

POP MUSIC/FROM THE COVER

DiFranco, Baez tickets announced; Shags/KWT go Buffett



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NOTES ON NOTES

Before the main event, four things:

■ **Ani DeFranco**, whose new album, "Little Plastic Castle," comes out Tuesday, will play New Haven's Palace April 11. Tickets (\$24) go on sale Monday (box office 203-789-2120, Pro-Tix 860-422-0000 or 800-4-PRO-TIX). There's also a possibility she'll headline at the Meadows in Hartford over the summer ...

■ The New Haven Symphony Orchestra brings **Joan Baez** to Woolsey Hall April 2. Tickets (\$45, \$25, \$15, \$125 with reception) go on sale to subscribers Wednesday, to the public March 1 (203-776-1444).

■ I'm a firm believer in psychic bonds, however tenuous. Like when you think of someone you haven't thought of in a long time and within a day or two, you hear from them. Or last Saturday afternoon, walking through Bradlees in Orange, when the canned music network played "Sail On, Sailor" by **The Beach Boys**, which I hadn't heard in ages -- with **Carl Wilson** singing lead.

The youngest of the Wilson brothers wasn't immune to the dark side of the band, but he was an anchor, the relative sea of calm, the middle ground between **Brian's** madness and **Mike Love's** imperiousness. He was also a great



The Key West Trio (L to R) Ed Gerosa, vocals and guitar; Tom Violante, vocals and keyboard; and Joe Zukowski, vocals and percussion.

guitarist, having learned the Chuck Berry style early in his teens -- and, of course, a fine, sweet singer. (Personal favorite Carl lead: "The Trader.")

First time the Beach Boys will have a lineup without a Wilson ...

■ **SHAGS IN MARGARITAVILLE?:** Say it ain't so! The '60s teen terrors of New Haven rock, **The Shags**, doing **Jimmy Buffett** tunes?

"It was against my nature," said frontman **Tom Violante**.

"Two years ago, people told me

'You'll never play Buffett.' I said 'You're right.' But one day I listened to **'Barometer Soup'** and said 'This is Buffett? I wore the tape out in the car.'

Anyway, he and his band (**Eddie Gerosa**, and **Joe Zukowski**) still play plenty of Shags dates. But **The Key West Trio** is taking off as well doing **Beach Boys** tunes also. They'll play tonight and the next seven Fridays at **Charlie B's Steakhouse at the Colony Inn**.

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