

showcases mainly metal and hard-rock bands. Call (213) 547-4423.

Fri., May 3—*Knightmare II, Shocker, Letchen Grey, Stress.*

Sat., May 4—*Thrasher, Day Sleeper, Striker.*

Thurs., May 9—*Rok Steenrod, Scream, Orchid.*

Other rock events:

The Knitters and *Bursting Aortas* play Fender's Ballroom, 521 E. First St., Long Beach; Sun., May 5, 7:30 p.m.; \$7. All proceeds to go to the Special Olympics. Call (213) 435-6311.

Pop Art appear at Kerckhoff Coffee House, second floor Ackerman Union, UCLA, Westwood; Mon., May 6, 8 p.m.; free. *Mojo Nixon* will appear on Thurs., May 9. Call (213) 206-0838.

The La Brea Circus, featuring *The Apache Dancers, Bachelors Anonymous, Phillip Littell* and *Perpetua* appear at Olio, 3709 Sunset Blvd.; Fri., May 3, 9 p.m. Call (213) 667-9556.

—Scott Morrow

GREAT FOR RHYTHM & BLUES

BABE AND RICKY'S INN, 5259 S. Central, L.A. Sometimes serving food, always beer; dancing, pool tables. Call (213) 235-4866.

Thurs.-Mon. — Bobby Williams and the Balls of Fire.

BIG NATE'S SUPPER CLUB, 10506 S. Western Ave., L.A. Nightly blues from *J.J. Jones and His Bad Boys*, plus *Beautiful Lady G.G.* There's an open jam, Sun., 5 p.m. The menu celebrates steak, chicken and fish, with wine and beer available from the bar. No cover, over 21. Call (213) 777-5330.

THE DODGER CLUB, 4092 S. Broadway, L.A. Call (213) 232-9698. The live music policy varies from week to week, but there's always a full bar, big dance floor and everything from funk to soul to

blues. Call (213) 232-9698.

THE GRANDIA ROOM 5657 Melrose Ave., Hlywd. The club with many names and faces becomes an open blues jam venue every Mon. night. Over 21. Call (213) 462-8628.

THE NAME OF THE GAME, 12000 S. Western Ave., L.A. Beer and wine, dancing. Over 21. Call (213) 756-1449.

PAGE FOUR, 4125 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., L.A. Open every night, live music weekends. Dance floor, full bar, over 21. Call (213) 296-8009.

THE PIONEER CLUB, 88th St. at Vermont. Definitely a blues-lover's place, with owner-host Smokey Wilson on hand every weekend; there's a long bar (beer & wine) along one wall, plus tables and chairs for food. They have a full kitchen, but it only seems to operate when it wants to. Best parking is on the street right in front. Call (213) 751-9346.

Fri.-Sat. — Smokey Wilson & His Pioneer Club Band.

THE PURE PLEASURE LOUNGE, 1520 W. Manchester Blvd., L.A. A strange hour for a blues jam session, but every Sat.-Sun. morning around 7-8 a.m., a jam does go on, usually featuring J.D. Nicholson. Regulars include Bobby Williams, Hoppy Hopkins and whoever else drops by. Call (213) 971-9946.

REUBEN'S, 230 Portofino Way, Redondo Beach. Restaurant, full bar and dancing, 21 and over. Call (213) 379-8363.

Sun.-Tues. — The Doug MacLeod Band.
THE STARBOARD ATTITUDE, 202 Redondo Beach Pier, Redondo Beach. Small stage, big dance floor; full bar, pool tables and something called video-poker. Over 21. Call (213) 374-9187.

Fri. — *Tony Matthews* and his blues band.

Other rhythm & blues:

Bernie Pearl and *Blind Joe Hill* alternate appearances at Gorky's on Mon., 8:30 p.m. 536 E. Eighth St., dwntrwn.; free. Call (213) 627-4060.

The Who Dunnit Band featuring *Monk Higgins* commands the floor at Memory Lane, 2323 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., L.A.; Mondays. Call (213) 294-8430.

Screamin' Jay Hawkins wails his way back to an increasingly favorite haunt, Club Lingerie, 6507 Sunset Blvd., Hlywd.; Fri., May 3. Call (213) 466-8557.

A Band Called Sam sets the place hoppin', along with *Temple of Rhythm*. Lighthouse Cafe, 30 Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach; Fri., May 3. Call (213) 372-6911/376-9833.

R&B masters the *James Harman Band*, along with the rockabilly jolts of the *Rockin' Rebels*. The Nugget, 6049 E. Seventh St., Long Beach; Fri., May 3; over 21. Call (213) 498-4133.

