

Blink 182 Enema of the State Fun With Goats Records

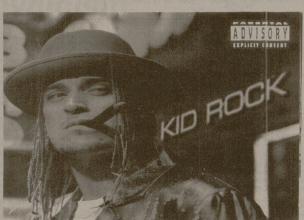
When the members of Blink 182 hit the big time their MTV-assisted smash, "Dammit," they ght with them a hardcoke following, loyal to juvenile ways and hardcore pop/punk sound. the follow-up to their popular 1997 offering, Ranch, Blink 182 defines themselves as the of a new generation of pop fans who are of all the teenybopper-recycling jobs radio

ons keep throwing at them. n tracks like the radio ready "What's My Age, explore their appeal to the younger crowd and ain all they meant to do is have some fun and row up like everyone expects them to do. Vendy Clear" is reminiscent of earlier works Dammit." And if you really want to experithe true vibe of the band, give a listen to

e best thing about Enema of the State in comon to their earlier albums is they have fod more on their musicianship without com-

nising their humor. nema of the State really rocks and promises to the listener an earful of great melodies and ongue-in-cheek lyrics. (Grade: B)

-Mike Maddux



**Kid Rock** Devil Without A Cause Atlantic Records

Those who heard some of Kid Rock's earlier recordings like Grits Sandwiches For Breakfast and were hoping for more of the same, then you are in for both a pleasant and unpleasant surprise.

This time around Kid Rock is all about the unification of any and every musical genre around today. He lays hip-hop vocals over hard hitting rock tracks and the result is entertaining.

The first single off the album, "I Am The Bullgod," received little fanfare and was quickly forgotten, even though it is one of the better cuts from the

follow-up single, "Bawitdaba." The ensuing MTV buzzworthy status of the video led to the fanfare that now surrounds him.

Other tracks worth listening to are "Cowboy," "Gangster Rovin" and the title track, "Devil Without

With lyrics like "I ain't straight outta Compton/I'm straight out the trailer," it is clear to see that Kid Rock definitely wants to establish his own identity within the rap world. Ultimately, this album delivers the party straight to the listener.

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lilliam turned 17 on Monday received a car, the palace A palace spokesperson refused to reveal what kind of car, except to say it was a "sensible" vehicle, not a sports car. British media reported it was a Volkswa-

#### King recovering from real-life scare

LEWISTON, Maine (AP) — His body is broken after being struck by a van. But the mind that created best sellers like "Carrie," "The Shining," and "Pet Sematary" is intact, Stephen King's office said

King, who underwent surgery Monday, faces major rehabilitation over the next year.

In addition to fractures of his right leg, King suffered a broken hip, a collapsed lung and a cut on his scalp

His office took care to note his serious injuries were from the shoulders down.

"Mr. King's mental state is great," his office said in a state-

The best-selling horror writer remains in serious condition at Central Maine Medical Center.

King, 51, was thrown 14 feet when he was hit from behind Saturday afternoon by a minivan as he walked along the shoulder of a road in rural Lovell, where he owns a summer home.

The driver, Bryan Smith, 41, lost control after being distracted by his dog, which was loose inside the minivan. Smith was not speeding and stopped immediately, sheriff's Deputy Matt Baker said.

"There's nothing to charge him with," Baker said. "He wasn't being reckless. He was just dis-

Baker said he does not know of any state law requiring pets to be secured in a moving vehicle. He noted that King, technically, was violating the law by walking in the same direction as traffic.

The hospital has been deluged with calls and e-mail messages from King's fans all over the world.

Several jokingly gave thanks that King was not found by Anne Wilkes, a character in his book 'Misery." Wilkes finds, kidnaps and tortures her favorite author after he gets into an auto wreck.

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