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EXCLUSIVE: LOOKING THROUGH THE EYES OF KING DIAMOND!

PLUS: FAR, ADRENALIN KICK, JUICE, STUCK MOJO, XFACTORX, KILGORE SMUDGE, SOULFLY and more....



Here we are once again, another issue at the finishing stages and I haven't killed anyone around me. This issue is very special to me because I think it's by far the most well put together issue. This will be the seventh year since I started the ROMPER. A lot of zines have come and gone since I have been in existence and through all the hard times I have made it. I might of been late a few months putting out issues but they got out eventually. Good news on the writing front I will be appearing in other zines throughout the world and I hope ROMPER readers will send for t these as well to get more updated on the underground scene. The first one is BALLBUSTER. David gave me the opportunity to voice my opinion on some bands in his issue for a copy write to: PO BOX 56368, LOUISVILLE, KY 40268-0368. The other is a zine out of Australia called LOUD. Brian has done this for a while and I really dig what he does. Write to: PO BOX 7001, BASS HILL, NSW 2197 AUSTRALIA. I am looking forward to working with them more.

In this new issue you will see a array of different musical talents I hope no one reading this is one minded because every band in here has talent in their own way and we should support all music cause in the end its a creative juices pouring out for the world to hear. I would like to take this time to give shout out to all the new people I have met in the last couple of months and old friends: Jay Santo (for the help in the writing and for sticking behind me all these years), my mom (for not letting me give up), All the record labels that keep me busy from time to time (I might be stressed, but I love it), all the unsigned bands who have supported me and given me some great music to listen to), Michelle Hurd (YOU RULE), Brian (my AOL guy) and the rest of JUICE, Brian (Chaos Theory), Todd (for the advice), Jay Barnes, Jenny Bendal, Debbie Snellow, Rhonda Saeonz, Dave Tedder, Daz and the rest of Adrenalin Kick, Luke John and Another Society (for the kick ass music), John Ridge, Cutthroat, and everyone else I'm forgetting (sorry!!). I hope you enjoy this issue and now I have a few weeks to enjoy myself until the new issue gets started......ROMP IT UP-your crazed editor Stephanie:)



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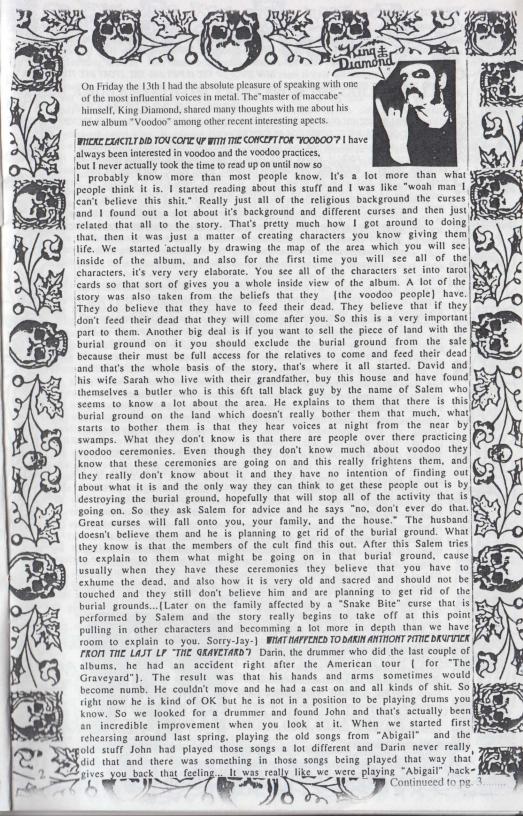
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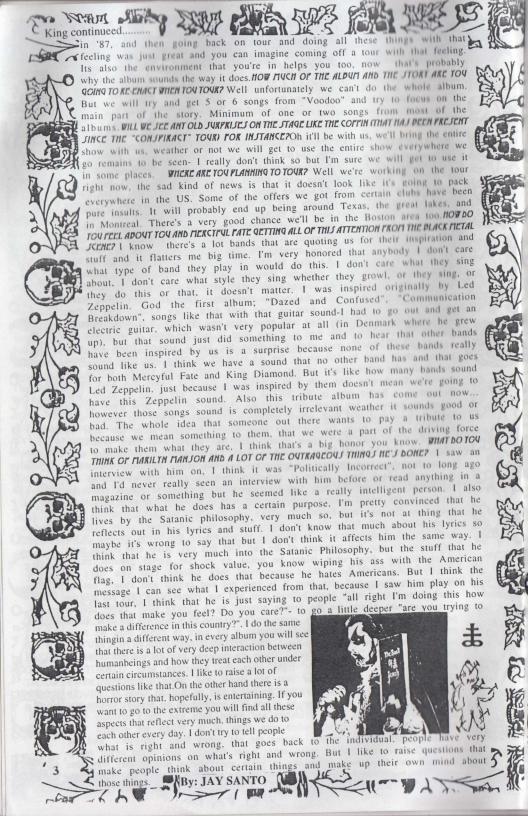
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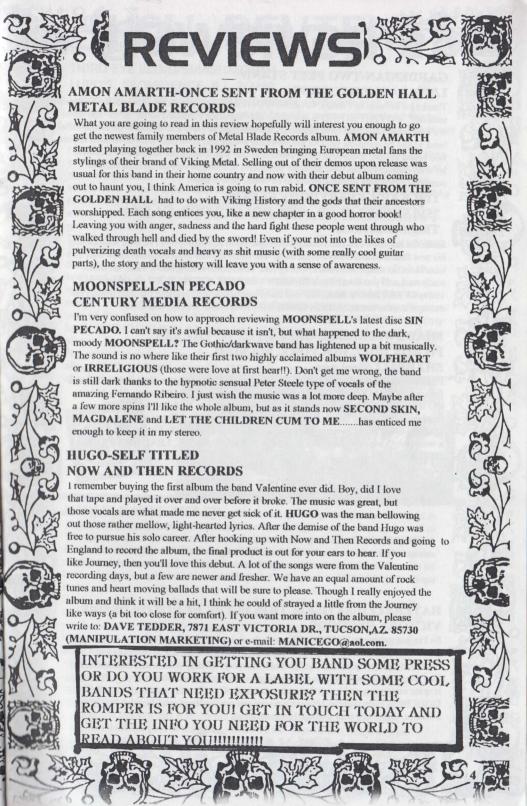
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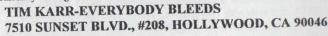




