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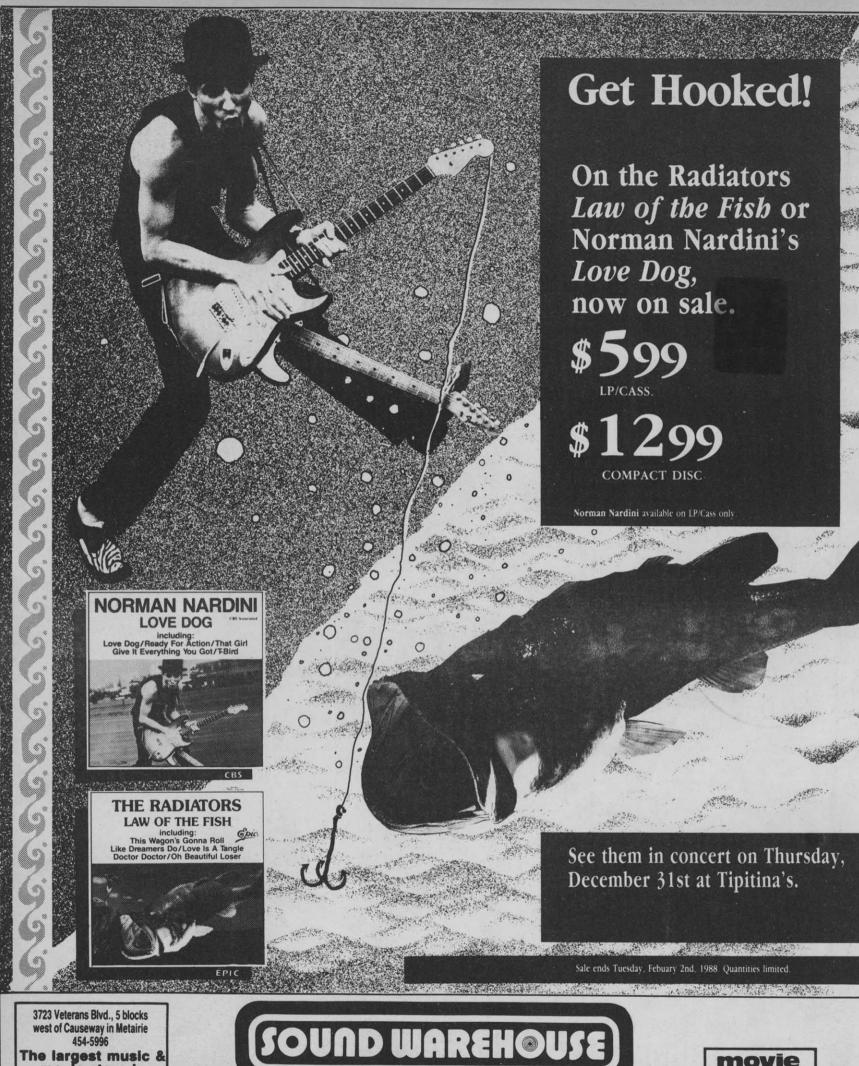
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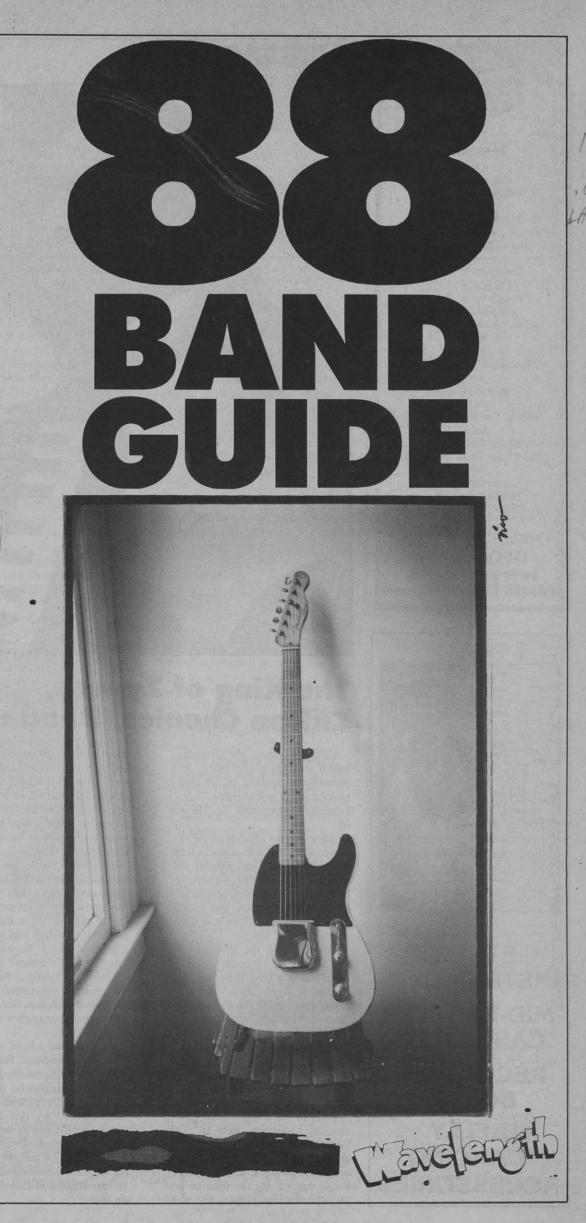
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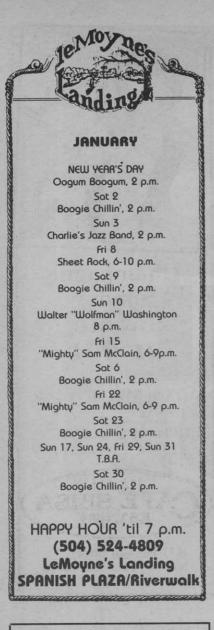
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### The King of Zydeco, Clifton Chenier, Dead at 62

Clifton Chenier, the Grammy award winning accordionist, universally recognized as the king of zydeco, died in Lafayette, Louisiana, December 12. He was 62.

Although no official cause of death was available at press time, Chenier's health had steadily deteriorated since 1980. Recurring bouts with diabetes necessitated the amputation of a foot, and a kidney ailment kept him close to a dialysis machine at all times.

Nevertheless, the resilient Chenier refused to be counted out, maintaining a busy schedule of playing festivals, rock venues and cajun dance halls throughout his illnesses. In fact, he recently returned from a short tour of the Northeast that ended just before Thanksgiving. Not surprisingly, he was hospitalized immediately upon its completion, and he never completely recovered.

Born in the country near Opelousas, Louisiana, June 25, 1925, Cehnier grew up speaking French, and listening to his father play the accordion at home and at rural house dances. By the time he was 16, Chenier was playing the instru-

ment himself, accompanied by his older brother Cleveland who played the rubboard. Chenier gradually adapted the primitive French/creole music his father played with the sounds of rhythm and blues that were being played on the jukeboxes during the 1940s.

In 1946, Chenier and his brother had moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana, where they worked in the sprawling oil refineries, continuing to play music in their free time. In 1954, Chenier was spotted by Elko Records' J. R. Fulbright, who cut "Clifton's Blues" b.w. "Louisiana Stomp." Not only was the record a substantial Gulf Coast hit, but it also was one of the earliest recorded examples of zydeco

Chenier had a brief stint on the Imperial subsidiary, Post, before signing with Specialty Records in 1955. Amazingly, he waxed a bonafide R&B hit with his first release there, "Ay-Tete-Fee" (Hey Little Girl). Chenier and his group, the Zydeco Ramblers, toured extensively off of the success of the record, often backing the likes of Jimmy Reed and Etta James while on tour.

By the late Fifties, Chenier moved over to the Chess family of labels, where he continued to record R&B rather than true zydeco. Later on he moved over to the Zynn, a small label owned by Crowley, Louisiana, record man J. D. Miller, where he continued to record local jukebox singles.

Chenier moved to Houston by the early Sixties, where he was playing a primitive brand of zydeco in the tiny beer joints located in the Frenchtown section of the city. It was in one of these beer joints that Arhoolie Records' Chris Strachwitz first heard Chenier in 1964.

Immediately impressed by what he heard, Strachwitz arranged to record Chenier the very next day. The resulting single "Ay Ai Ai," made enough noise locally to warrant Chenier's first album, Louisiana Blues and Zydeco.

As luck would have it, Chenier and Strachwitz's meeting would be a significant turning point in both men's careers. Arhoolie began to develop a strong catalog of Louisiana music while Chenier became an international recording star.

With a growing string of Arhoolie albums which continued to sell well nationally (the best thing being Bon Ton Roulet and a number of singles which were best sellers back home), Chenier's name became virtually synonymous with zydeco. Sporting a mock crown, Chenier and his Red Hot Louisiana Band often worked six nights a week playing their rock 'em, sock 'em music on the crawfish circuit. But, as his popularity expanded, by the late Sixties his travels would also take him to Canada and Europe.

His recordings continued to sell even better throughout the 1970s, and he was also profiled in Les Blank's documentary film *Hot Pepper*. Chenier's music would also inspire a legion of other zydeco accordionists, including Queen Ida, Buckwheat Zydeco, Rockin' Sydney, the Sam Brothers and Rockin' Dopsie.

À prolific recording artist, Chenier didn't limit his recordings to the Arhoolie label. In 1984, his *I'm Here*, released on the Alligator label, earned him a Grammy in the Ethnic and Folk category.

Although ill-health slowed his recording pace in later years, Arhoolie recently released a 60-minute-plus compact disc — aptly titled *The King of Zydeco*, a veritable greatest hits collection — and a new album, *Clifton Chenier Sings the Blues*, which contains some rare and previously unavailable recordings from 1969 and 1971.

Chenier is survived by his wife, Margaret, and a son, C.J., who also plays the accordion and plans to follow in his father's footsteps.

-Almost Slim

#### Fats Puts New Orleans In Prime Time

Dateline: Wednesday, December 9, 1987, 8:00 p.m. On the tube is yet another 'Country Music Entertainer of the Year' award for Alabama and the Gatlin Brothers, right? Or is it one of those horrid Grammy shows with Julio Iglesias copping best blues performance by a Spaniard?

No, by golly! It's Fats Domino in radiant, diamond-encrusted splendour, making those tuxedoed music tycoons boogie their hot air-filled souls to a bouncing version of "I'm Walkin" while next to him, certainly one of the most-neglected "fathers of rock 'n' roll," Dave Bartholomew blows some blasting trumpet fills. INCREDIBLE!

The event was no less the first Grammy Lifetime Achievement Awards show. Correct me if I'm wrong (everybody else has been lately), but I think the Lifetime Achievement Award has been given out heretofore piecemeal, one-at-atime at the usual Grammy Award ceremonies. No doubt realizing that the recipients weren't getting any younger, the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences decided to splurge and give out six this year. The recipients were class-

ical violinist Isaac Stern, jazz saxophonist Benny Carter, Grand Ole Opry legend Roy Acuff, and three (count 'em) rhythm & blues legends Ray Charles, B.B. King, and Fats. Fats had never previously won a Grammy, though his protegés Bobby Darin ("Splish Splash" and "Queen of the Hop" were truly Domino-inspired) and Chubby Checker had won in 1959 and 1961, respectively, for "Best New Artist" and "Best Contemporary (Rock 'n' Roll) Recording.' the Grammy has always managed to keep its finger off the pulse of innovative popular music. None of Fats Domino's umpteen classics won Grammys, but "Let's Twist Again" did!

But all is forgiven when one hears the Diva with the Blue Dress, Beverly Sills proclaim "Many of us grew up listening to Huey 'Piano' Smith, Professor Longhair, and Ernie K-Doe"!!! She then introduced 60 Minutes' newsman Ed Bradley, who said that he grew up listening to Fats in Rhode Island. He then started the spiel:

"His music is a reflection of the jazz rhythms he grew up with, coupled with that special warmth and easy-going charm of New Orleans. Even so, it's hard to sit still during a Fats Domino song because of that infectious beat. Fats developed his style playing in small clubs and jazz joints as a teenager. It was in one of them that record promoter Dave

Bartholomew discovered Fats.
Bartholomew helped the young singer arrange a recording session, and the result was a record called "The Fat Man." It started the Domino hit-making machine rolling. Fats churned out hit after hit as sure and steady as a Mississippi paddle-wheeler steaming upriver. That simple rock 'n' roll beat and the catchy lyrics soon influenced the songs of other white rockers like Elvis, Pat Boone, and Rick Nelson, but only Fats could make it look and sound so easy."

Musical tributes were paid by Ronnie Milsap doing a soulful "Ain't That A Shame," Paul (he can't sing, but he means well) Schafer doing "Blueberry Hill," and Dr. John growling a mos' scocious "I'm in Love Again." Bradley said of Dr. John, "He loved the sound of Fats, Professor Longhair, James Booker and other titans. His goal in life was to join that august group. He certainly has, becoming one of today's most articulate interpreters of the New Orleans piano sound."

Fats and Dave then raised the audience out of their seats. All said, it was definitely a sight to see.

