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Part II

Santa Barbara's Art Scene

By ANDREA WOODWARD

Art? In Santa Barbara, the land inhabited only by wealthy, tall, tanned blonds whose greatest aspiration in life is to remain tall, tanned, wealthy and blond? Some may scoff and sadly shake their heads "no." But this medium-sized-not-so-very-wealthy brunette is going to tell you what artsy things — plays, films, concerts — you'll find in Santa Barbara.

In case you did not read the orientation issue of the Nexus from cover to cover, go directly to jail, do not pass go and do not collect \$200. While sitting on your cot in your lonely cell, you may read the cover story detailing the exciting fall lineup at the Arlington and Lobero theaters and about the Ensemble Theater Project and the story behind the art museum's closure. Plays such as the ETP's One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest and the Broadway musical Evita to be presented at the Arlington should help to disprove the now-famous saying, "You just can't get good theater in a beach town." (My good friend once said it, and I unsaid it in the last Nexus issue.) Furthermore, no one should contradict the statement, "This beach town puts on some great concerts."

Truly one of the nicest places to see any concert must be outdoors at the Santa Barbara County Bowl which seats 4,600 people. Unfortunately, the last concert scheduled to take place under the eucalyptus trees up on the Santa Barbara Riviera is Joan Rivers with the Smothers Brothers and Jim Stafford on Oct. 1. Concert promoter Stephen Cloud explained that after October the weather is a little too unpredictable. Some of the concerts that have gotten rave reviews this summer include the Talking Heads concert Sept. 3 and the Pat Metheny concert in July. Sure to get rave reviews is Elvis Costello Sept. 17 and the sold-out Men at Work concert Sept. 30.

Although fall is one of the nicest seasons to spend outdoors even the tall, tanned ones must leave the beach sometimes. They may be found viewing some great arty, foreign films inside the charming edifices of either the Riviera or Victoria Street Theater.

The Riviera Theatre, which is located on the site of the original UCSB campus, is a "magnificent, old building with style. It matches the quality of the films we show," said theater partner Phyllis De Picciotto.

De Picciotto, who books the theater, listed as some of the films that should interest students: The Grey Fox starring Richard Farnsworth, the new English hit Draughtman's Contract, director Ingmar Bergman's latest film, Fanny and Alexander, and Nino Manfreddi's Nudo di Donna. Beginning Oct. 23 will be five weeks of opera films on Sunday afternoons.

Showing at The Vic, which used to be a Baptist church and still has the original stained glass (pretty) but no pews (thankgod), in October will be the Third Annual Australian Film Festival. Theater owner Paul Arganbright said (sarcastically) that the Aussie's films should be a big hit with UCSB students "since so few are able to read out there...They won't have to try and read subtitles."

Arganbright added that the Australian surf shots and the intellectual level of the films Mad Max and The Road Warriors should appeal to "the skateboard campus cruisers."

Bob Dylan's film made in the 60s, Don't Look Back, is scheduled for early November. Also set for November is the "monumental" French film The Return of Martin Guerre. Arganbright said the film is based on a strange but true Sixteenth Century occurrence.

And, yes, Virginia, midnight movies besides *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* does exist. Showing Sept. 23 and 24 is *Dance Craze*, a music film with performances by Bad Manners, The English Beat, The Specials, among others. The following weekend *Reefer Madness* will light up the screen.

The Vic is also putting on a series of "Comfortable Concerts," including the Nov. 11 appearance by pianist George Winston. Because Winston has grown too big for the Vic, he will appear at the "very comfortable" Arlington Theater.

Besides concerts and films, one can dine and feed one's soul on dinner theater. At Le Petit Cabaret on Cliff Drive in Santa Barbara, Minnie's Boys, a play about the young Marx brothers and their mother, opened Sept. 16. The play will run seven weeks before Pippin is to be presented.

The Cabaret, which is the oldest, continuously running theater in Santa Barbara, is owned by Chuck and Marcel Wilson, and the dinners are planned to complement each show by Marcel.

The show usually begins at 8:30, but the audience, normally around 60-65 people, begins arriving about 6:45 for dinner in the intimate atmosphere of the Cabaret.

For dinner theater in a rustic atmosphere, there is the Circle Bar B Dinner Theater on Refugio Road about 10 miles north of our own Isla Vista. Currently, *The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild* is on the stage every Friday and Saturday night and Sunday brunches. Barbara Zeiher, who produces the dinner theater shows with her husband, called the show a "wacky farce, a lot of laughs, and a lot of fun."

