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• Details of the upcoming Tori Amos album are out, and as a connoisseur of covers, I'm psyched: The entire album is a covers affair. Strange Little Girls is due September 18 and reveals a bit of the pixie dust beneath her scarlet cap. Like being at a party and perusing someone's record collection, one might assume the song selections tell a bit about her influences. But, "97 Bonnie & Clyde" by Eminem from his The Slim Shady LP set? Yes, friend, that and many more "I've got to hear that" interpretations such as 10cc's 1975 FM radio staple "I'm Not in Love," the Boomtown Rats' pre-Columbine teen-with-a-gun "I Don't Like Mondays," The Beatles' "Happiness Is A Warm Gun" from the White Album, Neil Young's "Heart of Gold" from his 1972 Harvest album, Joe Jackson's "Real Men" from his classic Night & Day LP from 1982, Lloyd Cole & The Commotions' "Rattlesnakes," "New Age" by the Velvet Underground, Slayer's "Raining Blood," and Tom Waits' "Time." Whew! The album's title is taken from the name of the 1982 Stranglers song she covers.

• Speaking of covers, Teenbeat Records' bossanova-beat band True Love Always has just released a new CD collection featuring material from its previous five singles and rarities such as its take on Earth, Wind & Fire's "September."

• The long-awaited four-CD box set from Buffalo Springfield is due this Tuesday on the Rhino label. The monster undertaking by producer and compiler Neil Young features 88 tracks – 36 of which are rare demos and re-mixes. The fourth disc in the set contains the band's first two albums – Buffalo Springfield and Buffalo Springfield Again – newly re-mastered and in their entirety. Now if we can only get Mr. Young to finally release on CD his long-out-of-print albums such as On the Beach and American Stars 'n' Bars.

• Fans of DJ electronica will find a golden nugget of house music issued domestically this week by the Leaf/Bubblecore label. Originally out last year in Japan, Susumu Yokota's Sakura album was named Electronic Album of the Year by Wire magazine but was previously hard to find stateside.

• Electromatrix Records has announced that later this year it will release the first electronica

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album created to utilize the 5.1 DVD surround-sound technology that is finding its way into more and more living rooms these days. The compilation, entitled *Awaken*, uses six individual audio channels as a paint box for some serious knob-twisting by artists Rabbit in the Moon, Divine Styler, King Britt, and Poet Name Life. A regular CD version will also be available.

Television Alert:

The Tonight Show with Jay Leno welcomes David Gray on Thursday, Janet Jackson and Robbie Williams on Friday, Sugar Ray on Monday, and Uncle Kracker on Tuesday; The Late Show with David Letterman hosts Dido tonight, and Maria McKee on Monday; Late Night with Conan O'Brien features Brian Setzer on Thursday overnight and Shuggie Otis on Monday overnight; Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher gets deep with David Cassidy on Thursday overnight, Dave Navarro on Friday overnight, and Donny Osmond on Monday overnight; The Late Late Show with Craig Kilborn presents the wonderful sounds of Air on Friday overnight and The White Stripes on Tuesday overnight; and Saturday Night Live's musical guest this weekend is U2.

New Releases Coming Tuesday, July 17:

... and like the winds, young grasshopper, are subject to change.

Aaliyah – Aaliyah (Virgin)

The Actual Tigers – Gravelled & Green (Nettwerk)

Appliance – Imperial Metric (Mute)

The Beta Band – Hotshots II (Astralwerks)

Foxy Brown – Broken Silence (Def Jam) with guests Ronald Isley, China White, and Jada Kiss

Built to Spill – Ancient Melodies of the Future (Warner Bros.)

Color Filter – Landscape (Dogprint)

Craig David – Born to Do It (Atlantic)

Miles Davis – Live at the Fillmore East: It's About Time (Columbia Legacy) previously unreleased two-CD set from March 7, 1970 – one month before the release of *Bitches Brew*

The Dream Syndicate – Days of Wine & Roses (Rhino) re-mastered CD re-issue with bonus tracks

Echo & The Bunnymen – Crystal Days: 1979–1999 (Rhino) four-CD box set loaded with rare tracks

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Edith Frost – Wonder Wonder (Drag City) featuring guests Glenn Kotche of Wilco and Archer Prewitt

Perry Farrell – Songs Yet to Be Sung (Virgin) features guests Jon Brion, former Porno for Pyros bassist Martyn LeNoble, and former Jane's Addiction bandmates Dave Navarro and Stephen Perkins

Glasseater – Seven Years Bad Luck (Fearless)

His Name Is Alive – Someday My Blues Will Cover the Earth (4AD/Beggars Banquet)

Hot Boyz – Let 'em Burn (Cashmoney/Universal)

K. – New Problems (Tigerstyle) new from Karla Schickele of Ida featuring a cover of The Mamas & The Papas' "Got A Feeling" and guest players from Babe the Blue Ox and Retsin

Kill Your Idols – Funeral for a Feeling (Side One Dummy)

Nicky Love – Honeyvision (Dreamworks)

Man or Astroman? – Beyond the Black Hole (Estrus) singles and rarities collection originally only available in Australia

Migala – Arde (SubPop) Spanish group last seen playing with Will Oldham and Damon & Naomi

Moke – Carnival (Ultimatum Music)

Rod Piazza & The Mighty Flyers – Beyond the Source (Tone-Cool) awarded the 1999 and 2000 WC Handy awards for Blues Band of the Year

Powerman 5000 – Anyone for Doomsday? (Dreamworks)

Pure Rubbish – Glamorous Youth (Divine/Priority) hot young band out of Houston signed to Ozzy Osbourne's new label

RA – RA (Edel America)

Radio Birdmen – Essential 1974–1978 (SubPop) 22-track hits and rarities collection of seminal Aussie new-wave punk

Rx Bandits – Progress (Drive-Thru) on the Warped Tour this summer

Slipknot – Iowa (Roadrunner)

The Starting Line – With Hopes of Starting Over (Drive-Thru) teen emo-punk from

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Pennsylvania

Super Furry Animals – Rings Around the World (Epic) with guests John Cale, Paul McCartney, and the High Llamas

Trailer Hitch – Truth Is Fighting (Man's Ruin) proud to be banned from every bar they've played in various artists – I Want My 80s' Box! (Hip-O) three CDs of solid hits from Yello, the Gap Band, Squeeze, Pete Gabriel, and more