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CHARLES CHANCE, Sr. PENNY PITCH 4128 Broadway K.C., MO 64111

PENNY PITCH:

Help!? We just returned from another fun week at Winfield, Ks--I missed getting a record of the De Dannan group. They are the best Irish group I've ever heard. Can you tell me where to get their albums and how much? The pink trailer was out and so were they under the stadium when I tried to get one Sunday--Sept. 20--Thank you so much--

Mrs. Andrew Sherman Independence, KS.

(Mrs. Sherman: DeDannan records are now available mail order in the PENNY PITCH. Please turn to page 27 for our conveinient form. Their latest lp is STAR SPAN-GLED MOLLY, Shanachie 79018 \$8.98 list. Raves about DeDannan's performance have poured in from those fortunate enough to share the Winfield experience with you.)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I've just finished reading an issue of PENNY PITCH and really enjoyed it. Could you put me on your mailing list? Thanks.

Deborah Camp Memphis, Tennessee

(Dear Deborah: How are things in Memphis, home of Elvis, the ancient Greeks, and the rhythm and blues explosion? Be assured you <u>are</u> on our mailing list. Editor Chance, although androgynous psychically, is a sir. Enjoyed hearing from you.)

Deare Charles,

As you may have noticed, I have moved to Kansas City. This area offers more opportunity to purchase and enjoy fine Jazz records. My home town, Omaha, lacks a Penny Lane or anything remotely resembling same.

I enjoy visiting the Westport area. On any particular evening you may find me at Lee's, Kelly's, Penny Lane or the Bijou. These establishments form a Metropolis on to their own and why not enjoy them, after all You Only Live Once.

My NSU sedan has only 85,000 Kilometers on it. I plan to keep it another 5 years before trading it in on a new one. Can you help me find a local dealer?

In the evening I relax by listening to the latest Jazz Recordings from Penny Lane, for now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

I must, at this time, lay down my pen. They're Coming To Take Me Away, Ha-Haaa!

Sincerely, Dr. W.D. Mabuse

P.S. Fritz Lang, Jerry Samuels, and



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Dwight,

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iti Los Angeles. Hard to figure, harder still to figure out. What man one may?

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this is still L.A. -- for better or for worse. You know, a bit of a warning might have helped.

Rev. Drieht Prissell Assisting Editor, FEINY FITCH W120 Broadway Kansas City, NO 64111

What can one say?

L. A. ...

THE PENNY PITCH

by Chris Kim A



The ORIGIN of the LOS ANGELES (excerpted from a personal letter)

"...It'll be a real blessing in disguise when that earthquake finally decides to come and swallow this place up. ...(Los Angeles actually got it's name from a bastardization of Spanish using a conjunction of ... English (or, more correctly, Anglo) (words)... The (story)...goes along these lines: 'Soon after God had put man on the earth and had banished him from the Garden, He sent angels down to help man cut--as teachers, etc. However, He had neglected to tell the angels where to find this new ("man"), and the angels spent many years locking -- having given up a lot of their celestial power. The fact of the matter is, they arrived in (North) America mistakenly and in an act of desparation they set up a colony of their own (very close to where Studio City now lies), hoping that mankind would (search them out, or at least) somehow stumble upon them. With the powers they (had managed to)retain, they were able to make much of the surrounding area very beautiful and scenic, hoping that by doing so, that man would know (that) he was in the presence of the working hands of God. Man, however, too stupid and greedy to figure it (all) out, came several hundred years later (perhaps several thousand) and instead of asking for guidance from the angels, drove them out brutally (and mercilessly) from this land and claimed it as their own. The angels were more overwhelmed by this action than (angered), and were much at a loss for words. Thus, the name for the city that the

angels had (been driven out of): "Los(s) Angeles"." "(Post Script to the story) It is said, that to punish man for this awful event, the angels managed (during their last few days here) to cause a fissure in the land to appear. It was the idea of a man called Andres (pronounced ahn-DREEZ), perhaps the only human that realized (at the time) that they were indeed angels. His idea was, in fact, to allow the Spaniards to take the land and do with it what they would -- then, at some predetermined time (unbeknownst to man), have all that man has done here, as well as man himself, swallowed up into the very earth that he (man) so ruthlessly (had taken). The Angels took Andres' proposal into consideration, weighed out the possibilities, and made it their plan. For helping them out, the angels bestowed eternal life (unto) Andres and gave him certain angelic properties and powers. Not long after the angels returned to Paradise (Andres stayed behind to try and help mankind), the men of the area caught wind of Andres' plan and blamed him for their own impending doom. Thus, the fissure in the Earth came to be known as "Saint Andres' fault" -- which has since become the "San Andreas Fault (Line)"."

"Fleave it to your own discretion to decide whether to believe the above. However, there are a few facts to consider as well, BEFORE you make your decision. You would be well advised to weigh them out for yourself. They are:

1) The above story was, indeed, an excerpt from a letter. The location of Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley itself, in respect to--big mountains to the north, a big desert to the south and east, and the largest ocean in the world, the Pacific. to the west.

3) Scientists and psychics alike the world over have been warning mankind of the impending doom hovering over Los Angeles (and they don't mean the smog) for years, and yet for each one of those years, more and more people have moved here.

Los Angeles has become the "entertainment capitol of the world" as well as one of the (if not THE) cultural center of this country.

5) The President of the United States and Charles Manson have both lived here. Even at the same time.

Again, I ask you to carefully consider for yourself the abouve story and facts, and, given these, make a clear choice.

Really,

Chris Kim A Special Correspondant to the PITCH



Somewhere in Santa Monica California, USAmerica

20 September, 1981

BILLY SQUIER Don't Say No State-of-the-art hard rock from

Billy Squier, a rock 'n' roll talent who won't be denied. Don't Say No features "In The Dark," "The Stroke," "You Know What I Like" and "What Do You Want From (Capitol Me." Say "yes" to Billy Squier

BILLY SQUIER

LEROI'S ROCKIN' REVIEWS

Greetings & Salutations everyone. Well folks, much to my pleas-ure and hopefully yours, it's back to the rock world for Le-Roi. Sure it was fun writing a-

bout coun-try music, but let's

footing is much steadier on a rock than it is standing in cow patties.

We're coming into the meat of the we le consing into the meat of the music season for new releases and thus far there have been many good releases, but there are a few of the frisbee var-ieties we will have to bring to your attention also.

One thing I would like to mention to our readers is that if you are able to read these reviews then there is a very good chance you are able to write also. Now remember our motto at the PITCH is "We be workin' cheap!". One of our greatest rewards is when we get cards and letters from our readers. Now folks it's been nigh on four months folks it's been nigh on four months since I heard from anyone and I'm real-ly hurt. REALLY! So how about it folks! Note: We will have a new award starting this issue. It is dedicated to the man who discovered it and will be named after him. It is an award given, that most exemplifies the true mean-ing of rock and roll, not just rock, which includes anything from Styx to Christopher (most Paccods receiving

Christopher Cross. Records receiving this new award will exemplify the re-cord that is more in the tradition of cord that is more in the tradition of the greats such as, Chuck Berry, Rich-ie Valens, The Beatles and Crispin St. Peter. This award will be called the rou were the traditional starts : PUSH AWARDS Yes, I know Lou is not dead, but what good is a memorial if you can't be bround to apicu it Pict? around to enjoy it. Right?

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THE JOHN HALL BAND/ALL OF THE ABOVE EMI 17058 \$8.98 List Produced by Richard Sanford Orshoff and John Hall

and John Hall As you probably know Hall is most heavily involved in the anti-nuke movement and in the past his music suffered slightly from this, but not this time. Hall has put together a record of straight ahead power rock, that has enough energy, if harnessed might solve his problem for alternative energy sources. There's above average vocals on this one, but the stand out is Hall's hard-rockin' guitar that at times borders on intense. on intense.



DIXON HOUSE/MASKED MADNESS

DIAUN NOOS-PHASED FRANCESS A & M 88.98 List Produced by Mike Flicker There are a couple of listenable tracks on this record, but I would'nt rate it it more than mediocre at best. Their previous record was much more propriet by this acceptable than this.

POOR FAIR AVERAGE OR GOOD BETTER THAN AVERAGE; VERY GOOD EXCELLENT

BILLY BURNETTE/GIMME YOU

BILLY BURNETTE/GIMME YOU CBS 37460 \$5.98 List Produced by Barry Seidel & Barry Beckett Another sparkling effort by one of the better rock and rockabilly artists to emerge lately. Although this record is not quite as good as his last effort, not many records are. This is definitely a record with owning. record with owning.



JO JO ZEP & THE FALCONS/STEP LIVELY CBS 37047 \$5.98 List

CBS 37047 55.98 List Produced by Peter Solley This is another very good effort from this Aussie band. They have expanded their sound from their last effort and in doing so have added a lot more consistancy to their works. They give you a fine mixture of rock, ska, and a couple of sixties R & B covers that really give the record that added punch it needed. At times they really have a strong Garland Jeffries sound that detracts nothing from their overall detracts nothing from their overall



JOHN ENTWISTLE/TOO LATE THE HERD ATCO 38-142 \$8.98 List Produced by John Entwistle & Cy Langston

Produced by John Entwistle & Cy Langston This is very typical of previous Entwistle solo efforts. It is brilliant at some points, weak at other points and often just a little over indulgent. Entwistle often pisses me off because he can give some of the best sounds around and then turn around and come up with some run of the mill junk that the Knack or somebody should be doing. I still gotta say I like this one after all is said and done. gotta say I li said and done.

CHARLIE DORE/ LISTEN! CHRYSALIS 1325 \$8.98 Produced by S. Levine



Although not as strong as her first album this record still merits listening to. It has several strong cuts that could make it a seller, but don't count on it. The reason it does'nt rate higher is that it has a few weaker tunes that unfortunately detract from the stronger songs. Probably her strongest asset is that she does write most of her own material, and she does come up with jewels guite often. A real jewel on this one is "Sister Revenge."



YOU ARE WHAT YOU IS

FRANK ZAPPA/YOU ARE WHAT YOU IS BARKING PUMPKIN 37537 \$15.98 List

BARKING PUMPKIN 37537 \$15.98 List Produced by Frank Zappa Ah, yes folks, more disgusting music, with disgusting titles and disgusting lyrics. The stuff this guy gets away with is more than I'll ever figure out. Frank's songs degrade any thing from women to religion. Frank covers it all. It always seems to take him two albums to get all his disgusting language and sexual connotations out. Its just disgusting and I love it.



GENESIS/ABACAB ATLANTIC 19313 \$8.98 List Procuced by

Procuced by Remember when Genesis was the premier art-rock band around? Well it seems they have decided to grow beyond that boundary. With the same style and vigor as Phil Collins has used on his previous release Genesis has made the jump into the 80's. Backed with the Earth, Wind and Fire Horns the sound has a lighter touch not so heavy handed as before. This record really takes the split from Peter Gabriel to the fullest lengths. fullest lengths.



RONNIE WOOD/1234 CBS 37473 \$8.98 List Produced By Ronnie Wood & Andy John's

Ronnie Wood has through out his career, has had this sort of intense nonchalance about him that always intrigued me to end. The music is good but maybe a little too loose. Its hard to tell. Actually I think this is the record Dylan should have put out.

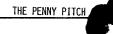
BARBARA LEWIS/ HELLO STRANGER Solid Smoke 8014 Produced By Ollie McLaughlin W/ Bert Berns & Jerry Wexler

VARIOUS ARTISTS/WILD, WILD YOUNG WOMEN Rounder 1031 \$8.98 List Compiled By Mit Dia



must-have records sh These two These two must-have records showed musical talents of pioneering women in rock music from the 50's and 60's. These records receive this prestigious award for the merit that they clearly show the spirit of shake and push and its just damn good listening.

LE ROI'S REVIEWS (cont.)



*** NILS LOFGREN/NIGHT FADES AWAY Backstreet 5251 8.98 list Produced Jeffrey Baxter

This is a very good record, don't get me wrong. the problem with it is it suffers from too much talent, Lofgren has been one of the best for a long time and part of his talent was leaving enough raw edge with the players around him that he could really excel and not over do it. The talent is so good here that he merely blends in and loses the edge. If not for this the record could have been a five star record. star record.



JOAN ARMATRADING/WALK UNDER LADDERS ACM 4876

Produced By Steve Lillywhite Armatrading is one of the most talented women in music today and once again she has come up with another winner. Although not as strong as Me, Myself and I, it is still a very strong record. One thing Joan has done is switch to a predominantly new wave producer in Steve Lillywhite thus putting a lot more edge and rawness into her sound. After you hear this one a few times I'm sure you'll be amazed. Produced By Steve Lillywhite



DARYL HALL & JOHN OATIS/PRIVATE EYES

DARL HALL & JOHN OATIS/PRIVATE EYES RCA AFLI 4028 \$8.98 List Produced By Hall & Oates This will be a definite contender for my best of the year. Hall and Oates are fast becoming one of the clear cut-pop bands of rock and R & B, and their great ability to write catchy tunes and lyrics they may be on they're way to true superstardom. Between their last release (Voices) and Private Eyes they definitaly are on the right track.

