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by Mike Caito

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Lots goin' on, let's get to it: **Jack Smith and the Hardliners** play a new Warwick blues club called Full Moon Saloon (up the street from Mickey Stevens' Shack) Saturday and will donate proceeds to the Alan Shawn Feinstein 1 of 52 World Hunger Program. A great band, a good cause. Call 647-7362 if your band's into helping out.

Sunday at AS220 will be nuts, as nine bands play from 4 til dawn. Notables include **Toast** (featuring some ex-Coat of Arms people) who smoked last time in Providence, and **Hetch Hetchy** from Athens, GA, home of Michael Stipe's whole family. Also scheduled are **Young Hegelians**, **Voice of Reason** and others. Six for plebes like us, five for students with ID.

Saturday finds **Pendragon** and **The Clan** at the Last Call in a show that fans of Irish music should just feel awful about if they miss it. Both have produced recent gems in the recording studio, so arrive early and stay late.

Sunday, for the gospel fan in you, will be a good 'un. **The Interfaith Gospel Choir**, accompanied by R&B heads **Little Brother**, play the First United Methodist Church on Church Street in Warren. Other performers include **Fuzek and Rossoni**, Pam Clayton (**Tombstone**, **Louie Camp**), Kevin Johnson (**Groovemasters**), Robert Cummings (**Pink Tuxedos**) and many others. Call 943-6842 for the gospel lowdown. And it's a fund-raiser. The best Sunday bet.

Forget seeing **Fugazi** and **firehose** at RISD. Sold out. Should be a total meltdown, though. More later.

Live Wires have some new members as **Kenny Grace** (ex-Loaded Dice) now plays bass and **Ivan Appleruth** (ex-Jumpin' Johnny and the Blues Party) plays guitar. Check 'em out at 333's in Newport tonight (April 19) for a cool blues jam session. Blow that thing, Pete!

Happy belated B-day to **Stormin' Norman** who, with his **New Hurricanes**, have been raising some eyebrows. The New Hurricanes are **Rod Farias**, guitarist from Newport, **Billy (Womba) Le Cale**, Alan Grassell, a Providence cabbie and sax player, and the pup, 20-year-old **Mark Teixeira** on drums. They play the Dublin Inn on Thursdays generally, but you knew that.

Borderline is a Cape-area band who just sent me a real nice demo of their upcoming LP, *Mixed Bag*. Local axemeister **Paul Murphy** helped out with production, and his distinctive touch shows. The album is due soon, with the able assistance of **Jack Gauthier** at Lakewest...Finally, **Stone Soup** resumes Saturday with a double bill of **Marianne Kreitlow** and **Lindsay Adler**. I found Adler's cut from the SS sampler ("For My Lover and I") to be perhaps the most beautiful local release of '89. So there. □