## VINYL VERDICT

• First You Dream . . ., Poison 13 (Wrestler)

It's always nice to get a purportedly sleazy little piece of vinyl that actually *delivers*. Austin's Poison 13 effectively blend Cramps-like horror swamp thrash with Delta blues and all the attitude, spirit and obnoxiousness of the great early '60s punk bands to yield a record that's just good, old-fashioned, perverted rock & roll fun. You want some degenerate stuff? Well, this thing's chock full of nutty stuff, kicking off with a Led Zep-like cowbell crunchrocker entitled "First You Dream . . . " (as in ". . . then you die!"). Then there's "Parchman Farm," where the singer's stuck in jail as he calmly exclaims, "Gonna be here the rest of my life/ all! did was shoot my wife." Or, how's about this from "What a Way To Die": "Please, baby, don't make me decide between you and a bottle of beer." Now that's what I call rock & roll!

• Music for Men, Mad Daddys (PVC)

Well, here's one of those records I bought just for the cover. It sports a hefty mama clad only in a body-length pair of fishnets, walking toward a statue of a guy with his pee-pee hanging out — you know, one of those Roman-type jobs — and in big letters it says, "Music for Men." Then you flip it over, and here's four hardy derelicts wearin' leather and leopardskin, including a guitarist named Zeus and a singer by the name of Stinky Sono Buoni. Plus they're from *New Jersey*! Well, needless to say, any band with a singer named Stinky gets my cash, so I picked it up. Turns out the Daddy's are a former Cramps cover band and the album is produced by Cramps Lux and Ivy. Considering the fact that the Cramps are one of my favorite bands, and their new LP hasn't been released yet, this'll do in a pinch, with songs like "Macho Man," "Out West," and "Acid Raindance." The Daddys may sound almost exactly like the Cramps, but what the hell, it's better than trying to sound like Bruce Springsteen (or R.E.M., for that matter). If you like the Cramps, you'll like Mad Daddys. 'Nuff said.

TV's Greatest Hits, Various Artists (Teevee Tunes)

I don't know about you, but for me, a card-carrying member of the first TV generation, the idea of an album with 65 (sixty-five!) teevee theme songs on two big records makes the hair on my balls stand on end. I mean, I love rock & roll, but TV is the best! Well, hopefully you weren't as excited as my friend Don and I were after we finished off a 12-pack of King Cobras while watching the new Linda Blair movie Savage Island and walked into Tower Records to see it, just sitting there all by itself, the last copy! Well, Don snagged it and I had to console myself with the 12-inch of Huey's "Power of Love," but you already know that story. We went over to my house (well, actually we went to the liquor store first) and put it on. And you know what? HALF OF 'EM ARE BOGUS VERSIONS! SACRILEGE! Here's a partial list of the fake ones: Hawaii Five-O, Dragnet, Get Smart, Man From U.N.C.L.E., Batman, F-Troop, Star Trek, I Love Lucy, I Dream of Jeannie, My Three Sons, Dick Van Dyke, and — hold onto your rabbit ears — Leave it to Beaver! And who the fuck do they think they are getting some guy to sing new versions of The Beverly Hillbillies and (make a cross over your chest for this one) Gilligan's Island! If you're like my friend Don and you bought this turkey by accident, thinking the songs'd be authentic, my suggestion is to return to the point of purchase and say it skips and get your money back. The worst!

-Scott Morrow

## L. A. EARS

A random sampling of what some Angelenos are putting on their turntables these days.

JAMES L. GILMORE (law clerk)

- 1. Weather Report

  / Sing the Body

  Electric
- 2. Minutemen

  Double Nickels on
  the Dime
- 3. Allan Holdsworth
- 4. Rimsky-Korsakov Scheherazade
- 5. Soundtrack

  A Clockwork

  Orange

## LARRY SILVANUS SLAUGHTER (filmmaker/

- (filmmaker/ screenwriter)
- 1. Godley/Creme

  History Mix

  2. Pino Donaggio
- His Greatest Hits '65-70
- 3. Bachelors Anonymous

  Bachelors

  Anonymous
- 4. Joni Mitchell

  The Hissing of

  Summer Lawns
- Summer Lawns
  5. Peter Gabriel
  Birdy
- JAY JACKSON (percussionist, Badwaste)
- Radwaste)

  1. The Temptations

Gettin' Ready

2. Ohio Players

- Gold

  3. Sly & the Family Stone
  Stand!
- 4. Earl Klugh
  Nightsongs
- 5. Miles Davis
  The Man With the
  Horn

LINDSAY ANDREE (student, Stevenson Elementary)

- 1. Billy Idol
  Rebel Yell
- 2. Madonna
  Madonna
- 3. Cyndi Lauper
  She's So Unusual
  4. Wham
- 4. Wham

  Make It Big

  Tears for Fears
- 5. Tears for Fears
  Songs From the Big
  Chair
- JON KONJOYAN (music promoter)
- 1. Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark
- Crush

  2. Carpenters
- The Singles (1969-1973) 3. Roseanne Cash

Rooftops

- A. Xaviera Hollander
- Xaviera
  5. The Blue Nile
  A Walk Across the
- L.A. Ears wants your contributions. Tell us who you are and what you do; list your five favorite rock, jazz, classical, pop, ethnic, funk, soundtrack, or whatever records of the moment; and send to the L.A. Weekly, care of L.A. Ears.

