Something Corporate

The band bids goodbye to the radio-friendly

and power-pop choruses of "If U C Jordan"

"Punk Rock Princess" that were a staple on its

"North" is reminiscent of the piano-d

latest effort while putting more emphasis on

on this album are darker and more revealing,

Some fans will undoubtedly be alienated by

toned-down tempo and lack of sing-along versa

'North," but most will appreciate the range a

depth the songs possess. However, Some

guitars, especially on "Only Ashes," one of theh

songs on the CD. The first single "Space" seems

one of the weaker songs on the album, because

doesn't grasp the feel of the band's new sound

same way that "Me and the Moon" and "Down"

first, in that it is geared more toward dishear

college students rather than hyper high school hi

For any Something Corporate fan, it is still w

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All in all, this album is different from the ba

Blue" and "I Won't Make You."

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SWA vious record. On "North," the band conveys n personal emotional songs such as "She Paints ment af hostage, Barricac opened : stylings on earlier songs like "Cavanaugh Park": spokesm 'Konstantine." The five-piece band from 0rd "The County, Calif., has a mellowed-out approach or Fuen 2:45 a.n instrument that first set it apart; the piano. Theli once in plementing Andrew McMahon's strained vocals

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— Chris Elmi

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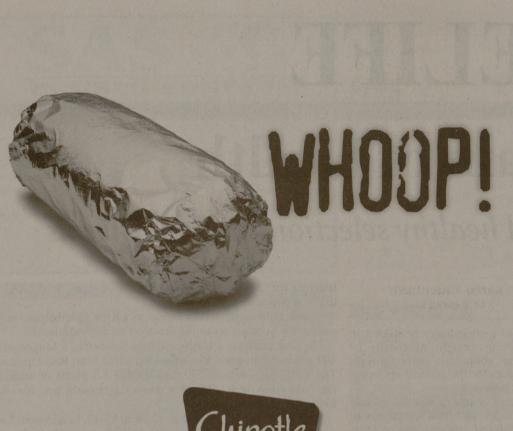
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Geffen Records 6000 80000 On its latest release, "North," Some What do you get when you mix Greenday with Devo? Enter The Network's debut CD "Money Corporate takes a step away from the cookie-or Money 2020," a flashback of 1980s new-wave norms of the pop-punk realm and relishes in all is emo. A year has passed since the band's in ,complete with synthesizers and keytars. "Leaving through the Window" first mesme However, the band's comparisons to Greenday listeners. What a difference a year has made.

don't stop with its unique sound. Rumor has it these mysterious, masked identities are in fact the members of Greenday.

The Network

"Money Money 2020"

**Adeline Records** 

The most obvious piece of supporting evidence is the uncanny vocal resemblance between that of The Network's lead singer, Fink, and Greenday front man Billie Joe Armstrong.

Despite the controversy The Network has stirred up, it has produced a credible album that is unlike anything that has come out of the alternative scene in the past 10 years. "Money Money 2020" can be summed up as a mocking social commentary poking fun at anybody and

The album has clever, quasi-intellectual lyrics sprinkled throughout its tracks.

The song "Hungry Hungry" is one standout example of the caustically humorous lyrics that are the zenith of this album — "Hungry hungry models, on the runway ... purple plastic earrings, finger down her throat'

Track titles such as "X-ray Hamburger" and "Right Hand-A-Rama," make it obvious that The Network is a band that doesn't take itself or its critics seriously.

"Transistors Gone Wild" and "Super Model Robots" are among the standout tracks of the CD. The repetitive choruses and laser-like guitar riffs are almost hypnotic in the way they get stuck in the listener's head.

The CD mostly appeals to Greenday fans who are seeking to confirm their sneaking suspicions that The Network might not be a "new" band. Other listeners who just can't let go of their Hypercolor T-shirts and denim jackets will find an appreciation for this retro gem.

Whatever the case may be, this album stands out among the saturation of today's pop-rock.



— Chris Elmi

#### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

#### Love pleads innocent to drug possession charges

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Courtney Love pleaded innocent Wednesday to two felony drug counts after ridiculing the charges in a rambling monologue to reporters before her court

The complaint against the 39-year-old singeractress said she illegally possessed two painkillers when she was treated at a hospital for an Oct. 2 overdose. The two painkillers, hydrocodone and oxycodone, can be prescribed legally.

She called the charges "retarded."

"I didn't even break a law. I didn't even shoplift," Love said before the hearing at Beverly Hills Municipal Court. The charges stem from an incident last month when Love was arrested and

booked on two misdemeanor drug counts after allegedly tried to break into the Los Angeles how of her former boyfriend.

After she was released, Beverly Hills policy tered U and paramedics were called to her home took Love to a hospital for treatment of adm

Carrying her pet beagle, Molly, and a bount judge affair with a married man and throwing a sleep pill at a police officer as she spoke to report allow about the allegations against her.

'Don't tell," said Love, whose past her use was widely reported. "It's a big secret like to do drugs.

Judge Elden Fox scheduled a preliminary ing for Dec. 11. He instructed Love to meet wi Santa Monica probation officials to assess

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