



**DEATH SENTENCE
STOP KILLING ME!
(FRINGE RECORDS)**

Barely had it arrived in the office when this little monster starts squirming around and fighting to get out of its little "bubble light" bag. "Yow" i scream as it takes a couple of chunks out of my fingers whilst trying to introduce it into the Bruns cassette deck. This album means business kids!

"Stop Killing Me!" is the latest package of teeth gritting condemnation to emerge from "Death Sentence" - a bunch of Vancouver lads not really apt to be caught squeezing blackheads with the progressive conservative youth movement.

PAFI Take that bigot! Whallop! Stop polluting our environment! KAPOW! Hey government - stop f**king us around! You got the idea: buck

yer ideas up or this posse'll come round and beat the crap out of you.

The tunes are so tight they could drive an S-10 up Reagan's ass and still have room to thrash. A little more sedate though (if you can believe it) than the last release which would grind itself into the floor Tasmanian style if left unattended. This is no real criticism though since "Stop Killing Me!" still rearranges the furniture and induces that apocalyptic nose-bleed you've been waiting half your life for. Track it down now before the tables turn.

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COLORS

Entertainment looks at a new mega-rad film about the drug induced decay of North America. Remember kids -if you do drugs, you are a bonafide accomplice to murder.

On the morning of August 21, 1984, three members of the Rolling 60's Crips street gang drove up to (L.A. Rams football player) Kermit Alexander's mother's home in South Central Los Angeles. While one gang member stayed in the van with the engine running, two others went in the front door with a .30 caliber, semi-automatic carbine. When they came out five minutes later, Alexander's mother, Ebona Alexander, 58, was dead on the kitchen floor . . . ; his 24-year-old sister, Diatra Alexander, had been shot sitting up in bed. Two of his nephews, Damani Garner and Damon Bonner, had been shot in their heads as they slept.

... A homeboy named Horace Burns (said that he) was thrilled to have had a part in such a historic event. As he told the story ... (his gang, the Rolling 60's) robbed a couple of dopers who retaliated by shooting up one of their houses. They in turn re-retaliated ... The only hitch was that they hit the wrong house ... What about the two little boys who got shot? "It was just something that happened," said Burns.

- The Los Angeles Times Magazine, August 2, 1987

The Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Sheriffs Department each has a gang crime division. The Police Department's division is called C.R.A.S.H., Community Resources Against Street Hoodlums. The Sheriffs Division is called O.S.S., Operation Safe Streets.

The combined anti-gang force numbers 250 men and women. In the greater Los Angeles area, there are approximately 600 street gangs with over 70,000 members. Last year, there were 387 gang related killings county-wide.

"Colors" is set in inner-city neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles where gang membership is social life, status, security and excitement, rolled into one.

It can also mean hazardous, highly paid employment, selling the cocaine derivative -- crack.

Each gang has its own jargon and graffiti, spray-painted on walls and fences to mark its turf, warn away outsiders and symbolize its fierce machismo. Broader alliances are proclaimed by "colors." Gangs affiliated with the Crips wear blue, Bloods prefer red.

But in the lethal competition for drug profits -- and control of the streets -- the only loyalty is to one's own "homeboys." Local Bloods, for example, won't hesitate to "off" a member of a rival Blood gang caught dealing in their territory.

With the escalation of gang warfare, switchblade knives and tire irons have given way to Uzi sub-machine guns and Kalashnikov assault rifles. A frequent form of reprisal is the "drive-by," a hit-and-run attack from a passing car, in which a street corner, store front or home is sprayed with a burst of rapid random fire.

As often as not, the victims are innocent bystanders.

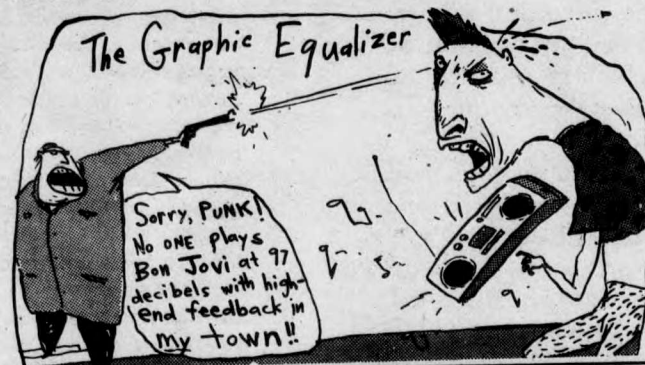
Some 250 law officers, directly responsible for containing gang crime, are divided between the Los Angeles Police Department's special unit, C.R.A.S.H. and the Sheriff's Department O.S.S.

Sean Penn and Robert Duvall star in "Colors" as members of C.R.A.S.H., partnered in a crackdown against the mounting violence. The operation, dubbed "Flying C.R.A.S.H." in the film, is aimed at making the police more flexible, targeting local gangs, then following their movements throughout the city.

It calls for two-man teams to patrol the streets in unmarked cars in uniform. As one high-ranking officer explain, "They fly their colors. We'll fly ours."



'Whoa! Hold on kids, I've just had those dry-cleaned!' - Rentasuzzbag extraordinaire meets up with his Los Angeles Fan-Club in the recent film release 'Colors'.



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POGUES	Chalk Mark In The Rain	Geffen
TALKING HEADS	If I Should Fall...	Island
* TRAGICALLY HIP	Naked	Sire
VARIOUS	Tragically Hip	RCA
	Live For Ireland	MCA
	MEDIUM ROTATION	
†* BUNDOCK	Societe Anonyme	Alert
ECHO & THE BUNNYMEN	Echo & The Bunnymen	WEA
SINEAD O'CONNOR	The Lion & The Cobra	Chrysalis
* STRANGE ADVANCE	The Distance Between	Current
VARIOUS	Salvation	Polygram
VARIOUS	She's Having A Baby	IRS
	LIGHT ROTATION	
BIG PIG	Bonk	A&M
COLORBOX	Colourbox	4AD
EURYTHMICS	Savage	RCA
* FAMILY PLOT	Convictions	Independent
GANG GREEN	You Got It	Fringe
GODFATHERS	Birth, School, Work, Death	Epic
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NEO A4	Neo A4	Duke Street
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THE REPLACEMENTS	Pleased To Meet Me	Sire
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