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An Assortment of Summer Specialties

□Summer is the Washington season. It doesn't threaten and rarely deliver, like winter; it assaults you with equally ferocious heat, humidity and rainstorms. It doesn't drift in and out inconclusively like spring and fall; when the middle of May brings that first 90-degree day you know you're done for until the first of October. There are occasional exceptions, the very few days when the sun and air act sensibly and let you out to do all those summer things like playing ball and picnicking without fear of heat or lightning stroke. For the most part, though, Washington summer weather turns all of us into sweaty stoics.

Despite the disadvantages of the season, one summer benefit is the constant stream of outdoor concerts. In addition to Wolf Trap, Merriweather Post and Glen Echo, many more regional programs are scheduled. Better yet, they're free.

Arlington County has a summer-long series at its Lubber Run Ampitheatre (N. Columbus and N. Second Sts., off Route 50). Theater, film and dance are offered as well as music. For July, this includes The Master Cat by the Children's Theatre of Arlington (11th-13th and 18th-20th), the Jazz Masters (16th), Perlo/Bloom & Co. dance (23rd), a showing of Cat Ballou (24th) and the US Army Brass Quintet (31st). For more information on these and other shows call 558-2165.

Alexandria pitches in with two series. The first includes weekly lunch concerts at Market Square (300 King St.), featuring Mike Cotter (9th), Chip Franklin (16th), Prime Time (23rd) and Nancy James and Patrick Frank (30th). At the Fort Ward Ampitheatre (4301 W. Braddock Rd.) Thursday evening concerts for July include the following: Thunder Paws (3rd), Bavarian Austrian Dancers (10th), New Century Singers (17th) and the Jazz Masters (24th). Information on Alexandria activities can be obtained at 750-6325.

Washington has a typically crowded free outdoor show schedule. There's Fort Dupont (Minnesota Ave. and Randall NE), now established as the venue for summer jazz: Flora Purim and Airto (12th-13th), the Rodney Franklin Quintet (19th-20th), and Carmen McRae (26th-27th). For information call 426-7723

Concerts on the Canal (30th and Thomas Jefferson Sts. NW) is a venerable series sponsored by Mobil which always attracts big crowds. July highlights are the Charlie Byrd Trio and Lydian Chamber Players (13th) and the Richard Smallwood Singers and Tim Eyermann and the East Coast Offering (27th). Call 862-1339 for more.

Schedules were not yet set at deadline time for two other reliable series. Fort Reno Park has shows generally on Wednesday and Saturday (though a Tex Rubinowitz gig is tentatively planned for Tuesday the 15th). And Thursday afternoons from noon to 2 pm can be marked for an eclectic blend of jazz, rock and more at Dupont Circle. So, get in the summer swing. With heat and humidity like we get, great physical activity during daylight is difficult. But with a cold lemonade and some sandwiches, outdoor concerts are just the thing for those "hazy, lazy, crazy days of summer."

Africian Boutique Offers Much

☐ The Smithsonian's Museum of African Art on Capitol Hill needs volunteers to work during the weekday in its Boutique Africa gift shop. Volunteers will have the opportunity to learn first-hand about African crafts and sculpture in what has been called "Washington's most interesting gift shop."

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Son Seals Still Sizzles

On Monday and Tuesday, July 14 and 15, Son Seals will make his second DC appearance of the year at Desperado's. This engagement coincides with the appearance of his latest lp, Chicago Fire, on Alligator Records.

Seals is one of the best and brightest of the new generation of Chicago bluesmen, stunning audiences here and in Europe with commanding stage presence and sizzling guitar work. He'll be 38 next month and he's being playing the blues for two decades, but he's just hitting his stride, attaining at last complete mastery over his own brand of contemporary blues. He writes much of his own material, spicing it with funk and presenting it with a sense of immediacy. This isn't a rehash of 1955 Southside classics; this is the real thing circa 1980. His powerhouse band supplies a solid foundation, and if we're lucky bass player Snapper Mitchum will lower his amp to a reasonable level.

1981 Cultural Directory Planned

□Information is now being compiled for the 1981 Washington Cultural Directory, sponsored by the Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington. This publication is intended to provide the most thorough listing of individual artists and cultural organizations in the area, including both members and nonmembers of the Alliance. For those who have not been listed in previous directories, this is an excellent opportunity to boost your profile in the Washington cultural community.

All non-profit organizations and individuals are welcome to enter listings in the directory free of charge. Forms and other information needed for listings are available now and should be returned to the Cultural Alliance office by July 28. For more information contact Eden Larson at 638-2406.

THEWORD

WAX PAPER . . . Bob Devlin's lp,String Rambler, is doing well in the stores and on the air at WINX, WAMU-FM, WHFS and WETA, with more coming. Bob has also appeared on WTTG, WRC and WJLA tee vee programs since the beginning of April...Bill Holland's similarly self-issued release, It's About Time, has nearly sold out its first pressing and another one's already on order. A Philly area distributor has taken a liking to the album: the recent Rent's Due tour of the Carolinas promises to expand popularity down there... A new one on the way for Tim Eyermann and the East Coast Offering, on the respected Inner City label, is called Aloha...

MORE ON THE WAY . . . Tricia Burton finished recording her 45 with songs by Prince and Moutsos and Dirty Work doing the, er, studio work. Ron Holloway (newly of Cryin' Out Loud) and Mitch Collins from the Catfish Hodge assembly joined in on sax and piano respectively. Look for Burton's release mid-month ... Much ado about the Ernie Steele Band; they finished their second single at Bias, "Do the Funky Krishna" b/w "Get Hip." Production was under the watchful eyes of Bob Dawson, Dave Brink and Joe Hamilton. Mike Morris makes his band debut on drums with this reording; his past includes a stint with bluesman Johnny Shine. Also joining in for the single were Carla Brink and Bobby Cox on vocals, Original Fetish drummer Art Bissette, and a seven piece horn section includingagain-Ron Holloway. Look for this one in the fall... Another autumn leaf will Free Base's ep...Millard Arbutina's delivery, Magnetic field (on Lone Wolf), has been held up to at least the end of the month thanks to pressing problems...

GOOD TIMIN'... Word has been received form Richard Wootton that the third edition of his Honky Tonkin': a Travel Guide to American Music has been prblished. It's a kind of Let's Go: America for music-the radio stations to tune in, the bars to check out, the publications to read. The section on Washington in the last edition was fairly accurate (far better than, say, the Washington Post DC sightseeing guide, which still lists Reading Gaol) and this book is especially useful for the traveler who gets sick of Holiday Inn TV watching. For more information, write: East Woods Press, 820 East Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203...

INS AND OUTS . . . Fred Geiger is the new Stars and Bars banjo man; he has a solo album on Ridge Runner. Erica Hunter joins the crew on bass. The band also has released an ep on their own label... After two years of musical mayhem, the Original Fetish will be breaking up after August 17. Since The King died on August 16, we may hear faint strains of "I'm Glad Glad the Fetish Is Dead." The band plans several extravaganzas as they depart; wouldn't be like them to retire without leaving their distinctive mark on the scene...Root Boy Slim popped up again at the Takoma Tap Room on June 19 for a whirl with the d c motors...The Bad Seeds reunite at Hard Art last month. Members of the Urban Verbs, Tiny Desk unit and the owners of 9:30 were on hand to help founding members Samantha Peterson and Douglas Lay unveil the new band. Chris Morse and Sue Duvall have been added on drums and organ...The Almost Blues Band shuffles the deck: Joe Kane replaces Rick Rodgers on drums, and Tony Feeley steps in for Harold Knight on harp...

EMERGENCES . . . Fresh Air has returned; the former house band at Columbia Station reappeared in late May at Beneath It All. Lineup includes Joe Collins on piano, John Graham and Jackie Lee on guitar, Larry Scott on bass and Charles Kelly on drums. They characterize their essence as "soulful rhythm & blues," quite the popular style these hot summer days...Dark Horse is a new r&b/rock trio with lois Fritz-Spiro (ex-Ladyfinger) on vocals and guitar, Pete Wilson (ex-Hands Off, Blue Rockers) on vocals and bass, and Mike Kelley (ex-Springer) on vocals and guitar, with a slew of regional dates coming up...The D. Ceats' demise left some of the area's better rockers at loose ends. Vic Quick, the original drummer, is tying up a few of these with his new group, The Tools, which includes Miles Courson (lead vocals), Jeff Youst (guitar) and Rick Herbst (bass). Opening work is planned on the 16th at the Childe Harold as lead-in for The Strokers...Then on the 18th Martha Hull's new group pops in to support the Insect surfers at Columbia Station. Tru Fax and the Insaniacs warm up the following night for the Station's anitinflation weekend (\$1.00 admission each night).

For Unicorn Times Equipment and Instrument Auction ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ See page 20

UPWARD MOBILITY . . . The Unicorn's longtime conductor of the "Import Bin" and features on UK music, Bruce Rosenstein, teams up with Steven Leeds to form Ambition Records. Their first release is a 13-track compilation of US indie label rock which goes out July 4. It's called Declaration of Independents and includes cuts by SVT, Pylon, D. Clinton Thompson and Robin Lane and the Chartbusters. Of more interest perhaps to area listeners are the Razz, Root Boy Slim and Tex Rubinowitz offerings . . .

ON THE ROAD . . . Progressive rockers Terra play Scandals on the 7th and AM Space on the 19th. The group comprises Larry Vilchek (guitar and vocals), Dave Yacrioby (bass, violin and vocals) and Paul Johnson (drums and vocals). They do originals only . . . Another new jazz/jazz-rock/fusion outfit is Corporate Attitude: Jonas Bernstein (guitar), Mike Sucher (keyboards), Jay Dickson (bass), and Kevin Whitcombe (drums) . . .

SEE SAW... The Songwriter's Association of Washington will hold its second membership meeting on July 20 at 5 pm in the Glen Echo Park Writer's Center. For more information call 681-7783...

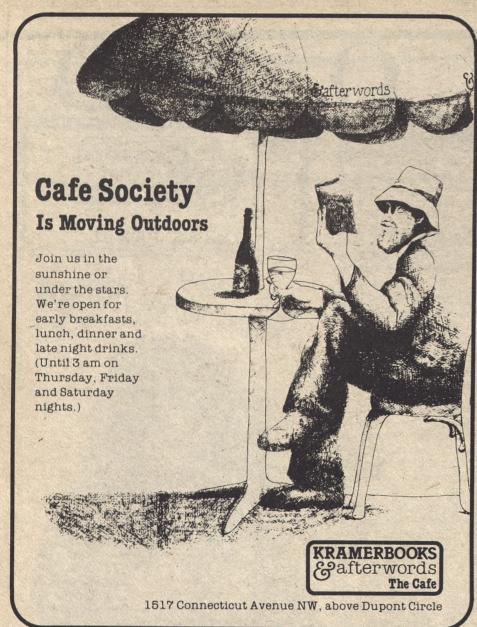
SUMMER FUN . . . continues around town with outdoor shows of all types, usually free. See "Front Lines" for some of the July schedules. Fort Reno Park bookings are being handled by Drew at 365-5639 . . . the Teresa Gunn Group is being handled by Lou Sordo/ Hot Axe. The band recently played the Cellar Door and Blacksburg, Va. gig with Warren Zevon . . . Whitewater spent a week in Gnu Yawrk recording six demos after a three-night stand at the frontier of southern sensibility, the Lone Star Cafe . . . Mike Cotter dropped his band and is now playing and singing solo only. Jon Carroll is in the studio producing his album, scheduled for late September release . The North Star Band returns for a breather after the Wild Turkey Jamboree. Band members report that El Toro, the mechanical bull of Urban Cowboy fame, is the newest craze sweeping the Southeast. (Is brainlock next?!) Most of the group hung on at Level 5, but bassist David Bisby endured for eight seconds at Level 7. The band's new 45 is "Just Like Me" b/w "I Found

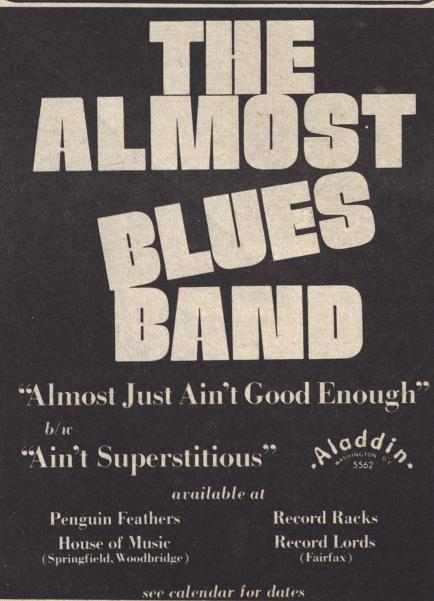
AMEN . . . "Dear Word: I'd like to congratulate "George Warner" on his expose of The Catholies in the last issue of UT. Warner's insightful awareness of this band's proclivity for press coverage shows that he is nobody's fool. All the musicians I know—and especially the ones with whom I write and arrange music— are all too uneasily familiar with The Catholics' ability to command press coverage. Kudos to George Warner for exposing this matter for all the world—or at least that part of the world that lives in the DC area. Keep up' the good work, Georgie!—Mike Dolan" . . .

REQUIESCAT . . . Alan Massie, longtime area music educator, died on June 28.













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t the mention of the death of Sex Pistols' band member Sid Vicious, John Lydon, formerly Johnny Rotten, glares and says angrily, "How would you feel if someone died?" "Someone?"

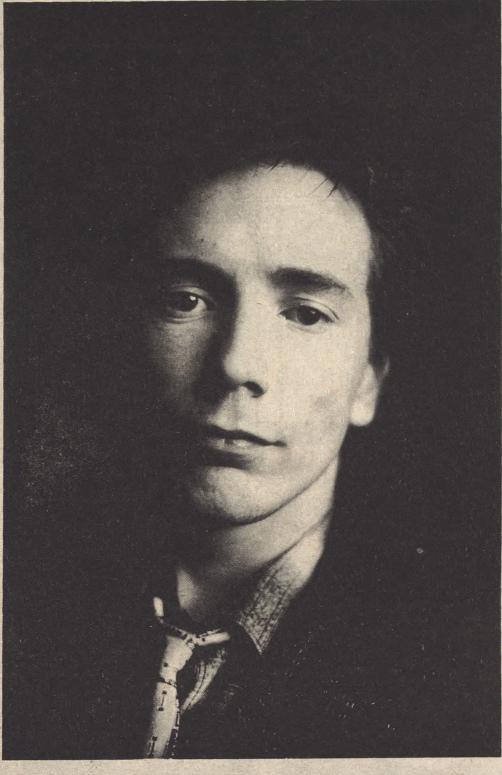
Lydon, sitting in an overstuffed, yet stylishly modern, chair, turns away. He stares at the wall, where, were this not a box-like hotel room, there would be a window. A few moments pass and Lydon turns back around and says with exaggerated chattiness in his infamous cockney accent, "It just struck me He was cleaned up in prison, right?" Lydon smiles ironically, "He was released on bail and charged with his mother, and that very night, he overdosed. . . ." John Lydon sneers, "She was really looking after him, wasn't she?" Lydon pauses and stares wideeyed, then continues.

"Sidney was the victim of his own publicity. He started to believe what was being written about him. 'Gosh, I really am vicious.' He was called Vicious because of that Lou Reed song, 'Vicious, vicious you hit me with a flower....' It was piss talk, because he is a real weed."

John Lydon stops; an instant of pain registering on his face, "was a real weed." As in the days of the Sex Pistols, Lydon still has his hair dyed a kind of golden red. His face is almost milky white. He is dressed more "formally" that he was in the days of the Sex Pistol's reign, wearing brown slacks, an oversized dark sport coat, a seedy looking tie, over an equaly seedy looking shirt. His black shoes are polished and are, absurdly enough, the style of police or military shoes. Still, the most striking thing about John Lydon's appearance is his mesmerizing dark blue eyes. Despite his insistance that he is not a superstar, and his drab clothing, John Lydon looks like he is somebody. The charisma is undeniable. John Lydon, the one time Johnny Rotten, the kid who swore on the BBC, had his songs banned, publicly insulted (and probably embarrassed) the Rolling Stones, and essentially defined punk rock, has a certain something about him.

In this obviously expensive hotel room, Public Image (Lydon's new band) guitarist Keith Levene is lying sideways on the bed, his chin in his hand. He is picking through a tray of food, brought in by a record company publicist, as if he were looking for rat pellets. His expression is one of total disgust. The two of them have just finished a rather tedious "press conference" staged in a local San Francisco new wave disco, where Lydon and Levene batted questions like, "Why did you put your new album in a metal box?" (Public Image Ltd.'s recently released Second Edition was sold in England in a metal box. Over there the album was titled, Metal Box) or questions like, "What are you trying to say with your music?" or (the worst) "What is the social significance of punk?"

The atmosphere had been circus-like and Lydon and Levene said that they thought they had been "set up" by their record company, Warner Bros. (or ("Warner Bubba," as Lydon had called it throughout the "conference"). There had been only a handful of reporters



THIS IS THE STORY OF JOHNNY LYDON

Still here and not forgotten

BY LESLIE GOLDBERG

(mostly silent) and a herd of new wavers (mostly noisy). The punks had come dressed to meet their king: red, blue, green, purple dyed hair, wraparound sun glasses, black this, black that. Pointy shoes, white shoes, Beatle boots, "punk basketball shoes."

"They're trying to live in some situation that happened in London three or four years ago," says Lydon of the afternoon's crowd. "It doesn't work." He taps cigarette ashes on the arm of the chair. They flutter in the air and land in the deep shag rug. He stubbornly ignores the ashtray on the lamp table, standing cigarettes on their ends and letting them burn out instead of putting them out. While he attempts to balance one, he continues, "They're getting it wrong in such a bad way. They're just too inflexible. The whole idea of that entire movement was to open up your mind, not seal it permanently and live in a time warp.

"People are just scared to go forward. They've found a nice little niche to hide in."

Second Edition, despite Lester Bang's rave review in the "Village Voice," where he said, "this is the first music of the '80s," has not, for the most part, been enthusiastically received by former Sex Pistols' fans and many critics. The apolitical lyrics are obscure, dark, repetitive: almost chant-like. In "Swan Lake" off Second Edition, Lydon drones, "Seeing in your eyes/Seeing in your eyes/Never really know/Never realize/Til it's gone away." There is a stultifying preoccupation with death and a dull, pervasive bitter cynicism that doesn't make for "easy listening."

The music, too, is anything but "good time." Second Edition employs a thunderous, almost menacing bass and drum line, that thuds almost continuously throughout the album. It greatly contributes to a sense of tension, which threatens to explode, ignited, perhaps by jarring guitar notes or dissonate harmonies. It's almost impossible to imagine it on the radio, even so-called progressive FM. At the "press conference" Lydon and Levene refused to talk about their music, insisting, "We're not musicians."

