

Mango brings 'tasty' funk-pop to Zoo Bar

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every Mango Jam performance, said Larry Boehmer, owner of the Zoo Bar.

"They're just really good," Boehmer said. "They're a lot of fun; it's very danceable stuff."

He said the band's faithful following always generated a lot of excitement, even for the somewhat slower weeknights.

"They usually get good crowds. Their Thursday nights are usually as good as the weekends for us," Boehmer said.

Bush said the band's fans made coming to Lincoln especially fun.

"There's a real excitement about playing in Nebraska," Bush said. "People seem to like the brand of music that we bring."

Bush said that, in the past, fans have let band members sleep on their couches and have even brought plates of cold cuts to the show.

Mango Jam's new album will be the fourth album in eight years, and Bush said he thought it was possibly the band's most tasty release.

"We're making music like we always have," Bush said. "But it

"We're kind of inspired by stuff we like, and it doesn't really matter what type of music it is; it's all about the vibe we incorporate."

JASON BUSH
bass player

seems a little more coherent than our other albums. It sounds more like the band than anything we've recorded."

He said fans have been very receptive of the new songs and he thought Lincoln fans were in for a treat.

"People really enjoy the new songs," Bush said. "We've had a real positive response to them."

The Zoo Bar is located at 136 N. 14th St. The show costs \$4 and starts at 9:30 p.m.

Sinatra remains hospitalized

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Frank Sinatra remained hospitalized Wednesday for non-emergency tests with no word as to how long the entertainer would stay at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

Sinatra, 82, was admitted to the hospital early Tuesday, nearly 13 months after he suffered a heart attack. He also spent a night there for a checkup 2½ weeks ago.

Hospital officials and Sinatra spokeswoman Susan Reynolds wouldn't release any details about his

condition other than to say it was not serious.

"Out of respect for his personal request for privacy, there's no comment," Reynolds said. "He hopes and feels confident that everyone will understand."

Rumors have circulated about Sinatra's health for months. A year ago, he visited the hospital three times in the space of two months. He has not been seen in public since his heart attack in January 1997.

KZUM set to celebrate 20th year

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operation and non-mainstream music, KZUM first aired out of a taxicab garage near 19th Street and Cornhusker Highway with a full 10 watts of power.

The format of the fledgling station relied heavily on jazz, blues, folk, soul, local musicians and local talk shows, which still comprise the bulk of its broadcasts today.

Because most of the city was either completely unaware of the sta-

tion's activities or couldn't receive its signal anyway, KZUM initiated its first fund-raiser a year later to increase its quality in both programming and transmitting.

Today, KZUM hums along at this modest wattage, adequately feeding Lincoln with news, talk shows and the city's most diverse musical format.

Friday, listeners of KZUM can provide even greater support for this station, which has dedicated itself to community service. For a \$25 fee,

they can enjoy a catered chicken dinner, bid for pieces of local art and listen to one of the city's most seasoned blues bands.

Not to mention what they get from KZUM every day:

"Our program here is 100 percent mission-driven," Morris said, "which is to increase ethnic and cultural awareness through diverse music, news and public-affairs programming while striving for spontaneity and programming excellence."

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Music

Screeching Weasel
"Major Label Debut"
Panic Button Records
Grade: A

"Major Label Debut" is a debut of sorts for Chicago-based punk band Screeching Weasel, but not for a major label.

With new band members and their newly created record label, Panic Button, Ben Weasel and company can finally concentrate on their music instead of the politics involved with the industry.

As always, the band takes on engaging issues on the latest EP, and it only takes six songs and 10 minutes for Weasel to get his points across.

Some of these issues include why records are better than compact discs ("Compact Disc"), the prob-

lem racism poses to our society ("Racist Society") and how much Weasel despises people in general ("Hey Asshole").

The second track, "D.I.Y.," is a good representation of what owning your own record label is all about. On it, Weasel sings, "D.I.Y., why because your band's another weak charity case. Our shows should be five bucks or less, we'll do it for the kids. Two legs good, MTV bad and major labels suck."

"Major Label Debut" has all of the characteristics of a punk-rock album; short songs that are fast-paced and contain a lot of swear words. Screeching Weasel is still the same no-nonsense, offensive band it always was, only now it has no one to answer to but itself.

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