-Rick Coleman

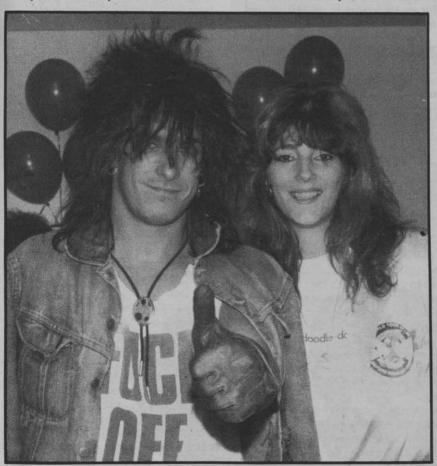
### **wwoz**: Going Through Changes

WWOZ celebrated its seventh birthday by holding a two-day seminar to discuss what the station was all about and how it should be organized. This event took place on the weekend of December 5 and 6 at St. Mark's Community Center.

It took on several dimensions of extra enthusiasm and meaning by occurring only three days after a significant personnel change. Tim Green had just been named by the board of directors of the Friends of WWOZ to be the interim station manager, replacing John Dozier. Dozier's brief stay was highlighted by a variety of problems, including a freak major power loss after a hitand-run barge accident toppled the station's riverside transmitting tower. When finally returning to the air after three months' absence, effective broadcasting strength had been cut from 19,000 watts to 900.

Green was appointed on the strength of his hard-working performance as a member of the active WWOZ staff. His appointment was greeted with hoorays by area musicians as well as long-time OZ volunteers. Being a musician himself — Tim has played saxophone with Walter Washington and Gatemouth Brown, among others — he promises to be a sympathetic voice on what has been the *only* radio station to play a wide range of local music.

-Steve Armbruster



Nicki Sixx from Motley Crüe gives thumbs up to Mary Serpas, host of the **Rock Music Show with Mary Serpas** shown of CableVision of St. Bernard Monday through Fridays on channels 2 and 33 at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Serpas features local and national musicians, and recently toured Ultrasonic Studios on the air. Want to appear on the show? Just write Mary, c/o CableVision, P.O. Box 1458, Chalmette, LA 70044.





### First Annual Mayor's Forum on Music

Almost two hundred people from New Orleans' ranks of musicians, music industry professionals and the business community gathered at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans on December 3rd for the first annual Mayor's Forum on Music and Economic Development.

Organized by the New Orleans Music & Entertainment Association (NOM&E), the conference included a full day of panels and workshops that attempted to address the multiple opportunities New Orleans has to develop itself as a music center.

Mayor Sidney Barthelemy's pledge of his administration's full support was an encouraging sign for the future of the city's music. He called the forum "a golden opportunity to...capitalize on our music and provide opportunities for musicians to live and work in New Orleans."

Developing New Orleans' music industry is a complex subject, and the forum attempted to cover a wide range of topics. These included an educational session on the basics of making money in the music business, which covered legal and financial concerns from both the performers' and music business standpoint. Legal experts from the local legal firm of Jones Walker as well as banking expert Charles Bryan from Dominion Bank in Nashville and Harry Warren from BMI spoke to the group.

Original research by Dr. Scott Ray of Cyprus Research revealed that New Orleans' live music scene alone has an economic impact of about \$94 million annually, or about one-fourth that of the highly-promoted Martin Marietta space station contract. Dr. Ray and Dr. Tim Ryan of UNO pointed out that our music resources were already in place and emphasized tha economic development hinges on expanding those pre-existing resources.

Patrick Berry of Windham Hill Records and Danny Jones, president of the Memphis Chapter of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS) focused on what New Orleans needs to do to develop her recording industry. They emphasized that three factors are necessary to keep musicians in the city and the money from their recordings in the local economy. One is artists - which we have in abundance. The second is attracting a record label, and the third component - the most important — is investment capital.

Jay Gallagher of Ultrasonic Studios and Lynn Dawson of Bauerlein advertising addressed a seldomdiscussed area where musicians in New Orleans can make money commercial music, including jing-



Opening Session: New Orleans knows how to make music; now, how do we make money making music?

les, and composition and performance for television and radio ads.

At lunch, Jan Ramsey, Mayor's Forum Chairman, announced that Peter Morton, owner of the Hard Rock Cafe, and Darryl Berger, developer of the Jax Brewery, were planning a "Music Walk." The Music Walk will be a tourist attraction that will consist of plaques honoring musicians and performers who have contributed to New Orleans music. The plaques are to be placed in the sidewalk surrounding the Hard Rock Cafe in the French Quarter. The first nominees, to be selected by New Orleans Music & Entertainment members, will probably be announced sometime this spring.

Ms. Ramsey also announced the sister-city relationship that is under negotiation between Liverpool and New Orleans. Dr. Al Stokes of the Mayor's Office confirmed the negotiations and commended NOM&E for its leadership in organizing the Mayor's Forum.

Other luncheon speakers included Mrs. Noelle LeBlanc, currently the Secretary of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, who stressed how we need to use music to enhance tourism to the state and city. Morty Wiggins of Bill Graham Productions, who is part of the management team for the Neville Brothers, urged cooperation and the im-

portance of cohesion among all music groups and organizations in the city.

Lynn Ourso, current state director of the Music Commission and Jill Jenks, Executive Director of the State Office of Film and Video, both told of recent developments resulting from their promotional efforts to attract music- and film-related business to the state.

Most of the afternoon program was devoted to sessions that explored how New Orleans can use music to promote tourism. Panel experts, who included Quint Davis of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, Musician Ronnie Kole, Jim Green of Tipitina's, Shel-



**Expert counsel:** Craig Hayes of Nashville, local attorney Mark Davis, Nashville banker Charles Bryan and representatives of the local legal firm of Jones Walker.



Success stories: Quint Davis of the Jazz Festival discusses the vast market for New Orleans music outside the city while Ronnie Kole looks on.

ley Hardison of Pete Fountain Productions, and George and Nina Buck of the GHB Jazz Foundation and Jazzology Records, agreed that New Orleans music has a vast market outside the city that needs to be exploited.

The major problem seems to be the lack of communication between the hospitality industry and clubowners, according to Green. Many tourists and conventioneers want to see music outside the French Quarter, but usually are not informed as to what's happening outside the Quarter. Solutions to the problem included discussions on how tours can be arranged to other clubs, and the cooperation needed among clubowners.

Leo Watermeier and Ron Mertens of the Chamber made a lengthy presentation on the proposed Armstrong Park/Tivoli Gardens development. From all indications, this time it looks as though the city might actually pull it off. Armstrong Park, developed a la Tivoli Gardens, will provide an ongoing venue for New Orleans musicians, providing jobs as well as a new, much-needed tourist attraction that will also appeal to locals.

Scott Billington of Rounder Records and Karen Leipsiger of Concerted Efforts (which books Louisiana groups in the U.S. and around the world) agreed on the "grass roots" appeal of New Orleans music. Both acknowledged that New Orleans music can be successful outside the city if packaged and marketed aggressively.

A session on music and music business education as a foundation for the industry's future in the city was the subject of a program whose speakers included Dr. David Swans of the Loyola School of Music, John Otis of the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts, and Larry Lipman, who currently heads up the commercial music program at Memphis State University.

The final session highlighted what New Orleans needs to do in order to become a center for the music business.

Bobby Reno from WCKW Radio urged support from the local broadcast media for local artists works, and solicited tapes from local performers.

March Kingsdorf of Moving Pictures showed how Jim Gabour's "Music City" series (originally produced through Cox Cable) has been transformed to a program that's been sold to cable channels

and to television networks abroad. Kingsdorf's presentation pointed up how important television is to exposing our music to the "outside world."

Jim Hutchinson, owner of WYLD Radio, related the development of young performers to the overall state of the music industry in New Orleans. He told of how the annual WYLD Talent Show has helped many a young performer, both in terms of personal development and exposure to the world of performing. Hutchinson stressed the need for other such venues to improve a young act's chances of exposure and acceptance in the local market.

Speakers from Austin and Minneapolis told the audience how their cities were developing their respective music industries. Ernie Gammage from Austin spelled out a point-by-point plan that he modeled after Austin's plan for music industry development.

Ron Soskin of American Artists Corporation in Minneapolis told of his company's participation in the multi-million dollar Waterfront Communications Center which, he pointed out, is an easier project for a potential investor to understand because it represents "bricks and mortar" real estate rather than an intangible such as publishing rights.

Gammage emphasized the need for development of the music business infrastructure — qualified agents, managers, recording studios, promotional concerns and the like. Musicians, said Gammage, are not the people who should be involved in the music industry development effort at this point because they should be left free to create "music — what they do best," says Gammage. It's up to the music business community to improve its professionalism and to connect with the established busi-

ness community — the Chamber, the tourist commission and city government. Better relationships with industry trade organizations such as BMI, ASCAP and NARAS will offer a wealth of resources for the New Orleans music community.

The Mayor's Forum was capped by a cocktail reception that provided means of networking for speakers and the audience.

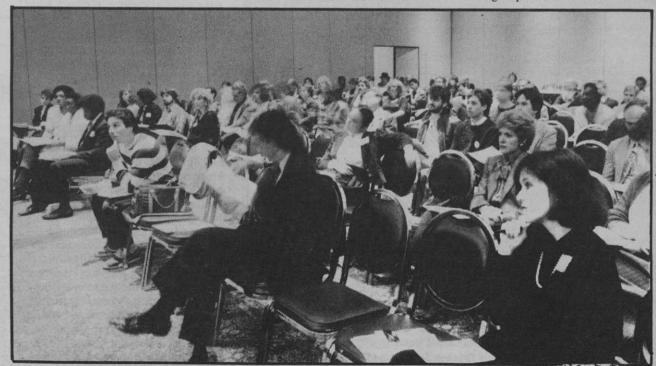
According to Jan Ramsey, the Mayor's Forum Chairman and past president of NOM&E, this is the first of many such forums. "The time for us to capitalize on our music is right now, while we're hot," Ramsey said at the conference. "The outstanding support given to the Forum by the Mayor's Office and the Chamber means that we're finally on our way to making it happen in New Orleans."

Repercussions

The repercussions of NOM&E's work and the Mayor's Forum are still being felt. In mid-December, two meetings were arranged by the Greater New Orleans Tourist and Convention Commission (GNOTCC) and by the Chamber to explore ideas using music and entertainment to increase tourism.

Music industry promoters, NOM&E representatives, Chamber representatives, and the GNOTCC met to discuss the possibility of arranging a summertime music festival similar to the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival to increase tourism to the city during the traditionally slow summer months.

The GNOTCC also arranged a meeting of representatives of the entertainment and arts community, including NOM&E, the opera, ballet and symphony, the Contemporary Arts Center, Ticketmaster, the Superdome, various theatres and other groups to coordinate the dis-



**Taking notes:** Representatives of the successful music cities of Nashville, Austin and Minneapolis gave New Orleans plenty of hints.

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semination of information on the arts to tourists and conventioneers.

Efforts are also now underway to coordinate tours with clubs outside the French Quarter.

From an awareness standpoint, the Mayor's Forum made an impact with the *Times-Picayune*, that bastion of conservative journalism. The T/P published two articles and a

positive editorial on the subject of music industry development, and reportedly is considering a major piece in a future Sunday edition. *CityBusiness* is also preparing an indepth article on the subject.

It looks as though we've finally got their attention. Can the music industry organize its own efforts to make an impact? Time will tell...

# Conference on Black Music "Fascinating"

National Conference brings scholarly research to Louisiana music history.

There's a valid theory, supported on both musical and linguistic grounds, that Zydeco music may have its origins in the French colonial islands off the east coast of Africa. There's also another interesting theory that the Creole Band, a legendary group of black musicians who took New Orleans music to the outside world around 1914, was doomed to failure because of the prevailing racial attitudes. These are just two examples of some of the ideas presented at the National Conference On Black Music Research, a fascinating forum which met at the New Orleans Sheraton Hotel, October 15-17.

The presenters demonstrated, with the help of musical examples and slides, the rich blanket of Afro-American music in Louisiana; from the studied politeness of Nineteenth Century black Creole music, through the jazz revolution, the pervasive gospel tradition, the rural Franco-American blendings and the popular manifestations of rhythm and blues.

The name of the game in any type of historical research is finding the primary source materials, and the speakers at this year's conference included oral history, contemporary newspapers, vital records, sheetmusic and linguists among the subjects helpful to researchers.

This century was into its third decade before America began to take much of its own music seriously, and then it was due in part to the pioneering researchers, for example the Lomaxs and William Russell. Much still remains to be studied; indeed certain aspects of the music remain virtually untouched by the scholar.

This conference, which was organized by Dr. Samuel Floyd of Columbia College in Chicago, was a laudable project, with interest for both the serious reseacher and the general music buff. Hopefully there will be many more in the years to come.

-Andy Ridley

#### LETTERS

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Dear Last:

I appreciate the identifying legend of the Bunny Matthews cover that you provided in the December issue. I correctly guessed all but the likenesses of Shirley and Lee (Bernadine Washington and Jessie Hill).

However, I believe that on closer examination you will discover that the short Santa with the short red beard was mistakenly labelled "Dr. John" when it should have been "Deacon John."