Now, in the quiet of the spacious, yet sterile, hotel room, Levene says earnestly, "Our music's got basic structure but it's " He stops and then continues, "It ain't music 'cause I don't use chords on a guitar. Wobble [bass player with Public Image] does sing notes on the bass. They amount to sound. I do sound on synthesizer. We use rhythm tracks for the drums. It's different . . . it just isn't music. . . . Keith Levene has curly, light brown, oily hair. His teeth are in ill-repair: grayish and he is missing one on the side. There are circles under his eyes and his skin is yellowishly unhealthy looking. He is smaller than Lydon and looks younger.

Lydon cuts Levene's explanation short; blurting impatiently, "I mean we could debate this till the cows come home. We like to think of it as something new, so it ain't music. What's the point of playing countless renditions of old punk tunes? It's just awful. Slavishly copying something. Nobody seems capable of their own..." Lydon stops, unable to think of the word he wants and then says, "When they

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begin a band, it's 'What shall we be... disco? soul? rock? punk? Who shall we play up to? Who are our heroes? Who can we try to sound like?'"

By not continuing in the same vein as the old Sex Pistols, John Lydon has decidedly lost the mass new wave appeal that he once had. Audiences haven't followed him down this new, perhaps revolutionary course and, in the last year or so, John Lydon has watched the Clash ascend to the position of "Greatest New Wave Band." Not surprisingly, he doesn't like that band. "They're pathetic." He continues about Public Image, "We're offering alternative entertainment. It's as simple as that. We're not trying to change people's political or economic situation. That's their problem. I will never, never, ever preach. . . . We'll leave that to the Clash."

Lydon says of the Clash's music, "I think it's incredibly dreary." Yet he admits of Joe Strummer, "He knows my view point of his band and it doesn't get in the way of a friend. I just think his band stinks and that's not personal."

John Lydon throws his hand grennade-like opinions out casually, seemingly without compunction. Yet when he begins to talk about himself, he seems more unsure, self-deprecating. He evasively jokes and resorts to punk posturing. "Well, I've gone through several different hair dyes since the Pistols. I've gotten a bit older. I'm possibly more unpleasant. I'm gradually becoming one of the most awful human beings on the planet."

"One of the most awful human beings on the planet" continues, "It's something most people would be ashamed of being. Everyone wants to be nice. If someone calls you nice—to me, that's a vile insult."

John Lydon doesn't seem to be in immediate danger of that kind of insult. In fact, his record company, Warner Bros., seems to be more than a little bit put out by John and the boys. A newspaper advertising department inquiring about an ad for Second Edition received the curt response: "There is no promotion for that album," click.

Lydon decided to do away with the idea of a manager since his fiasco with Sex Pistols' manager Malcom McClaren (Lydon claims McClaren ripped him off in every conceivable way). There is no middle man to go between Public Image and the record company. Relations between the two are tense, "We don't work with them," Lydon explains, "We try to get them to work for us. It's as simple as that. We see their job as distributing and manufacturing our records.

"They feel very threatened that we control ourselves. We have no management and they don't like dealing with us personally. As far as we see it . . . it's our money. No one signs our checks and no one tells us what to do."

John Lydon, whose father supported their family by taking odd jobs like driving a cab says, "I don't give a fuck about security. I take risks all the time. I did all my life. My family is the same. Easy come. Easy go."!



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cattered along the corridor running from Baltimore through DC to Richmond are 15 or more bands that create sounds and images with eccentric and rambling melodies, polyrhythms, intricate textures, strange instruments. They draw from their experiences or fantasies, contemporary sci fi, impressionistic and expressionistic art, and classical, jazz and pop idioms.

Some call them adventuresome. Others call them boring. Still others haven't heard of them at all—because many of them have not yet emerged from the basement.

Avant-garde, experimental, alternative, art rock, space rock, outside music, new music—these labels have been applied to such bands, but for practical purposes they will be collectively referred to here as "progressive." Although clearly inadequate, in some cases inappropriate, and in more than one instance feared by band members themselves, the term progressive has often been associated with bands of their kind (though there was a time when progressive referred to any composition with a new approach or any one not listed in Billboard's Hot 100 chart)

IN A MARKET DOMINATED by direct driving rock'n'roll and r'n'b, and recently charmed by the simplicity of punk off-shoots, the low-key progressive movement seems an anachronism, something that should have been filed between mind expansion and mellowing out, along with The Hobbit and Fantasia. Something that got washed under the new wave

THE FUTURE IS NOW

At its worst it was artsy-fartsy, pretentious and plodding; but at its best, enticingly experimental and intellectually stimulating. At times it explored the boundaries of musical technology, at other times it exploited the synthesizer, substituting electronics for talent and energy. And the approaches within progressive music ranged from seething emotion to mechanical lifelessness.

One element shared by this area's progressives is a lack of public exposure. It's not uncommon to expect a band to pay its dues before achieving any kind of success—personal or financial. But the progressive band faces even greater barriers from the onset.

"If you're going to be part of the avant-garde, at the front of a musical movement, you're going to be ahead of where most people are—and necessarily restricting your audience and acceptability," explains David Einstein, program director at WHFS-FM. "There are going to be many people who can't understand what you're doing—it's been that way in jazz for years."

Marc Farre, both an observer of and participant in the local progressive scene: "It's very lonely and difficult to endeavor to do something that goes against the current tide . . . I would only ask that audiences would go to a concert and let the experience absorb them."

MOST OF THE AREA'S progressive musicians have suffered setbacks and recognize that their careers will probably deliver rewards more aesthetic than financial. They have witnessed the change in public taste toward simpler, sometimes minimalist, music forms; the waning of the fantasy movement;

the dissolution of international progressive units. For instance, the members of King Crimson, a leader of the eccentric, moody, complex and technologically inventive progressives, have long since separated to pursue new wave, pop rock and fusion-oriented ambitions. Genesis, a once-favored artrock configuration, has seen members leave one by one while its work grew heavy after the Nursery Cryme years. As the emphasis of the progressive movement seemed to shift from the romantic to the technical, more adherents became critics, disavowing interest in what they now call pompous noodling.

Determined (or naive) anyway, local progressive groups continue to perform their individual compositions—usually in their basements, occasionally in recording studios, and less frequently before audiences other than loyal friends and supportive family members.

In fact, the climate is growing warmer, some say, for progressive musicians and fans. An experimental music series at Glen Echo Park looks hopeful, a new independent recording company has begun production, Random Radar and Interzone are growing stronger, and a new alternative music club may open downtown.

A new Music Coop has sprung from Madams Organ that might benefit experimental artists like Rupert Chappelle and Bazilisk as well as new wave musicians. There is a smorgasbord of progressive bands—from otherworldly (Mars Everywhere) to earthy (The Muffins); from rock-opera (Bazilisk) to spoofs of contemporary styles (Michael Bass). While Chappelle employs mountains of synthesizers. Bomis Prendin uses toys. Some want to touch their listeners, others want to indulge themselves.

The Muffins—One of the area's most successful and talented progressive groups, The Rockville quartet just released its follow-up to Manna/Mirage, an album entitled Air Fiction. The Muffins are capable of smooth transitions between light, airy passages and fiery, straightahead improvisation.

Mars Everywhere—The name of this band's first album is Industrial Sabotage, which is scheduled for release soon on Random Radar Records. This foursome works with a heavily layered sound; they are looking into Cattail Productions for a light show and booking assistance. They've made few appearances since last year's New Music Festival at Johns Hopkins University.

Balloons for the Dog—This unique group's curious combination of theater rock, new wave, fusion and other styles has produced comparative success in the DC area. Two front-men, Georgie Jette and Steele Kitsoulis, create an ambience for each piece performed.

Jim Altman and Scandals—Guitarist/composer Altman and his group are working on a single for New Decade Productions, "Lady Lost in Mirrors" b/w Roddy Frantz's "Decisive Moment," due out by July. Said Altman, "Definition of our music depends on the listener . . . we take our music seriously; we're too schizo to follow a trend." This energized band has appeared several times at d.c. space.

Bomis Prendin-The name is a computer-produced neologism created to avoid any name with existing connotations. Bill Altice says, "Bomis Prendin and Corvus Crorson started making tapes at home using mutated toys run through different devices, overdubs and layers of exotic music I started contributing guitar by request . . . we all went to art school." Altice compiled a sampler of Richmond's experimental music between 1969 and 1976 for the flexidisc, "Artifacts I" (which label became the group's label). The disc contained some selections from X-Breed, which later evolved into Single Bullet Theory. Bomis Prendin is currently building a new rhythm generator and working on a new flexidisc to follow up on the first one, "Test."

Idiosavant—Another Richmond band that has produced an album—"Shakers in a Tantrum Landscape." Most closely aligned with free jazz, the band's music requires the listener to fill in the spaces. Besides various brass and woodwind instruments, members utilize the Duck-o-Phone and fandango.

Michael Bass—This Random Radar recording artist has the albums Parchesi Pie and Painting By Numbers to his credit. "Atonal big band music" vaguely describes his style; he has little interest in playing live.

Steve Feigenbaum—This guitarist/composer's collaboration with Muffin Tom Scott has resulted in the newest Random Radar album, Things Are More Like They Are Now Than They Ever Were Before. "Everything I do I love . . . I don't normally play in public, but I'm happy when I'm invited." As a founder of RR in 1975, he helped produce A Random Sampler.

However—"However is a bond more than a band. We've created a music that's sometimes simple, sometimes complex; vocal music with a variety of electric and acoustic instruments; structured music with improvisatory elements," explains Peter Princiotto. The McLean, Va. group is working on an album, and has played with other local groups at universities. The group has a selection on the New Decade Productions cassette being sent to area radio stations.

Broken Music—Playing together as a serious hobby, this group is striving for a first-class recording. Member Steve MacNiven described the band's style as "primitive electronic rock with new wave and avant-garde overtones . . . we use a rhythm machine, clarinet and guitar."

Rupert Chappelle—Riding the electrowave is Rupert—when not a one-man synthesizer band he teams up with Arthur Harrison, an oscillator enthusiast, as Thunderbug. One of the most visible of the progressives, he has found allies in the new wave and performed frequently at Madams Organ. He released Ozone Music last year, and unless a record company pursues him he plans to stay in DC. Experimenting with sonic collages, he is working toward a sound that might be acceptable to radio stations.

Seventh Dawn—This Arlington group composes from its members' experiences—they come from around the globe—and incorporates classical, folk, rock and electronics. They joke about "taking over the world," but play erratically at area universities and d.c. space.

Pierrot—Marc Farre, WAMU-FM announcer and member of such groups as Standard Appliance, has organized Pierrot (literally, a fool who dances in the moonlight) and hopes that the Eighties will see a merger of the arts in music. "The fact that you can go to the theater and leave with your identity completely intact is a crime—I think a performance must affect you in a very personal way." Farre's goal is to detach the viewer from the creation of a work by establishing delicate ambience. "There's something magical about tones—it's rock'n'roll poetry, little fragments combined in an orderly system." He communicates this idea through his recent recording, "Windowstills," a striking spoken-song that captures the exciting qualities of the human voice.

A 45 is under way. Bazilisk-Alice Mann provides the drama in this rock-operatic group, with Norm Lederman on Minitron (a four-octave instrument he constructed to create sound effects like choirs and strings), Dave Meschter on electronic guitar, Brett Kerby on organ (also as singer/songwriter), and Christopher Arminio on drums. The group, which formed at the Washington Project for the Arts last summer, recently completed "The Inevitable Dawn." This opera, which involves death, reincarnation and memories, was debuted earlier this year at Oddfellows Hall in Towson, Md. "It was 2 in the morning, and the audience stayed-they were really moved by it . . . at the end, we came out and they cheered."

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MATTHEW MOORE



THE MUFFINS

COVERING A HODGE-PODGE of styles, "progressive" is a label often slapped on non-commercial bands that don't seem to fit into molds.

"Don't call us progressive—call us alternative."
... "Nobody accuses the Urban Verbs of being progressive" . . . "That term smacks of an elitist, uncomfortable thing" . . . "All those bands come from Bethesda, don't they? I know they didn't come from DC."

Such statements indicate that "progressive" conjures up negative images stemming from the excesses of the style. In a society dominated by image, where nobody wants to be stuck with last year's music, music fans aren't going to be quick to show interest in a form that is supposedly left over from the last decade. Of course, there's more to it than that.

"It's funny how lines are drawn; I'm not pledging allegiance to one form of music," says John Paige, once the hub of Random Radar and now the head of Interzone, a project designed to bring new wave and alternative music into DC. "Something other than enjoyment enters into music—categories prevent people from listening to all types of music. It's a 'my music's better than your music' thing."

WHILE JAZZ-ORIENTED new music receives a sort of detached respect, progressive music is often viewed with derision. Under the banner of new wave, a few technicians get away with the excesses that the progressives have been lambasted for. In fact, John Paige, and a couple of the musicians interviewed here assert that, if promoted as new wave, several progressive bands would enjoy a much greater response from Washington audiences.

"Actually, I think the most progressive thing to happen to rock recently has been the new wave," Altman points out.

However's Princiotto says, "Progressive implies change—though to some extent it has become a finite style. It needs something to make it a more solid style." He thinks that, ideally, progressive music should identify fresh approaches, messages and sounds to involve the listener. It shouldn't function as a showcase for technique and technology.

TED WHITE—KNOWN AS Dr. Progresso when he was with the Unicorn Times, WGTB and WAMU—believes negative connotations have arisen since most international music lost its freshness. "There's a musical reaction against the romantic excesses of Seventies music. New wave isn't romantic in concept—it's much more cynical and aware, and it reflects the cultural attitudes of the people making and buying it.

"King Crimson excited the listener on emotional, visceral and intellectual levels simultaneously—that was the best side. Later-period ELP was pompous, bombastic, with Wagnerian excesses—the worst side of progressive music."

"It's high-brow cocktail music by low-brows," rock'n'roll critic Joe Sasfy contends, referring to recent manifestations like Tangerine Dream. "So-called progressive music is popular among college students and others interested in using expensive stereo equipment. It's listening music, it's not gutsy, it doesn't have a hard edge.

"Rock in America has a teenage reference point. This is the extremist viewpoint, but many see progressive music as adult jazz intellectual stuff," Sasfy explains. "Rock in America is inextricably linked to blues and r'n'b and it can't transcend the fact that it's derived from American folk music. There's a cultural legacy. There's less of a progressive influence here than in Europe. There, they feel free to tamper with rock'n'roll because they lack the need to honor tradition. The roots of progressive music lie in The Beatles' music . . they started dealing with rock as a free-form medium, bringing in Indian and other elements. In a way, Dylan was a front-runner of American art rock when looking at his lyrics, yet his music was firmly rooted in r'n'b.

Steve Lorber, announcer for the "Mystic Eyes" program on WHFS, adds, "What it comes down to is that progressive music is no fun . . . it's cerebral."

"It depends on what drug you're on this year," responds White. "I don't see progressive music as

cerebral, but visceral." LSD, he maintains, motivates the user to explore the complexities of sound. The Seventies saw a switch to beer and qualudes, drugs that dull the senses and make details hard to discern. So, according to White, subtle music lost its audience and simple music with a commanding beat (disco, punk) became the desired fare.

THERE'S SO MUCH stratification and yet so much overlap between new wave and progressive," points out Feigenbaum, who also acts as treasurer for Random Radar. "Steve Lorber and I both promote unknown bands, yet he has denied that we exist. Any break for a local band is going to help everyone else—why put up barricades between factions when they can coexist peacefully and even help each other?"

Rupert Chappelle's involvement with the Music Coop is probably one of the few attempts at that. But experimental/progressive musicians disagree about the consequences of a merger between progressive and the more popular new wave sectors. The Muffins' Dave Newhouse says, "The new wave has opened up lots of doors—it's a blend of all cultural influences." He cites the example of Public Image, a progressive/new wave band headed by John Lydon (formerly Sex Pistols punk Johnny Rotten). "There's a freer atmosphere—anything

However collaborator Whitz feels differently. "I don't know if we could work within the new wave framework—the audiences would clash."

Marc Farre agrees. "I see a great polarization between new wave and progressive music. Progressive is artistically oriented music, with the purpose of fulfilling a personal vision." Where new wave is primal, progressive is aesthetic. Farre sees the Urban Verbs as a cross between the two, successfully fusing art and rock.

"THAT SOUNDS LIKE A 5-year old's birthday party—was it written by Alfalfa?" This was the response to a cut off the "Artifacts I" flexidisc. Such a response is extreme—although not altogether uncommon—from the uninitiated. There do exist small pockets of followers who don't view the progressives as humorless deadbeats or artschool dropouts. But few area musicians recording or performing alternative styles are satisfied with the DC scene. Most depend on full or part-time jobs for bed, board and instruments ("For two years I've been unemployed, but I've got to go back to work," sighs Bomis Prendin's Bill Altice).

Aside from changing public tastes, several factors have combined to limit progressive bands' exposure: inexperience in promotion, inaccessibility of material, shifts of personnel, lack of management, wariness by club managers, infrequent media coverage and airplay, lack of air-playable material, and an overwhelming preoccupation with basement record-

"The bands often isolate themselves—they're in their basements recording or rehearsing," observes Matthew Moore, whose WGTB "National Pike Radio Show" is now aired over WJHU-FM in Baltimore. He has joined Ted White in New Decade Productions, a corporation intended to give alternative bands a forum. "If one of them gets a date, the members will print and post some flyers; most of them don't have managers to handle promotion . . . In Baltimore, there are music coops like CoAccident's collective; here bands are ignorant. They do what they think is important—making music."

"WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME to do anything but work and practice," stresses Seventh Dawn's Matt Chabert. So the band is thankful Moore included its selection along with material from However, Chappelle, Altman, Bomis Prendin and others on the New Decade cassette, "Beautiful Music from Washington, D.C."

"In any city it's extremely hard for a progressive band to make it—Captain Beefheart and Zappa made it on their freak images, not on the quality of their music," John Paige points out.

Princiotto observes that people today like to accept what's given to them, but Michael Bass realizes, through his own experience, that the artist has to articulate his message rather than expect the listener to do all the interpretation. "That's why Painting By Numbers [his second album] is better than the first . . . you can listen to it on any level—for the superficial elements without understanding the underlying musical jokes, or for the subtleties."

"The urban atmosphere in Baltimore keeps alternative music going," says Mars Everywhere's Carlos Garza. "I think Washington has a more intellectual clientele that demands more—the Urban Verbs must have worked to get so much attention there. We have more gigs out-of-town than in!"







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MANY OF THE MUSICIANS interviewed here agree that the pastures look greener elsewhere—Europe, California (home of Ralph Records), and even Baltimore.

"We recently played in Baltimore with Neige, and it was a wonderful experience," says Bazilisk's Lederman. "In DC you find the so-called progressive audience smaller and older, 25 to 30. These were strong supporters of WGTB when it was on the air; they came out of the late Sixties European progressive music phase. In Baltimore we looked at the SRO crowd—the average age was 18. Ten years ago they weren't listening to too much music.