With only one weekend break, the Circle Bar B troupe will then launch into Barefoot in the Park on Oct. 21. Zeiher said the play would be "very appealing to students...they would be able to relate better than any other age group" to the love story of a young couple married only six days. They cope, hilariously, with problems such as no furniture and mother-in-laws' visits

So, you see, there is art in Santa Barbara. It is only necessary to leave the beach to find



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Movie Review

Brickman's 'Risky Business' Pays Off

By JOHNNY GRAHAM

All summer I've been reviewing films that have either been way at the bottom of the popcorn box or somewhere just near the top. Finally a movie with passion! Writer/director Paul Brickman could show a few people how to make a movie with character. Risky Business with Tom Cruise and Rebecca De Mornay (whom we'll get to later) is a film that often finds itself torn between a traditional boy/girl relationship story and the otherworld subtlety of a poem. At times it is so deft!

To start with, the movie opens up with a slow motion, evening ride on Chicago's Elevated. The music begins to wrap itself around you (Tangerine Dream...majestic!) when we switch to a boy, Joel Goodson, teling us about his dream of a girl in a shower. Immediately the film's theme of life-inbalance vs. taking a risk is set up: If he goes for the girl, his guilt tells him he'll "never get to college."

His parents, overbearing but quaintly so, want him to go to Princeton. His reality of them is told by a cleverly used point-of-view camera angle. We see how they appear to Joel: as a set of eves and mouths that give him instructions. They are life in balance. As his father says to him, if he can't use the equalizer on the stereo properly then don't use it at

But what happends when they go out of town? Of course. He pours himself a Chivas Regal on the rocks, turns the stereo and equalizer way up and rocks out in the privacy of his own underwear.

Eventually, the real trouble starts when he meets an expensive call girl, Lana (Rebecca De Mornay), whom he shyly invites to his house. She's stunning, but won't leave and with each passing day she tears him farther and farther away

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Together they're really

his features

quite beautiful to look at - in

a subtle way. Cruise is

metamorphizing. Between

the two of them one can

sparks running up and down

their bodies. The film even

borders on soft-core at

times. But again, director

Brickman handles it

delicately as he intertwines

passionate scenes of their love-making with the irony of Joel's boyhood family

guilt of crossing over to the

other side, to the less than

balanced side, is brought

Joel and Laura eventually

become a man and woman on the train of life, playing

the jeopardy of trust that

screen,

from his past judgments and cellent photography). responsibilities. By the time he's made his total crossover to the dark side, he's trashed his father's Porsche, taken constantly changing on the to wearing dark sunglasses, smoking cigarettes and using his parents' house as a suburban brothel. Bordering sense the soft haze of tiny on the satirical, it's hilarious to see all of the underexperienced "boys on the lake" cashing in their U.S. bonds to have an encounter with a lady who has "knowledge."

Yet even though it has its moments of farce, the film has this uncanny ability to pictures. As throughout, the rise to the level of sheer poetry. This is Paul Brickman's doing. He pulls strains of Tangerine Dream in just at the proper moments. It's enough to send shivers up your spine. But it's Tom Cruise and Rebecca De Mornay that comes with risky business. compliment the visual side Is she his to keep? Is the of the film, (aided by ex- trust he put in her real? All

returned to the balanced life of status quo, except for a small crack in the tradition of institution. For Joel, he had been waiting for that moment all of his life. I had been waiting for it all

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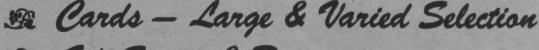
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The Animals Are In 'Business'

By HUGH HAGGERTY

The motivation for the the original Animals to get together again for a tour and an L.P. can't be much more than a ploy to make some quick money. Remembering the immediately forgettable album Before We Were So Rudely Interrupted (1977), I had hoped Eric Burdon and crew would be able to muster up a decent updated version of their hard-edged R & B of the '60s. But, it was not to be. The new album, Ark, just like Before..., is nothing but an overpolished cliche.

For starters, the song titles sound like they came from a list of the most used: "Being There," "Hard Times," "The Night," "Trying To Get To You," "Just Can't Get Enough," and "Gotta Get Back To You." For a band whose members are close to 40 years old, you'd think they'd have some more things to sing about than women: being with and without, and chasing thereof. I guess animals were never meant to be intellectuals.