Please make this correction and promulgate it so that your readers will know the truth and deserved recognition will be given to N.O.'s premier guitarist/bandleader.

—Michael J. Coogan Baton Rouge, LA

### Saxophonist David Lastie Dies

Member of famed Lastie family had many friends

It is my unpleasant task to report the death of one of New Orleans' premier R&B saxophonists, David Lastie. Although he appeared to be in the best of health, Lastie died suddenly at his home on December 5. He was 53

In a career that stretched back nearly four decades, Lastie played with virtually every key New Orleans R&B artist. While he rarely recorded as a frontman, his playing can be heard on dozens of great recordings. But besides being a great musician, Lastie was helpful and friendly to those of us who research the music he played. He was the gracious source of much information.

Born in New Orleans on November 11, 1934, he was of course a member of one of the city's preeminent musical families. His father, Frank Lastie, is the deacon of the Guiding Star Spiritual Church, perhaps the first minister to play the drums during a service. His oldest brother, Melvin, was an often recorded trumpeter, while his younger brother, Walter, was a talented drummer. Strangely all three brothers died suddenly, at approximately the same age.

Lastie picked up the saxophone while in his teens, learning from the renowned professor, Buddy Hagen. His first professional work was with the House Rockers, a band organized by his uncle, Jessie Hill. In 1952, Lastie joined Guitar Slim's band for the better part of a year — Lastie told the best Guitar Slim yarns! Besides touring with Slim, he was also present on his Bullet recordings, i.e. Feeling Sad.

After Lastie's stint with Slim, he was a member of Sugar Boy's Cane Cutters — that's him on "Jockamo" — and the occasional session man at Cosimo's Studio. Lastie also played with Smiley Lewis, Earl King and Huey Smith during the Fifties.

By 1960, Lastie had rejoined Jesse Hill's group, and he was present on Hill's wild and wooly Minit records. For a quick primer on New Orleans saxophone investigate Lastie's blowing on "Ooh Poo Pa Doo."

By the mid-Sixties, Lastie had moved to California along with a number of other New Orleans musicians. Of course he continued to play, but only on a part time basis. Nevertheless, he was in top form on Dr. John's *Gumbo* album, which recreated many of the songs Lastie played on originally.

He was back in New Orleans by

He was back in New Orleans by the early Seventies, forming A



David Lastie: Always dancing

Taste Of New Orleans, a group which featured brother Walter, and sister Betty Ann, a fine vocalist. He also covered for a lot of local groups when a saxophonist was needed on short notice.

Since 1980, Lastie's career had many ups and downs. His family was featured in a documentary, "Up From the Cradle of Jazz," which brought increased exposure. However the death of Walter stunned David and drastically altered his band. For a few years he drove a produce truck to make ends meet, but most weekends he could be found playing, often in the court-yard at the French Market.

Lastie was a frequent visitor to Europe during the last few years, backing the likes of Snooks Eaglin, Walter Washington, Johnny Adams and Earl King. Up until last year he had a regular Sunday afternoon gig at Storyville playing with George Porter and Wanda Rousan. Recently, he'd joined Dejean's Olympia Brass Band and was planning to tour Europe with the group in 1987. He will be sadly missed by his family and all music fans.

-Almost Slim

#### David Lastie's Funeral

Tubas in the lead,
more than forty musicians
every one a friend
marched down the aisle
of the Israelite Spiritual Church,
playing "Just A Closer Walk With
Thee" in tribute to David.

Spirits were high on the outside lawn, everyone greeting old buddies. His sense of humor lived after him. Memories were too fresh to admit he was really gone.

The sky next morning was overcase.

Traffic stalled on Elysian Fields.

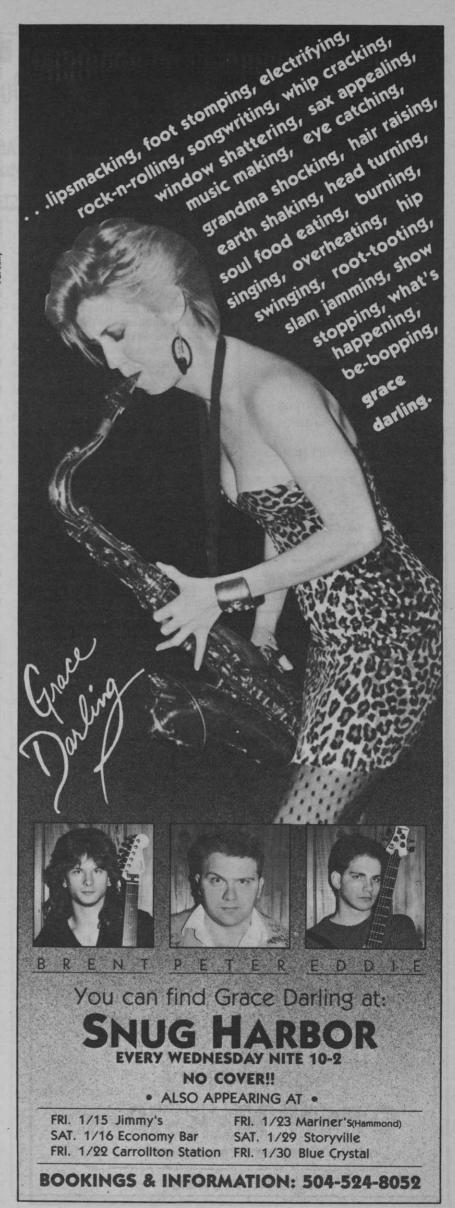
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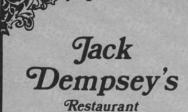
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- Steve Armbruster







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## MP REPORT

# Hairy Dogs, Dangerous Yock

Let's face it: Abstinence is out — Here's what to do when you overdo.

#### STEVE ARMBRUSTER

aw egg in Guinness Stout is said to help a hangover. I consider this a rough combination, especially on a rocky morning. Under certain circumstances, however, I could change my mind. Holiday spirits can obscure the virtue of moderation. Prevention may be the best cure, but when we wake up to "pain in the head" and "water on the brain," both body and soul cry out for instant re-

Knowing the local love of overindulgence, I solicited you, the loyal readers, for advice on treating this dreaded "morning sickness." The response was less than spectacular, I suppose because those who suffer this affliction are not prone to correspondence. Just the same, I shall offer a few suggestions, knowing how desperately some of you out there need

First of all, forget about coffee as an antidote. It does not work. Several experiments I read about concluded the chemistry of mixing coffee and alcohol makes response time and reflexes even slower than with just the liquor.

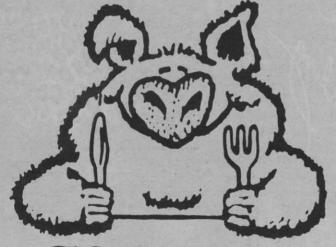
Food can forestall the pains of hangover, but it will not sober you up. Even a big meal cannot speed alcohol out of the bloodstream. But eating either before or while you drink, especially protein-rich foods, will slow down the rate at which you absorb it into your system. So you may want to keep a stick of beef jerky or a piece of cheese in your pocket in case of a

When you do drink, beer is probably a good choice for the hangoverconscious. Experts agree that alcohol dehydrates the body and uses up vitamins. The carbohydrates and nutrients in beer results in lower concentrations of alcohol in the blood than either wine or hard liquor. Thus you get drunk slower on beer and you have a little susterance to fall back on.

Beer also has a lot of history going for it. When the Babylonians fermented their version of barley pop over 5,000 years ago, their word for that beverage was "boozah."



Proponents of the "hair of the dog" school of hangover cures generally concur that beer is their best morningafter libation. The egg is optional. Fizz is essential, and the brew must be chilled. Warm, flat beer is totally out of the question. A half-and-half mix-ture of beer and tomato juice, said to be the precursor of the Bloody Mary, was touted late one night by a trusted friend in Snug Harbor as a helpful rejuvenator.



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Soda water with a dash of bitters aspirin on the side - also came highly recommended. This may sometimes help stop hiccoughs also, which can be a living hell to someone with a

Aspirins and vitamins, - especially B-complex, C, and E - can relieve some post-party pain, but the trick is to ingest them the night before. That way they can already be in your system when you need them.

One alternative, which seems radical for New Orleans, is to drink without getting alcohol. Perrier water and friends are standard issue at parties and bars. It is even easier now to find no-alcohol beers and wine. Some are actually tasty, such as a product called Kaliber, made by Guinness. Teetotalers no longer have to feel left out, and they can still feel good the next day.

But what of the majority? Is there any hope?

I remember friends claiming wondrous results from using a substance called evening primrose oil. I had forgotten about it until embarking on this little research project. I would guess you could find it on the shelves of your better health food stores, such as All Natural Foods or Eve's Market.

I cannot promise anything for it myself, but I did find a magazine article (American Health, April 1985) which indicates interesting possibilitoil is about 10% gamma-linolenic acid, which the body normally synthesizes. Alcohol blocks that synthesis. This oil replaces what is not getting synthesized. Scientists believe this helps protect brain-cell membranes. And it has kind of an interesting name. (Let us know if it works for you.)

My own favorite remedy is yat ca mein. "Yock," as it is called by the locals, is apparently a Chinese dish that has been adopted by some local blacks. If you go along Claiborne or St. Bernard avenues you can see it painted on the signboards outside certain bars and cafes. The spelling may vary (yacamain, etc.), but the dish is basically the same. It usually comes in big portions, quart-sized Sweetheart buckets with lids to go. Shreds of roast beef, sometimes pork, leftover scraps from making po-boys, are mixed into a broth with noodles, freshly sliced green onion, and half a hard-boiled egg. It is all seasoned with soy sauce, pepper, and a healthy blast of hot sauce

I first learned about "yock" ten years ago in a food review by the Underground Gourmet about Sam's Pool Hall. I remember him advising that its location on the corner of South Rampart and Erato dictated discretionary daylight visits. Indeed, it is in one of the Central City's most depressed districts, only minutes from

Directly across Erato is the Packard Theater. It was renovated by Bo Dollis, Big Chief of the Wild Magnolias. If he opens it back up for live entertainment, it would be well worth visiting. Otherwise, you would have little incentive for visiting the area at

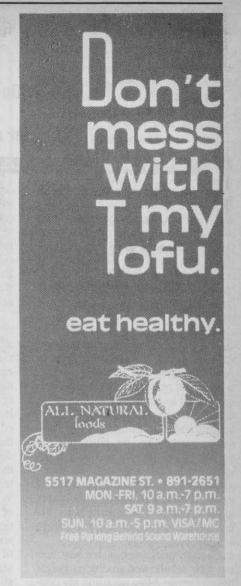
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Nevertheless, Sam's has good food at great prices. The proprietor is a young man of Yugoslavian extraction. His family has maintained the business here for over fifty-seven years, even though the neighborhood has greatly changed. (Just two blocks away, Uglesich's Restaurant remains a similar vestige of a bygone residential makeup and great food values.)

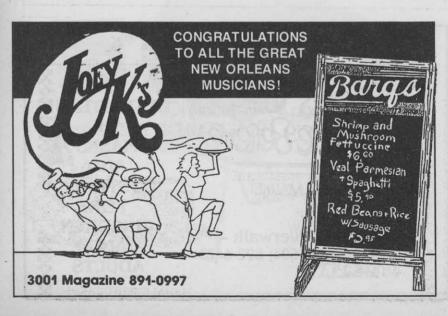
Yat ca main, as prepared at Sam's Pool Hall, dates back to Willa Mae Banks. She is now 81 years old and long since retired. When she cooked in the kitchen at Sam's, she started making a dish she learned from her father. He was half Negro and half Chinese. Over the years it became a local mainstay, renowned for its restorative powers.

As a quick substitute for "yock" you might pick up a packet of "ramen," which is an oriental-style instant noodle soup mix. You could get it when you go searching for evening primrose oil. Add your green onions, your cayenne, and hot sauce.

If that doesn't work, just mix de lime and de coconut and call me in de











# The Top N 11.12

Don't let a New York critic tell you what's good; let us tell you what's good.

#### BY JOHN DESPLAS

can see by the calendar on the wall one of those classic red-whiteand-blue Barq's calendars that still helpfully remind us that Admiral Dewey was born on December 26, 1837 and the first airplane flight occured this very month in 1903 and, oh yes, December 25 is Christmas Day - it's time to compile the annual ten best lists. It also affords slothful critics an opportunity to crank out a column without overloading the synapses. Veteran Village Voice reviewer Andrew Sarris fills up several pages with lists of performances that he feels compelled to single out for praise including actors and actresses in both leading and supporting roles and then, space permitting, he pulls out the necrology for the year and, in a flourish of we-shall-not-see-their-likesagain prose, laments the departure of screen luminaries to the big multiplex in the sky where the popcorn is always hot and the feature attraction is always a TEN.

