town. At this past summer's Lollapalooza, local writers performed in poet-



ry slams alongside spoken word legends like UMAR BIN HASSAN and MAGGIE ESTEP. The literati are also mixing music with metaphors. In Toronto, BIG RUDE JAKE entertains the bookish at quarterly parties held by journal of new literature, Blood and Aphorisms, and Lowest of the Low rocked the relaunch party for cultural magazine Shift.

All the technology you really need is a stereo to play the following fine records on: Californian **HEAVY VEGETABLE'S** The Amazing Undersea Adventures Of Aquakitty and Friends.; Lou BARLOW'S, (ex of DINOSAUR JR.) two new releases, a 12-song CD on Vancouver's Mint Records and a new LP from his current band, SEBADOH; OFFSPRING'S Smash; ITCH's Pull The Wool (featuring ROB WRIGHT from NoMeansNo) and Swell's 41; Guelph Happens: The Wyndham Session, featuring BILLY But, Dissemblers and a previously unreleased track from King Cobb Steelie; Liesure Terrorists with tracks by Toronto-area bands A Tuesday Weld, Kat ROCKET and NECK; Elvis Monday, Volume 1, which includes previously unreleased tracks from Change OF HEART, HHEAD and ONE FREE FALL; and Not If I Smell You First from London, Ont.'s Sonic Unyon label, home of Tristan Psionic and Treble Charger (formerly Nc17).

A cool, grey October evening was setting in as I walked out of the CBC Broadcast Centre in downtown Toronto. Wrapped up against the elements and cradled under my arm was a 25 lb. metal box the size of a loaf of bread. Surprisingly, the security guard hadn't even asked what it was when I signed out. As I turned up the sidewalk toward King Street, I couldn't contain myself, and I started chuckling and murmuring "Yes...yes."



I guess I could never make it as a thief. Or a spy.

That's OK, because I wasn't stealing anything, and the only one getting cheated was fate. What I was grinning like a mad fool about was that under my arm, on a 2.5 gigabyte hard disk drive,

was enough data to reconstruct *Black Noise*, an album that had been recorded in glorious analog exactly 16 years before.

Let me back up a bit.

Once upon a time there was a progressive-rock band from Toronto called FM. Its three members

(Nash the Slash, Martin Deller, and me, Cameron Hawkins) recorded an album for the CBC called — you guessed it — Black Noise.

# on my mind HARDDRIVE, HARDROAD: FM'SDIFFICULT DIGITAL REBIRTH

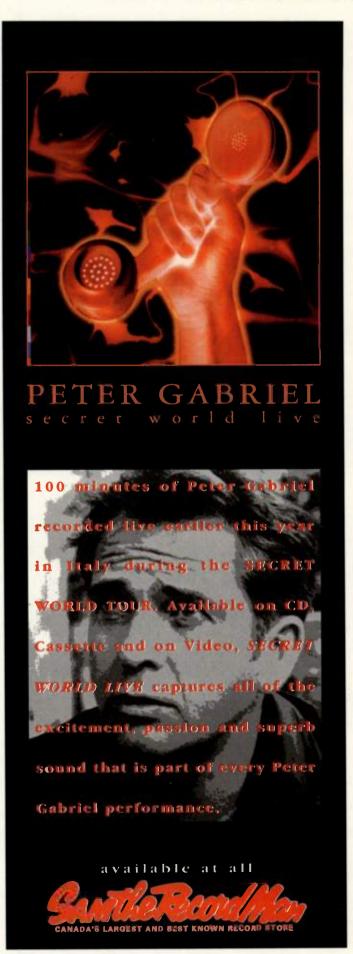
It was released in 1978 by GRT Records, went gold in four months, had a hit song on it called "Phasors on Stun," and launched the band's international career. But due to a series of record company bankruptcies, the band never got paid.

Now it was 1993 and the vinyl had been out of print for 10 years. Determined to give the album a second life on CD, I started negotiating with the CBC for the right to remaster and release *Black Noise* on CD. They were quite willing to do this except for one problem. The master recordings were missing.

After looking high and low and finding nothing, there was only one solution. A "Sonic Solution." A computer-based, noise-reduction system called "No Noise" which could increase the sound quality of a vinyl record by removing any non-musical elements. Unfortunately, at that point the CBC's system was busy "No Noise-ing" Glenn Gould playing Beethoven's Piano Sonatas. All 32 of them. Luckily, my friend Rob Yale loaned me the use of his Sonic hard drive, and the CBC was able to process Black Noise without disturbing Beethoven.

When I walked out of the Broadcast Centre into that autumn evening, I didn't take a cab. I walked the half-mile to the mastering studio. Why hurry? A lot of work was still be to be done, but now I had a chance. In this business, sometimes that's all you need.

Cameron Hawkins, vocalist and keyboardist for FM, operates a multi-media company called Now See Hear. "No Noised" Black Noise CDs are now available at retail outlets, including Sam the Record Man.

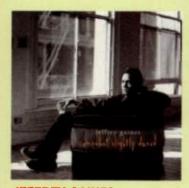


# NEWER



#### HOOTIE & THE BLOWFISH CRACKED REAR VIEW, Atlantic

Melding folk-rock langle with sharply honed songcraft, Hootie & The Blowfish creates gultar-charged music that draws on rock's rich past while intimating an equally promising future. Cracked Rear View features 11 original compositions of vivid beauty and simplicity, each penned jointly by the four members of the South Carolinabased quartet. The result is rootsy yet contemporary, warm yet edgy.



# JEFFREY GAINES SOMEWHAT SLIGHTLY DAZED, Virgin

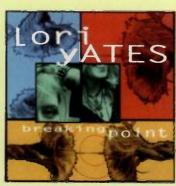
Writing about his own sorrows and pleasures, Jeffrey Gaines transcends the personal to communicate universal concepts on his new album, Somewhat Slightly Daxed. More electric than his self-titled debut, upbeat, uptempo songs such as "In Her Mind" and "All The Will in The World" are balanced with the sensitive, delicate moods of others such as "You Believe In Me" and "What Can I Do." Songwriting is where Gains expresses his profound life experiences.

