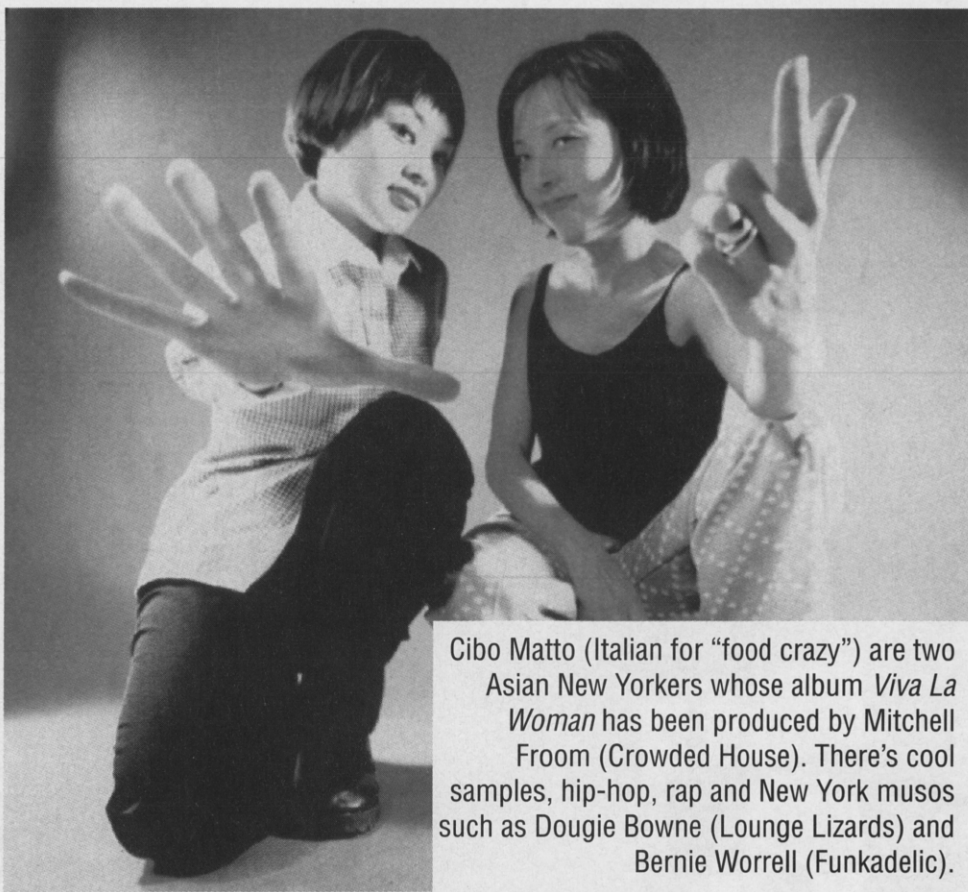
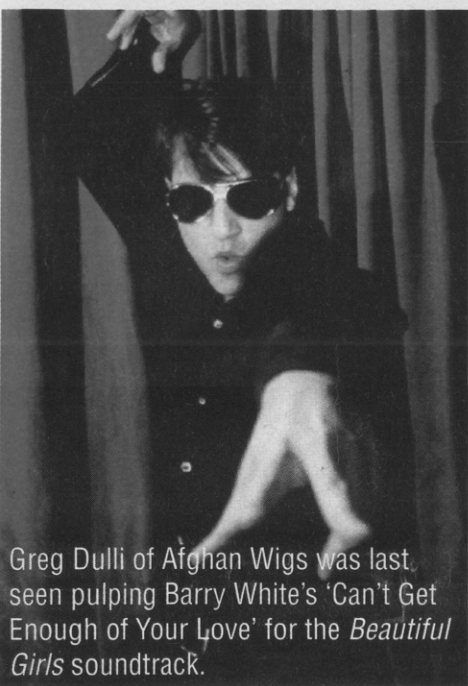




EMI are releasing several cool lounge music anthologies from the Capitol label vaults. First up are *Ultra Lounge Vol.1 Mondo Exotica*, *Vol.2 Mambo Fever* and *Vol.3 Space Capades*.



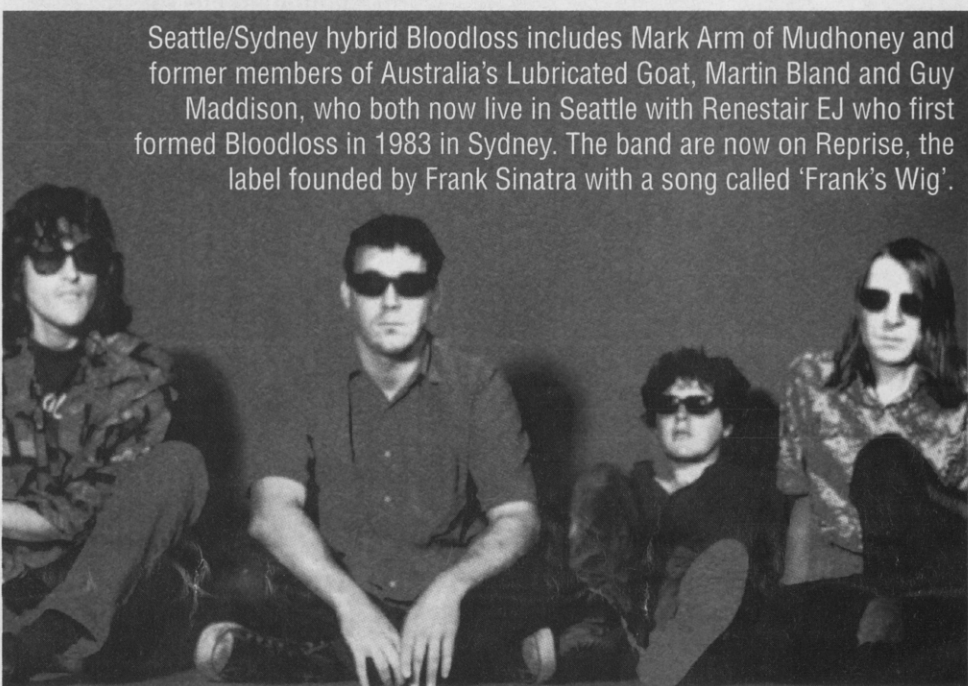
Cibo Matto (Italian for "food crazy") are two Asian New Yorkers whose album *Viva La Woman* has been produced by Mitchell Froom (Crowded House). There's cool samples, hip-hop, rap and New York musos such as Dougie Bowne (Lounge Lizards) and Bernie Worrell (Funkadelic).