Enough snickering — ten best lists are now a hallowed tradition, vulgar but cathartic. After whittling my pencil down to a nub with revisions and more revisions as I continually reevaluated my criteria for inclusion on such an august list, I was struck by the similarity of what Hollywood had offered the movie-going public in '87 and what the Democratic Party is offering the voting public in '88. Like all the Democratic presidential hopefuls, the best films of '87, though decent enough, simply don't inspire much enthusiasm. I suppose that these films offer reasonable entertainment value for your dollar, but it is, after all, a devalued dollar. Nothing I saw this past year, either foreign or domestic, took me places I've never been before; even those that displayed glints of artistry as well as craft, movies like Roxanne with Steve Martin

doing a riff on Rostand's Cyrano de Bergerac or the Coen Brothers raising schoolboy mischieviousness in Raising Arizona - they were works of lapidary art, small things done uncommonly well. Contrary to the Rex Reeds, and the Siskel and Eberts as well, there were no "towering achievements.

Which brings us to Platoon. For several weeks last winter it was almost impossible to pick up a magazine or turn on the TV without encountering the testimony of a Vietnam vet as to the authenticity of Oliver Stone's version of Why We Were In Vietnam. More than once I watched vets break down as they related their reaction to seeing the film; others discussed how the movie was helping them finally to talk about and come to terms with their combat experiences. Without denying the "authenticity" of Oliver Stone's evocation of a particular time and a particular place and without denying the therapeutic value of this recreation to the men who served in the jungles of Vietnam, I still think it's possible to assert that Platoon, as a film, is not one for the ages. It displays some interesting sociological insights, especially in the early scenes, into what sort of young man fought the war and how those same soldiers related to one another. Once the writer-director began to play his allegorical card of Good vs Evil, the structure of the film quietly collapsed and, at least for this viewer, Mr. Stone never solved the problem of how to convey the sense of disorientation in a war without front lines without the narrative itself lapsing into confusion. I know, I know, I wasn't there. But, for my devalued dollar, sections of Francis Ford Coppola's Apocalypse Now, though per-haps less "authentic" in the sense of less naturalistic in its approach, did



leave me thinking "oh the horror, the horror," whereas I left Platoon thinking "maybe you had to be there," not a standard for a truly great film. (I have since seen Mr. Stone's Wall Street which I thought a dud even by TV Social-Problem-of-the-Week comparisons and, my God, is there a duller actor in movies today than Charlie Sheen? I've heard of white bread actors but this kind gives Wonder Bread a bad name. Mr. Stone's finest moment remains Salvador and that largely due to some terrific performances by James Woods and Jim Belushi.)

#### The Envelope, Please

Now that I've explained the conspicuous-by-its-absence of Platoon, what did make the list? Though I see no point in listing them in any ascending or descending preference, I do see a point in dividing them into two categories: those in which the direction was critical and those in which the performances were decisive. For example, without Gary Oldham as Sid Vicious and Chloe Webb as Nancy Spungen there wouldn't be much rea-

son to dwell on Sid and Nancy. The best that can be said for Alex Cox's direction is that he doesn't get in the way of the spectacle of two people bent on their own and each other's destruction. No special insights are offered as to how these two lives went down the toilet, but thanks to the performances, it's ghoulishly fascinating to watch. As a bonus, Oldham's rendition of Sid Vicious' version of the Sinatra chestnut, My Way, was the best musical moment in a film in

Another film that flirts with enchantment thanks to its casting is Roxanne with Steve Martin as a latter day Cyrano pining for the lovely Daryl Hannah as the eponymous heroine. I could be underrating the contribution of director Fred Schepisi who's done some excellent work, notably The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith, and whose style is deceptively unobstrusive. But this delicate conceit is unthinkable without Steve Martin. In a similar vein is Barry Levinson's Tin Men with Richard Dreyfuss and Danny De Vito, the latter being palatable for the first time in memory. Some-





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times the film seems more wan than gentle, but again Dreyfuss and De Vito, with the persistence of lovable mutts, won me over.

Surprisingly, the two other films that I put under the performance category - reminding one just how arbitrary an excuse these lists are - were directed by limeys known for their visual razzle-dazzle. Ridley Scott is best known for his otherworldly visions in Alien and Bladerunner, but in Someone to Watch Over Me he's on the familiar terrain of the noirish thriller — though he does photograph New York highlife as if it were not of this world. Unfortunately he doesn't show much aptitude for the more mundane pleasures of the genre but he gets some low key but ingratiating ensemble acting from Tom Berenger, Mimi Rogers, and Lorraine Bracco that compensates for his deficiency. Finally, I must confess to enjoying, or at least succumbing to, the highly manipulative Fatal Attraction. Adrien Lyne makes flashy movies (Flashdance, 91/2 Weeks) but seldom do they involve the viewer beyond admiration for his visual dexterity. Though the camerawork persistently nudges, it's the actors who steal the picture. Michael Douglas, Anne Archer, and Glen Close as the avenging Medusa steal the movie from the director

With the remaining pictures it's not the performances that dominate; at



least in retrospect, it's something more intangible that lingers on weeks and months after I've seen the film. Looking over what remains, Robo-Cop is easily the most controversial. Yet it is extremely violent and the violence is undeniably sensuous and exciting and, though much of it is highly graphic, at the same time it isn't realistic; it's a live-action comic book. Obviously if that sort of thing offends you, stay away. I'm not going to add my two cents to the violencein-the-movies debate except to say I remain unconvinced that it's a major social problem confronting our society. However, I don't think it's the violence that has excited many of those who have seen the movie two or

three times, but Dutch director Paul Verhoeven's intuitive feel for the medium that is so exhilirating. You think, goodness, I'm in the hands of a man who knows what to do with a camera. And if you sit through enough movies then you know that's not a common experience these days. Likewise with the puerile antics of the Coen Brothers in Raising Arizona. A lot of the jokes are of the smartass punk variety but the guys do have a grasp of how to use the tools of moviemaking. In both cases, you could question how these directors choose to employ their estimable skills, but at least they do have the

Less likely to raise eyebrows are

my choice of John Boorman's Hope and Glory and Woody Allen's Radio Days. These are respectable films that you can take home to mom and dad. I enjoyed them, I liked them, they're not juvenile and yet kids as well as adults could appreciate them, that is, if you could first lure the kids in. Yet I must admit to a vague sense of dissatisfaction. When I go to the movies, in the murky recesses of my mind, I hear a voice saying "amaze me, show me things I've never seen before,' and these movies don't amaze me; I left the theatre edified. That sense of awe - and I don't mean the pre-fab variety that we've gotten in the last couple of Spielberg films - is essential in a great film director. That's why Citizen Kane continues to inspire generations of would-be film directors. No matter how many times you watch that glass orb fall and hear Welles entone "rosebud," it never ceases to enthrall; no matter how many times you sit through the film you leave feeling that you've seen things you've never seen before. And so for the final slot on my list, it's a three-way tie between three exploitation films that every now and then showed glimmers of being on to something new and different and uncharted: A New Year's toast to The Hidden (Jack Sholder), Hellraiser (Clive Barker), and Near Dark (Katherine Bigelow). Check the video store for their eminent release.





# CARIBBEAN

**Year-End Clearance** 

Many excellent releases of Caribbean and African are still available in the record stores.

BY GENE SCARAMUZZO

t this time each year I find myself with a stack of records that have, for one reason or another, never been mentioned in these pages. In an effort to wipe the slate clean, and to make certain that many excellent releases of 1987 are given their due, I offer the following. Please keep in mind that, unless otherwise stated, all discs mentioned are available here in the States. In New Orleans, the most likely sources of these records are the new Tower Records, Canal Street Records, Sound Warehouse, Musica Latina and Papa Lee's Records.

Zouk music from the French Antilles islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique began to make its appearance in the U.S. this year. Two early Kassav' efforts, dating back to early Eighties, were made available on Celluloid reissues. The better of the two, Kassav' with Gerard Decimus (CEL 6131) features the early Kassav' sound, a bit heavier on the gwo ka (drums) and Antilles rhythms than today's Kassav' sound.

Two compilations are worth mentioning, the Earthworks release,

Hurricane Zouk (EWV-2), and De Cadence-lypso au Zouk Cadence-lypso to Zouk (CPS Records, CPSR-00187). Hurricane Zouk is a very nice taste of zouk spanning the past four years. Kassav' is featured on several cuts, backing up Kanda Bongo Man on "Guetho A Liso" (the most recent cut on the album), and backing gwo ka artist George Hubert on two. Likewise, they appear in their alter-ego form, Soukoue Ko Ou, for an abridged version of the excellent cut, "New York Ameliore." Other top forty artists, not quite so exciting, also appear on the compilation, like slack artist Francky Vincent (with his suggestive hit of the summer of '86, "Pine Colada"), and the current forms of the Vikings band and another called Come Back.

The other Antilles compilation, De Cadence-lypso au Zouk, is quite interesting because it contains samples of cadence-lypso, created by Dominique artist Gordon Henderson back in the Seventies. This music was the rage of the Antilles during the late Seventies and is partially the root of



today's zouk. The lp contains eight cuts, everyone of which Gordon Henderson was in some way involved (i.e. either he or his band performed or produced every cut). A future release of more cadence-lypso with a wider variety of artists would be most welcame.

Those who are willing to look beyond domestic releases of zouk may be interested in the Caribbean Show "Best of '87" which includes Les Aiglons' Bon'm La (HDD 2435), Jocelyne Beroard's Siwo (GDO36), Malavoi's La Case a Lucie (Blue Silver 8221), J. H. Malacquis' Enfant Cheri (Moradisc MGP4022), Pier' Rosier et Gazoline's Ip (Untitled, Moradisc MGP4021) and Zouk Time's Guetho A Liso (LM Productions, LM 6048).

From Trinidad/Tobago, the land of calypso and soca, as well as Caribbean islands Antigua, Barbados and St. Vincent, came some excellent music in '87. The Caribbean Show's "Best Soca of '87" list included Shadow's Raw Energy (B's, BSR-SHO63), Duke's Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow (Lem's, LEM DKE0101), Kitch's "Pan in A Minor" (from The Grand Master, B's, BSR LK060), Baron's "Say Say" (from Full of Fire, B's, BSR BA062), and from Antigua, Obstinate with "Voyier y Montez" (Greenbay LP008), and Scorcher's "Pipe Layer" (from Get Your Assets Out, Wrecker, CNT020).

The Folklyric label and New Cross Records label should also be cited for the re-issue of several compilations of excellent old calypsos. The otherwise impossible to find calypsos found on these discs, along with the extensive, informative liner notes, make these albums big winners for anyone fascinated by the calypso art form. Folklyric's Where Was Butler-A Calypso Documentary from Trinidad (Folklyric 9048) provides a glimpse into the harsh economic realities of life in Trinidad form 1935 to 1940. On the lighter side, a wider variety of topics can be heard in the many calypsos found on New Cross Records' two-volume set, Caribbean Connection (NC005) and Port of Spain Shuffle (NC006), both discs subtitled Black Music in Britain in the Early 50's.

Jamaican reggae finally broke from its slump in '87, producing two dance crazes, "punanny" and later,







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"fresh." Rather than go into a listing of unavailable Jamaican discs, the following list includes highlights from domestic labels available in town.

RAS Records was the leader in quantity, producing many hits for the American reggae market. Of them all the discs that stood out in my mind were U-Roy's *Music Addict* (RAS 3024) as well as two compilations of dance hall hits, entitled *Reggae Dance Party* (RAS 3018) and *Dance Hall Session* (RASSO 9001).

Shanachie Records came through with many excellent reggae releases in '87, most notably Bunny Wailer's Rootsman Skanking (Shanachie 43043), a collection of singles and the re-issue of Culture's 1977 classic, Two Sevens Clash (Shanachie 44001). ROIR tapes continued their foray into reggae with more releases in one yea than ever before. Tops of their '87 batch were Mute Beat's Sixty Minutes of Japanese Dub Reggae (ROIR A-143) and Ruts DC/Mad Professor's Rhythm Collision Dub Vol. 1 (ROIR A-151). Other domestic reggae releases of note were Heartbeat's compilation entitled Heartheat Reggae (HB-39801), Lee Perry's Time Boomox De Devil Dead (On-U LP43) and Leroy Sibbles' Meanwhile (Attic LAT1226).

More Caribbean offerings were made by Globestyle Records, which continues to bring outstanding samplings from around the world. Of special interest was their Fiesta Vallenata compilation which features



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Globestyle also provided tastes of

salsa, rumba and merengue, both traditional and contemporary with releases like Virgilio Marti's Saludando a Los Rumberos (ORB016), Merengue! (ORB020) by Francisco Ulloa, and a salsa allstar session cálled Super All Star (ORB017) which features the likes of Tito Fuente, Paquito D'Rivera, Daniel Ponce and many more.

Moving over to the music of the motherland, Africa, there were many great domestic releases. As expected, following Paul Simon's venture into South African township music, much of this music became readily available. The great zulu choral group, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, who appeared live and on disc with Paul Simon, released an album on Warner Bros. entitled Shaka Zulu (WB 25582-1). Sax jive was to be heard by the Boyoyo Boys re-issue on Rounder. More mbaqanga could be heard on The Indestructible Beat of Soweto, Vol II - Thunder Before Dawn (Earthworks EWV 1), Mahlathini's The Lion of Soweto (Earthworks EWV 4) and Philemon Zulu's How Long? (Shanachie 43048).

From around the rest of the continent, the highlights were not available on domestic releases. However, Salif Keita's *Soro*, covered in this column last month, has been released on the Mango label in America. In my mind, this was the best release of 1987.