ME ALICE COOPER/SPECIAL FORCES WB 3581 \$8.98 List Produced By Richard Podolor If I was in Special Forces I would call in a airstrike on this piece of shit.



MARIANNE FAITHFULL/DANGEROUS ACQUAINTANCES

MARIANNE FAITHFULL/DANGEROUS ACQUAINTANCES ISLAND 9648 \$8.98 List Produced By Mark Miller Mundy Faithfull, after having reestablished herself and a strong performer with Broken English, has followed with another fine effort this time. Her music is not what one would call pretty, but it is effective. The songs have come up a level on the depression scale beyond the suicide level to that of merely just wanting to do heroin.

REX SMITH/EVERLASTING LOVE

CBS 37494 \$8.98 List Produced By Rick Chertoff

BARRY MANILOW/IF I SHOULD LOVE AGAIN ARISTA 9573 \$8.98 List Produced By Barry Although he received heavy competition from Rex Smith, Barry still has won out as the number one candidate to be the guy most likely to die of terminal cuteness.



Produced By Rick Chertoff Rex baby gave Barry a real run for his money but sorry Rex, Barry is just a little too cute. Sure you can sing just as sickeningly sweet, your're young and cute and probably never had a zit but Barry's got a few years on you and has done a ton of shitty songs. Maybe next time.



TOM VERLAINE/DREAMTIME

TOM VERLAINE/DREAMTIME WB 3539 \$8.98 List Produced By Tom Verlaine If this guy would have been around in the late 60's he would have been one of the most revered guitarists of his day. As it is he is highly acclaimed and highly unknown. His style of playing is very 60's sounding yet updated enough to put his next the proper of great guitarists He has done superb work since the beginning with Television but now has even outdone himself with this great record.

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BRUCE COCKBURN/INNER CITY FRONT MILLENNIUN BXLI 7761 \$8.98 List Produced By Bruce Cockburn

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Produced By Bruce Cockburn Cockburn is the poet laureate of the seventies and eighties. His lyrics are touching, soft and yet piercing like a knife at times. His music changes with the times, but the words are timeless. One day people will recognize the awe some talent this man possesses and hope fully he will finally receive the accolades he so well deserves.

RODNEY CROWELL/SAME WB 3587 \$8.98 List Produced by Rodney Crowell I really didn't believe this guy could ever get any better than he was. I already thought he was the best song writer around, but Rodney has shown me you can improve on excellence. This record is a very strong contender for record of the year. Of course it doesn't hurt to have a crew of musicians that could blow anybodies shit away, but even without them there is no doubt in the quality of this material. I've run out of superlatives to use for this record. Lets just say listening is believing so listen to this one. out of



THE KINKS/GIVE THE PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT ARISTA 9567 \$8.98 Produced By Ray Davies

Produced By Ray Davies Just because I think the Kinks are the best rock n roll band in the world is no reason to think I would in any way be prejudiced in reviewing this record. This is the greatest record the Kinks have done since Muswell Hillbillies. It's hot shit. Need I say more?



TOM TOM CLUB/SAME SIRE 3628 \$8.98 List Produced By S. Stanley, T. Weymouth and

C. Frantz This is what's not in the discos

This is what's not in the discos these days. It's a mixture of disco, rapping and new wave. It's hot, it's got a beat, it's funn, it's funny, it has no social redeeming factors, it's contaguious its outragious, its the future, and its

JACK GREEN/REVERSE LOGIC RCA-AFLI 4122 \$8.98 List Produced By Jack Green

What a fine follow up to his debut album from last year. Last year's record was one of the best last year and this one is no exception for this year. It may take a while for this guy to break but if RCA sticks with him they are bound to have a real star in the making. He has a good concept of what a pop sound should be like yet is able to keep enough individuality to make sure you know it's Jack Greem playing the songs. He is a tatent to be reckoned with.



MINK DEVILLE/COUP DE GRACE

MINK DEVILLE/COUP DE GRACE ATLANTIC 19311 \$8.98 List Produced By Willy DeVille Early in his career Willie DeVille was collared with the New Wave label that he is still trying to overcome and become the established star that he is. DeVille has always had too much R & B in his soul to be a punk and to much punk to be a soul singer. Thus he is always on the subside nuching in and maybe, just maybe soul singer. Thus he is always on the outside pushing in and maybe, just maybe he'll make it this time. There's never been anything lacking in the music, it's just a missed concept of what he plays. If people will listen to him they'll know he has plenty of talent.

**** JOE ELY/LIVE SHOTS 5262 \$8.98 List MCA

MCA 5262 S8.98 List Produced By Michael Brousky This is one of the hottest artists going these days. If you haven't had the pleasure of hearing Ely yet your'in for a rockin' good treat. Ely is one step beyond rockabilly. This record has been out for some time on import, but finally MCA records got wise to the rise in their Louir Levis.



KEND HL

shadow had been a sea, separating me from the

TRUE TALES of LE PINEY

I SAT WITH PEN AND PAPER in front I SAT WITH PEN AND PAPER in front of me for two long months before some-thing happened. Then, suddenly I began to write... Things that had been stored away for years began to surface as characters, plots, and stories. At first the whole idea, every thought, line, con-versation, was dull, lifeless, until it gradually fizzled out altogether, and I ended up stealing vast portions of an old 1938 copyright book I'd bought at a garage sale a year ago. That wasm't such a hot idea either, but at least it was already written. written.

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I came across Le Piney Mike and his mule Burt just this side of Piney Bluff, half-way up Piney Knoll, in the Piney Mountains. Piney was an emaciated old fart, with ringworm and athlete's foot; Burt had dogbreath something awful. Le Piney Mike and Burt looked like death warmed over when I came up on their camp. warmed over when I came up on their camp. Seems they'd been out prospecting in the Piney Mountains for six months or more, and had run out of grub 'n whiskey. Burt was suffering more than any mule I'd seen suffer in a long time, and Le Piney? Well, he had himself a good case of the crabs-- probably picked 'em up off some little tart down at Pineyville. Burt was down with Flatulism: seems he'd bad nothing but bean burritos and beer Burt was down with Flatulism: seems he'd had nothing but bean burritos and beer for a solid week, and he was as full of gas as an all-night Mobil station. The first night I spent in that camp was a bad 'un, I'll tell you. Le Piney scratched, and Burt farted, the whole night long. Luckily, I had thought to bring along some medicine. Ol' Le Piney had travelled many a mile, and he had many a yarn to spin. He talked on and on until the medicine was all gone, and all three of us were pretty well lit. "One more tale and it's off to bed," said Piney. Burt crooked a hind leg and cut a fart that'd a-ripped the pants offen a man. Le Piney continued after the air had cleared a bit, and I heard every word he said. every word he said.

("The True Tales of Le Piney" continued next ish.)

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IOUISA'S STOPY: chapter one

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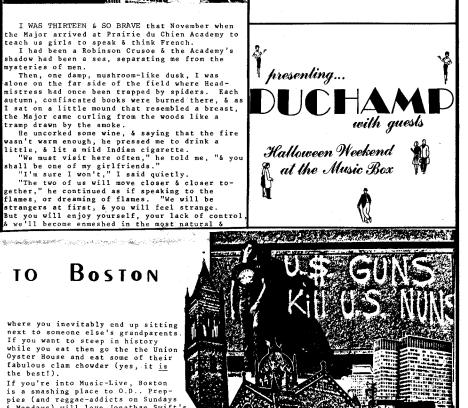
delirious milieu you could ask for." "I would turn to leaves first," I said

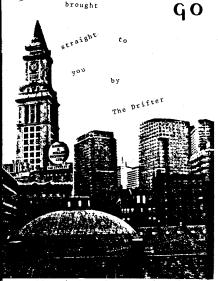
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n a determined voice. He laughed then, & took a long drink. "That's what Headmistress said. Now um Bahnhe she would kill her own grandmother for me." "You're dangerous," I asserted, but

"You're dangerous," I asserted, but my voice seemed distant & unconvincing. The Major stood shimmering behind the fire; the empty winebottle was rolling away from his feet. "Danger <u>is</u> taking shape, but it will come from another place." He began walking toward the woods. "Danger will come to your room, turn the key in the lock, at last reveal itself. What it is you can't be sure for dancer take lock, at last reveal itself. what it is you can't be sure, for danger takes many shapes: a spider, a blind man with a gun, the Underground, or the act of love."

(To be continued....)





The Drifter is back from the city of clocks. If you too are looking for escape from Mid-West mellowocrity take a chance on this hip harbor city. You'll find sights and sounds that will truly amaze VOIL.

Food fun is everywhere. Plenty of little street stands, hot dogs, apples...and hot pretzels bigger than my hand. Deli's everywhere, a cheap one right in the mid-dle of the city on Tremont St by the Bos-ton Commons called Lox, Stocks & Bagels with plentiful variations of food, a menu full of trivia ?'s, but lousy restrooms. For good New England food there's a wond-erful place in the farmer's market area, Durgin Park, refuted to have the bitchy-est waitresses in town, but just my luck-Lots of atmosphere. long community tables Food fun is everywhere. Plenty of little Lots of atmosphere, long community tables where you inevitably end up sitting next to someone else's grandparents. If you want to steep in history while you eat then go the the Union Oyster House and eat some of their fabulous clam chowder (yes, it is the best!).

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Boston

If you're into Music-Live, Boston is a smashing place to O.D.. Prep-pies (and reggae-addicts on Sundays 6 Mondays) will love Jonathan Swift's A Mondays) will love Jonathan Swift's (Harvard Square). Young Punkettes should check out The Rat (Kemore-Square), with bands like The Taxi Boys, Bad Habits and Markey Mussell & the Clams, you know you can't go wrong. Tripping the light fantas-tic Hurricane D. & the Cheeks showed the kids at SPIT (Lansdowne St.) how-to with the tunes of the Suburbs. This old punkette was specially impressed with a small club called the Inn Square Men's Bar-Ladies Invited--(Inman Square). A different band every night with plenty to keep those twinkletoes movin' gooin'. There are also waterfront jazz joints to go along with the salty sea air, high tides and low tides.

Movie--we hope <u>Decline of the Western</u> <u>Civilization</u> (soundtrack on Slash records) hits KC before any more of it's stars reach their demise (sad note: Darby Crash, lead their demise (sad note: Daroy Grash, lead singer of the Germs, committed suicide at age 22 shortly before the film's release) <u>Decline</u> covers the punk-neuvo wavo scene in LA from Dec.79 to May 80. This intri-guing bit of celluloid is a should-see for a perspective on American Youth.

routh. Sightseeing--cruising Boston by Shark, Subway and my own two legs showed me, architecture, history, trash, and Subway and my own two regs snowed me, architecture, history, trash, and magnificent beauty. Granted, you may not fall in love with Bean Town as I did but it will give you

you something to

something to think about and to remem-ber ("one if by land, two if by sea", remember that one?).

FRANK AND BASIE

Frank and Basie cut some records. I saw Bill later and stad, "Bill, it was great. But with you two I expected the greatest." He said, "You know what happened, Milt? We were respecting each other too much. I didn't want to get in his way and he didn't want to get in my way and we goofed."

FRANK LEARNS TO SING

He was at his greatest at the time of that story about "I GET A KICK OUT OF YOU." He was a crooner when he was with Dorsey's band. And working with Dorsey you learn how to hold notes and all that. Frank was great as a crooner. Then he fell in love with Ava Gardner and he married her. Then she notes and all that. Frank was great as a crooner. Then he fell in love with Ava Gardner and he married her. Then she dumped him for a bull-fighter. He found out what the hell he was singing about. He became a singer. Yea, he had a thing about Lauren Bacall, too. He had 'em all. He's entitled to 'em all. He's one of them cats that can do no wrong as far as I'm concerned.

FINALLY FRANK

I've met a lot a chicks in my life that have been around Sinatra. Ones he's made it with or whatever. They rave about him. What a great cat he is! How courteous he is. And what a gentleman he is. Have you ever seen the wife he's got now? She used to be married to Harpo Marx. Barbara: the prettiest, sweetest thing in the whole world. Finally, finally, finally.



The PENNY PITCH sure has been kind to me. --Milton Morris

And Milton, its at least a two-way street. You sure have been . kind to us and our readers. Thanks again.-- ED

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Jazz & Juice Stories BY MILTON MORRIS



FRANK'S KICKS

FRANK'S KICKS I'll never forget one time when I had a juke-box. This is going back in the 60's. Frank Sinatra was on. They were playing his recording of "I GET A KICK OUT OF YOU." We were packed that night. And everything stopped. Everyone listened to Frank. He was laying it down, man. They were all relaxed. When he finished, everyone kind of leaned back. Man, how great is it? How great it can be? I'm back at the bar and I walk by and this one cat liiks up at me and he says, "I feel sorry for him." I said, "You feel sorry for Frank Sinatra?" He said, "Yea, man, like who can he listen to?" That just knocked me clear out.

