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**Flaw**  
*Through the Eyes*  
Universal Records and Republic



Flaw is back with a new album, and this time, the band has a record deal. Flaw's debut album with Universal Records and Republic, *Through the Eyes*, is an intense blend of hard rock and soft melodies. The mixture produces an energetic record that has a message. Throughout the entire CD, the band's message is that you only have yourself, and you have to find your own way; no one else can do it for you. The lyrics may be the most impressive aspect of this album, and more so because the band wrote all of them.

"Payback," the first single, embodies the musical style expressed throughout the album. The music starts out hard, the lyrics soft and the two contrasting sounds switch off throughout the rest of the song. If you have ever seen Flaw in concert, you may be surprised that lead singer Chris Volz has a staggering voice. Although his scolding becomes a little redundant in some of the songs, listeners can appreciate his vocal talent.

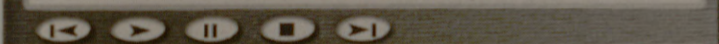
Two renditions of "Only the Strong," the song that most exemplifies the album's theme, is an appreciated bonus. The first version is harder, while the second is its polar opposite, inviting a slower and softer sound. This just proves Flaw's versatility, even with one song.

If *Through the Eyes* is any indication, Flaw is well on its way.

★★★★★ - Elizabeth Webb

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**Third Day**  
*Come Together*  
Essential Records



True to its title, everything comes together on Third Day's latest release.

The instrumentals blend traditional uses of guitars as loud, straightforward tones with more contemporary turntable scratches and rock-country-praise rhythms. Lead singer Mac Powell's vocals come booming from his gut or trembling from his soul, depending on the particular song.

"Still Listening" glues a rollicking rock beat to Powell's vocals as he professes the quiet, mysterious ways of God.

The first half dozen or so tracks of the collection ring out in more pop and rock beats, and the final few songs slide into more of a praise song mindset with easy-flowing verses and choruses.

"I Got You" showcases the quieter side of Third Day with a contemplative narrative. This is where the band fuses its modern sounds best - drums, turntables, soft and hard guitars.

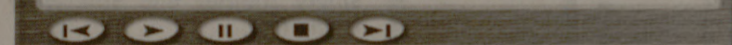
Which is a better song, "I Got You" or "Still Listening?" Like comparing gold to platinum, you can't go wrong. This disc of Christian music, no matter what one's beliefs, is one of the most refreshing, creative and well-performed CDs in recent memory.

-Thomas Phillips

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**Dixie Chicks**  
*Home*  
Open Wide/Columbia Records



The Dixie Chicks walked the line between country and pop charts with the albums *Wide Open Spaces* and *Fly*. *Home*, its new album, will walk yet another line - the line between country and bluegrass.

In the three years since its last album, Texas natives Natalie Maines, Emily Robison and Martie Maguire have undergone both personal and professional changes. Their experiences have resulted in an acoustic album certain to turn more than a few heads.

Released on the Chicks' new label, Wide Open Records, and recorded in Austin, *Home* boasts songs that will make listeners ache for the simpler days of sitting on the front porch with friends and family.

The music ranges from sad ballads like "Godspeed" (Sweet Dreams), "Travelin' Soldier," and a cover of Stevie Nicks' "Landslide" (the album's upcoming single) to the rocking "Long Time Gone" and "Tortured, Tangled Hearts." With such a mix of sounds, there is a little something for everyone.

Four of the 12 songs cut on the album were co-written by the Chicks, including the rowdy instrumental "Lil' Jack Slade." All the songs are woven together with the instrumental talents of Robison and Maguire and the unmistakable vocal stylings of Maines. The sound may have changed slightly, but the immense talent that carried the women from singing on the streets of Dallas to Grammy-winning success remains.

Arriving at a time when bluegrass has become the new big thing, *Home* is not an album to be ignored.

-Denise Schoppe

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NEWS IN BRIEF

University of Minnesota football player killed

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - A University of Minnesota football player was shot to death early Sunday, hours after playing in his first college football game.

School officials announced the death of Brandon Hall, a 19-year-old freshman.

"To the best of my knowledge, Brandon Hall was an innocent victim," coach Glen Mason said during a news conference.

Minneapolis police did not identify Hall. They reported that a man was shot to death about 2 a.m. A handgun was recovered, and three men were arrested, but they have not been charged.

Hall, a 6-foot-5, 270-pound defensive lineman from Detroit, made one tackle in the Golden Gophers' 42-0 season-opening victory over Southwest Texas State on Saturday night.

California wildfire sends campers fleeing

AZUSA, Calif. (AP) - A wildfire spread rapidly across 10,000 acres of national forest Sunday, sending thousands of holiday campers fleeing.

The fire was burning in the Azusa Canyon area of the Angeles National Forest about 30 miles east of Los Angeles.

About 8,000 campers were told to evacuate campgrounds. "This was a holiday weekend and the canyon was full of people," state Department of Forestry dispatcher James Arthur said.

About 11,420 acres of brush were aflame across California.


In El Dorado County east of Sacramento, a fire destroyed one house and threatened about 100 others. It had consumed 770 acres Sunday and was 30 percent contained.

