### Cabbage Patch dolls the 'American Dream' for kids

upon us. Millions of Americans will buy gifts, reach into their pockets and plunk down plastic cards to show their loved ones how much they care about them. For the kids, they probably will purchase those great American status symbols, Cabbage Patch Kids. Any kid who is anyone has to have one, right?



#### Scott Harrah

Cabbage Patch Kids have made history. Kids have grown tired of that immortal tanned beach beauty, Barbie, and her beefy beau, Ken. Barbie, with her Malibu condo, sportscar and dazzling evening gowns, is hardly someone kids can relate to. She also is a clone, for all Barbies look the same, So some enterprising marketers came up with The Cabbage Patch Kid, a chubby creature with a face made by a computer so each doll is unique.

At first, the dolls came with adoption papers and names to make them even more individualized. Kids everywhere went wild, and soon stores couldn't keep enough of the dolls on the shelves.

Cabbage Patch Kids are now a cultuofficial airline and magazine cover appearances under their elusive belts. PanAm 747s fly them non-stop from Hong Kong to the U.S.A., where affluent parents fight over the privilege of paying sometimes more than \$100 - just so their lucky kids will have a merrier Christmas.

Cabbage Patch International Travel- it out of Johannesburg after sundown. ers, complete with photo passports and Pop-up Sun City not included.

Once again, the Christmas season is costumes of all nations. There's also the official Cabbage Patch Pony; and Preemies, for children who want to look at their pseudo bundle of joy in an official Cabbage Patch incubator.

For jet-set tots, there are genuine mink stoles and designer wardrobes for epicurean Cabbage Patch Kids. The list of accessories goes on and on in the world of Cabbage Patch Kids, where today's youth can play with imaginary mates that are clever imitations of

There are some positive notions behind Cabbage Patch Kids, as opposed to Barbie. Barbies all sport tans, blond manes and sorority-inspired grins that seem to say, "Life's a beach." Cabbage Patch Kids, however, are so diverse that they can imitate real people from all walks of life ... sort of.

What truly makes them realistic is their extravagant price, which tells young kids that they better select a career that will enable them to buy such rapturous things for their kids when they grow up.

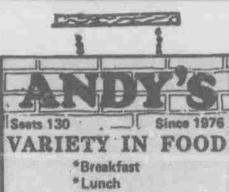
In these days of yuppies and Reagan, even children are being socialized into yearning for the American Dream. Success today not only means a suburban palace and a set of BMWs, but a Cabbage Patch Kid as well.

If the makers of Cabbage Patch Kids truly want to imitate reality, perhaps they should manufacture the following:

 The Cabbage Patch Pauper: comral phenomenon that have their own plete with torn, trashed attire, welfare check and pop-up ghetto, alley and city mission.

 The Post Nuclear Cabbage Patch Kid: complete with glowing skin, torched evening gown and darling can of radioactive waste.

 The South African Cabbage Patch Kid: complete with pop-up shanty town, Now children can hunger for The ID card and instructions on how to kick Daily Nebraskan



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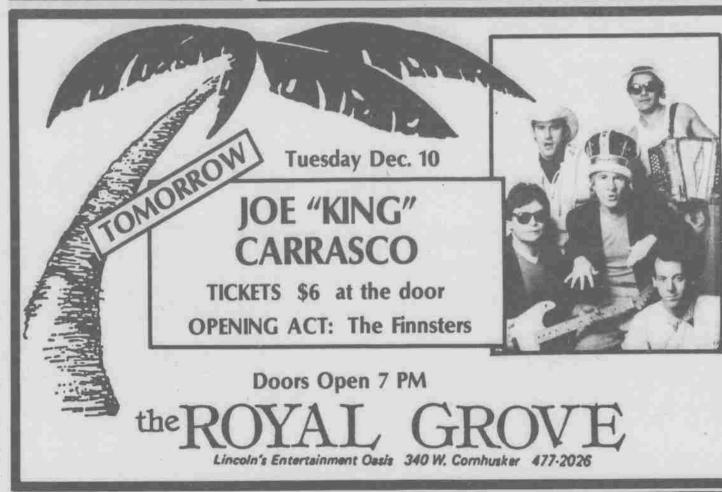
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# New Benatar album ruined by production

By Randy Schummer Staff Reporter

Pat Benatar, "Seven The Hard Way," Chrysalis.

#### Record Review

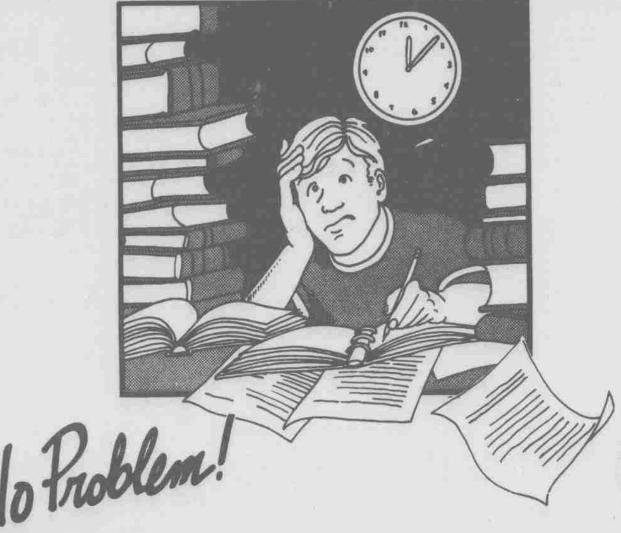
Pat Benatar has returned to the musical style that made her rich, and not a minute too soon. She almost lost all her fans after "Tropico," which should

have been called "Flopico." Benatar does not have diverse talent.

The music on the album is good. The problem lies in the production, done by Benatar's husband, Neil Geraldo, who seems to have an ego problem. Just watch one of Pat's videos, and count how many times he steps in front of her to show off his guitar playing or a bicep. Prince has an ego, but at least he can produce an album properly.

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