#### 22 BRIDES



#### 22 BRIDES, Attic

Named after a folk tale that sisters Carrie and Libby Johnson heard as children, 22 Brides was founded by the duo in 1991 in New York City. Inspired by a childhood spent in Nairobi, they weave blends of intimate acoustics and unbridled jams. Textured with percussive acoustic equipment, atmospheric keyboards and shimmering electric guitars, the light and shadow sound of Carrie and Libby's vocals is hypnotizing.



#### **LORI YATES**

#### **BREAKING POINT, Virgin**

Alternative country with a strong street sensibility is as close a label as you'll get for this silver-voiced singer's eclectic new album. Ranging from roadhouse rock 'n' roll on "House on Fire" to the eerle atmospheric vibe of "Supernatural," to the rootsy pop of "Make A Liar Out Of Me," Yates' dynamic vocals capture the passion of each moment. The expert, tasteful, musicianship of the players serves to amplify the hot current of her electric talent.



#### **BUCKSHOT LeFONQUE**,

#### Sonv

**Branford Marsalis' Buckshot** Lefonque blends rock, hip-hop, jazz, reggae and African elements. Guest appearances include DJ Premier of Gang Starr, poet laureate Maya Angelou, the final recorded performance of the late blues master Albert Collins and gultarist Nils Lofgren. First single and video is "Breakfast @ Denny's," as seen on MuchMusic. **Buckshot LeFonque blends many** styles of music and with each listen crosses boundaries which emphasizes that the love of music is what's important!



#### PURE

#### GENERATION-6-PACK,

#### Warner

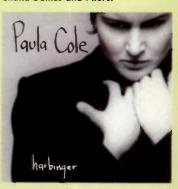
Capturing soul and attitude over perfection and sonic convention were Pure's priorities when recording Generation-6-Pack in various apartments and studios around Vancouver. The result is a more dynamic and heavier record than the band's previous releases. More reflective of Pure's live sound, Generation-6-Pack is the group's most musical and honest recording yet.



### JAH WOBBLE'S INVADERS OF THE HEART

#### TAKE ME TO GOD, Island

Wobble's most ambitious album in his illustrious career, Take Me To God has 17 tracks, is over an hour long, has an enormous breadth of vision and, as always, is underscored by that fundamental bass sound. Take Me To God mixes shortwave college radio, heavy dance grooves, Islamic and African sounds with trance-like atmosphere, and features guest vocalists Dolores O'Riordan (The Cranberries) and Chaka Demus and Pilers.



#### PAULA COLE

#### HARBINGER, BMG

Paula Cole's debut album, Harbinger, is everything and more you could have hoped for from an artist hand-picked by Peter Gabriel to fill the shoes of Sinead O'Connor and Kate Bush in his famous duets on tour. "I Am So Ordinary," Paula's first single and video, is an excellent representation of the passion and musical crafting that makes up Harbinger. Her voice, with its smoky treble and trumpet-like head tones, coupled with the naked vulnerability of her songwriting make Harbinger one of the finest debut albums of the year. Not to be missed.

# ONTHERS



#### FURNACEFACE THIS WILL MAKE YOU HAPPY, Cargo/MCA

Chart successes, sold-out tours, television appearances and A&R feeding frenzies have been the rule in a universe where Furnaceface rules benevolently, dispensing truth and justice. This new album features the single "If You Love Her (would you buy her a gun?)" and a video by MuchMusic Best Independent Video award winner Anthony Seck. Get ready for Furnaceface to wreak havoc on the collective North American psyche.



#### SLOAN

#### TWICE REMOVED,

DGC/MCA

Hailing from Hailfax, Sloan is not a person but a four-way relationship set on a precarious artistic balance. The group's new album, Twice Removed, features the poppy "Pen Pals" and "I Hate My Generation" as well as the tempting, hooky "Coax Me" and the romantic ballad "I Can Feel It" (with Jennifer Pierce of Jale). Chucking the guitar-thrashing vibe, Twice Removed is stripped down, sparse and lean.



### **GRAVEDIGGAZ**6 FEET DEEP, Island

The mouths and minds you loved in Wu Tang Clan, De La Soul, Stetasonic and Too Poetic are here in this all-writing, all-producing group, Gravediggaz. Says Prince Rakeem (from Wu Tang Clan), "The name sounds wicked, but it's more than that. Its significance and derivation are that so many people are slaves of mental death. Our idea is to dig up their mental grave and shed on them a little light about what time it is."



### **SINGLE GUN THEORY** FLOW, RIVER OF MY

SOUL, Nettwerk

Honest, human and at times fragile, Single Gun Theory's new album is sheer beauty. Hauntingly evocative, this Australian band's latest collection of songs is a mature work capable of taking the listener on a journey of personal exploration. Spiritual elements melded with high technology create a soundscape of intense emotional, sensual and surreal revelations.





#### JABBERJAW

GOOD TO THE LAST DROP,

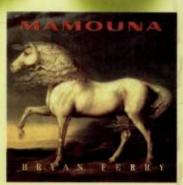
Jabberjaw is L.A.'s back-againstthe-wall live music venue and coffee house. Carving a niche for
itself as the all-ages spot to play
for out-of-town acts, Jabberjaw
has been around five years. This is
a benefit compilation of some of
the club's favorite bands including
Girls Against Boys, Hole,
Hammerhead, Beck, Teenage
Fanclub, Siug, Helmet and Jawbox.
With the money raised, Jabberjaw
hopes to enter its next phase of
noise-pop-punk-experiment-o
show action.



#### **RHEOSTATICS**

INTRODUCING HAPPINESS, Sire

Introducing Happiness features 18 new songs that will hopefully wipe away the muck of grunge from the windshield of rock and let happiness shine through from coast to coast to coast. Recorded at Compass Point Studios in Nassau, Bahamas, the album was produced, engineered and mixed by veteran Rheostatics producer Michael Phillip-Wojewoda.



