

ENTERTAINMENT LAW NEWS

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ACTOR'S STRIKE?

Who knows? Everyone sits around during their pre-workday power breakfast meetings drinking lethal amounts of caffeine and making their predictions. A single shot of espresso brings an accusation of bluffing by the Guilds in order to remind everyone just how necessary and important they are. A double shot assures that the studios are aware of this and are going to pray on the starving scabs. And a triple shot announces that these types of things are necessary and important to the industry. "I mean if it was too simple, anyone could be in this business..." One thing is certain, the Guilds want the studios to believe they're prepared to go out...and the studios are behaving as if they believe them. Everyone is scrambling to "attach and execute" prior to the June 30, 2001 SAG/AFTRA contract expiration date.

THE NAPSTER GOONS ARE HERE!

EMusic Inc. has developed technology capable of determining improper sharing of copyrighted material by users on the Internet. Once the user has logged onto Napster, the software searches each users hard drive for illegal activity and then notifies them to cease and desist. If the user does not comply, the system notifies Napster so that they can take steps to stop the activity. The Fourth Amendment protects people from unlawful search and seizures without a warrant. EMusic will probably assert that users logging onto Napster, and allowing other users to enter their computers for the purpose of sharing files, have consented to the search and thus no warrant is necessary. In any event, make sure you're wearing clean underwear before you download any further files from Napster.

OTHER NEWS

Rourke Critchlow (DAYS OF OUR LIVES) and his wife **Maria Brewer** have developed an Internet program airing a new 40 second episode every weekday. The site is reportedly getting close to 300,000 hits per week. The web site address is

www.tooproud.com. Rock legends **Neil Geraldo** and **Pat Benetar** have recently announced plans to start their own record label. **Mike Pinera** (Iron Butterfly, Blues Image) has recently launched the Classic Rock Network on the Internet. The site features rare film footage of Pinera's 5000 hour library of vintage classic rock clips. The web site address is www.realrock.com.

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