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Country music alive in Europe

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CHRIS PFEIFFER

ABOUT 25 YEARS ago a young girl in Switzerland took her brother, Jean Pierre, to a Jerry Lee Lewis concert. His ensuing passion for country music began that night.

Three years ago he turned that passion into a magazine for other Europeans who might share his interest. Since that initial spark of interest, Jean Pierre has watched country music slowly come to Europe, a wide interpretation of "country," that included rockabilly and blues. He has watched festivals sprout up around his native land in Switzerland. He has seen the careers of many musicians that he "discovered" years ago suddenly accessible to the general public.

The country music scene in Europe was tied in with the United States Army, English-speaking countries and places where the roots of country music in Europe were above ground. The scene has changed, and men like Jean Pierre Hamerli are partially responsible.

Let me recount a scene that occurred right before I left Switzerland. Chris Pfeiffer, a songwriter and performer in Boerne, sent me a tape last month. I brought it with me to Switzerland this month and played it for Jean Pierre, one of the "experts," and this word denotes that he knows the sidemen on obscure albums, he knows the connections among the various musicians, he knows why the sound of George Jones appears in a younger singer, he knows lots of facts. But that is not all. First and most important, he knows what he likes, what he feels, how the sounds move him.

"What do you think of this?" I asked as I put in the tape. He listened carefully to the first Western Swing tune. "I'm looking for that uniqueness. What sets him apart from other good performers?" Then the next song, a ballad conveyed in a voice that carried tears. "Now, I think I hear someting there. Sounds a bit like Cal Smith. Know him?" (Jean Pierre was always asking me embarrassing questions about what I knew about the history of country music. I've lived around this music so long, I too, run the risk of taking it for granted. I've certainly never attacked it with the focus that these European fans develop.)

I REPEATED WORDS for Jean Pierre; after all, hearing English in a song when it is not your first language is a challenge.

"Until we meet again, I'll keep on talkin' to your memory
People say that I'm crazy, but they don't know my pain
Until we meet again, until the last word is spoken
I'll keep this promise unbroken, until we meet again."

The song is about a man whose wife has died after 42 years of marriage. The song is a pledge to a strong, undying love. "I really like that," JP added.

"He could really have an audience here in Europe. The honesty of his voice, the clarity of his writing and traditional music including fiddle and steel guitar all add up to a performance that we can appreciate. I don't care how well known someone is. If the music is good, I want to hear it and write about it."

Picking Time Magazine has stories on the Texana Dames, , Jimmie Gilmore, Buddy Holly, Tanya Tucker, Butch Hancock, Townes Van Zandt, to name a few significant Texas songwriters. It also covers the rockabilly that Sam Phillips discovered and the many musicians associated with that scene. Texas plays a role there. The magazine is written in French, but the photos alone make it a valuable piece of Texas music history. For information write Jean Pierre Hammerli, P.O. Box 2076, CH-1110 Morges 2, Switzerland.

My favorite Chris Pfeiffer song is "Anyone Can Fall." He pays tribute to his love for a woman, a love that had to accept mistakes that even she might make. Not a common topic in country music. "For as special as you are, I guess anyone can fall." Pfeiffer does not have a "record" deal yet, but he plays regularly in this area. Perhaps Kerrville will be next on his list. Good Texas music has crossed the ocean once again and is making some waves. *Happy Trails.*

Spare the rod

Q. Where in the Bible does it say "Spare the rod and spoil the child"?

A. It doesn't. That's from a lengthy poem by Samuel Butler. The Biblical verse reads "He that spareth his rod hateth his son..."

L.M. BOYD

Cutler's Law reads: "One sack of groceries makes three sacks of garbage."

The legendary Howard Hughes owned a light blue 1964 Chrysler with hermetic seals around the gas pedal, brakes and windows. To keep out germs.

Hippopotamus meat tastes like pork. I've heard.

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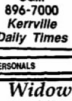

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6 PM :30	Wheel / Jeopardy!	News / In Edition	Fact Of Life / Its A Living	Insp. Gadget / Looney Tunes	Money World / Bus Rpt	Miami Vice	9'zow & Mrs. King	News / ET	Moonlighting	Moneyline / Crossfire	SportsCenter / Major League Baseball	A. Griffith / Cubs vs Mets (L)
7 PM :30	Brit Maverick, The Vulture Also Rises	Prime Pets / Should Ask	Airwolf	Doble Gillis / Bewitched	MacNeil Lehrer	Murder, She Wrote	Burns And Allen College Early Years Of Television	Full House / Fmly Matters	Movie: Women of Valor. Group of American Army nurses are captured by the Japanese in 1942. K. McNichol, S. Sarandon 1986	Primetown		
8 PM :30	Yellow Rose / Breaking Trail	Newhart / You're Here	Movie: ★★★ Slaying Alive. Brooklyn's disco king returns, but he has his sights on Broadway. J. Travolta, Meghan Mullally 1983 (PG)	Green Acres / Donna Reed	Peter, Paul And Mary's 25th Anniversary. The enduring trio celebrates their anniversary in concert. (Repeat)	Hitchcock / Ray Bradbury		Strangers / New Attitude		Larry King Live!		
9 PM :30	Midnight Caller / Protection	Room For Romance		Night Live / America		Hitchhiker / Werewolf	700 Club	20/20 Weekly News Magazine	Molly Dodd / Esquire	Evening News	Major League Baseball	News
10 PM :30	News / Tonight Show	News / (35) Cheers	Brothers / Arsenio Hall	Hitchcock / Patty Duke	Dr. Who J. Pertwee	Miami Vice	Zorro / Bordertown	News / Who's Boss?	Sponsor: For Hire / Dr. Ruth	Moneyline / Sports Night		Magnum, P.I.
11 PM :30	Love Connect	(35) Jeffersons / Twilite Zone	My 3 Sons / Day At Time	Mr. Ed		Movie: Weekend Warriors L. Bridges, C.	Burns And Allen College Early Years Of Television	Hunter /	Day By Day	NewsNight		Movie: Haunting Of
12 AM :30	Letterman	After Hours / Siskel	CHiPs	Am For Daddy / Doble Gillis	Sign Off	Lawman 1988 (R)		PGA Golf / Nighttime	Sell-Improve Real Estate	SheWiz / NewsNight Update	SportsCenter	Julia M. Farrow, T. Conti 1976