"It was frustrating watching people at Madams Organ trying to dance—they began leaving . . . But in Baltimore, the audience was dancing—in a freeform, eurhythmic way, not pogoing. They found a way to dance to our music." That experience has prompted Bazilisk to look into other markets like New York—yet they are also changing their style

of music.
But former Unicorn editor Richard Harrington warns, "The only thing that New York has is more people. I got this call: 'I want you to know The Penetrators broke up because of lack of interest in Washington.' Maybe it is, but maybe the band was lousy and no one wanted to go see them. That's not lack of interest; maybe it's a sign of taste."

Infiltrator editor Mary Levy observes, "People are getting more enthusiastic about the money that can be made off of DC's alternative music. It's a new business field and there's a lot of talent."

Russell Braen, self-proclaimed punk-rock janitor at Madams Organ, explains that the Music Coop would benefit groups from Bad Brains to progressives like Chappelle, Modern Life and Bazilisk.

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Says Chappelle, "I think it's opening up now . . .
Washington's always been a little slow to respond."
One very real problem, however, is that the supply of progressive and experimental bands currently exceeds the demand—and several club owners will vouch for that.

"FOR THE PIGEON-HOLE they're shooting for, The Muffins are one of the best bands in the country," says Feigenbaum. "A full house of Muffin fans doesn't drink as much as a full house of Nighthawk fans." Club booking managers like the Delly's Massoud Mortazazi and Childe Harold's Billy Flyth agree that selling drinks is one of the most important criteria for getting a gig. Since the bands generally get the gate at local clubs (minus doormen's wages), the club depends on the bar. As Rick Barse of DC's premiere alternative band, Grits, aptly puts it, progressive fans "are more likely to buy hashish than Heineken."

Most of the musicians' comments revealed a realistic attitude about club bookings, one that helps dispel the myth that all progressive artists are short-sighted and self-serving. "Only so much can be done as charity to your local starving band," says Seventh Dawn's self-effacing Chabert.

Bill Warrell, discussing d.c. space's policy: "Entertainment money has become tight for anybody doing anything artistic—just like grant money. It has gotten better recently, but only for those groups that offer something interesting and have a danceable beat, like the Verbs or the Dale Williams Blues Band . . . even Ornette Coleman is doing dance music. It's economics; when people don't have much money they spend what they can on enjoying themselves."

IN ADDITION TO JAZZ ARTISTS, Warrell has booked Jim Altman and Scandals, The Muffins and new wave/progressive groups like Tiny Desk Unit. "Some of the progressives need a lot of polish," he adds.

It's slim pickin's . . . with the exception of Balloons for the Dog, many of the bands are lucky to play this town six or eight times a year. The coffee-houses have vanished. Most bands have played places like d.c. space, Madams Organ (which has been shut down), Washington Ethical Society and college auditoriums—and most recognize the

importance of avoiding oversaturation.

In a city where straight rockers have trouble getting booked in clubs, progressive musicians need prerequisites like demo tapes, references, good media reviews and testimony that they have played at other local clubs . . . tough criteria for the band emerging from the basement.

ONE THING THAT IMMEDIATELY alienates booking managers like Flyth is snobbery. "Some younger musicians age too fast, developing a condescending attitude that, if you don't understand their music, you're stupid." He recommends these steps: (1) someone not in the group act as the business agent—someone who understands booking policies and won't let pride interfere with the arrangements; (2) a solid 45-60 minute set of music put on tape; (3) opening for other local, or possibly national, acts; (4) having a group photo handy; (5) starting in a small club or auditorium to build up a following—and if there's a bar, somehow encourage listeners to drink; (6) remembering that the progressive musician, like anyone else, needs direction in addition to technique.

Since progressive music is intended for listening rather than boogying, it's more suited to a conservatory than a club. The Trinity Theatre in Georgetown offered a fine atmosphere—until a new booking policy prohibited one-night stands. A year ago, it looked as if the Metropolitan Arts and Music Association, with the assistance of Ted White and John Paige, would obtain warehouse space downtown for a progressive music hall. Unfortunately, internal politicking brought the project to a halt.

ON THE OTHER HAND, the Washington Ethical Society offers space for performances at a fixed rental price. Manager Judy Welsh explains, "The Ethical Society is committed to personal growth and exposing the world to as many cultural aspects as possible." She advises progressive groups to channel their motivation to share their music into well-targeted promotion.



The recent disbanding of Grits proves that it takes more than motivation to succeed. "In this mass-production society, it's hard to buck the system . . . we slugged it out for ten years, and now I'm taking a sabbatical from the music scene for a few months," Barse reflects. "The only way a professional musician can make a living is to sell alcohol, and the most profitable way is to play nonprogressive music. If we had been able to make a living at it, we'd still be doing it—that's it in a nutshell."

FAR FROM BEING lowest-common-denominator music, the progressive sound is infrequently aired on area radio stations. The March 12 FCC decision to award WGTB-FM's frequency to the University of the District of Columbia was a blow to progressive musicians and music fans alike, since the former Georgetown University station provided regular exposure to the avant-garde.

Washington still has "Overnight Express," Marc Farre and Kim Kirkpatrick's WAMU-FM show aired weekends from midnight to 6 am. As Farre pointed out, these are not the most ideal hours.

Other university stations broadcast progressive fare: WCVT-FM in Towson, Md.; WMUC-FM at the University of Maryland, College Park; and Johns Hopkins station WJHU-FM, which broadcasts Moore's "National Pike" show Saturday evenings.

"It helps to have something on vinyl for airplay, I'm sure," admits Falcone, who cited that as one reason for Mars Everywhere's recent studio efforts. Groups like Bazilisk and However have mastered tapes and begun distribution.

BUT HAVING A RECORD—even on a big label—is no guarantee of success. Falcone recalled a comment made by a WHFS "RadioActivity" contestant, who claimed that the station discouraged him from emphasizing progressive music in his program based on local offerings.

"We give local artists a lot of attention," states David Einstein. Although the WHFS program director has found that avant-garde music receives only a light response, he continues to place such tapes in the station's library.

"The only requirements are that the tapes belong to the station, and that they be at least $7\frac{1}{2}$ or 15 ips, preferably open reel, though we have accepted cassettes," Einstein says. "All that anyone has to do to talk with me is to come through the front door . . I would believe that some musicians don't want to take the time and would rather be negative. Our format is still basically free-form . . . it's up to the jock on the air." He advises local musicians to continue making and submitting material.

THE AREA'S BEST-KNOWN progressive, independent record label is Random Radar Records. Falcone, who is on the board of trustees, explains that Random Radar distributes records selectively, marketing them through appropriate companies like Jem. Random Radar has managed to place its products along the West Coast as well as in Europe. Profits are cycled back into the organization for future activities; only The Muffins have received royalties, according to treasurer Feigenbaum, who notes that the group sold the most records.

Having a low overhead, Random Radar allows artists to produce records at reasonable cost, maintain artistic control and target their productions to the right markets. Customers can also order records by mail, which guarantees that the savings will be passed along (RR's list prices are relatively low).

Feigenbaum says that the next Random Radar sampler will contain material from musicians not included in the first—Broken Music, However, and Baltimore's Klangfarb. (Bazilisk members said that Random Radar doesn't care for their style.) Although the company avoids advertising in order to save money, it plans to become involved in concert promotion—and possibly lure international acts into town.

"INTERZONE AND RANDOM RADAR are labors of love," says Paige, who has channeled his own energies from RR into his newer projects—Interzone and 9:30, a new new wave showcase in downtown D.C. "We're both trying to make enough money to put out the next record or to put on the next show.

Big companies can take chances—they can drop bands and use them as tax write-offs, or they can tell a band it'll have to make up losses on the next album to keep the contract. So the band ends up having to commercialize. Small companies selectively target the music and the publicity—it's all marketing. They'll start with college radio stations—it's a slow process, but it's best to give it to the audience in small doses.

"Roxy Music never made it in America; The Cars come along and take off. Only if something sounds familiar does it work, and money can't be made off something that can't be boiled down into a formula."

Like Random Radar, Interzone has become involved in releasing European records, like Henry Cow's Western Culture, in America. The independents have become increasingly important as the monolithic majors in the record industry grapple with economic problems. And although the Urban Verbs have just released an exciting album on Warner Brothers, Happy the Man's harsh experience at Arista lingers on in the minds of Washington musicians.

MEANWHILE, MOORE IS distributing New Decade Productions' cassette, "Beautiful Music from Washington, D.C." The next release from Moore and White's new venture will be Jim Altman and Scandal's single, due this month. Aware of the fragmentation of efforts, both Moore and Paige assert that there are gaps to fill in the area's music scene. "Despite Random Radar's work, there's isolation in DC. Less than half of the progressive rock bands are in contact with Random Radar, which revolves around The Muffins," explains Moore.

Down south, Bomis Prendin records on Richmond's Artifacts label, using an interesting medium, the flexidisc. The band's debut, "Test," offers 24 minutes of music for about \$2.50 on a 9" disc. "We hope to make enough money off the next one to pay our way into a bigger studio and for a real record later," says Bill Altice. "Till now, the sound quality hasn't been worth real vinyl. We've been played on several radio stations and the flexidisc was even reviewed, but we've shrugged off playing DC for now—it seems like a bunch of bands spread around the Beltway." (Artifacts and other independents' releases have been sighted in such stores as Yesterday and Today, Sights and Sounds, Virginia Record and Tape and Penguin Feather.)

Several other small-scale activities are expanding the progressive music offerings in and outside of Washington. Marc Farre is recording in his eight-track studio, which he occasionally shares with other musicians. Paul Reiger is compiling a sampler of Baltimore's progressive music, including tapes from Neige—the title is "Best of Baltimore's Buried." Also noteworthy is "Wayside Music," Feigenbaum's one-man effort to bring non-deleted imports of all genres into the metropolitan area.

"YOU HAVE TO PRY THEM OPEN with a crowbar," laughs Seventh Dawn's Chabert about the media. But members of Bazilisk, Scandals, Mars Everywhere and other bands take the situation more seriously, believing that the local media ignore the progressive/experimental sector. Although Altman plays more often and releases more material than did some new wave artists in recent months, the latter received much more coverage.

"It's a problem . . . Unless we get a fantastic review in Unicorn or the Post, we can't get into clubs like Columbia Station," explains Altman. "We played at d.c. space, Key Theater, the Museum of Temporary Art, but never got a mention in Unicorn . . . while the Infiltrator gave us great reviews."

Bazilisk had a different experience. "We finally got someone out from Unicorn... the bizarre thing was that the reviewer said he was blown away by it, and then gave us a dismal review," says Lederman. "We've felt that some people either can't figure out what to make of our music, or that they try and make too much of it."

"I FEEL UNICORN COVERS what it can; many bands are sulking in their basements wondering why they haven't been discovered," asserts Moore—a view shared, incidentally, by the Unicorn's former editor. "There's been little contact [from these

bands]," said Harrington. "Bands offer to do benefits, some because they like the paper, others because they know we'll give the event [and the band itself] free advertising and other publicity."

He noted that many of these bands don't submit news about their performances for the newspaper's free calendar listings, and they don't send tapes. And about coverage in "Live Action"? "I feel a band needs to perform in public more . . . a lot of these bands are the equivalent of intellectuals in college—they don't get so far as communicating with the public."

Larry Ropeik, who filed the Bazilisk review, denies telling the band members that they were great. He says he was, however, interested in the Minitron that Lederman built himself and thought this band member demonstrated the effective use of technology.

EVEN JOE SASFY FORECASTS better times for the progressive artists: "That's why import sales have gone way up in the last few years—more people want progressive music, and most of it comes from Europe."

In general, the bands are hopeful about Moore's efforts to arrange a Glen Echo Experimental Music Series on Sundays in August and September. The series would give these bands a needed, low-cost opportunity to reach the public. Moore and associate White expect New Decade Productions to serve as the Washington/Baltimore/Richmond connection and improve the likelihood of the Glen Echo program.

Meanwhile—back in the city—Farre has been arranging an art-music festival that would feature groups such as Pierrot and Scandals.

Also, Paige says that although 9:30's offerings will be primarily new wave, his Interzone Productions has booked Fred Frith and Henry Cow, and intends to toss in more progressive/experimental bands. He and Warrell see the club's location as the focal point of "large-scale arts events." Warrell predicts that as renovation efforts continue, the downtown area will become increasingly attractive. "Also, the Lansburgh project [one of the Warrell group's biggies] will be a showcase for local groups; next fall, it will be open to anyone who applies."

A suggestion directed at Interzone—one which might offer multiple benefits to the progressive musician—is that small local bands open for the kinds of national acts Paige brings into the city. Chappelle offered another constructive—though nowadays, somewhat hard to imagine—comment; a local coop could open a music hall that would not serve liquor . . . a modern-day coffeehouse.

The response to the efforts of Random Radar, Moore and White, Farre, Paige and others will help determine whether progressive music will progress into the Eighties. Possibly, that response will provide enough encouragement to keep Washington's progressive musicians out of their basements.



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The Nighthawks
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BY STEVE HOFFMAN

he Nighthawks are undoubtedly Washington's premier bluesrockers, a tough, crowd-pleasing band that has coalesced over the six
years they've been together into a
tight, professional unit. They do what
the Boston-based J. Geils Band was
doing in the early '70s and what
London's pub rockers like Dr. Feelgood
were doing in the mid'70s, the difference being that the Nighthawks are still
doing it.

Local boys make good? It sure looks that way. Not so long ago, an occasional foray to a gig outside D.C., Virginia, or Maryland was a major event for the band. But last year they played over 300 gigs in 32 states. And after recording five albums on locally-based labels, albums that while proficient never quite answered the question "whyshould - I - go - and - it," they caught the personal attention of Mercury Records president Bob Sherwood and are now Major Label Recording Artists. Their debut on Mercury, titled simply "The Nighthawks," should satisfy their longstanding area fans, as the band sounds polished enough to be commercially viable without sacrificing their back-to-the-basics approach.

BEFORE GOING ANY further, let's make clear what the Nighthawks are not. They are not, in the strict sense, a blues band. Their instinct, their goal, has always been to rock out, and the blues has simply been their primary means to that end. Thus, they are equally at home doing Elvis Presley's "Little Sister" and Willie Dixon's "Don't Go No Further" on the new album, because although the former is a rock'n'roll song and the latter a Chicago blues, both are uptempo rockers. The 'Hawks can get a crowd on its feet and dancing with either one. On the other hand, they are less convincing on slower, stretched-out blues that demand a greater ability to convey emotional depth in the vocals and instrumental solos. Jimmy Thackery's vocals on the new album (he sings lead on seven of the eleven cuts) have a raspy, strutting, unsubtle quality that has more in common with Bob Seeger or Willy de Ville than with Muddy Waters or Otis Rush. And Mark Wenner's harp is deemphasized on the album's mix, something a full-blooded blues band would never do.

None of this is to imply that the band can't handle hard core blues. They can, as attested to by the impressive roster of bluesmen with whom they've played. The point here is that the Hawks' true strength is blues-based rock'n'roll rather than pure blues. Fortunately, the new album showcases their strength. It contains only one original, a kickass celebration of urban life called "Back to the City," but the carefully chosen material is an eclectic, non-obvious collection of rock, r'n'b, blues, and soul, all rendered with the emphasis on the Big Beat. Recorded at the band's request at Muscle Shoals Studio and produced with such spartan simplicity one can't but assume they've been influenced by rock's New Wave, the album succeeds on its own terms. It rocks.

THE ALBUM STARTS with Eddie Hinton's "Mainline," rendered in hard-edged, emphatic fashion—a good song to wake yourself up with in the morning. Next is a swaggering version of an

early '50s r'n'b tune, "Upside Your Head," full of sound anf fury and machismo, followed by the more tender sentiments of west coast bluesman Jimmy McCracklin's "Every Night and Every Day." As might be suspected, the 'Hawks don't convey the tenderness as effectively as the machismo. Fourth cut on side one is the rollicking "Back to the City," after which the 'Hawks slow down the pace a bit for Al Green's "one Night Stand," with its enticing chorus: "My baby loves a one night stand/So do all the fellas in the band." A cool jump blues, "Pretty Girls and Cadillacs," closes out the side; it's the only cut on the album that swings rather than rocks.

Another hard-edged Eddie Hinton tune, "Brand New Man," kicks off side two, followed by "Little Sister," which is highlighted by mean and greasy rockabilly guitar licks borrowed from the legendary Paul Burlison. "Don't Go No Further" is quintessential Nighthawks, a rocked-out Chicago shuffle. "Teenage Letter," a '50s r'n'b tune with slightly surrealistic lyrics, is sung a bit stiffly by bass player Jan Zukowski, but drummr Pete Ragusa plays the song's real hook—its clipped, four/four drum riff—for all it's worth. Ragusa handles vocals on the final cut, Bobby Bland's "Wouldn't Treat a Dog (The Way You Treated Me)." As you might guess from the title, it's a sad and bitter song—mostly the latter.

First and foremost, the Nighthawks are a band to be enjoyed live in a crowded, unpretentious rock club, where both performer and audience can kick out the jams over some cold beer. But for a recording, their Mercury debut album ain't bad.



ROCK AND ROLL TAKES A HIKE

BY KEN NEY

Egan and Facedancer Stub their toes

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wo former local acts, Walter Egan and Facedancer, have new albums just released off the major labels' assembly lines. Egan's The Last Stroll (CBS 36513) just might be, and Facedancer's follow-up to last year's one hit debut is the catchingly titled About Face (Capitol 112082). Questions of integrity or style become secondary to locale: Egan rolled off the line in California, while the Facedancer is one of those quasi-imports that England refurbishes for the American market. It's pretty scary to think that a group can be influenced by such already contrived creatures as Kansas and Styx, but Facedancer manages it fairly fast; on the first track, in fact. Egan avoids this name calling, unless one's finger is pointed at a Robert Palmer or two. But then, he also avoids leaving any personal imprint, so that he's got as empty a hand as Facedancer. On album

number four, yet.

The early ballyhoo that greeted Egan's first disc was a result of the Buckingham-Nicks production. Early to the point of dangerous, because interested folks wandering through the Rumours period were looking at it like some sort of baby Fleetwood Mac before it had even been released. No, no women to play his keyboards or write his songs. And just a couple in the background two years later, though Last Stroll talks of nothing else. From "Baby, Let's Run Away" through "Tuesday Weld" into "Chaminade," it's Girls, Girls, Girls. Too bad they forgot to "Return to Sender," but there is a drowsy nod to the King on the quotable "Motel Broken Hearts."

A tip of the hat, too, to this other Elvis on the album's first two tracks, with a rolling organ and pumping bass line making for a happy, getacquainted setting. The CBS dilemma is that while Costello is one of the writers in rock, labelmate Egan is only

one more in Southern California. And after side one has raced by in the form of five like-songs going around and around the same track, the music isn't so bland as it is blond.

