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Rock 'n Roll . . .

Jeff Beck/Wired/Epic PE33849.

Following the tremendous success of his instrumental album Blow By Blow, it would have been easy to stay in the same mold.

Beck didn't. And with the Jan Hammer group, Beck has gone into a more progressive realm of jazz.

Beck is more funky, and much more complex than before. Some may find the change hard to listen to, and it is. It's extremely tasty music, harsh and somehow mellow. Beware! Special taste.

Taj Mahl/Satisfied and Tickled Too/Columbia PC 34103.

Taj Mahl has melted into disappointing, sub-standard raggae with little life. It contains the long awaited studio version of Ain't Nobody's Business (Cocaine don't make me lazy . . .) but kills it in over production.

Avoid it unless you are a die-hard fan.

Daryl Hall and John Oates/Bigger than Both of Us/RCS APLI-1467.

More rock 'n rollish than the last album, but still extremely well-produced. Hall and Oates maintain their tight harmony and incredible flair in a nice album.

Joe Cocker/Stingray/A&M SP-4574.

Cocker changed producers resulting in a much more

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complicated and cluttered sound. It often covers up Cocker's strange but excellent vocals.

Not as consistantly good as his previous album, but a Dylan tune Catfish is a nice blues that saves the album.

JJ Cale/Troubadour/Shelter SRL 52002. Smokey vocals and a wide, but subdued variety of moods mark another good album for Cale.

Only one complaint, and that is that Cale doesn't play enough guitar on the album.

There are no classics as in previous albums, but the Cale tune Cocaine will surely be covered and recovered by

done concept album. It's pleasant but not memorable. Lynyrd Skynyrd/One More for the Road/MCAZ-6001.

There is a nice version of Free Bird and the entire

Stevie Wonder/Tunes in the Key of Life/Tamala T-13340C2.

record set.

finely-produced album.



There are slow parts to the set, but still it is more . Wonder magic.

The Lost Gonzo Band/Thrills/MCA 2232.

The Gonzo's, last seen in Lincoln backing up Jerry Jeff Walker, prove to be as good-time oriented on record as they are in concert.

It is an enjoyable but not too demanding record.



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