

loose ends

In May, **Aerosmith** vocalist **Steven Tyler** entered a rehab facility to help with problems stemming from a series of foot surgeries and post-operative physical therapy (not substance abuse as most media outlets reported). "The 'foot-repair' pain was intense, greater than I anticipated," says Tyler. "The months of rehabilitative care and the painful strain of physical therapy were traumatic. I really needed a safe environment to recuperate where I could shut off my phone and get back on my feet." ... **Van Halen's** big comeback tour, which wrapped up June 2 in Grand Rapids, MI, was seen by close to one million fans and grossed more than \$93 million. "We send our thanks to the countless new and lifetime fans that helped make this tour our most successful," says the band. ... **Poison's Rikki Rockett** has been exonerated of felony rape charges filed by a woman in Mississippi. "I think it was a case where the woman and her husband, unfortunately, believed they could extort money from me and my band," the drummer says. "This is a gross example of people attempting to abuse the law for personal profit... It is abhorrent and disgraceful." ... **Mötley Crüe's Tommy Lee** is working on an animated half-hour show loosely based on his life, *The Life and Times Of Jimmy*

Jaxx, which is in the early stages of development at Fox. Lee himself will voice Jaxx, a rock star trying to balance his job with a more sedate home life while being distracted by his tattoos, which come to life to tempt him down the wrong path. "I've always loved the animated world," says the drummer. "How fun and kooky is this gonna be, to combine some real-life experiences with some seriously over-the-top humor." ... **Sharon Osbourne** will tutor 14 contestants from seasons 1 and 2 of *Rock Of Love* on how to be more lady-like in the VH1 reality series *Rock Of Love Girls: Charm School*. **Bret Michaels'** rejects will compete for a \$100,000 prize. ... The second season of VH1's *Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew*, which premieres in October, will feature ex-**Guns N' Roses** drummer **Steven Adler** and former **Whitesnake** video vixen **Tawny Kitaen** trying to sober up with five other famous folks at a Los Angeles-based rehab center. ... On May 21, 39-year-old guitarist **Michelle Meldrum** (Meldrum/ex-**Phantom Blue**) died from a cystic growth on her brain that had restricted oxygen and blood flow to her brain rendering her brain dead. She had just finished recording the new Meldrum record, which the surviving band members plan to release later this year as a tribute to Michelle.

Just Signed

Light Yourself On Fire has signed with Seventh Rule Recordings. The Tampa-based quartet is comprised of metal and hardcore vets from bands like **Reversal Of Man**, **Scrog** and **Brutality**. "[We're] hardcore kids growing up in the death metal capital and being influenced by early '90s noise," describes the band. Expect **Light Yourself On Fire's** debut for the label, *Intimacy*, this fall.

Seventh Rule Recordings has also added the hardcore band **Wetnurse** to its roster. "The raw, outcast power of early death metal. The melodic transcendence of classic rock. All these influences exist within **Wetnurse's** music, yet theirs is something totally new and progressive," says Seventh Rule owner **Scott Flaster** about why he signed **Wetnurse**. The NYC-based group's *Invisible City* will be released in the fall.