#### BRYAN FERRY

MAMOUNA, Virgin

Mamouna is very much a '90s record — spacey, rootless, full of possibilities, driving R 'n' B grooves beneath rich and complex textures, sensual, urban and disturbed. It features some of the world's finest musicians, including Brian Eno, who supplied sonic treatments throughout. Culled from a former project, Horoscope, Mamouna is music without walls, endless in intent and extent, and is endlessly playable.



#### **LOVE SPIT LOVE**

LOVE SPIT LOVE, BMG

Ex-Psychedelic Fur Richard Butler's new band Love Spit Love captures the great melodies of the Furs in the mood of the '90s. Full of soaring poetic melodies, the album is filled with passionate eloquence delivered by Butler's gritty tenor. Check out the instantly hummable single "Am I Wrong"!







# Interactivity Is No Game

magine, if you will, standing at the curb of an urban thoroughfare. Let's say it's the info-bahn for visualization's sake, and you are waiting for a lift. But there is no traffic in sight.

Lining the highway are billboards that describe a techno-enhanced lifestyle with which you are having trouble connecting. How are you to be expected to buy into something that you barely comprehend? Suddenly the phone rings and you pretend, for the millionth time in your life, that you weren't sleeping. Don't fear — you're not the only person feeling lost in the multimedia nightmare.

The consumer public is exposed daily to an overwhelming supply of information about the advancing digital era and the importance that multimedia will play in that realm. For those who don't access computer tech or home video game systems, the supply supersedes the actual demand. Grasping the basics of multimedia is one thing — getting a grip on the daily application is another.

In short, multimedia may appear to many as being all style and no substance, an exercise in flashy expressions such as "vaporware" (products announced far in advance of release, which may or may not actually become reality), "neophilia" (the trait of being excited by novelty, common among most hackers), or "flame" (to post an E-mail message intended to insult).

In reality, the whole field of interactive creativity (from manufacturing through to the user) is simple, if you enter at the ground level.

Think of interactive technology as two separate fields. On one side you have the realm of homecomputer technology, and on the other, interactive game systems such as Sega Genesis. As these separate areas evolve it becomes apparent that there is a corelation. Manufacturers working in each field are perceiving this common ground — this merging of concepts and applications as the future of multimedia and interactive activity. Their cyber love child? Interactive movies, of course!

Sam the Record Man (despite the name being

based in the old media -"records") has taken steps to remove the barrier between the technology we hear about in the news and the technology we may experience at home. The third floor of Sam's main downtown Toronto store, formerly a vast graveyard of original albums left over from the golden age of vinyl, is now home to Sam's Interactive, a retail specialty department that heralds the new wave of interactive merchandising. And, like the very concept of interactive programming, Sam's Interactive will eventually spread to other Sam's outlets in the Toronto area.

"The old and the new media side by side," proclaims Charles Philip, one of the main coordinators of the department, as he gestures to shelves of vinyl that are neatly tucked away behind a new display of (performance artist and original multimedia superstar) Laurie Anderson's latest publication Tales From the Nerve Bible.

"This section, [Sam's Interactive] enables me to see what's out there. It's such a new industry — 'interactivity,' we'll call it. Mainly, I keep track of what's new and what's hot. Really I perform an information function, but I look at myself as more of a medium than a salesperson."

While Philip "channels" news of the latest technology to visitors of Sam's Interactive, the shop environment hums with digital activity. Numerous terminals are set up as access points to the latest programs and systems everything from the latest in cyber-space interactive games such as Super Nintendo and Sega Genesis titles to Peter Gabriel's remarkably comprehensive **EXPLORA I release: Peter** Gabriel's Secret World (the first in Gabriel's proposed EXPLORA series).

At level one of the interactive construct are games — strategy and role-playing programs that enable the user to participate according to established rules and within the context of a given, cyber-induced environment. This used to be the realm of arcade culture. Nowadays. arcade-ism invades the homefront. What's next? Sega's upcoming cable TV game channel. Already available stateside, plans to get Sega cablevision on-line in Canada are underway for as early as September '94. And now that game-based companies such as Pioneer and Sega are getting interested in the "serious" field of interactive movies, the average person may be relating to "interactivity" more readily than expected.

Exactly what are interactive movies you may be wondering? Mega corporation Time-Warner is currently working on movie projects that enable the user (that's you) to either generate a character or inhabit a pre-made character who, in turn, interacts with the other characters (portrayed by familiar actors) in the movie's storyline. Seeing through the eyes of the "user character," you trigger pre-programmed events by your actions. When a decision is required there may be, let's say, three responses to choose from. Each response has a chain reaction that has been pre-programmed - your decision calls up the series of subsequent events and/or environments that coincide with that response. It's virtual reality — cinema style. The environments may be realistic (natural settings), or entirely synthetic (we've experienced that for years now - think of Total Recall, Star Trek: The Next Generation, or many current TV commercials where the background is manmade). When a viewer can enter the realm of a film and consciously make changes that have an effect on the storyline, interactivity will have truly arrived.

In the meantime, it's games. The industry buzz may be about "interactive music" and the "information highway," but those fields are only the tip of the multimedia iceberg. What lies below the surface is a remarkable network and history of games — video games.

"Video games are the simplest form of interactivity. That's mainly what we carry," explains Philip.

Gabriel Knight is one such product. An intriguing and highly complex IBM CD-ROM mystery story/game, GK features the voices of Tim Curry and Mark Hamil among others. It has a memory base of over 7,300 verbal expressions that are accessed as the user moves (via mouse) through a cyber-tized New Orleans environment and takes part in a story of voodoo magic and murder. The user is Gabriel Knight, and, as that character, engages in conversation with other characters in an effort to uncover the riddles and solve the mystery at hand (the goal). The user's capacity to elicit response and make changes to the environment is thrilling, and addictive.

If you can pull yourself away from the screen long enough for a trip to Chicago, Battletech Centre is a futuristic amusement park located in the windy city. The testing ground for what is planned as a chain of centres, Battletech presents an experience along the lines of Toronto's "Tour of the Universe" (at the base of the CN Tower), only more intense. Visitors enter the Battletech environment and are offered a vast variety of roles to play — from intergalactic fighter pilot in their own attack space craft, to central command post navigator. Participants interact with the main program and each other within that context. Entertainment is the goal and games are the medium of Battletech, which plans to construct sites in both Tokyo and Toronto within the next 12 months.