Actually, this album might've fared better had the mixing been done with more focus on the guitar. As it is, the





The Animals: Valentine, Burdon, Steel, Price, Chandler

lush keyboards and conservative bass lines stick out like a plastic rose. Eric Burdon's gritty vocals sound forced and misplaced especially on "Prisoner of the Light." Imagine Ozzy Osbourne singing with the Go-Gos.

Alright, some of it is pretty catchy. The reggae-flavored "Love Is For All Time" is the only song which does well with the mixing technique. The current single, "The Night," deserves to be a hit, but what does that say? "Loose Change," the opening song on side one might just as well be the lucky one. "Crystal Nights" starts off with promise by using a cheesy organ riff but loses it when the noisy chorus destroys the mood.

One can't help but be suspicious of this album when it says, Produced_By: Burdon, Chandler, Price, Steel and Valentine instead of just "The Animals." They're obviously all handling their own "business" affairs and my bet is that when this tour ends, we won't hear from the Animals for a while — until their money runs out.

'Lawyers In Love' Is Jackson Browne's Best

By TED COSTAS

Jackson Browne's new album, Lawyers In Love, is much like Jackson Browne himself. With this new album, Browne show us that he is a lot more than a "No Nukes cry-baby." He is a real musician, a real rock and roller.

Lawyers In Love is much different than Browne's

previous albums. His early work is made up primarily of mellow folk rock with a hint of rock and roll. As times changed, so did Browne and his music. He slowly

changed, so did Browne and his music. He slowly developed into a real rock and roller. This is what his new album is composed of entirely.

"Cut It Away," "For A Rocker," and the title cut and current single off the album, "Lawyers In Love," have been getting quite a bit of airplay on radio stations all over the country. "Lawyers In Love" is a fun song and, much like the MTV video, is a political joke. In the song, Browne makes his

view of international politics
seem like a complete farce. "Now we've got all this room/
We've even got the moon," Browne sings, "And I hear the
USSR will be open soon/ As vacationland for Lawyers in
love"

"Cut It Away" is the most emotinal song on the album, and also contains some of Browne's best vocals. Like some of the other tracks on the album, "For A Rocker" is a great

rock and roll party song.

For Jackson Browne, this is a very transitional album. It marks his change into a rocker like his favorite, Bruce Springsteen. The main difference between Lawyers In Love and many of his past albums is that he realizes what people want from him and his music. They want to be entertained,

they want to be happy, and they want to dance. Before this album, Browne found himself caught in the trap that many musicians find themselves in. They get a little fame and power, and think they have to do something with it. All of a sudden, their music turns from rock and roll into a list of worldly complaints in iambic pentameter. It seems that this album could definitely be a big step in the right direction for Browne. Lawyers In Love's eight tracks have much more solid rock music consistency than anything he has previously released.

Some may think that Jackson Browne has lost his vision with this album. Not true. Instead, he "cuts away" many of the trite hopes and dreams that so many songwriters find themselves surrounded by and gives us eight tracks of solid music. Lawyers In Love truly deserves a place in any record collection, and I would definitely recommend it to and "for





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Howard Devoto's Dream Isn't Shared

By JOHN PASSENHEIM

Howard Devoto is a hard man to pinpoint. Twice he has achieved critical acclaim and cult following through his work with the two different bands he has helped form; the Buzzcocks (which he co-founded with Pete Shelley), and Magazine. In both cases Devoto left the bands before he could achieve commercial success. None of this seems to bother Devoto, but it does make it difficult to follow the many turns in his career.

The newest of these turns is Devoto's first solo album Jerky Versions of the Dream which is his first release in two years. Sadly, it is an album which, for the most part, doesn't live up to expectations.

Having long been a fan of Devoto's work with the Buzzcocks, and his work with Magazine, whose somber final album Magic, Murder, and the Weather is a grab bag of fascinating ideas, I looked forward to a Devoto solo. My expectation was heightened upon seeing the video for the album's single, "Rainy Season." The enigmatic as Devoto is himself, and the song is by far the album's best, with the memorable chorus of "I am on fire and it's the rainy season in this desert you fire and it's the rainly season death. and you're like a mirage I could learn to hate."