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# Shepard on Shepherd

From a rag-tag group of musical enthusiasts grew the tight, ready-to-reggae Shepherd Band.



#### BY SHEPARD SAMUELS

or the past six years I've been haunted by nagging questions as to my double life in a band whose name is strikingly similar to my own. Mario Cuomo take note of this denial: I am not, have never been, and never will be a member of the Shepherd Band! However, it is New Orleans' first reggae band to deserve your listening attention and dancing pleasure. One of our great musical mysteries over the past fifteen years has been the lack of strong regularly scheduled reggae bands from New Orleans. With the exception of the ad hoc based Uptown Allstars and the Bahamian oriented Exuma, the few reggae bands to emerge from this city rarely had the same players from month to month, looked like a walking advertisement on the perils of ganja smoking and were a kindhearted critic's nightmare.

The Shepherd Band, originally founded six years ago by Ronald Hill, seemed destined to follow this well trodden path at one time, including twelve members who sounded like three unrehearsed bands playing simultaneously. Indeed the band went through a revolving door of would-be musicians until two years ago when the core of the present seven member band was formed. The Shepherds include: Ronald Hill on drums and percussion, Reginald Hayes on rhythm and acoustic guitar, Ben Brecht on bass, Mark Rigg on lead guitar, Curt Hopkins on lead vocals, Early Brooks on trumpet and vocals and newcomer Cheryl McKay on clarinet. The evolution of the band especially during 1987 is an impressive testimony to the present band's dedication and love of music. Band members receive no pay;

all money goes into buying equipment and recording costs. Hill sums up the band's attitude towards money stating, "We're not looking to make any large amounts — money always breaks up a band."

The Shepherd Band's music is definitely not roots reggae in the tradition of Burning Spear or Culture but leans heavily towards the crossover sound favored by Steel Pulse and Third World. As Ben Brecht explains, "Roots reggae doesn't have the rock influences we have with a greater emphasis on lead guitar." But don't confuse them with the reggae lite popping up behind lots of television commercials. Increasingly, the band concentrates on playing original material written by Curt Hopkins whose compositions vary from the crisp happiness of "Calm Cool Irie" and "Sister Sistren" to the more throught provoking "Identity Calling," "Military Depression" and "Last Days in Time." The band's rehearsal/work is evidenced in their live performances most clearly through Hopkins' strong lead vocals against the pleasant background harmonies provided by Haynes, Brooks and Hill. For local listeners brought up on Jamaican and British-Jamaican reggae, the New Orleans accents in the vocals are initially unsettling but I suspect out of towners will have no problem with this prejudice. The Shepherd Band plans to release its first album next August. They've got enough strong originals for it already. If this band can retain its current personnel and avoid the pitfalls of commercialization, the Shepherd Band will be one to enjoy growth in 1988 and beyond.



Is the world ready for four talented raisins who can belt out 'Mony, Mony'?

BY JAMES LIEN

nother Christmas has come and gone, and another new year is now upon us. Like it does for a lot of people, Christmas meant for me a lot of great new records under the tree, and a lot of money from well meaning relatives and parents who wanted to do better than another sweater or umbrella or a digital watch that plays Reveille. For me, Christmas 1987 will be remembered as a banner year for Christmas records. Here's just a few of the albums that were stuffed in my stocking or that I picked up in the record store on December twenty-sixth:

The California Raisins

SING THE HIT SONGS
Priority Records, 6430 Sunset Blvd., Holly-

Once in a while a record lands on my turntable that is so weird, I can't figure out if it's a joke or that is so weird, I can't figure out if it's a joke or not. This is clearly one such case; four singing and dancing dried grapes from California who sing all the hits of the Big Chill Generation. The album kicks off on an upbeat note with their smash hit, "I Heard It Through the Grapevine" ("As Seen on TV" a sticker politely reminds us), and then quickly moves on to "Stand By Me," "You Can't Hurry Love," "When A Man Loves a Woman," and "Respect." Also included is the ultimate Raisin Party Hit "La Bamba," a must for every happening fiesta in 1987. There's even a sort of a Raisin Rap, as "Lean On Me" is underlain with a heavy drum machine and thumping bass. thumping bass

The whole package comes with a lyric sheet and a full color poster of scores of fun-loving raisins chorus-lining into the horizon. As if it weren't enough, the California Raisin Advisory Board is having a contest to name the individual Raisins (which currently are referred to as simply Raisins One through Four). My question is, does the world really need four more talented raisins who can belt out "Mony Mony?" Is Spuds Mackenzie planning to collaborate with Don Johnson on another record? Twenty years from now this record will serve much the same People will put them by the bookends on their record shelves so they won't damage their real records, and you'll find the happy dancing records, and you'll find the happy dancing raisins beaming out of virtually every cutout bargain bin in the country. And the hits will have dried up for the Four Raisins, and they will be forced to sell their mansions in Beverly Hills and move back home, or over to Hollywood to try to get bit parts in bran cereal commercials. In a way it's a bit sad to see these four jovial raisins be

seduced by the glamor and glow of Tinseltown only to be chewed up and spat out by the ugly monster underneath. One can only hope they enjoy life in the spotlight while it's there, relish the fruits of their sweet success, and savor their moments in the sun while they still can.

Thin White Rope

BOTTOM FEEDERS EP

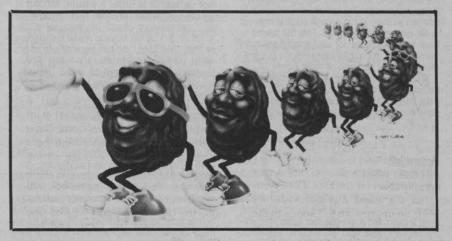
Zippo Records (Import), distributed by Frontier Records, Sun Valley, CA Speaking of Christmas, here's a record that had been lying around Thin White Rope's house for about a year, which they decided to release anyway as sort of a Christmas present to themselves. Enter in the legendary English record label Zippo Records to do the deed, and the rest is Christmas history. Musically, this six-song EP shows just how far the Rope have come since shows just how far the Rope have come since their earliest rumblings four or five years ago. It also shows them letting their (by now rather long) hair down and having a good time. "Rocket USA" shows the power and frenzy of their live shows, while the other five cuts highlight how much they have grown as musicians over their last two albums. This record is a joke that can be taken seriously, a povelty that rocks. taken seriously, a novelty that rocks

Jello Biafra

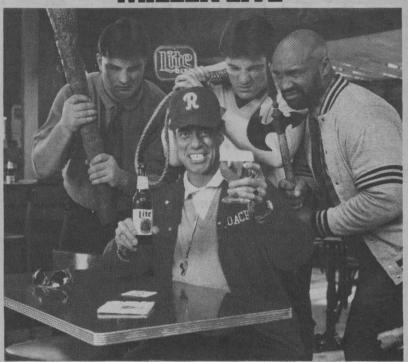
NO MORE COCOONS: THE JELLO BIAFRA SPOKEN WORD ALBUM

Alternative Tentacles Records, P.O. Box 11458, San Francisco, CA 94101

Twenty years from now Jello Biafra will be sitting behind his desk, mulling over the latest attacks on him by his critics. Jello is worried; his attacks on him by his critics. Jello is worried; his popularity is down. People aren't buying his latest record. His detractors are tearing him to pieces. Back in the old days, people loved to hear him rant and rave about "Ronald McReagan" and Tipper Gore and the PMRC, but now America has changed. The people aren't interested in attacking Reagan anymore, Jello muses; now they're interested in attacking him. What Jello never seemed to realize was that even though his points were valid and his protests. though his points were valid, and his protests justified, all his blabbering, yammering, name calling, all the tirades against extremist minority groups trying to force their views on everybody else ultimately made Jello sound like exactly that — an extremist minority group trying to force their views on everybody else. By resorting so quickly to parody and insult, he instantly limited himself to an audience of those who knew how he felt and sided with him already. There was no possibility of him convincing someone else to share his views, because he continually mouthed off insults instead of arguments. Now, he is alone in his office thinking about the last twenty years. Frustrated, Jello will make another crank call to (insert your favorite Russian name) on the red telephone, toss a crumpled copy of the Con-gressional Record into the trash, sulk out of the Oval Office, and call it a day.



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# Treasures in Arabi

**Fats Domino** Here He Comes Again! Imperial 9248

**ALMOST SLIM** rdinarily original Fats Domino albums can't be considered unusually rare, although they change hands in collector circles for upwards of \$25. However, a copy of Fats' Mercury album Southland (the veritable holy grail for Domino collectors, thought to have never been released) was recently auctioned for what was rumored to be in excess of a cool \$1,000.

So with this lofty sum in mind I stumbled upon a stash of Fatman albums at a garage sale in Arabi recently. While a copy of Southland wasn't in the haul, I did find this interesting item along with some of the more common Domino releases. From the songs contained on Here He Comes Again - "Little Liza Jane," "Trouble in Mind," "Along the Navajo Trail" — this quite obviously is the last Domino release on Imperial before his departure for ABC. Musically, Domino is in fine form, but the performances are marred by an overdubbed female vocal chorus that



sounds like the Fontaine Sisters.

Although this is the most recent of all the Imperial albums it is far more scarce than the dozen or so that preceded it. In presidential terms this release was a lame duck. Domino had signed with ABC just after Here He Comes Again hit the shelves so they backed off promoting his recordings. While this is nowhere as scarce as Southland it is one of the rarer Domino albums.



#### Clifton Chenier CLIFTON CHENIER SINGS THE BLUES Arhoolie LP 1097

This is a re-issue of twelve blues numbers the King of Zydeco recorded in 1969 and released on the Prophesy and Home Cooking labels. The performances are classic Clifton with excellent recording; they sound as if they were yesterday instead of eighteen years ago. A great album for Clifton fans, but be sure you don't already have the original release

- David "Steelhead" Clark

# Stanley "Buckwheat" Dural, Jr. BUCKWHEAT'S ZYDECO PARTY Rounder CD 11528

There is very little Zydeco music available on CD, and this makes Buckwheat's new compilation album doubly disappointing. Less than half the songs on this disc are Zydeco songs; most are uninspired covers of old soul, rock and New Orleans standards. The lack of originality is truly startling as there is not enough original material to fill even one album side. This CD seems to have been produced for unsuspecting out-of-towners who are not familiar with the original, more powerful versions of these songs

Save your money and go see Buckwheat in person. He is a fine performer and this writer never misses him when he plays in town. You'll remember that evening longer than you will play

- David "Steelhead" Clark

#### Beausoleil HOT CHILI MAMA Arhonlie 5040

This is a wonderful acadian album. It has some original material, a few standards, and several older and more obscure selections. Every one is played with the creative Beausoleil The music will be familiar to those who have heard the band for the last few months as Beausoleil has been playing all of these numbers during their Maple Leaf performances. None of the Fifties and Sixties dancehall numbers such as "Tequila" or "Louie, Louie" are included, however; this will disappoint some but will delight those who prefer the traditional string band sound. In general, the sound is between their last album, Bayou Boogie, and their earlier more traditional albums. Pat Breaux adds sax and triple row accordion leads, but they fit in smoothly with that lush Beausoleil sound.

Grab this album. You'll enjoy it whether you prefer either the "new" or the "old" Beausoleil.

- David "Steelhead" Clark

#### Rockin' Sidney CREOLA THE TALK OF THE TOWN **ZBC LP-102**

Rockin' Sidney (Sidney Simien) became the first performer to score a national hit with a zydeco song when "My Toot Toot" entered the pop and country charts in spring of 1985. Although Sidney has failed to repeat the success of "My Toot Toot," he has become one of the most popular performers on the South Louisiana/East Texas zydeco circuit. At least four songs from his last two LPs have become dance hall standards.

Creola the Talk of the Town is Rockin' Sid-ney's second LP since the release of "My Toot Like the two previous records the new one is a good-natured dance record with plenty of goofing. Titles like: "Bounce," "Crippled Grab A Crutch," "Rockin' In The Rhythm" and "Rock-A-Body" are ample evidence of what's in store here. "Rock-A-Body" with its exhortations of "Get up! Dance with somebody" and tricky accordion playing sounds like the next Rockin' Sidney tune likely to be added to the song list of every zydeco band from Houston to Lafayette. These dance tracks are tempered by the slow

burner, "When A Man And A Woman's In Love," a song that bears a debt to Percy Sledge for more than its name.

While the two previous L.P.s suffered from a "one man band" approach, featuring Rockin' Sidney on all instruments including the drum machine, Creola the Talk of the Town sports a Storm (drums) and Mark Miller (bass) is excellent as is Tommy Shreve on guitar. Sidney has also added a sassy female chorus on a couple of numbers to surprisingly good and (parkaps unintentionally) burners settled. couple of numbers to surprisingly good and (perhaps unintentionally) humorous effect. This album contains the best batch of songs Rockin' Sidney has writen since "My Toot Toot," but nobody buys a Rockin' Sidney album for great songs. Buy this one for good dance grooves, good times and the cheesy cover (a Floyd Soileau trademark) and you won't be disponented.