GARDENIAN-TWO FEET STAND

LISTENABLE RECORDS

Thanks tot he band In Flames, GARDENIAN is releasing their debut album off of Listenable records. TWO FEET STAND is one of the heaviest discs I've heard so far in 98. The tunes are well constructed and have amazingly crushing guitar parts and of course no Death metal band would be complete without the shricking vocals and GARDENIAN have them in your face brutal as hell! Even with the avalanche of fast paced tunes the band slows it down a bit with some gorgeous instrumentals that round out the CD very nicely. The band is currently writing for the next album to be issued next winter.



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Since the last time Tim and I chatted (Romper issue April/May 97) I've been anticipating his new disc EVERYBODY BLEEDS. I'm really excited to let everyone know that Tim hasn't lost his touch. A bunch of bluesy rock tunes come rolling out of these ten radio ready tracks. If you loved Tim's RUBBIN YOU THE RIGHT WAY album back in 1989, EVERYBODY BLEEDS will leave you baffled and praising the man behind the music. Favorite tunes: JADED, HERE LOVING YOU and the title track.

SHADOWSFALL-SOMBER EYES TO THE SKY PO BOX 10312, HOLYOKE, MA 01041 SHADFALL@aol.com

Finally a band from my home State. I haven't been able to review a disc so close to home for a while, SHADOWSFALL has the potential to explode onto the scene. This 10 song CI) is a collection of death metal with melodic undertones. With two band members displaying their vocal talents you get the mixture of 2 purely different voices, one growely, raspy full of hysteria and another calm, cool and actually kind of beautiful (in a weird way.) My favorite tracks have to be SOMBER ANGEL, LEAD ME HOME and LIFELESS.

FAR-WATER & SOLUTIONS EPIC RECORDS

A band who recently has opened up for Life Of agony's club tour, FAR is making waves in the rock genre by introducing fans and newcomers to their latest creation WATER & SOLUTIONS. The music is a revolution of what the future holds. It has a decent amount of alternative vibes but full frontal rock digs to it also. Vocally, he sounds a bit uneven in some tunes but then magnificent in others. This band could rocket to the top if society doesn't blow them off. A band you'll love or hate but never forget!

HATEBREED-SATISFACTION IS THE DEATH OF DESIRE VICTORY RECORDS

So I'm just getting to HATEBREED, well shoot me OK! For some of you that haven't gotten their latest disc what are you waiting for? I'm not a big fan of Hardcore but HATEBREED bring a element of just not annoying "talking" vocals and loud music but they weave in the best bad-ass grooves to get even your grandmother moving! The album is quite interesting and lyrics that make you think. One tune that stood out was BEFORE DISHONOR (very moving.) If your not sure you are the "hardcore" fan give HATEBREED a chance, they aren't your average Hardcore band!



