If you are doubting your role in the interactive boom — think again. Take a walk through your neighborhood and check your local video shop. Chances are, there is a section devoted to games. It's a good place to start.

#### SAM'S INTERACTIVE RETAIL SCORE

Titles that are topping the retail charts at Sam's Interactive include: Iron Helix (IBM CD-ROM game): Peter Gabriel's Secret World (visual learning /interactive environment on Mac CD-ROM); Maus by Voyager (interactive book based on the cerebral comic book character, on Mac CD-ROM); the Star Trek series (Judgement Rites and 25th Anniversary — both games on IBM disk): Freak Show (visual interactive environment created by avant-garde art-rockers The Residents, on Mac CD-ROM); Myst (interactive environment on IBM and Mac CD-ROM - the user is sent down to a planet's surface to explore and solve puzzles); Prince Interactive (available on multi-format CD-ROM); Heart (on IBM CD-ROM); and Critical Path (an interactive movie/game on IBM CD-ROM, requiring considerable participation by the user).

#### SHARE WARE

Macintosh users are now able to access volumes of programs, software, fonts and information courtesy of Share Ware - accessed through a Mac-user program called Magic. A kind of Internet Jr., Magic is more of an info side road than anything else, but Share Ware is the "magic" behind this program. Users download via modem any of the tools offered, try them out and decide whether to purchase them or not based on experience. Home shopping at its most advanced.

#### VAPORWARE

New technology still on the drawing board that may or may not be realized — hence, vapor ware. Many interactive movies, until they are released, are subject to the vaporware category.

#### **TUPPERWARE**

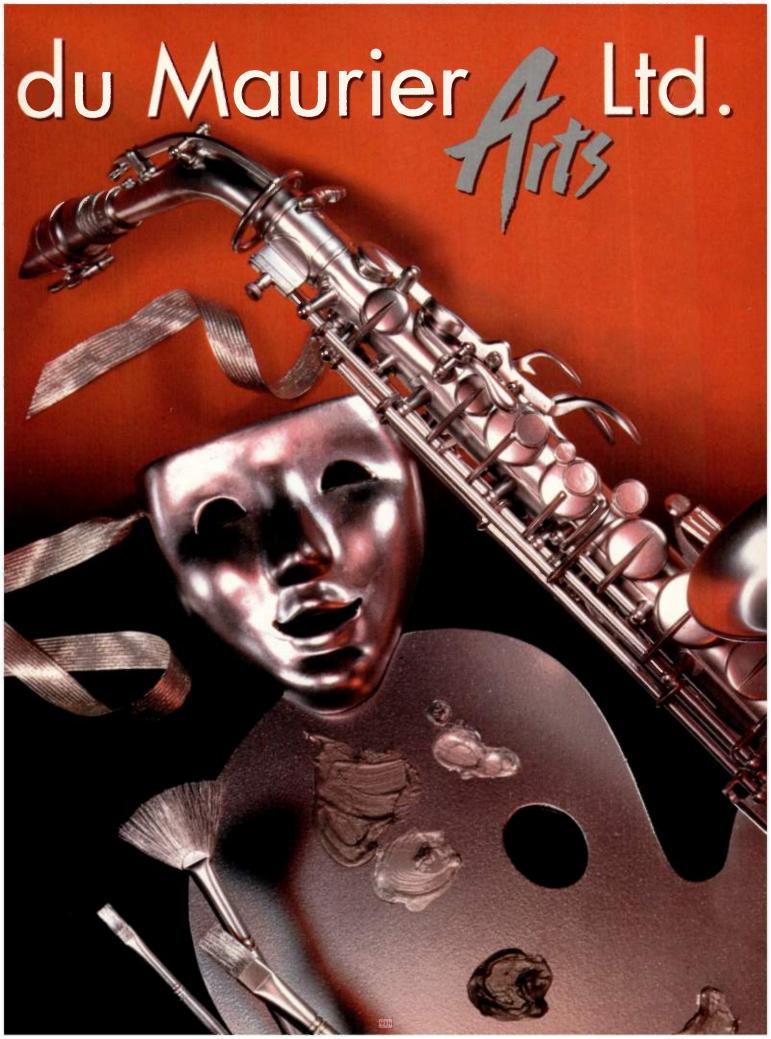
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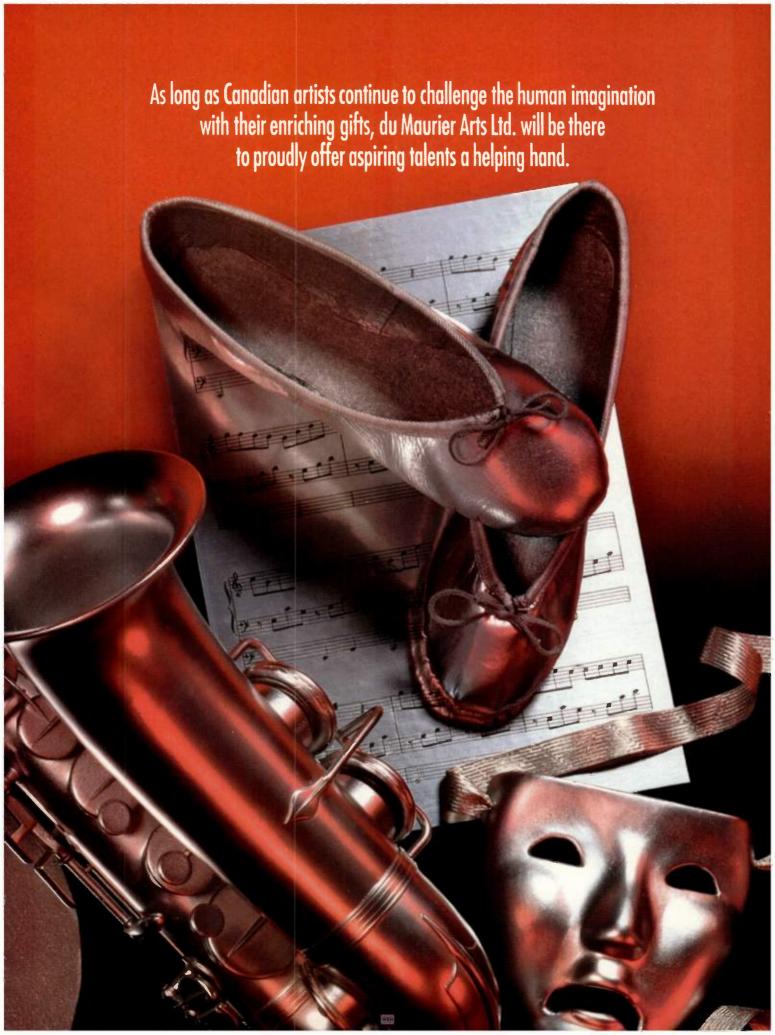
#### **MERGE AND SAVE**

