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Sweet, funky, intense tunes may offer inspiration

By Jean M. Bond
Entertainment Reporter

Every year, legions of albums beg for our attention and money, both of which are limited. What music will take you through the rest of the summer? Here are four suggestions:

Lisa Loeb and Nine Stories: Tails



★★★

Although some of the songs on Tails occasionally border on trite or saccharine ("When All the Stars Were Falling", "Sandalwood"), this album is a good collection of cleverly written songs, outstanding acoustic guitar playing and Loeb's sweet versatile voice. Loeb's evocative, bittersweet tribute to an ex-lover, "Do You Sleep?" is among the best work on the album. The surreal imagery of "Hurricane," backed up by the cello and violin arrangement on this cut, makes it another high point of the album. Loeb's hit ballad "Stay," from the movie Reality Bites, is included here on her debut album, but with rougher

songs like "Alone" and "Taffy," Loeb shows that she can do more than ballads.

Prince and the New Power Generation: Chaos and Disorder



★★★

The latest album by the artist formerly known as Prince is rumored to be nothing more than a "toss-off" to complete his Warner Bros. contract. If that's true, he ought to toss off more albums, because Chaos and Disorder rocks.

This is one of the best albums Prince has come out with in recent years. The title track, "I Like It There," and "Zannalee," are reminders of the intense guitar work he's capable of. A devout Christian, Prince often includes spiritual songs on his albums, and this album is no exception. Fortunately, his spirituality is broad enough to appeal to non-Christians as well; "Into the Light" is a heartfelt spiritual that listeners of any faith can appreciate. Other outstanding tracks on the album

include: "The Same December," "I Rock, Therefore I Am," and "Dig U Better Dead."

Songs in the Key of X: Various Artists



★★★★

As popular as The X-Files is, it's surprising how few people know about this album of songs from and inspired by the television series.

Co-produced by show producer Chris Carter, Songs in the Key of X is a collection of songs by artists "who came humbly as devotees of the show," according to album co-producer David Was. Outstanding tracks include Soul Coughing's neurotic and paranoid "Unmarked Helicopters," Sheryl Crow's ballad to loneliness, "On the Outside," and the dark, funky sound of Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds' "Red Right Hand."

Other artists who contributed to this tribute to the strangeness that is The X-Files include Elvis Costello, Foo Fighters, Alice Cooper and Screamin' Jay Hawkins. William S. Burroughs

and R.E.M. win the prize for the most bizarre cut on the album, "Star Me Kitten." Rounding out the album are, of course, two versions of the X-Files' theme song. All you "X-philes" out there should enjoy this CD.

Garbage: Garbage



★★★

Garbage's Shirley Manson is no "Stupid Girl."

Garbage's self-titled debut album has already hit the charts

three times, and they're not through yet. The perverse sexual allusions of "Queer" and the backwards cheerfulness of "Only Happy When It Rains" are reason enough to buy the album, but the other songs keep the promise made by the singles. "Garbage" is dark, intense and enticing, with the rocking vindictiveness of "As Heaven is Wide," the slow doubt and fear of "A Stroke of Luck," and the self-tortured "Vow." Garbage's attitude may be typical Gen-X cynicism, but it's done right for once with great guitar playing and Manson's terrifically sexy voice.

Program: Minority youths conduct college-level experiments

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Dominic Thomas, a black high school graduate from Forest Grove said, "This summer job is a lot better than other jobs because it's eight weeks of doing something new and science-oriented, which is what I love."

He, like the other apprentices, will receive a \$2000 stipend for their summer work.

Thomas' work involved interpreting data from experiments that measure subjects' movements on a moving plate. He analyzed the person's movements when a person is forced to make a step.

Meanwhile, Losada worked in a lab studying forerunner cells in zebrafish embryos. These cells form part of the fish's tail.

"My friends [back home] were kind of surprised and impressed by my work," she said.

"My friends think I'm crazy because I'm not relaxing this summer," Thomas said. "All of

my graduated friends went on long vacations."

Losada wants to be a medical doctor.

"I'm interested in helping people," she said. "I want to be a doctor and go to South America or Africa and work for free because many people there don't have enough money for medical care."

Meanwhile, Thomas said he is keeping his options open by majoring in general science with a pre-dental option this fall at Oregon State University. Regardless of his career choice, Thomas said he is certain that he will go to some kind of graduate school.

The apprentices said they have learned much about university-level research.

"I learn how professors think. Professors don't do it for the money. They do it because they like it," Losada said.

"I appreciate the technical things that go into research," Thomas said.

He described a high school project in which he built a water filter that filtered out chlorine.

"I thought I went into detail with my project, but it was nothing like college level," he said.

The apprenticeship program also provides inspiration for the students, Losada said.

"Seeing how dedicated these scientists are, it makes me want to work harder for what I want to do."

Near the end of the students' internship, the students gave an informal oral presentation on their research projects before a panel of research scientists and President Dave Frohnmayer. Frohnmayer then gave certificates of award to the participants, telling them they gave an "impressive showing of your science and interest in science."

Thomas said he believes his participation in this program will help set an example for other minority youth.

Employment: Training for Hyundai to begin in October

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ees to grow along with the company."

Such benefits may overshadow earlier protests surrounding the factory's high level of water consumption and use of toxic chemicals. Eugene's economy will no doubt benefit from the employment of 350 local residents, Bill Weiler, public information analyst for the City of Eugene, said.

"Eugene's employment growth rate is growing more rapidly than the population growth rate," he said. "This employment of so many people will only further enhance the economic well being of the Eugene community."

However, the influx of jobs will not have a direct impact on the municipality, Weiler said. Property taxes will not increase, so there will be no increase in the city's tax revenues.

"It doesn't affect the City much," Weiler said. "But it will benefit residents. We're always pleased to see manufacturing jobs created. The wage Hyundai is offering is quite good, especially considering the low education requirements."

Steinberg said the availability of paid training for Hyundai employees was not implemented in response to the controversy surrounding the computer chip plant.

"This has been the plan all along," he said. "Hyundai has always thought they could contribute to the community, and they have tried to get that message out. But that has been overshadowed by a vocal minority."

Hyundai plans to have its first 50 technicians in training by October 1 and have all 350 employed by June, 1997.

Gas stations to raise money for American Heart Association

The pulse of Oregon and Washington will beat at participating Shell gas stations August 31, September 1 and 2. That's when three Heart Pump Days will occur during one of the busiest driving weekends of the year.

Shell Oil Company hopes to raise more than \$15,000 for Oregon and Washington affiliates of the American Heart Association. The stations expect to pump more than a million gallons of gas that weekend.

Over 200 stations will participate throughout Washington and Oregon. The money raised will go to heart disease research and education.

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LTD offers rides to Fair for a quarter

Lane Transit District and the Lane County Fair will roll back the price of a bus ride during the fair, August 13 to 18. Riders can take the bus to the fair or anywhere on the system for only 25 cents. Avoid the traffic and parking hassles and take the bus to the fair. Special shuttles will leave every 15 to 20 minutes from LTD's River Road Station, Eugene Station, and South Eugene High School.

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