ZZ slashes some mean guitar riffs, checks out the harmony section

His Holiness carries a mean cross, blesses the congregation

Jackson trades in dancing shoes for a bass guitar, says he's "no dancing any more

The Golden Calgarians lay down a solid rock beat

Boo boo be do!

Boy this is fun—we should come back to life more often

It's Yardbird time again

Well it's that time of the month again. October, I mean. And while farmers spent the weekend watching bloated sunsets, Edmonton's illiterati were hobnobbing at The Yardbird.

That's right, it was CJSR weekend at The Yardbird again, and everybody - and I mean everybody, including His Holiness Himself (more dope on the Pope in a minute) - was there.

A couple of Alberta bands set the joint hopping early. The Dead Calgarians and Blatant Falsehood laid down some fine generic rock. Nothing innovative, but, hey, somebody's got to do it, right? I mean where would we be without rock?

CJSR organizers pulled off a real coup by putting together the headline act: Alice ZZ Jackson is destined to be the supergroup of the decade.

"Well, it was a logical move," says media organizer, Jeff, "The Pope and Jackson were already in town - I got His Holiness to hang around for a guest appearance. Alice and ZZ

have been swapping gigs for a year or two now, and Alice owes me one. I just made a few calls, and wham!"

Jackson has swapped his dancing shoes for a bass guitar. Asked why no break dancing, Jackson replied, "I'm just not into it any more."

ZZ shed some light on the ZZ-Alice connection: "Alice and I have been time-sharing a couple of condos for a while now. I go to Scottsdale (that's just three shopping malls ouside of Tucson, dear readers) from May to August, and Alice comes down to the Ozarks for the winter."

Ten years off the tour circuit hasn't loosened Cooper's tongue any. Asked why his name was Alice, he simply replied, "Listen, baby, you really wouldn't understand."

Rumour has it that Insoluble Parad** * will be filling the bill at the Yardbird at the end of November - stay tuned for details.

*editor's note: sometimes referred to f tiously as The Enigmas.

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