This sun-drenched droning, peculiar to that region of the country, is called production. The resultant blur of one side and half the second has all the depth of a singing "Smile" button, until the quenching snap of "Chaminade" brings the music to a focus. This Palmerish rocker is quirky enough to singe a bit, and on a record where tan don't burn, "Chaminade" and the listenable "Waitin' for the Rain" take us a little further down the beach.

Best Bet: Either Last Stroll lands a hit, or Egan's quest for success may end before ever having the Eagles as backing vocalists. Ironically, Facedancer may do fine without benefit of a hit. Who needs it when you can get plenty of AOR play? Like anothr new Capitol player, Billy Squire, Facedancer is aimed at the teen-dream al-

bum market where Saun Cassidys and Leif Garretts have grown up to play with serious toys like synthesizers and guitars. After a foot-stomping "Red Shoes" off the first album, the lads have pulled an About Face and rediscovered their English roots.

AS MUCH AS CALIFORNIA is infused in Egan's album, Great Britainor how it's been interpreted by lateseventies American bands-is the story behind this new Facedancer. The Egan may be pretty sorrowful on first listen, but once you get over the feeling that he has little or no style, The Last Stroll becomes accommodating. With Facedancer, any idea of individuality is, for the time being, out the window. The first listen is it. Once you've tired of who they took what from, and where they put it, the game is over. After that, it's two sides of the morose Styx drumming machine and Kansas vocals; more than enough to keep it being heard throughout the summer on D.C.

Best Cuts: "I Won't Let You Go," with its patented guitar solo crescendo, and "Shakin' It," another rouser in the "Red Shoes" mold. Neither is terrible, and as this sort of product goes, it's homogeneous with a lot of rock currently on the air. And once the kids tire of Facedancer, the label will roll someone else off the line; some new model that sounds and looks like anything else that happened to sell before it. They fill the airspace betwen the biggies on the radio, knocking each other off the playlists in hopes of surviving.

It's been difficult for solo performers, like Walter Egan, to continue to release records that don't sell. But for whatever reason, some groups have been able to do it, and a few have been in this Facedancer type. Both Styx and Kansas had a long wait, but they made it; and surely REO Speedwagaon must hold some sort of record for Most Albums Released Before Finding Success. But they got there, and Facedancer could, too. Course, the odds are they'll sink as soon as the scene changes. Remember the Knack? Remember the Maine?

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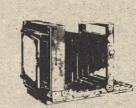
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KENNY DREW'S QUIET SOLITUDE

BY KEN NEY

enny Drew, in his fifty-second year, is a bop pianist who has made the often deafening walk from one generation to the next in apparent quiet solitude. Others have moved from crowded shadow of Bud Powell and brought some light on themselves: John Lewis, Hank Jones, Tommy Flanagan. Drew, too, but he was gone by then, to Europe, where he's been noticed ever since. His records remain available here, first through Inner City/Steeplechase and now through Steeplechase itself, but too few folks are aware just how good he is.

Of Dexter Gordon's timeless Blue Note lps, the first to mind is Our Man in Paris, recorded with Powell's trio. But two were made with Drew, the affable Dexter Calling and the stronger One Flight Up. He's since continued with Gordon on some later Steeple-chase sessions, but his best Seventies output has been his own slew of duo and trio dates, and one finely painted solo lp, Everything I Love. To say his latest, Ruby, My Dear, is a mild letdown is to comment on my expectations rather than any inadequacies in the album.

LIKE TOO MUCH imported jazz, the recording is just beyond recent: 1977. And it marks a shift from Drew's trio of Niels Pedersen and Alex Riel to one of bassist David Friesen and drummer Clifford Jarvis. From the first track, this rhythm section proves synonymous with sympathy, (Friesen especially, in his highlighted role on the well-named "Bassment.") Drew acts as the glue here, welding the three together with the warm torch of his right hand; a coordinating procedure, though, which subdues his role of instigator. Instead of an album with appreciable highs the listener must be content with a soft, glassy view of the technical Kenny Drew.

No disappointment, really, but not the solo peak of Everything I Love, where his mastery deliberated on two sides of recollections. The speed of the record sets it apart—the cautiousness in phrasing, the style calmed to the point of tranquility, a tempo which describes his long experience, makes Everything I Love an exceptional piano outing. And one hopes that in the three years since making Ruby, My Dear, Drew has gone back maybe one more time to sit, alone, and record this quiet solitude again.

HISTORICALLY, Duke Jordan has walked much the same path as Drew, right into his recording for Steeple-chase. Jordan's lps for the line have been a bit more mainstream, and one, Flight to Denmark, is among the best trio sessions of the past decade. His newest, Duke's Artistry (1103), features an excellent quartet that, as a foursome, doesn't always result in excellence. Flugelhornist Art Farmer is actually the main artist, and steady as usual, but Jordan has too little solo space, and bassist Friesen garners next to none. Philly Joe Jones is on drums, by the way, giving you an idea of what



LESTER YOUNG

their next release, sans Farmer, might be like.

Drew and Jordan are but two of the fine pianists Steeplechase has recorded. Fellow expatriate Horace Parlan is another, and a new project is a duet between vibraphonist Walt Dickerson and an acoustical Sun Ra. The European counterpart to this American entourage is Tete Montilou, one of the dominant pianists on the continent and one of the very great figures in jazz. His rare appearance in this city a couple of months back went unnoticed by most Washingtonians and (surprisingly) the press. A definition of his standing in the States.

Tete a Tete (1054) is finally available as a domestic release, four years after the recording date. But it's here, and with Pedersen on bass and Tootie Heath doing some light kicking at his drums, the talk never ceases to matter. The two tracks on side one move like solid strides of grace, while his "Catalan Suite" ranges from pronounced themes to breaks where Tete's speed practically supersedes his phrasing. This is his fourth Steeplechase album; all four are worth getting.

THAT ONE FINDS Niels Pedersen on both Drew and Montilou's records is hardly worth a blink. After all, Pedersen is Steeplechase, his reputation having been established on endless sessions for the label, and it hasn't stayed a European secret. In mainstream jazz, Pedersen ranks with the likes of Ray Brown among bassists. That his own new album is anything but in the middle is a nice surprise, mixing electric guitar with the reeds of Dave Liebman; who does, I think, make Dancing on the Tables (1125) a new Pedersen affair rather than a Pedersen affair.

Pedersen also recorded a string date last summer with violinist Stephane Grapelli and guitarist Joe Pass. All eight tracks have been jazz staples since before I was born, but this unlikely trio of textures turns routine familiarity into an enticing, if glossy, production. And Tivoli Gardens (Pablo 2308 220) is good Grappelli, the result of good company.

A new bassist signed to Steeplechase, Johnny Diani, has debuted with one helluva record called Song for Biko (1109). His compositions are long and wide, offering glorious solo space to two deserving players: South African altoist Dudu Pukwana and world traveler Don Cherry. Their duets are powerful and outside, and if you haven't heard Pukwana, buy this and you'll hear him a lot. A similar interaction is available between trumpeter John McNeil and tenor Bob Berg on McNeil's Embarkation (1099), though the going isn't quite so hot. A nice touch is lent on the keyboards by Joanne Brackeen, more flashy than usual.

BESIDES STEEPLECHASE, Black Saint is also exporting jazz this month, notably George Lewis' Homage to Charles Parker (0029). The long title track is a spatial acoustic structure embedded in the synthesizer of Richard Teitelbaum. From his low, swirling notes emerge the reflective solos of pianist Anthony Davis, altoist Douglas Ewart and trombonist Lewis. The synthesized danger of masquerading composition where none exists is avoided by Lewis, as it is by Leo Smith on his new Nessa release, Spirit Catcher (n-19). Smith favors more intensity from his cohorts, inciting vibraphonist Bobby Naughton to begin the fire on "Images," and then fanning the flames himself with great flares from his trumpet. The heat is just as forceful from "The Burning of Stones," where, in unison with three harpists, smith solos heavenly for ten minutes. for ten minutes.

Among the other Black Saints to ship over the past few months is a trio album of Joseph Jarman, Don Pullen and Don Moye, The Magical Triangle (0038), involving Jarman's accustomed dexterity on six woodwinds. Equally prolific is Maurice McIntyre, whose Peace and Blessings (0037) offers some good playing between the multi-reedist and Lester Bowie-influenced Longineau Parsons. The conversation is more subdued in the dues of Ken McIntyre and Grachan Moncur III on Beaver Harris' new disc for Italian Soulnote, Beautiful Africa And that's unfortunate, (1002).because that's all the album's got going for it. Unfortunate, too, that Steve Lacy chose to record with French vocalist Irene Aebi, but his quartet certainly does their job on Troubles (0035).

Veteran Lacy isn't the only sopranist to be heard this month. Tenor Glenn Hall turns to this instrument on "Iris," in a work that pianist Brackeen tends to dominate. Besides this admirable lady on piano, top support from Cecil McBee and Billy Hart make Hall's The Book of the Heart (101) a welcome release from Sonora. Soprano on a different plane is available from an experimental Jim French on the Metalanguage label's If Looks Could Kill (108). Very quirky and often difficult, French's soprano is entirely solo on one side, where small compositions examine more the sounds of this instrument than any set expression.

METALANGUAGE is a Berkeley, California, label apparently dedicated to very loose jazz, and while the French may be a shade loose in the screws. Evan Parker and Greg Goodman's Abracadabra (104) has enough Cecil Taylorisms and tenor



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variations to keep matters awake. For variations, the label is also distributing the two releases from the Rova Saxophone Quartet (101 and 106), the second of which contains a unique soprano dialogue on "Druids." The group—and the label's—sound is a cold, distant room away from the heat we feel from the Steeplechases and the Black Saints. To be sure, they're outside, and, for me, practically out of reach.

Just as far from my grasp is the California of thirty years ago, so wonderfully heard again on Savoy's Black California Volume 2 (2242). With an opening number blowout in Wardell Gray's "Blow, Blow, Blow," the record starts rocking and keeps it up on all four sides. Included are some early Helen Humes, Slim Gaillard, and Kenny Clarke with Milt Jackson. The latter two are the leaders on Bluesology (Savoy 1130), a collection of 1949 recordings featuring the great Kenny Dorham and a loud, crisp microphone on vibes innovator Jackson. Even earlier are the Euphoria dates of Charlie Ventura (Savoy 2243), which will give his catalogue a boost and buyers of the new Jackie and Roy release on Concord (115, Star Sounds) an idea of what the twosome sounded like waaaaay back when.

A REISSUE OF prime interest to us in DC is the new Pablo release of Lester Young caught live here at Olivia Davis' Patio Lounge (2308 219). Well recorded by the house trio, the Bill Potts Group, this finds Young near the end of his career, but playing so very well. I know people don't buy records for liner notes, but Potts' recollections of the President's visit make the music seem even that much closer. With CBS planning volume five of their Young retrospective sometime soon, and Verve already having released a solid reissue in February, this most influential of tenors is due to receive more of his due before the Eighties have had a chance to breathe.

Young's old band, the Count Basie Orchestra, is still rolling along, staying young themselves by keeping involved in the current affairs of recording. Basie's the band on Pablo's first two digital releases, On the Road (2312 112) and with Ella Fitzgerald (3212 110). The orchestra's as slick as can be, which should appeal to those in the mood for some big band brass, but I've heard comments going both ways on the quality of these recordings compared to other digitals. Only a buck more, though, than other Pablos.

Carmen McRae, too, is keeping abreast of the changes by hooking up with some of the better known pop-jazz names on her new double set, I'm Coming Home Again (Buddah 6501). Regardless of your opinion of Freddie Hubbard, Hank Crawford, Grover Washington or Buster Williams (a recognized bassist who has probably already forgotten his own new Buddah release, a waste of time called Dreams Come True), McRae is in sure voice on popular tracks like Washington's "Mr. Magic" and Billy Joel's "New York State of Mind." And Hubbard contributes some hard blowing to offset some of the patented pop licks that are bound to erupt from a gathering of this sort. It may not be the Steeplechase or Black Saint artists, but Carmen McRae is staying current. And staying good.

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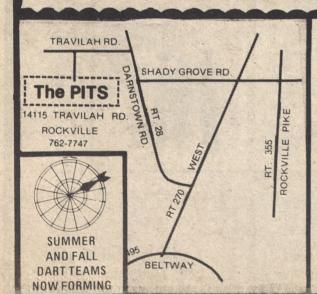


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BY MARION DEEGAN

Carolyn Mas Hold On Mercury SRM-1-3841

hen she played George Washington University here in February, Billboard's review called her "the rock world's best kept secret . . . explosive as a 20 megaton bomb with a voice that can send shivers running through your body." Her name is Carolyn Mas (Spanish for, pronounced like, "moss"). With one album for Mercury records behind her and another just coming out, Mas is still a marginally known entity.

Her debut album, titled simply "Carolyn Mas," is no slouch. Strollers hearing it outside springtime Washington windows have stopped to ask who it is. New York radio stations were playing the demo tapes prior to its release. Still, the album bumped along the bottom of the charts and for the most part radio stations, including Washington's, ignored it.

The general concensus among industry types, including Mas' supermanager Faris Bouhafa—without whom she couldn't 'a done it, as they say—is that the first album sounds "cautious" and fails to project the grabbing identity radio prefers. What it failed to capture was the electricity of Mas' live performances. One song, "Sadie Says," came close.

"Sadie Says" got enough airplay in Cleveland to make a recent Ohio transplant here remember Mas' name. Robert Christgau of the Village Voice,

who did an offensively erroneous review calling Mas a "folksinger," said he was "surprised to find [himself] enjoying four [of the first album's songs] and getting off on two, "Sadie Says' and "Quote Goodbye Quote." (about that folkie label: Mas tiptoed onto the Village scene as a solo acoustic act. Independent manager CBS Records artist-liaison escapee, applied the savvy rock n' roll wand that allowed Mas to growl her way to a contract. Christgau, obviously, hadn't opened his eyes to the change.)

At any rate, Mas' second album is out, and if this doesn't soar the major airwaves there is no justice. With the first no-nonsense drumroll of "Hold On," a song of forced departure, Mas and company lay down a full-bodied mix of guitar and sax-dominated Mas originals.

The momentum here is loosely frenzied, with major themes focusing on lovers past and present. Lovers invariably intertwine with the ups and downs of stage life, and it is not all happy news. In "Hold On":

My brain's inside a suitcase/I push it down the stairs/I feel like I've been programmed/out of my own affairs. They tell me take it easy/well nothing's easy here/They try to strap my patience/professional career (strangled scream) Hold on!...Hold on!...little darling, stay true....

"Running from the Highlife," which Mas introduces at her concerts as a (cutting) tribute to journalists, pits the needs for privacy against the demands of publicity. Musically, it's outstanding. Got that, radio? Outstanding.
If you're into guessing games, "He's

So Cool," a sassy assessment of an exlover turned snooty star, may well be

Bouhafa,

evident beside the sparse accompaniment of these numbers, tend to be vague, with thoughts not quite developing. "Remember the night when you hurt me once again . . . still loves and she still watches, but leaves us feeling we haven't been told quite enough to know Mas. What we end up with is the gist of her message, and for someone faulted for not having a strong and grabbing radio identity,

right delicious.

the gist may not be enough. Musically, however, Mas IS grabbing, and Lord knows thre are enough inane lyrics coming across the airwaves to make Mas sound downright professorial. She's all right.

about Steve Forbert, who was rumored to have caused Mas some emotional consternation

during their recent joint-

'Tom Dunson's Revenge," a creative

On the few occasions when Mas

slows down, she manages to calm with-

out being wimpy. "Amsterdam," a bit too "Hello In There" Bette Midlerish

for these tastes, conveys unabashed

need for a lover across the seas. The

sentiment sounds sincere, and Crispin

Cloe's normally excellent sax is down-

The slower numbers point up one of

" tells us she

Mas' few weak spots. Her lyrics, so

If you're looking for the intimate come-on of the Pretenders' Chrissie Hynde, or the jaded mumbling of Marianne Faithful, you won't find it in Mas. Sounding tougher than before, Mas is Mas. She is engaging. She is powerful. She is Long Island New York down to the soul (Syosset High School graduate-you'll hear it in those occasional Bette Midler inflections) and and she is a major talent not to be ignored.

The cautious feeling is gone from her latest album. Let's hope that radio stations catch on. And if promotional considerations send her touring, let's hope Washington's major clubs hook in as







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JIGS IN THE KEY OF LIFE

BY MYRON BRETHOLZ

ith a plethora of records having come out in the recent few months and a minimum of space to report on them, let's plunge headlong into the business of separating the wheat from the chaff.

Planxty's reunion lp, After the Break (Tara import) is well-produced and arcane, and benefits from the inclusion of flautist Matt Molloy, who has since left this group for The Chieftains (see below). But like many reunion albums, the old spark isn't always apparent. The instrumental selections are upbeat enough, and the vocals (especially Christy Moore's) are appealing, but it's hard to avoid a sense of deja vu when listening to this album. Look up Planxty's first three discs, newly reissued by Shanachie, for a taste of what it was really like.

On the other hand, The Chieftains' Boil the Breakfast Early couldn't have come at a better time. New member Matt Molloy breathes life into what, after the group's previous outing, seemed a pretty stale affair. This is The Chieftains' best-produced album ever, and arguably has their most creative arrangements—especially recommended are "Patch Through the Woods" medley and Kevin Conneff's vocal contributions. And Columbia records' low list price (\$4.98) certainly makes this the best bargain in town. A joy to behold.

DOLORES KEANE is known for her vocal work with DeDanaan and The Chieftains, but only recently have we had the opportunity to hear her as a true solo artist. Her first disc, There Was A Maid, was spotty and slightly downbeat, but her new album, on which she's co-billed with her husband John Faulkner, is simply one of the great albums of folk music you'll ever be likely to encounter. Called Broken-Hearted I'll Wander (Mulligan) it's a tantalizing collection of closelyknit harmonies and exquisitely arranged tunes, and somehow makes the listener feel closer to the musicians than you may have thought possible. This album's immediate importance is easily gauged by the number of local Irish groups that have picked up material from it, and from the amazingly high number of copies which have already been sold in this area. The "mouth music" section is

worth it alone, and Keane has never sounded more in command of her voice. A great Irish album, and a landmark women's album as well.

Martin O'Connor's credits include stints in Midnight Well, The Hags, Kevin Burke's post-Bothy Band, and, most recently, the Boys of the Lough. Not bad for an accordionist barely into his twenties. O'Connor's first solo album, the long-overdue Connaughtman's Rambles (Mulligan), is a great, offbeat, and ultimately very timely album. Featuring generous help from Gerry O'Beirne (12-string), Donal Lunny (bouzouki) and Colm Murphy (Irish drum), the lp feathures a diverse selection of reels, jigs, a hornpipe and polka medley apiece, and two lovely slow airs.

My favorites here are the jigs on side two (the key change in "Larry O'Gaff" is technically astounding) and the "Jolly Tinker" reel, which puts The Chieftains' rendering to shame. A lot of O'Connor's appeal was visual, but even if you never had a chance to see him play, this lp is a great opportunity to hear him.