As the fields of computer technology and game systems begin to interact more, the concept of a card (when installed into a home computer) that enables the user to access games becomes less of a vapor ware item and more of a tangible fact.

#### GET WITH THE PROGRAM

Evolve or dissolve.





MUSIC

"Acrimony," the first single off Kim Mitchell's latest album, *Itch*, has been blaring out of car stereos all summer long, and for long-time fans of Mitchell, the odd tale of a man who just can't get his life together, is perhaps the best single he has produced since his days with Max Webster, the seminal rock band he fronted between 1976 and 1980.

In fact, *Itch* is arguably Mitchell's best album since his debut, *Akimbo Alogo*, 10 years ago, and a stunning return to form after his disappointing *Aural Fixations* release, two years ago. "I was definitely a little unfocused on the last album," admits Mitchell, on an unbearably hot summer



#### SCRATCHINGKIMMITCHELL'SITCH

day. At Mitchell's insistence, the interview takes place in his car, with him behind the wheel navigating the streets of Toronto and the air conditioning cranked up.

Aural Fixations was the first Mitchell album not to feature collaborations with his songwriting partner of more than 20 years, Pye Dubois, the lyricist responsible for such offbeat classics as "I Am A Wild Party," "Lager and Ale," and "Rock n' Roll Duty," as well as virtually the entire Max catalogue. Conflicts about Dubois' role in the recording process — he's a very hands-on songwriter who demands to be in the studio at all times — prior to the start of the sessions for Aural

Fixations led to Mitchell and Dubois parting company for the first time in the duo's professional career. After the dismal reactions to Aural Fixations—neither the press, nor the public seemed to like it—Mitchell realized the importance of working with Dubois, and when they came together again for Itch, it was with a renewed spirit that can be heard in the astonishingly fresh tracks on the album.

"The fact that Pye and I had a falling out and a reconciliation with a more conscious arrangement as to how we'd do things and where things went wrong before, definitely was an important factor," explains Mitchell, 20 minutes into the 45 minute drive through Toronto's muggy streets.

Itch is notable both for what it does and doesn't contain; it benefits from Mitchell's aggressive guitar work, Dubois' unusual lyrical turns, and the sheer quirkiness of the song arrangements, but unlike previous releases, isn't weighed down with keyboards, synthesizers and heavyhanded production. For the first time in his 10-year solo career Mitchell didn't take on any of the production

responsibilities, leaving those chores to Joe Hardy (who mixed Aural and has also produced ZZ Top and Tom Cochrane). "Having a producer this time allowed me to just have fun and be a knucklehead in the studio, and not worry about the dog work and answering to the record company — all the things you've got to do when you're producing," says Mitchell.

And while being free of the production duties clearly had a positive effect on the recording of the album, ultimately it was the renewed strength of the partnership with Dubois that made *ltch* special. As Mitchell says, "Through everything that's happened between us, I remain Pye's biggest fan — he's got a style that no one else can touch."

Dubois' unique, impressionistic wordplay ("I'm buck hungry/all I got is cinnamon/ and no powder for my puddin' green," from "Acrimony") distinguishes him from most rock lyricists — and causes some fans to wonder what the hell he's talking about.

"I'm not entirely convinced that I'm supposed to explain rock 'n' roll lyrics — I mean 'no powder for the puddin' green' was simply a way to suggest that this guy was desperate; that he didn't have any food in the house, he didn't even have Jello," says Dubois, in a separate interview.

"I can understand how some people might think 'is this just gibberish, or is this guy profound?'" he admits, with a laugh. "And the thing is, I'm not trying to be profound, but I like the openness of my lyrics."

Neither Mitchell nor Dubois knows for sure if they'll write another album together, but both have rediscovered the joy of the creative process — and Mitchell's fans are the beneficiaries.

— Stephen Hubbard

#### MITCHELLISANS

Mitchelf's not the relaxed, taid-back guy his fans may think he is. A noteriously lead slooper and a self-described "very anxious person," he says, "I pick, I fident, I worry, the awake at night, I pade, I play guitar—think's me."

Mitchell lays he's never organish his even vocal performances: "I the my vocal about as much as you enjoy hearing your veice on an ammorring machine," and admits that one of his professional funtaments to "just play suiter" on another sincer's album.

Although he would "love it" if Itch did well in the State, Mitchell refuse to play the

American music industry game: "I was asked to achimoze these American record industry people at a party in New York and I just said 'no,' because when you get right down to it, I could kiss their asses for four hours at that party, and make a bunch of new friends, but when their music meeting goes down on Monday, if they like the song they'll play it, and if they don't like the song

they ain't gonna play it.'

Two of Mitchell's favorite musicians and songwriters are Don Henley and Eddie Van Halen

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#### CHARLIE MAJOR

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The Reasons Why

Recipient of more than 25 Canadian country music awards, Michelle has achieved a new level of excellence. The Reasons Why, compelling and genuine, in stores Sept. 9.



