

TV-made boy band makes stop at TimberWolf

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Tonight, hundreds of local teen-age girls will be screaming as ABC's "Making the Band" winners O-Town make their area debut at TimberWolf Amphitheater at King's Island.

Ashley Parker Angel, Erik-Michael Estrada, Dan Miller, Trevor Penick, and Jacob Underwood were chosen out of 1,800 hopefuls to be the next big boy band. What began as a televised look into the world of the boy band became a national phenomenon.

The world watched as the five struggled with new responsibilities, numerous workouts, and each

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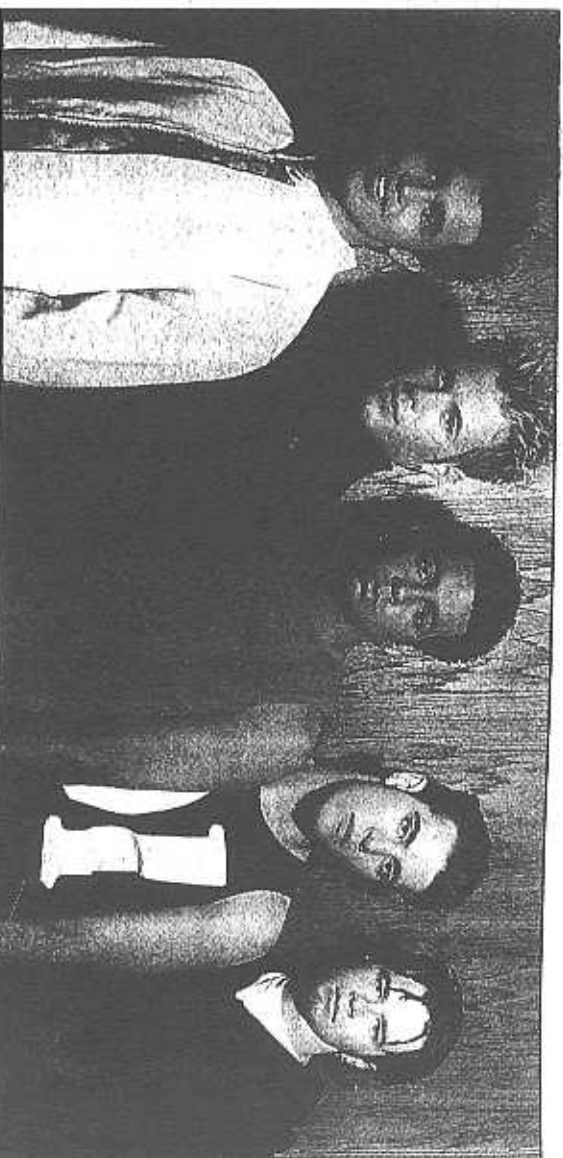
WHAT: O-Town with Wild Orchid
WHEN: 7:30 p.m., tonight

WHAT: Billy Gilman and Jessica Andrews

WHEN: 6 p.m., Sunday

WHERE: Paramount's King's Island TimberWolf Amphitheater

HOW MUCH: \$39.99 for the concert and full day park admission, \$29.99 for the concert and park admission after 5 p.m., and \$14.99 - \$19.99 for the concert only (available to season pass-holders). Tickets available through any Ticketmaster outlet. Call 562-4949 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.



The product of "Making the Band," O-Town, comes to King's Island tonight.

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other. They were signed as the very first act on Clive Davis' new label, J Records. Their self-titled debut album, released in late 2000, has already gone platinum with hits like "Liquid Dreams" and "All or Nothing." O-Town recently began their first tour.

"It's all happening so quickly, we don't even have time to stop and wonder how," Estrada said. Underwood adds, "But let's not pretend this is hard work.

Between tapings and studio sessions, we're just a bunch of dudes hanging out playing Nintendo. It's a crazy amount of fun."

Fun would be the word to describe many of O-Town's songs on their debut album. "Liquid Dreams" has been called an "upbeat, infectious melody" with "complex harmonies and a bouncing beat."

"We wanted a sound that would reflect each of our personalities," Penick said. "That's our versatility."

O-Town, with Wild Orchid, performs at 7:30 p.m. at King's Island. Ticket prices are \$39.99 for the

concert and full day park admission, \$29.99 for the concert and park admission after 5 p.m., and \$14.99 - \$19.99 for the concert only (available to season pass-holders).

Two days later, TimberWolf will again play host to young talent. Country music stars Billy Gilman and Jessica Andrews will perform beginning at 6 p.m. Gilman, known in the music circuit as the "boy" with the angel voice, will perform his hit songs, including "One Voice"

and "She's My Girl." Andrews, the 2000 Top New Female Vocalist, will take the stage to perform her songs, especially her two big hits "Who I Am" and "Karma."

Ticket prices for the Billy Gilman and Jessica Andrews event are the same as for the O-Town concert. Tickets for both concerts can be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets, by calling (513) 562-4949 or at www.ticketmaster.com.



Billy Gilman