A 15-year-old boy was in the county's juvenile hall in connection with the fire. A second boy, also 15, was questioned then released to his family, sheriff's Lt. Kevin House said.

One boy was playing with matches when the fire started Saturday between the cities of El Dorado Hills and Rescue, House said.

In San Bernardino County, a 554-acre fire was 61 percent contained Sunday. Investigators were trying to determine whether a burned body and an incendiary device were connected to the blaze that started Thursday.

The device was discovered Sunday morning, said U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Ruth Wenstrom. She had no further details.



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<p><b>Anxiety Group</b> Wednesdays 3:30 - 5:00 PM An interpersonal group for students who suffer from general or social anxieties. Students will work on the impact of anxieties in their lives, as well as explore the interpersonal meanings of anxiety symptoms. Facilitators: Carlos Orozco &amp; Peter Barnes</p>	<p><b>Eating Concerns &amp; Body Image Issues Group</b> Mondays 4:00 - 5:30 PM Provides information and support for those trying to overcome an eating disorder. We will discuss topics related to eating concerns such as the development of trusting relationships, expression of feelings, and management of stress. (An individual meeting with a group leader prior to attendance at group is required.) Facilitators: Amanda Samson &amp; Kristin Ober</p>	<p><b>Women's Issues Group</b> Mondays 1:30 - 3:00 PM Come together with other women and work on becoming the woman you've always wanted to be. Improve your self-confidence, assertiveness, and relationships by sharing and processing with other women with similar issues. Facilitators: Nancy Welch &amp; Erin Collins</p>	<p><b>Conflict &amp; Loss in Relationships Group</b> Mondays 5:00 - 6:30 PM This group is for students who are currently or have previously experienced conflict in interpersonal or romantic relationships, or who have recently experienced a loss of meaningful relationship. Facilitators: Brian Williams &amp; David Sandrow</p>
<p><b>Thesis/ Dissertation Support Group</b> Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:30 PM This group is for graduate students struggling with the process of writing a thesis or dissertation. Group topics include issues of competence, procrastination, anxiety, goal-setting, and bureaucratic struggles. Facilitators: Brian Williams &amp; Debbie Rabinowitz</p>	<p><b>Academics Anonymous</b> Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:30 PM Motivated to improve your academic performance but find it difficult to be consistent in your efforts? Join this 9 week support group on Wednesdays from 4-5:30pm beginning Sept 18th and ending Nov 13th. Learn effective study strategies, and get support from others. Topics may include procrastination and building academic confidence. Screening before Sept 16th is required for participation. Facilitators: Patti Collins &amp; Carla Hilland</p>	<p><b>Non-Traditional Women's Group</b> Tuesdays 5:15 - 6:45 PM For women 23+ allows each member to enter the group with her own unique issues, within a group context. Helps women who are wanting to develop healthier ways of dealing with the stress of school, work, relationships, personal problems and family issues. Facilitators: Amanda Samson &amp; Carla Hilland</p>	<p><b>Career Exploration Group</b> Thursdays 4:00 - 5:30 PM This is a 5 week group beginning on Oct 17th. Designed to teach participants how to make decisions. Groups will identify interests, skills, work values and personality characteristics; research the job market and occupation. An initial appointment with a career counselor is required. Facilitators: Carla Hilland &amp; David Sandrow</p>
<p><b>Older Than Traditional Age Group</b> Tuesdays 5:00 - 6:30 PM Group participants are typically 25 years old and above. Through regular attendance and active participation this group works to create a safe environment dealing with such issues as anxiety, depression, motivation, and isolation. Facilitator: Carlos Orozco</p>	<p><b>Bipolar Support Group</b> Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 PM Provides support and information to students diagnosed with a bipolar disorder. Group meets weekly and is led by a psychiatrist. Potential topics include diagnosis, symptoms, medications, and lifestyle issues/relapse prevention. Facilitator: Nancy Stebbins</p>	<p><b>Interpersonal Growth &amp; Exploration Group</b> Tuesdays 5:00 - 6:30 PM This psychotherapy group is for students desiring to live more authentically with themselves and relate more genuinely with others. Explore self-limiting life patterns and share with others through honest self-disclosure in a safe, supportive atmosphere.</p>	<p><b>Exploring Self-Hypnosis</b> Tuesdays 10:00 - 11:30 This eight week workshop will teach participants to use techniques of self-hypnosis to enhance well-being and improve self-mastery. "...at the count of three...you will...call for an appointment...1...2..." Facilitators: Ron Lutz &amp; Nancy Welch</p>
<p><b>Academic SURVIVOR Series</b> Tuesdays 3:45 - 5:15 PM Need some help surviving the academic transition from high school to college? Before the "tribal council votes you off," attend this Tuesday series beginning Oct 8th and ending Dec 3rd. Screening before Oct 7th required for participation. Facilitators: Patti Collins &amp; Nancy Welch</p>	<p><b>Biofeedback Workshop</b> Tuesdays 4:00 - 6:00 PM One-session workshops that give an introduction to relaxation techniques, including how biofeedback aids in relaxation. Individual follow-up consultation is available. Facilitator: Steve Wilson</p>		

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