Greg Dulli of Afghan Wigs was last seen pulping Barry White's 'Can't Get Enough of Your Love' for the *Beautiful Girls* soundtrack.



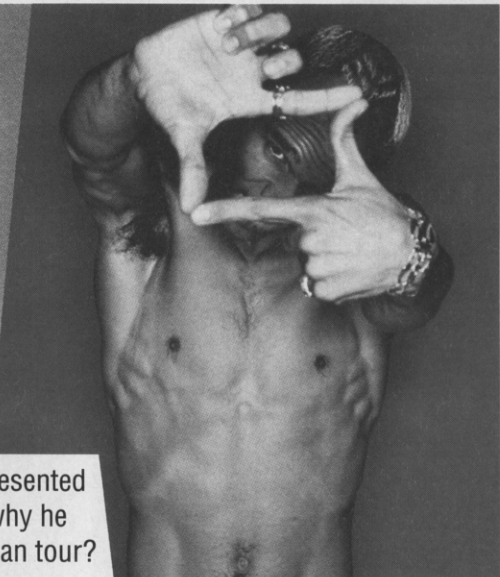
Ocean Colour Scene were first signed to an English indie a few years back by Jonathan Hughes (now at Warners NZ) but they've now hit the paydirt at MCA with the Stones-ish 'The Riverboat Song'.



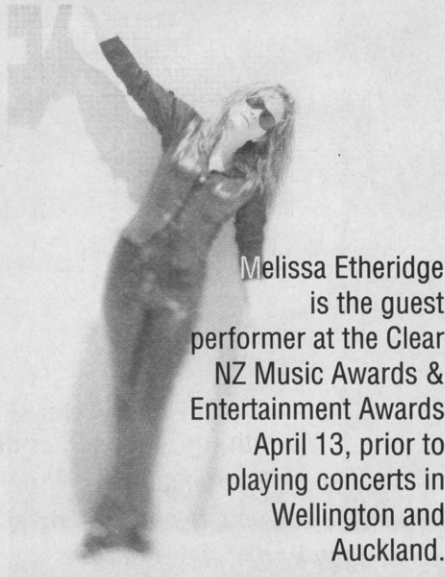
Seattle/Sydney hybrid Bloodloss includes Mark Arm of Mudhoney and former members of Australia's Lubricated Goat, Martin Bland and Guy Maddison, who both now live in Seattle with Renestair EJ who first formed Bloodloss in 1983 in Sydney. The band are now on Reprise, the label founded by Frank Sinatra with a song called 'Frank's Wig'.



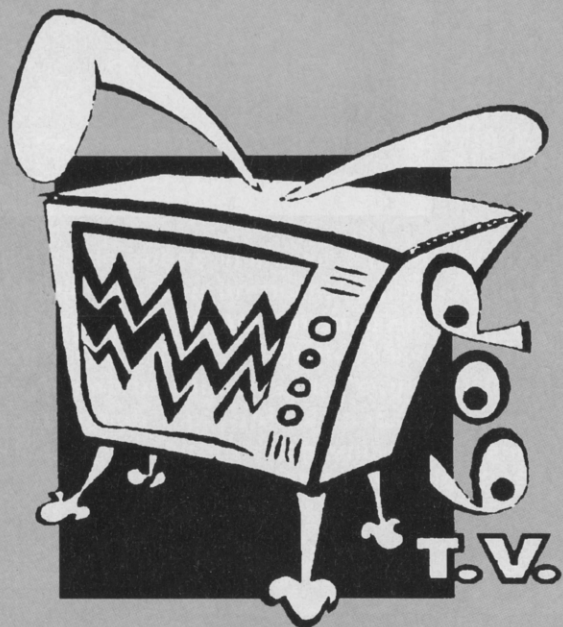
When Bjork won a Brit Award it was presented to her by her "fiancee" Goldie. Is that why he was the opening act on her last European tour?



After a massive hit with 'Missing', Everything But the Girl have promptly left Warners and moved to the Virgin label.



Melissa Etheridge is the guest performer at the Clear NZ Music Awards & Entertainment Awards April 13, prior to playing concerts in Wellington and Auckland.



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