RECORDINGS

Black Grape, We're Great When We're Straight -Shaun (Happy Mondays) Ryder's new band (BMG). Scott Walker, Tilt.

Tracl Lords, 1000 Fires (Radioactive/BMG) Amphex Twins, I Care Because You Do. Laurie Anderson, The Ugly One With the Jewels and Other Stories (Warners) accompanied readings from

her book Stories From the Nerve Bible. King Crimson, Thrak (Virgin). Juliana Hatfield, Only Everything (Mammoth).

Terence Trent D'Arby, TTD's Vibrator (Sony)
Wilco, A.M. — former Uncle Tupelo co-leader Jeff veedy's new band (Warners) Butthole Surfers, Hole Truth & Nothing Butt (Flying In)

Pavement, Wowee Zowee (Flying In) Guided By Voices, Alien Lanes (Flying In) Guided By Voices, Box (Flying In) Scanner, Spore (Flying In)

Roky Erickson, All That May Do May Rhyme (Flying In) The Human League, Octopus (Warners). Boo Radleys, Wake Up.

Fall, Cerebral Caustic. Marianne Faithfull, A Secret Life Pop Will Eat Itself, Two Fingers My Friends

Michael Jackson, HIStory Book 1 (Epic) - two disc pack, 5 new songs including duet 'Scream' with Janet Jackson). Dana Dane, Rollin' Wit Dana Dane (Maverick)

Ini Kamoze, Lyrical Gangsta.

Prince Far I & the Arabs, Dub to Africa (Flying in). Isaac Hayes, Branded (Pointblank/Virgin) - Chuck D raps on remake of 'Hyperbolicsyllabicesquedalymistic' from Hot Buttered Soul. Hayes covers Sting's 'Fragile' and Lovin Spoonful's 'Summer in the City

Isaac Hayes, Raw & Defined (Pointblank/Virgin). Lenny White, Present Tense. Cypress Hill, Temple of Boom.

Naughty By Nature, Poverty's Paradise NPG (New Power Generation), Exodus (Liberation) -

Herble Hancock, Dis Is A Drum. 2PAC, Me Against the World (Interscope/Atlantic) Pieces of a Dream, Goodbye Manhattan (Blue Note). Narada Michael Walden, Sending Love to Everyone.

Shihad, Killjoy (Wildside). Nixons, Special Downtime (Pagan) Banshee Reel, An Orchestrated Litany of Lies. Magick Heads, Before We Go Under (Flying Nun). King Loser, Sonic Super Free HI-FI (Flying Nun). Warners, Bogans' Heroes (Wilside). The Dead C, The White House (Siltbreeze).

Tad, Infrared Riding Hood.

Clawhammer, Thank The Holder Uppers (Interscope/Warners) - fave band of Epitaph label

Shaw & Blades, Hallucination — Tommy Shaw and Jack Blades formerly of Damn Yankees & Styx. Def Leppard, Slang.

The Mother Hips, Back to the Grotto (American) Skid Row, Subhuman Race (Atlantic). Collective Soul, Collective Soul (Atlantic)

Steve Earle, Train A Comin' (Winter Harvest) - includes 'Rivers of Babylon', Town Van Zandt's 'Tecumseh Valley and Beatles' 'I'm Looking Through You'.

John Prine, Lost Dogs & Mixed Blessings (Oh Boy). Nick Lowe, The Impossible Bird (Upstart). Carlene Carter, Little Acts of Treason (Giant). Tony Joe White, Lake Placid Blues

Frances Black, Talk to Me (Celtic Heartbeat). Bodeans, Lowdown (Slash). Clannad, Clannad Themes (Celtic Heartbeat) — record-

ings for film and TV since 1982.

Guy Clark, Dublin Blues. The Rembrandts, LP. Linda Ronstadt, Feels Like Home (Elektra) - covers Petty's 'The Waiting' and Young's 'After the Goldrush'.

David Sanborn, Pearls (Elektra). Steve Forbert, Mission of the Crossroad Palms (Giant). Kronos Quartet, Performs Philip Glass (Nonesuch/Elektra)

REISSUES Enya, The Celts (Reprise) - reissue of 1986 debut. es Davis, The Complete Live at the Plugged Nickel 1965 (Columbia) — eight CD boxed set with 30 minutes of previously unheard material.

Jimmy Reed, Classic Recordings (Tomato/Rhino) Chuck Jackson, Best Of (Tomato/Rhino) Beach Boys, Smile Era (Capitol) - 3-CD set. Eric Burden & War, Best Of (Avenue/Rhino). David Johansen, From Pumps to Pompadours (Rhino). The Complete Stax / Volt Soul Singles 1972-1975 Vol.3 (Stax/Fantasy) - 215 more tracks from the Memphis soul label

Meters, Funkify Your Life: Anthology (Rhino) — 2-CD

Robyn Hitchcock, Invisible Hitchcock, Eye, You &

MOVIE SOUNDTRACKS

Tank Girl (Elektra) — Devo revive their 'Girl U Want' while Joan Jett and Paul Westerburg duet on a Cole Porter song. Cortney Love is credited as executive music co-ordinator and Scott Weiland is vocalist for the soundtrack's Magnificent Bastards. Streetfighter (Priority/Virgin)

Friday (Priority/ Virgin) New Jersey Drive (Tommy Boy/Festival)

TRIBUTE ALBUMS Encomium: A Tribute to Led Zeppelin Atlantic — artists are Blind Melon Out on the Tiles, Sheryl Crow D'yer Maker, Stone Temple Pilots Dancing Days, Rollins Band Four Sticks, Helmet with David Yow of Jesus Lizard Custard Pie, Duran Duran Thank You, 4 Non Blondes Misty Mountain Hop, Plant & Tori Amos Down by the Seaside etc.

Former NWA rapper Eazy E (Eric Wright) died of AIDS in Los Angeles on March 27. Wright denied using intravenous drugs or engaging in homosexual activity, but said he had led a life of "fancy cars, gorgeous women and good livin" ... REM drummer Bill Berry is still recovering in Switzerland after surgery for a cerebral haemorrhage. It is estimated he will need between three months and a year to make a full recovery ... Smashing Pumpkins are recording a new double album in Chicago for release later in the year ... UK music papers NME and Melody Maker both reviewed gigs during, Faith No More's English dates but both failed to mention Shihad. However English metal mag Kerrang!, when reviewing the band's second album Killjoy, said it was a 'memorable headfuck from the kiwi krunchers' ... it's rumoured that Neil Young and Pearl Jam have recorded 10 songs together. Both artists have denied earlier speculation they will tour together ... Michael Jackson will release the double album HIStory-Book1 in May. Disc one will be a greatest hits package and disc two features brand new material. The album also features a duet with Janet Jackson ... Flying Nun will release Bailterspace's fifth album Wammo early May. A single, 'Splat', will be out next month ... Melvin Franklin (1942-1995), an original member of Motown vocal group the Temptations, died in LA on February 23 of heart failure, age 52. He was still a member of the vocal group but had not been well enough to perform since July 1994 ... Bob Stinson, former guitarist with the Replacements, was found dead on February 18 at his Minneapolis apartment. Whether his death was an accidental drug overdose or suicide is still unclear Jamaican singer Delroy Wilson (1948-1995) died on March 6 after a long fight with alcoholism ... the Clash have been offered a million pound fee to reform for this year's Lollapalooza Festival Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee married Baywatch star Pamela Anderson in Mexico last month ... SML, the collaboration between members of

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