

Today's crossword solution

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Most releases fail to match
powerful laments of Xui XuiFrom 'spacey' progressive
rock to 'bland Americana,'
new albums run the gamutRYAN NYBURG
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And the degradation begins anew, as our beloved musical stylings collapse under the weight of the unbearable blandness being peddled as creative musical invention. Fortunately, there are a few bright spots floating in the abyss.

CD
REVIEW

First up in our aural pain parade is "Now Here is Nowhere," the debut album from the New York City group the Secret Machines. The group plays a mix of electronic and progressive rock unhindered by many of the messy trappings of those genres, such as "original thought" and "technical ability." The music plods away with mindless "spacey" arrangements recorded with much better production values than they deserve. Long, boring and without a single idea not borrowed, "Now Here is Nowhere"

successfully makes the rise of modern progressive rock seem foreboding rather than hopeful.

Don't be mistaken, there are groups out there making dynamic, interesting music that actually pushes some boundaries. This is evidenced by the latest from Xui Xui, "Fabulous Muscles," a bizarre mix of dark melodies and avant-noise, perfectly capturing the sound of a man's encroaching emotional death. Lead singer Jamie Stewart sounds like he's on the edge of tears throughout the album's duration; his voice holds everything together. The music is composed of odd rhythms and seemingly random electronic noises. The lyrics consist of near-suicidal laments about child molestation, suicide and relationships falling apart. Spooky stuff.

But who needs abrasive, original work when we can have what is safe, complacent and maudlin? Why not listen to the debut album from Griffin House, "Lost & Found," instead? House comes from the long tradition of singer/songwriters who believe that their relationship difficulties are important enough to holler about in every coffee shop from Greenwich to

Frisco. Singing about anonymous women and the happiness and/or pain they have caused him, House is as functional a narcissist as anybody (eight of the 11 songs on the album have a personal pronoun within the first line), yet he fails to make his narcissism interesting.

The music itself is the same bland Americana used by Tom Petty, Bruce Springsteen and countless others whenever they want to seem "down home." This album would be just another inoffensive coffeshop rock release if it weren't for House's self-important attitude. In "The Way I Was Made," for example, House goes over the history of his family leading up to his birth. Describing his parents: "They met in school with broken hearts/Healed each other from the start/Man and woman play your part, now we're closer to the way I was made." It's good to know that years working and toiling and sweating by countless generations made it possible for Griffin House to sing us this song. Now, I don't usually support eugenics, but it times of great trial, exceptions must be made.

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COPA

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this was the least restrictive mechanism Congress could use to address this problem. Congress and the courts agreed that access to adult material by children is not a good thing. The question is on which method to use. What Congress had proposed is essentially proposed is a prior restraint law. COPA requires Webmasters to limit their material before people can even see it. When you have a prior restraint law, the Supreme Court takes a very close look, and what they concluded here was that the government did not show that the age verification systems worked better than filters. This gives the government the opportunity to show that filter programs are inadequate and that a universal approach is required.

Emerald: The Supreme Court decision was split five to four. What was the dissenting opinion?

FL: They argued that the material that would be blocked did not deserve

the protection the majority position was giving it.

Emerald: What do you think the chances of COPA passing on the lower court level are at this point?

FL: I think it's pretty low. The majority of the Supreme Court already made it clear that the government would not be able to show that the universal approach is better than filters. The reason for this is that any law passed by Congress can't regulate what takes place outside of the United States.

Emerald: So if all the servers for pornographic Web sites moved out of the country, the law would have no effect on them?

FL: Right. But even though COPA can't deal with material which comes from outside of the country, filters can. Even if filter technology isn't very good, which it's not, a filter installed on an individual computer will block more material than COPA would just by the very nature of the technology. I think what will end up happening is that the plaintiffs in this lawsuit will go into the district court and prove just that.

Emerald: How is the COPA decision similar to the Communication Decency Act decision?

FL: The CDA was the government's first attempt to regulate the Internet in terms of speech. That law stated that anybody distributing material over the Internet which was indecent would be subject to a felony. The Supreme Court found it unconstitutional because it would make it a felony to provide material to adult which they had a constitutional right to read. COPA was a narrowing down of this. Congress attempted to emulate a number of states which have lowered the obscenity standard by applying it to what kids can get, because children are not entitled to the same material as adults. The problem that you run into is that there is no way to distinguish adults from the children. So unless people want to go through a credit card check, they are limited to an Internet reduced only what is acceptable to an 8 or 10-year-old. The Supreme Court saw this as too restrictive.

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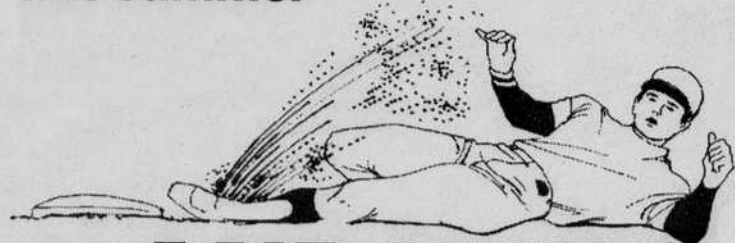
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