Joe Shannon and Johnny McGreevey are two of the stalwart figures in the Irish music community in Chicago, and although they've been playing for over a collective half-century, it's only now that they've been captured on vinyl as a duo. Their lp, called Noonday Feast (Green Linnet), is a joyous assemblage of a few old standards and some tunes which have rarely séen the light of day. Shannon's piping is celebrational-there is no other word-and McGreevey's fiddling is a wistful reminder of "how it must have been." Ironic, as both gentlemen were raised in the US, and their initial contact with the music came through recordings as opposed to live music. Shannon's solos include a piping standard-Patsy Tuohy's "Steampacket" medley-and a couple of tunes which the ever-present Chieftains helped popularize. McGreevey's solos include a delightful version of "Sean Ryan's and an obscure reel simply called "McGreevey's Favorite." And the duo playing is some of the most spirited you'll be likely to hear—the tunes may be familiar, but rarely will you hear them performed with more zest. Mick Moloney's production and backing guitar work cap an album which Irish-Americans can point to with pridethis is the authentic stuff.



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Belated recognition must go to Noel Hill and Tony Linnane (Tara import). Hill (concertina) and Linnane (fiddle) first came to light on Christy Moore's Iron Behind the Velvet lp, and we knew right away that we wanted to hear more. Their debut album is one of those lucky combinations of catchy tunes, good backup work and brilliant production. Most of the tunes have been worked over in the past, but their treatments here are strikingly inventive and accessible. The backup work, provided by Matt Molloy (again?) on flute, Alex Finn on bouzouki, and Michael O'Domhnaill on harmonium, creates a lush backdrop for Hill and Linnane's tastefullycrafted work. The piece de resistance here is the difficult six-part hornpipe, "Johnny Cope." Hill starts out alone, and is joined by O'Domhnaill on church organ midway through. Put on your headphones for that one.

If you like fiddlers, you'll want to own An Fhidil (Gael Linn import), an anthology of five young Dublin-area fiddlers. The album is produced by the great fiddler Paddy Glackin, who does not play on it (his brother does). There are a couple of familiar names here-Maurice Lennon of Stockton's Wing actually is a very accomplished musician, but his playing seems lackluster and cheerless next to the others. Seamus Glackin echoes his older brother's style but has his own talent to fall back on. Sean Montgomery is the sleeper here-his renderings are true and zesty, and he sounds at times a bit like Tommy Peoples. Seamus Thompson and Martin Hayes (son of the great P.J.) are only slightly less awesome on this very special anthology.

Finally, in the local scene: Knockna-Shee's debut album, Last Night's Fun (Shanachie), arrived too late for a complete review, but it is a lot of fun as the title connoted. Watch for Celtic Thunder's debut lp (on Green Linnet) late in the year; watch also for flautist Fintan Vallely's Shanachie lp soon-with backup provided by local Orphic member C.B. Heinemann. The Childe Harold is putting on Irish music Sundays-check the Unicorn calendar for complete listings. And people still wonder what became of my old radio program, "Summer Solstice." I'm still trying to find a new location, and solicit any ideas you may have. Even if you just want a copy of my playlist, write me at P.O. Box 9645, Washington, D.C. 20016.

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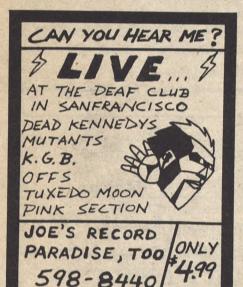
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BY STEVEN J. HOFFMAN

must be getting old; record companies are starting to reissue blues albums that I bought the originals of! A "reissue" in the blues field used to mean an lp compilation of old 78s originally produced for a black audience during the Twenties, Thirties, Forties—or Fifties at the latest. Now we're getting reissues of entire albums originally recorded for the white college crowd during the Sixties and Seventies.

Two of these are Lonesome Sundown's Been Gone Too Long and Phillip Walker's Someday You'll Have These Blues, both reissued under the Alligator imprint a scant three years after their initial release on the tiny Joilet label. A second pair of modern reissues—Robert—Pete—Williams' Louisiana Blues—are part of a repackaged Takoma Blues Series being destributed by Los Angeles-based Chrysalis Records, home of Blondie and other Billboard Hot 100 acts.

LONESOME SUNDOWN is not the name of a band. It's the assumed moniker of one Cornelius Green, Louisiana swamp bluesman par excellence. Louisiana swamp blues, an unmistakable and lowdown style that influenced the early Rolling Stones, among others, is marked by drawling vocals and stinging guitar amplified so as to achieve a buzzing, echoey tone. Sundown may be lesser known than Lightnin' Slim and the late Slim Harpo, but Been Gone Too Long should correct this historic quirk. On the album, Sundown's tightly controlled guitar and smoky vocals convey an undercurrent of menace along with a deeply Southern, almost lazy nonchalance. And when he departs from the swamp blues and reaches into a soul-blues bag for a couple of somber ballads, one can't help but be impressed by the range of this undeservedly obscure bluesman's talent.

The other Alligator Joilet reissue, Phillip Walker's Someday You'll Have These Blues, won't knock your socks off, but if you're a blues fan you'll probably like it. Walker—no relation to T-Bone, but like him a Texan who moved to the West Coast—performs an admirable selection of contemporary electric blues. He sings emotively without histrionics; he plays guitar the same way. He may not be flashy, but on the other hand he's not pretentious or overbearing. Rather, he comes across sincere and honest—and in the blues, honesty is still the best policy.

ROBERT PETE WILLIAMS' album on Takoma/Chrysalis is titled Louisiana Blues, but his style of country blues bears no discernible relation to other bluesmen from that state, nor from any other state. His blues aren't structured into twelve or sixteen bars; his lyrics often don't rhyme. No wonder he plays solo. No one could follow his changes closely enough to accompany him. He approaches country blues the way Captain Beefheart approaches rock: with an almost autistic personal vision. (Beefheart, fittingly enough, has recorded one of Williams' tunes, "Ugly Blues.") Yet despite its weirdness, Williams' music is undeniably blues. His harsh vocals, rapid-fire guitar work and worried lyrics make for engrossing listening, and the excellent liner notes by the late Alan Wilson (of Canned Heat) make for engrossing reading.

In contrast to the self-absorbed Robert Pete Williams stands the ebullient Bukka White. On Mississippi Blues, he's the bluesman entertainer, alternately charming and cajoling his listeners, singing, telling tales, and pounding on his National Steel guitar for all it's worth. Even more so than most Delta bluesmen, he used his guitar primarily as a rhythm instrument. On his train songs, for example, the thump of his bass line and his

sliding bottleneck simulate the rhythm of a train. His classic "Shake 'Em On Down" is irresistably foot stomping; it was a hit for Bukka back in 1937, but not until Takoma Records founder John Fahey rediscovered and recorded him in 1963 did Bukka become a fixture on the coffeehouse and festival circuit. The present album is a reissue of that 1963 session.

IN ADDITION TO these reissues, Alligator and Takoma have each released for the first time recordings of acoustic Chicago blues made in the Sixties by aficionado Norman Dayron. Takoma's Chicago Breakdown, an anthology featuring Little Brother Montgomery (accompanied by Mike Bloomfield), James Cotton (accompanied by Paul Butterfield and Elvin Bishop), and others, is pleasant enough listening with some memorable moments.

The same can be said of Alligator's Johnny Jones with Billy Boy Arnold, but the album disappoints, at least if one was hoping to hear the crashing piano chords for which Jones was known when he accompanied Elmore James. Accompanied only by Billy Boy Arnold (who sounds, on unamplified harp, more like his idol, James "Sonny Boy" Williamson, and less like the hard-edged rocker we've heard on his recent recordings). Jones performs a relaxed set of blues before a North Side Chicago coffeehouse audience. Otis Spann is quoted on the album cover as calling Jones "my favorite piano player . . . he beat me at my own game." With-all due respect to Spann, I can't hear it.

Correction: In my previous blues columns, I've recommended that readers send \$1 for a comprehensive blues catalogue issued by Down Home Music, a mail order record service. Unfortunately, the street address was off by a digit. Down Home's correct address is 10341 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, Calif. 94530. Sorry 'bout that.



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BY STEPHANIE FAUL

The Brothers He Brought Me The Light and Take Two Thomas R. Roberts Put All of Your Trust in God

n earlier times, religious and secular music were not as widely separated as they are What would now be called "mainstream" musicians wrote both liturgical and popular compositions, with the idea that religion is, as an aspect of human experience, a perfectly valid theme for musical treatment. In modern America, however, there is an embarassment associated with religious music, a shying away from any religious reference. With the occasional exception of a song such as George Harrison's "My Sweet Lord," the words "God" or "Jesus" are a sure bet to keep a song off the charts.

Another exception of note was "Oh Happy Day" by the Edwin Hawkins Singers, a song which was briefly popular about ten years ago. It was a vivid, exuberant spiritual, exemplifying all of the best qualities of black gospel music. It's hard to understand why it reached the prominence it achieved (it was even on a jukebox in Winchester, England). Not that it lacked musical merit: it was, and is, a terrific song, but intensely religious in nature. It was a small glimpse, in white popular consciousness, of the massive iceberg of black gospel.

Music and religion are closely interwoven, however, and gospel has had vast impact on more secular forms. Performers like The Persuasions, Aretha Franklin and Al Green are popular reflections of a music that originated in church. It can be difficult to tell a hymn from a hit, unless you listen closely to the lyrics.

It is possible to hear occasional live gospel without going to a black church:the various broad-spectrum folk festivals in the Washington area routinely present such groups. At Wolf Trap or the Smithsonian, for instance, church groups constitute a regular portion of the program each year.

Two local gospel groups that have released records recently are The

Brothers and the Tommy Roberts Singers. They represent two different directions for gospel music, and although they share a theme, their approach and interpretation of the music are totally distinct.

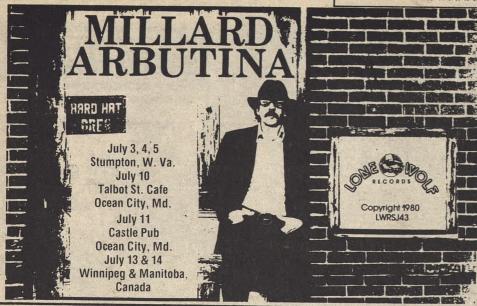
Of the two, The Brothers are the more musically sophisticated. They do beautiful a capella harmonies that nonetheless have overtones of a college glee club; their lush, slick arrangements are a little too sophisticated for my taste, and sound a bit bloodless and precise. Take Two, a 1976 album, is primarily a capella, and the choral blend is rich and soulful. "Swing Down Chariot" has barbershop influences, while there is a surprisingly likeable calypso version of the Lord's Prayer.

The Brothers' 1979 album, He Brought Me The Light, is even more mannered and middle class. A few numbers have Holiday Inn style instrumental backups: "Whiter Than Snow" is definitely lounge music. There is a lot of verve in "If We Ever Needed the Lord Before," and "Good News" is a slightly contrived but winning medley. But I am not sure that the music benefits from the arrangements of Eugene Reid: he sounds like a black Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The Tommy Roberts Singers of Baltimore, by comparison, are totally spontaneous. Their album Put All of Your Trust in God (T.R.R., 1012) captures the excitement and charismatic frenzy of a live performance. And with one exception, they are all original compositions by T.R. Roberts. It is tempting to poke fun of songs like "Jesus Is My Natural High," which has the lyrics, "I don't need no dope. I don't need no smoke, I don't need no coke to get by," but taken in the context of social and religious experience, the rejection of chemical in favor of spiritual intoxicants seems perfectly reasonable.

This album has no pretensions to being a slick production, but the music can really rock you with the spirit. It is the kind of record you can listen to loud, through the headphones, and get a taste of the natural high channeled through the power of music and religion.

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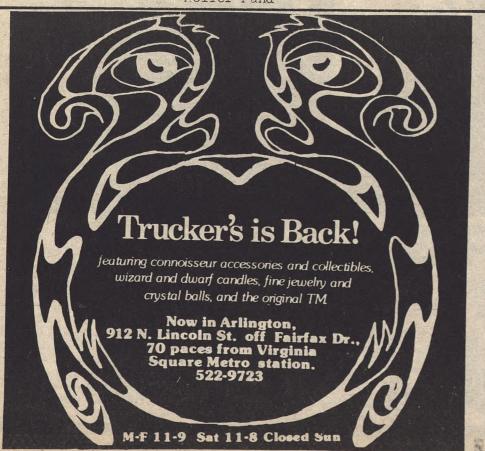
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Dixie Highway Sign Robin and Linda Williams with Peter Ostroushko June Appal JA031

ixie Highway Sign represents a middle ground between harder, faster bluegrass and funkier, mellower old-timey styles of music. The distinction between bluegrass and old-timey may not be too clear to those not actively involved in playing them, but to practitioners of either the lines are as sharply drawn as loyalties during the Civil War. Robin and Linda Williams, assisted by the gifted instrumentals of Peter Ostroushko, have produced an album that manages to include the more appealing aspects of both genres.

The songs are varied in style and composition, from Russell Smith's "I Pity the Mothers and the Fathers," a cheerful bluegrass lament about the empty nest syndrome, to the Williams' dismal "I Traded My Soul." Their "Murderers on the Cumberland Plateau" and Robin Williams' and Jerry Clark's "Step It Out Nancy" are gory and passionate murder ballads in the best broadside tradition. One of the delights on the album is David Olney's "Things Ain't Right," which follows the honored folk tradition of taking an unpleasant subject and putting it to a lively and optimistic tune. This jumpy ballad of hard times takes fundamentally depressing material, wraps it around a brilliant mandolin break and comes out sounding upbeat.

The instrumentals are relaxed and pleasant, yet the crisp mandolin solos and vibrant fiddle work are as technically perfect as any speed-freak festival picker could want. Ostroushko and the Williamses draw from multiple traditions, from the whiney cajunstyle fiddle of "Liza" to the bluegrass title tune. "Johnson Girls" is the only tune on the album listed as "traditional," and contains a plunky, modal banjo and mandolin duet that turns into "Loch Laven Castle" (or a variant thereof) at the end.

Linda Williams has a clear, wintry voice that is high and shaky, and either charming or irritating; take your pick. Several songs ("Bamboozled," for instance) are sung straight through in parallel harmonies that get monotonous after the first few verses, but the more interesting arrangements (as on "Red Dancing Shoes" and "Things Ain't Right") provide vocal diversity and a more varied texture.

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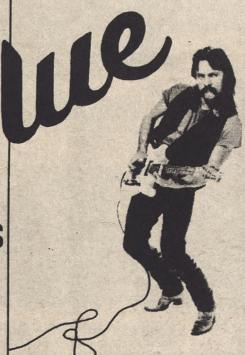
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harles Bukowski first came to my attention with a big collection of short stories, Erections, Ejaculations, Exhibitions and General Tales of Ordinary Madness (City Lights, 1972). I was working in an apple orchard, a lead smelter, and similar places at the time, and his stories of poverty, drunkenness and sexual desperation were just the thing to make me look at life with a bit of amusement. There was an eye for odd characters and ironic situations, and an air of knowledge of the depths of urban existance that was greatly appealing. His writing was rough and flawedthat was obvious enough-but the guy

Erections is still the cornerstone of any Bukowski library. There's an astonishing variety of mood and style throughout the book. Nearly all feature the alcoholic, ideally ugly, perennially impoverished Bukowski, usually in his literary alter ego of Henry Chinaski. Survival is one of the key themes—survival through brutalizing farm and factory labor jobs, affairs with half-crazy women, or alcoholic blackouts—survival not so much of body as of the ability to laugh at life and see beyond the mind-deadening existence that grinds down so many others in these stories.

SUCCESS HAS STARTED to reach the old man lately. He no longer lives in a succession of seedy courts; now he has purchased a house up in the hills above his native Los Angeles. He has a good car, a steady income from readings and royalties, and he lives with Linda Lee, a young, beautiful, non-crazy blonde much younger than he. He drinks good wine instead of beer. He even went to Europe recently.

This trip is the subject of Shakespeare Never Did This (City Lights, 1979), a slim, attractively designed volume of travel observations, with photographs by Michael Montfort. The trip is not too eventful. Bukowski gives readings, drinks wine, gives interviews, drinks more wine, visits his German relatives, and spends time with various other Europeans, among them filmmaker Barbet Shroeder (why, among all the photos, is there none of him?). There are conventional American-tourist-in-Europe hassles with trains and planes. It's all enjoyable; the writing flows pleasantly, and there is the usual careful ear for dialogue. Linda Lee and Buk, a modern Beauty and the Beast, are interesting subjects for Montfort's photos.

The trouble with the whole thing can best be stated by Buk himself. In his recent novel Women (Black Sparrow Press, 1978), a character reads to him from her novel. His reaction: "It wasn't really bad, but it was very unprofessional and needed a lot of polishing. Glendoline presumed that the reader was as fascinated by her life as she was—which was a deadly mistake." Assuming that he's acquitted on the charge of unprofessionalism—probably he could at least come

CHARLES BUKOWSKI'S ORDINARY MADNESS

BY ROBERT LEGAULT



up with a hung jury on that one, for despite frequent roughness in his writing there is a flow to it all that makes it easy and fun to read—there remains the question: how interested are you? To a reader new to his works, there is little of value here. "Who is this guy, and what makes him so special?" one might ask. Buk takes pains to explain the dues he's paid—factories, drunk tānks, slimy bars—but it all comes across as just pounding his own drum unless you've read the early stuff and know he's not exaggerating.

BUKOWSKI HAS ACHIEVED the most recognition as a poet. From early symbolist jumbles to his more recent conversational style, he has amassed a considerable output of good poemssurrealistic flights of fancy and autobiographical fragments that often feature an O. Henry-like ironic closing line that neatly wraps up what seems at first to be formless ramblings. Nearly all of his earlier out-of-print books have been collected and reissued by Black Sparrow, who have steadily continued to release new volumes, of which the latest is Play the Piano Drunk Like A Instrument Until Fingers Begin To Bleed A Bit (Black Sparrow, 1979). What is still unavailable commercially can be found at the Library of Congress or, if you're in New Orleans, at the Rare Book Room of the Tulane University Library. They're worth searching out.

Any book of Bukowski poetry holds its rewards. An excellent introduction is Charles Bukowski Reads His Poetry (Takoma Records TAK 7073). This is the first widely distributed release of an album previously available only on the difficult-to-obtain Bitter Lemon Records as Poems and Insults. It's an edited recording of a public reading done in San Francisco in 1972. Portions of this same reading were aired on a PBS special a few years back, along with footage of Buk cruising in his car and buying Michelob at the supermarket (introducing himself to the checker with a smile: "My name's Buk. Rhymes with puke.'") The Takoma release replaces the earlier album cover photo of Buk downing a Schlitz with an art brut self-portrait in blue and yellow smears.