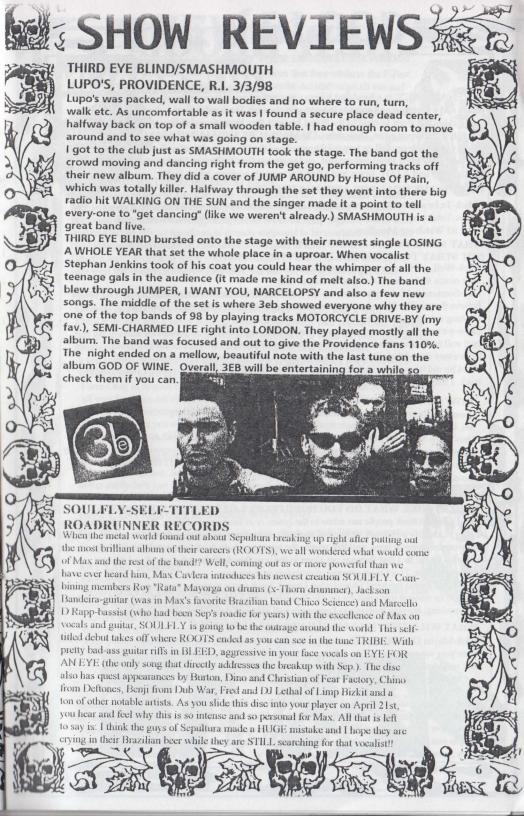












NEW BLOOD

ADRENALIN

ADRENALIN KICK is a band that brings you cranked up guitars, wailing vocals and a presence and attitude to leave you stunned. The band is from England but are eager to head to the States because they know they will be welcomes with open arms. Their debut CD MASSACRE THE MAINSTREAM brings you you eleven full on powerful tunes. I had the chance to do a e mail interview with Mick Pritchard-vocalist, and guitarists Daz Ryder and Dave Cooke. They had A LOT to say and all of it was pretty positive. take a look!

WHAT IS THE GOAL FOR ADRENALIN KICK?

Mick-To be successful in everything we do. We wanna tour the world and blow it away! Dave-Total world domination! Daz- yeah it's quite clear that we have a common goal isn't it? Watch out Metallica....

WHAT MADE YOU AS A BAND STAY TRUE TO THE ROCK SCENE AND NOT STRAY TO BE THE NEXT "TRENDY" THING?

Mick-Well, we were actually sensible for once! (laughs) We just wanted to stick to the only music that counts to us- just be true to that.

Daz-Someone told me "if you can see the band wagon comin' your already to late" I believe that totally. There are some bands that jump in there and just get away with latching onto the latest thing-but we just can't do that.

Dave-we write and play the way we do-you can't force yourself to do something alien, or it will come across in the music. Hell, most people have to do what they are dictated to do every day of their working lives. We do this cause we want to. We love this stuff. Daz-Our old bass player Daz nurtured a bit of the "bandwagon" mentality-but it just wouldn't work. I think thats part of the reason he left.

HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR FINISHED CD?

Dave-Very happy with it-as we were responsible for a great deal of the production of the album too, it's a very personal product.

Daz-There were a lot of learning phases going on with this album. I won't say what, you'll just have to listen and try and figure it out. For me it was a whole learning experience. I'm very happy with it though-it's nice to hold something like that in your hands-oh and I designed the artwork too-so if anyone wants to put more work my way.....

I NOTICED IN YOUR SONGS YOU HAVE POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS UNDERTONES. WHAT DO YOU HOPE PEOPLE GET OUT OF YOUR SONGS?

Mick-I'd like to think people can relate to the lyrics, or at least some of them. I'm sure most people will be able to identify some part, or point of their life with what I am singing about. I hope that my lyrics will give some people hope, and that maybe the songs can help them face some of their problems and be comforted by the fact that they are not alone in the way they feel about the world and the shit they have to take. There is an element of escapism in there too.

Daz-When I joined the band I loved what I heard, but it never ceases to amaze me actually how talented Mick is. His voice is just great for us. He does truly have a talent for lyricist. I hope people like the bone-crushing, burying guitars too-I mean after all said and done its all about loud guitars!!

WHAT WILL THE FIRST SINGLE OFF THE ALBUM BE?

Mick-Maybe DEADPOOL, if we do get to release a single. As when Steve and I visited F-Fest the other year we passed a bunch of demos out with DEADPOOL on it and people just RAGED about that song man! They loved it-so did we-ha ha-instant fame and popularity!!Cool!!

WHERE DO YOU SEE THE WORLD IN THE YEAR 2,000?

Dave-I have to admit I don't feel too excited about the future. Perhaps thats just a media image but people are already struggling to keep their individuality. Many people lost their way and just don't know what they want to do, where they want to go with their lives-who they want to be. People just don't seem to be happy being themselves anymore. I just see people becoming more and more repressed.

NEW BLOOD

I SAW YOU REPLACED TWO OF YOUR ORIGINAL MEMBERS!

Mick-Stevie D the drummer met a fine lady from San Jose while at the F-Fest and spent a few months Atlantic hopping before he decided to go all out and try and land the Sammy Hagar gig. He decided to leave to be fair to us, as we'd put so much into this, he didn't want to leave us hanging on. He's now married and living happily in San Jose with his wife Evette.

Dave-Daz Richardson the bass player left due to "musical differences" I guess. He just blew up one night (Daz-he and Steve never got along) and he decided that he didn't have what it took to make it in a band.

WILL YOU BE TOURING THE STATES?

Mick-We would love to-know any one who'll sponsor us? We planned to come over last year but the record company promotion etc. has been a bit "sketchy". We're not really sure whats happening there. We've recently signed a world wide deal (excluding US, as the album is already supposed to be available there) with Neat Records-Neat Metal, so I guess we'll just have to see!

