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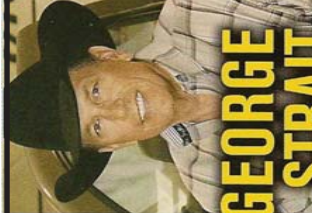
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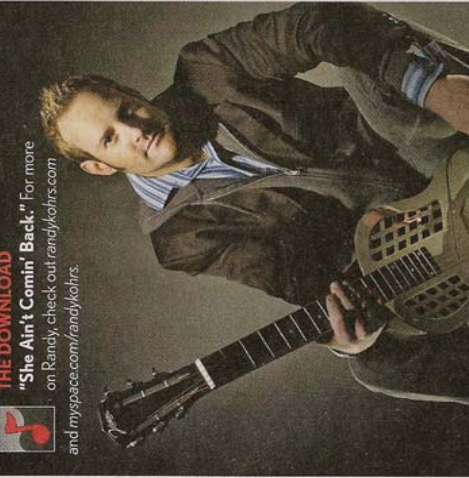
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RANDY KOHRS
This Grammy-winning producer and world-renowned resonator guitarist is also a first-rate vocalist and songwriter. His most recent CD, *Old Photograph*, has received much critical acclaim. Randy, an Iowa native, has long been celebrated for his inventive, mood-setting work as a top session musician with more than 500 album credits, ranging from Dolly Parton to Dierks Bentley. A No. 1 video on CMT's *Pure 12-Pack Countdown*, "Who's Goin' With Me," an appearance on the *Rachael Ray* show and multiple appearances on the Grand Ole Opry serve as indicators that Randy is finding an audience for his progressive acoustic country sound.

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"She Ain't Comin' Back." For more on Randy, check out randykohrs.com and myspace.com/randykohrs.




Caddles: (from left) Phillip Hyde, Finney James, Eric Watters, Chris "CP" Pottratz and Justin Johnson

CADDLE

Mixing gasoline and nitro would make a pretty impressive explosion, though nothing like the high-powered alt-country sound delivered by these blue-collar boys from Birmingham, Ala. Described as creating "the perfect soundtrack for a barroom brawl," Caddles supercharges them with a hard-driving rock 'n' roll attitude. Think of Caddles—Phillip Hyde, Finney James, Eric Watters, Chris Pottratz and Justin Johnson—as the Guns N' Roses of country music. With their country outlaw attitude, they're the kind of band that closes down a honky-tonk... for good!

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"Work." For more on this band, check out caddles.com and myspace.com/caddles.



GEORGEBLACK

You probably know GEORGEBLACK from the hit CMT show *Can You Duet*. The duo, which was formed in Birmingham, Ala., is comprised of Tony George and David Black. The two have performed together for years, but have also achieved individual success. Tony has had original songs recorded by Brooks & Dunn, Collin Raye and others, while David formerly had a record deal with MC Hammer's Bust It/ Capitol Records, and has toured with R&B stars such as Brian McKnight, TLC and Boyz II Men. Now, the two are primed to create a new album, with hopes of signing a record deal in 2009.



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"Wherever I Go." For more on this duo, check out myspace.com/georgeblackmusic and georgeblackmusic.com.

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Tony George (left) and David Black are GEORGEBLACK.

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