FOR BUKOWSKI FANS this lp is essential. First of all, there is the voice. I always imagined it would be some sort of guttural growl like Captain Beefheart or Lionel Stander (the star of Roman Polanski's Cul-de-sac and the ideal actor for a film of Buk's life), but it is both more ordinary-sounding and more subtle than that. Tenderness and cynicism, desperation and confidence all come out as he reads. There is also bantering with the audience that gets progressively more hostile as the record spins on.

I don't know whether this reading was tamer or more edited, or both, but it's really restrained compared to a reading I attended in Vancouver, B.C.

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last fall. There the audience, well fortified with strong Canadian beer from the nearby hotel bar, hurled almost constant insults, questions, requests, compliments and non sequiturs at beleaguered Buk, who weathered it remarkably well as he worked through three bottles of red wine.

There were long pauses between each poem, which brought out the worst in the more vocal members of the audience. "Read your poetry, man!" yelled a nasal-voiced young man. "Right," Buk reflected. "You're here to listen to poetry, and I'm here . . . "—he paused to think—"to make money." "Then you're the ENEMY, man!" whined his fan. Buk's reply was simply, "Right." As if to say, you finally figured it out, this adversary relationship we're in.

There's a similar statement on the record: "Once upon a time a guy called Dylan Thomas was destroyed by poetry audiences. Sit your asses down—I'm gonna destroy you instead of you destroying me."

IN BETWEEN THE PATTER, Buk manages to read 14 poems. The readings, despite (or enhanced by) occasional stammering and beer-burps, are startling in their sense of dramatic timing—it's as good as anything on your favorite TV sitcom. The story of "Death," involving spiders, ants, shit in the bathtub, and the landlord, could be spoiled by rushing it, but Buk always waits for just the right moment to deliver the next line. In "Hot," the words "hot" and "Miriam" (the woman he's racing to see) become a rhythmic device as they're repeated in an exaggerated tone of voice.

Now that he is more wealthy and settled, Buk is facing tough challenges. He has chosen to make his daily life an intimate part of his work. As long as he was leading what he has called "the buried life," there was inevitably a certain fascination in his tales of his struggles. Now, he runs the danger of ending up sounding like Martin Mull's bourgeois entertainer who composes a blues about throwing his drink across the lawn because his car wouldn't start. It hasn't happened yet; Women, his most recent fiction, contains some of his most mature work yet in terms of writing, if not behavior. A free-form chronicle of sexual ups and downs, it's ruthless self-observation. Its formlessness only enhances a vision of the labyrinth of human emotions.

PERHAPS THE BEST strategy for Buk today would be to interpolate clearly fantastic episodes into his straight autobiography, as in the novels of Jerzy Kosinski (who has a far more bizarre life to draw upon than Buk ever will). He does in fact do this at times. If he doesn't, his readers may be placed in the uncomfortable position of hoping he'll fall so he'll have something more interesting to write about.

That adversary relationship—he's aware of it, all right. It shouldn't have to be that way for Buk—he deserves to have a comfortable life and to continue to write well, too. There must be a way.

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BY BRUCE ROSENSTEIN

uch has happened on the British rock scene in the many months that the Import Bin has been away. Space permits only a look at the recent highlights. Activity remains high; new labels come into life daily, and a few have gone under. The major labels, like their US counterparts several steps behind the independents, have moved in on some of the best small-label artists. Business as usual, and we hope to cover it more regularly from now on.

First the Bad News: On May 18, Ian Curtis, lead singer of Joy Division, committed suicide. He leaves behind an almost firghteningly powerful 1979 debut album, Unknown Pleasures, and a new album, Closer. Both were released on Manchester's excellent Factory label, although the first LP is being released in the U.S. on Rough Trade's new label.

Elvis Costello has had a rush of releases of late. First came a coupling of "High Fidelity" with the non-LP soul oldie "Getting Mighty Crowded" (and a 12" w/ an added new version of "Clowntime Is Over"). Then a simultaneous release of an EP-for-the price-of-a-single ("New Amsterdam" plus three non-LP cuts: "Dr. Luther's Assistant," "Just A Memory," and "Ghost Train"); and a low-price 45, of "New Amsterdam" and "Dr. Luther's Assistant."

Outside of London, Liverpool is the most prolific center for quality rock. Some, but not all, of the recent records are the debut LPs from Pink Military (Do Animals Believe in God?), Echo And The Bunnymen (Crocodiles) and Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark; as well as singles by The Teardrop Explodes ("Treason"), Clive Langer And The Boxes ("Splash, A Tear Goes Rolling Down"), Lori And The Chameleons ("The Lonely Spy"), and Bette Bright ("Hello I Am Your Heart"). Possibly the best of the recent Liverpool crop is the debut album from the Original Mirrors, released to an undeserved fate of obscurity by Arista Records in the U.S. Lead singer Steve Allen was a member of mid-'70s Liverpool cult band Deaf School, with Langer, Bright and Steve Lindsey of The Planets.

There have been scores of compilation albums recently; most of them on a regional basis, led by Rockburgh Records' Northern bands set Hicks From The Sticks, with Wah! Heat, Expelaires, Radio Five, Airkraft and others. Safari Records gives us Uppers On The South Downs, a South Coast collection with the promising band Teenbeats and two others, while Canterbury bands are unveiled by Criminal Records in First Offenders. Man-chester's high-quality Object Music label has two new samplers, Waiting Room, with new music from three bands, and Objectivity, a collection of the label's early, now-deleted 45s.

Of the artists with debut albums, a few which stand out are The Passions (Michael And Miranda), Young Marble Giants (Collosal Youth), and The Distractions (Nobody's Perfect). YMG is a dreamy-sounding band from Wales which debuted with two cuts on last year's sampler of Welsh bands Is The War Over? They also have a three-track EP of non-LP cuts. Both EP and LP are on Rough Trade.

Other debuts worth attention include Toyah (The Blue Meaning), The Photos, The Teardrops (Final Vinyl, with members of The Buzzcocks), Notsensibles (Instant Classic), Glaxo Babies (Nine Months To The Disco), the German electro-rock band DAF, Steve Miro And The Eyes (Rude Intrusions), The Chords (Something's Missing), and The Vapors (New Clear Days).

Established and semi-established bands with recent LPs include Sham 69 (The Game), The Fall (Totale's Turn, a live set), The cure (17 Seconds), the Only Ones (Baby's Got A Gun), Human League (Travelogue), The Pop Group (We Are Time, a collection of previously unreleased cuts), Alex Chilton (Like Flies On Sherbert), Ultravox (Three Into One, a best-of set from their former label, Island) and Pere Ubu (The Art Of Walking, their first for Rough Trade after leaving Chrysalis).

Hundreds of recent singles are deserving of mention, but here are at least some of the standouts. First, the newer artists: Killing Joke ("Wardance," their second and one of the best new bands), UB 40 ("My Way of Thinking," after the hit "Food For Thought"), U2 ("11 O'Clock Tick Tock"), Mystere V ("No Message"), Girls At Our Best ("Warm Girls"), Drinking Electricity ("Shakin' All Over"), Boots For Dancing ("Boots For Dancing"), Scars ("Love Song"), The Regents ("See You Later"), The GTs ("Boys Have Feelings Too"), The Expressos ("Hey Girl"), Holly And The Italians ("Miles Away"), The Akrylykz ("J.D."), and The Freshies ("Yellow Spot")

Established-artist 45s include Joe Jackson (three new songs, including his version of "The Harder They Come"), The Specials (the new cuts "Rat Race"/"Rude Boys Outa Jail"), Gary Numan ("We Are Glass"), Gang Of Four ("Outside The Trains Don't Run On Time"), Siouxsie And The Banshees ("Christine"), Devo ("Girl You Want" with non-LP "Turn Around"), Lene Lovich (a six song double-single with four live, non-LP cuts), and The Jam ("Going Underground").

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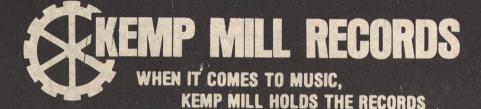
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Marden Abadi - 4 at 2 pm - Jefferson Memorial John McCutcheon, Woody Simmons and Blackie Cool-21 at 8:30 pm-Augusta Heritage Arts Workshop, Elkins, W. Va.

Micronesian Song Concert-18 at 11 am-Dept. of Interior auditorium Music Crafters-12 at 8:00 pm-Coolidge Audi-

torium, free National Symphony Orchestra-4 at 8 pm-U.S. Capitol, conducted by Sarah Caldwell

New Century Singers-9 at 7:30-Newton White Mansion, Enterprise Rd., Mitchellville, Md. Old-Time Fiddlers Convention-18-19-New River Vallev fairgrounds. Dublin. Va.

Tony Orlando—15 at 8:30—Wolf Trap Outlaws—30 at 8 pm—Merriweather Post Paul Hill Boy's Club Drum and Bugle Corps of Chicago-4 at 10:30 am-Ellipse

Philharmonic Pops Orchestra-8, 29 at 8:30-Carter Barron Prince George's Symphony Orchestra—4 at 8— Fort Washington Park, Md., conducted by

Frederick Marden John Prine and Leon Redbone-12-Carter

Barron Lou Rawls—1 at 8:30—Wolf trap Leon Redbone—12—Carter Barron

Todd Rundgren's Utopia-19 at 8-Merriweather

Sam Brothers Five-10 at 12 noon-Neptune Plaza, Library of Congress, free
Earl Scruggs—3-4—Eskimo Nell's (with the North Star Band)

Richard Smallwood Singers-27 from 1:30-4:30 pm - C&O Canal Soviet Emigre Orchestra-1 at 8:30-Carter

Barron Teen Concert in the Park-19 from 7-9 pm-**Beltsville Community Center**

Jerry Thompson and Rusty Rudder—2 at 8 and 10:30 pm—Cellar Door Tracy's Family Band and Bakeba Konte-28 at 8:30-Augusta Heritage Arts Workshop,

Elkins, W. Va. Trapezoid and Johnny Johnson—7 at 8:30— Augusta Heritage Arts Workshop US Marine Corps Band-4 from 9:15-10:15 am-

US Navy Brass Quintet-8 at 7:30-Oxon Hill Library

US Navy Ceremonial Band-1 at 9:15 am-Ellipse US Navy Clarinet Quintet-1 at 7:30 pm-Oxon Hill Library; 13 at 3 pm-Round House

Theater, Wheaton
US Navy Commander's Trio—3 at 12:15 pm—
Market Square Park, 8th & Pennsylvania NW; 17 at 12:15 - Market Square Park

US Navy Commodores—16, 23, 30 at 6 pm— Museum of History and Technology, free US Navy Concert Band—Wednesdays at 8:40

S Navy Concert Band—Wednesdays at 8:40 pm—Navy Yard, Leutze Park, with the Sea Chanters and the Ceremonial Band, fred (reservations required); 3 at 8:30 pm—Jefferson Memorial; 5 at 8 pm—Inner Harbor, Baltimore; 7 at 8 pm—West Terrace, US Capitol; 10 at 8:30 pm—Jefferson Memorial; 14 at 8 pm—West Terrace, US Capitol; 31 at 8:30—Jefferson Memorial Jefferson Memorial

US Navy Port Authority-8 at 9:15 pm-Ellipse; 16 at 7:30 pm—Fort Davis Park, SE; 17 at 7:30 pm—New Carrollton Park; 18 at 7:30—Naval Surface Weapons Center, Silver Spring

US Navy Sea Chanters—14 at 8 pm Terrace, US Capitol Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons-11 at 8:30-

Carter Barron Vandalia Arts Ensemble - 22 at 8:30 pm -Augusta Heritage Arts Workshop, Elkins, W. Va.

Van Halen — 22 — Baltimore Civic Center Dionne Warwick-28 at 8:30 - Wolf Trap

Washington Saxophone Quartet and the Rosebud Ragtime Ensemble—23 at 7:30—Newton White Mansion, Enterprise Rd., Mitchellville, Md. Wolf Trap International Jazz Festival-2-3 at 8

pm-Wolf Trap

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The Joy of Bach—Lydian Chamber Players and Dancers—16 at 7:30 p.m.—Newton White Mansion, Enterprise Road, Mitchellville

Lydian Chamber Players—13 from 1:30 to 4:30 at the Foundry Mall, C&O Canal

Douglas Major-4 at 11 a.m.-Organ Recital at The Washington Cathedral Douglas Mears - 6 at 5 p.m. - Organ recital at the

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785-8100 for times and programs National Symphony—4 at 8 p.m.—West Lawn, U.S. Capitol (American Festival/Concerts); Sarah Caldwell c onducting

Ohio Boy Choir Prelude—20 at 3:30 p.m.— Washington Cathedral

Philharmonic Pops Symphony with Roberta Peters—8 at 8:30—Carter Barron The Soviet Emigre Orchestra-1 at 8:30 p.m.-

Carter Barron Don Williams Organ Recital (with Richard

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OPENINGS

Carter Barron Amphitheatre: 1776-Howard da Silva recreates his role as Bnejamin Franklin in this award-winning musical (July 22-27).

Howard Theater: Nobody: An Evening with Bert Williams (July 24-26)

National: Ain't Misbehavin'-The joint will be jumpin once again when the national company of the sensational Fats Waller musical creates a living portrait of the great jazzman's wit and

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Opera House: The Berlin Ballet opens with a nificent performance ov Valery Panov's The Idiot, an intense array of human emotion (July 30-31; Aug. 3, 6-7).

Prism Theatre Ensemble: Stripes and Checks—

Hilarious comedy revue directed by Matthew Coughlin introduces a zany plot to Monty Python/Saturday Night Live-type satire (thru Aug. 2)

Round House: Summerfest '80 features four oneact plays: Emily Dickinson's The Belle of Amherst (July 10-12); The Frogs, outrageous comedy by Aristophanes (July 17,18,24 Aug. 1-2); exciting modern dance in Dance 'Round (July 16,19,25,30); and Four by Fou (July 23,26,31).

Spheres Theatre Company (at d.c. space): Two one act plays by Tennessee Williams: A Perfec Analysis Given By A Parrot-two women look ing for a good time in a bar; and Portrait of a Madonna—a story of unrequited love (July 8

Warner Theater: Bubbling Brown Sugar-This rousing musical revuew celebrates some of the most famous people, places and night spots o
Harlem from 1910-1940, featuring show busi
ness legend Cab Calloway (July 1-20).
Wolf Trap: Wolf Opera, The ampire (July 19
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Di Siviglia (July 23; 8 p.m.); Don Giovann (July 24,27; 8 p.m.); La Boheme (July 26

CONTINUING RUNS

Eisenhower: Whose Life Is It Anyway?-Brian Clark's award-winning play dramatizes the conflict between a quadraplegic sculptor's desire to die and his physician's drive to keep him alive (thru July 27).

Folger Shakespeare Library: Shakespeare Performances Through the Ages; Elizabethan Great Hall; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily.

Folger Theatre Group: Tweelfth Night-Shakespeare's comic romance bubbles with mismatched love affairs, mistaken identies and

mixed up sex roles (thru July 27).

Fords: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor
Dreamcoat—Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice of Jesus Christ Superstar fame bring us another delightful musical, wittily using a variety of musical styles to tell the story of the Biblical hero and his famous "coat of many colors" (Thru Aug. 10).

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understudy turns star in this '30s era musical ..

spectacular with songs and dance from several

Boradway musical movies (thru July 27).

Terrace Theatre: Boogie Woogie Landscapes—
The National Black Touring Circuit brings raw energy in song and dance to Ntozake Shange's memories of a "young woman grown up in America" (thru July 13).

DINNER THEATER

Burn Brae: The King and I-A strong-willed English schoolteacher signs on as a governess to the many children of an equally strong-willed Siamese monarch (thru August 31).
Capital: The Odd Couple—Two divorced men—

one clob sportwriter, one perfectionist photog-

rapher-turn roommates and drive each other

cracy (thru August). olony 7: Cabaret—Cabaret singer Sally Bowles and her friends seek love, pleasure and divine decadence in a Berlin coming under the spell of Nazism (thru July 27)

Harlequin: Finnian's Rainbow-When a whimsical Irishman steals a pot of gold from a lepre-chaun, the effects are felt from Glocca Morra to Missitucky, USA; a musical fable (thru July 20; non-smoker's night July 16; special price week of July 4).

Hayloft: The Amorous Adventures of Fanny Hill—A lusty, bawdy musical follows the carnal adventures of a 17th century maiden in England (thru Aug. 3; special price week of July 4)

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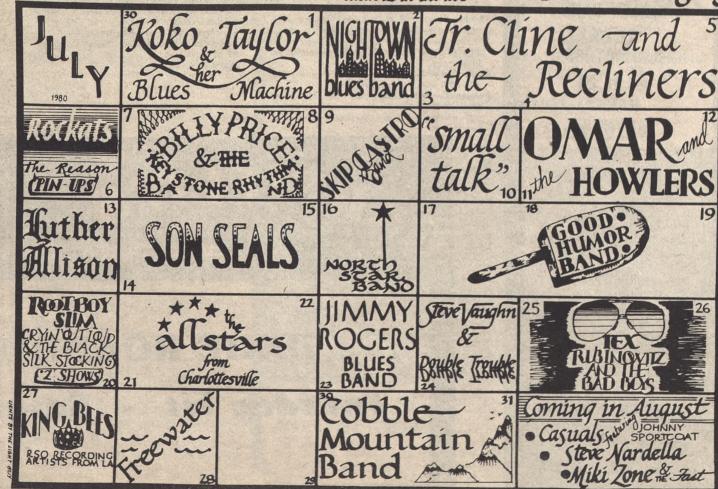
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Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center: One-Act Play
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PUPPETS & CHILDREN'S THEATER

Augusta Heritage Arts Workshop: 26, Wonderworld of Puppets

Nowie Community Center: Puppet Show for Elementary/Pre-school ages (July 16; 1 p.m.) Clearwater Nature Center: Jackie Miller and Her Puppet and Marionette Show. Free; call 297-4575 for reservation (July 22,29°).

Children's Radio Theater: Radio plays for children aired on the lst Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. over WPFW-FM, 89.3; children can call in (783-3104) after each show and talk to the characters.

Dial-A-Story: Sponsored by D.C. Library. Call 638-5717; new story every week.

Drop-in Storytime: Children ages 3-5 enjoy action rhymes, filmstrips, stories and more at various PG County Library locations; Beltsville,

Thursdays, 1 p.m.; Bowie, Tuesdays, 2 p.m.; Hyattsville, Tuesdays, 2 p.m.; Laurel, Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; New Carrollton, Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m.; Fairmont Heights, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Fort Ward Park: Local performer, Joe-Joe, will present a 30-min. demonstration on juggling techniques. Free. (July 1; 11:30).

Puppeteers Program: Summer locations in central PG County; free puppet shows. For details call 249-9220

Round House Theatre: Peter and the Wolf-The tale of a Russian boy's exciting encounter with a wolf, told in dance and mime (July 11; 10 a.m.). Pierrot-Zany slapstick mime (July 19 & 26 at 1 p.m.)