Daz-It's really frustrating cos if everybody in the US was to hear our album, I'm sure we'd sell over a million copies-really. It's just not being able to get there!

HOW DO YOU DESCRIBE A LIVE SHOW?

Dave-its like being poked in the eyes, then hit over the head with a brick!

Daz-Or thrown into a vat of freezing water while having your brains fried! I guess you get the picture-we area sonic/visual assault, ready to wake the most regressive, catatonic victim of the world as we soor towards the new millennium!

I HEARD YOUR MANAGER IS THE OLD BASS PLAYER FOR SHY ENGLAND! HAS HE GIVEN YOU ANY ADVICE?

Dave-Only in respect of what not to do-(i.e.) some of the things that Shy did! We're all very level headed about this-so hopefully we'll avoid the worst scams and pit falls and not make to many mistakes!

Daz-Yeah-mind you we haven't really started yet-I just hope no one grows a huge EGO here.......HA...HA...HA.

IF EACH MEMBER WAS CARTOON CHARACTERS WHO WOULD THEY BE?

Dave-I'll do this one..ha ha! Mick would have to be the Tazmanian devil-he's just a nutter really-he's just lost it! Manie! Daz probably the pink panther-cool, calm and collected. err, I dunno any more Ha Ha!

HOW CAN FANS GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU?

Daz-Well-e mail is always the best way, as its cheap as hell. Write to me at: Daz@deadpool.demon.co.uk

ANY LAST WORDS?

Mick-Peace!

Dave-Thanks for your time-would you ask all your friends to buy out album? That would be very much appreciated. Thank You.

Daz-It's been nice "talking" to you. I hope we can get together sometime after a show in the States!! Thanks for everything and take care....

Also if you know anyone who wants a web page put up...ha ha...later...Daz





The cyber industrial goth heroes godhead are back with their newest release power tool stigmata The album surpasses their older CD nothingness with extreme maturity and the latest technologies. I had a chance to speak with lead vocalist/guitarist Jason Miller and he let me know about the up coming events of the band! I really dug the new disc.
Thank you!

What do you think of the finished product? I'm real happy with it. I feel that it is finally where I wanted to be for a really long time, but I didn't have the means to get there. On our last CD nothingness I think that is kind of like a collection of songs and moods of where we were going. kind of like a transition period. We were also in a transition period with a few members too. So it kind of left some things undefined and we tried to throw it together as best we could. I think with the new album this is really what its all about. I already have a lot of ideas for the next album though thats down the line.

Any favorite tunes?

I'm happy with all of them. My favorite part of the whole album has to be around the tune fucked up then all the way tot he end. I think it keeps building and building and it gets to the middle and I just LOVE IT! lies & memorial I think are really good. I like afterthoughts too.

How would you describe your band?

Gothic/industrial rock with melodic vocals.

Do you get ideas from the early 80's bands cause I hear some depeche mode in some tunes?
Depeche Mode would be more of Method's influence. I am more

into the Cure. There is defiantly that influence in the music.

Are you the main lyricist?

Yes, there is one song fucked upthat I didn't write but the rest I wrote.

Where do you get inspiration to write songs?
Past experiences, situations that might of brought me down

or

from things that inspire me to write. A lot of things that are negative in my life inspire me to write so I can get over them. It's a real good way, I recommend it to anyone. I can channel emotions that I'm feeling at the time and put them down on paper.

Did you ever take vocal lesson?

Yup, I took opera for five years with a private instructor.

Are you down going through members? It's like a 4 way marriage, and a lot of 2 way marriages don't work out. I think now we've had the same line-up for a year now and I think we are all learning and growing from each other and we feel we have 4 guys thinking/looking in the same direction. I think we are going to stay this way for a while now.

Let's talk about the gothic scene.
Is it really a image or a lifestyle?
It can be a lifestyle for some people, but it's also a musical style. There is just a

lot of bands that people don't know about in general that have really cornerstone the genre, like Bow House, Sisters of Mercy or more recently Alien Sex Fiend. These are bands unless they hear someone else talk about them they wouldn't necessarily know.



DARK MODERN INDUSTRIAL

Do you think Type-o is a straight ahead Gothic band? They have eliminates of it. There is no one band that is purely gothic. To alot of goth purist, I think they think Type-o are cashing in on it. They are kinda taking what people haven't seen before and bringing it to the main stream.

What do you think about Marilyn Manson?

Well, I don't have anything against him, I think he took alot of things from the Gothic/Industrial scene and brought it to the mainstream and claimed it for his own. I think he exposed alot of people to something they hadn't seen before and unfortunately I hope we don't get grouped into the same

category as him, but I'm pretty sure it's going to happen. Although in order to do what we are doing you can't just rip somebody off. There's an entire history of music out there that the mainstream public doesn't understand, so they are just going to group it in with Manson and NIN. But, hey look what he's done now, he's on top of the world.

Are you going on tour?

