

# LETTERS

## Benny & the JAMS

Dear Dennis:

Congrats: I think it's great that you have decided to bring Graham on board at HITS. I already look forward to my weekly issue of HITS — and with this addition, it could very well become my favorite regular reading material, next to *Playboy*!

Thanks again for all the support. If I can be of any help, please let me know.

Kindest regards,  
Benny Medina  
VPA&R  
Warner Bros.

*Dennis replies: Thanks for the kind words, Benny. In hopes we can top Playboy on your bathroom reading list, we're relaxing our normally stringent "Letters" moral code and running this shot of Y95's Jay Stevens making a boob of himself on his birthday. Enjoy.*

## Thumb Thing

HITS:

We love Juan and Orlando! We want them to rate Depeche Mode's "Violator" because that's our big seller here. We show everyone that section of HITS and they love it!

Brian Schultz  
Sam Goody  
Wauwatosa, WI

*HITS replies: Sorry guys, but Juan and Orlando are a little busy right now mulling over several A&R offers from major labels with their agent.*

## Opie Ed.

David:

Thanks for the publicity!! Since my letter appeared, the company doubled my expense account and the fan letters haven't stopped. Lunch is on me.

P.S. Opie and Aunt Bea send their love.

Best regards,  
Ben Mayberry  
Sisapa Record Co.  
Burbank, CA

*David replies: See folks, the system works. Now Ben, just bring along Barney Fife, Howard Sprague and Otis the Drunk to our lunch at the Citrus and we'll talk.*

## What's Winter Want?

Dear Dennis:

Rarely do any of us have the time to write fan letters, unless we want something.

I don't want "something" — just want to say that you guys have done a sensational job. EVERYONE loves HITS! Continued prosperity to you all.

Regards,  
Norman Winter  
Norman Winter Associates  
LA, CA

*Dennis replies: See if this guy's subscription is paid up. And find out what he wants. Maybe this snap of duckwalking video entrepreneur and pharmacist Chuck Berry will make Norm gush even more.*



# FAR TRUTHS

By Danny Fields, New York

The 11th New Music Seminar, with over 8000 attendees and 400 bands performing, was, in a word, unmanageable. This is not a putdown, just an adjective, and I repeat my previous suggestion that the Seminar at some point in the future take over a resort in the Catskills, or at least the Javits Convention Center, because it's starting to look a lot like the Times Square subway station at rush hour, not an attractive comparison. For this observer, the Seminar was memorable not for its size, but for a few of the more intimate events connected with it, and held off-premises. Kicking off the week of activities on the highest possible level Friday night was an elegant dinner party given by **Robinson Records/Epic Associated** at Da Silvano in quaint Greenwich Village. Dining on **pasta puttanesca** and other sublime delicacies were Robinson and his wife, journalist **Lisa Robinson**, **WNEW-FM MD Lorraine Caruso**, **WDRE-FM MD Robert Greenbaum**, **Premier Talent** fabulosities **Steve Davis**, **Julie Todd** and **Cindy Schweitzer**, **Deane Zimmerman**, **Epic's Barbara Hartman**, **Lisa Markowitz** and **Julie Farman**, and **CBS College Dept's Leah Reid**, **Josh Sarubin**, **Sean Sullivan** and **Brett Diamond**. Centers of attraction were label artistes **Robin Salmon** of **See No Evil** (new LP "Songs" due in September!) and frontman **Lucas Janklow** of **the Lost...** Another excellent event was **CEMA's** first annual "Meet The Press" party, co-hosted by reps from **Capitol** (**Cary Baker**, **Domenique Leomparra**, **Joanne Brown**, **Josh Deutsch**, **Tim Devine** and **Cathy Lincoln**); **Chrysalis** (**Francis Pennington**, **Kristine Ferraro**, **Cindy Redmond** and **Jeff Wagner**); **EMI** (**Cathy Watson**, **Fran DeFeo**, **Duane Taylor** and **Pamela Adler**);

## Traffic Stopper!!



**David Cassidy:** *Artiste, gentleman, star.*

**Chameleon** (**Stephen Powers & Barbara Shelley**); **Rhino** (**Tracy Hill**, **Geoff Gans** and **Brett Milano**), **SBK** (**Ronni Kairy**); **Enigma** (**Lisa Gladfelter**, **Bill Hein**, **Steve Levesque** and **Meryl Zukowsky**); and from **Curb**, the legendary and glamorous **Nola Leone!** It was at **Zen Zen** restaurant, a quick walk from the Seminar — yet away from it — and happy media types were glad for this breath of civilization. Stars abounded as well, including members of **Maggie's Dream**, **Brother Beyond**, **Child's Play**, and **Trouble Tribe** — all very hot, but none hotter than a true traffic-stopper in the person of **David Cassidy**, **Enigma** artiste, gentleman and star. It was a moment... Also in the "Moment" category was **Arista's** lunch for the great **Dionne Warwick**, kicking off the release of her new album "Dionne Warwick Sings **Cole Porter**." The star had made a thrilling appearance the day before on the Seminar's **AIDS** panel, where she got the NMS equivalent of a standing ovation for her work, dedication and courage. The lunch, at **Dish of Salt**, was attended by **Melba Moore**, as well as the label's **Jackie Rhinehart**, **Melani Rogers**, **Ken Levy**, and **Michael Schwartz**, who dined on **steak kew**, **mandarin chicken** and **sauteed lobster**.