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Omnibus

Up front:

4 So, you're a U2 fan? Fine, but do you know that U2's traditional finale song, "40," refers to Psalms 40? And what about their songs on Martin Luther King and Central America? Arts Editor Elizabeth Ellen comments on these messages behind today's popular music. Sting, U2 and R.E.M. may be putting out the word on everything from God to nuclear war, but is anybody listening?

3 Don't forget your toothpicks, because it's time for Joe Bob's annual Grapevine, Texas, Restaurant Review. When your stomach's full, you can look for Angie Dickinson in "Big Bad Mama II." Stunt nudity aside, it's really a decent picture. Check it out.

3 Remember the White Animals? They're back as the re-formed Claim Stakers. Staff writer Allison Pike talks to the band that's ready to leave the Animal days behind and stake a new claim in the Triangle. They'll be playing at Cat's Cradle Friday night.

6 See why Chapel Hill band Snatches of Pink wants to skip town and take their show on the road. Senior arts writer James Burrus talks to the band about their debut LP and why they think everything around here stinks.

7 No, it's not a campus crusade. The Popes may be named for the Man in White himself, but all they're preaching is rock 'n' roll. Assistant Omnibus Editor Jenny Livingston meets this band that looks more like a baseball team than a group of musicians. They'll be bringing their own brand of post-punk modern pop to Cat's Cradle Friday night.

7 Even if you don't have a Valentine this smarmy season, you don't have to lock yourself in your closet with that box of chocolates you bought for yourself. Get out, for Pete's sake. There're plenty of things to do, even for the unloved and unwanted. Trust us. Have we ever lied to you before? It's all in Week's Fare.

8 Just to beat you over the head with it one more time, it's almost Valentine's Day. From the funny to the stupid to the sickeningly sentimental, staff writer Beth Miller checks out some of the heartier messages. So, have a heart — it's in graffiti.

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