We are leaving April 3rd. We are going south because we're filming our video in Miami with a filmmaker down there. Then probably going west to Texas then up.

What single will be for the video?

Actually we are not 100% decided yet. I think the radio single is eleanor rigby but the video we might do is gimp. The single on the radio is a cover tune?

Yeah, I think the label's perception on that is it's going to attract the most attention. I think alot of bands have got attention doing it that way. I think the label is hoping the same thing happens here.

Was that a choice of the band also?

I'm so beyond it now at a certain point you get so worked up about it then you just let it go. I'm letting them do what they think is best.

Do you have any advice for starting out musicians? If your really young it's best to get some experience under your belt to really figure out what you want. Get out there and play some shows even if it's not the ideal group. It's always good working with different people also because you can learn things from them and vice versa. I started performing when I was five and in order to get good you have to work at it.

Last and most important I heard you are going to be doing a game called vampire massacred?

I've been playing role playing games and stuff for most of

my life. We are doing a cross promotion with that company. There are two version of the game a live version and then a game board version. We are going to incorporate the live action with our shows.

So it's going to be a pre-show game? No, this could go on throughout our set. The character we are still creating will be close enough to myself so I can do my thing and still be in the game.

Is this game a new thing?

No, actually it's been around for about 5 years or more. A lot of people do it. I've never gotten the time at home, here to really get involved with one. There are chapters all around the country.



morbio angel:

the philosophy behind the music

going on with MORBID

This was suppose to be a interview with what is going to be going on with MORBIT ANGEL in the next couple of months since the new album FORMULA FATAL TO THE FLESH came out a few weeks ago. Well it turned into a very in depth look at the beliefs of what Trey and the rest of the band believes in. So with no further a do...if you ever wanted a look into the minds of a Death Metal band here it is...

WHAT RELIGION OR BELIEFS DO THE "GODS" MENTIONED IN YOUR SONGS BELONG TO?

These are my concepts that I fashioned through deep meditative contemplation's, on other concepts. I will let the 80' Golem of Ostx explain it in a Q&A format.

>IS THERE A LABEL TO YOUR BELIEFS? "Just call it the Art Of Unstoppabilty."

>WHAT DOES THE TERM "GOD" MEAN TO YOU? "One's most High Principal of Self-Achievement, notice goal=g o a l=GOD.

>WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE QABALAH AND THE

TRIUMVIRATE? "The Triumvirate is similar to the Top Triad. "Kether, Chokmah and Binah" of the tree of life. The tree is a symbol used in Qabalstic Practice as a sort of Great Map showing our connection with the God-Head as well as the Model of the many different Manifestations of the God-Head through the process of Creation. In some ways the tree also shows the duality of Force and Form. Well, the Most High Triumvirate represents the Projective and Driving Purpose of Fire. The Driving Decided Action. The Activeness of the Living Continuum which is the Macrocosm of ourselves. It is the Principal force that Affects and Causes Motion. Outside of the AIN is the Un-Manifest, the Purest Form, nothing but Potential and material Parts, it would take to reach it, plus the continuum of Stillness or Restiance (Entropy). The three Veils "AIN, AIN SOPH, AIN SOPH AUR" separate the Un-Manifest or Form from the Manifestations happening inside. As a lightening flash, Creation moves as Force from the divine Spark of Perfection "Kether" Down through the Tree resulting as layers of Manifestation (Spheres or Sephiroth) on a path that causes it's grounding as Physical Manifestation, "Malkuth." This is how my concept on it is based. Basically, the Tree is a model for Deep Contemplative Mediations on our connection with the Most High." >SPIRITUALLY, WHAT COMES OF DEATH? "Our true purpose in life is that of Expansion. Expansion of our being, Expansion in model of the divine spark of purpose. In our life we build momentum of what we have built through the process of life. We must expand with more energy in our force or drive than the Restrictive Energy of the form. Life is growth, change and movement. Death is idleness, stillness and degeneration. Think about it as such.....The form represents Pure Potential at rest plus the will to remain at rest and of Singularity. It is both the Materials to form a Decided Acted Upon, Design, coupled with the need to break free from the order of the design to return to the singularity. The force our purpose to be, is that which challenges the degeneration like how gravity plus weight presents us with the resistance that we need to gain strength or just maintain the strength that we have. Life is the flowing river, flowing against us as a Continuum of resistance. If you sit still in a boat then the river takes you backwards to the singularity, (your grave). If you equal its energy with your energy you at best maintain only what you have at that time and soon become unfulfilled and bored. When you push with Unstoppable energy in which you simultaneously Maintain what you have plus also Expand more you will now be on the Path and moving towards fulfillment of the Principal purpose. "

>IF YOU ARE A LIVING ACT OF GOD, DO YOU SEE YOURSELF AS A GOD? "No, for that would be the principle of Fooly. Since GOD=On'es principal Goal of Self-Achievment then does not one's GOD stand for the most Perfect Path and since life is a journey and not a destination then, since we are to be constantly moving anyways. We may as well head in the direction of or Principal Dreams. Right? What is life without the most high

funfactor content." CONTINUED......

>IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE GREATEST ATTRIBUTES THAT THIS PHILOSOPHY WOULD HAVE TO OFFER ANY SOCIETY, THAT, SOME WOULD SAY IS FULL OF BOGUS "MORALS" OR "VALUES"? "Sheeit, if all humans could experience the feeling of TRUE FULFILLMENT for just a moment, they would prioritize the method for keeping it constant. But, alot of humans are motivated by how easy something is and to act upon my Formula for Ustoppabilty starts as a lot of work for those people who clutch their comfort-zone of conditioned limiting paradigms and whose meager beings are too dulled by all the falsifications that chain them to the shadows and shells that enslave them. Living the Affirmation of the most High is living in uncharted territories for them who clutch the mundane collective so."

>ARE THERE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS IN OTHER SPIRITUAL

PHILOSOPHIES (RELIGIONS)? "I do not make the rules and my aim is not to collect followers such as a church in love with the numbers as they flock for guidance. I willingly and freely share my understanding with all interested and no value high than the Comucopia of Blessings which I naturally receive.

(And I bet you thought the band just wrote the songs and jammed them out for you!!)

ARE YOU GUYS TOURING SOON?

We start touring in March over in Europe.

WHAT DO YOU FEEL THIS NEW ALBUM BRINGS TO YOU THAT OLDER ALBUMS HAVEN'T?

The feeling of the most high spirit. The Triumvirate of the most living Continuum.

ANY LAST COMMENTS TO YOUR FANS?

Thanks to all of those who believed in me, FFF is my gift to you and Entropy to the rest!!

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ONE ON ONE WITH VOCALIST JONAH SONZ MATRANGA OF->



HOW WAS THE TOUR WITH LIFE OF AGONY?

Really, really fun. Mostly cos they were great people, that makes such a difference, some of the shows were a bit sketchy, but I'm learning (slowly) to appreciate things for what they are.

HOW IS WHITTFIELD CRANE DOING WITH L.O.A.?

He's great, in all ways. I really have a lot of respect for him as a person; he's been to some crazy places in Rock-land a with a lot of wisdom and very little lame ego. He's a really good singer. They seem to be having a lot of fun on-stage and rocking harder than they have in a while.

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO DESCRIBE YOUR NEW DISC WATER & SOLUTIONS?

Wide, thick and reaching.

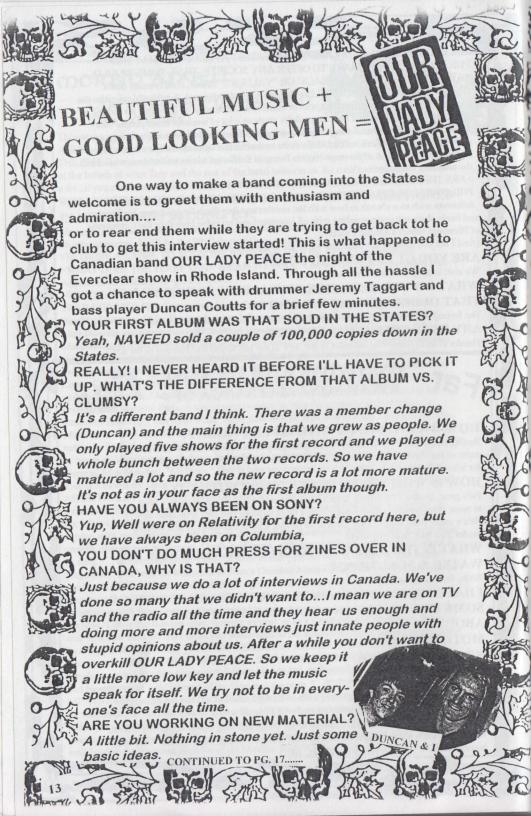
I HAVE MY FAVORITE MY FAVORITE TUNES, IF I THROW SOME OUT TO YOU CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT THEY ARE ABOUT?

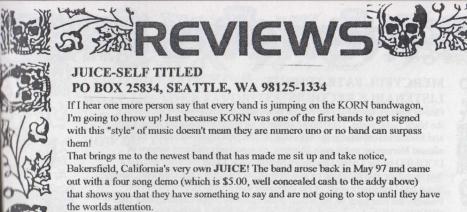
MOTHER MARY-It's about icons, for better or for worse. These icons we create., or this reproduction of art and image that we celebrate and worship. There's a beauty in creating something that lives beyond us, but to hold on to that too tight reeks of fear-of-death and denial of the present.

BURY WHITE-Pretty much raw, train-of-thought emotion. It's not complaing, it's just sussing out this whole humanity thing. Just a little subject:)

NESTLE-The first irrefutable example of my songs knowing things before me. I wrote it about my fears about being a father BEFORE I knew I was going to be one. Very odd, humbled me.

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the worlds attention.