## L.A.'s Top 30

Compiled specifically for the L.A. Weekly by Musicvision under the supervision of Lenny Beer. The L.A. Weekly chart is based on actual sales reports from the major record chains in L.A., the only such chart available.

- 1. Heart
- Heart (Capitol)

  2. Afterburner
- ZZ Top (WB)
- 3. The Broadway
  Album
  Barbra Streisand
- (Columbia)
  4. Rock Me Tonight
  Freddie Jackson
  (Capitol)
- 5. Brothers in Arms
  Dire Straits (WB)
- 6. Greatest Hits
- 7. Live After Death
  Iron Maiden
- 8. Songs From the
  Big Chair
  Tears for Fears
- 9. Once Upon a
  Time
  Simple Minds
- (A&M) 10. Miami Vice
- Soundtrack (MCA)

  11. In Square Circle
  Stevie Wonder
- (MCA)

  12. Whitney Houston

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- (Arista)

  13. Born in the USA

  Bruce Springsteen
  (Columbia)
- •14. Rock a Little
  Stevie Nicks (Atco)

  15. Cupid and Psyche
- Scritti Politti (WB)

  •16. White City

  Pete Townsend

  (Atco)

- •17. The Last
- 18. The Dream of the Blue Turtles

Command

- Sting (A&M)

  19. Little Creatures
- Talking Heads (Sire)
- •20. Restless
  Starpoint (Elektra)
- 21. Ready for the World
- Ready for the World
  (MCA)

  22. Power Wind
- Rush (Polygram)

  23. Ice on Fire
- Elton John (Geffen)
  24. That's Why I'm
- Here
  James Taylor
  (Columbia)
- 25. Promise
  Sade (Portrait/Epic)
  26. Here's to Future
- 26. Here's to Future

  Days

  The Thompson
- 27. Dead Man's Party
  Oingo Boingo (MCA)
  28. No lacket

Twins (Arista)

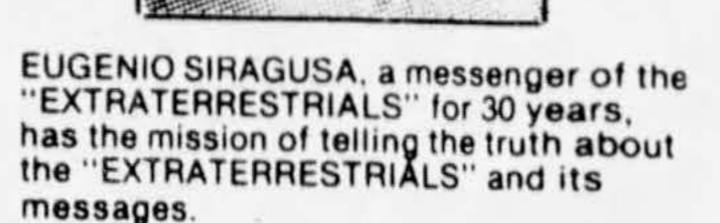
- 28. No Jacket
  Required
  Phil Collins
  (Atlantic)
- 29. Knee Deep in the Hoopla Starship (RCA)
- 30. Dog Eat Dog Joni Mitchell (Geffen)
  - Breaking Out:

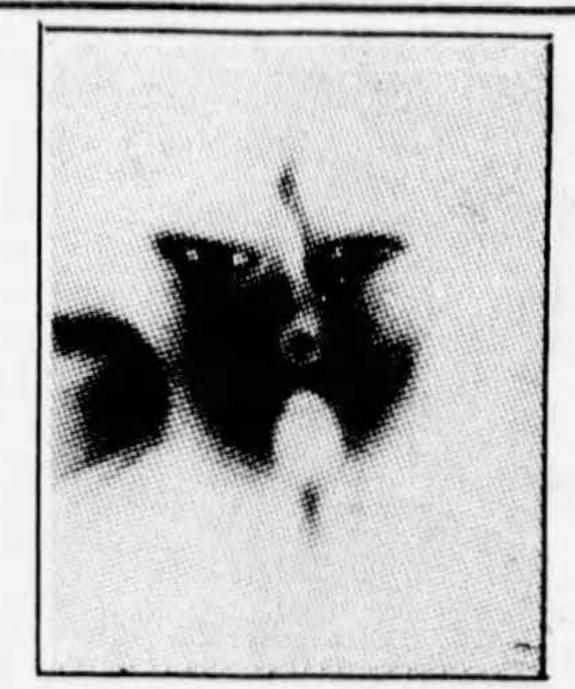
    Primitive Sound

    Miami Sound

    Machine (Epic)
- A bullet before the title indicates a strong upward surge in sales and upward movement in the charts.







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