

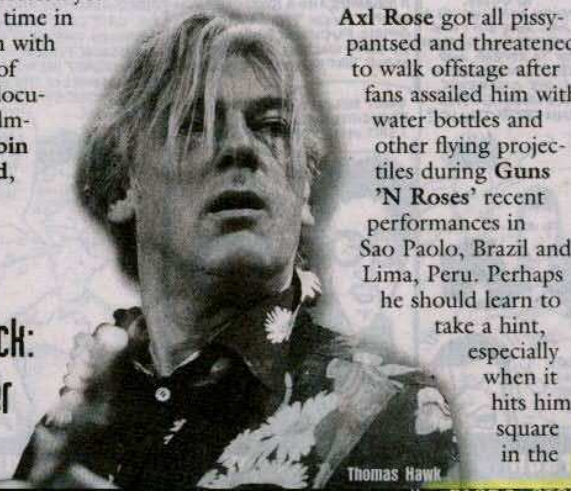
Soul queen **Bettye LaVette** has put together an album of covers called *Interpretations: The British Rock Songbook*, which will materialize at a mom 'n' pop tone vendor near you May 25. True to its title, the set entails over a dozen LaVette renditions of the **Beatles**, the **Rolling Stones**, **Pink Floyd** and other essential U.K. exports.

*I can't go for that, no can do:* Bassist **T-Bone Wolk**, who worked with everybody from **Hall and Oates** to **Elvis Costello**, suffered a fatal heart attack Feb. 27. He was 58.

May 11 is the day the **Hoodoo Gurus** will regale us with their ninth long-player, *Purity of Essence*. Rest assured that it'll rock your ass off.

Perennial dumbass **Pete Doherty** has been arrested yet again, this time in connection with the death of socialite/documentary filmmaker **Robin Whitehead**, who succumbed

**Robyn Hitchcock: Propeller Head?**



to a drug overdose Jan. 24. Doherty is one of four individuals accused of giving Whitehead the substance that resulted in her demise. Why don't the British authorities just lock that fool up, lose the key and be done with him already?

Photographer **Jim Marshall**, whose most iconic images captured **Jimi Hendrix** setting his axe ablaze at the Monterey Pop Festival and **Johnny Cash** giving the middle-finger salute at San Quentin, died March 23 in New York. He was 74.

The incomparable **Robyn Hitchcock** just released a new outing with the **Venus 3** called *Propellor Time*; additional guests include **John Paul Jones**, **Johnny Marr**, **Nick Lowe** and fellow **Soft Boy Morris Windsor**.

**Axl Rose** got all pissy-pantsed and threatened to walk offstage after fans assailed him with water bottles and other flying projectiles during **Guns 'N Roses'** recent performances in Sao Paulo, Brazil and Lima, Peru. Perhaps he should learn to take a hint, especially when it hits him square in the



**The Kinks: You really got us!**

face? Rose's ex-manager, **Irving Azoff**, has also filed a \$1.9 million breach-of-contract suit against him, which should keep him out of the studio for a goodly while.

**Beck** has joined forces with **St. Vincent**, **Liars** and other collaborators to create a song-by-song rendition of **INXS'** *Kick* album. If you value your hearing at all, avoid it.

Former **Blink-182** drummer and current dickwad **Travis Barker** was involved in a Feb. 21 altercation with the paparazzi in which somebody slashed somebody else's tires. Police arrived at the scene to quell the mayhem but made no arrests; as Barker later revealed on his Twitter feed, "I'm not a socialite out begging for that kind of attention. I'm a family man out wit (sic) my kids." Yeah fucking right!

**Coldplay** is being allowed to make yet another album for some unholy reason...

**Bon Iver** mainman **Justin Vernon** is planning to start up his own music and arts venue, Union College, in his Eau Claire, Wisc. stomping grounds. There's no word on a potential opening date as of yet, since Vernon is still in the process of securing funding and taking care of other necessary details.

**Kinks** drummer **Mick Avory** has revealed that another studio

project is in the works for the band, and that it will consist mainly of older unreleased material from the brothers Davies. In further Kinks-related developments, a DVD entitled *You Really Got Me - The Story of the Kinks* will arrive May 18, chock-full of rare performance footage from concerts and television programs throughout the world.

**WOXY.com**, one of the best radio stations on the Internets, suspended its broadcast operations again March 23, citing "current economic realities and the lack of ongoing funding." This sucks.

The Montreal quintet **Stars** are readying their fifth long-player, *The Five Ghosts*, for a June 22 arrival. **Tom McFall**, who worked with the band on 2005's *Set Yourself on Fire*, handled production duties once again.

The **Flaming Lips** have broken ground on another cinematic endeavor following the resounding success (??) of the exceedingly shitty *Christmas on Mars*. Details are scant at this time, but the band intends to film the project in its Oklahoma City home base.

A New York jury found personal assistant **Natavia S. Lowery** guilty of second-degree murder in the bludgeoning death of punk manager-turned-celebrity real estate agent **Linda Stein** Feb. 23. Lowery, 28, faces