- Macon Fry

### **Various Artists**

LOUISIANA CAJUN AND CREOLE MUSIC 1934: THE LOMAX RECORDINGS Swallow LP-8003-2

John and Alan Lomax came to South Louisiana in 1934 to record material for the Archive of Folk Music at the Library of Congress When the father and son team arrived with their portable disc cutter, the first wave of commercially recorded Cajun music was just giving way to a more countrified and swing influenced sound. The renowned folklorists elected to bypass the music currently popular in the dance halls and on records in favor of securing home recordings of the Cajun and Creole folks of the region. These recordings are now available on the two L.P. set, Louisiana Cajun and Creole Music 1934: The Lomax Recordings.

The recordings on Louisiana Cajun and Creole

The recordings on Louisiana Cajun and Creole Music offer an opportunity to hear the music of South Louisiana as it was performed at bals de maison, town social functions and on front porches on Saturday night, virtually unaffected by regional or national commercial trends. These are performances that reveal lost traditions and old world ties. Many of the songs borrow lyrics and themes from Childe Ballads, sailors chants and Afro-Caribbean music

Although some of the performances on the album sound archaic there are many lyrical allu-sions and instrumental licks that have become part of the contemporary Cajun and Creole repertoire. The jure (shouts) and zarico in particular have the same driving rhythm and rubboard percussion pervasive in modern zydeco music. percussion pervasive in modern zydeco music. The jure "Dego" also contains the earliest recorded use of the phrase "Les haricots sont pas sale." The often repeated reference to "les haricots" (snap beans) in subsequent Creole recordings is believed to be the origin of the term "zarico" or zydeco.

Louisiana Cajun and Creole Music is a homegrown effort performed, produced and annotated by Cajuns; it is also a model of what a historical compilation can be. The sound is expenditure of the sound is expenditured.

historical compilation can be. The sound is ex-cellent and each LP contains a 25 page booklet with dozens of old photos and an introduction by Alan Lomax. The song transcriptions and an-notation by Cajun historian Barry Jean Ancelet bring these charmingly unaffected recordings to

- Macon Fry

#### Al Farrell & the Crescent City Statement

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Although Al Farrell has only re-entered the local spotlight recently with his shows featuring tributes to Smiley Lewis and Joe Turner, he has been performing professionally in New Orleans since 1956. His band the Counts backed up the likes of Irma Thomas, Professor Longhair, and Earl King, who claims "I never rehearsed any of my songs with the Counts. They performed them as though they made the original recording and many times better."

Farrell and his new band The Crescent City Statement recorded this album in July 1986. It shows a tight band, with a three-piece horn section that rivals that of Earl King's latest accompanists Roomful of Blues. But mainly it shows the talents of Al Farrell, a mster of the electric piano (he had the first one in New

Orleans shortly after he heard Ray Charles do "What'd I Say"). He also has a strong, piercing voice to handle both ballads and rockers. Preeminent in the former category here is a version of Joe Turner's "I Know You Love," with pusating piano fills a la Charles. Farrell's "Hook, Line and Sinker" stomps with even more abandon than Smiley Lewis' original. Some of the other songs stick a bit too close to the original arrangements to accent Farrell's individual talents like they should. However, the main prob-lem here is the less-than-perfect quality of the recording itself. Check Farrell out in person if you are able. If not, get this cassette to hear a true diamond in the rough. (Available from Al Farrell, 7640 Jeannette St., New Orleans, LA

- Rick Coleman

#### Harry Connick, Jr. HARRY CONNICK, JR. Columbia 40702

Harry Connick's debut album is out; at last locals who've watched his amazing musical evolution will have a memento now that Con-nick's split for New York. Listeners new to Connick will be amused by a 19-year-old playing stride piano on "Love is Here to Stay" and "Sunny Side of the Street"; it's not the rambunctious idiom of Waller or Johnson but the gentler world of Monk and James Booker. Veteran Connick observers will be surprised at how subdued some of the cuts are. The Oscar Peterson-like runs of the past are giving way to an often gorgeous harmonic refinement. Harry checks his chops at the door and plays with introspection on originals like "Little Clown" and "Zealously." I don't mean to say there isn't considerable virtuosity here but rather, that Connick seems to be maturing. While it's astonishing to consider how Connick will sound in five years, this debut offering should be satisfying to any jazz piano devotee

- Tom McDermott

#### Susan Antone

Picture The Blues

Antone's Presents (176 pages, \$15)

Anyone with an interest in the blues should find this collection of photographs enjoyable, as just about every contemporary blues person is a

subject at one point or another.

Susan Antone is the shutterbug wife of Clifford Antone, the owner of Antone's, Austin's popular blues club. From the photographs collected here, it appears Ms. Antone has been hovering around the club's stage since its opening in 1975. The photos are split into categories according to instrumentation — guitarists, harp players, drummers, etc. — with text kept to a

There's some great shots of Muddy Waters, Otis Rush, Buddy Guy and some "period" photos of the Fabulous Thunderbirds from the mid-Seventies. There's plenty of impromptu jam sessions captured and some interesting backstage total stage and some interesting backstage total stage.

stage tete-a-tete as well.

The book does have some peculiarities, however, as it is often interspersed with photographs from a far earlier period, donated by Living Blues magazine (ex. — Big Bill Broonzy circa 1940!). Also, as nice a guy as Clifford is he's no Robert Frost when it comes to poetry. Still this is definitely one for the blues bookshelf and can be had for \$15 plus \$3 postage from Antone's, 2915 Guadalupe, Austin, TX 78705.

-Almost Slim

#### **Wynton Marsalis** MÄRSALIS STANDARD TIME, VOL. I . Columbia Records

That Wynton has released an album of standards is good news for a "mainstream" listener like myself, a person astonished by Marsalis' technique but often lost in the obliqueness of it technique but often lost in the obliqueness of it all. Every one of these arrangements is fresh, from the rhythmic reworking of "April in Paris" to the melancholia of Hoagy Carmichael's "New Orleans." The redesigning of these chestnuts is so effective, one wishes Marsalis had left out the two originals here and given us two more oldies instead. Maybe the two we wanted will show up on volume two. Let's hope that album hits the stands soon

- Tom McDermott

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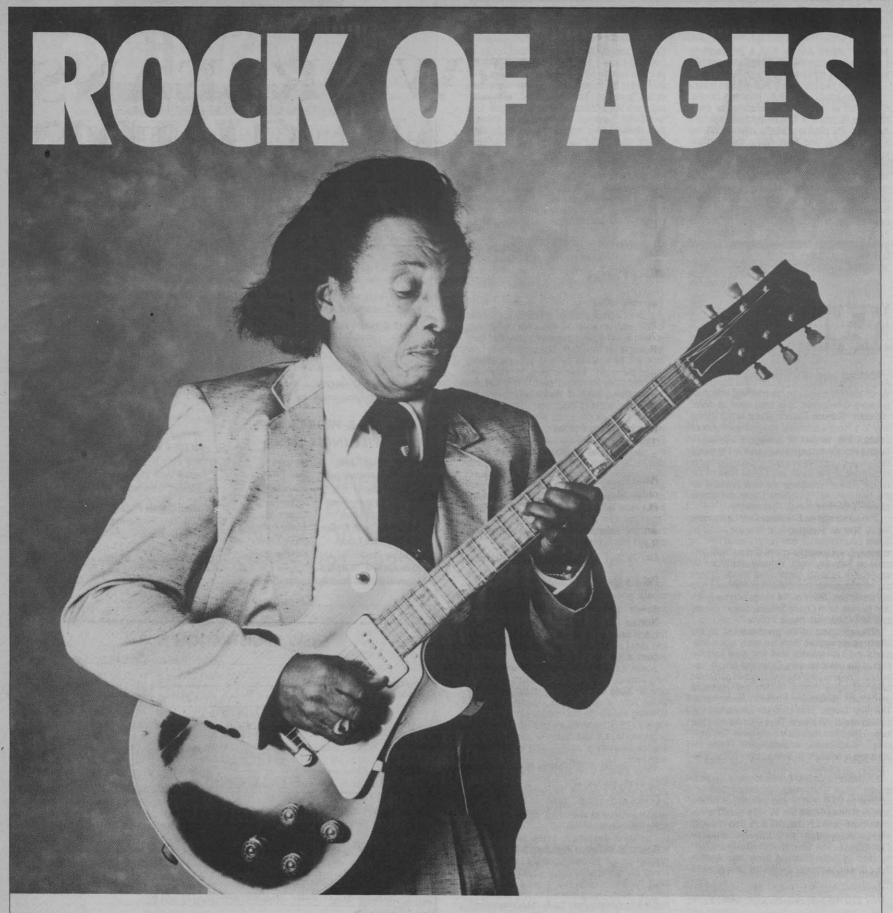
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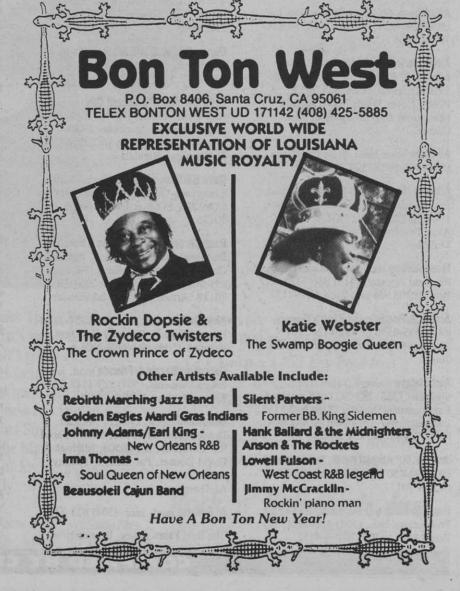
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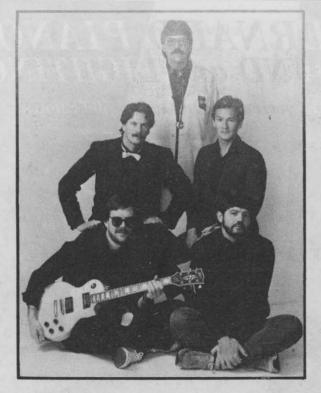
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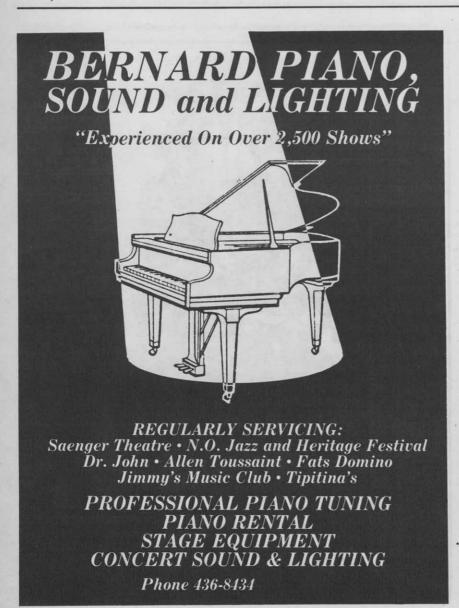
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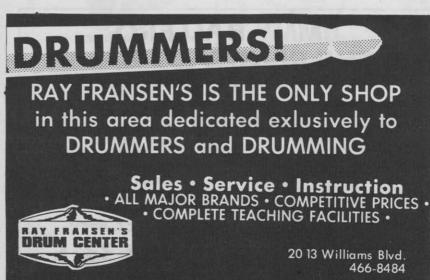
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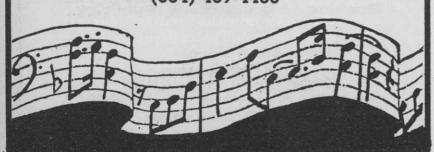
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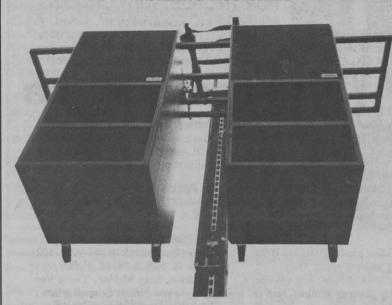
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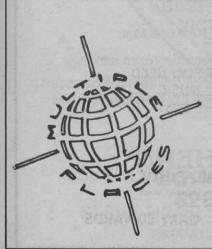
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# JAZZOLOGY ON DECATUR STREET

## BY LARS EDEGRAN AND SUZI TIDY

eorge Buck dreams big. Already owner of the largest and oldest independent traditional jazz record company in the United States, with 800 titles and over a half million records in his new Decatur Street warehouse, Buck, through the GHB Jazz Foundation, a non-profit organization, intends to keep all - that's right, all - of his company's traditional jazz recordings, past, present and future, available on his five record labels.

Buck's recent move of his operations from Atlanta, Georgia, to the French Quarter, is being hailed as a real boon for the traditional jazz community.

Buck, born in Elizabeth, New Jersey (on an unspecified date), became a big band record collector at an early age. Inspired by a radio broadcast of the Muggsy Spanier band, he immediately fell in love with "authentic traditional jazz."

Buck was offered his first opportunity in radio while in college in Lynchburg, Virginia, when the Mutual network dropped the live radio broadcast of followed, due to increased jazz record sales.