FRANK'S BRONZE

The first day that Sinatra opened at Caesar's Palace, Easie told him about me. And Sinatra sent me this bronze medallion that's hung on my wall since '68'. It reads; MT LTON

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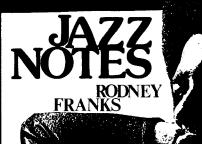
It really knocked me out when I got it. It was so pretty when I got it. It came in a velvet box. But smoke got to it. So I went out there. He paid my way out there, my accomodations, and my way back. It's the only way to go.

FRANK'S MONEY

FRANC'S MONEY This friend of mine came into the joint, he's a famous have header, and he always had me play Sinatra records when he was here. Pretty soon he turns to me and says, "That rotten mother, that son of a...". He's going on with that kind of language. I said, "Sinatra? What are you talkin' about?" He said, "Well, we were in the air flying and doing some one night stands and Sinatra saw that I was depressed. So he asked we what the problem was. I finally broke down and told him it horses then. I owe some pretty bad people all across the country." Sinatra said, "Just make out a list of everyone you owe and how much. I'll straighten it out." And I said, "Hey, that's great. What are you calling him all them mothers and all that jive for?" He said, "Well, all he did was re-establish my credit. Now I owe him all that money and I owe all them again." You know what he did? He paid everybody off so this famous Kansas City band leader got to them again. His credit was good. "That rotten mother. I owe Frankie and I owe all them again."

FRANK'S BEST RECORD

The best record Frank Sinatra cut was "COME FLY WITH ME." If you ever get your hands on that record, keep it.



GIL SCOTT-HERON/Reflections Arista 9566 List \$8.98

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It seemed (for me, at least) that Gil Scott-Heron was concentrating more on singing his message on his last two albums than rapping, though some of his best pieces feature this unique vocal style a half singing, half talking kind of style, one that has endeared him to folks from all walks. <u>Reflections</u> is a nicely balanced mixture.

I'm not saying that Side 1 of <u>Reflections</u> is superficial, but Side 2 makes this album worthwhile For example the treate Marwin Gaye's "Inner City Blues" with respect, expanding it's concept with a poem, "Siege of New Orleans", taking Gaye's idea one step further. And there's "B Movie" in three parts showing G S-H in his famous bad-ass radical form (something for you Ronald Raygun fams).

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As you can read, I"ve devoted most of this space to Side 2 but there are jewels on Side 1 as well as "Is That Jazz?" is a dedication to Black Musicians past and present. He also offers an interesting rendition of Bill Wither's "Grandma's Hands". Something for everyone can be found on the latest from G S-H....

Now in the same tradition and taking it one, no....a few steps further is Amiri Baraka (Leroi Jones) with a collection of Poetry-Music:

AMIRI BARAKA/New Music-New Poetry India Navigation 1048 List \$8.98

This album features Amiri Baraka with Tenor man David Murray & Drummer Steve McCall, two heavyweights in the new black music (avant-garde) form. More so than G S-H, Baraka's poems make for either enlightened minds or very tight jaws. The concept of incorporating poetry and music is nothing new and Baraka is one of the pioneers of this more modern form. "The Last Revolutionary" is a poem for Abbey Hoffman and I'm quite sure he would wish it otherwise. There's also "In the Tradition" (for Black Arthur Blythe), a piece using Arthur as a positive influence and displaying excellent musical rapport between McCall and Murray. "I Love Music" is a poetic-musical testimonial for John Coltrame mentioning damn near every song he aver recorded and this piece becomes more energetic as it progresses much like Coltrame's music toward the end of his life. <u>New Music-New Poetry</u> expresses the country, the <u>us</u> emotion as Baraka puts it.

TOP TO BOTTOM-Scott Heron, Wilson, Baraka&Co., Pieces.

GERALD WILSON'S ORCHESTRA OF THE 80'S/ Lomelin Discovery 833 List \$8.98

This is Gerald's first recording in 11 years, but during this period, he was by no means stagnant. He developed some interesting associations: as the host of a jazz radio show in L.A. (KBCA), a music instructor at Cal State University and has worked with the L.A. Philharmonic under Zubin Mehta, just a few of his accomplishments over 11 years.

His latest collection entitled <u>Lomelin</u> is definitely in the G.W. tradition. Possessing all of the fire and imagination of his Pacific Jazz recordings of the 60's.

He pilots a 21 piece band of quality musicians too numerous to mention (but I've gotta drop a few names) Snooky Young. Jimmy Cleaveland, Jerome Richardson, Harold Land & Shuggie Otis. This collection contains 6 pieces all Wilson compositions. He penned one tune in honor of Mehta "Blues for Zubin", and there's "Triple Chase" which includes brilliant tenor solos from Ernie Watts, Harold Land & Jerome Richardson.

In comparing Wilson's earlier recordings say, <u>Moment of Truth</u> (LN 10098) to <u>Lomelin</u> you'll find those Gerald Wilson elements that make him an important force in big band jazz.

PIECES OF A DREAM Elektra 6E 350 List\$8.98

Pieces is a trio of young Philadelphians -Curtis D. Harmon:Drums, James Lloyd:Keyboards and and bassist:Cedric Napoleon. Grover Washington Jr. produced this project and his influence is heard through much of this album as well as his soprano work.

k. There's an impressive quartet rendition of Maurice White's "All About Love" showcasing Lloyd's abilities on Steinway Accustic Grand-- his style calling to mind a 1962 Ramsey Lewis. The three penned half of the tunes contained on this effort. Among them is a nice two-stepper entitled "Lovers" featuring Napoleon on vocals. This effort definitely has wide musical range, from traditional to "air the foom out" funk. Nice going for their first time out.

Rodney Franks can be heard on KCUR-FM's Jazz Place Wednesday 10-lam.

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DICK WRIGHT: His Love of Music Benefits Listeners



photo by Suzanne Burdick courtesy of THE LAWRENCE JOURNAL WORLD

SPOTLIGHT ON DOLPHY scottokelley

ERIC DOLPHY/STOCKHOLM SESSIONS ENJA/INNER CITY 3007 List \$8.98

Well, what can you say? Twenty years later and it sounds lika brand new album. Recorded in 1961 while taking a break from Coltrane's European tour, Dolphy is in top form. The album starts out with the vigorous "Loss" and the level is sustained over two sides. The versions of "Miss Ann" (here called "Ann") and "GeeWee" on <u>Stockholm Sessions are the best to be found. This "Ann" is even better than the one on the Last Date LP. If you remotely like Dolphy or if you're not sure, this album will convince you one way or another. It also proves that Miles was wrong, Dolphy can play his ass off.</u> Well, what can you say?





OLIVER LAKE/PROPHET BLACK SAINT 0044 \$10.98 List import

BLACK SAINT 0004 When the Rev. first told me about the new Oliver Lake LP with a version of "Hat and Beard" I was more than a little anxious to see how anyone could improve on the original. Well, Black Saint's got another winner. On <u>Prophet</u> Lake does some really nice things not only with "Hat and Beard", but also with "Something Sweet, Something Tender" and the title cut. The tempo is a bit faster and the approach a bit more manic, but the Dolphy flavor is still there. He also does three pieces of his own, one of which, "Cotton IV", is reminiscent of his work with the WSQ. A very nice album that makes the wait for the new World Saxophone Quartet album a little easier. Quartet album a little easier.

Few thing's mean more to Dick Wright than music, including Pepsi (and those who know him will testify that he's giving it every chance). Dick Wright's love for music, especially jazz and opera, has been to the benefit of Kansas University public radio listeners since 1956. Wright had been director of radio stations KANU-FM and KFKU-AM for several years and often played an important role in KANU's opera programming. Dick Wright, however, is best known to the area's listeners often played an important role in KANU's opera programming. Dick Wright, however, is best known to the area's listeners as THE voice of jazz from the University of Kansas. As a coll-ector of jazz records and a researcher of jazz history for many years, Dick Wright earned a reputation as a jazz enthus-iast respected by his listening audience as a source of enter-tainment and information. Dick Wright's jazz programs include THE JAZZ SCENE (Saturday mornings at 10:00 on KANU) and THE WORLD OF JAZZ (Weekday eve-nings at 7:00 on KPKU). Along with recorded jazz, Wright's Saturday program often features guest appearances by local and internationally renowned jazz artists; many of whom see

and internationally renowned jazz artists; many of whom see Wright's program as an effective means of exposure for their recordings and public appearances.

recordings and public appearances. Wright's newest music program, NOSTALGIA BALLROOM (Saturday evenings on both KANU and KFKU), is devoted to the popular big bands of the 1930's and 1940's. The program gives recog-nition to the "sweet" and "corn" bands as well as the jazz orchestras from the period, and was the program for which Wright won the award for air personality of the year among noncommercial stations from the Kansas Association of Broad-casters.

casters. Before the building of KANU's jazz record library, the music Before the building of KANU'S jazz record library, the music heard on Wright's programs came entirely from his own collec-tion. Even now his collection provides the bulk of the music he plays. The reason is not surprising. Wright's collection contains approximately 13,000 LPs as well as tapes and 2,500 78's. The collection, thirty years in the making, is being sold to the University of Kansas music library to help start a jazz studies center. The collection is expected to be of event help to those who wigh to purgue an in-depth study of

a jazz studies center. The collection is expected to be of great help to those who wish to pursue an in-depth study of America's most characteristic music. The loyal listeners of Dick Wright's programs are hardly ready to accept much other than what they've come to expect. Rather than burdening another announcer with the enormous task of trying to fill his shoes, he will do his own program on tape and explain to his audience why he's "cheating again". Most listeners can hardly tell the difference between Wright's taped and live programs. Dick Wright is a full-time member of the University of Kansas

Dick Wright is a full-time member of the University of Kansas music faculty and is devoted to spreading the word of jazz to the students who attend the Lawrence campus.

Wright originally went to the University of Kansas to study operatic roles and pursue a career as an opera singer. Al-though his love for opera never faded, it was his other mu-sical love which determined the shaping of this outstanding -John Geier air personality.



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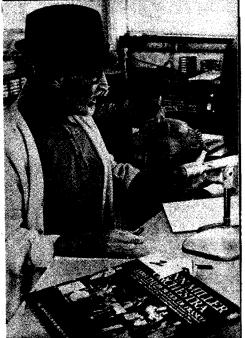
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OLE UNKELBOB'S OLD FASHIONED JAZZ CORNER

Penny Pitch is happy to announce that Robert "Oub" Mossman who calls himself the world's oldest, living male DJ (now temp-orarily unemployed) begins a new column with this issue.



UNKEL BOB MOSSMAN IN ACTION ON KSSS-AM, Colorado Springs, 1976.

OUB (which is short for Ole Unkel Bob, O.U.B., get it?) was there when it all started in the roaring twentles. His own private collection goes back to King Oliv r, Louis Armstrong, Bessie Smith, Jelly Roll Morton, "Fatha" Hines and other early greats and he saw and heard many of these greats and he saw and heard many of these Jazz people in person. For 13 months he, along with various student announcers, did a two hour show Saturday mornings on KCUR-FM which he quit because of clashes with the management. As a teenager he was a "stringer" (local correspondent) for KDKA Pittsburgh, the world's first radio station in his native town of Oakmont,Pa. He recently celebrated his 78th birthday and as he says all of his friends are either dead, in the looney bin or in the advertising business. So, OUB take it away! away!

OUB appreciates the opportunity to talk OUB appreciates the opportunity to talk about early American Negro music. I do not like to use the word "black" being of the old school and growing up in the melting pot of America, many of my school chums were Negroes and it was in Mrs. Gray's cottage in Oakmont that I heard my first Louie Armstrong recording of "Coal Cart Blues" on a 78 rpm wind-up Victrola that changed my life from that day on. We had a similar machine at our house but no Negro Jazz, which could be purchased only in the Negro sections of Pittsburgh, Wylie



Ave. in the Hill district or Frankstown Ave. in East Liberty, where Mary Lou Will-iams lived until she was 15. I had to play these records in the privacy of my own room because if my mother ever found them they would be broken and thrown out. Today Jazz courses are taught, as you know, in most universities in the country.

Now, for a few words about PennyLane, one of the greatest record stores that ever was-

OUB has bought phonograph records all over OUB has bought phonograph records all over the USA in big stores, small shops, Flea markets, garage sales, by mail, and Penny Lane is the best store with the largest selection of labels and artists that he has ever seel since he started buying 78'ss in the Negro sections of Pittsburgh in the early 20's. The reason is that the stock you see when you walk in the Broadway store is like the tip of an iceberg. In the basement there 7 dwarfs, or gremlins, filling orders for dealers all over the USA because PennyLane represents a nation-al distributor (House Distributors) stock-ing some 20.000 records representing some al distributor (House Distributors) stock-ing some 20,000 records representing some 370 record producers in the USA, Europe, and Japan. If they don't have it and can't get it for you chances are it ain't avail-able. Next time you enter the store at 4128 Broadway ask a sales person to show you the wholesale dept. downstairs. You will be amazed, but, please don't feed the learnchans. leprechauns.

