

Stars welcome MTV to Europe

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Eurovision — You can stop holding your breath: Now Europe has its MTV. The video-music station kicked off its continental broadcasts (in English) to 1.6 million homes in seven countries with a bash at the Roxy in Amsterdam. Elton John lead the countdown, then flipped the "on" switch. (Elton is currently producing a new album for Ringo Starr.)

The first video to air was, predictably, Dire Straits' "Money for Nothing." And the first commercials? Ads for Levi's, Benetton, Coke and Original N.Y. Seltzer. MTV has chartered two 727s, at \$30,000 each, to fly in the London guests. On the train from Victoria Station to London's Gatwick airport, Boy George got the party-bound revelers to serenade Donny Osmond — who didn't seem to mind the attention — with a rendition of "Puppy Love."

Upon arrival in Amsterdam, Boy got his when thousands of fans rushed

past him to get to Osmond. The party was catered by London's Hard Rock Cafe, with entertainment provided by Big Audio Dynamite and Britain's latest singing sensation, Terence Trent D'Arby, who showed up with 10 members of the Dutch Hell's Angels. This was apparently too much for the members of Def Leppard, who threw their own party on a canal boat.

Heart & Soul — The British band T'Pau takes its name from a Star Trek character. "T'Pau is the high priestess of Vulcan. She's a very important lady," explained Carol Decker, the band's lead singer. The band, which hails from Shrewsbury, England, has a hit single with *Heart and Soul*. The Trekkie connection — which ends with the name — has drawn some strange reactions from both fans and the press. "I never realized the significance of the name over here," she said. "We've had journalists arrive to interview us wearing big plastic ears and all sorts of weird things." Decker and

guitarist Ron Rogers formed T'Pau 19 months ago with bassist Paul Jackson, guitarist Dean Howard, drummer Tim Burgess and keyboard player Mick Chetwood. Producer Roy Thomas Baker (who worked with the Cars and Queen) came on board after he heard their demo tape and saw the band perform in Germany.

Decker and songwriting partner Rogers are also romantically involved. "We're very, very lucky," she said. "We've never written a song independent of each other. We get on like a house on fire."

Revvin' Up Bryan — Is Canadian rocker Bryan Adams trying to change his image? It looked that way when the usually genteel Adams climbed onto the back of a motorcycle driven by ex-Sex Pistol Steve Jones, arriving later at a postconcert party in Los Angeles with a gang of 40 bikers, among them actor Nicolas Cage.

"I needed a lift, and a couple of my friends happened by the Forum," Adams said offhandedly. During the

show, Jones had joined Adams on stage for a medley of Elvis Presley songs. And what does one have to do to get into Mr. Jones's motor club? "Looking cool is very important," the leader of the pack said. "New leather jackets are definitely not happening."

Any chance the Hooters, who opened for Adams, will be joining the gang? "No, Hooters guitarist John Lilley. "We were thinking of forming a golf league, however." Also staying off the bikes was former Go-Go's member Belinda Carlisle. They visited Adams backstage, along with Feargal Sharkey, who confessed, "I can't ride a bicycle, let alone a motorcycle."

Valens-ing Act — "La Bamba" always seemed like the obvious thing for us to do," says Louie Perez of the Grammy-winning band Los Lobos. "I wouldn't say that we actually stayed away from it, but in a way we felt that it would come off too much as a novelty." That changed, however, when they were asked to record the song for

the film "La Bamba," based on the life of Ritchie Valens. "The movie and the connection (with Valens) have added more integrity to the song," says Perez. In 1984, the East L.A. band released the critically acclaimed album *How Will the Wolf Survive?* But this year's follow-up LP, *By the Light of the Moon*, suffered lagging sales. "We did something that was completely left field," Perez said of the latter release.

Meanwhile, "La Bamba" began to soar up the charts, carrying the soundtrack album — on which Los Lobos have eight songs — with it. Perez also thinks that "La Bamba" has been good for the Mexican-American community. "There are a lot of myths and stereotypes that have been promoted by media over decades," muses Perez. "It's nice to know that we're part of something that's positive. It's cool."

Paying for a Dance — "When I was a child, my mother and I loved watching all of the great musicals on television over and over," said Janet Jackson. "The dancing inspired me." It's not surprising, then, that she would turn up at a party to announce that two Janet Jackson Dressing Rooms will be part of the soon-to-be-built Dance Gallery of Los Angeles. (Her record label, A&M, donated \$50,000 to the facility.) "I was fascinated by Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly... and one of the most underrated dancers of all times, Sammy Davis Jr."

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