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The look on Billy Gibbons: legendary guitars and cars.

CARS, GUITARS & TEXAS ROCK STARS: The famed ZZ Top axeman gives an insider's look into his true loves: cars and guitars with *Billy F. Gibbons: Rock and Roll Gearhead* from Motobooks. This 192-page color coffee table book reveals tales behind the creation of dozens of the bearded one's unique guitars—he owns 600—including the "Furry One" (made famous in the Texas band's video "Legs"). There's also a rundown of ten of Gibbons's slickest hot rods and custom cars, as well as highlights from his 40-year recording career. —Michelle McCarthy

TOWERS OF LONDON CALLING: The British punk upstarts brought their mayhem and cacophonous din to America's shores with a tour that included a stopover at L.A.'s famous Troubadour nightclub. The Towers barely made it out of their own country after lead singer Donny Tourette pleaded guilty to criminal damage and was fined 775 pounds (\$1,327) for swinging from and subsequently trashing the scaffolding and canopy at one of their gigs. —Tom Farrell



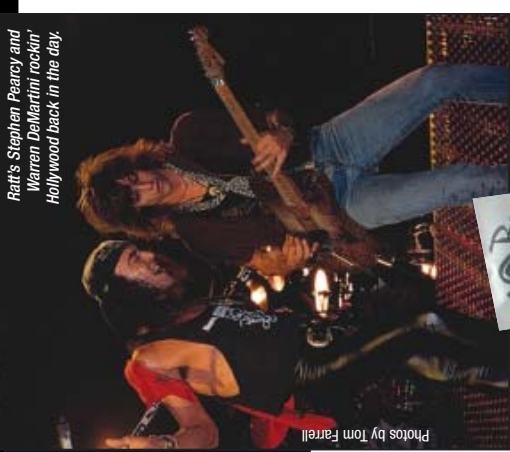
Towers of London's Donny Brunette (left) and Donny Tourette on their best behavior.

Photo by Annette Dvanesian

Poison's C.C. DeVille (left) and Bret Michaels blast out of the past in a CD extravaganza.



SUNSET STRIPPERS: Cleopatra Records has released the ultimate compilation of the '80s Sunset Strip hair band experience with *Hollywood Rocks*, a handsomely packaged four-disc set. The music takes you back, and sometimes leaves you there, with tracks by AX's pre-Guns N' Roses outfit, Hollywood Rose, pre-Ratt band Mickey Rat, Plain Jane (Janis "Warrant" Lane's first Hollywood band), Candy (featuring Gilby Clarke), Dokken, the purple-haired Zeros, Poison, Quiet Riot, Faster Pussycat and just too many hair farmers to list. If you were there (and don't pretend you can't remember), then you must get this CD. —T.F.



Ratt's Stephen Pearcy and Warren DeMartini rockin' Hollywood back in the day.

Photos by Tom Farrell

KOTTOMMOUTH KINGS—PUT THIS IN YOUR PIPE AND SHAKE IT:

Members of the Southern California rock band Kottonmouth Kings joined forces with the AAMC (American Alliance for Medical Cannabis) at a recent demonstration in front of the Federal Building in West Los Angeles. The gathering was in protest against a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that permits the government to block physicians from prescribing marijuana for patients suffering from cancer, glaucoma and other serious illnesses. Ten states, including California, have legalized marijuana use for medical purposes.

The Kottonmouth Kings, whose latest record entered the charts at number 50 on the Billboard Top 200, have been proactive in their support of the legalization of marijuana since the band's 1995 inception. They frequently join forces with the AAMC, which provides education, advocacy and awareness about the benefits of medicinal marijuana.

Voices AAMC Los Angeles chapter head J.P. Mohr: "How can a nation based upon principles of individual liberty, personal responsibility and care of the sick and disabled possibly ban a medicine whose use harms no one, while relieving suffering? Marijuana is a beneficial, natural medication that deserves further medical research—research that our government won't allow. The same government that advo-

Kottonmouth Kings' Brad "Daddy X" and Pakelika on the front lines. God made pot; Bush made laws. Who do you trust?



cates the use of medications like OxyContin or Adderal, denies medical marijuana. There are hundreds of accidental deaths every day from taking these other pharmaceuticals, yet there is not one documented case of toxicity or fatality from cannabis usage."

"Kottonmouth Kings have always been on the front lines, fighting to make marijuana a legal substance," says frontman Brad X. "When we got the call to join the AAMC rally, we jumped at the chance to be a part of the war on drugs by verbalizing our dissatisfaction with a recent Supreme Court decision." —T.F.

DVD SIX-PACK

Def Leppard
Rock of Ages—The DVD Collection

The definitive video collection from the group that put heavy metal pop on the MTV map. Spanning 20 years, you get the teen idol tracks like "Photograph" and "Rock of Ages" and more—18 all-time favorites, plus the previously unreleased 2002 video for "Now" and the rehearsal video for 2005's chart-topping "No Matter What." —T.F.



Sambhain
Live 1984 Stardust Ballroom Music Video Distributors

Looking past the far-from-professional camerawork and shoddy sound, this DVD serves as a piece of punk rock history. You not only get to witness the goth-punks' first L.A. gig, but also the show is filmed at the now-defunct but once-legendary Stardust Ballroom in Hollywood. It's a nostalgic glimpse of a post-Mt. St. Helens Darzig, before all the muscled and long hair. —M.M.



Various Artists
Taste of Chaos

If you missed last year's sold-out Taste of Chaos tour, here's your chance to check out a sampling of the bill at a stop in Asbury Park, New Jersey. Powerful performances by bands such as My Chemical Romance, The Used, Killswitch Engage and Atreyu make you wish you had been there. Bonus features include extended interviews and behind-the-scenes footage. —M.M.



Pixies
Rhino Home Video

Frank Black once told *Rolling Stone* that he'd only play with the Pixies again "if I were penniless or a family member needed a kidney transplant." Thankfully, that's not what it took for the band to reunite in 2004 for a string of dates. *Pixies Sell Out* captures the seminal indie band live in Belfort, France, but you can also check out bonus performances, at such gatherings as Coachella Valley, New Orleans's Voodoo Festival and the Fuji Rock Festival. —M.M.



Buddy Boy
Image Entertainment

Catholic mama's boy screws hot epileptic vegan and starts thinking she's a cannibal. Meaty pitch, gle nude scenes! Talk about missed opportunities. Watch this and rent a real Polish flick. —Mark Johnson

