

Yes, we're a little late with the issue. But busy is really a good thing. The label is actively seeking acts for it's roster and many of our artists are busy at work on albums. It's exciting to wait for the new releases and to wonder just what these great artists will come up with.

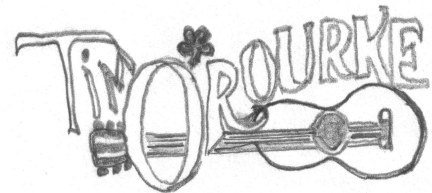
**Gary Gorence** sent us a track the other day from his current recording sessions, called *Under Lock & Key*. The track is made for dancin' and has a smooth, classic rock feel to it. Of course, now we only want to hear the full album even more. Though a release date has not been set, we're hoping to have an early summer release. **Gary** does a lot of outdoor activities. Here he is on a hike in Sedona, AZ. I'm sure nature provides plenty of inspiration for **Gary's** songwriting. I hope everyone saw **Gary's** review in **New Mexico Magazine's** April issue.

[http://www.nmmagazine.com/music\\_gorence\\_april09.php](http://www.nmmagazine.com/music_gorence_april09.php) Let them know what you think of the CD. We encourage all New Mexicans to support local and regional arts and get involved. **New Mexico Magazine** supports artists with reviews of CDs and books as well as feature write ups on everything New Mexico.



And we're only weeks away from the release of **Tim O'Rourke's** CD, *Backyard Dreams*. A folksy, bluesy trip based on **Tim's** reflections on love and politics. We agree with **Tim** : war is not the answer.

**BFR's** newest act, **Flatland**, on May 8 at **Harla May's** in Belen. If you're in that area, come on out and enjoy the show. **Flatland** is comprised of country star **Mark Kelley** and rock-n-roll legend **Sansletch**, along with **Plateau Joe** on Keys and **Oz** on skins. This band can really let loose and combines country and rock with an edge that sure to please southwestern listeners.



The **Flatland** website is currently being built, but you can go sneak a peek. We do have show dates and some pics up there already. Plenty more to come. [Http://flatlandmusic.webs.com](http://flatlandmusic.webs.com)

The band played for **The Brotherhood of 74** down near Lovington last week and everyone had a good time. Thanks to **RH** and **The Brotherhood** for having them out, and also a big thanks to **Chris** over at **Schwan's** for lunch and lodging.



Since we're saying thanks, we'd also like to thank **Chris Walls** and the **Walls** family for putting up with us and helping out in so many ways.

## **New Announcements**

We have a need for a bass player. Should be in the Clovis/Portales/Lubbock/Amarillo/Roswell area to keep driving down. Call 575-218-5118 if you're interested. Tell the guy on the phone that you play bass! Need to be able to travel and bang it out with a working band.

If you have a big party or conference or whatever and you're looking for music, call **Greg** at 575-253-4252 for booking. We can provide various music styles including everything from full bands to solo acoustic acts.

**An Independent Artists Manual**, a non-fiction book on the basics of how BFR artists run their businesses is now available. The book is full of tips and tidbits that are useful for all artists trying to make it on their own, but especially for musicians. You can find the book on Amazon.com or the label website.

**BFR** wants fans to help build the label. Hey, why not? If ya'll know of any bands looking for a great indie, and they have original material, then send 'em our way. Tell them we're **The Little Label That Could...** And thanks.

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