

Sarah gets Diana's dazzling crown

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man living in Lincoln, Neb., who pays his rent through the good graces of the pawn shop.

Best Country Band — New Charles: This is Lincoln's version of Asleep at the Wheel, a blend of Bob Wills-style country swing, Sun era rockabilly and hardluck rhythm and blues. The Flyers play every Friday at the Zoo Bar that the Tablerockers don't. They sport the most versatile string players this side of the Foggy Mountains, a fiddler who looks suspiciously like a state senator and all the other talent you need to put a show like this on the road.

Also, one of the few bands in town with any business asking for requests from the audience.

Chris: The New High Flyers are great. The only thing I have against them is that most of this band used to be the Bluegrass Revival, reputedly one of the best bluegrass outfits in the Midwest, and the Bluegrass Revival doesn't play anymore and I haven't heard them yet.

Best Lincoln Bands We Haven't Seen Yet — (tie) The Gears, Braniac, Defenders of the New West.

The Diana Ross Prima Donna Crown — To Sarah Kovanda, lead singer of the 'Lunch Cats.

In her own hometown she sends her band on stage ahead of her to give her an instrumental prelude and the intro, "Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome Sarah Kovanda..." as if she were the monolith from Kubrick's "2001" or something.

The 'Cats' music, mostly original, sounds like the hottest dance club hits of the year 1980. And to see Kovanda writhe like that on stage, oh. What aerobics look like on Venus.

Snootiest Local Band — For Against.

Chris: A sophisticated guitar band in the style of Jesus and Mary Chain or, if aspirations were guitar picks, the Velvet Underground, these guys don't particularly like playing in Lincoln, don't want to talk to the press in Lincoln and would really rather not be in Lincoln. Why don't they leave?

Charles: They've got a new LP or EP

or tape or something coming out on Independent Projects Records in California but they won't talk to us about it. Not a bad band, but they should have a sound comparable to a blitzkrieg or a stage show like the seven plagues of Egypt to warrant an attitude like this. They don't. It's a shame when kids this clean-cut and wholesome-looking need to be spanked.

Best REM Impersonation — Tel Quel

Charles: This is a great impersonation. They have it all. Slashing glorious guitar din, by turns lush and ferocious. A consummate mumbler on vocals who smothers the microphone the way a high school jock smothers his steady girl. Obtuse lyrics, easily misunderstood to be significant and meaningful. And they write all their own songs.

Chris: They do have one song that sounds like Lou Reed.

Best Local Band Not From Lincoln: Magic Slim and the Tear-drops

We can't imagine Slim having a home somewhere other than here. He seems to be around all the time. He's one of the last great urban bluesmen in the Muddy Waters tradition, B.B. King before he made his style safe for Vegas and Carson. As often as need be Slim turns the Zoo Bar into South side Chicago.

Rookies of the Year — The Shakes

The Shakes play an unconventional blend of blues standards and 70's arena rock. They've only been playing since Christmas and they already have their pick of Lincoln venues, playing gigs at the staid Chesterfield's, local biker haven Little Bo's, and alternative (or whatever) hangouts the Drumstick and the Howard Street Tavern in Omaha. If Sean Benjamin didn't live here, their guitarist might be the hottest bluesman in town.

Silliest Local Band — The Lampshades

Charles: A not-so-hot bar persona prevent the Shades from being Rookies of the year, but on the streets of this crazy town and that other crazy town, Omaha, playing to the people for nickles, dimes and credit cards, this band sums up silliness. Some say the Shades

are the now grown Lindbergh baby, the only true heir to the Hughes fortune and the French Dauphine. The lampshades they wear prevent anyone from ever knowing. As far as anyone knows, the Lindberghs couldn't possibly care for their baby now, the Hughes fortune is distributed and the Dauphine and Mitterand do not seem likely to reach an agreement about governing France, a nation in turmoil.

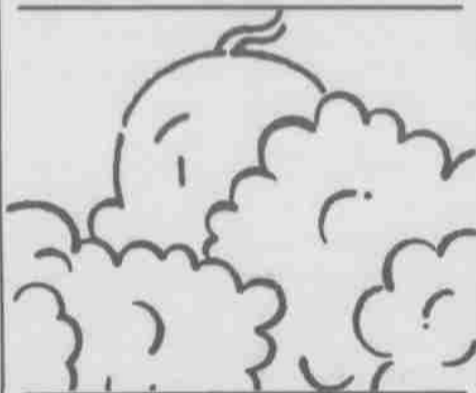
Chris: Yeah, right Charles. Uh, I think their songs "Boring" and the Violent Femmes medley they do are, uh, real funny.

Best Lincoln Band — Charlie Burton and the Hiccups

Chris: Charlie's been around for a million years. His three albums can be found in good alternative (or whatever) record stores all over the country. Enough has been written about him in these pages to fill a rather long doctoral dissertation. See him whenever and however you can.

Charles: Note to future interviewers: I think every question from "How do you sleep?" to "How many keys are there on a harpsichord?" has already been posed to Charlie by the DN.

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