This single turns out to be the record's standout and,



Howard Devoto

video is as dark and rich with fine lyrics, it is description of this album as generally unmemorable. any. The only problem is The quality involved in this work grows on the listener at a painfully slow rate. It is nondescript, and extremely hard to form an opinion on, defeating. made me create/ I am on and for an album, that's

> he hoped ti would "convey something asinine, awk

that all these contradicting elements serve only to neutralize each other and, in the end, prove to be self-

Yet, this is not really a bad album. Devoto makes as Devoto stated that, in many acute observations as choosing the album's title, ever. His quavering vocals still wrap nicely around his music and, if he had chosen while the entire body of the ward, sexy, cinematic and to present his music with record is well-crafted and varied." This is as good a verve and flair, instead of

lush quirkiness, this album might have been a must. Instead it is merely background music, a sort of layered, harmonious rock Muzak. It's very good background music, but it lacks the needed attentionrivetting capabilities.

My suggestion is, that

were you to come across an incredibly low-priced Jerky Versions of the Dream you should buy it. It works wonderfully as an ac-companying soundtrack to your pursuits as summer bleeds into fall. Other than that, I wouldn't recommend any mad dashes to the record store for this one.





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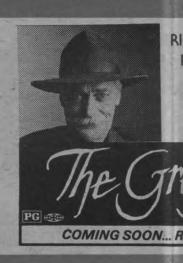


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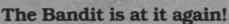
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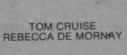


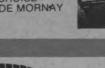
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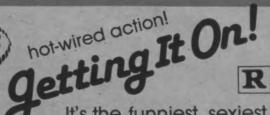


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Talking Heads Crank at the County Bowl

By HUGH HAGGERTY

Before the curtain falls on Santa Barbara's whoop-it-up summer, two of the most charismatic acts in music will have, for the second year in a row, left their indelible mark on it. The Talking Heads and Elvis Costello give such great concerts, most of the audience walks away either feeling they have just seen the greatest band in the world or just real happy that they got their money's worth.

I always have trouble picking a favorite English band but for me, the Talking Heads are without a doubt the foremost band in America. Walking the tightrope between the American Dream and paranoia - with the songs "Cities" and "Psycho Killer" at the extremities - the Talking Heads led by David Byrne put on a fantastic and

exhilirating show Saturday, Sept. 3. David Byrne's conception for this tour is brilliant. He first comes out by himself on a completely empty stage and brings the equipment and other performers out one by one. It was obviously a well-planned production but the overall effect was warm, natural and spontaneous. Any air of pretensiousness was absent. The Heads were having such a good time on stage, they had no problems working the

audience into a frenzy. Byrne opened with a spooky solo version of "Psycho Killer." Then, bassist Tina Weymouth joined in for a beautiful duet of "Heaven." Drummer Chris Frantz rolled in on his kit for a hot trio in the jumpy "Thank You For Sending Me An Angel." I was struck with nostalgia when Jerry Harrison finally stepped up for the B-side pseudo-love song "Buildings On Fire." The band has evolved at a radical pace since I first saw them at their free UCLA show in '78 and nowadays it's not often that you only see the front Bowl Sept. 17. four Heads on stage

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After all the extra performers had floated onto the stage, they finally got down to performing the material off their new album Speaking In Tongues. Most of the audience finally got off their seat when "Burning Down the House." screamed from the stage. The new material is a natural for live performance and the enthused audience ate it all up. It was all enhanced by the two black girls singing back-up vocals with their humorous semi-choreographed stage antics and very effective lighting.

Likewise, David Byrne seems a natural stage performer. He says he got his herky-jerky stage mannerisms from his stage fright in the early days and everybody saw how well it went with his vocals so he developed it. Along with his jerky dance steps, he's adding some personal touches. During 'This Must Be the Place," he innocently took a reading lamp and shined it into the audience like a Socrates looking for "Quality" or "a face with a view." Also, his guitar playing has improved. My theory is he picked up a few pointers from Adrian Belew.

With the big back-up band, they focused on their Afrofunk tunes including material from David Byrne's The Catherine Wheel. A nice surprise came when it was announced that the band would "transform into the Tom Tom Club right before your eyes!" Tina Weymouth took center stage and sang the pumpin' funk song "Genius of Love."

The only thing wrong with the show was they did "Burning Down the House" twice. I would have rather heard them do that song for their final encore like they did and used the time spent for the first rendition doing a song like 'The Great Curve" or "Drugs.

