all, what's a king without a crown?

On The Town: Did you know that Los Tres Bobos is now having music on Wednesday nights after they've served their last chimichanga? Well, they are, and tonight's show is Ernie Sky and the K-Tels. Else where, you can say good-bye to Stevie Ray Vaughan and Double Trouble tonight at the Continental Club, as the guitarist gets ready to hit the road to Europe. There'll be video and guitarplaying and the usual Continental Club madness. Shake Russell and John Vandiver will be at emmajoe's, and Dan Del Santo plays Snaveley's, right after he gets through opening for Joe "King" Carrasco down at Auditorium Shores.

Thursday, Indiana's Zero Boys come to the Ritz, Max and the Makeups and the Stick Figures play Club Foot, dobro-ist Dan Huckabee celebrates the release of his record at Snaveley's, and the David Rodriguez band plays emmajoe's.

Friday's record-release party involves the Pool, starting at 7 p.m. at Waterloo Records. After that, you can go see Pylon and talmadge d'amour at Club Foot, The Rot, Offenders, Toxic Shock and the Infected at the Ritz, Van Wilks at Mother Earth, Lucinda at twilight and Townes Van

Zandt at night at emmajoe's, and Isaac Payton Sweat, the King of the Cotton Eyed Joe, at the Silver Dollar. On the concert calendar, we see Bonnie Bramlett and Grinderswitch at the Opera House on Saturday the 10th, the same night Ramblin' Jack Elliott plays Snaveley's, Squeeze, A Flock of Seagulls, the Producers and more at Fiesta Gardens on the 11th starting at 1 p.m., Cabaret Futura, featuring Richard Strange, poet Liz Finch, synthesizer band the Passage, the Pulse, a dance troupe, and more, at Club Foot on the 15th, Marshall Crenshaw and Stephen Doster at the Opera House and the Neville Brothers at Club Foot on the 16th, ex-Baby John Waite at Cardi's on the 20th, 38 Special, Prism, and Frankie Miller at the Erwin Center on the 22nd, the Fabulous Thunderbirds doing two nights at Club Foot on the 23rd and 24th, Steel Pulse and Oingo Boingo at the Opera House on the 24th, Cheap Trick, Aldo Nova, and Axe at the Erwin Center on the 25th, Wishbone Ash at Liberty Lunch on the 26th, Elvis Costello at the Coliseum on the 29th, Killing Joke at Club Foot on the 30th, and the Grateful Dead at Manor Downs on the 31st.

And that's just July! I'll be back with more on Saturday, so keep the tips coming, and I'll see you then.