



Katy Perry

Perry's A Naked 'California Gurl'

There's little doubt about it: Katy Perry, never one to be subtle, is pop's sex symbol of the moment. Her new single, "California Gurls" featuring Snoop Dogg, rocketed to #1 on most charts from just about the moment it was released – particularly after fans saw the amazing video that accompanies the song, which can be viewed free online at katyperry.com.

Most critics are wagging about the mock "Candyland" imagery of the video clip, but Perry's legions of fans are drooling as she performs the chorus for the song nude with just some gauze covering her posterior as she lays in a sun-bathing position. Even more amazing than the explicit moments where Perry is naked is that the video hasn't seemed to raise even one complaint from parental groups or religious

blue noses, which has to rank as a video first for such a sexually charged clip; Perry even shoots whipped cream from cans attached to her breasts near the end of the wacky promo video.

Perry's everywhere right now; there are rumors she recently married actor

Russell Brand, and her new album is scheduled to be released soon.

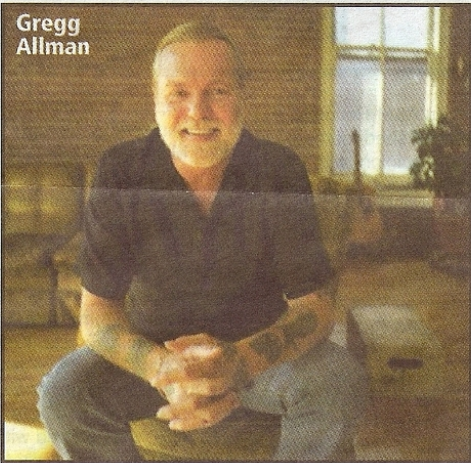
Dost's 'Wasted Miracle'

Paper + Plastick Records will release Andrew Dost's sophomore solo album, *Wasted Miracle*, later this year. Currently locked away in his home studio, the multi-instrumentalist is recording vocals and putting the final touches on the album, which will be his second album for the label. For updates on the album, visit

Dost's recently launched website, andrewdost.com. "This album is full of the little snippets of melody I couldn't get out of my head," says Dost. He previously released his solo debut, *Columbus*, via Paper + Plastick in December 2008, which is available on CD, vinyl, and digitally.

Liver Transplant For Gregg Allman

As part of his continued recovery from Hepatitis C, rock star Gregg Allman recently underwent a successful liver transplant operation at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. The



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singer, keyboardist, songwriter, and guitarist had been on a waiting list for the transplant, and is looking forward to a speedy recovery.

"I feel pretty good, considering everything that's happened," says Allman, who co-founded The

Allman Brothers Band in 1969. "Everybody involved here, my doctors and nurses in the hospital and all the Allman Brothers fans, they've just all been great." The surgery took place on June 23 after Allman was notified that an appropriate liver had been donated. "All I can really say is

"thanks," he said.

The transplant comes as a result of the artist's previous battle with Hepatitis C, a liver disease. In late 2007, Allman began a series of treatments for his Hepatitis C, but chronic damage of his liver led to doctors recommending a transplant. "I changed my ways years ago," Allman says, "but we can't turn back time. Every day is a gift,

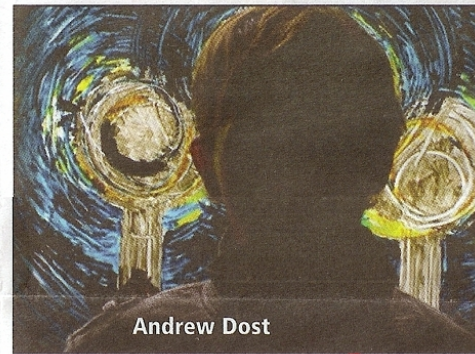
Marthia Sides



Plug In: CEA Holiday Preview

While the recent Consumer Electronic Association (CEA) in New York are showcased new laptops, iPods, and iPads, a lot of exhibitors were thinking about audio as it pertains to both musicians and general consumers for the 2010 holiday season.

Logitech was heavily promoting its wireless speakers for mp3 players, as well as its Ultimate Ears line of noise-isolating earphones and headsets that are preferred by several



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rock luminaries. "Not to be outdone, Monster showcased its Beats Pro line of headphones that have the endorsements of music superstars Dr. Dre, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, and Lady Gaga.

Marthia Sides: Plays 'Rosie' In New Clip

Country artist Marthia Sides recently filmed the video for her new single "Some Assembly Required." Inspired by American icon Rosie The Riveter, the video was filmed in Los Angeles and is set in a factory during World War II.

Directed by Martin Roe with Dirty Robber, the video for the hit single is expected to be released in the coming weeks.

Dolby Volume creates technology that allows viewers to enjoy a consistent audio level without losing any of the sound texture such as background vocals or low-pitch instruments on televisions. Dr. Wei-Shin Lai has created "Sleep Phones" that she likes to refer to as "pajamas for your ears," actually a fleece-like headband that is connected to an mp3 player that ideally should play relaxing music. — Lloyd Carroll



Lady Gaga