The tape is abrasive, forceful, pounding and mentally awakening. The blistering punch into the chorus of the first track INSIDE makes you feel like you could conquer the world. UNDER has a slow, mellow intro that leads you into a rant of MOTHER....... fucka that is truly superb. DRAINED will leave you speechless and LOST is pure chaos. Vocally the tunes have more power and anger and truly shows you what demented and psychotic is really about.

So be it Apple, Orange or Pineapple but JUICE is the word for 1998. If you think KORN is the shit, take a step back and pour yourself a big glass of JUICE cause your going to drink it up and love every last drop!!!!!

Currently, the band is putting the finishing touches on their CD which will hopefully be out by April. For fans of the band already, or newcomers, don't be left in the dust.... pre-order your CD now for \$10.00 (concealed cash) to the addy above. Be on the look out for a full length interview of the band and a fantastic contest where you could win some JUICY items. Stay in touch with the ROMPER!!!

STUCK MOJO-RISING CENTURY MEDIA RECORDS

Once again here comes some intensely brutal attitude from the southern band STUCK MOJO. RISING has shown a great improvement in the band that I even can get into now a days. Bonz and the gang have stayed true to their hip hop traditions, but have incorporated more heavy riffs and bit more deathy type of vocals that takes you by surprise! The MOJO word is going to explode on March 3rd when this disc is put into stores! If you never liked the MOJO before, just give this a taste, I think you will be pleasantly surprised when you hear BACK IN THE SADDLE, CROOKED FIGUREHEAD (wonder who that's about?) and ENEMY TERRITORY. Look out for STUCK MOJO to hit your town while they are back on the road! If that's not enough, check out the first video: RISING, (look out for all those WCW wrestlers in the ring!) on any video show. The vid will also be in full format on a CD-rom coming out.

SENTENCED-STORY: A RECOLLECTION CENTURY MEDIA RECORDS

If an award went out for most progressive band through the 90's, it would have to go to the band SENTENCED. From the beginning they had a style all their own and once you got settled into it, they came out with a new album and a new sound. From death metal to the mystical new sensual SENTENCED, you have to raise your glasses to these Finnish men. For your hearing pleasure the band has compiled fifteen tracks off their six albums which will show the bands progression and maturity, as in favorable tunes like SUN WON'T SHINE, THE TRUTH and THE WAY I WANNA GO. Five of the fifteen tunes have never been released in the U.S., like NO TOMORROW (1996), so you avid fans or newcomers, it's well worth the dough! Their version of Iron Maiden's THE TROOPER is a stunner all in its self. All this album shows is the capability for SENTENCED to carry on for years to come.



MERCYFUL FATE TRIBUTE

COVEN.) All the bands on this album give each track a perfect blend of their own raw energy and the classic doom laden sound of M.F.

BY: JAY SANTO

SCRUB-WAKE UP! SOL 3 RECORDS

The 90's has been the decade of the woman! With bands like No Doubt, Garbage, Coal Chamber and White Zombie, the girls are starting to dominate. To add to this fine collection is the band SCRUB, consisting of Mike Showalter-drums, Frankguitar, Lon Williams-bass and female vocalist Petra! Their debut album that came out back in Sept. 96 has a potent and somewhat psycho feel to it. With tunes like BARREL FULL OF JUNKIES, EVOLUTION REVOLUTION and CRAWL, SCRUB sticks ya with everlasting rifls and astonishing vocals. I totally dig this band and can't wait to hear more from them.

KILGORE SMUDGE-A SEARCH FOR REASON REVOLUTION RECORDS

How happy am I that finally I can put aside KILGORE's first album BLUE COLLAR SOLITUDE and play the hell out of this new disc (he he). The once small Rhode Island band has outdone themselves this time with A SEARCH FOR REASON. The band hasn't change their musical patterns to much, they bring to you the heavy guitars and the soulful yet muscular growl of vocalist Jay Berndt. With new members Mike Pelletier (guitar) and Steve Johnson (bass), Bill & Jay took the writing approach a lot differently for this album. The whole band collaborated on this one which makes it an even more "kick your ass" type of album because you can hear and feel all the different musical influences in the music. With tunes like the slow melodic PROVIDENCE, to the heavy extreme of X and PRAYERS FOR THE DYING (which has that old KILGORE feel to it, all the way down to the industrial twist of TK-421 (with help from Burton Bell of Fear Factory.) The album shows old attitude and new ones that will have people looking up to them even more. Very talented musicians! Look for them out on the road this spring and summer.

SPINESHANK-SAMPLER 133 S. ALLEN AVE #4, PASADENA, CA 91106

Got this three song demo from SPINESHANK the other day. All I can say is its HEAVY, Industrial and vocally gut-wrenching. The tape just sounds like they want to explode out of your speakers and totally shred in the center of your bedroom (and this tape was only recorded on an 8 track by the band themselves.) If they sound this intense on tape can you just imagine them live! Speaking of live you will be able to see them once their complete CD is done for Roadrunner Records in late august. Yes folks, Roadrunner got their claws in the band so you are all invited to join SPINESHANK before they become the next multiplatinum band on the label! Just one dose of the first track IF IT BREATHES......choke it (nice!) you will be indebted to the band. Get in touch today!











