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Talkin' 'Bout...

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Watch for **Kelly Simpson's** new band. Darned if we can remember what it's called... The much ballyhooed Next Big Thing **Kerri Anderson** just completed a tour with an **Elvis** impersonator. Sounds like she's well on her way... A forthcoming Alberta country compilation album features an entry by **Bobby Joe Loverod** and the **Romance Rangers**, and no, they're not the **Upangybottoms** in disguise... **Titanic Reaction's** in the studio after getting a **FACTOR** grant... New tape out by **The Imagineers**, still being managed by McLarenite **Todd Ferguson**... Congrats to the **Stony Plain Recording Company**, who were honoured at a National Association of Independent Record Producers gala in Philadelphia. Award winning albums on the little label that grew include those by **Christine Lavin**, **David Grisman**, and the late **Woody Guthrie**...

New **Shawn Pinchbeck** cassette due later this month, with a showcase gig in the works for November... Budapest-bound for fame and fortune is former **Archer/Targets/Models/Pete Mann** and the **Lonely** ringmaster **Peter Bodman**... **Jim Serediak's** *On Nature's Edge* elpee is actually selling in Japan... Another **Nomads** reunion is in the works for later this year. Lock up your mothers... **Aleister Hexxx's** band **Forbidden Dimension**, plus **7 Seconds** and **Mojo Nixon** and **Skid Roper** plan to make whistle stops here in October... **Big House** is back from T.O., but they're keeping mum on what happened... Sonic Tuesday happens early November... Appearing at the recent **King Sunny Ade** show were **JUBA** and **Kathleen Yearwood**.



Idyl Tea Record Out Shortly

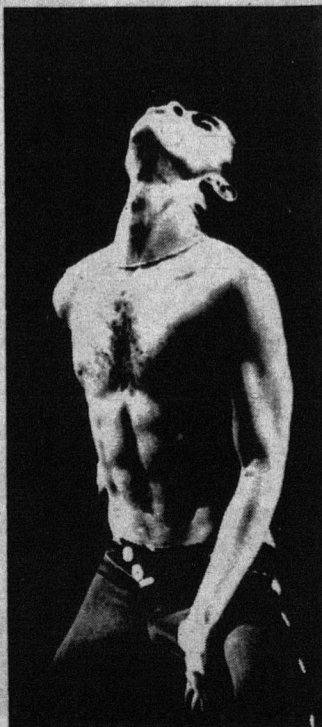
"It'll be out in about three or four weeks," reassured **Idyl Tea** drummer **Craig Metcalfe**, when pressed about the delay of the trio's impending record. "We've been having some tape editing problems."
That glitch aside, the recording of their forthcoming eponymous CD/cassette package went smoothly for the trio (also consisting of guitarist **Ev LaRoi** and bassist **Henry Engel**), who produced the outing themselves at **The Works**, with **Dean McIlwaine** as engineer. Up until the summer when they first started recording, things were otherwise dormant until a whirlwind series of gigs and news of the studio effort started filtering through the community.
"We hope to tour the country soon, once it's out,"

notes Metcalfe. "We'll hit Calgary and Regina first, just to break in the new material."
The band has also been working out with former Brunettes guitarist **Ian Martin**. Whether he'll become a permanent addition to the group is mere speculation ("We're going to try to convince him," laughs Metcalfe.)
Idyl Tea's first recording *How I See This Table* was released in 1986 on Saskatoon's **Rockin' Rod** label. The EP had partial distribution on **Midnight Records** in New York and even received airplay in Scotland. The release of the record will be at this point handled exclusively by the band.

Grace Under Pressure Snares Second Place

Edmonton quartet **Grace Under Pressure** can add another feather to their collective caps by capturing second place in a national talent search contest sponsored by youth channel YTV.
Lead vocalist **Linda Elder** was pleased about their impact, although the group did not make any material gains from their showing.
"I think we made a good impression on the people down there," she said. "But that's about it."
The contest occurred at a pivotal time for the band, which also consists of keyboardist **Van Wilmott**, drummer **Steve Hoy**, and guitarist **Brad Pack**.

Fellow vocalist **Nancy Powell** left the band, who now face a chore of not only coming up with a replacement singer, but a bass player as well.
Spurred by label interest stateside, **Grace Under Pressure's** album is near completion at **Damon/Soundtrek**, and **Elder** and **Wilmott** plan to shop the recorded product around in Europe some time in November.
Last year, **Grace Under Pressure** won an **ARIA** award for Group of the Year as well as a homegrown contest, which resulted in a song "Belli To Belli" released as a single on **A&M Records**.



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