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# Batman novelties become popular item

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the movie, Schur said he is excited about it.

"It will be the definitive Batman. He is a nittier, grittier Batman, done for a more mature audience," he said. Schur added that the movie will not be a departure from the Batman tradition.

That tradition involves a long history of a continually evolving Batman. He has survived the deaths of two different Robins and has become weathered and grim over the years.

Batman first appeared in "Detective," a DC comic, in 1939. DC also carries the "Batman" comic, which has seen 435 issues so far. Schur said DC Comics will launch a third Batman comic, "The Legend of the Dark Knight," this fall.

Schur said Batman was grim and nasty 50 years ago but became "silly and science fictionish in the 1950s. He was campy on the 1960s TV show, but turned grim in the '70s and grimmer still in the '80s."

Lorenz said the television show had nothing to do with the Batman tradition. That tradition has nothing to do with such silliness as donning "Super-Thermalized Bat-Skivvies" to protect against an evil villain's freeze-ray.

Batman's original partner, Robin, eventually grew up and became his own superhero, "Knightwing," ac-

ording to Schur. Batman later adopted a homeless youth who was trying to steal tires from the Batmobile. That boy, Jason Todd, became the second Robin, but was killed last year by the Joker.

But Batman lives on, more popular than ever.

Nebraska Bookstore, 1300 Q St., will join Trade-A-Tape and Cosmic Comics in giving away free tickets to the movie "Batman," which is expected to be one of the summer's most successful movies.

Debbie Mardoch, vice president of Douglas Theater Company, said she thinks it will be a "very well-accepted movie." She said there has been a lot of word-of-mouth and preliminary advertising.

Mardoch said she hopes for a "tremendous sellout" on opening day and said the movie has been booked for the entire summer and may stay in Lincoln through next fall.

Batman's popularity has paralleled a shift to a more mainstream audience. Batman paraphernalia has appeared at J.C. Penney and the Nebraska Bookstore has carried Batman merchandise for two years.

Cindy Burger, gift buyer for Nebraska Bookstore, said Batman-related items are selling out across the United States.

The recent popularity and widespread merchandising of Batman does not threaten Lorenz. He said the

wider exposure will help his comic shop, which carries hundreds of back issues.

Lorenz has seen many new customers looking for Batman items in his store. He said the entire Batman phenomenon will get stronger with the release of the movie.

"I'm sure there will be a sequel," he said. "They left a setup for it in the movie."

Schur said he is ecstatic over the new interest in Batman.

"I hope it lasts forever. People are excited about Batman, the movie," he said. "It is a serious treatment of a comic book character."

"Batman will always be popular to his fans. He will get old ones back and get new fans with the movie," Schur said.

## Summer sounds of new releases

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with songs like "Mona Lisa, Mother Earth" and "God Damn the Sun." Lead vocalist Michael Gira, as always, sings like Bela Lagosi washing down a few valiums with a sip of battery acid. Vocalist Jarboe's remake of "Can't Find My Way Home" is a powerful, Easternized version of the 1969 Blind Faith classic. "The Burning World" is not as ornately apocalyptic as last year's gloom-and-doom masterpiece "Children of God," but it's nice that Swans are still refreshingly depressed. (Grade: B)

**Concrete Blonde, "Free." (I.R.S.):**

Following the critical and commercial success of its MTV hit "Still in Hollywood," this Southern California foursome experienced financial problems and record company red tape. But they are back with raw, driving energy on their second effort, "Free." Lead vocalist Johnette Napolitano sounds a bit like a reprobate Martha Davis, but has the impetuous delivery and attitude of Chrissie Hynde. On Side-One songs like "God Is a Bullet," Napolitano tears each lyric up with her megaphone of a larynx. On Side Two's slower numbers, she adds toned-down variety and softpedals her message on cuts like "Roses Grow." And James Andrew Mankey's guitar riffs are edgy without bartering melody for volume. (Grade: B+)