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	AMC (18) Classics	TBS (20) (4) Atlanta	TNT (21) Atlanta	TNN (23) (43) Nashville	UNI (31) Spanish	DISC (35) (19) Discovery	A&E (36) New York	HBO (37) Premium	SHOW (38) (31) Premium	TMC (39) (22)	MAX (40) Premium	DISN (41) (29) Premium	HSE (42) Sports
6 PM :30	Movie: ★★★ No Down Payment. Four neighbors in a housing development experience tragedy. J. Woodward, T. Randall 1957	Jeffersons / Major League Baseball / Dodgers vs Braves (L)		Music Row Video	Campeonato Mundial De Baloncesto / Estudios Unidos vs Espana (T)	Rendezvous / Wild Monitor	Wilderness / Survival Wild	Amocks 1989 (PG) / Crypt Tales / Dream On	Movie: ★★★ Grand Zero. A cameraman questions the circumstances of his father's death. L. Preis, J. Thompson 1987 (PG13)	Movie: ★ A Tiger's Tale. High school senior has an affair with his girlfriend's mother. C. Howell, S. Margret 1987 (R)	Movie: ★★ Deep. Young couple on a Bermuda holiday stumble upon mysterious treasures. R. Shaw, J. Bisset 1977 (PG)	Movie: Bright Eyes. A young girl is the center of an adoption case. S. Temple, J. Dunn 1934	Innerview / Pennant
7 PM :30	Movie: ★★★ Long Hot Summer. A wandering hobo "drifts" into the life of a domineering Southerner. P. Newman, J. Woodward 1958		Movie: ★★ On A Clear Day You Can See Forever. To cure her smoking, a woman is hypnotized and tells of another life. B. Streisand, J. Montland 1970 (G)	What Qs Earth Day 1990 Concert	Compro Mujer	War Stories / D-Day: The Great Crusade (Pt 2 Of 2)	Movie: Sweet As You Are. A married professor's adulterous affair threatens his family life. A. Richardson, L. Nunez 1987	Movie: ★★ Indiana Jones And The Last Crusade. Indy and his dad join forces to find the Holy Grail. H. Ford, S. Connery 1989 (PG13)	Movie: A Nightmare On Elm Street 5: The Dream Child. Freddy invades the dreams of an unborn child. R. Englund, L. Wilson 1989 (R)	Movie: Cyborg. The future's most treasome warrior must save a captured female cyborg. J. Glenning, D. Richter 1989 (R)	Movie: ★★★ Black Widow. Fed/an agent hunts a woman she suspects of marrying and murdering. D. Winger, T. Russell 1986 (R)	Movie: ★★★ Parent Trap. Two identical teenagers meet by chance and discover they are sisters. H. Mills, M. O'Hara 1961	SportsTalk / Major League Baseball. Padres vs Astros (L)
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9 PM :30		(15) Wrestling	(45) ★★★ Tender Trap. D. Reynolds, F. Sinatra 1955	Crook, Chase	Paul Rodriguez	Discovery Showcase: Shred Of Evidence	Shortstories		Jeff Cesario	Movie: ★★ World Gone Wild. B. Hunt, M. Pare 1988 (R)			
10 PM :30	Movie: No Down Payment. J. Woodward, T. Randall 1957	(15) Death Race 2000. D. Carradine, S. Griffith 1975 (R)		TX Connect / Un Mago	Campeonato Mundial De Baloncesto / Yugoslavia vs Puerto Rico (T)	Just For Record	Evening At Improv	(15) Further Adventures Of Tennessee Buck / Movie: Sweet As You Are. M. Richardson,	Movie: Eddie And The Cruisers II: Eddie Livesi M. Pare, B. (45) Second Sight		Movie: Summer Job S. Rose, J. Summer 1989 (R)	Movie: Private To The Bottom Of The Sea. J. Pidgeon,	Kingdome Boxing / Triplehead
11 PM :30				Nashville Now		Beyond 2000	A & E Revues	Buck D. Keith, K. (50) Sam Goldwyn	15th M. Short, D. (45) Emanuelle		Movie: Moviegoers S. Bingham, E. Josephson 1987 (R)	Fantastic 1961 Movie: Wild Pair, F.	
12 AM :30	Movie: Long Hot Summer. P. Newman, J.	Movie: Cannonball D. Carradine,	(55) Opposite Sex J. Allyson, J.	Crook, Chase	Noticiero / Movie: El Amor Que Yo	Wild Monitor / Hollywood	Movie: Sweet As You Are M. Richardson,				Emmanuelle S. Kristel 1981 (R)		Phillies 66 Mixed

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