

JFK Jr. finally weds in weekend ceremony

CUMBERLAND ISLAND, Ga. (AP) — John John is the nation's No. 1 bachelor no more. John F. Kennedy Jr. married longtime girlfriend Carolyn Bessette in a top secret ceremony Saturday.

Years of gossip about the man once dubbed "The Sexiest Man Alive" ended with a private wedding on a secluded island along the Georgia coast. "My cousin John did tie the knot yesterday," Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., confirmed Sunday morning at a fund-raiser for congressional candidate Robert Burch in Steubenville, Ohio. Although he gave no details, his spokesman confirmed the bride was Bessette.

Kennedy has been romantically linked for about five years to Bessette, a Connecticut native who works in public relations for Calvin Klein Ltd. in New York City.

But she was hardly the only woman linked to the dashing playboy who has it all - good looks, money and a link to Camelot. The 35-year-old son of President John F. Kennedy and co-founder and editor of "George" magazine,

ended a lengthy relationship with actress Darryl Hannah not long after his mother's funeral in May 1994.

According to the New York Post, Kennedy finally popped the question to Bessette last year after she blew her top over a National Enquirer report that he had an affair with actress Sharon Stone.

In February, the couple was videotaped having a lovers' quarrel in a New York park, with talking, fighting, pouting and crying before they eventually made up. The 20-minute spat showed up in television and newspaper accounts.

Last week's issue of New York magazine said the privacy-obsessed Kennedy went ahead with plans for his wedding without even divulging the date or place to relatives. Even cousin Patrick wasn't invited, said the congressman's spokesman, Larry Berman. "I think it was, from what we very small," he said.

Scott Wendt, who owns Bluestem Books with his wife Pat, said they also don't have the book. He said that they would sell a copy in nice shape for \$60 or \$75.

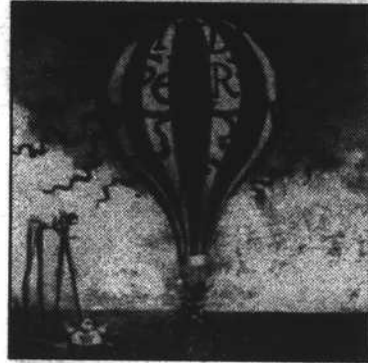
"It's real hot now but I don't think the collectibility is going to last," he said. "It has no lasting appeal."

Meanwhile, the Omaha libraries hope for any copies of Madonna's "Sex."

"I would just like to see the holds list end and be out of my life," Griffin said.

Omaha Public Libraries still welcome donated copies sent to the Collection Development, 215 S. 15th St., Omaha, Neb., 68102.

CD Review



Linda Perry
"In Flight"
Interscope Records
Grade: C

If water could sing, it would almost surely sound like Linda Perry. Unfortunately, any lake, stream or cesspool could write better lyrics.

Linda Perry, former 4 Non Blondes front-woman, has hooked up with producer Bill Bottrell (Rusted Root, Sheryl Crow) to create her first solo effort, "In Flight." Unfortunately, "In Flight" fails to get too far off the ground.

Perry's repetitively self-indulgent lyrics become tiresome as each song continues to ask more and more rhetorical questions. "In My Dreams" is a rosy pop song sporting standard Lennon-esque liberal cliches such as "In my dreams I build my own empire with no color and no creed." Perry then asks, "Am I getting much too deep?" Uh, probably not.

"Knock Me Out" is an exceptionally tedious duet with '60s psychedelic diva Grace Slick. Slick is barely noticeable behind the wall of boredom woven by Perry's self-concerned lyrics about lost love.

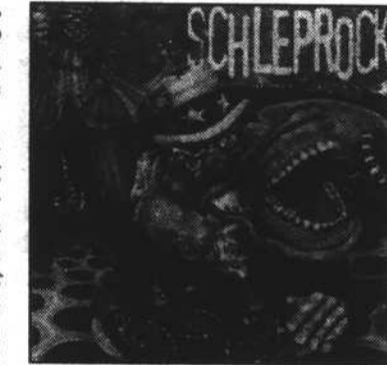
"Life in a Bottle" and "Fruitloop Daydream" are two gems on this album. "Life in a Bottle" is a sharp and succinct song about Perry's all too real struggle with drug addiction.

"Fruitloop Daydream" is an instrumentally quirky and vaudevillian tune about a walk in the park, "The drag queens, the speed freaks. All the homo boys they touch me baby." Here Perry finally lets go of the cliches and the standard self-exploration that sometimes accompanies roots rock and allows us to see her vision of the world.

Perry owes much of this album to her producer and her back-up musicians, especially Lisa Germano whose violin adds depth to otherwise barren songscapes. "In Flight" is enjoyable to a point, but the utter redundancy of her soul-searching becomes too much to bear.

Perry will continue to operate in the shadows of her roots-rockerette contemporaries such as Sheryl Crow and the Indigo Girls until she learns to write songs about something besides herself.

— Bret Schulte



Schleprock
"America's Dirty Little Secret"
Warner Bros.
Grade: D

No, this band is not good. A sticker on the cover of the album reads, "If you're a bigot or a punk phony, you will hate this album." I know I'm not a bigot, so I must be a punk phony because this record is pitiful. I never thought I'd say this, but this

band is a good mix of Winger, Warrant and Poison. However, these guys like to call themselves "punk."

Before even opening CD case, the possible consumer knows these guys aren't contenders. The album has only 12 songs. I've never seen a punk album with so few songs before.

The first song, "We Need an Anthem," doesn't give the album much of a start. Jeff Graham's guitar play is terrible and the lead singer, Doug Caine, needs to take his thumb out of his mouth and put it somewhere else. Instead of shouting "We Need an Anthem," they should have tried "We Need a Good Beating."

I'm always up for a good laugh, so I took a look at some of the lyrics in the liner notes. Although this band looks like white trash, in their lyrics they try to sound like Rage Against the Machine. In the title song, "America's Dirty Little Secret," Caine shouts, "Oppression, destruction, bigotry burning in the nation/ Pathetic, antisemitic, it's your dirty little secret."

Oh, don't worry, it gets worse. In the song "Under the Gun," he whines, "Moving targets in the predator's eyes/ sitting ducks on the poverty line/ All's at stake as our threat gets bigger/ as wealthy fingers it on the trigger."

Mom always said if I couldn't say anything at all. Sorry Mom, but these guys are bad. The music is terrible, and the lyrics would even make Weiland shriek in disgust. If you're thinking of wasting your cash and buying this album, just give me the \$10 and I'll make sure the money is spent wisely. But I have faith that people today know right from wrong, and will not waste their time listening to such crap.

— Patrick Miner

Long waiting list for 'Sex'

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book."

The nonfiction "Sex" is the only book at Omaha Public Libraries that requires an identification to check it out, Griffin said.

The books that retailed for \$49.95 in 1992 cannot be bought because they're out of print, Griffin said.

In fact, controversy over "Sex" continues in the used bookstore market.

Tom Kiefer from A Novel Idea, 118 N. 14th, said the store did not have any copies of "Sex."

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