#### BLACKHAWK

Blackhawk

The Outlaws' Henry Paul and songwriters Van Stephenson and Dave Robbins (writers of most of Restless Heart's biggest hits) are Blackhawk. This record is flying high with a recent #1 Billboard single "Every Once In A While".



#### PRAIRIE OYSTER

Only One Moon

Canada's favourite country band are touring across Canada throughout the summer and fall performing your fave songs from their new gold record including their #1 single "Such a Lonely One".



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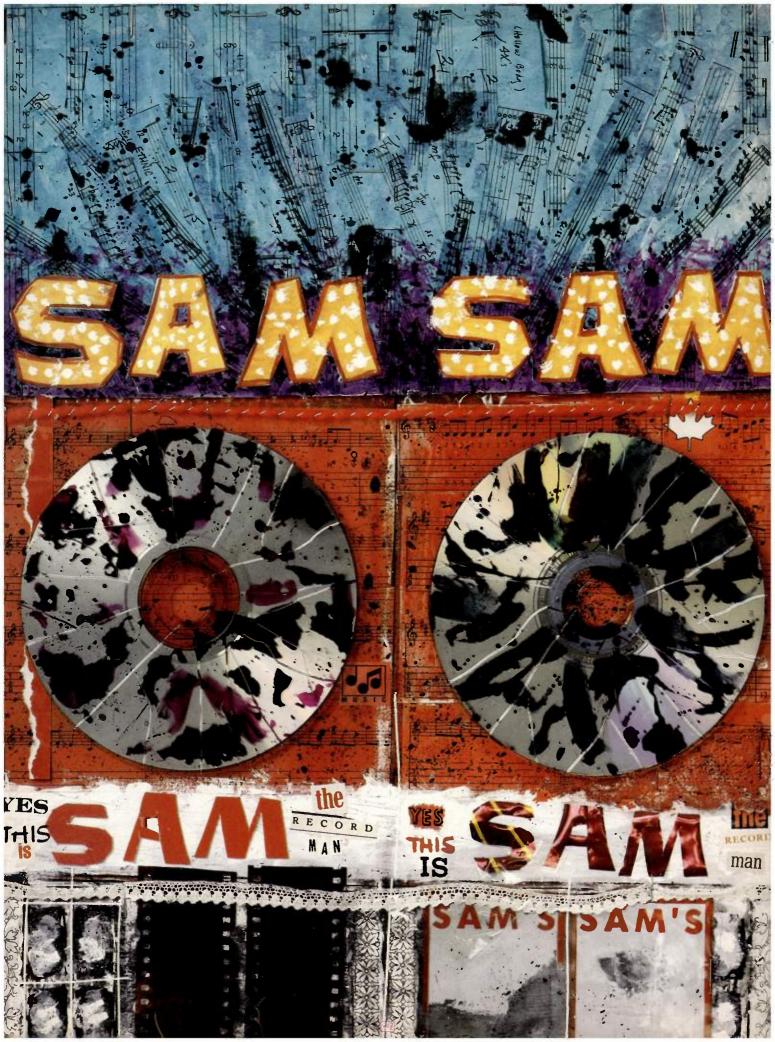


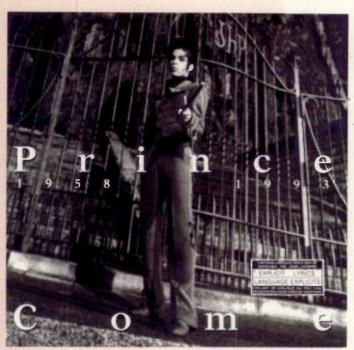












#### COME Warner

#### PRINCE

The "symbol guy" trots himself out as sex-boy kitten once again, and, depending on your tolerance of breathy baloney, Come is either enticing or tiresome. Thankfully, the grooves are pretty cool. "Loose" is '80s-meets-techno and "Space" has a positive vibe. "Pheromone" is a slammin' dance-party throb. Since the relatively low-cal Batman soundtrack, Mr. "Formerly Known As" has been picking up steam, and this is probably the strongest release since that dud. The New Power Generation lets it rip, especially at the end of "Papa." If you can get by the juvenile humping references and the Donna Summer-style orgasmic vocals, Come will stay in your collection. For those who are less forgiving, Come will go—into the delete bin. — W. J.

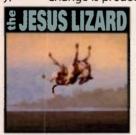
INTRODUCING HAPPINESS Warner

#### RHEOSTATICS

Eccentric, verging on the quirky side of novelty, with numerous and delightful shadings of '60s-era pop music, *Introducing Happiness* is a colorful, engaging work. Among the 18 inven-

tive tracks, "Fan Letter To M. Jackson," with its homage to Axl Rose's song-ending vocal histrionics, demands scrutiny. In spite of a tendency to be precious and coy,

Etobicoke, Ont.'s Rheostatics is approaching a level of musical maturity and compositional proficiency that will appeal to all but the most contumacious slaves to mainstream hipness. — D. H.



GRACE Columbia/Sony

#### JEFF BUCKLEY

Folky, guitar-rich observations that seem to come from a quiet room overlooking a small town in Middle America late on a Sunday afternoon. Much of *Grace* has a contemplative, mystical quality, with

theological references throughout. "Lilac Wine" and "Last Goodbye"

are romantic and plaintive, while "Dream
Brother" has East Indian, raga-esque hues.
"Hallelujah" achieves a transcendant plane that invites repeated listening. Given the right mood, *Grace* is nourishment for

the soul. - D. H.

DOWN Touch & Go

#### THE JESUS LIZARD

Change is predominante on Jesus

Lizard's latest disc.
The band's former
explorations in disjointed rhythms and
noise dynamics are
replaced by tight,
structured songs,
yet the stormy reso-

nance is intact. In the past, singer
David Yow could be compared to the
dada poet Jean-Louis Brau, who used
his voice to create weird, yet listenable, appliance-like sounds. On
Down Yow actually attempts to
sing; don't worry, his trade mark
howl/wail remains. — T. H.