Wolf Trap Farm Park: Free programs, sponsored by the National Park Service, are held Monday-Friday at 10:30 a.m., noon, and 1:30 p.m., including the areas finest storytellers, mime and puppet performers, theatrical participation events and musical reviews. "Theatre in the Woods" features a puppetshow "Potpourri," Library theatre's "Story Theatre," and Capitol Hill Arts Workshiop "Free To Be You and Me" set to song and dance; "Meadow Tent" presents Playwiright's Center of Minnesota in "Storytalers" and "Make Mime Yours."

Movement Theatre: 2-The Mime of Ronlin Foreman; 9—Auner the Eccentric; 11—Showcase II; 16—Tears & Laughter; 18-Corporeal Mime; 23-Karen Flaherty; 24—Showcase III: 25—Dances of Court & Theatre (12th-19th Century). Elkins, W. Va. For catalog of events, call 304-636-0006)

Lydian Chamber Players & Dancers—16 at 7:30 p.m.—The Joy of Bach, The Dance Exchange Music Under the Stars Program (Mitchellville,

The Connecticut Ballet-17-19 at 8:30 p.m.-Carter Barron Amphitheatre Contemporary Dancers of Alexandria - 13 at 1:30

p.m. - Glen Echo Park, Spanish Ballroom (free) Glen Echo Dance Theater—20 at 1:30 p.m.—Join in the Spirit World—Children's dance, Glen Echo Park, Spanish Ballroom (free)

Joffrey Ballet - 30 & 31 at 8:30 p.m. - Wolf Trap Joy of Motion Dance Center-13-20-Dance In the Valley-Classes in modern, jazz, tap, mime, improv and body dynamics conducted at Berkeley Springs, W. Va. Ages 12-adult. Special workshops by local artists in clogging, square dance and country music. Call 262-1320 for

National Dance Company of Senegal-13 at 8:30

p.m.—Carter Barron Amphitheatre
Round House Theatre—Ethnic Dancing Under
the Stars (Picnicking & music) (July 5, 7:30 pm) Roz Glatter Dance Company—6 at 1:30 p.m.—
Glen Echo Park, Spanish Ballroom (free)
Tandem and Prince George's Ballet Company—

27 at 1:30 p.m.-Glen Echo Park, Spanish Ballroom (free)

Poetry & Readings

Karen Anderson and others-6 at 7 p.m.-**Market Five Gallery**

Agnes Anillian-18 at 6 p.m.-Market Five

Ebenezer Cooke Poetry Festival-27-Third annual muse-event features poets from the Md-Va. - DC area reciting original works on Maryland and Chesapeake Bay heritage as part of St. Mary's Summer Festival in Old St. Mary's City State House. Contact Karin Stanford. (301) 994-0779 to participate.

Round House Theatre—28 at 7:30 p.m.—Second Meeting of The Roundtable play-reading club

ARTS & CRAFTS

Augusta Heritage Arts Workshop-- offering a variety of workshops on numerous crafts from basketry & pottery to musical instrument construction. For details write: P.O. Box 1725, Elkins, W. Va. 26241

The Cockpit in Court-Art Exhibit featured at Cockpit's Renaissance Festival presenting "Watercolors of the Essex Commuity College Watercolor and Shakespeare Marching Band Society" (July 8-13; Baltimore)

Montpelier Cultural Arts Center-Summer Art Classes for children, teens and adults; registration July 8 (late registration July 9-14); classes begin July 14. for details call 953-1993

Town Center Summer Festival-Open Stage Mondays-open to amateur, semi-professional and professional performers to present their new acts, or just break away from the club and bar circuit and entertain on the lakefront stage in Columbia, Md. Also serves as an audition for next year's programs Imondays, July and August, 7:30 p.m.).

42nd Annual Folk Festival (July 11-13) sponsored by the National Council for the Traditional Arts; Wolf Trap Farm Park

Festivals

MARYLAND

4-6 Independence Bluegrass Week-End-Susquehanna Campgrounds, Mt. Soar Rd. off Rt. 222, 1 mile N. of US 1, Canowingo, Mailing information: Fred Graybeal, Mt. Zoar Rd. Canowingo, Md. 21918;phone (301)378-4294 27-Deer Creek Fiddlers Convention-1 mile E.

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11-13-Westmoreland County Arts and Heritage Festival—Twin Lakes, Greensburg—Mailing information:Courthouse Square, 15601; phone: (412) 834-2191

Last Week in July—Oil Heritage Week—Oil City
Mailing Information: CC, National Transit Mall, 16301; phone (814) 676-8521

18-26—Delaware State Fair—Harrington, Del., on U.S. Rt. 13; mailing information: F. Gary Simpson, P.O. Box 28, 19952; phone: (302) 398-3269

19-20—Brandywine Mountain Music Convention, Nealin Grist Mill, Rt. 1, Concordville; mailing information: Carl Goldstein, P. O. Box 3504, Greenvile, 19807; phone (302) 654-3930

WEST VIRGINIA

3-5—Celebration '80 2nd Annual Holiday Blue-grass Music Weekend, Aunt Minnie's Farm, Stumptown; mailing information: Jim Clark, Va. Folk Arts Society, P.O. Box 186, Fairfax, 22030; phone: (703) 521-6431

3-7-Mountain State Art and Craft Fair-Cedar Lakes, Ripley; mailing information: John Holt, Cedar Lakes Conference Center, 25271; phone: (304) 372-6263

11-13-Joe Meadows Bluegrass Convention Mason Co. Fairgrounds, Point Pleasant; mailing informatic 1: Joe Meadows, P.O. Box 3, Spanishburg, 25922; phone (304) 425-1474

19-20—Oglebay Institute Crafts Festival—Wheeling Park, Rt. 40; mailing information: Mary E. Fish, Stifel Fine Arts Center, 1330 National Road, 26003; phone (304) 242-7700

25-26—Annual Bluefield Old Time & Bluegrass Fiddlers Convention—New Glenwood Park, Rt. 20, Bluewell; mailing information: J. C. Parks; P.O. Box 275, Thorpe, 24688; phone (304) 448-2840

25-26-Tenth Huntington Square/Round Dance Festival; mailing information: Sonny and Mary Bess, 646 Adams Avenue, 25701; phone (304)

NORTH CAROLINA

3-4-Old Fashioned July Fourth and Bluegrass. Festival-Morehead High School Stadium, Eden; mailing information: Garry Tudor, 848 Warren Avenue, 27288

3-5-Bluegrass Festival-Jim and Jennie's High Country, Near Blue Ridge Parkway; Crossmore; mailing information: Jennie C. Vance, P.O. Box 132, Crossmore, 28616; phone (704) 733-2807

4—Folklife Festival—Durham—phone Durham Rec. Dept. (919) 684-4355

4-Fourth Celebration-Carrboro Town Hall Grounds; mailing information: Carol Rosemond, Rec. Dept., P.O. Box 337, 27510; phone (919) 942-8541

5-Sept. 6-Shindig on the Green-City Co. Plaza, Ashville; mailing information: Mrs. Jackie Ward, P. O. Box 1011, 28803; phone (704)

15-19-Annual Guild Fair-Civic Center, Ashe-

ville; mailing information: James Gentry, P. O. Box 9545, 28805; phone (704) 298-7928
24-26—Smokey Mountain Folk Festival—Waynesville Jr. High School, Waynesville; mailing information: Joe Sam Queen, 117 Pigeon Street. Phone (704) 452-1476

3-5 Country Gentlemen Festival-Wayside Park near Stuart—mailing information: Cecil Hall, Rt. 5, P.O. Box 192, Stuart, Va. 24171; phone (703) 694-7009

4-5-Fredericksburg Heritage Festival, Fredericksburg—mailing information: Jo Willis, 706 Caroline Street, Fredericksburg, Va. 22401; phone (703) 373-1776

10-13 BVC's OLD TIME FIDDLERS and Bluegrass Convention—Cumberland Bowl Park, Jonesville—Mailing information: Vance Yeary, P.O. Box 350, 24354; phone: (703) 783-3495

11-13 July Bluegrass Festival—Orange Blossom Park, Waynesboro; Mailing Information Jim Orange, 2487 Galf Mtn. Rd., 22980; phone: (703) 942-1068

18-19-Pulaski's Bluegrass and Old Time Fiddlers Convention-New River Valley Fair-Dublin. Mailing Information: J. Foster Murray, P.O. Box 1556, Pulaski, 24301; phone: (703) 980-8027

19-20-Pork, Peanut and Pine Festival, Surry; mailing information: Mrs. Dale Fuss, Rt. 1. P.O. Box 89, 23883; phone: (804) 294-3944

25-27 Steam and Gas Engine Show, Berryville, mailing information: Mrs. Jame McDonald, Rt. 1, Box 275-B, 22611; phone: (703) 955-3243

26 Black Arts Festival, Fredericksburg; mailing information: Jo Willis, 706 Caroline Street, 22401; phone (703) 373-1776

26-27 Virginia Scottish Games, Episcopal High School, Alexandria; mailing information: VSG, 3900 W. Braddock Rd., 22302; phone: (703) 549-0205

31-2 A. P. Sara-Maybelle Carter Memorial Fest-val—Carter Family Bldg, Hiltons; mailing information: Janette Carter, P.O. Box 111, 24258; phone: (703) 386-9480

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42nd National Folk Festival-Wolf Trap Farm Park, Vienna, Va. (Nation's oldest, multi-cultural festival); mailing information: NCTA, #1118, 1346 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, 20036; phone (202) 296-0068

PENNSYLVANIA

Bavarian Summer Festival, Barnesville; mailing information: Kermit Deitrick, P.O. Box 20, Kempton, 19529; phone: (215) 756-6000

5 Barkpeelers Convention—Pennsylvania Lumber Museum near Galeton—mailing information: Potter Co. Rec. Inc., P.O. Box 245, Cloudersport, 16915; phone (814) 435-2394

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Charlie Byrd Trio—13—Foundry Mall, C&O Canal; 10-13—Charlie's, Georgetown
Kenny DeFinis Band—11—Childe Harold with Bob Margolin

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Herb Ellis with Barney Kessel-22-27-Charlie's, Georgetown

Tim Eyermann and the East Coast Offering-4-Monument Grounds with the Beach Boys; 4-5— Park Plaza, 10—Carter Barron; 11-12—Tiber Creek Pub; 15—Marvin's, Pittsburgh; 27— Foundry; 28-2—Tiber Creek Pub Art Farmer—1-6—Blues Alley

Larene Flack-Fridays-Sundays-The Wharf Goldie-1-6-Charlie's, Georgetown; 10-13 - King of France

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Morgana King—22-27—Blues Alley Yusef Lateef—8-13—Blues Alley

John Malachi - Tues-Sat - 219 Club, Alexandria Gap Mangione Quartet—31-Aug 3—King of France

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Natural Bridge-4-Monument Grounds with the BeachBoys; 11-12-Talbot Street Cafe, Ocean

City, Md.; 31—Cellar Door Ken Navaro & Departure—7—Blues Alley; 9,16, 23,30-Beneath It All

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information Posey Sextette-7,14,21,28-Charlie's, Georgetown

Gregory Royal—14—Blues Alley Sitting Ducks—3—Mr. Henry's Tenley Circle Swingwork—28—Blues Alley, Big Band

24-27 - King of France (Benny Goodman Tribute) Mary Lou Williams-29-Aug. 3-Blues Alley

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Films of the Langley Punks BIO The Man Who Fell To Earth (Roeg 76) and Slaughterhouse Five (Hill 72) CIR (through 7/3) Beauty and the Beast (Cocteau 46) AFI 6:30 The Wild Bunch (Peckinpah 61) AFI 8:15

11th edition of Expose Yourself: selected films by area filmmakers BIO (through 7/3) Boots and Saddles AXB 7:30 The Awful Truth MLKL West Side Story PGL-GA 7:00 Five Easy Pieces AU 8:00 The Wild Bunch AFI 6:30 Beauty and the Beast AFI 9:15 Festival at Mizumi: A Japanese Celebration of Life HIRSH 8:00

San Francisco PGL-B 7:00 Lassie Come Home PGL-F 2:00 The Emperor Jones (Murphey 33) LDC 7:30 Lady in the Dark (Leisen 44) AFI 6:30 Duck Soup (McCarey 33) and City Lights (Chaplin 31) AFI 8:30

Day at the Races and Night at the Opera (through Last Tango in Paris (Bertolucci 72) and Cabaret (Fosse 72) CIR (through 7/5) City Lights and Duck Soup AFI 5:30 Lady in the Dark 9Leisen 44) AFI 9:00 The Great Swamp SMN 12 noon

The Grapes of Wrath (Ford 40) AFI 5:00 Wild Strawberries (Bergman 57) AFI 7:30 Blithe Spirits (Lean 45) and The Scoundrel (Hecht and MacArthur 35) AFI 9:15 The Great Swamp SMN 12:00, 2:00 pm

You Can't Take It With You (Capra 38) and It Happened One Night (Capra 34) CIR (through

The Grapes of Wrath AFI 5:30 Blithe Spirit and The Scoundrel AFI 8:00

Le Sex Shop and Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands (Barreto 77) BIO (through 7/8) Wild Strawberries (Bergamn 57) AFI 6:30 I Married a Witch (Clair 42) and It Happened Tomorrow (Clair 44) AFI 8:15 Amo Clay ANM 10:00 am

The Fire worshipers (Flemming 30) and The Medicine Man (Pembroke 30) AFI 6:30 The Invisible Man (Whale 33) and The 5000 Fingers o Dr. T (Rowland 53) AFI 8:30

The Ruling Class and The Man in the White Suit BIO (through 7/10) Hawaii Revisited AXB 7:30

Cloudine MLKL (7/12) Sound of Music PGL-L 7:00 The Story of Pele PGL-GA 7:00 It's a Wonderful Life AU 8:00 The American Friend (Wenders 77) and Taxi Driver (Scorsese 76) CIR Perceval (Rohmer 78) AFI 6:30 All About Eve (Mankiewicz 50) AFI 9:00

Seventh Voyage of Sinbad PGL-B 7:00 Mrs. Frisby and the Rats Nimh and The Ugly Duckling PGL-F 2:00 No Mops on My Tops (Marenberg 79) UDC 7:30 All About Eve AFI 6:30 A Star Is Born (Cukor 54) AFI 9:00 Koko: A Talking Gorilla SMN 8:00 \$6.00

Monty Python and the Holy Grail (75) and And Now For Something Completely Different BIO (through 7/13) The Spy Who Came In From the Cold CMC 9:00 The Tall Blond Man With One Black Shoe (Robert 72) and Bedazzled (Donen 67) CIR (through Short films of George Melies (Melies 02-12) and Peter Pan (Branon 24) AFI 6:30 Psycho (Hitchcock 60) and The Night of the Hunter (Laughton 55) AFI 9:00 Young People's Film Festival: films about black children ANM 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

A Star Is Born AFI 5:30 The Night of the Hunter and Psycho AFI 8:30 Guale SMN 12:00 noon Beach: A River of Sand and Sand Dunes: Guardians of Our Coast MNH 2:00

Murmur of the Heart (Malle 71) and The Virgin and the Gypsy (Miles 70) CIR (through 7/14) The Thief of Baghdad (berger 40) AFI 4:45 A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court (Garnett 49) AFI 6:45 Sweet Charity (Fosse 69) AFI 9:00

Nasty Habits and The President's Analyst BIO Hallelujah (Vidor 29) AFI 6:30 Sweet Charity AFI 8:45

The Garden of the Finzi Continis (DeSica 71) and A Brief Vacation (DeSica 74) CIR (through The Thief of Baghdad AFI 6:30

Metropolis (Lang 26) AFI 8:45

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Bedtime For Bonzo and Knute Rockne, All American BIO (through 7/17) Romeo and Juliet AXB 7:30 Stagecoach MLKL (7/19) Monkey Business and Band Concert PGL-L 7:00 The Cat People PGL-GA 7:00 E. West Side Story AU 8:00

Town Bloody Hall (Pennebaker and Hegedus 79) AFI 6:30 Sullivan's Travels (Sturges 41) and Make Way For

Tomorrow (McCarey 37) AFI 8:15

Cartoon night PGL-B 7:00 Snowbound: A Story, A Story and The Steadfast Tin Soldier PGL-F 2:00 Two-Gun Man From Harlem (Klein 32) UDC 7:30 The Trial (Welles 62) and The Red and the Black (Autant-Lora 54) CIR Metropolis AFI 8:30 Zabriskie Point (antonioni 70) AFI 8:45

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The Thin Man and Dinner at 8:00 BIO (through Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands and Cousin, Cousine (Tacchella 76) CIR (through 7/20) Yolanda and the Thief (Minnelli 45) AFI 6:30 Rebel Without a Cause (Ray 55) AFI 8:45 Rock'n'Roll High School (Arkush 79) AFI 10:45 Young People's Film Festival: films about black children ANM 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

The Absent-Minded Professor (Stevenson 60) Rebel Without a Cause AFI 7:30 Rock'n'Roll High School AFI 9:45 The Thin Green Line and Alligator SMN 12 noon and 2:00 pm

The Absent Minded Professor AFI 5:00 Yolanda and the Thief AFI 7:00 Gentlemen Prefer Blondes ((Hawks 53) AFI 9:00

Hi, Mom and Putney Swope BIO (through 7/22) Walkabout (Roeg 71) and Zulu (Endfield, Baker and Hawkins 64) CIR The Jazz Singer (Crosland 27) AFI 6:30 Gentlemen Prefer Blondes AFI 8:30

Top Hat (Sandrich 35) and Swing Time (Stevens 36) CIR (through 7/23) The Maltese Falcon (Huston 41) AFI 6:30 The Sin of Nora (Goldstone 33) and Today (Nigh 30) AFI 8:30

Bedazzled (Danen 67) and The Bedsitting Room BIO (through 7/24) Pygmalion AXB 7:30 Hounds of the Baskervilles MLKL (7/26) Seventh Voyage of Sinbad PGL-L 7:00 Bye Bye Birdie PGL-GA 7:00 Divided World and Diamonds of the Night AU The Wind (Sjostrom 28) AFI 6:30 Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands (Barreto 77) AFI 8:45

"Trouble With Tribbles" and "Setting on the

(Rawlins 42) AFI 8:30

Edge of Forever" (Star Trek) PGL-B 7:00 The High King PGL-F 2:00 The Black Theater Movement (King 78) UDC Casablanca (Curtiz 43) and To Have and Have Not (Hawks 45) CIR (through 7/26) Bringing Up Baby (Hawks 38) AFI 6:30
Cobra Woman (Siodmak 44) and Arabian Nights

Adam's Rib and The Philadelphia Story (through 7/27) BIO Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands AFI 6:30 Bringing Up Baby (Hawks 38) AFI 8:45 Freaks (Browning 32) AFI 10:45
Young People's Film Festival: films about black children ANM 10:00 am and 1:00 pm Guale SNM 12:00 noon

McCabe and Mrs. Miller (Altman 71) AFI 5:30 The Big Parade (Vidor 25) AFI 8:00 Freaks AFI 10:30 Song of a Sandy Mooring SNM 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm

The Maltese Falcon (Huston 41) and The Big Sleep (Hawks 46) CIR (through 7/28) Topper (McLeod 37) AFI 5:00 The Green Pastures (Connelly and Keighley 36) AFI 7:00 Hair (Forman 79) AFI 9:00

Slaughterhouse Five (Hill 72) and How I Won the War BIO (through 7/29) A Woman of Paris (Chaplin 23) AFI 6:30 Hair (Forman 79) AFI 8:30

The Little Foxes (Wyler 41) and Wuthering Heights (Wyler 39) CIR (through 7/30) Rashomon (Kurosawa 50) AFI 6:30 I Am a Fugitive From a Chain Gang (LeRoy 32) and The Big Heat (Lang 53) AFI 8:30

The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz and Oh, Lucky Man Bio (through 7/31) Mr. Hulot's Holiday AXB 7:30 Cover Girl MLKL (8/2) Where the Lilies Bloom PGL-L 7:00 The Making of Star Wars PGL-GA 7:00 Braverman's Condensed Cream of Beatles and Monterey Pop AU 8:00 Meshes of the Afternoon (Deren and Hommid 43), Scorpio Rising (Anger 64) and Wavelength (Snow 67) AFI 6:30 The General (Keaton and Buruckman 26) and Sherlock, Jr. (Keaton 24) AFI 8:30

Sergeant York PGL-B 7:00 Dinky Hocker and The Velveteen Rabbit PGL-F Jimi Hendrix (Boyd 73) UDC 7:30 Bread and Chocolate (Brusafi 76) and Dear Inspector (DeBroca 78) CIR (through 8/2) The Wizard of Oz (Fleming 39) AFI 7:00

Rashomon AFI 9:00

ANM Anacostia Neighborhood Museum, 2405 King SE. 357-2020, free.

Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, 10th St. and Constitution Ave. NW. 357-2020, free unless otherwise noted.

Aspex-21-26-Fancy Dancer (w/Orphan Annie) August-1.4.5—Fancy Dancer (with Lover); 6—

Paragon:7—Crazy Horse:10-11—My Brothers
Place (Salisbury, Md.); 20—Shiley Acres
(W. Va.);28-29—Silver Fox (Woodbridge)

Bac kstreet—13,27—Bambino's (Riverdale, Md.)

The Boyz—2-5—Colony; 6—Louie's Rock City;
7-8—Silver Fox; 9—Club Sunrise; 11-12—
Louie's Rock City; 13-17—Back of the Rack,
Ocean City: 18-19—Garfields: 22-26—Oytside Ocean City; 18-19-Garfields; 22-26-Outside

Chaser – 4,5,6,11,12—Bayou
Cowboy Jazz—1,8,15—Chatham Lounge, Ellicott
City; 2,9,16—No Fish Today, Baltimore; 4-5—
J.B. Saloon, Cumberland, Md.; 10—Outlot Concert, Lake Front, Columbia, Md.; 11—Beneath It All; 12—Maritime Museum, Chester, Md.; 17-19—Eskimo Nell's; 22-26—Fagers Island, Ocean City; 30-31-Rusty Rudder,

Delaware
Cryin Out Loud—20-Desperado's Root Boy Slim; 31-Columbia Station

D.C. Motors-22-23, 29-31-Far Inn

Force—1—Bayou
Freewater—28—Desperado's
Gangster—1-6—Crazy Horse; 28-31—Misty's

Gas-3-Psyche Delly
Danny Gatton & The Maximum Brothers11-12-Beacon's Back Stage; 25-26-Beneath

Ground Star-15-20-Fancy Dancer

Billy Hancock & The Tennessee Rockets— 10—Beneath It All; 25-26—Marble Bar wthe Original Fetish; 31—Takoma Tap Room

Jazz Bo-23-26-The Sunrise Club, Charlotte Hall, Md. Joint Effort-16-19-The Club Sunrise, Charlotte

Ice Age-1-13—Pall Mall; 14—Crazy Horse; 15-20-Bayou

Kill Devil-11-13,20,27-Quincy's; 18,19-The

Shed; 25,26—Pamir, Fairfax
King Pin—1-5—Jimmy Combers; 10-12—Elbow Room; 16-DiGennaro's

Lostar-9-12-The Club Sunrise, Charlotte Hall,

Lover-1-5-Fancy Dancer; 11-12-Louie's Rock City; 14-19-Jimmy Combers; 21-22-Silver

Metropolis (formerly Grande Hotel) -6-d.c. space; 25-26—Louie's Rock City

Monarch—1-2,21—Beachcomer Old Orchard Beach, Maine; 4-6—Louie's Rock City; 8-12— Outside Inn; 16-17—Showring, Bangor Maine; 22—Paradise, Boston; 23-26—Free Street, Portland, Maine

Portland, Maine
Orphan Annie—21-26—Fancy Dancer (w/Aspex)
Pegasus—105—Misty's; 11-12—Far Inn; 17-19—
Italian Gardens; 21—Mr. Pips; 23-26—Bayou;
28-29—Charlies West Side, Annapolis

Roxidy-Look for them at Louie's Rock City

Savage-6-Louie's Rock City; 8-12, 29-2-Fancy

Secrets-1-5-Bombay Grove; 7-12-Jimmy Combers; 18-19-Louie's Rock City; 21-3-Concert for Queen

Sinbad-8-13-Lucas McCain's, Frederick; 22-26-Garfields

Sledg-6-7-Fancy Dancer Small Talk-4-5—The Shed; 10—Desperado's; 12—Fort Reno Park; 13-14—Fancy Dancer; 17—Hideaway (Front Royal, Val); 18-19—Mine Shaft (Charlottesville); 21-22-Charlie's West

Outside Inn Brad Smiley Band—2,3,17-19—Far Inn Stagye—2-5—The Club Sunrise, Charlotte Hall,

End, Annapolis; 25-26—Psyche Delly; 31,1,2—

Md.
Sunburst—4-5—Pamir, Fairfax
Tempest—2-4—Clarke's Landing, Hollywood,
Md.; 23,25,26—Stardust, Waldorf, Md.
Triple Threat—27-28—Fancy Dancer

Bluegrass

Appalachian Reign-Saturdays-Shakey's, Rockville; Tuesdays—The Gallery; 6—Susies, Sykesville; 4—Lion's Club Field, Burtonsville Bennie & Vallie Cain-4-Sportsman Paradise, West Virginia; 5,12-Ricky's; 18-Zips, Beltsville: 19,26-Ricky's

Country Gentlemen-11,25-Birchmere D&D Bluegrass Review - 22 - Takoma Tap Room Double Decker String Band-2-Takoma Tap

Dry Branch Squat-4-5-Birchmere

Fiddlers Convetion-18-19-New River Valley Fairgrounds, Dublin, Virginia
Cathy Fink & Marty Stromberg—3—Commuity

Foggy Bottom - 12 - Birchmere Front PorchSwing - 1,8,15,22,29 - Quincy's Grass Image - 3,10,17,24-25,31 - The Pits (Rockville) cancel the above for grass image

Image-3,10,17,24-25,31—The Rockville

The Grim Pickers-30-Newton White Mansion, Enterprise Rd., Mitchellville, Md. Hobotoe String Band—30—Takoma Tap Room

Johnson Mountain Boys-4,11-Zips; 5,27-Pete and Bennies, Frederick, Md.; 12,13—Lake Forrest Mall; 9,16,23,30—The Gallery, Rockville, Md.; 13—Montgomery Village Amphitheater; 7—New Market Md. Carnival; 19— Urbana, Md., Carnival; 20 — Suzies, Sykesville, Md.; 25 — Hyattstown, Md., Carnival; 4—Richard Montgomery High School

Jubilo String Band — 9 — Takoma Tap Room

July Bluegrass Festival—11-13—Orange Blossom Park, Waynesboro, Va.

Pat Pending – 2,9,16,23,30 – Birchmere None of the Above – 26 – Birchmere Seldom Scene — Thursdays — Birchmere Spectrum — 18-19 — Birchmere Stars & Bars-1-Takoma Tap Room; 9,30-

Eskimo Nell's; 19-Zip's Country Susquehanna Bluegrass Festival — 11-13 — Hidden Acres, Pennsylvania

Three Blades of Grass-8-Takoma Tap Room

country,

Backslyder – 20 – Beneath It All Cobble Mountain Band – 30-31 – Desperado's Cold Steel Benders – 2,3 – Quincy's Corn Dodgers – 23 – Takoma Tap Room Crystal Clear Country – 30,31 – Quincy's D.C. Motors – 10 – Takoma Tap Room The Flyers-18-19-The Pits Good Humor Band – 17-19 – Desperado's Hey Boys – 31 – Beneath It All Rick Hines-3-5,10-12,17-19-Pour House Pub with Mike Voyatzis; 6,13,20,27-Pour House

NancE Jourdan & Fast Break-1-2-Beneath It

Buddy Lyle Band-2-Gallery Deli No Name Band -4-5 - The Pits (Rockville) North Star Band-2,9-Psyche Delly; 3-4-Eskimo Nell's with Earl Scruggs Review; 5,8, 15-Eskimo Nell's; 7.14-Classic Country:



10-12—The 117, Blacksburg, Va.; 16— Desperado's; 17—Takoma Tap Room; 18-19— Beacon's Back Stage; 22—Little Bear, Evergreen, Co.; 23-Mishawaka, Toudre Canyon, Co.; 27-28-The Olympic, Boulder, Co.:

29-Sam's, Ft. Collins, Co.; 31,1-2-Apples, Long Mont, Co.; 3—Horsetooth, Colorado Rainbow Riders—7,14,21,28—Quincy's; 4,5, ; 11-12,18-19,25-26—Trader Lee's, Ocean City Red Eye—7,14,28—Bambino's; 20—Takoma Tap

Rock Creek Band - 25-26 - Takoma Tap Room Silverspring - 3-5 - Beneath It All; 7-10 - Gloria's Cape May; 11-12-The Pits, Rockville; 14-15-Charlie's, Annapolis; 23—Elbow Room, Harrisonburg; 24—Takoma Tap Room; 25-26—Mr. Henry's Tenley Circ le; 30—DiGennaro's;

31—No Fish Today, Baltimore Southern Sage—14—Arty's Bob Spates and Friends—14—Takoma Tap Room Trucker's Delight-16-19-Quincy's

25-26-The Shed Whitewater-4-6, 23-26-Quincy's

Hags—Wed-Sat—Delaney's; 12-13—Maryland Irish Folk Festival, Mount Airy, Md. Celtic Thunder—4—Gandy Dancer; 5-6—Irish

Festival, Hoffman's Plaza (Day), Baltimore; 5—Heritage Festival, Dundalk, Baltimore, night; 6—Cat's Eye, Baltimore, night; 8-24—Touring Ireland; 30—King of France Tavern,

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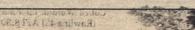
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Alley Kat-8-9, 15-16, 22-23-Backstage, Falls

All Star Blues Jam-1, 15, 22-Childe Harold. no cover

Allstars-3-Devil Door, Charlotte, NC; 4-5-The Mill, Atlanta; 9—The Other Place, Harrisonburg; 10—Eskimo Nell's, Arlington; 11-12— Casa Blanca, Richmond; 13-East Carolina U., Greenville; 15—Shamrock Club, Covington, Va.; 17—Stanhope House, Stanhope, NJ; 18-19—Red Rail, New York; 20—Gloria's, Cape May, NJ; 21-22-Desperado's; 24-26-Downtown Cafe, Atlanta; 28-29—Country Comfort, Virginia Beach; 30—Kings Head Inn, Norfolk; 31--J.J.'s Music Hall, Greenville

Almost Blues Band—18-19—Pamir Lounge, Fairfax; 27—Beneath It All; 30—Elbow Room, Harrisonburg

Mary Blankemeier-4-5-Childe Harold with Townes van Zandt; 10, 24, 31-Whitey's; 11-Eskimo Nell's, Arlington; 16-17-Talbot St.

Bill Blue Band—23—Childe Harold Blue Rockers—26—The Pits

Blue Southern-4-5-Mr. Henry's, Tenley

Jr. Cline and the Recliners-3-5-Desperado's; 17-Columbia Station; 25-26-Childe

Cryin' Out Loud-11-12-No Fish Today, Baltimore; 16-Columbia Station with Jr. Cline and the Recliners; 20—Desperado's; 25-26—O. B.'s Saloon, Cumberland, Md.; 29—Psyche Delly with Root Boy Slim; 31-Columbia Station

Tom Larsen Blues Band—1, 10, 22—Country Squire, Rehobeth, Del.; 2, 9, 16, 23—Rusty Rudder, Dewey Beach, Del.; 3—Live on WIOQ, Philadelphia; 4-Zink's Place, Wilmington; 5-7—Talbot Street Cafe, Ocean City; 11-13, 28—The Tide, Beach Haven, NJ; 17-24—Peanut Room, Dover, Del.; 18-20—Jewish Mother, Virginia Beach; 25—Oscar's, Wilmington, Del. (9 am-1 pm), Danceland, Wilmington (2-6 pm); 26—Oscar's

Bob Margolin-11-Childe Harold with the Kenny DeFinis Band

Nightown Blues Band—2—Desperado's
Skip Castro Band—4-5-Hard Times, Richmond;
6—Peabody's, Virginia Beach, with Robbin
Thompson; 8—No Fish Today, Baltimore; 9—Desperado's; 11-12—Cabaret, West Chester, Pa.; 17—Bambino's, Riverdale; 18—Mancini's, Pittsburgh

18—Mancini's, Pittsburgh; 19—Scorpion, State College, Pa.; 23-24—Charlie's, Annapo-lis; 25-26—Columbia Station; 29—1849 Club, Salisbury, nc; 30-The Attic, Greenville, NC; Mondays - Mineshaft, Charlottesville

Billy Price and the Keystone Rhythm Band—7-8—Desperado's; 11-12—Columbia Station; 30-Psyche Delly, Bethesda

Rhythm Masters—2-3—Mineshaft, Charlottes-ville; 4-5—Elbow Room, Harrisonburg; 10-12— Italian Gardens, College Park; 18-19—Takoma Tap Room: 28-29 — Beneath It All

Jimmy Rodgers Blues Band—23—desperado's Sitting Ducks—3—Mr. Henry's, Tenley

Sliders-7-Beneath It All

The Stains—6—Beneath It All; 8—Childe Harold blues jam; 27—Takoma Tap Room Ernie Steele Band—11-12—Takoma Tap Room;

18-20-Bambino's, Riverdale; 25-26-Hideaway, Front Royal Townes van Zandt and Mary Blankemeier—4-5—

Childe Harold

Dale Williams Blues Band-24-Columbia Sta-

Koko Taylor and His Blue Machine-1-Desperado's

Millard Arbutina-3-5, Stumpton; 10-Talbot Street Cafe, Ocean City; 11—Castle Pub, Ocean City; 13-14 - Winnepeg & Manitoba, Canada Scott Bistline - 5.9 - The Warehouse, Alexandria

Mac Bogert-25-26-Arty's, Rockville Laura Canaan and Dan Kelly-7,28-Warehouse, Alexandria

Mary Chapin Carpenter-Wednesdays,-Gallagher's Pub; 10,11,14,24,28-Food for Thought; 19—Eugates, Fredericksburg; 31—Grant's Tomb (new club on Wisconsin)

John Connerly-1,2-Pour House Pub Craig Cummings Band-5,11,12-Carroll Creek Dam, Frederick, Md.; 18,19-Angels Grotto, Towson, Md.; 23-Pete & Bennie's, Urbana, Md.; 25,26-Le Bistro, Frederick, Md.

Robert Bruce Cumming-Sundays-Cellar Club, Alexandria; Tuesdays—Gallagher's Pub; Saturdays—Gallagher's on the Hill; 2 & 14— Warehouse, Alexandria

Dark Horse—3,8,15,22—Arty's, Silver Spring; 4—The Harp, Baltimore; 11,12,18—Eugates, Fredericksburg; 19—Carroll Creek Dam, Frederick; 25,26,27-Nice and Easy, Rehobeth Beach, Delaware; 28,29-Talbot Street Cafe,

Ocean City, Md.

Dayton & Doyle—4,28—Arty's

Debbie & Paul – 8,9,29,30 – Pour House Pub Dove Band – 24-26, 31 – Pour House Pub

Barbara Driscoll—Mondays, Tuesdays & Wed-nesdays—Holiday Inn, Catholic University Peter Exton-19,21,25,27-The Warehouse, Alexandria

Chip Franklin-7,14,21,28-Pour House Pub; 8, 11-12,15,22,29—Grant's Tomb (new club on Wisconsin Avenue); 10,23—The Warehouse,

Kevin Gallagher-20-The Warehouse, Alex-

Karen Goldberg - 1,8,15,22,29 - Bixbie's Tavern; 2.9.16.18.19—Mr. T's, Olney; 20-23—The Three Dimensions; 3.10,17,24,31—Oxbow Inn. Severna Park; 11,12-Banana Stand, Greenwich Village; 22—Georgetown Univ 6:30-7:30 p.m., Healy Lawn;25-26—Talbot Street Cafe,

Roger Henderson-Wednesdays-The Shed, Alexandria; 16-The Warehouse, Alexandria Matt Holsen-Wednesdays-Round Table; 7,8,

10—Babes; 15—The Warehouse, Alexandria Len Jaffe—6,27—Armand's, College Park; 9— Arty's, Colesville,Md.; 11-12—P.J.'s, Elders-

burg, Md. Kevin James-8,15,22,29-Round Table; 9,10, 25,26-Grant's Tomb (new club on Wis onsin Avenue); 11,12,18,19-English Horn, Leesburg, Va.; 19-Benefit, Northern Va. Training Center; 30-Enlisted Men's Club, Bethesda Naval Center

Russ Jones & Paul Murray-8-10-Far Inn; 12,19-Arty's

David LaFleur-1-Castle Pub, Ocean City; 2,15, 22—Angel's Grotto, Towson; 3,4,5—Whitey's, Arlington; 10,17,24—The Gallerie, Rockville; 31—Arty's, Colesville

Lovett & Moran-2-5, 16-19-Grant's Tomb (new

club on Wisconsin Avenue, at Tenley Circle)

Magpie—4—Coolfront, Berkeley Springs, W. Va;

5—Ron's Deli, Hagerstown; 11-13—Cafe Lena, Saratoga Springs, NY; 17—Godfrey Daniels, Bethlehem, Pa.; 18—Dallas Klien Coffee House, East Canaan, Ct.; 19—New Harmony Coffee House, Ct.; 25-26-Eugates, Fredricks-

burg, Va.
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