As audiences grew and sponsors and station thrived, Buck realized the marketing opportunity available in black R&B and gospel music. At this point he was hooked on radio and knew it would be his life's work

Intrigued with the production aspects of the recording industry, Buck produced his first recording on his Jazzology label featuring Tony Parenti's New Orleanians in 1949. Due to lack of public support and an unscrupulous distribution deal, there were no further recording sessions until 1954 (a great contrast to his present production of two to three albums per month). Undaunted, Buck recorded two New Orleans bands, Paul Barbarin and Tom Brown, even though lack of funds prevented their early release.

Through working in radio in Florida, Buck acquired the knowledge and experience necessary to finally branch out on his own. He began to make his mark by taking over the near-bankrupt radio station WCOS in Columbia, South Carolina. With perseverance and determination, within two years WCOS was financially sound and today Buck is the owner of the number one station in Columbia.

It was Buck's first trip to New Orleans in 1961 that inspired the creation of his second record label, GHB Records. Totally enamored by the music played at the newly opened Preservation Hall, George recorded the Kid Thomas-George Lewis Ragtime Stompers, the first of over 200 recordings to be issued on the GHB label which is "dedicated to the documentation of authentic jazz in the New Orleans tradition." It is here you will find such great New Orleans artists as Kid Howard, Louis Nelson, Jim Robinson, Percy Humphrey, Bunk Johnson, Papa Celestin, Sharkey Bonano and Sweet Emma Barrett. To George there is one other style of traditional jazz which he calls "Chicago Style." Artists of this genre are showcased on the Jazzology label and



George Buck in his new offices with wife Nina and assistant Virginia Whitfield.





A new music row? Buck's headquarters on Decatur Street.

# George Buck moves his jazz label to the land of dreams.



Shipping them out: George Buck's GHB label is dedicated to the documentation of authentic jazz in the New Orleans tradition.



George & Nina: Enough in the vaults to "issue an album each month for the next 50 years or more."

include performers such as Wild Bill Davidson, Eddie Condon, Art Hodes, J.C. Higginbotham, Sidney Bechet, Don Ewell, Bobby Hackett and Muggsy Spanier, to name but a few, and are represented on nearly 150 albums. In addition, there are many musicians from around the world featured on both labels.

In the Sixties, as Buck became more successful in radio, he started to expand his acquisitions and by the late Seventies had bought the following record companies: Icon, Circle, Southland, World Transcriptions, Jazz Crusade, Paramount and Audiophile Records, as well as some lesser known labels including numerous English record companies unearthed through the diligent research of bandleader Barry Martyn. Buck estimates that he has enough material in his vaults that without ever doing another recording session he could ''issue an album each month for the next 50 years or more.''

For the connoisseur of big band music, the Circle label features some of the most popular orchestras of the Thirties and Forties: Bob Crosby, Jimmy Lunceford, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Jimmy Dorsey...

Audiophile is the premier vocalist label with Maxine Sullivan, Mel Tormé, Lee Wiley (Buck's biggest seller), Dick Haymes, Margaret Whiting and others singing the melodies of popular composers such as Cole Porter, Johnny Mercer and George Gershwin.

On Progressive Records you will find The Roland Hanna Trio, Sonny Stitt, Frank Wess Quintet, Scott Hamilton and the Southland label sings the blues with Roosevelt Sykes and Big Joe Turner. The list of musical greats goes on and on.

Although Buck does have the largest and oldest independent jazz record company in the USA, he does not make a profit. All income from record sales is reinvested in the production of new albums. "If I stopped doing sessions now we would be making money!" The success and expansion of his radio broadcasting business, which to date consists of six stations, enables him to maintain staff and ensure continued production.

Wendell Echolls contines to coordinate production of the Circle and Audiophile labels in the Atlanta office. Nina, Buck's charming wife, whose own reputation in jazz circles is secure through her extensive work booking bands on European tours, is now producing records for the GHB label in New Orleans. With a limited number of distributors, Buck and his assistant Virginia Whitfield ship thousands of records throughout the world from the mail order outlet in the warehouse on Decatur Street. Future plans for this spacious three-story building include a retail outlet, coffee bar and possibly a recording studio. Buck's lifetime goal is to increase the foundation's endowment fund to one million dollars, the proceeds of which will enable its Board of Directors to maintain the perpetual availability of the entire catalogue, as well as finance new recordings. Musicians and listeners alike can all be grateful for George Buck's enormous contribution to



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# CONCERTS

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Check out local musicians Oogum Boogum at the LeMoyne's Landing in Spanish Plaza at the Riverwalk. Music is at 2 p.m.

The dBs start the new year with The Sound of Music, at Jimmy's, 8200 Willow, around 10

Bill Gregory, formerly of It's a Beautiful Day, performs at Jimmy's.

Saturday 9 Bobby Blue Bland will do two shows at Tips. The performances are at 9 p.m. and midnight at 501 Napoleon.

Sunday 10 Your last chance to see

the Ink Spots in the Blue Room of the Fairmont Hotel is tonight at 11 p.m. Call 529-4744 for reservations

Wednesday 13
The Circle Jerks take over Tipitina's tonight. The hardcore band plays at 10 p.m., so get your boots on kids, and don't forget your I.D.

Thursday 14
The Itals and the Roots Radics come to 501 Napoleon tonight. A splendid show which happens around 10 p.m. Call Tipitina's at 897-3943.

Buckwheat Zydeco holds his record release party at Tips. Buckwheat Zydeco's II Sont Partis Band invite you to come around 10:30.

Saturday 16 Austin guitarist Joe Ely rocks Tipitina's! The Tailgators open the show at 501 Napoleon at

Tuesday 19
One more time! Guadalcanal Diary are expected to play Tipitina's at 10:30. Their new album is high on the college charts, too. Will they be here? Stay tuned!

Wednesday 20 Leon Russell and Edgar Winter warm up your January at Tips. They'll play at 8 and 11 p.m. so call 897-3943 for ticket information.

Harry Connick, Jr. returns triumphant! The district attorney's son bangs on the piano at Snug Harbor, 626 Frenchmen. Connick has an album out, and was written about in last month's Wavelength.

Dash Rip Rock. The second album is recorded, so heeck out these local boys at Jimmy's around

Benefit for Quest for Peace, with lots o' local favorites, including Charmaine Neville, Aaron Neville, and Amasa Miller. Help them help peace happen by showing up at Tip's around 10 p.m.

Tuesday 26 Uncanny look-alikes the backDOORS play those old favorites at Tipitina's.

Wednesday 27
Hot Tuna do two acoustic shows at 8 and 11 p.m. at Tipitina's

Rush thunder in the UNO Lakefront Arena. Tickets are from ticketmaster.

Friday 29
Rads Anniversary. Those fish heads just made



There's a whole mess of bands out there calling themselves rock 'n' roll bands, but if you want to hear the real thing, mark your Sam Leandro calendar for January 16, get your pay check cashed, and go see Joe Ely, for some pure hard driving powerful rock 'n' roll. Tell the Tipitina's bartender to serve it up neat and keep it coming, as Ely guarantees a "no holds barred, rip 'em up hard rockin' night.

10! Celebrate at Tipitina's Friday or Saturday at 10:30. If I know you, you'll go both nights!

## Sunday 31

The Last Day to catch Le Petit's classical music festival, held in conjunction with the theater's production of Amadeus

# RANDOM

### Friday

New Year's Day Party. Sober up with coffee, friends, and croissants at Borsodi's coffee-house's annual get-together. From 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Borsodi's, on Freret near Jefferson.

Sunday 3 New Year's resolution? You always planned to attend the Maple Leaf Poetry readings, right? Now's your chance! Reading this and every Sunday at 3 p.m., 8316



Saturday 10
The Well-Tempered Laser is the title of the LA
Nature and Science Center's electronic laser show, set to classical music, at 7 p.m. The Center has these displays often, and is located at 11000 Lake Forest Blvd.

## Tuesday 12

The Future of Art in New Orleans is discussed by local artists at the Mario Villa Gallery, 3908 Magazine, at 7 p.m. Phone 523-1465 for more information on this Arts Council event.

Rock music, including Phil Collins, Rush, Genesis, and Led Zeppelin, accompanies a laser light show at 8, 10:30 and midnight tonight. Phone the LA Science Center at 246-5672.

Saturday 16
Fantasy Party. The Penny Post Coffeehouse welcomes families and friends to this celebration. Wear costumes, but keep it clean! No alcohol, but plenty of stories, songs, and silliness. 8 p.m. at the Post, 5110 Daneel.

Sunday 17 Volunteer to aid battered women. The training program starts at 8 p.m. Those interested in helping victims of domestic violence, call 889-6636.

### Wednesday 20

Artists: deadline is today to submit watercolor-based works to the 18th International Exhibit. Send an S.A.E. to 4584 Avron Blvd., Metairie for

Friday 29 Space Trip. The Nature and Science Center sponsors an educational visit to the Johnson Space Center and the NASA Museum of Natural Science Planetarium in Houston. Phone 246-

Saturday 30
Ecology is important. Bring your kids to a workshop at the Wildlife and Fisheries Museum, 303 Williams Blvd., in Kenner. Also: paper and aluminum will be accepted to be recycled at 10 a.m.

### Sunday 3

Symphony Cruise in Australia leaves today, so rush to join your friends or register for the next philanthropic vacation! The trip is hosted by Lynn Gansar of WDSU, and continues through Monday 18. Phone 524-0404.

### Wednesday 6

Mozart and Brucker are performed through Friday 8 by the Symphony at the Orpheum, 8 p.m. Conductor Max Shosta-kovich will lead.



Auditions for the Symphony chorus will be held, so schedule your appointment today! call 524-0404. Performance must include a prepared solo plus sight-reading.

Sunday 10 Something Different for the New Year? Try the laser light show set to classical music at the Nature and Science Center. Phone 246-572.

**Discover** the Symphony through "the Rainbow Kids," a program for children at 10:30 a.m. in the Orpheum.

## Wednesday 20

The New Orleans Symphony begins three nights of Haydn and Shostakovich tonight at 8 p.m. in the Orpheum. Phone 525-0500.

BY KATHY HARR



Boogie Chillun play Saturday afternoons at Le Moyne's Landing, a new place to hear live music, located on Spanish Plaza near the Riverwalk.

Friday 29
Pops Concert. The Symphony plays swing (!)
Friday and Saturday with Boston associate conductor Harry Ellis Dickson.

# OFFE

Borsodi's Coffee House 5104 Freret 895-9292 This authentically weird coffee house also features periodic live music and plays.

Cafe Brasil, 2100 Char-tres, 947-9386. Live music on some weekends.

Cafe Dell'Arte, 720 Dublin, 861-4227. Thursdays: depending upon which Thursday you hit this uptown spot, you'll see Patrick Kerber playing classical guitar or you'll stumble into a musical gathering and wish you'd brought your instrument. Saturdays: Brasilian music by the Aruanda Trio, from 8:30 to 10:30.

Cafe Kafic, 1818 Magazine, 525-0247. Saturdays: two guitarists perform electric flamenco music.

Cheshire Cat, 1201 Decatur, 522-4792. Occa-

Penny Post Coffee House, 5100 Dannel. Folk music every night from 8:30 to 11. Keith Luis plays Thursdays at 10. Fantasy Party on Satur-

True Brew, 3133 Ponce de Leon, 947-3948. Sundays: poetry from 4 to 6.

# LIVE MUSIC

## DOWNTOWN

Bayard's Jazz Alley, 701 Bourbon, 524-9200. Jazz Unlimited every night, from 8.

Bayou Bar, Pontchartrain Hotel, 2031 St.

Charles, 524-0581. Thursday, Friday, Saturday:

Carl Franklin plays from 8 to 12.

Blue Crystal, 1100 Decatur. This dance club has new music on the weekends

Blue Room, in the Fairmont Hotel, 529-7111. Through Sunday 10: the Ink Spots. This prestige

dining room offers classic acts of international fame, but due to our early deadline for this issue, we regret we cannot say who will follow the lnk

Bottle Top, Atop the Jackson Brewery, Decatur St. Saturdays and Sundays, 3 to 7: Geaux-T Jazz Band. Fridays: the Backsliders play rhythm and blues 5 to 8 p.m.

Brew House, Jackson Brewery, Decatur St., 525-9843. Louisiana Lightning, oldies and hits, Sunday afternoops.

Sunday afternoons

Cafe De La Ville, 95 French Market Place, 524-8106. This club has live music in the afternoons and on some weekends.

Cafe Panache, 200 Magazine, 522-2233. Fridays, 5 to 8: Willie Tee.

Cafe Shisa, 1011 Decatur. Sunday Brunch, noon to 3 with L'il Queenie and Amasa Miller.

Also, pianists nightly from 8 to 11 p.m.

Cajun Crawfish House, 501 Bourbon, 5294256. Weekdays at 8 p.m.: The Laissez-faire
Cajun Band. Fridays and Saturdays: the Boogie
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Creole Queen, Poydras Street Wharf, 524-0814. Cruises nightly 8 to 10 p.m., with Andrew Hall's Society Jazz Band.

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Holiday Inn Crown Plaza, 333 Poydras. Pianist Tom McDermott plays each Tuesday through Friday from 4:30 to 8:30.

