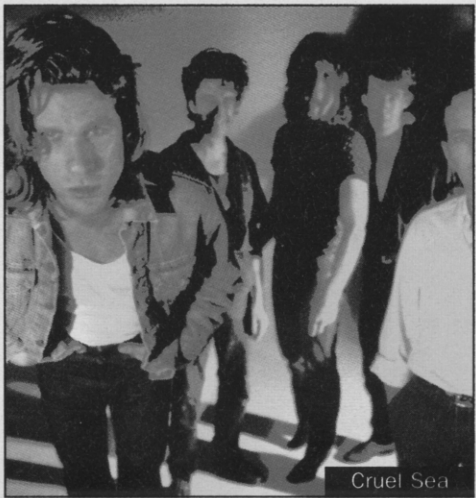
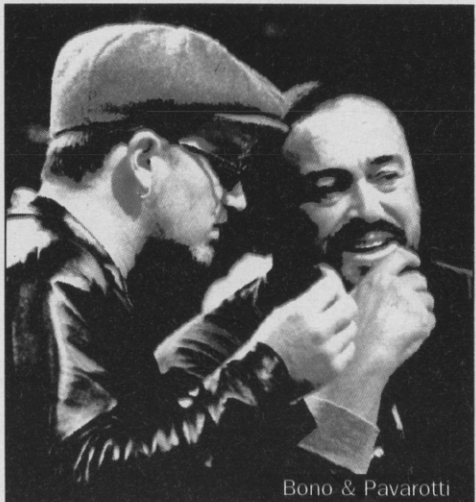


Jon Spencer's other band of New Yorkers, Boss Hog have followed up their 1993 indie debut *Girl+* with a self-titled first album for Geffen. His collaborators are, his wife Cristina Martinez (vocalist), Hollis Queens (drummer) and Jens Jurgensen (bass).



Cruel Sea are touring New Zealand and playing Mountain Rock in January. The band have put together a mid-price, 16 track album of b-sides called *Rock 'N' Roll Dud@s*. They are in Queenstown Jan 9, Dunedin Jan 10, Christchurch Jan 11, Mountain Rock Jan 12 and Auckland Jan 13.



Stars of the *Passengers* project Bono and Pavarotti discuss the use of backing tapes in live concert in Modena, Italy, Sept 12, '95.



In January, an alternative compilation *Saturday Morning* mates various artists with the themes from kids TV shows. Coolest include Matthew Sweet with 'Scooby Doo Where Are You?' and Liz Phair with 'The Tra La La Song (One Banana, Two Banana)'. Other bands include Frente!, the Ramones, Helmet and Violent Femmes.



With their *Anthology 1* rarities compilation in stores, the Beatles feature on TV1 the next two Mondays December 4 and 11 when their six hour documentary screens. In the UK the Beatles insisted that advertising for meat, alcohol, and tobacco, could not appear during the series. An upset spokeswoman for Walls Sausages told *NME*, "Our sausages are fantastic. They're very popular throughout the country."



There's a Marvin Gaye tribute album *Inner City Blues* near at hand with contributions by Bono, Nona Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Boyz II Men, and Madonna with Massive Attack. Pictured here is Marvin on the cover of his 1974 live album where he called his selection of his 60s hits a "Fossil Medley".



This year's sickest song title could be '(He'll Never Be An) Ol' Man River', taken from Australian band TISM's EP *I'm On The Drug That Killed River Phoenix*. TISM, who are wacky, and who have an album *Machiavelli And The Four Seasons*, are at Auckland's Big Day Out this summer.



Second Child have a single 'Disappear', with a video featuring *Shortland St* actor John Leigh, and they play The Club in Queen Street Friday December 8. Their album *Slinky* will follow in the New Year.