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From the Garage: Happy 30th, D.O.A., with chaos or anarchy!

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Sudden Death Records signifies D.O.A.'s 30th Anniversary DVD The Men of Action with a DVD release party at The Commodore Ballroom, Friday. Opening are SNFU and The Jolts.

The DVD covers the band's 30-year career, consisting of 26 songs (some live, some studio-directed). There are two ways to view the DVD: The Chaos Program features the music videos straight up, while the Anarchy Program features Joe Shithead Keithley telling the story of D.O.A. and punk activism in general as the videos play. Also included is current album Northern Avenger, produced by Bob Rock and Jamey Koch. The DVD also includes a 12-page booklet with rare photos of the band

CD of the week

Paddy Ryan: Chain Link Fence

Over the past 30 years progressive rock has become an acquired taste. You either love it or hate it and, in his brief communication, Ryan seems equally of two minds. There is a feeling that part of him would love to put some distance between his contemporary music and the oft-named lights of 1970s progressive rock. Then, there is the part of him that clearly recalls Peter Gabriel-era Genesis, Rush, Gentle Giant and others. He's reached a sort of Back to the Future compromise, which makes the album seem new yet familiar and, because it is wilfully out of step, refreshing.

CDs received this week:

- Corinne West, The Promise
- Parlour Steps, The Hidden Names
- Language Arts, Where Were You in the Wild?

CD release parties

- Barney Bentall's seventh CD is The Inside Passage (The Starlight Room at The Eagles Club, Thursday and Friday)
- Jazz bassist Brandi Disterheft's CD is Second Side (Malone's, Thursday),
- Language-Arts (CD is Where Were You In The Wild?, Biltmore, Monday)

Gigs

- Octoberman (third CD is Fortresses, Railway Club, Thursday)

- Tambura Rasa celebrates five years of making its own brand of worldbeat (Thursday at the Red Room)
- Experimental guitar and bass duo Horde of Two, whose Guitar and Bass Actions can be heard online through K Records, is playing the last ever Fake Jazz Wednesday show at The Cobalt, Sept. 30.

Boom boom, out go

the lights

The Vancouver Middle Eastern Drum Workshop starts at 10 a.m. this Sunday and is at Artworks (4th and Main). Says the press release, "This program is for drummers/

dancers of all levels who would like to gain some experience and knowledge of the doumbek and riq. If you have taken past courses this will be a refresher as well as learning new rhythms and techniques.

For more information e-mail salloum@shaw.ca or call Trevor Salloum at 250-763-3951.

Random randomness

- Jordan Carrier opens for Thornley and Loverboy in Alberta this month.
- Matthew Good's 11th LP is Vancouver and will be released Oct. 6. He's at the Centre for the Performing Arts Nov. 9 and 10.
- Vancouver ska band Rude City Riot, which is very good, opens for English Beat, Oct. 2, at the Commodore.
- C.R. Avery, who contributed to a packed Railway Club last Friday, has a release show for his new CD, The Great Canadian Novel, Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Rio Theatre. Appearing with him are the Soujourners and the Undesirables.
- Not Just Another Music Shop, to many musicians a saviour, has moved to Main Street. Kicking off the opening of the new location at 4118 Main St., Saturday at 2p.m., will be Jowi Taylor, author of Six String Nation.
- Kelowna trio We are the City, whose Quiet World CD is impressive, is getting out of town. The band is touring Canada and will arrive in Vancouver to play the Cellar, Oct. 22, and Rickshaw, Nov. 5.
- After 25 years, Pointed Sticks have gotten around to releasing a second album. Three Lefts Make a Right appears on the Northern Electric label, Nov. 1.
- Also on Northern Electric and about to tour starting Friday on Bowen Island is Rodney Decroo. Northern Electric has a sampler CD, New Fall Season, containing tracks by Decroo, Pointed Sticks, Great Aunt Ida, Hank Pine, Ronnie Artur, David P. Smith, The Strange Magic, The Modelos, Lily Fawn, Herald Nix and more.
- Ninjaspy, whose Pi Nature CD was produced by Garth Richardson and Ben Kaplan, has signed with Japan's Zestone Records. The Canadian recording industry might have spurned Ninjaspy but the Japanese scooped up the trio and will release the record Oct. 14. Said famed record producer Bob Ezrin of the band's hardcore/ska/funk hybrid, "I am so scared of this . . . but that's good."
- Performing at New York's prestigious music fair are The Pack A.D., The Immaculate Machine and Octoberman.
- Industrial/metal band Left Spine Down opens for Ministry leader Al Jourgenson's other main project, Revolting Cocks, on its North American tour.

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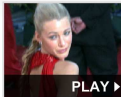
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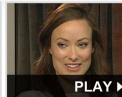
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