The Reverend Dwight Frizzell, ass't editor The Reverend Dwight Frizzell, ass't editor of the Penny Pitch has asked OUB to review three recent releases in the Jazz or big bank corner where you will find the larg-est selection of albums by musicians like Glen Miller, Artie Shaw, Stan Kenton, Woody Herman, Tommy Dorsey, Jimmy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Charlie Barnet, Louis Arm-strong (especially his recent MCA record-ings from the early days) and many, many other greats too numerous to mention here.

DUKE ELLINGTON/Sophisticated Ellington RCA CPL2 4098(e) List \$8.49 Stereo effect reproduced from monophone. 2 record set.

Duke Ellington lovers will love this new release produced by Ethel Gabriel, remast-ered by Bob Simpson, with 24 of the Duke's most popular songs chosen by Gabriel as most popular songs chosen by Gabriel as the best of many recordings of the same songs over the years. For example, she has chosen his May 10, 1928 recording of "Sophisticated Lady" as the best of some 10 cuts he made of this famous classic. "The Moochee", another Ellington gem, re-corded Oct.30, 1928 gets the nod over many Moochees made over the years and how they make a 53 yr old 78 record sound like 1981

beats me. This is an excellent chance to beats me. This is an excellent chance to up grade your Ellington collection with most of the Duke's songs like "I Got It Bad", "Mood Indigo", It Don't Mean a Thing", Take the A Train", "Caravan", "Cotton Tail", "Solitude", "Don't Get Around Much Anymore", and 14 more songs recorded between 1927 and 1966 that sound like today.

Charlie Barnet, tenor sax man, had diffi-culty living down the tabloid label "millionaire maestro" simply because he came from a wealthy family. He started playing the saxophone at 12 and at this writing is alive and well at 68. As a teen ager in the 20's he hung out in the jazz joints of Harlem. He loved the Negro big aget in the born he loved the Negro big band sounds of Duke Ellington, Don Redmond, Fletcher Henderson, Jimwy Lunceford, and as George Simon-Metronome Magazine critic in the 30's said; "This (Barnet's) is the Blackest White Band of all." and the songs 32 of his greatest are in this recently released Bluebird RCA Victor 2 record set included are "Cherokee", his most famous record, "Tin Roof Blues", "Knockin' at the Famous Door", "Scotch and Soda", "Miss Annabelle Lee", "I Never Knew", "Ebony Rhapsody", "S'Posin", "Swing Street Strut", and 22 more. Don't miss this historic album even though you might have many of the songs on other releases.

phones, trombone, trumpet, vibes, piano, bass and drums playing in the old style of the Negro bands of the 30's and 40's

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CHARLIE BARNET/The Complete Charlie Barnet Volume II 2 record set AMX 2 5577 List \$11.98

the songs on other releases. THE WIDESPREAD DEPRESSION ORCHESTRA Stash Records ST 212 List \$8.98 Nine excellent young musicians, 3 saxoof the Negro bands of the 30's and 40's with arrangements by Horace Henderson, Louis Jordan, Michael LeDonne and others is selling records like hot cakes. If you bought their first and second albums better latch onto this their third which has added ballads. Among the 12 songs on this record are "Sunday", "It's You or No One", "The Days of Wine and Roses", "Taking a Chance on Love", and 8 other songs. Don't miss this one.

Even if South Africa does grant independence to Namibia, it will fall pitifully short of assuaging the devastating im-pact of apartheid on the nation as a whole. In a nation where the descendants of the original inhabitants (blacks) outnumber the ruling whites (mostly Dutch immigrants) by about four to one, it is only a matter of time before armed struggle engulfs the entire country. Already there have been fierce riots in the black township of Soweto, and guerrilla attacks in Capetown, and even Johannesburg. The government has responded with even greater repression by jailing some political leaders and assassinating others, like the outspoken Stephen Biko, who died "mysteriously" in a South African jail.

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Although under intense international pressure to ease the stranglehold it has on its black citizens, the Botha regime is preparing to wage an all out war rather than share power with the blacks. Enormous wealth has made South Africa's military second to none on the entire continent, and its weapons industry is itself a source of major foreign trade. It is strongly believed that South Africa is one of nine nations in the world with nuclear capability, and its government has stated publicly that it "will use every available means to preserve the South African way of life."

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Wake up and look at what is happening around us. Many people are being killed with tools of hate. The only way to defend ourselves against the violence is to project positive vibrations. Wake up and love. Sisters and brothers it is the only way out of this mess. How many accidental & naturally senseless murders are we as individuals & communities going to watch before we realize violence and tension are out of control and we must take action. Communities must realize gun control is necessary. Now isn't it common sense that if we register auto-mobiles & license drivers, shouldn't we do the same for an instrument as lethal, a handgun? While the stories of those who have already suffered from the mounting menance of handgun crime are deeply moving, nangun: while the stories of those who have already suffered from the mounting menance of handgun crime are deeply moving, statistics are cold, hard facts: In your liketime you stand a 1 - in - 5 chance of being assaulted by a person using a handgun. So does every member of your family. 250,000 more Americans will become handgun crime victim's during the next 12 months, nearly 20,000 will die. The National Rifle Association blocks every attempt at the handgun control legistation that you & 81% of all American's want. Because we allow this carnage to continue, we are all part perpetrator: And because these crimes affect us all, we are all part victim* gun control would make it more difficult to obtain a gun not impossible that is why we need to begin with ourselves as individuals projecting LOVE. Why carry a gun? Open your heart. No matter what color, creed, religion, love is universal so let us religion, love is universal so let us acknowledge that fact.

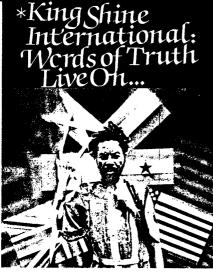
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By E. COLLINS

toulins The Union of South Africa, which spans nearly the lower fifth of the continent, is, because of its vast deposits of diamonds, gold, and minerals, one of the richest nations on earth. Although it has great mineral wealth, South Africa is engaged in a fierce political and escalating military struggle for survival. The essence of the problem there is centered on the issue of race, as blacks are forced to live in nearly sub-human conditions by a racist system of separatism called "Apartheid." At the root of this system is the basic assumption that blacks are "inferior" to whites and that the "superior" whites are sanctioned by God Almighty to separate, restrict, and oppress blacks and Almighty to separate, res coloreds in South Africa. restrict, and oppress blacks and

"Apartheid," which means literally to be "separate," is the culmination of the whites' negative attitudes toward the blacks. The ruling National Party in South Africa, which is led by Prime Minister Pietre "Pik" Botha, formally installed "apartheid" some thirty years ago. It limits or bans every conceivable aspect of a black person's freedom concerning where he lives, works, travels, or worships, and it may determine whether he is allowed to do any or all of these thince. For instance, most blacks are subject to curfew. things. For instance, most blacks are subject to curfew, required to carry passes for travel authorization, receive about one fourth the pay of whites for comparable work, and are relegated to living in rat-infested shanty slums where facilities and services do not exist.

The "South African" way of life is threatened not only from rising militancy from within, but from liberation forces on nearly all its borders. Neighboring "Zimbabwe," formerly known as "Rhodesia," has succumbed to "majority rule" in the last two years, and was preceded by Angola and every other major country on the continent. Very crucial to South Africa's international political stability is its handling of independence for the mineral-rich territory of Namibia. The Southwest African People's Organization (SWAPO) is the guerrilla movement that has been fighting there for years, and if the government can insure protection of the whites in the area, and supervised elections, it appears ready to concede the area to the guerrillas. the concede the area to the guerrillas.



Alvin Barrett, 22, was struck by a stray bullet and killed at a party where he was D.J. Also known as King Shine International, his musical was top ranking sound around town and when he would D.J. in front of the Blue Riddim Band all was irie! Barrett rapping out words of tr backed with the musical sounds of blue riddim would make this dancers heart soar. King Shine with the spirit of I and I where his spirit rests. King Shine made it his occupation to communicate with people. Reggae music is a vehicle to express that love for the universal creator Rastafarians call Jah. Reggae also stresses the import-ance of being with I and I--that spirit that keeps our breath in motion. King Shine was a brother spreading that one l to others through music. The DJ is the spoken word instead of the written word, love and reaches many people. We won't hear with our ears your words King Shine but with our hearts we will still hear the LOVE LIVES ON. message.

Many citizens possess and carry handgun. I'm not isolating Jamaican's by any means. It is ironical though that any person who would call themselves Rasta, one who strongly believes in love & self-pride, would carry a weapon on his/her body. Sure it is a rebellious action to carry arms against the goverment in Jamaica since guns are out-lawed there. But think twice, to carry a weapon is rebelling against the individuals in the community not the system. Good people like Alvin Barrett suffer the con-sequences not the oppressorman. I and I know it is not possible to conquer greed and evil with tools of hate. Only love is more powerful. It has a chance as long as and evil with tools of hate. Only love is more powerful. It has a chance as long as more powerful. It has a chance as long as you try. Jah love protect us from the guns of Babylon. Brothers and sisters please open your heart and carry foward the Spirit of King Shine. Encourage that love t in each and every person to multiply. Encourage that love that is

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By WILLIE IRIE

bably do in a future issue) because honest-ly, every record is worth having and there's more than enough variety to sustain one's

MORE GREGORY is definitely in a "lovers rock" style and it suits this illustrious singer's voice very well indeed. Backed by the Radic (they've shortened it from Roots Radics), the ten cuts offer a glimpse at some of the most innovative and memorable tunes to rock 'n groove by yet.

"Front Door" sets the pace with poor Gregory confused and forlorn over a dissolving re-lationship he's having trouble accepting. But with "Flabba" Holts propelling bass and "Bingy Bunnys" ratchet guitar licks, you know somehow things will get better. And they do....

The next cut, "Permanent Lover", starts out with some of the smoothest and most ear-pleasing horn action imagineable. The Radics have been working with Isaacs live and on vinyl for some time now and the congenial interplay is obvious. They're meant for each other.

I don't know what else to say except that I'm knocked out by $\underline{MORE\ GREGORY}$ and I think you will be too.

WISER DREAD NIGHTHAWK List \$8.98

Try. Here's a tasty collection of tunes compiled from various artists between '72-'78. There are well knowns (Bunny Mailer, The Morwells) and Lesser knowns (I-Tals, Sang Hugh and Jackie Brown) but all work very well collectively and separately.

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Nighthawk is a new label that's been form-ed in St.Louis and hopefully this is an





indication of more great things to come. The packaging itself is not only aesthet-ically pleasing but most informative as well. There are color photos of the ar-tists, a brief background on each, and printed lyrics to one or more of the songs each performs. The quality of the disc itself is unusually high with above average sound quality. Obvious care was taken on this project.

The tunes are basically short but provide a lot of variety and employ some fine backing riddims from an ensemble of var-ious session players.

Bunny Wailer's two cuts, "Arabs Oil Wea-pon" and "Life Line" display the develop-ing maturity of an artist on his way up. Backing from the original Wailers along with the I-Threes brings back pleasant memories of days gone by.

Jackie Brown's "Wiser Dread" relates the common thoughts shared by the Rasta-Breth-Brethren in singing about the Ethiopian Emperor Selassie-I. The sincerity is contagious and continues throughout the album.

The I-Tals "In Dis Ya Time" offers some nice lead vocals from Keith Porter and a funky, stark, guitar riff that keeps this track aloft.

Sang Hugh has got more of a traditional sound and again delivers an ethnic appeal for black unity and hope for a brighter future.

For me the nicest sounds come by way of the Morwells. Bingy Bunny (guitarist for The Radics) is the group's writer and lead vocalist which really says a lot for this multi-talented artist. He's been re-sponsible for many classics himself. For-tunately there are three prime examples included here. "Reggae Party" sets the mood with a beat that's sure to get you rockin' in time, and with a promise that Gregory Isaacs and Big Youth are sure to be there, who wants to miss out?! "Africa We Want to Go" is more subdued but has some tasteful synthesizer fills that keeps We want to Go' is more subdued but has some tasteful synthesizer fills that keeps things moving. The high point comes with "Cut Them Down", another leg shaker with a memorable melody and red hot backup from The Radics.

All in all "Wiser Dread" has something for everyone and is an excellent addition to All in all everyone and i

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BUNNY WAILER/Rock and Groove SOLOMONIC List \$7.98

GREGORY ISAACS/More Gregory PREX List \$9.98

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If you're into Jah music you've undoubtedly checked out Gregory Isaacs somewhere along the line. If you haven't this is a perfect

opportunity, as this record is one of t rare gems that is so good you'll become instantly attracted by it.

Continuing to confirm the possibilities continuing to confirm the possibilities of the progressive state in reggae music along with G. Isaacs is Bunny Wailer, whose new album <u>ROCK AND GROOVE</u> is a masterpiece to be savored like a bottle of fine wine.

Isaacs is no newcomer, in fact he's been creating consistently outstanding music for several years. In Jamaica and England, where

they actually chart reggae singles and Le's, I cannot think of another artist, aside from Bob Marley, whose records have achieved the

notoriety and popularity (by going to the top) of Gregory Isaacs. This album is current ly #1 in both countries. Why? For starters there's his voice --- whoa, what a voice. He could be singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and make it seem a rocker's

delight! He's put out so many LPs and disco singles I could devote quite a bit of space to his discography alone, (which I'll pro-

Of the original Wailers, (along with P. Tosh & B.Marley), Bunny has stayed the closest to the real roots sound of which true reggae is all about.