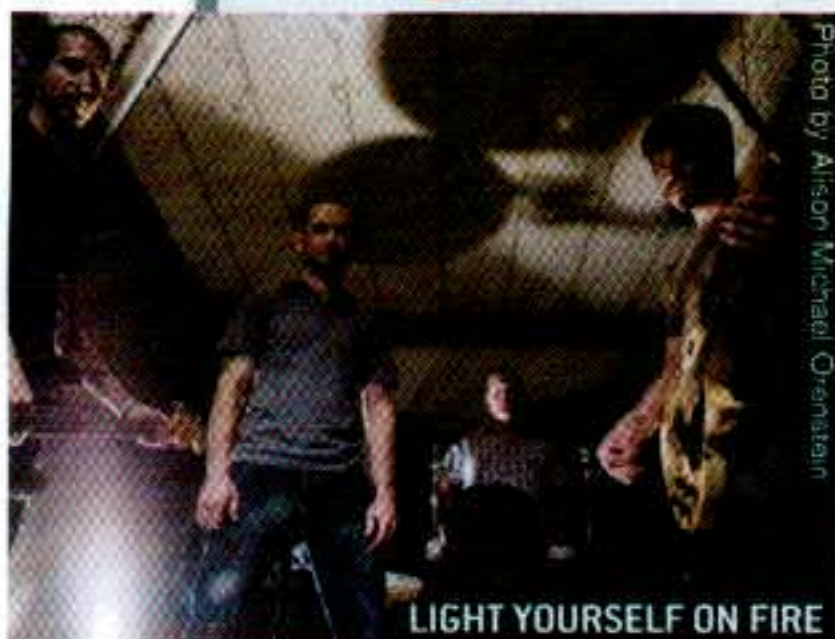


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LIGHT YOURSELF ON FIRE



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New Albums To Check Out



Civet's Hell Hath No Fury (Hellcat): The female foursome, from Orange County, delivers their first album for Hellcat on September 9. "It's balls-out, unapologetic femme-fatale punk rock 'n' roll, which is the music we love," says the band. The album features a song co-written with **Rancid's Tim Armstrong** called "All I Want." [MySpace.com/Civet]
Knights Of The Abyss' Shades (Ferret): This is the Glendale, AZ-based quintet's label debut. "[For *Shades*], we got really inspired by *Dante's Inferno*," says singer **Mike Manheimer**. "The album is about the descent through hell. It starts off with an earthy kind of feel and, as the album progresses, it gets deeper and deeper and goes through the different levels of hell and what kind of people are damned to that level." [MySpace.com/KnightsOfTheAbyss]



Less Than Jake's GNV FLA (Sleep It Off): Released on the ska/punk group's own indie label, LTJ's latest is an homage to their hometown of Gainesville, FL, and other small U.S. towns and their inhabitants in these troubled economic times. "Each record is a snapshot of who the band is at the moment of writing and recording," says drummer **Vinnie**. [LessThanJake.com]



Raine Maida's The Hunter's Lullaby (Kingnoise): The **Our Lady Peace** frontman's solo CD, released independently, was created using acoustic instruments only, to achieve a sound influenced by the beat poets of the 1960s mixed with modern hip-hop grooves. The Canadian's wife, singer-songwriter **Chantal Kreviazuk**, plays piano and sings on several tracks. "I'm not exactly sure where my record fits in today's musical landscape, but I take comfort in that," says Maida. [MySpace.com/RaineMaida]



Street Dogs' State Of Grace (Hellcat): The Boston-based punk outfit's fourth full-length is "a more organic record," says bassist **Johnny Rioux**. "It's more raw than our previous records. The end result is a more powerful and honest record. It's less political and more everyday life delivered in a more powerful way." [MySpace.com/StreetDogs]



DVD NEWS

This summer, MVD Visual released the following DVDs:

Gorgoroth's Black Mass Krakow 2004: The Norwegian black metal band's infamous concert in Poland, recorded on February 1, 2004, drew attention from the media for allegedly "offending religious feelings" and for possibly breaking Polish laws concerning animal protection - the set included severed and impaled sheep heads. Besides the full concert, the disc (which comes as a limited edition Star Metal Pack) also includes footage from a 2000 Leipzig, Germany, show, a discography, photo gallery and more.

Decapitated's Human's Dust: Also a limited edition Star Metal Pack, this disc features a full-length concert recorded in 2002 in Kraków, Poland, live performances from Katowice, Poland, recorded in May 2002 and March 2004, interviews, the video for "Winds Of Creation" and much more.

Punk's Not Dead: This documentary, directed by **Susan Dynner**, chronicles the evolution of punk rock from its underground roots to its acceptance into mainstream pop culture. **Bad Religion**, **Black Flag**, **The Damned**, **Green Day**, **Minor Threat**, **NOFX**, **The Offspring**, **Pennywise**, **The Ramones**, **Rancid**, **Social Distortion**, **Sum 41**, **The Used** and many other bands contributed to the film, which includes over two hours of bonus material such as artist interviews and both behind-the-scenes and never-before-seen footage.

Immortalised: Earache Records 1986-2000: This disc is a collection of music videos (and bonus footage) from 20 of the label's all-time hottest acts like **Morbid Angel**, **Cathedral**, **Napalm Death**, **Carcass**, **Vader** and **Bolt Thrower**.

The first live DVD from **Novembers Doom**, *The Novella Vosselaar: Live In Belgium*, has come out from The End Records. The disc's bonus material includes three music videos ("Rain," "Autumn Reflection" and "The Pale Haunt Departure") and four fan-made clips.