**Soul Asylum, "Clam Dip and Other Delights." (Twin Tone):**

I guess I'm just not hip, but this Minneapolis band's latest effort makes me wonder what all the hype is about. I've tried to listen to the Asylum in the past. I've actually tried to like them, but I'm just not hip. After all, I've reasoned, Soul Asylum fans are always babbling about how "progressive" the band is. I thought 1970s AOR rock was happily buried and relished only by a few hardcore old Boston fans. The cover, however, is a nice parody of Herb Alpert's classic LP "Whipped Cream and Other Delights," which featured a buxom woman smothered in Cool Whip. But clam dip, atonal guitar and bad Geddy Lee impersonations just don't do anything for me. Like I said, I guess I'm not hip. Your move, Soul Asylum fans. (Grade: D+)

## The Zoo Bar Music Schedule June 12-17

<b>Monday</b>	Balls . . . <i>blues and rock</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Table Rockers . . . <i>blues</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Kenny Neal . . . <i>blues from Baton Rouge</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	Eddy Clearwater . . . <i>blues from Chicago</i>
<b>Friday</b>	Triple Play . . . <i>swing, blues, rock 'n' roll</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	The Leroi Brothers . . . <i>rock-a-billy from Austin</i>



All Shows Start at 9:00 p.m.

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## Event Garde

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Events for June 12 through 21.

### LINCOLN:

Flatwater Festival: Annual summer festival on University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus, 13th and R streets, June 16, 17 and 18. Events include visual and performing artists, storytelling, children's fair, film festivals, food, arts, and crafts, and KFMQ Haymarket Street Dance. For more information, consult upcoming Daily Nebraskan Flatwater Festival issue.

Leonard vs. Hearns Closed Circuit Championship Fight June 12, 7 p.m., Pershing Auditorium Arena

North Central Regional Roller-skating Championships June 17 to 25, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily  
Balls, Blues and Rock 'n' Roll, Zoo Bar, June 12

The Tablerockers, Blues, Zoo Bar, June 13  
Kenny Neal, Blues, Zoo Bar, June 14

Eddy Clearwater, Blues, Zoo Bar, June 15  
B and The Hot-Notes, Zoo Bar, June 16

The LeRoi Brothers and the Tablerockers, Zoo Bar, June 17  
The Tablerockers, Zoo Bar, June 19

Jazz Underground with The Gulizia Brothers, Zoo Bar, June 20  
Amethyst, Zoo Bar, June 21

"Steel Magnolias," Nebraska Repertory Theater, Howell Theater, 8 p.m., June 16-17, 20-24, 27-30, and July 1  
Laurie and Sean Benjamin,

Antelope Park, 7:30 p.m., June 11  
Sweet Adelines, Antelope Park, 7:30 p.m., June 11

Scott Stewart, Antelope Park, 7:30 p.m., June 11  
43rd Army Band, Foundation Gardens, noon to 1 p.m., June 12

Chris Sayre, Foundation Gardens, noon to 1 p.m., June 14  
Roma, Foundation Gardens, noon to 1 p.m., June 21

Showstoppers, Gallery Theater, Lincoln Community Playhouse, 8 p.m., June 15 to 17....

### OMAHA:

"Angel Face" and "FAT," Magic Theater, 7:30 p.m., June 16 and 17

Herzog Recital, Orpheum, 7:30 p.m., June 12  
Metallica and The Cult, Omaha Civic Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., June 14

Dance Academy, Orpheum, 7 p.m., June 14  
Dance Company, Orpheum, 7:30 p.m., June 15

The Winans Concert, Orpheum, 7:30 p.m., June 16  
Rehl: Wolfe, Orpheum, 8 p.m., June 17

Wolfe Recital, Orpheum, 7:30 p.m., June 18

SURROUNDING AREA:  
Ames, Iowa: Doobie Brothers. For ticket information, call 515-294-3347

KANSAS CITY:  
Ray Charles, June 16.  
Neil Diamond, June 14. Kemper Arena. Call 816-931-3330 for ticket information.