Like Gregory, Bunny is backed by the Radics along with Sly N' Robbie on a couple of cuts. This set is nothing less than awe-some. Bunny has mastered the knack of writ-ing instantly classic melodies with thought provoking lyrics that are all done in a manner entirely exclusive to Bunny.

There are seven cuts, all done disco style (vocals melting into versions). The title cut starts tings off with seductive horn blasts from Headley Bennett and Dean Fraser, then builds into an entrancing rhythmic then builds into an entrancing invinuo collage with Bunny voicing the pleasures of what it is to "Rock & Groove" J.A. style. From there he gets into "Another Dance", a Curtis Mayfield number perform-ed ala Bunny with Style Scott on drums keeping the swaying riddims right & tight.

Side two is an eclectic affair beginning with "Cool Runnings", a skanker's delight if ever there was. The band gets up and create a riddim that'll keep dis ya tune floating in and out of you head for some time to come.

The Radics are quickly becoming the band to play with in Jamaica. What with Sly N' Robbie involved in so many projects rang-ing from Joe Cocker to Ian Dury- the Rad-ics are holding down the strictly roots sound and getting better all the time. Eric (Bingy Bunny) Lamont is the guitar-ist and his rhythm/lead 'picking' style accentuates the sound into a new realm, verv much an enhancement . very much an enhancement .

As with G. Isaacs, words can't really describe the encomparable excellence of this LP. Get it and any other B. Wailer record you come across, as they all possess Bunny's magical sound and style and see for yourself why this Wailer is the one to have evolved into the most gifted and innovative of the three.

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anyone's collection as well as being a great sampler for those just developing an interest.

THE LONE RANGER/M-16 J&J Records List \$7.98

Anthony Waldron, alias The Lone Ranger, is one of Jamaica's more interesting DJ "toasters", who scat "talks" rather than actually sings over these nine dub-wise tracks. If you're familiar with U-Roy, I-Roy, Ranking Joe and the like, then you've got an idea of what to expect. These guys have mastered the Jamaica patois and use it effectively to create a mind blowing jam of skanking riddims and hypnotic speed rap chatter.

All the cuts are nice, and easy to get into. "Uptown Style" uses an echo-plex with The Ranger's voice to create further madness. A great tune. The band providing da riddims is Sly 'n' Robbie with Rad Bryan on guitars, Ansell Collins on Key-boards, and Dean Fraser on Sax, along with a couple of cohorts. As usual they create an electrifying mix (engineered by Scien-tice) and will definitely pice we the dance. tist) and will definitely nice up the dance.

The popularity of toasting has diminished somewhat over the past few years - probably because it's a fairly limited iden insofar as originality goes. It's like if you've heard one you've heard 'em all - but Lone Ranger seems to have come up with at least one more effort that makes this practice still worth checking out.

FLO AND EDDIE/Rock Steady EPHIPHANY 4010 List \$7.98

Are you ready for this?! Surely you remember fun loving Flo & Eddie, those golden throated heroes who graced the airwaves in days of old. First with 60's rockers the Turtles, and later with Frank Zappa's Mothers, then as a not so successful novel-ty act. I was afraid they might have slipped into Rock 'n Roll limbo, since they haven't been heard from in a while, but noo-oco... They're back with an LP's worth of some of the all time reggae classics. While some domestic artists are taking an occasional etab at vard mucic Flo & Fddie how diwed in an occasional stab at yard music, Flo & Eddie have dived in head first and believe it or not have pretty much succeeded in making it work.

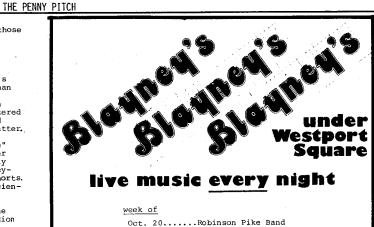
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"Chinna" and the boys do their best to uplift Flo & Eddie and thelps but I can't help wishing it was F. McGregor or say, Delroy Wilson putting this set together. Oh well-the sound is clean and every cut's got a good feel. The only Klunker is a throw away "Happy Together" from their Turtle days that's been reggaized.

But with the all-star assembly of players and the juicy mix, this is one novelty item worth getting into---

Cool Runnings

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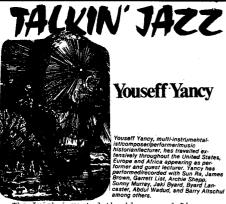
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The Irish invented the blues, and I'm going to tell you how that came about. Not all the people that ran the planta-tions were rich. Some of them were up-tight all the time. The Irish were a tight all the time. The Irish were a working people--people that work with their hands, potato diggers themselves. They are close to the earth in the same way that the black of the South and the black of Africa is close to the earth. We can imagine an Irishman owning a plantation and actually getting out there and working with the blacks. So whatever vibes are coming up from the ground and hitting the blacks are sure-ly hitting the Irish. The difference is the blacks were brought in as slaves. The blacks were brought in as slaves. That is a big difference. But from the pressure of that situation, like the pressure that creates a diamond, a beau-tiful music resulted. We might not like pressure that creates a diamond, a beau-tiful music resulted. We might not like the process, but we like the result. If we say we love this music and then think about where it came from, that doesn't about where it came from, that doesn't make us stop loving it. Now the Irish-man working out there in the fields had a tendency to be soft-hearted and cry. I can't imagine an African shedding tears. tears. We are talking about a young man who goes out to fight a lion to prove his manhood has arrived. He's got the claw marks on. A kind of ritual. The

thing is not about crying. So that pa ticular feeling which got into what we So that par call the blues, must have been inserted from that particular point. Of course Of course the Italians had something to do with it. Everyone that came here. This is an American culture.

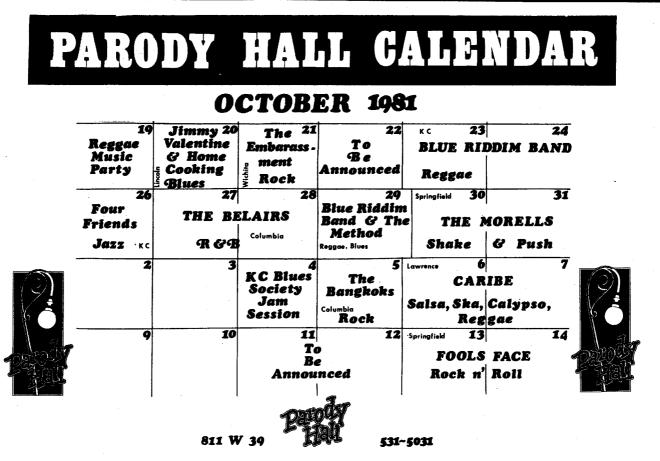
Jim Reese Europe and Sidney Bechet first came to Europe in 1917. Jim Europe was a black man that played piano and was a composer like Sun Ra. Europe was the musical director for Irene and Vernon Castel, the ballroom dancers that Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers worked with. He played in the Waldorf and high soci-ety places around the world. Morte Carl He played in the Waldorf and high soci-ety places around the world. Monte Carlo, and Paris because he was their musical director. Being in such a position, the offer came to him in World War I from a black band to represent the blacks fight-ing overseas. Of course he put together a band. Bill "Bojangle" Robinson, the tap-dancer, was the drum major. Of course young Sidney Bechet, who played with Louis Armstrong in New Orleans, was in the band along with other to-be-famous musicians. While they were in France it was awkward for them being in the military. They While they were in France it was awkward for them being in the military. They didn't know that you weren't supposed to play so high and free. They went right out through the top. They were free. Buddy Boman, for example, didn't know that you weren't supposed to play the tru-pet higher than a G. Right from the be-ginning he went out like the birds. He was screechin'. He didn't know you were supposed to use pianissimo. So he played it like it was a foghorn. He blew him-self right on into the crazy house. While self right on into the crazy house. While self right on into the crazy house. While Jim Europe was in France, the rags went over. The rags were avant garde. Scott Joplin had just died this year, 1917. So that was really new music. And the French loved it. They loved it so much that a loved it. They loved it so much that a young composer living there named Stra-vinsky wrote his piano rags in 1918. And Darius Milhaud, one of Le Six, com-posed some rags at about the same time. Milhaud even went to Harlem.

Joe Oliver was offered a gig at the Cotton Club, a club set up in Harlem for whites. They hired black entertainment and light-skinned ladies. It was all that jungle uff. Palm-leaves all over the place, wople dancing on drums, and ladies in stuff.

leopard skins. It was that kind of thing

Joe Oliver was famous and was offered Joe Oliver was famous and was offered that job and turned it down because it didn't pay enough money. So he went on down south and had some bad luck and died. A horrible story. The point is that Duke Ellington got the gig. In 1923 we see a young Duke Ellington playing with a man named Wilbur Sweatman who played like Ro-land Kirk--two or three clarinets at one time. Sweatman was also the man holding time. Sweatman was also the the papers with Scott Joplin. When THE Sweatman was also the man holding STING came out and that tune "The Enter-tainer" became popular, the Sweatmans were holding the papers because Scott had his business together. Now the whole family is doing really, really well.

see Stravinsky writing his piano rag, We see Stravinsky writing his plano rag, the rags are in, and Duke Ellington got the gig at the Cotton Club. All the rich whites and entertainers would drive up to Harlem, in the middle of the jungle, go in and they would see this whole scene. Now let's talk about the kind of musical material that came out of there. Take Bach. Bach wrote a lot of music. But that sait pothing man Bach worked for that ain't nothing, man. Bach worked for a church. And every Sunday, if he was going to pay his rent, he had better have some music written for the new Mass. Bach going to pay his ritten for the new Mass. Bach had to do a new show each week and coin-cidentally wrote a lot of music. That's what Duke was confronted with. When we hear things like "Mood Indigo," "Caravan," and "In a Sentimental Mood," they all came in a package, in a show. Not one show, but many shows. Some of them like "Satin Doll" popped out to become stand-ards individually. But it was origin-ally written as part of a show. And he had to write that music because the Cotton Club show changed every week. That was where Duke really got his thing together and became famous. All the writing he did being in one spot with an every night did being in one spot with an every night job and a big band. He had to and became prolific. Ellington mixed a kind of inprolific. Ellington mixed a kind of in tellectual thing with an ethnic thing. far as the environment is concerned, it As comes from a downtown intellectual level to an uptown, Harlem cross 110th Street, to an uptown ethnic soul kind of thing. This mixture is an American concept. It has always been our concept to mix two seeds and come up with a better grapefruit.



WINFIELD IS BLUEGRASS

10th National Walnut Valley Festival September 17, 18, 19, 20, 1981 WINFIELD FAIRGROUNDS

Winfield, Kan BY LANE TURNER

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If you aren't familiar with the festival, I will attempt to explain the goings-on. On Thursday the 17th, people began to filter in seeking a prime camping site, in the designated camping areas. There are two camping areas, one with electrical and water hookups for the extravagant campers, and the other for free style camping (tents, vans, etc.) This seems to be one of the big attractions to the festival goers-you can bring the family, camp out, and catch all the pickin' you can handle for 3 whole days. As I see it, the only draw back to the festival is that it becomes very crowded by Friday. Nonetheless, a good time can be had by all.

all. The festival, as in the past, did present some top notch entertainment, including DAVID CRISMAN, NORMAN BLAKE, DAN CRARY, BYRON BERLINE, JOHN HICKMAN, RED CLAY RAMBLERS, JIM POST, HOT MUD FAMILY, HOT RIZE, FRONT PORCH STRING BAND, KEN BLOOM, ART THIEME, DENIS LEPAGE AND STATION ROAD, and of course the usual hit, BRYAN BOWERS. But one act did seem to be the unexpected crowd pleaser-DE DANNAN. A new Irish band to this country, whose jigs and reels seemed to take the audience away to a simpler time. They are a five piece band, which unusually includes a percussionist. He played a hand-held drum with his thumb and fingers, in which he could get many different tones, and at the same time generate a strong beat. Needless to say I was impressed with DE DANNAN, as was the crowd, whose acceptance was overwhelming. There were many people who were unable to contain the bands infectious beat, and they began to dance traditional Irish jigs and free style Irish-type dancing. It was very entertaining to observe these happy dancers. (If you were among those who attended the concerts, you know what I mean!!) mean!!)

Moving along, the festival is known for its contests. Including-Flat picking, Finger picking, Fiddling, Hammered Dulcimer, Auto Harping

Supposedly this year's attendance was down from previous years, but you couldn't tell by the jammed parking and camping lots. It did get a little brisk (ed. note-Brisk, hell, it was downright cold!!) Thursday evening and early Friday morning, but overall I thought the weather was beautiful for this year's events.

Another nice thing to do while camping is, after the day's events are over, to walk around to the many campsites and catch the striving young and old pickers and fiddlers, jamming around with old and new friends. Some say this is where the best pickin' at the festival is heard.

