

Reunited by an "American Dream"

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It has been nineteen years since the harmonic vocal magic of Crosby, Stills Nash and Young produced a studio recording. "American Dream," the much-delayed studio reunion of these classic musicians, has once again placed the group on the music charts. The finished product, however, was not worth the wait.

"American Dream" starts out impressively. The hard-hitting, political title track graphically documents the scandalous behavior and resulting consequences of a political candidate straying from the path of righteousness.

The commercialized "Got It Made" is sure to return the group to the music charts by capitalizing on the band's most successful arrangement- incredible harmonic choruses supplemented by the intricate lead vocals of Steven Stills.

The album's musical merit, unfortunately, begins to deteriorate after these two songs. It is difficult to remain awake during songs like "Clear Blue Skies" and "That Girl." Neil Young's annoying vocals destroy "This Old House," a piece which otherwise had potential for success.

"Compass," the lengthy, acoustic portrayal of David Crosby's ten year battle with drug abuse would have been a dream come true for "Just-Say-No" campaigners, but the song is just

too slow moving for listeners to sit through. On "Driving Thunder," the song which begins the second half of "American Dream," CSN&Y attempt a faster tempo, but the new pace clashes with the musicians' styles.

There are several factors which can help to explain the disappointing material on "American Dream."

The primary reason is undoubtedly the time the group has spent apart. CSN&Y have not worked together on a regular basis since 1970, when the musicians separated after the supporting tour for "Deja Vu." Neil Young is the only member who has found success on his own, but his moral values and political crusades have become too prominent in his music.

Throughout the past decade, David Crosby has spent more time in prisons and rehabilitation clinics than in recording studios, and his musicianship has obviously suffered. Crosby could not have given his full attention to "American Dream," as recent weeks have also seen the release of his latest solo album and an autobiography.

Although "American Dream" does contain some interesting music, the album is a definite step backwards for these talented musicians who took the musical world by storm with the debut release almost twenty years ago. The group would have been much better off to leave fans with a faint remembrance of their greatness than to offer this nightmare of a comeback.

Soap Opera Update

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Days of Our Lives

Jennifer's new found friend, Sally, went through a difficult labor in order to deliver a baby girl named Hannah. Everyone was happy for the mother and daughter until they found out that the State is going to take Hannah from Sally when she returns to prison.

Because she feels strongly about the issue, Jennifer is going to write an editorial about Sally's dilemma which she has already been warned not to write.

On a tropical island, Justin and Adrian continue their 2nd honeymoon with dinner and a fire on the beach. Justin was able to perform his husbandly duties without having to take his medication. Adrian was thrilled when Justin sent her on a treasure hunt to find the shell he gave her on their first honeymoon, and then they renewed their vows to each other once again.

Kayla is unsure of what Steve really wants when he signs the partnership with Sean. Sean tells Steve that he reminds him of himself when he was young. Now it will be harder for Steve to reveal his true feelings about the partnership.

Another World

No one planned a welcome home party for Iris, especially Donna. Iris tells Donna that she would like to be her friend, and that she and Michael have been keeping in touch. Donna becomes furious, and she tells Iris that she doesn't want to talk about her affair with Michael. Donna then proceeds to kick Iris out of her house.

At the spa, Charlene stops by to see Josie at work. Josie confronts Charlene with the fact that her birth certificate is a copy. That's because Charlene supposedly lost the original when Josie was a baby.

When Russ is introduced to Josie, he is astounded by her beauty. Iris shows up, of course, and is greeted by Russ and Josie. She is surprised to see them together.

At the art gallery, Evan notices one of Dustin's love interests, Lauren. When Lauren goes to pay for a piece of art with a check, Caroline asks for a reference. Lauren simply states that she works for Video match.

Santa Barbara

Heather found it difficult to talk with Jed over breakfast after their intimate evening together.

Michael walks in and realizes that they had spent the night together. He apologizes for the intrusion, but Jed insists, "no intrusion," and leaves.

After an argument with his father, Mason heads for the Lair to drown his sorrows. Lisa stops him just in time and says, "think about it."

Kirk holds Brandon at gunpoint while he orders Gina to find Sondra. He expects Gina's help with his escape, and Brandon is his guarantee.

Guiding Light

Will pops in on Reva to tell her about Mara's true father. Reva becomes angry with him and kicks him out, telling him that he's "not fit to live."

Josh tells Sonny about his love for Reva, and that he wants a divorce. Sonny realizes that her marriage is over, and she wishes him happiness. Later, she cried alone in her room.

With his new lack of money, Alan-Michael tries to buy Marley a new dress for Alexandra's party. He goes to the Thrifty Dress Shop with \$23.00, and picks out a forty dollar dress. Because she just happened to be there, Rose arranges to pay for the rest. Alan-

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- Kimberly Dahlkemper
- Laurie Stumpf
- Tammy Janusey
- Eric Carlson

The question was: Whose life was the movie *Citizen Kane* based on? The correct answer was William Randolph Hearst. Those of you that answered correctly can pick up your tickets in the Collegian office (if you have not already).

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Who played Maria in the movie *West Side Story*?

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