

Television jam session is an all-star show

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Showtime cable's "Coast to Coast," a semi-regular musical jam session, was planning a nice lineup for its April edition. Joining host Herbie Hancock were to be Rickie Lee Jones, B.B. King, Jeff "Skunk" Baxter of the Doobie Brothers, and Sting. But it happened that the taping was held the day after the Grammys, and it also happened that "Coast to Coast" director Ken Ehrlich produces the Grammys, and the lineup sorta grew. Now if you watch "Coast to Coast"

in April, you'll see a superstar collaboration that also includes Lou Reed, Bonnie Raitt, Andy Summers, Bruce Hornsby, Michael Bolton, Stevie Nicks, Julian Lennon ... even Michael J. Fox on guitar, and Michael Keaton on percussion.

Not a bad little guest list! Speaking of guest lists ... we knew that the Byrds were going to have a reunion at the Roy Orbison tribute in Los Angeles. But no one expected Bob Dylan to jump on stage and join them. He sang "Mr. Tambourine Man," natch.

Also present at the recent show — proceeds went to benefit the homeless — were John Fogerty, Iggy Pop, the Stray Cats, Dwight Yoakum and the probably pretty pooped pair, B.B. King and Bonnie Raitt.

Showtime's got television rights to

this one, too, and it should air sometime in the spring.

She's been rumored to have been making her acting debut in every music-oriented film put into production over the past three years. Now Whitney Houston has really accepted a movie role ... and it's not a musical.

The fresh-faced singer will star opposite Denzel Washington in a dramatic love story called "Disappearing Acts."

We never thought we'd see the day when this was little news, but ... MTV is now being broadcast in Czechoslovakia and Poland.

The hot musical on London's West End right now is "A Clockwork Orange 2004," a new stage version of the classic novel by Anthony Burgess.

Londoners have to see the show rather than rent the 1971 Stanley Ku-

brick film version — a satire on violence in a not-so-distant future society. The videocassette has been banned in Britain.

But the controversy over the story seems to be less an attraction than the music in the stage piece: Songs were composed by Bono and the Edge of U2.

Trivia note: The stage show's star, Phil Daniels, also starred in one of the great rock 'n' roll movies: The Who's "Quadrophenia."

Elektra Records celebrates its 40th (!) birthday this May with a deluxe album featuring their newest artists re-recording tunes made famous by their best-known artists.

Included in the release will be John Fogerty's "Another Saturday Night" as done by the Georgia Satellites;

Warren Zevon's "Werewolves of London" by the Black Velvet Band; Queen's "Stone Cold Crazy" by Metallica; Paul Butterfield's "Born in Chicago" by the Pixies; and Carly Simon's "You're So Vain" by ... Faster Pussycat?

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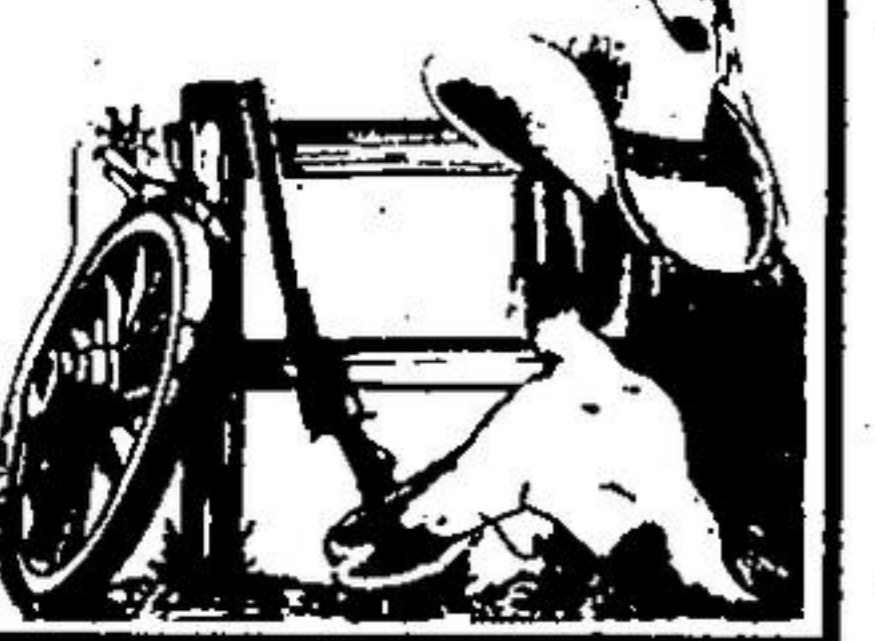
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