



place, the scummy trappings of a country boy gone punk: an orange muscle shirt reading "LONG LIVE THE SPIRIT OF SID VICIOUS", barbed wire arm bracelets, a neck brace and golden space boots. The crown of the trademark black country hat had been ripped away to reveal a shock of spikey green hair. The funky blue jeans remained, but they were riddled with more holes than the drummer's arm.

Once the music started, Tom proved himself a variety in the tradition bound world of country music: an artist willing to change with the times. The old songs were there, but twisted and smashed beyond recognition. "Bud the Dud", "Big Joe Methadone", and "Secol Saturday Night," brought roars from a small core of long time fans, but the bulk of the crowd reserved their warmest approval for the new material. "Prolonged Insult" had them on the tables, and "Vomit On It" saw them fall from their chairs and "Armed and Sick" had them convulsing on the floor. The slow-paced "Demerol and A Place to Fall" left them in a contemplative mood, but the rousing anthem "Hopelessly Disgusted" saw them jumping around and bumping into one another and falling down. A high point came during "Deadend Deadheads" when Tom encouraged members of the audience to pour beer over themselves and bang their heads on the floor. He personally stomped the skulls of several overexuberant fans who got close to the stage.

Tom and the band left the stage to shouted obscenities and the sound of breaking glass which soon brought them back for an encore. After mumbling something about Kirkland Lake, Tom tore into the country-tinged heavy metal porno epic "(Get Down on the Sex Farm)". As the band struck the final chords Tom howled "Sick as a Poisoned Pup" and left the stage for the last time.

Stopmin' Tom is a rare artist and perhaps the greatest cultural asset Canada's post-hip urban street thug community has as it spreads and diversifies, but he may be much more than that—Tom Connors just may be this country's greatest annatural resource.

Astrological Forecast by North Sydney Omen

Scorpio can be Adolf Hitler, Atilla the Hun, just as Shirley Temple, Donny Osmond and Harold Shea are Aries. People do act like their sign. Could Linda Lovelace be anything but a Virgo? Could Richard Nixon be anything but a Cancer? And the wheel continues to spin and when it stops at your sign, what do we have?

Sagittarius—If your genes aren't right, dno't comb your hair.

Taurus—You are prone to food poisoning. Do not eat for the rest of your week.

Gemini—You have a distinct feeling of déjà vu.

Cancer—So is Nixon, kill yourself!

Leo—Your day will end at noon. Do not make any long range plans.

Virgo—Procede with caution. Watch out for the other guy. This could be your chance.

Libra—Your ambitions will be fulfilled today but be aware of the consequences.

Scorpio—Somebody special is going to enter into your life—feed the cats promptly.

Aries—Today is the first day of the rest of your life.

Capricorn—Marriage is imminent, beware of transvestites.

Aquarius—Unfortunately your time has ended.

Pisces—Double your pleasure, double your fun, take two to bed, they are better than one.

If today is your birthday, then this is your lucky day. What you have been waiting for all your life is going to fall into your lap. Numbness will overcome you. Youe toes will twitch, your blood will boil, you will feel the earth move under your feet. Let yourself go. Be a free spirit. Don't go half way.

Hopelessly disgusted

by Sid Gormless

Toronto has changed since my last visit, and nowhere was that change more apparent than Canada's mecca of country music, the Horseshoe Tavern. I'd caught Tom's act there three years ago on my way to Alberta—but on my way back, this new wave cowboy ballader relic seemed to embody the sickness which even as I write this, gripes Hogtown by the vitals. The horseshoe through the nose told the story, Stompin' Tom had gone punk.

The modest four piece back-up band of three years ago was gone—stomped into the gutter by Bloody Offal, a three

jack-booted mongrel Indo-Chinese skinheads with unusual eye secretions. No steel guitar this time, although the guitarist's \$49 mail order axe had been spray painted a metallic silver. As a small concession to country tradition they wore identical torn T-shirts and choke chains, but any resemblance to the former country combo ended there. Dwarfed by mountains of amplifiers, they jumped and twitched with the no-nonsense urgency of a stick-up man or someone who needs to go to the can.

The biggest change was Tom himself. Gone was the neat plaid shirt and the sensible leather vest, gone too the hand-tooled cowboy boots. In their

Dalorama

Rules

Find the word which best suits the clue. The word begins with the letter above the clue you are dealing with. The number after each clue gives the number of letters in the word. When you get the word, try to find it in the box of letters. Circle the letters in the word. After all words have been found the quiz word will remain.

by Michael Cormier

- A- What toilet paper is (7)
- A blacksmith would be lost without one (5)
- B- Striking manure spreaders have stopped this activity (13)
- Don't go to bed with this widow (5)
- Don't get caught picking these (7)
- C- Costly Cards (6)
- Conservatives are using this process to multiply their numbers (7)
- This device could be used to raise a ship's anchor (7)
- D- This campus would be the same without them (11)
- Author of Rush to the outhouse (11)
- E- Graveyard graffiti (7)
- The emerald isle (4)

- F- Where fruitflies come from (13)
- G- It takes more than one for this bang (4)
- A travelling nomad (5)
- H- Not quite done (9)
- I- This tower is a great place for a retreat (5)
- Type of lizard (6)
- J- A very old man (4)
- K- Obnoxious ape (8)
- Bugs Bunny's vegetable (5)
- L- Pertaining to one's area (5)
- This Cape Breton group has claimed responsibility for the sinking of the tanker "Kurdistan" (14)
- A parson who is affected by the moon (7)
- M- A vicious circle (9)
- O- The muscles that connect your eyes to your colon and

gives you a shitty outlook on life (11)

-P- These guard against disease (13)

Hair raising experience (7)

-R- A sound of contempt made through protruded lips (9)

-S- Reporters state that this desert lacks water (6)

This brush is for spicy hair (4)

-T- The standard literary dialect of Italian (6)

-V- A word that expresses an act (4)

-W- This ball bounces off large buildings (8)

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ:

Valentine's Day

QUIZ WORD CLUE:

All cracked up

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 T H N A D A E H R R A I D P T
 I S Y C I T A N U L Y H T N S
 R P T R L I V N A N A I E C R
 U B U O O L A C O L C M I C A
 C K L B G V J M F R E T R U S
 E I M A E G I B E V C E E R P
 S N N R C R A C O A D G E G B
 L G B P T K T M L I N G N Y E
 A K T A E U L Y T I G I Y P R
 D O M D S E H A K O N U I S R
 V N D C W P R C B O G T A Y Y
 I G A O O A E U L S A G E N M
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