AMY GRANT A&M

#### **AMY GRANT**

If the prevailing winds of pop consumerism blow in the direction of misty-eyed, romantic balladry this fall, Grant will surely

score big time
with "Love
Has a Hold,"
"Our Love"
and "Children
of the World."
The album starts
out a bit on the
light-weight side,



PICTURE PERFECT MORNING
Geffen/MCA

#### **EDIE BRICKELL**

That thin, quirky voice of Brickell's still has the ability to charm the harshest of detractors into submission while causing them to crack a grin or two while wading through her newest candy floss pop. *Picture Perfect Morning* is all up and airy in

Over the years Johnny Clegg has become a musical phenomenon around the world, mainly because of his music - a wonderful mix of African and Western styles - and his unyielding stance against apartheid, which has finally been abolished in his native South Africa.

This greatest hits package includes Johnny Clegg's first worldwide hit with Juluka, "Scatterlings of Africa" and continues with his impressive repertoire of hits from his four albums with his current band Savuka (MEANING 'WE HAVE AWAKENED').

Along with Johnny's greatest hits,
"In My African Dream"
also includes two brand new songs,
"Ibhola Lethu" and "Africa".

JOHNNY CLEGG & SAVUKA



#### IN MY AFRICAN DREAM

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content, as the title insinuates. There's the standard number of hooks and just enough oomph from "Olivia" and "Green" to keep the listener from drifting off while entranced by the buttery-smooth delivery by Brickell and band. — B. R.

GENERATION 6 PACK Warner

#### **PURE**

With song titles such as "Primajuana", "Anna Is A Speed Freak", "Drugs, Guns And Booze" and, uh, "Head", you're not likely to find this album filed in the same section as Mariah Carey. Consisting of mostly low-key, mid-tempo musings that too often lack color or freshness, Generation 6 Pack has little to offer those outside Pure's original fan base. Stylistically, the band is

somewhere between grunge, '80s punk and alterna-

tive new wave, but without a singular identity or sig-

WHO'S RUNNING MY WORLD Raven

#### THUNDERMUG

nature sound. - D. H.

Everyone from The Stampeders to Lighthouse is doing it (re-uniting), so why not Thundermug? Who? Thundermug was a '70s, Toronto band that scored with a song called "Africa" which is included here. Distant cousins of southern rock bands such as ZZ Top and Lynyrd Skynyrd in their less bluesy moments, Thundermug's songs such as "Hippy" and "The Marijauna Song" leave little doubt as to the group's political affiliation. Musical ingenuity, combined with a sense of playfulness, suggests Thundermug can still connect. — D. H.

SACRED AND INSANE Permanent

#### THE WILLIES

From the delightfully warped, but creatively rich, imagination of Philip Kuntz (Brother Philip) comes the very first offering by Toronto's The Willies. Kuntz' twisted lyrics and Cat Stevens-like voice deliver the goods on an album that has a fresh, off-the-floor vitality, despite the fact that it sounds more like a rough cut than a polished gem. Every song here has something unique to offer, with colorful background harmonies and instrumental backdrops that enhance and support, rather than compete with, Kuntz' catchy melodies. — D. H.

DEWDROPS IN THE GARDEN Elektra

#### DEEE-LITE

Super DJ Dimitry and Lady Miss Kier may no longer be an item, but love — or at least singing about it — has kept Deee-Lite together. While Dewdrops in the Garden's lyrics still

espouse harmony, the music has taken on a darker ambience. The combo has embraced a more hardcore,

techno sound. Strong tracks include "Say Ahhh...,"
"Mind Meld" and "Call Me." If Deee-Lite is trying to
shake its novelty tag, it's a significant — and brave —
step in the right direction. — R.R.

#### LOVE OVER RAGE Kinetic

#### **TOM ROBINSON**

The gravelly voiced troubador has come a long way from the punk anthems of his youth. Robinson's voice is still gritty, but now it comes wrapped in the thick, liquid honey of his back-up band. He still sings about political themes, but even seemingly didactic ditties like "Driving" and "DDR" are really more vignettes of life and love in wartime. Not for Rush Limbaugh fans, but definitely built for the human race. — R.R.

#### COUNTRY

THE REASONS WHY Arista

#### MICHELLE WRIGHT

Haunting organ riffs, Wright's sultry voice and piercing steel guitars make *The Reasons Why* more than a lighthearted romp. It is a lesson in how country music can touch the soul. From the fervent unease of "Where Do We Go From Here" to the helpless lament expressed by "The Wall," Wright has proven that her musical talents do more than graze the surface. She also rocks with "Try Getting Over You" and strolls through a memory in "The Old Song & Dance." A winner. — F. M.

#### CLASSICAL

HEALEY WILLAN: CHORAL MUSIC Virgin

#### THE CHOIR OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, TORONTO

The English-born Willan emigrated to Canada in 1913 and in 1921 he accepted a post at St. Mary Magdalene. The music on this disc was written for this locale and it was recorded there. Each piece has a serene quality, reverberating in the open spaces of the church. Beautiful singing and bright recording. Listen in small doses to let the full effect sink in. — T. M.

#### JAZZ

LIVE! IN SESSION, Radioland

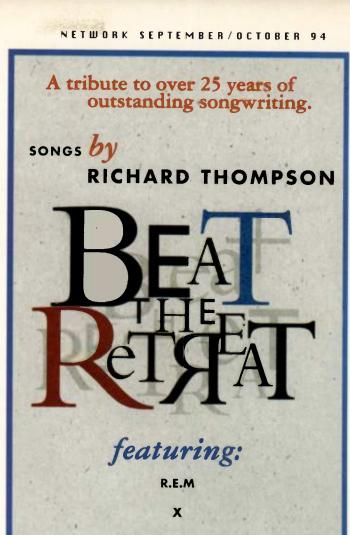
#### LIBERTY SILVER WITH THE BILL KING QUARTET

Silver has a big voice. It stretches 5 1/2 octaves and to many styles. Here, she shows her versatility with the pop brand of jazz, shifting, chameleon-like, through standards such as "On



A Clear Day," "'Round Midnight," and "Crazy He Calls Me." Most satisifying is the superb playing from Bill King (piano), Paul Novotny (Bass), Archie Alleyne (Drums), Kirk MacDonald (tenor sax) and Kevin Turcotte (trumpet). — C. J.W.