The fairgrounds are full of eating establishments, The fairgrounds are full of eating establishments, many arts and crafts, dulcimer, guitar, and just about any other type of gift booths you can imagine. Of course PENNYLANE had its own record booth set up selling lots of hard-to-find records people are looking for. I cannot really convey the festival feeling as well as I would like; all I can say is, if you like acoustic music and festivals be sure to attend next years WALNUT VALLEW FESTIVAL in WINFIELD, KANSAS. By the way DE DANNAh has 3 records-all available through our PENNYLANE mail-order system. They are all on the SHANACHIE Record Label. Their numbers are 79001, 79005, 79018 (new one) they are \$8.98. (new one) they are \$8.98. See you next year!!!!



First Finger Picks: Harry Reid First Mandolin: Dan Harlow and Charles Hoffman



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First Autoharp: Martin Schuman



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PJ(visible), Joe Joe, Mark, and Hal compliment the fest with record sales, ears for good times.



Fiddle Champ: Steve Gillian

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DAKOTA DAVE HULL AND SEAN BLACKBURN/River of Swing Flying Fish 236 List \$8.98

Here's another band that's got it bad for the music of the 1930's. Hull and Blackburn, from North Dakota by way of Minneapolis, sound like a cross between Asleep at the Wheel and Willie Nelson. They use the same sort of straight-ahead country swing charts that the Wheel uses, and their vocals are apparently Willie Nelsoninspired, except that his singing is much more polished. Their best number is an instrumental, an old Bill Boyd tune called "What's the Use?" - really a sweet, cheerful little tune. Another little tidbit that tells you where Hull and Blackburn's heart lies is that this album is dedicated to the nearly forgotten Milton Brown, of Bob Wills and "Musical Brownies" fame.

Hull and Blackburn's problem is that they have trouble staying tuned up. This by itself can be entertaining enough...it shows you why records are your best entertainment value...other than that, they have a mix of interesting originals and interesting tunes done by other people. "River of Swing" is a more urban-sounding arrangement than the Bill Boyd tune; "Fargo Wind" is a sort of hard-times ballad set to dance music. They finish their tunes with big-band signatures from Benny Goodman, with extra-smooth three-part harmonies a la' the Andrews sisters, and with the above-mentioned country swing arrangements. They may be influenced by Willie Nelson and maybe even Bryan Bowers (a little), but basically it's the 30's and 40's all the way. If your taste runs to music like that, you're in for a good time with this record.

Hull and Blackburn also have an interesting crew of sidemen. Jack Herrick, of Red Clay Ramblers fame, is unmistakable on cornet in a nice version of a Blind Willie McTell tune called "Searchin' the Desert for the Blues".

All in all, while this band has unattractive rough edges, it also has enough originality to make those edges worth putting up with. Sean Blackburn and Dakota Dave Hull have appeared at Foolkiller at least once recently; of they come through town again, I suggest you check out this interesting, tuneful act.

DAVID GRISMAN/Early Dawg Sugar Hill SH 3713 List \$8.98 DAVID GRISMAN/Quintet '80 Warner Bros. BSK 3469 List \$8.98

There's a big, big difference between these two records. The only thing they have in common is David Grisman himself, and therein lies our tale.

Early Dawg was recorded in 1966, except for one track. Be warned--fifteen of the sixteen cuts on this record are in mono. The masters apparently were on cassette. A Telarc-Soundstream presentation this is not, but the fidelity is OK. (It's nothing special, though.) Several of the cuts were recorded live in Washington, D.C., to enthusiastic applause from a small audience. One track was recorded in Grisman's apartment.

This album features some fine sidemen, among whom is Frank Wakefield, to whom <u>Early Dawg</u> is dedicated. Other players include Bill Keith, the well-known banjo player; brothers Del and Jerry McCoury; Artie Rose; and Winnie Winston, another famous name in early 60's era folk-revival bluegrass.

They sound like a sure-enough bluegrass hand that plays a mix of instrumentals and high, lonesome, Bill Monroe-style vocal numbers. They even play three of Monroe's tunes, including the treacherous "Rawhide". All these musicians are virtuosos. The really amazing thing about this record is the absolutely blitzkrieg picking; Grisman himself could pick faster than anybody, at least in this band. Anyone who admires sheer technical skill with string instruments will admire the music on this record. This album is also sure to please anyone who likes no-frills bluegrass music, because that's what it's all about.

Bluegrass music, as we all know, is music that is written and played by a fairly strict formula, deviations from which are not appreciated. Bluegrass fans and pickers have even formed an organization, SPEGMA (Society for the Preservation of Blue Grass Music in America), to guard the performing traditions of bluegrass.

Bluegrass music is rather stylized as a result, and has a kind of ritual quality. It's aesthetic problem is to conform to an established model, and not to expand or even alter that model significantly. The great drawback to this arrangement is that it forbids an art form to develop by it's own inner logic.

Bluegrass music is acoustic string music played by no more than five or six, or less than three, musicians at a time. That's the kind of music <u>Early Dawg</u> is all about.

That's also what <u>Quintet '80</u> is all about, which makes David Grisman so interesting. Grisman has enlarged considerably the scope of his musical statements since his days as an ace picker on the East Coast. He's different now. He has a beard and his hair is longer. He's put on a little weight. Even his mandolin has changed, from a Gibson F-5 to a custom-made John Monteleone. And his music has changed, too, all out of recognition from the 1966 mainstream bluegrass that his band played so well.

He's got another first-rate band. Darol Anger plays violin, violectra, and cello. He also wrote some string arrangements for this album. (This does not mean Mantovani-style string arrangements. It means arrangements for three players or less.) Anger is about the hottest violinist in this neck of the musical woods. Mark O'Connor plays guitar all the time and fiddle part of the time. O'Connor, winner of lots of national fiddling and picking championships, is a first-rate violinist and superlative guitar player. He clearly has the power to improvise as well. Mike Marshall plays mandolins and violin, and Rob Wasserman plays the bass.

Grisman's approach has it's limits, too: we've heard some of this music before. His scope has broadened considerably since 1966, though. Now Grisman's band plays John Coltrane tunes("Naima", to be specific, in a really nice arrangement that does this reflective ballad justice), and quotes early Beethoven.

The 1980 David Grisman is now not the successor to Bill Monroe, but rather to Django Reinhardt. Grisman's music is so smooth and polished; it just rolls right along, even though the tonalities are very strange in places. I find this music exciting and sophisticated, but not everyone will agree.

one will agree. Early Dawg has pretty good liner notes. They say, among other things, that the important thing about David Grisman is his talent as an arranger. It seems to me that this is true only in a very broad sense, and that the really important thing about him is his remarkable power to crowd his tunes with harmonic possibilities that are supple and fruitful enough to allow his fellow players to explore in an improvisatory, leisurely fashion. One interesting thing about this music is that, even at top speed, it never sounds hurried and almost always sounds relaxed. This is music to carve wood by, to watch your children play by. It's music to savor the pleasures of home life by.

Where will he go from here? It'll be interesting to see. Grisman's music, like the bluegrass music that spawned it, has definite limits to it's potential, but anything can happen. Maybe he'll get interested in music theory and re-invent chamber music. As for me, I find what has been produced so far by this remarkable man very satisfying to listen to, and I hope he can continue to innovate, to expand the boundaries of his field.

A footnote: On the back of <u>Quintet '80</u> it says: "Mandolin players unite! Contact David Grisman, c/O Mandolin World News, Box 2255, San Rafael, CA 94902." Remember, mandolin players, you read it first in the PENNY PITCH!



DAVID GRISMAN/Mondo Mando Warner Brothers BSK List \$8.98

I didn't find out about this album until after I had written the two reviews above, but I was pleased to learn about it, since A) there's a Django Reinhardt tune on it, and B) there's a string quartet involved. <u>Mondo Mando</u> was recorded this past July. The basic story here is that Grisman has continued in the direction he staked out for himself in <u>Quintet '80</u>, and has broken some important new ground as well.

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All the regulars are back for this one. Mike Marshall plays second mandolin, and does some fine guitar work as well. Darol Anger is listed sometimes playing the violin and sometimes playing the fiddle. Rob Wasserman plays bass, and Mark O'Connor plays fiddle and guitar. Tony Rice, often \rightarrow

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bluegrass concluded Grisman and appearing on

his albums in the past, plays guitar on one track, and another track even features a koto player, Joanne Sakai.

This album offers a nice contrast to some of the <u>Early Davg</u> music, because the same tunes are involved, such as "Fanny Hill". This tune, plus "Cedar Hill" and the slow-er "Davg Funk" sound like they could have appeared on the Quintet '80 release.

"Japan", Grisman's Opus 23, is vintage Grisman except for the inclusion of a koto. This thirteen-stringed traditional Japanese instrument can barely be heard on this cut, except for an interesting kind this cut, except for an interesting kind of Oriental signature to the piece at the very end. This is followed by a short, very soft bridge to the above-mentioned "Fanny Hill". It sounds as though they're limbering up for this fast-paced vintage Dawg number. This in turn is followed by Django Reinhardt's "Anouman", which sounds as though it could 'we been written by Grisman himself. It's a slow, ballad-like number number.

This album was produced at Different Fur studios in San Francisco. "Caliente", the first cut on Side 1, is also the first Grisman piece (I believe) to use a studio-produced sound effect, in this case a kind of sighing noise like a windstorm. From this opening the tune slips in the ear, slowly picking up speed as well as volume. Slowly ploking up speed as well as volume. This is followed by the main theme, an ex-tended mandolin break, and a gradual lead-ing of the other players back to the theme. It's very much like the <u>Quintet</u> '80's "Thailand" in structure.

"Caliente" is followed by "Albuguergue Turkey", a good-natured tune with a kind of country flavor. No sophisticated tonfrom being a bluegrass-oriented musical innocent to writing sophisticated, urbane, and even witty music, but this tune is more an example of the first tendency than the second. Mark O'Connor's lively fiddling contributes to the general merriment

The title track, "Mondo Mando", is the last one on Side 2, and the longest on the

album. It's a very interesting piece of Grisman has attempted work, because to mesh the kind of music he plays with the crowning glory of the string world--the string quartet. It's a logical, and very string quarter. It's a logical, and very exciting, development for Grisman's music. This performance features the Kronos Quar-tet, a prominent young chamber group from the West Coast. There are seven players here altogether, including Rob Wasserman and Mike Marshall.

The string quartet part has been careful-ly arranged by John Carlini. The other three parts have much more of an improvithree parts have much more of an improvi-satory feel to them. In this piece the Kronos group has only to accompany, as a group, the mandolins. It's part is a kind of obbligato. Sometimes Kronos also forms a bridge between sections of the piece, which runs about nine minutes. But so far the incredibly strong and flexible possi-bilities of the string quartet have just here birded at bu Criman been hinted at by Grisman.

There is no attempt, for instance, to pass the melodic line around, or to explore the solo possibilities of any instrument in the quartet, or to write anything into the arrangement resembling counterpoint. Fur-thurmore, the ensemble possibilities of the guartet are left almost unexplored.

However, these omissions are not to over. To mention them is not even criticism. The important fact is that the quartet is there, and that a real attempt has been made to integrate it into the body of been made to integrate it into the body of this piece. This fact represents a great breakthrough for Grisman, for this music, and possibly for string music in general. Grisman deserves great praise for under-taking this modest and successful experi-ment. One hopes it's only a matter of time before the wonderful possibilities of this exciting development will be explored fur-ther by others. ther by others.

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you'll want to check this program out. We try to concentrate on bluegrass music un-til about 9PM or so. Then we start adding other kinds of American music to our musical mix, until the news at 10PM. After the news it's the fine British Isles and Irish music program "Ballads, Bards, and Bagpipes", produced by our Kansas City friends Gerald Trimble and Dave Brown. friends Geraid Trimble and Dave Brown. Then we play Irish music, or whatever comes to hand, until sign-off time at mid-night. That's the "Flint Hills Special" on 92 FM, KANU, from the University of Kansas in Lawrence. Don't miss it!



RIZE/Radio Boogie Flying Fish 231 List \$8.98 TOH

For those of you not already familiar with this band, Hot Rize is a bluegrass band (of sorts) from Colorado. They've been very popular in the Midwest and made a big splash at Winfield both this past year and in 1980. The band has one other album on the Flying Fish label; <u>Radio Boogie</u> is their second effort for the Fish people.

Hot Rize does not play orthodox bluegrass music. For example, Nick Forster plays an electric bass, a Fender Precision, and Pete Wernick does strange things to his banjo's utterances, such as phase-shift-ing them. Certain frequencies are also sometimes equalized out of the voice tracks; thus Tim O'Brien's voice on the title track acquires an old-timey air. (The tune dates from the late '40's.) Ano-ther oldie they do is the R&B standard from the '50's, "Walkin' the Dog", sung by Sawtelle. It sounds a little like he has no teeth, but it doesn't look that way in the picture. He's a young man. Maybe he the picture. He's a young man. Maybe he fights a lot...

