

STREET SCENE

Nikka Costa revels in soul, funk, rock n' roll

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Nikka Costa's musical fate seemed to be sealed early on.

"My house was always filled with musicians, my father being one of them," said the redheaded singer. "It was great growing up. I guess that kinda helped make it not so (unusual) when I decided to be a musician."

Her father, Don Costa, was a

producer, arranger and ABC A&R man, best known for his work with Eydie Gornet, Steve Lawrence and later Frank Sinatra. He died of heart disease in 1983.

Nikka Costa carries on her father's penchant for soul. By the time she became a teenager, soul music had captured her heart. Nikka's varied taste shined through. From Arotha Franklin to the Beatles, Led

Zeppelin to Pink Floyd.

"I just like a lot of different kinds of stuff," said Costa, speaking from her tour bus on Friday, Nov. 23. "There are so many different moods you go through in one day. Music is there for all those moods."

Costa's Virgin Records debut *Everybody Got Their Something*, evokes clear-cut influences in soul, disco, rock and funk.

It's easy to appreciate an album that can move seamlessly from the funky fury of a song like *Hope It Felt Good* to the quiet reflection of the ballad *Nothing*.

Live, she appears like a wild reincarnation of Janis Joplin. The non-stop energy features a bevy of talented musicians, a variety of instruments and that unforgettable voice, echoing front and center.

"I get a lot of energy from the audience."

Whatever energy Nikka Costa derives from the crowd, she gives it all back. And that's something.

Don't miss Nikka Costa with Miranda Lee Richards, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets \$10 for this all ages show. Call (248) 645-6666. See her Web site at www.nikkacosta.com.



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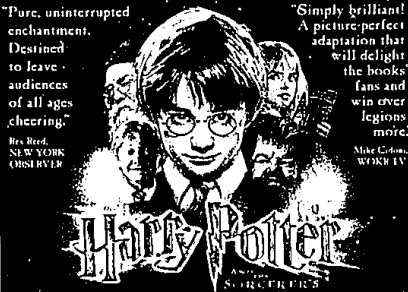
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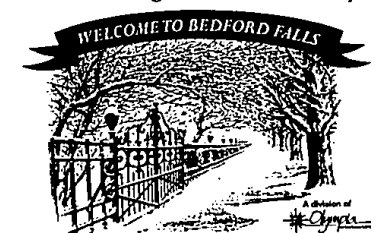
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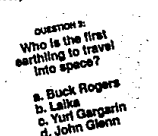
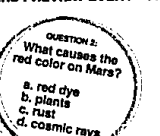
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