

even had the nerve to use the headline "MORE MAGIC IN L.A. NEXT YEAR!," implying that this puck dude brings the same sort of athleticism, charisma and finesse to Tinseltown as the great Magic Johnson. Sure we love basketball and may be prejudiced, but we submit that the biggest star in the toothless, stitched sport called hockey couldn't carry the jock of a man on the L.A. CLIPPERS!

One thing is for certain: If we see Jack Nicholson sitting "iceside" at the Forum now that this Gretsky character is here, we'll have watched our last re-run of "Easy Rider."

You've all heard Rodney Dangerfield's line about being at a boxing match when a hockey game broke out? Rodney was right. Hockey is a validation of legal indoor riots. I know at least three people who've done eight years of hard time for the same offense that draws a two minute penalty in the NHL! I also know

that the 8,000 cretins in this town who call themselves fans are the same 8,000 who attend each and every "match." Hockey is on a level with ladies wrestling and roller derby. It's a mockery of a travesty of a sham and should be outlawed because it's an affront to respectable civilization. So there!

Now we do have one slight problem with all of this. Hockey is big in Canada and Canada is one of our more civilized civilizations. Our wife is Canadian and she's as civilized as you get. Pierre Trudeau, Corey Hart, Dan Aykroyd and most of the cast of the old Saturday Night Live are all Canadian--so that makes it a great country. Our theory is that there's another group of 8,000 in Canada who give out the image that hockey's a big deal while the rest of the country is as grossed out as we are.

Now if you're a PD or MD or hockey fan working in an area that we phone in our

capacity of promo-guy--well, hey, we're only kidding. We've purchased our Gretsky commemorative first-aid kit and plan to attend every farce-off in the upcoming season, eh!

**HOCKEY POSTSCRIPT:** They're saying that Gretsky allowed himself to be traded so he can be near his movie star wife, one Janet Jones! **MOVIE STAR WIFE???** How many of you have said to your main squeeze on a recent Saturday night, "Let's go down to the Bijou, the new Janet Jones movie just opened?" Janet must be a pal of Bronson Pinchot, the guy who says he can't walk on a public street because of fan madness whenever he surfaces. Jones could be on the list of Dukakis "celebrity" supporters we published here recently. (You may recall that Herman Gingfingdinkler was the biggest name on the little guy's list--and he's only a guy Gary Owens made up!)

# HEAR & THERE

by Sheila Rene

Capitol Records will release the John Lennon soundtrack "Imagine: The Movie," a double record set, on October 4th. It features two previously unreleased songs: "Real Love," taken from a demo cassette, and a rehearsal version of "Imagine" with John singing and playing the song on an upright piano. The album is part of a John Lennon multimedia event centering around the Warner Bros. film directed by Andrew Solt and co-produced by David Wolper and Solt which will open on October 7th...MacMillan is publishing a lavish book, written and edited by Solt. It will contain over 250 photographs and will be in the stores October 9th, which would have been Lennon's 48th birthday...

**Movie Time:** This fall Tom Waits releases his first concert film "Big Time," directed by Chris Blum. Both the film and the album of the same name are sure to turn some heads. *Rattle And Hum* is the U2 double album and film expected early this fall. The double album--available as a single CD and cassette--features live recordings from last year's tour as well as previously unreleased studio recordings. Bono continues his collaboration with Roy Orbison for an album set to be released on Island in January.



Tangerine Dream kicked off their tour on August 25th at Poplar Creek in Chicago. It comes on the heels of their latest Private Music release, *Optical Race*. Although the band has seldom played live in the States, they have scheduled a 24-city tour co-sponsored by Atari, whose equipment the band uses on tour.

Breaking up is hard to do...Krokus, who first surfaced in the U.S. on Arista Records in 1980, have released their singer Marc Storace. The band, whose last album got tremendous support from their label, but no support from radio or press, have bought out their contract with MCA.

The band will play their last scheduled date August 26&27 at the Lemone Open Air Festival in Luzgano, Switzerland, with Vengeance, China & Nazareth rounding out the bill. Several record companies have already submitted potential deals to Krokus, so perhaps they will regroup with a new vocalist. Guitarist Craig Goldie and Ronnie James Dio have parted ways with "musical differences" being quoted as the reason...a new guitarist is being sought. Vinnie Vincent's bass player Dana Strum will leave the band at the end of the current leg of the tour.

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Kenny Rogers' debut Reprise single "When You Put Your Heart In It" is the official theme song for the 1988 U.S. Olympic Gymnastic Team. All proceeds from the single will be donated to the U.S. Gymnastic Team.

MCA Records/Nashville is set to release *Country & Eastern*, an eight-song compilation album featuring Lyle Lovett, Nanci Griffith, Steve Earle and The Desert Rose Band. The four artists will each provide two songs each.

**Now Hear This:** The legendary John Mayall has recorded his first studio album in eight years with the Bluesbreakers. Island Records is due to release *Chicago Line* on October 4th.



Buckwheat Zydeco has released his second hot and spicy vinyl from his hometown of Lafayette, LA. for Island Records. The album, *Taking it Home*, comes on the heels of the Republican Convention in New Orleans where he played for several delegation parties, and features Eric Clapton as a guest guitarist. Buckwheat will return the favor by opening Clapton's mega tour kicking off on September 1st at the Starplex in Dallas, TX. The long awaited release by Etta James will be available on Island Records October 4. Kix will release their fourth album on Atlantic Records titled *Blow My Fuse* on September 6.

**Studio Stuff:** New York rockers Warrior Soul are recording their debut album for Geffen Records with Andy Wallace (Slayer, The Cult) producing. Average White Band is recording again with John Robey producing. The Ohio Players are helping with the writing on this one. The Royal Crescent Mob has been signed to Sire Records, moving over from Celluloid. Bill Laswell, who we just reported as in the studio with P.I.L., has walked out of the project at Sorcerer Studios in New York after only five days on the job.

Piggy, the guitarist for the Noise/CBS group VoiVod, had his routine physical before setting sail for the U.S. and a tour with Testament and Violence. The doctors discovered a tumor on his thyroid gland so the tour had to be postponed temporarily. Terrible timing, since VoiVod's latest album is their most accessible. Currently Piggy is resting in a Montreal hospital, hoping to avoid an operation.

Celtic Frost has a revamped line-up with lead vocalist/rhythm guitarist Tom G. Warrior being the only holdover. The band is recording their new album *Cold Lake!* in Berlin with producer Tony Platt for an October 31st release date. Helloween warmed-up the Castle Donnington Festival show with new material from their forthcoming Noise/RCA release, *Keeper Of The 7 Keys - Part 2*, out in September in the States.