At any rate, this band is very good at what it does. Even in the relatively wide field of bluegrass music, Hot Rize has developed a sound that is instantly recognizable.





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Heavy Metal has reached global propor tions, in fact metal is very big in En-gland, Motorhead's latest live LP went to number 1 and Schenker's latest is like

number 19. Every one of these records is hotter than anything you'll hear on local radio--so come on in to PennyLane North where I've worked for the past two years and bend an ear, we'll be happy to spin 'em for vou.

MICHAEL SCHENKER GROUP/MSG Chrysalis 1336 List \$8,98

Yeeaah!! Wooaah! Gasp...cough...sheeez! Wait a minute, let me catch my breath. Oh my head hurts, my ears are ringing, but god this feels good! I've been thrown a-cross the room, I'm flat on my back, sweat is trickling down the forehead. A quick glance at the clock, an hour has flown by, man where was I? I thought I'd never make it back me correct bioter. man where was I? I thought I'd never make it back. The second Michael Schenker album is nothing less than a trip to another dimension, transcending physical reality as we know it. Sound like the "Twilight Zone"? No way, Schenker and his latest band of airhead metal boys which include the great Cozy Powell on drums will take your mind farther than the Voyager space craft will ever on Schenker who bas your mind farther than the Voyager space craft will ever go. Schenker, who has played with UFO & the Scorpions has re-cently overcome a bout with alcohol and drugs, physically anyway. Mentally, this guy is still the "Mad Axeman" he's always been. As a guitarist, Schenker has always been in a league by himself, but on this album he shows a certain amount of res-traint in giving us non-stop rapid fire riffs like he did on his last LP which was damn good, but for different reasons. Schenker has found in Gary Barden vocals, Paul Raymond keyboards & guitars, Cozy

Paul Raymond keyboards & guitars, Cozy Powell on drums, and Chris Glen on bass, a vehicle to travel to Heavy Metal heaven

RIOT/Fire Down Under Elektra 5E-546 List \$8.98

This is the group's third album, and their last LP Narita was hot, but Fire Down This is the group's third album, and their last LP Narita was hot, but Fire Down Under will immediately convert the unit-lated into an uncurable volume junkie. Don't worry, the bleeding in your ears will stop after side one. This record was determined to be "commercially unaccept-able" by the group's former record label, Capitol, but Elvis Presley was deemed "commercially unacceptable" from the waist down on the Ed Sullivan Show, so lack of exposure doesn't have to keep great bands like Riot from making it. These guys from

PAGE 19 N.Y. City have gained a huge following in England, Europe, and Japan through exten-sive touring which isn't surprising, this band doesn't pull any punches. Guitarists Mark Reale and Rick Ventura abuse their Les Pauls with a blistering, non-stop att-ack which is guaranteed to make you want: to crank the volume and share Riot with your neighbors. Drummer Sandy Slavin and bassist Kip Leming, two of the newest mem-bers, keep your skull vibrating with a powerful back beat. Vocalist Guy Speranza sings with the sweaty determination and cockiness it takes to front this assault. It's obvious these guys are out for a good time but they're out to knock you on your can, so catch 'em next time they come through KC, but only if you're ready to through KC, but only if you're ready to RIOT!

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THE RODS/Same Arista 9558 List \$8.98

You want lots of lead guitar, solos that pin your head up against the wall and singe your eyebrows? No problem, you've come to the right place. If you're like me and throw your head back and go into a frantic air guitar every time you hear Schenker, Eddie VanHalen, or Angus Young of AC/DC go into one of their faster than a speeding bullet leads, I guarantee you'll wear out at least one copy of this record. Lead guitarist David "Rock" Fein-stein recorded one album with a band call-ed ELF back in 1971 but reportedly left mysteriously and has lived a hermit-like existence for the past ten years for the purpose of "recovering from the sixties". existence for the past ten years for the purpose of "recovering from the sixties". All I know is the guy is hotter than a black vinyl car seat on a July afternoon. continued

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Interview BRIAN AUGER PART II

What a turnaround in just a few months, dispite having no label support at the crucial beginning point. Now, lots of people are wondering what Julie Driscoll is doing these days. Is she mostly being Dan Conn: (DC) housewife and mother?

- Yes, we'd been through this star trip thing in Brian Auger: Yes, we'd been through this star trip thing in Europe-- the press at every airport, and such-Julie was passed the point of not being able to take it anymore. She was offered the cover of Time Magazine but turned it down because she'd just had enough of it. What I think happened is the music started to suffer because of stardom. The struggle is to keep one's freedom to choose what to play with whom you want when you want. I've been able to do that--I feel I'm luckier than most people on this planet. (BA)
- DC: So after Trinity you wanted to move on to something else. So after Trinity you wanted to move on to something erse. I wanted to expand as a musician. I wasn't going for the commercial market anymore. And, maybe the new band wouldn't survive very long. That band was called the Oblivion Express, for all we knew, heading for oblivion. In reality that band sort of chewed up and spat out people, because the music was the first thing and all the other things the musicians wanted from it weren't there so they moved on to other places. Even though musicians came and went, there will always be a bond between us that will last the rest of our lives-- it was that kind of experience. BA:
 - With the Oblivion Express went also your ties with RCA. Then came two poorly promoted albums from Warner Brothers, one with Julie, in the late 70's. You've now settled with a new labet, Headfirst. DC:
 - with a new lapet, Headflifst. Right, I think some record companies when they're as big as Warner Brothers tend to sign up artists they Know they can't do anything for. They just don't have what it would take to support 360 artists and do a real job for each of them. What they do is politically make decisions to put the money behind this guy that guy and that guy-- and all the rest are written off as a tax loss or whatever. With RCA "Closer to It" and "Straight Ahead" were up to around 200,000 units each they knew I was bound to leave so they didn't do anything on the last few albums. With Warners, they made 30,000 units and got rid of those, and that was it. They weren't going to repress it, and we couldn't get the masters back. They deleted the product--its dead. I felt a great shame. I had a meeting with them and the decided I wanted to leave. And I got out. And, unfor-tunately just after I got out the music industry almost collapsed. So I was on the outside looking in for maybe two years or so... BA:
 - DC: That would have been around "78", then ...
 - That would have been around "78", then... Yeah. I hung around till I could put a new band together --the Search Party Thing-- it takes time to find the right people, the right balance of personalities that would make for a creative environment that we could all expand in. Last year I took a year of college -- subject myself to some discipline to make sure I wasn't just laying back and losing everything. It was fantastic. I took up the viola and played in a string section in the standing orchestra there; Got a chance to do some arrangements for big band; five trombones, five trumpets, five saxes, plano, bass, guitar, drums, and 12 voices-- I did an arrangement of "Spain" for one of the end of term concerts. It was a very, very good experience. Just towards the end of the last semester I got a call from Headfirst--I know the people there--like, Dave Pell who is the president, used to have the Dave Pell Octet. Those gugs are all jazz buffs, and I said "OK, whats your policy? What have I got to do? They said "Brian, do anything that you like, man", I said, "that sounds cool to me." So during that semester I had a chance to put the album together, helped by the people at the record plant who were fantastic. They gave me a great deal knowing we were on a miniscule budget. I don't know how it happened-- when things are right those things are just put in my hand, and I felt those times were coming again, like the Closer To It thing. When you hear that voice inside of you that strong you've just got to go for it, no matter how black everything, looks, you know? BA .
 - For sure. You mentioned that you wanted now to spend more time at home with composition, and so forth DC: For sure.
 - time at nome with composition, and so forth Well yes I had a kind of gnawing feeling in the later years of the Express that I was hearing music, but I couldn't have really couldn't have played with that band it wouldn't have made any difference. I think part of that thing, was, when you have a vocalist, even if ge's as strong a Alex, Alex Ligertwood-- He's like having another instrument in the band--he's probably one of the most under-rated singers I know of. I'd put him up against just anyone.on this planet. Yet I felt having a singer there I was bent into writing songs as opposed to writing pieces of music, which is what my heart desired. The great thing about the new band is I've been able to write things for an album thats mainly instrumental--I put one vocal cut on there-- the reason is guite obvious. Radio has changed so vastly over the last five years, that unless you have something in there that can be available to some of the radio formats-- then you're cutting out a whole section of promotion which you need to give you a reasonable shot. BA:



So for some stations that would go that way I put that on there. But apart from that I've been able to experiment compositionally with things like "Voyager", and "Sea Of Tranquility", "Golden Gate", and I feel like I'm really beginning to make a step toward my own music. Everything up to now feels like research. That year of college was incredible to me because it told me one thing. "DON'T LIMIT YOURSELF." I managed to get a very clear cut picture of how the European music grew up-the different periods, chronilogicially how those things sort of modified themselves and all it did was to show me what I thought along was right. It also exposed me to lots of different music I would have liked to have listened to but never had time to before. They made me do it because every one in the masterworks class had to listen to "Mozart, Beethoven, Hayden, back before that, Bach" alot of the older Renaissance composers—them forward through the Romantic Period, Stravinsky, Debussey-and you had to listen to those things because they would mix up all the movements from each piece and give you a test every two weeks. It oppend up my whole perspective from a compositional stand point. The whole thing is still trying to move forward despite

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a compositional stand point. The whole thing is still trying to move forward despite the way radio is, despite the way business is loaded against it. While I can keep that creative aspect open, then I know I'll be satisfied as a musician. If I can't go that way, then I'll go do something else. I'll play music in the evenings and get off and enjoy it for what it is. I hope that never happens. Hanging in there has become an art, you know what I mean?

- What about other artists at this point. Who do you feel is making that creativity happen? DC:
- is making that creativity happen? Well, the things I've heard, man, that really reached me are some of the Pat Metheny things. Those guys have a sound thats their sound, their writing is great. It's got plenty of light and shade, plenty of movement, sound blends in the right way, in a logical manner. So they're one of the best in the fusion world. I don't consider myself as having a fusion band, as I've made a move into the rock world. Basically I'm coming at you with what is basically jazz on a decibel level of rock. I liked some of the things Herbie (Hancock) did but I found that Herbie, maybe because of a career move, or management move, had found a formula that worked, and its always a dangerous thing to do that. You get stuck in that formula and it dies very quick. you are bending the music to fit the formula and you can't do that. You have to let music expand. Once you begin to put it between those boundaries, its not as open as it could be. You get tired of hearing those same licks and the same sounds... BA:
- DC: And that comes across in one's performance ..
- And that comes across in one's performance... That does come across and I know its difficult because I understand the business aspect very clearly, you are however involved in politics, you know? If you let the music become touched by that, then the music will turn around and show it to you very clearly...It's the truth of the matter in the end. If you're involved at that level, music tells you everything about yourself,---whether you've been lazy, laying back too far, smoking too much weed...music exerts its own discipline on you. You have to keep yourself apart from the political part of it, understand it, but not get caught up in it. Music is the true expression of what you are on this planet. Thats the thing an artist has to go for--and he can be shot down by all these different things. When it comes down to it, my loyalty has to be to the music first, before everything else. BA :
- NOTE: My thanks go out to Dave Burke of MCA Records for being a great guy and helping out, and to Martin and the Up-Town for their cooperation and support.

AGENT OR ANGE EXPOSE

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IS THE PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF JIM "SAUL" TUCKER, IT CONCERNS HIS FIGHT FOR LIFE ATER EX-HIS FIGHT FOR LIFE ATER EX-POSURE TO AGENT ORANGE, A DEADLY POISON USED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. SAUL, AS HIS FRIENDS AND FELLOW-WORK-ERS CALL HIM, IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AT PENNY LANE'S WESTPORT STORE.

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THE BACKGROUND

INC 6ALKbKUUUU AGENT ORANGE is a defoliant that was sprayed over Viet Nam to deny cover to the enemy. It's makeup is a fifty-fifty combi-nation of 24-D and 245-T. This chemical combination is vir-tually non-biodegradable and will remain in the environment and living tissues for many years. AGENT ORANGE is a dioxin. Dioxin is one of the most deadly man-made poisons known. One-ten thousandth of a gram is a lethal dose for a two-hundred and twenty-pound man. The primary effect of the dioxin is to cause disintegration of the fatty tissues of the body and of the liver and degeneration of the nervous system. The second-ary effects are to cause cancers among the veterans (and others exposed to the dioxin) and birth defects among their children. children.

The DOW CHEMICAL CO. and MONSANTO CHEMICAL CO. (among others) experimented with what became known as ACENT ORANCE between 1961 and 1963 in North Carolina. ACENT ORANCE was proven to be an effective defoliant, killing most all plant growth, al-though no extensive research was done as to it s effect on human bife. human life.... and the second second

Studies at the University of Illinois and the University of Nebřáška show that over 50% of servicemen exposed to AGENT ORANGE retain more than enough to cause death. Death due to exposure to AGENT ORANGE and the complications it causes may not surface until 5 to 25 years after initial contact. The chemical resides in fatty tissues.