Hotel Intercontinental, 525-5566. In the Lobby Lounge, Mary Abbey, 8-11 p.m.

Hyatt Hotel, 561-1234. The Courtyard, third floor: Sundays Chuck Credo Inc. performs traditional New Orleans jazz from 10:30 to 2. In the Mint Julep Lounge catch the smooth sounds of Nora Wixted and Band Fridays, 4 to 8 p.m. In the Atrium, some Sun and Mon evenings, the Herb

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Marie Laveau's, 329 Decatur, 525-9655. Chris Saunders Tuesdays through Sundays at 7:30. Mediterranean Cafe, 1000 Decatur St., 523-2302. Saturday and Sunday 1 until 6 p.m.: Scotty Hill's French Market Jazz Band, with piano

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Le Moyne's Landing, in Spanish Plaza on the River. 246-6544. Friday 1: Oogum Boogum. Saturday 2: Boogie Chillun. Sunday 10: Walter Wolfman Washington. Friday 15 and Friday 22:

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Old Man River's, Highway 90 in Avondale, 436-3912. Occasional live music including some big name rock acts. Please call for their schedule.

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new gallery at 312 Royal. Gallery artists are displayed. Also, a poster gallery with Mardi Gras prints will be featured.

Carol Robinson Gallery, 4537 Magazine, 895-6130. The current show includes Goodman, Morgan, Hill, Barber, Paradise, Caywood and other gallery artists. It will be displayed through

Contemporary Arts Center, 900 Camp Street, 523-1216. Opening Saturday 9: The State of the Art: Georgia. This exhibit features the best of contemporary Georgia artists. Also on display in the CAC this month, works by Schneider, Aris-man, and Roland. Opening Thursday 28: Fourth World, a performance art show based on native American cosmologies.

Davis Gallery, 3964 Magazine, 897-0780. Many different mediums of African art are featured, including new acquisitions from West

**Duplantier Gallery**, 818 Baronne, 524-1071. Gallery hours for the season are Tuesday through Friday 10 to 5, Saturday 11 to 4. Saturday January 9: an evolving group show featuring Robert Rector, Chris Burkholder, Paulo Dufour,

Tom Jiminson, and JoAnn Greenberg.

Elizabeth-Alexander Gallery, 520 St. Philip, 523-2423. Phone for information on their

Fortier Gallery, 835 Chartres, 523-6791. This gallery, open 11 to 5 Tuesday through Saturday, displays recent watercolors by Lauren Zarambo.

Gallery Simonne Stern, 518 Julia, 529-1118.

Through Wednesday 6: Emery Clark. Saturday 9 through Wednesday 27: Christopher Guarisco and Robert Hausey display recent works.

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Gaspari Folk Art Gallery, 831 St. Peter. Gallery Artists show Tuesday through Saturday from 10 to 5, and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. Hanson Gallery, 229 Royal, 566-0816. Through Sunday 10: French impressionist Claude Pissarro's works are displayed.

LeMieux Galleries. This organization now has two galleries: 508 Pelican Avenue, Algiers Point, 361-1735, and 535 Julia Street, downtown. Through Wednesday 6: watercolor and oil by Tony Green. Opening Saturday 9: Northshore Luminaries, works by the best artists from across the lake. A mixed media group show. Live Art, 4207 Dumaine, 484-7245. Party and

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electronic music by Andromeda. **LSU Union Art Gallery**, LSU Campus, Baton Rouge, 388-5117. Saturday 16 through February 1: John Malveto, Jim Burke, and Michael Daughtery

Louisiana State Museums: The Cabildo, Jackson Square. Louisiana History through art and artifacts. The Presbytere, Jackson Square. Open Wednesday through Sunday. "Starring Louisiana:" A romance of the real and the reel. This exhibit of more than 200 interesting rees. This exhibit of more than 700 interesting remnants of feature films made in or about Louisiana includes scripts, photos, props and more. Through June: "Sacred Heart: A Legacy of Love and Learning." **The Mint**, located at 400 Esplanade, houses exhibits on jazz and Mardi Gras. It is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 to 5.

New Orleans Museum of Art, City Park, 488-2631. The museum is free to the public on Thursdays. Through Sunday 10: the Sunny and Norman Rousell Collection.

Posself-Baker Gallery, 822 St. Peter, 524-7252. Gallery artists include Favorite, Moya, Henery, Fried, Kronengold, Shopfner, and Eco-

Res Nova, 440 Julia, 944-1115. This new gallery opens Wednesday 13 to display works by

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Simms Fine Art, 827 Girod, 528-3008. Through

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Still-Zinsel, 630 Baronne, 525-8480. Through Thursday 7: Doug MacCash and Paul Margin's art. Saturday 9 through Thursday 28: Carolyn Harrison and Jan Thompson. Opening Saturday 30: Alan Gerson, Kathryn McMahon-Talbot, and John O'Brien. John O'Brien.

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Studio Zella y LaBorde, 630-B Baronne, 5247982. The works of Zella and LaBorde are displayed at this gallery.

Tilden-Foley, 4119 Magazine, 897-5300.
Through Wednesday 6: sculpture by Robert
School

Casey Willems Pottery, 3919 Magazine, 899-1174. Pottery by Mr. Willems.

# CINEMA

Louisiana State Museum, 751 Chartres, 568-6968. Starring Louisiana, a Romance of the Reel and the Real. A cultural heritage exhibit of New Orleans in film. A must for movie fans

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Prytania Theatre, Prytania Street near Jefferson, uptown. Call 895-4513 for times. Through Thursday 7: Manon of the Spring, a Claude Berri film. From Friday 8: I've Heard the Mermaids

Tulane University. All films in McAlister Auditorium at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission Sunday and Wednesday is free. Tulane's TUCP films resume in mid-January

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# THEATRE

Bayou Dinner Theatre. 4040 Tulane Avenue, 486-4545. Performances are Thursday through Sunday. Through Friday 22: Chicago, the vaudeville-



Contemporary Arts Center, 900 Camp Street, 523-1216. Wednesday 6 through Sunday 10 and Wednesday 13 through Sunday 17: Oh, Mr. Faulkner, Do You Write, a one-man show based on the life of the literary genius. Opening Friday 15 and continuing through Sunday 31: Hurlyburly, a satire about life on the streets of Los An-

Kenner Community Theater, Rivertown at 4th and Minor, 468-7295. The theater will be closed for remodeling, but if you are interested in auditioning, please call.

Minacapelli's, 227 Cousin Street, Slidell, 643-

9671, Lie, Cheat, and Genuflect, a comedy, runs through Valentine's day.

Le Petit Theatre, 616 St. Peter, 522-9958. Friday 15: Amadeus comes to this French Quarter

Rose Dinner Theatre, 201 Robert Street, Gret-na, 367-5400. All month: Westside Story; shows Thursday through Saturday at 8:30, and Sundays at 2:30. Dinner is before each show, so call for reservations.

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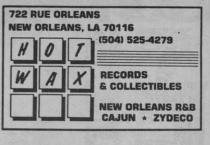
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# LAST PAGE

t's a New Year — '88 — which equals the number of keys on a piano and if that's not cosmic enough for all the hippies in the audience, we'd like to know what is. Hippies! The hippie influence is the most dangerous form of cancer that exists in New Orleans. Before hippies were even invented, they thrived in New Orleans.

In 1957, when Jack Kerouac published On the Road, the hippies were already here. As his heroes pulled into town, one of them — Dean Moriarty — exclaimed: "Now we're going to get our kicks!" Kerouac rhapsodizes: "The air was so sweet in New Orleans it seemed to come in soft bandannas; and you could smell the river and really smell the people, and mud, and molasses, and every kind of tropical exhalation with your nose suddenly removed from the dry ices of a Northern winter."

Old Bull Lee, the local host for Kerouac's young vagabonds, promptly burst the boys' balloon: "New Orleans is a very dull town. It's against the law to go to the colored section. The bars are insufferably dreary." To prove his point, Lee then transported the beatniks (as hippies were then called) to all the dull bars in New Oreans (4 or 5 out of a total population of say, two million local bars in 1957). Lee's thesis, of course, was that New Orleans was a cool place and the last thing it needed was an invasion of hippies and so he was doing his best reverse-propaganda number.

It didn't work. Kerouac's book was a smashing success. The beatniks came to town, the hippies came to town. They corrupted our youth and worst of all, they really messed with our **music**.

What exactly are we ranting and raving about? Well, once again, as is the annual custom hereabouts, we've got an issue full of New Orleans bands. "Great!" you say. "Humbug!" we say. There's deception in

them "thar hills."

How many times have you seen New Orleans bands or musicians on MTV? How many times have you seen local bands and musicians on the major record charts in 1987? Don't tax your little **brains**; we'll supply our own answer: **ZERO**.

Oh, but that's not fair, you say. New Orleans has real culture. We are the Birthplace of Jazz, the Home of the Blues. Yeah?! And Robert Cray (whose bluesy album sold over 700,000 copies and went to Number 13 on the pop charts; Bobby Bland's "Here's The Man" album, in 1963, went to Number 11 — the highest position ever achieved by a black blues artist on the mostly white pop charts) is from Seattle. Seattle has no culture (ask John Lydon, who had a minor hit inspired by the town in 1987). Seattle has rain (and a great monthly newspaper - "The Rocket"

In 1988, we - the Last Page Liberation Front — have decided to get highly critical. There's been an unhealthy amount of boosterism in this journal during the past 86 issues and it's helped absolutely no one. What the New Orleans music scene needs is not conferences or committees or the Chamber of Commerce dabbling in the murky waters of musicdom. What the scene needs is the equivalent of Saints coach Jim Mora - somebody who will kick ass; somebody who will tell musicians to bury their heritage in the graveyard - where it belongs!

All this heritage stuff is just so much baloney. Kids, you should listen to Professor Longhair once and then toss his records into the proverbial gumbo pot. The same goes for all the rest of our native rhythm and blues heroes. Our heritage is dead weight and must be thrown overboard. Tipitina's should do the right thing and take that awful banner of Longhair's head over to the levee and burn it. We will gladly supply the

lighter fluid (and lest you think us utterly disrespectful, might we remind you that we were at Fess' home the night he died and we know that he would share our beliefs).

What Professor Longhair was about was **innovation**: blazing whitehot (black-hot?) new trails where no musician had tread before. New Orleans does not need secondhand rhythm and blues or secondhand zydeco or secondhand jazz or secondhand reggae.

What we find especially disturbing is that the median age for New Orleans' top musicians is around 45—probably higher. Do we really want to go out and hear old men play music? We would rather hear amateur primitivism than refined primitivism any day.

We want to hear young kids from the **projects** jamming with young kids from **Metairie**; Vietnamese punks aligned with hardcore Nicaraguan skinheads; all-girl bands of **beauty college** drop-outs; heavy metal based upon **Guitar Slim**; some new zonkedout form of Dixieland.

We want raw material to write about; to pay tribute to. Our writers are aching for something new; their art demands it. Our musicians must meet the challenge: music is a living force but in New Orleans, it is fast asleep.

We want musicians to ditch their high-minded seriousness (Wynton!) and play for fun. You're broke? Welcome to the Club. Music, art, writing—it's all a religion. If you can't exist on faith (back to the Saints again), find some other field. All you can hope for in music is a semiregular gig, the ability to pay your NOPSI bill and

an early death while your face is still pretty.

MVELLER

We ask that you let us do our job: to write and to be creative. We endeavor to entertain the reader - that is all. We are not "the newspaper of record." We are not particularly concerned about getting all the facts straight because we have learned that the facts about music are usually indistinguishable from the fictions. We want good stories. If you are a musician and you want coverage, give us a good story. Change your name. Develop a new hairstyle. Climb on top of the Superdome and spray-paint your name across the surface. In fluorescent colors. Be witty. Be nasty. Be silly. Don't be boring.

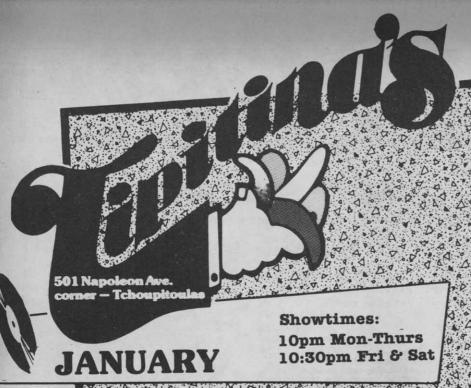
You will notice that we have excluded all gossip and other reportage from the Last Page this month. Frankly, we are tired of it. We felt that maybe you needed a **lecture**.

If we have enraged you, good. If have broiled your **sacred cows**, good. If you want to write us an angry letter, good. If you want to prove us wrong, very good. If you do prove us wrong and end up being the Guest Veejay on MTV one Tuesday evening, excellent. If you sell ten zillion records, fantastic!

If you're mad enough to do something about it (the state of New Orleans music), we've done our job. While the new Guv reforms Louisiana, let's do our part and reform music.

Otherwise, all you can expect is more of the same ol' ersatz same: the musical version of Del Monte's latest product — "Cajun Style Stewed Tomatoes With Creole Seasonings." It makes us want to puke.







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