

series hosted by Mitch Pileggi (Walter Skinner on "The X-Files"). A welcome bonus is the inclusion of two documentaries that inspired "In Search Of...", "Ancient Astronauts" and "Ancient Mysteries," hosted by Rod Serling. He passed before the series began shooting, so Nimoy stepped in, an excellent choice.

"THE POINT"



In case it flew under your radar, let us point out that Harry Nilsson's absolutely delightful 1971 animated fable has been released in a "definitive collectors edition." The tale of Oblio, the only round-headed denizen of a land where everybody, and everything, has a point, is narrated by Ringo Starr. Nilsson himself wrote and sings the charming, harmony-laden pop songs, such as "Me and My Arrow" and "Are You Sleeping." The endearing animation was created by Academy Award winner Fred Wolf. All ages will appreciate this timeless lesson in the absurdity of prejudice.

"COLOR ME OBSESSED: A FILM ABOUT THE REPLACEMENTS"

Even though you essentially won't see or hear the band itself at all in this reverential, bold, two-hour documentary, you'll get a clear picture of The Replacements' lasting impact. Fervent testimonials from insightful fans, including many musicians, such as members of Husker Du, The Decemberists, Babes in Toyland, Archers of Loaf and Goo Goo Dolls, as well as funnymen George Wendt, Dave Foley and Tom

Arnold, underscore the '80s Minnesota indie punk-pop band's unique place in rock history. Colorful anecdotes about band members, particularly Paul Westerberg and Bob Stinson, are highly entertaining. The two-disc set includes six hours of extras, including deleted scenes, interviews and commentaries (not by the band, of course!)

CDs

PAMELA HINES - "3.2.1."

In an intimate approach, pianist/arranger/composer Hines performs in trio, duo and solo settings. Hence the title, "3.2.1." She's joined on various tracks by bassist David Clark and drummer Yoron Israel. Hines deftly captures an array of moods, adding her own sensitive touch to songs composed by or associated with the legendary Bill Evans. Highlights include a lively "34 Skidoo," the longing "B Minor Waltz" and a pensive "If You Could See Me Now."

BELL GARDENS - "FULL SUNDOWN ASSEMBLY"

This sumptuous, complex indie pop, basking in warm harmonies, is instantly inviting and lastingly layered. The band's core is formed by Kenneth James Gibson and Brian McBride, who have obviously been influenced by another Brian... Wilson. Dreamy and trippy, tracks like "Nowhere" and "Through The Rain" are endlessly entrancing. There's a uniquely eerie beauty to the band's soundscapes.

STEVIE RAY VAUGHAN AND DOUBLE TROUBLE - "TEXAS FLOOD"

Sony Legacy honors the 30th anniversary of Stevie Ray Vaughan's explosive album debut with this deluxe new two-disc set. The original 1983 rock-blues release earned a couple of Grammy nominations. In addition to dynamic Vaughan originals like "Pride and Joy" and "Love Struck Baby," the album included powerhouse covers of tunes associated with Howlin' Wolf, Buddy Guy and The Isley Brothers. The second disc provides an hour-long set, previously unavailable, recorded at Ripley's Music Hall in Philadelphia for radio broadcast. Throughout, Vaughan's fiery guitar work proves riveting.

ELVIS PRESLEY - "ALOHA FROM HAWAII VIA SATELLITE: LEGACY EDITION"

It's January, 1973. And Elvis is still very much in his prime. During these historic performances in Hawaii, broadcast throughout the world via satellite, he's brimming with energy and kingly grandeur, which is offset by his disarming, self-deprecating sense of humor. Presley sizzles on such rockers as "Burning Love." But at this point in his career, he was most impressive building the melodrama in such epic ballads as "You Gave Me A Mountain." This new 40th anniversary double-disc release gives you the original album, plus a completely remixed version of the 1988 CD, "The Alternate Aloha." That one includes bonus tracks such as "Early Morning Rain," "Blue Hawaii" and "Hawaiian Wedding Song."

FOXTAILS BRIGADE - "TIME IS PASSED"

Transcendent, dreamlike, shimmering. The San Francisco indie chamber pop band makes music that truly transports the listener. Wintry lyrical themes are presented with warmth and charm. It's alternate holiday music delivered with idiosyncratic wit. At the forefront is Laura Weinbach's gently gorgeous, girlish voice. She also weaves entrancing harmonies. The imaginative, understated instrumentation enhances the moods, but never intrudes. Anton Patzner, who plays violin, viola and guitar on the record, has done an impeccable job of producing. The Brigade borrows knowingly from the pleasures of classical, jazz and vintage pop, as well as expressing the band's more contemporary sensibilities. "Time Is Passed" is a timeless marvel.

YANI MARTINELLI - "BUBBLE STATION"

Elsabeth Shue
Ellen Greene
Elvis Costello
Emmylou Harris
Engelbert
Erasure
Eric Andersen
Eric Burdon
Faith Hill
Fiona Apple
Frank Black
Fred Willard
Frosted
Gary Lewis
Gene Hackman
Geoffrey Rush
Grace Slick
Graham Nash
Graham Parker
Green Day
Greg Kinn
Gregory Hines
Gruff Rhys
Gunnar Nelson
Halle Berry
Harrison Ford
Harry Belafonte
Harvey Keitel
Helena Bonham Carter
Henry Rollins
Herb Gardner
Holly Hunter
Huey Lewis
Hugh Grant
Hyapatia Lee
Ian Hunter
Ian Tyson
Ileana Douglas
Jack Bruce
Jack Jones
Jack Palance
Jamie Bernstein
Jane Siberry
Jane Weidlin
Janeane Garofalo
Janis Ian
Jeff Buckley
Jeff Lynne
Jen & Buns
Jennifer Batten
Jennifer Connelly
Jeremy Northam
Jerry Naylor
Jesse Colin Young
Jesus & Mary Chain
Jewel
Jim Belushi
Jim Carrey
Jim McCarty
Joan Baez
Jody Stephens (Big Star)
Joe Ely
Joe Jackson
Joel McHale
Joh Hiatt
John Cryer
John Denver
John Doe
John Gorka
John Hughes
John Lydon
John Mayall
John Mellencamp
John Paul Jones
John Sebastian
Johnny Depp
Johnny Winter
Jon Bon Jovi
Jon Favreau
Jorma Kaukaunen
Josie Bisset of Melrose Place
Journey
Judy Collins
Julia Fordham
Julian Lennon
Juliette Lewis
Katey Sagal
Kathleen Turner
Katie Melua
Keanu Reeves
Keifer Sutherland
Kenny Laguna
Kim Basinger
Kim Gordon
Kris Kristofferson
Larry King
Laurence Juber
Lemmy (Motorhead)
Lenny Kravitz
Les Claypool
Lesley Gore
Leslie Mann
Linda Ronstadt
Lisa Loeb
Lita Ford
Loudon Wainwright
Louis Malé
Lucinda Williams
Luke Perry
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Maria McKee
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Martin Mull
Marty Balin
Mary Wells
Matt Dillon
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