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BLUES SINGER SCOTT STRIPLING

Appearing this week at the 11th Door

Blues

Scott Stripling Well On His Way, in Austin

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Afonadone of the blues will have an opportunity to hear a skilled practitioner when Scott Stripling, becoming live about all the time, makes night appearances this week at the 11th Door.

Although he only began to appear professionally last fall (also at the 11th Door), Stripling, a student at the University of Texas, obviously spent years perfecting his musicianship before he decided to step in the spotlight and perform for audiences.

Stripling's virtuosity on the guitar has prompted folk singer Bill Moss, himself an excellent guitarist, to say Stripling may have passed established frontiers in the exacting art of "blottage." Blottage, a primitive style that is at the root of the blues, vocally, he has just as much feel for the blues.

Stripling's combination of a deep knowledge of blues history and style and a keen experimentation (including adaptation of the blues and other forms to the guitar), have earned him a reputation for his performances with increasing enthusiasm, other young folk club owners to consider him commercial value and established folk singers to pay him tribute.

Says Francis Van Zandt, who is even closer to the brics of a successful professional career than Stripling, "I've seen Scott make giant steps as a performer, and he began with more sheer musical grasp of blues guitar and vocal than any other while musician I know."

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Agent Of Beatles Succumbs

LONDON (AP)—Brian Epstein, the agent who launched the Beatles in Liverpool and helped make the popular music revolution that brought them fame and fortune, was found dead in bed Sunday. He was 32.

The cause of death was not immediately made known, but friends said Epstein had been unwell for months.

The Beatles were in Wales, where Paul McCartney said, "It is a great shock and I am very upset. We are going straight back to London."

A friend who asked not to be identified said, "He has been unwell for some months. The reason for his death is at present unknown. But there were no sinister circumstances associated with it."

Police said there would be a post mortem. A crowd of more than 50 persons, including musicians, teenagers and girls, gathered at Epstein's three-story terrace house, located in an area where some of London's wealthiest are, the body, accompanied by a doctor, was removed from the house.

Beatle John Lennon said, "I do not know where we would have been today without Brian's help."



ON LOCATION—Actress Mia Farrow flashes a bright smile as she arrived in New York Sunday for "on location" filming of the movie, "Rosemary's Baby." The wife of singer Frank Sinatra portrays a pregnant wife in the film.

Arrested Man Fires, Is Killed

EDGEWOOD, N.M. (AP)—Aberdeen tried to determine Monday what caused a Beverly Hills, Calif., man to open fire on a state policeman giving him a traffic ticket. The officer shot the man to death.

State police tentatively identified the dead man as Jay Weinberger, 31. Officers said Sidney Ann Schumaker, 21, of Dallas, was in the rented car with Weinberger. Police quoted her as saying she was Weinberger's wife. She was hospitalized for treatment of shock.

The shooting in this Central New Mexico village occurred outside a justice of the peace office, where state Policemen Gilbert Silva had taken the man after stopping him on a routine check and finding he had no driver's license.

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