

Bands to play

It's a rarity for the front band to be more popular than the headliner. But such is the case for Blackfoot who will be appearing tonight with REO Speedwagon.

Since the band recently hit the charts with its single "Highway Song", people are noticing Blackfoot. And many want to see what the band has to offer on stage.

"Highway Song" off their new album "Strikes" (Atco records) shows the vocals and guitar playing of Blackfoot's leader, Ricky Medlocke.

Some of Blackfoot's material is reminiscent of the Lynrd Skynyrd. Skynyrd played with two of Blackfoot's members for about a year.

Blackfoot's show should be promising. And it will be interesting to see how many will listen to the front band instead of impatiently awaiting the billed group.

Blackfoot will be appearing at 8 tonight with REO Speedwagon in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. Tickets are \$8.50 at the door.



Blackfoot

Crowd size no bother to professional singer

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The size of the crowd, — small or overflowing — never seems to hinder the performance of professionals.

Josh White Jr. is a professional. He performed Friday night at the UC Storm Cellar for a very small audience, as if the show had been a sellout.

White is a song interpreter rather than a songwriter. He said he believes "one doesn't have to write music to interpret it well." And he is right. White uses only his guitar and his strong but touching voice to sing songs by artists Jimmy Buffett and James Taylor. And he makes them mean what he wants them to mean. The folk songs he sang discussed life and people who overlook the beautiful aspects of life.

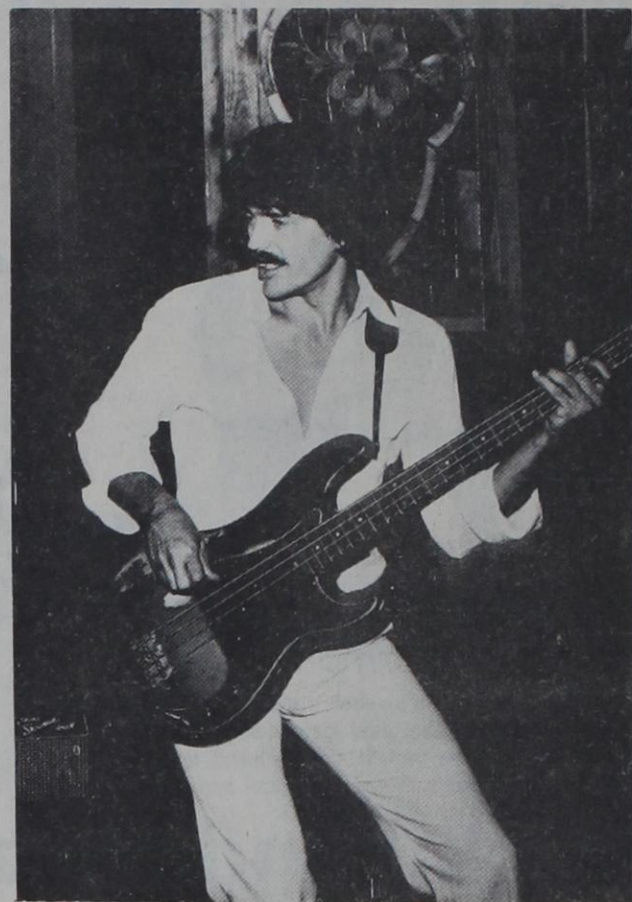
Seated on a stool with his eyes closed and head back, White sang the hit songs

"House of the Rising Sun" and "I'll Have to Say I Love You in a Son" by Jim Croce and encouraged his audience to sing along. White told humorous stories in his act, making the small but enthusiastic crowd relax and feel the meaning of his music.

When asked what he tries to say when he sings, White said, "I try to prove that brotherhood still exists between us." The tremendous response he received after each song indicated that, he did create a sense of brotherhood between himself and his audience.

The audience grew quiet and patiently waited for more of White's inspiring words in each of his songs.

White, who began singing at age four, has been on his own professionally since 1961. He has recorded 5 albums, the latest will be released in November by Mountain Railroad Records.



Don Bennett

Photo by Darrel Thomas

Don Bennett, bass player for Lewis and the Legends, performs a blues number during the band's set. The group has played a number of local clubs. The Legends will play at Fat Dawg's Friday and Saturday.

New shows differ in quality

Los Angeles (AP) — The three networks aren't offering much this new season that is likely to elevate television's reputation among the literate, but there are a few standouts

among the newcomers.

"Eisched," from the book and miniseries "To Kill A Cop," is much more than its promos and TV listings might

suggest.

Forget that Joe Don Baker was once Buford Pusser. That same vigilante-lawman energy, put in a suit, tamed a bit and given an expanded vocabulary, works wonders in the big city.

Baker is Chief of Detectives Earl Eisched, an up-from-the-beat cop with a clear-cut

mission in life: getting the bad guys, by almost whatever means is expedient. His background and success ratio have made him something of a folk-hero, but his popularity and tendency to play by his own rules have made him an enemy of the weasles in the police commissioner's office. Good cop show. Give it a shot.

"Working Stiffs," Saturday night on CBS, is one of those shows calculated to ride the crest of the kidvid trend. It features two young underachievers, several "Aren't We a Bunch of Idiots?" adults and much goofiness. Jim Belushi John's brother and Michael Keaton are the herobumblers, two brothers who worry they'll never be rich and set out to show why by wrecking their uncle's office building.

It appears to be a child of the "'Lavern and Shirley' did it, why can't we?" school of creative thought. It will be gone by Halloween.

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