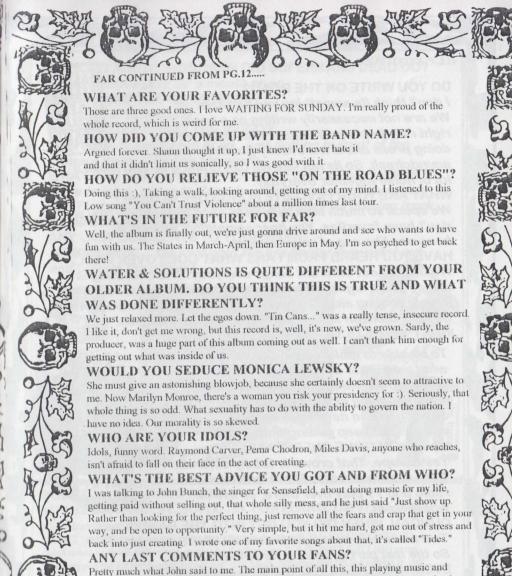












Pretty much what John said to me. The main point of all this, this playing music and performing for other people, is to inspire them to themselves create. By the way, thanks to all the ROMPER folks for doing just that.



DO YOU WRITE ON THE ROAD?

I don't think its something you just shut off.
We are not necessarily writing as a band
right now because like days like today we are
doing press and if were lucky get five minutes to
soundcheck. So its not like we can crank it up and make a
lot of noise together everyday.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE SONGS OFF CLUMSY?

We spend so much time with each song individually that we don't have favorites. You hear something enough it becomes like one of your children.

HAVE YOU HEARD FROM FANS WHAT GOES OVER WELL? We hear about different songs everyday. The cool thing is on any given night you look out into the crowd and see people singing along to every song. It's real awesome! We want to make an album, not just a couple of singles. WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL FOR O.L.P.?

To be able to make music and stick around for a while. Do what we love to do as long as we are happy and breaking ground! Hopefully we are making music with some conviction and its not disposable and we can keep getting better at it.

HAVE YOU GONE OVERSEAS?

Yes Europe. That crowd is totally different. They are more rabid. There isn't a lot of radio and TV play over there, so live is where its at.

DUNCAN, WHEN DID YOU GET INTO THE BAND?
Two and a bit years ago. Before CLUMSY after NAVEED.
So the last part of touring for NAVEED.
EVERONE ELSE IS THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS?
Yes.

JEREMY & I

HOW DO YOU FEEL WHEN YOU HEAR YOUR MUSIC ON THE RADIO OR VIDEO ON THE AIR?

It's a weird thing. When your in that situation your always waiting for something else. So it was "wow its cool" but now we have to go on the road and play n play. To see our vid for the first time, it really didn't do anything for us.

SO THERE AREN'T ANY EGO TRIPS HERE?

No, you get so close to it when your creating it that basically when we are home and driving around and our song comes on we change the channel to hear something different. That goes for out vids also.

TALKING ABOUT VIDS, HOW DID SUPERMANS DEAD DO? It had relative play for a month or so.

WHERE WAS THE VIDEO DONE?

We did it in Vancouver.

DID YOU LIKE DOING THE VIDEO?

Not really. It wasn't fun at all. Just getting in front of the camera none of us like too much.

WHAT ARE THE PLANS AFTER THE EVERCLEAR SHOWS? More touring, going to Canada with Everclear opening for us. That will end in mid Feb. then probably be coming back to the States to headline.

ANY LAST COMMENTS TO YOUR FANS?

UMMMMMMM....We love you! We are happy they went out and bought the album!





BORNE NAKED-UNCOVERED 4117 SE DIVISION ST, SUITE 333, PORTLAND, OR 97202-1646

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BORNE NAKED has been called Oregon's hottest rock band! This CD UNCOVERED didn't create to much enthusiasm in me. As the first tune SOMEONE'S CALLING came on it prepped me for some great hard edged rock tunes, but after that till the second to last tune there was just no sparks...The band embarked on trying to cover all the contemporary styles of rock in their music which you can applaud them for but I think they should of stayed with the straight ahead rock! The last tune MR. E is a spoken word piece which is truly extraidonary. So maybe it wasn't my cup of tea but it did have its high points!

XFACTORX-SELF TITLED

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XFACTORX shows us that you can be deep, dark and haunting without making yourself up to look like a creature of the night. The band also shows they have MUSICAL TALENT compared to those flash-in-the-pan bands. This eleven song debut album treats you to melodic, mystical tunes like THE SCREAM & SHADOW to some light hearted "fun" tunes like B*A*M*F* and OVER THE EDGE. Throughout the whole album Andre Vanchot (vox), John Bruno (guitars), Tony Mei (drums) and Chris McCarvill (bass) try to differentiate each song so you don't get bored with the album. Milford could just be put on the music map with this hard rock band!



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