An afternoon of R&B with *James Cruce* at

the Lighthouse Cafe, 30 Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach; Thurs., May 9, 4 p.m. Call (213) 372-6911/376-9833.

See Concerts for other R&B.

—Steven Mikulan

AFRICAN, RHYTHM & REGGAE

CLUB NEW BREED, Seafood Restaurant, Seaport Village, Redondo Beach Pier. A new all-reggae club by the sea, showcasing local reggae and the occasional touring act in a large room with comfortable booths, a dance floor and stand-up bar. Call (213) 669-0286/372-1144.

Thurs., May 9—Roots riddims from *Kushite Raiders*.

KINGSTON 12, 4276 Crenshaw Blvd. This spacious club has become the leading reggae showcase in town, offering an intimate setting for all the top Jamaican artists as well as the best local reggae acts. Call (213) 294-6219.

Sat., May 4—Live reggae; maybe a rare appearance by top Jamaican singer. Call for late listing.

TEMPLE OF LUXOR, 4156 S. Vermont Ave. Another of the new crop of restaurants and/or discos presenting regular weekly reggae shows, mostly Fri. and Sat. Call (213) 235-5306.

Mon., May 6—Reggae celebration, call for info.

Other rhythms around town:

The leading English black poet and reggae artist, *Linton Kwesi Johnson*, with *Dennis Bovell's Dub Band* comes into town this weekend for an appearance at the Beverly Theater, 9404 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills. Sat., May 4. Call (213) 274-7106. (See Scoring the Clubs).

Jawge and the Unknown Band play a benefit at the Church in Ocean Park, Hill St., Santa Monica; Sat., May 4. Call (213) 399-1631.

The Disco Harbor Cruise series starts up again for the summer, offering Caribbean-style rhythms from DJs *Lloyd P.*, *Benji* and *Calito*. Boat leaves the Catalina terminal of San Pedro Harbor, Berth 95-96; Sat., May 4, 9:30 p.m. Call (213) 733-0268 or (213) 737-5182.

Idren, along with the ever-present *Ron Miller Hifi* play a free show, with donations going to the Ethiopian Relief Fund, at the Reggae on Sunset, Berwin Entertainment Complex, 6525 Sunset Blvd; Sun., May 5. Call (213) 821-2277.

Steppin' Lazer returns to the Lighthouse, 30 Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach; Sun., May 5. Call (213) 372-6911.

Sappadilla brings calypso/reggae rhythms to Panache, 6334 E. Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach; Sun., May 5. Call (213) 494-1404.

The Dance Afrikan Show is a new dance club with DJ Abi spinning African reggae, salsa and soca rhythms. At 1888 Century Park East, Century City; Fri., May 3. Call (213) 556-8479.

The Kushite Raiders also appear at Something's Fishy, 21812 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills on Sun., May 5, starting a new club policy of regular reggae shows on weekends. Japanese cuisine. Full Bar. Starts 9 p.m. Call (818) 884-3880.

—John Sutton-Smith

DANCE CLUBS

BAR D-LUX, at the Imperial Gardens Restaurant, 8225 Sunset Blvd.; Thurs., 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Held upstairs in one of L.A.'s oldest Japanese restaurants, this club is an interesting study in contradictions. Some people are sitting at the sushi bar, some in the lounge area, some dance on the small floor. DJ is Henry (from Vinyl Fetish) and the night we were there he went from Bowie to Shannon to James Brown to Tones on Tail (death-rock, baby) to Rolling Stones — really mixed but somehow it all works, which could also be said for this intriguing dance club. Full bar, cover \$5; over 21.

BOSS CLUB, at Imperial Gardens, 8225 Sunset Blvd.; Tues. This club describes itself as "a unique New York-style hangout that offers an alternative to mundane disco. DJ Seth Marsh plays only Bruce Springsteen-affiliated music: live bootlegs, videos, classic unreleased studio tracks as well as famous cover tunes. A must for the true Springsteen fan." Full bar, over 21. Call (213) 275-9720.

BUDDIE CLUB, 8240 Sunset Blvd., at Carlos and Charlie's El Privado; Sun. A unique evening of dancing, drinking, live entertainment and more drinking. Special guest comedian Buddie Lembeck, "Scene God of the '80s." DJs Marty Halfon and Seth Marsh spin the discs. Call (213) 656-8830 or (213) 656-5490.

CALIFORNIA JUKEBOX CLUB, 2855 S. Barrington Ave. (at National), W. L.A.; Mon.-Sat., 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Fun, dancing, romancing, oldies-but-

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