

ENTERTAINMENT

**Metro film reviewer Dan Dunn
previews summer film lineup
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CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS TODAY:
Singer Joe Cocker is 60. Singer-actress Cher (pictured) is 58. Actor Dean Butler ("Little House on the Prairie") is 48. Actor Bronson Pinchot is 45. Actor John Billingsley ("Enterprise") is 44. Actress Mindy Cohn is 38. Rapper Busta Rhymes is 32. AP

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"I knew from day one that no matter what I wrote, considering what happened with 'Superman,' that it would never be another 'Superman,' and nor should it be."

JOHN ONDRASIK, THE ONE-MAN BAND KNOWN AS FIVE FOR FIGHTING, TALKING ABOUT FOLLOWING UP 2000'S "SUPERMAN (IT'S NOT EASY)," WHICH BECAME THE ANTHEM OF SURVIVAL AFTER THE SEPT. 11 TERRORIST ATTACKS. AP

CLUBPICKS a weekly guide by Ed Condran



THE IRREVERENT, INSPIRED indie rockers The Supersuckers return to the Khyber Saturday. It's always a good time when rock's resident goofball Eddie Spaghetti and co. perform.

THU Blues vocalist EG Kight will belt out tunes from her solo disc "Southern Comfort" at Cafe Classics.

FRI A pair of Philly's finest bands are slated for the North Star. National Eye will showcase tracks from its earnest, clever disc, "Meter Glows." Raccoon will deliver its consistent rock.

SAT Toronto emo-rockers Moneen will play the North Star.

SUN Tampa's raucous The Washdown will showcase its garage rock. The band from the land of the much despised Lightning has as much attitude as ability.

• Pedestrian alt-rockers Cave In will play the North Star.

METRO INTERVIEW

ROB LITOWITZ and sisters Debbie Frank and Carol Golden formed the New Jersey-based Parkin-Song Foundation in 2001 as a tribute to their mother, Selma Litowitz, a retired English teacher

Name: Rob Litowitz
Age: 48
Gig: organizer, "ParkinSong, Volume One: 38 Songs of Hope."
Favorite song on the CD: "Carry Me," Crosby & Nash

from Trenton afflicted with Parkinson's Disease. Parkin-Song began its fund-raising efforts with benefit concerts in 2001 and 2002 and has continued that momentum with the just-released "ParkinSong, Volume One: 38 Songs of Hope." The double CD features stars such as Bonnie Raitt and David Crosby, local stalwarts Grey Eye

Glances and a bevy of national singer-songwriters and bands that are fixtures on Philadelphia airwaves and stages.



ROB LITOWITZ organized the fund-raising CD "ParkinSong Volume One: 38 Songs of Hope."

ParkinSON's. And I'm a trademark lawyer by profession, and we had a good trademark — ParkinSON — so it seemed like a shame to let it lie fallow.

- ▶ You landed Lloyd Maines (father of Dixie Chick Natalie Maines) as producer?
- ▶▶ That was an incredibly motivating contribution. To

have somebody of his magnitude to say, "I'm there for you," gave me the confidence to reach out to so many other performers.

- ▶ And you ended up with a double CD?
- ▶▶ It was a great outpouring. Getting the artists onboard was a challenge. Getting the record companies on board was the second level of challenge. Getting the publishing houses on board was the third level. Hurdle by hurdle, we met those challenges.
- ▶ And you're continuing to raise money?
- ▶▶ If we are able to make a profit, we will donate all the proceeds to an institution conducting Parkinson's Disease research.
- ▶ Did the artists ask you about your mom?
- ▶▶ Yeah, I talk to everybody about my mom, either in writing or in person. ... (This CD) is



ROB LITOWITZ was the driving force behind "ParkinSong, Volume One: 38 Songs of Hope." The CD benefits research toward curing Parkinson's Disease, which Litowitz's mother Selma has battled for 10 years.

one way for us to do something, to show her that while we can't go into the laboratory, we can try to contribute; we can spread the word to others that this is a serious illness that deserves greater attention in the research community. **MATT SMITH**

For information on "ParkinSong, Volume One: 38 Songs of Hope" or the ParkinSong Foundation, visit www.parkinSON.com.