Birth defects have increased in areas where AGENT ORANGE was Birth defects have increased in areas where ADENT DRANGS was used or tested, including parts of North Carolina, Oregon and Viet Nam. In 1979 the use of AGENT ORANGE was banned by the EPA. It may be important to note that because of President Reagan's cuts, the EPA is now ineffective and unable to con-trol AGENT BLUES, AGENT GREENS, or whatever the future might bring.

THE TESTIMONY

THE TESTIMONY I was not drafted. I got my draft notice the same day I en-listed in the Air Force. When I got to Viet Nam my job was a 60551-an Air Force code for air freight specialist. I un-loaded barrels with an orange ring around them. I eventually found out that we were handling AGENT ORANEE which I was in contact with from July/1968 to July/1969. There were no waterial being dangerous to our health. No tabs. Nothing but an orange ring around these 55-gallon barrels. We unloaded them and some of the lids came off... other barrels were al-ready open. Many times they would be refueling the ranch-hand whicles (which were C-123's) at the same time I'd be loading and unloading an aircraft. I couldn't wait till they were done refueling the AGENT ORANGE in the aircraft sprayers. The aircraft has a certain time schedule when it has to come in and go out. We had to do it within a certain frame of time, figuring the weight and balance, etc. I could smell the AGENT ORANGE. It smelled putrid...like a terrible gastronomical disturbance. The immediate effects of the exposure to AGENT ORANGE. It smelled putrid...like a terrible yeastronomical for this year) the U.S. government admitted that they over spraying around my base. When I was out on mobility, going but to unload aircraft on fire-bases where the ATM and Mar-ing the weight out in the bush. There was no warning proving around my base. When I was out on mobility, going but to unload aircraft on fire-bases where the ATM and Mar-iner store, there were times when we would be sprayed on by proving around my base. When I was out on mobility, going but to unload aircraft on fire-bases where the ATM and Mar-iner store, there were times when we would be sprayed on by proving around my base. When I was out on mobility, going but to unload aircraft on fire-bases where the ATM and war-baser in Viet Nam with AGENT ORANGE. I saw thand to got out of the area. I the dist. There was no warning the store of the to us out of the area. I the din

I didn't have any serious symptoms until July of 1976, seven years after exposure to AGENT ORANGE. I started getting numb-ness and tingling in my arms, legs, feet and hands. I started getting pain after the first few days of this numbness and tingling. Sharp pains coming in my shoulder. Over a period of a month I didn't have any feeling in my left arm and hand.

The pain spread to my back. It felt like, literally, someone stabbing me. The pain shot up into my head and into other parts of my body. There was so much pain that I could not function. This lasted until June of 1981. I experienced heat flashes, heart palpitations, blacking out, muscle spasms, knots on the spine (due to infections), heavy libido loss, loss of sexual intensity, depression, anxiety, anger, in-somnia, and pain so intense I had to scream. During that five year period I rarely sleep over two hours a night. And that's a restless sleep, then waking up in a cold sweat.

I was in the St. Francis Hospital in Topeka for five days. I underwent spinal taps and myelograms, brain scans, blood tests...almost all the tests they could run. They couldn't find a thing and suggested exploratory surgery. I refused that and was turned away from the hospital. I threw up on the street on the way out. Not being able to hold down food, I found out later, is a common symptom of AGENT ORANGE poison-ing. I've gone from 200 lbs. down to 165 lbs. since I got out of the service. I went to the VA Hospital weeks later because I heard that other people had gotten help there and I didn't have much money. I hadn't worked in four months. It was get-ting intense. I had to find help. The VA took me in and put me in the hospital for three weeks. All they gave me were valums, downers, muscle relaxers..They couldn't find any-thing. They did every kind of test including spinal taps. They wanted to run exploratory surgery on my back. I refused. They referred me to the psychiatrists, who gave me a clean bill of health, saying there was nothing mentally wrong with me except for dealing with a pain that I know nothing of. was in the St. Francis Hospital in Topeka for five days. I

I asked officials at the VA Hospital many times about my expo-sure to AGENT ORANGE and the possibility of this being linked to my symptoms. They always said NO. I had to have stronger symptoms than I had. What am I supposed to do? Foam at the mouth? They were totally unappreciative of my situation, act-ing like I was a bad apple wanting to take advantage of them. I wasn't there to take advantage. I wanted to get out of pain, to quit hurting so I could go back to a normal life. They did-n't want to hear it. I'm not trying to get down on the VA. They've helped people before. But they're not helping me and the other people like me who have these problems. They're ig-noring us, and so is President Reagan, who vetoed a bill to help us.

I finally found help outside the VA Hospital at the McDonagh Medical Center. They believe in preventative medicine. They are currently detoxifying my system as if I were poisoned with ACENT ORANGE, using a strong mixture of vitamins and minerals. They are helping me free of charge and are willing to help others free because the government is not helping them. I feel like since I got help first, I should help others. I feel a compulsion to do this because I know what they're going through. Nobody is sticking beside them. They are going through di-vorces. They don't know what they're up against. I didn't. I lost my wife. Today she still doesn't believe what happened.

I started going to the McDonagh Medical Center around April 20, 1981. On the 15th of June, I began having all my feeling in my extremities come back, the pain in my back disappeared, my head-aches were gone, I was able to concentrate, I could sit down and read more than one page in a book. I started working. I walked fourteen miles three times in one week! Before I got this help, I couldn't walk two blocks without hurting so bad I fell down in pain. I'm not talking about a complete cure. I still have some slight symptoms.

As for the courts, I might be screwed because I'm getting AGENT ORANGE out of my body and the test hasn't been run on me and we can't make the positive ID that it is AGENT ORANGE. The tests to detect AGENT ORANGE poisoning, which involve cutting out fatty tissue in the abdomen, were never done on myself or others affected because the government wants us to die off, according to a senator in South Carolina. The same week that I was turned away from the VA, I went to Truman Medical Center where they found knots on my back and involuntary muscle spasms which are clear signs of spinal infections. The medical records from the VA Hospital show that I had no physical defects.

I am involved in one law suit against the VA Hospital defects. other along with 300 other vets against the VA Hospital an-other along with 300 other vets against the Dow Chemical Co., Monsanto Chemical Co, Hercules, and others involved. As veter-ans, we can't sue the government because of a 1947 law. This is a ridiculous law but I have to live with it. I think that the government and the VA should live by the law also. Dow Chemical Co. has filed a counter suit against the government. It was so convenient for the government to come out on Oct. 1 and admit to over-use of AGENT ORANGE in Viet Nam. Because of the Statute of Limitations Act, the time has expired for the vets who may find out that they were exposed to the dioxin to file suit.

My message to veterans of Viet Nam who are My message to veterans of Viet Nam who are having problems or believe they were exposed to AGENT ORANGE is to seek the assistance of the people at McDonagh Medical Center: MC DONAGH MEDICAL CENTER 2800 A Kendelwood Parkway K.C., MO 816-453-5940

McDonagh Medical Center is aware of the and is prepared to make tests and to help vets free of charge. There are no promises of an immediated cure, but they've helped me and there's a good chance they can help others.





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RCA has also made first appearance on the Christmas albums this year with two apparent delights:

RCA ARLI 4132 List \$9.98 CHRISTMAS WITH THE CANADIAN BRASS AND THE GREAT ORGAN OF ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL Contains all the old standard carols beautifully played by this popular quintet.

ARLI 4136 List \$9.98 CHRISTMAS WITH RENATA SCOTTO AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL with Orchestra and Choir. A great voice performing wonderful arrangements of standard carols.

Schubert Quintet in A major THE TROUT Sviatoslav Richter

What a fine recording! The intraca**Gies** of Schubert's Chamber Music have never been so apparent in recorded sound. Richter has always been high on my list of "monster" pianists. The grace with which he interacts with the Borodin is amazing. The piece is one out of Schubert's 22nd year and shows his lyrical style in full bloom. It is a five movement work. Schubert departed from the traditions movement which is based on his song "FORELLE" (The Front). The exuberance of the score and this performance make it a great experience in chamber music, even for thos whe don't particularly care for chamber music.

Superior Entertainment!

The Second Symphony is the "brightest" sounding of the Sibelius Symphonies. It is scored for smaller orchestra and thinner orchestration than it's companions. Lending to it a "warmer" overall sound. It was completed in 1902 after the composer returned to Finland from Italy. The climate of Italy probably knocked some of the chill out of him as well. It is a patriotic piece full of national fervor and so is this recording. Wonderful digital technique only helps to convey the performance which should be in every Sibelius lovers collection.

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Von Karajan has a way with Sibelius which imparts the true nationalistic soul of the composer. The strength of his performance of the Second holds as well today as his earlier Sibelius recordings, especially of the Fifth which really turned my head regarding this Symphonic giant.

Once again thanks to our label Reps: Steve Miller, Bill Lavery, Pat Jones, & Cliff Schueltz for supplying copies of these LP's for review.

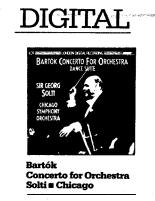


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dave conn's CLASSICAL NOTES

There has been a lot of re-organization in the Classical Section since the last issue of the Pitch. It now includes another full side of bins and will soon have another section of wall racks for display of new releases. We have new cassette racks on the back wall which are ideal for browsing. With many new releases and the arrival of a substantial RCA shipment, we are on our way to being serious about Classical Music and it's buyers. Remember that every Sunday is Classical Day at PennyLane and every LP & tape will be reduced in price. Anything over \$5.00 will be \$1.00 off. Anything under \$5.00 is 50¢ off the sticker price. If you don't find what you are looking for, ask. Anything still listed as available can be special ordered for you at no extra cost.

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BARTOK'S CONCERTO FOR ORCHESTRA Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Sir Georg Solti

LONDON DIGITAL LDR 71036 List \$11.98

Bartok's <u>Concerto for Orchestra</u> has long been recognized as one of the crowning points in orchestral literature; one of the true masterpieces of the 20th Century. Written on a commission from Koressevitsky and the Boston Symphony, the work was finished during the final days in the life of this great composer. As a matter of fact, the \$2500 he received for the score contributed to his final expenses. Most of the piece was written while Bartok was in the hospital suffering from an almost constant high fever. His illness is nowhere evident in the finished product. An example of true virtuoso orchestral writing.

tral writing. There are many recordings available of the Concerto but next to perhaps Fritz Reiner's early recording, this one really takes my ear. Solti had occasion to work with Bartok in several capacities in Budapest. This personal and professional relationship adds a certain sensitivity and detail to the score not often found. The recording itself is nothing short of spectacular. The brilliance of Bartok's score truly comes forth. The disc is FLAT and quiet. BRAVOS for the great Chicago sound and the baton of Sir Georg! SR NUCHAEL TIPETT SINIPLOW NO SR GEOR SOLT SR GEOR SOLT CHCGO SIMPONY URCHESTRA

Tippett Symphony No. 4 Solti = Chicago

SIR MICHAEL TIPPETT SYMPHONY #4 SUITE FOR THE BIRTHDAY OF PRINCE CHARLES Chicago Symphony, Sir Georg Solti LONDON DIGITAL LDR 71046 List \$11.98

I first became acquainted with Tippett's work through an early recording of the <u>Concerto for Double String Orchestra</u> (1939) I bought the record for a chamber orchestra version of Prokofiev's <u>Visions</u> <u>Fugitives</u> and ended up spending more time with the Tippett. I was immediately impressed with his searing ability with counterpoint and rhythm. This was the first in a series of love affairs with his music. At various points in time, there were available recordings of the bulk of his most important works: <u>The Symphonies</u> (3), <u>Concerto for Orchestra, The String Quartets</u>, The <u>Operas-Midsummer's Marrlage</u> and <u>Knot Carden</u>, The Oratorio--<u>A Child of Our Time</u>, and the <u>Piano Concerto</u>. The music ranges from purely music-<u>al to heavily</u> philosophical and spiritual in content. The <u>Symphony</u> #4 is of this last category, covering human existence from the first breath of life to the last gasp of mortality. In seven connected seccions, all laced together with great. craftsmanship, the piece folds and unfolds through powerful abstraction to lyric beauty.

beauty. The Chicago Symphony under the direction of Sir Georg Solt, render what bar only be described as an authentic and prignant reading of this score, which was done on commision from them. Once again the London digital technique is breathtaking. This record makes an important addition to the now pathetic list of this important 20th Century composer's recorded work.



TCHAIKOVSKY'S SYMPHONY #3 in D (Polish) Philadelphia Orchestra, Eugene Ormandy RCA ARLI 4121 List \$9.98

I have always liked, if not preferred, Ormandy and the Philadelphia sound for Tchaikovsky. By nature of upbringing, a Germanic sound, full bodied and dark, they naturalize nationalism to me. This recording, Ormandy's first of this symphony in a good many years is no exception. There are many familiar sounds to the Tchaikovsky lover's ear, both thematically and rhythmically. The Third was completed in 1875 just prior to Swan Lake. The music of the Symphony is non-programmatic (only the Second Symphony of the 6 is likewise composed) and there are five movements instead of the traditional four. An interesting symphony which contains all the ingredients that later made Tchaikovsky the master he was to become but

prior to the morose period of this life. This is delightful, spirited and very refreshing both musically and interpretively.