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UCSB Art Museum Art Dept. Faculty On Parade



'Moon Currents' by James Smith

UCSB Art Studio faculty members will exhibit recent through October 23. The biennial faculty show is a as is customary, features the work of both permanent and ceramic,

visiting teachers.

The exhibition will open works at the University Art with a reception for the Museum from September 21 artists on Tuesday, September 20, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Works in varied media will tradition at the Museum and, be exhibited, including painting, sculpture, bronze,

photography, and printmaking.

Michael Arntz, Cheryl Bowers, Gary Brown, Graham Budgett, Irma Cavat, Steven Cortright, Linda Girvin, - Sheldon Kaganoff, Bruce McCurdy, Conway Pierson, William Ptaszynski, William Rohrbach, James Smith, and Guy Williams, permanent members of the Art Studio faculty, will show works produced in the last two years.

Also exhibiting will be several artists appointed as visiting 'faculty: Woody Gwyn, Llyn Foulkes, Richard Aber, Richard Ross and Marc Lancet.

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The exhibition was organized by the Austrian Institute which also produced the accompanying exhibit catalog. It will be on view at the Museum through October 23.

Loffler was born in 1874 and either studied or collaborated with every major figure in Vienna during the great Renaissance of Austrian design which flourished between the late 19th century and World War I. He Fledermaus' by Loffler was a major figure in the



Detail from 'Die

development of the Gesamtkunstwerk, total work of art." Artists such as Loffler and Josef Hoffmann created total artistic environments, such as the famous Cafe Fledermaus in Vienna, designing the building, decorative elements and even the furniture. Some of Loffler's graphic designs for this project are in the exhibition.

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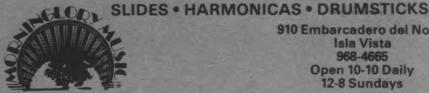
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Go see and examine these sculptures. They really are interesting pieces of artwork and you may find one that you like (or hate). My favorite is still the human figure outside the music building that looks like it just fell off the tree, although the one next to Storke tower's bike path runs a close second.

They may be eye sores to some but they are not bike "hazards" as some of the

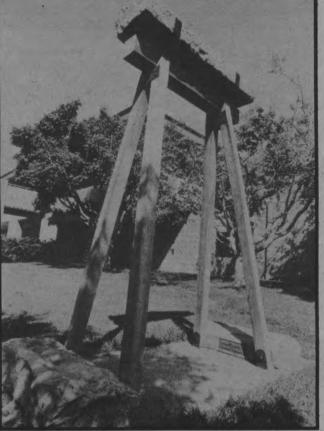
complaints from last year. If these sculptures attract enough attention from you to cause a bike accident, think what those gorgeous tanned bodies of the other students will do.

For the new students, these sculptures will just blend in with the rest of the campus sceneries. Only the returnees will recognize the changes and then only for the first quarter or so. Later on in the year, these scultures will just fade into the background together, as will the rest of the sceneries.

Don't let this happen! Either as an ugly eye sore or a masterpiece, these artworks were constructed for the viewers' "artistic extension". These pieces will only be present (or "live") if you share your thought. They deserve at least your opinion. So either if you like them or not, look closer at one today.

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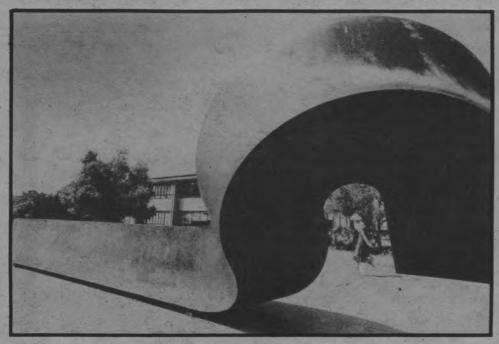
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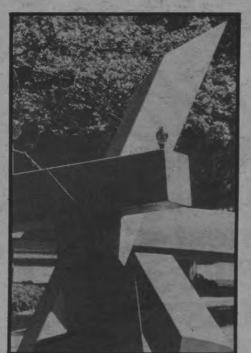
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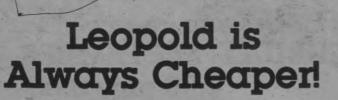
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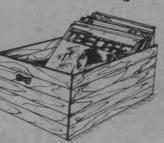
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