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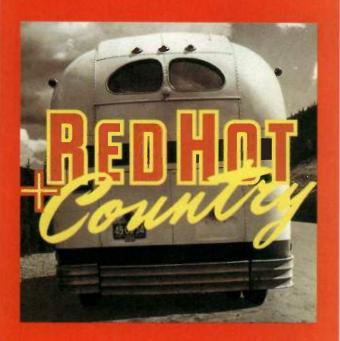


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#### KEVEN JORDAN'S MAN SLAMS BACK

I couldn't help but respond to your review [David Henman's] of my client, Keven Jordan, and his latest release in the summer issue of Network.

It is extremely difficult for me to imagine how you could have possibly listened to the lyrical content of Keven's new songs. I find it ludicrous that you would wish for Keven to experience more pain and suffering in order to satisfy your musical appetite.

You must be an extremely unhappy individual, full of anger and bitterness to believe that tragedy is the only worthy experience of artistic expression. There is much more to life than pain and suffering and you should be reminded that the weathering Keven has experienced has led him to chose not to whine about your favorite subject.

You, too, are also no stumbling beginner and your potential would be greater and put to better use by expanding your narrow point of view concerning the lessons of life.

Barry Bergman, Barry Bergman Management New York, N.Y.

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Please — stop — Getting desperate — stop — almost given up — stop must find — stop — gotta have it — stop — help! — stop. Artist: Fleetwood Mac. Titles: "Black Magic Woman" and English Rose. Format: CD, cassette, vinyl, 8-track or stone tablet.

William Cook Vancouver, B.C.

Fleetwood Mac — "Black Magic Woman." I can find the track available on several compilations: The Fleetwood Mac Collection (UK Import, Castle CCSCD 157), Greatest Hits (UK Import, Sony 460704—2), Blues Years (three CD set, UK Import, Essential ESBCD 138).

The Blues Years collection might be your best bet as it collects the early blues material onto three CDs and is sure to include many tracks from English Rose and other early albums. English Rose is available as an expensive Japanese import (Epic Japan ESCA — 5421).

#### A WALTONS PRIZE

I have to have a copy of a limited edition, three-song CD by The Waltons! It includes two cover songs, "The Boxer," by Simon and Garfunkel and "Under the Clocks," by Australian band Weddings, Parties, Anything. It also contains a remake of The Waltons' "The Naked Rain." I know it was given to the first 200 ticket-buyers at The Waltons' Oct. 8, 1993 Danforth Music Hall show.

Karen Cation Guelph, Ont.

SAM'S

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SYSTEM

The Waltons CD you request sounds quite interesting, unfortunately it was made available only as a promotional item and not offered for sale through retail. This means that Sam the Record Man cannot obtain it from WEA Music Canada, who would be your best bet for obtaining this item if, they have any left.

#### WHAT TO ASK FOR

Recorded music and videos can be traced based on current files. Maximum is two requests per let-

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— i.e. — title, artist, label and format (LP, cassette or CD). Along with your request, you must include a self-addressed, stamped (43¢) envelope OR YOU WILL NOT GET A RESPONSE.

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The Flintstones Modern Stone-Age Melodies: Original Songs From the Classic TV Show Soundtrack

With all the hype surrounding this past summer's release of the Flintstones' movie, Rhino Records decided to release a compilation of the music from the original ABC TV series. This recording contains tracks from favorite episodes as well as from rare record albums and the 1966 animated feature film.

Highlights include: Fred as "Hi-Fye" doing his swinging rendition of "Listen to the Rocking Blrd," "Yabba-Dabba-Doo" by Hoagy Carmichael, "The Rockenschpeel Jingle" sung

by Wilma, "Bedrock Twitch" by Rock Roll, the Way Outs doing "Way Out," The Beau Brummels with "Laugh, Laugh" and of course Pebbles and Bamm-Bamm doing "Open Up Your Heart and Let the Sun Shine In." (Unfortunatley, Rhino could not get the rights to any of the Anne Margrock songs.)

Flintstone Fact: 166 episodes were produced from 1960 to 1966. — Chris Sullivan



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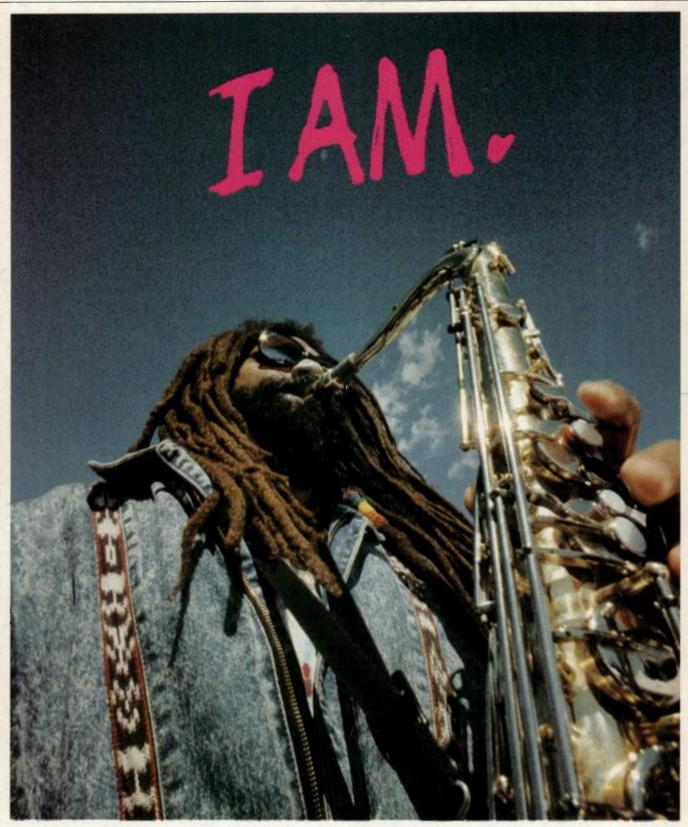
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