

RETRO!

Princely Behavior

Coheed and Cambria's drummer **Josh Eppard** employs **Prince's** help with the ladies.

When did you first hear *Purple Rain*?

I was four or five. *Purple Rain* taught me how to go crazy. My dad had the vinyl, and he made me a copy of that and Tears for Fears. I would rock out to *Purple Rain* with my headphones on.

Are you a Prince fan overall?

Not so much. You can only have that first record that helps shape your love of music. The other record I was really into as a kid was *Thriller*, though the neighborhood kids and I always thought the words were "thriller, thriller knife."

Did you listen to it often?

My dad said he had to make me a new tape every two months because I [kept wearing] it out. That record sold, what, a hot 15 million? I've bought about seven of them. When I put it on, it's very nostalgic. I can smell my childhood when I listen to it.

Have you ever seen him perform?

I've never seen Prince perform. My dad would tell me, "You'll go deaf!" Now, the last thing I ever want to do is go see a show.

Did your dad like Prince, too?

Not nearly as much as I did. I remember at one of my dad's hippie get-togethers, I think one of his rock 'n' roll friends used the word *faggot* in direction to me because I listened to Prince.

Did you ever put it on mix tapes?

Absolutely! When I was a kid, I got so much pleasure out of making mix tapes for my girlfriend because she had an old Volvo and it only had a cassette deck. I used to make mix tapes like you wouldn't believe, and there were countless times that I'd put songs from *Purple Rain* down. I always wanted her to be listening to it. And if she had another guy in the car, [she'd] be like, "Maybe I shouldn't be doing this.... Josh is a good guy." It didn't work, though.



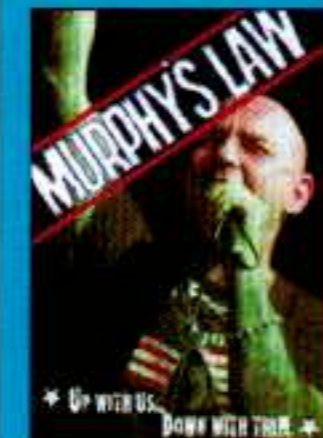
UNDER THE RADAR

Lady Sovereign may be sexy, but she's no pushover. This brunette from the U.K. is one of the hottest artists in the emerging U.K. grime scene, which spawned a new rap style mixing crunk, Jamaican dancehall, and garage. Lady Sovereign has already caught the attention of Jay-Z, Basement Jaxx, and Mike Skinner (aka the Streets). Her first single, "9 to 5," proves she's tough *and* has great flow. Her debut, *Public Warning*, is scheduled to hit the U.S. this winter.



SHELF LIFE

HOME VIEWING



Murphy's Law: Up With Us, Down With Them (MVD) Art aficionados may have first discovered them in *Cremaster*, but these beer-swilling punks have been a longtime staple of New York's hardcore punk scene with their solid live shows.

Ozzy Osbourne's 10th Anniversary Ozzfest (Ventura) With an exclusive interview with Ozzy, tons of backstage

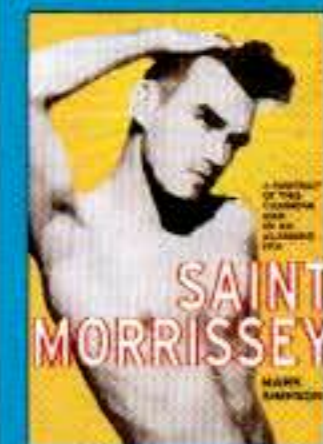


footage, and live performances from Black Sabbath, Velvet Revolver, Rob Zombie, and more, this DVD celebrates Ozzy's final year with the festival.



The Dick Cavett Show: John Lennon & Yoko Ono (Sony) This DVD features three appearances from the notable couple, including the first TV interview Lennon gave to American audiences following the Beatles' breakup and a performance by both artists.

BOOK REPORT



Saint Morrissey: A Portrait of This Charming Man by an Alarming Fan By Mark Simpson Salon.com scribe and Morrissey devotee Simpson details his adoration of the mysterious Smiths ex-frontman in this fantastic exploration of both Moz and what it means to be a fan.