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POP BEAT
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If you're heading down to Slim's tonight for the Loud, Live and Local show featuring the **Matches** and **MC Lars**, be sure to get there early so you can catch the opening band, **Whole Wheat Bread**. With its do-rags, multikarat bling and MC-like posturing this Jacksonville, Fla., trio may look like a hip-hop outfit at first glance, but its members are punk to the core. Once they finish up this current string of dates, the guys are spending the summer on the road with the **Aquabats** and **MXPX**. Check out their first video at *www.wholewheatbread.net*.

The usually drunk punksters of **Lugosi** say that you should go to their show at Bottom of the Hill on Wednesday "because it rules." Just in case that isn't enough to convince you to set your TiVo to record "So You Think You Can Dance," Lugosi is willing to sweeten the pot a little. They're giving the first 10 people to show up on



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Smoosh: Their second album is due out soon.

Wednesday a copy of the **Andrew McCarthy-Jonathan Silverman** classic "Weekend at Bernie's II." Suh-weet!

Sadly, **Dirty Power** was short the votes they needed to win the Bone's Local Licks Live contest last month. Had they won, Dirty Power would have opened for **Lynyrd Skynyrd** and **Tesla** at the classic rock station's annual Bone Bash. I know, how perfect! But don't expect to find these metal loyalists crying into their Miller High Life. Instead, they're taking their frustration out on audiences' eardrums. Dirty Power headlines the Elbo Room on Wednesday.

That same night, catch Noise Pop alumnus **Smoosh** at the Fillmore. Smoosh is two sisters from Seattle, **Chloe** and **Asya**. Just 12 and 14 years old, respectively, these young ladies know their way around an indie-pop tune, as evidenced by the many high-profile acts singing the girls' praises, including **Rilo Kiley, Death Cab for Cutie** and **Cat Power**, who lip-synced a Smoosh song during a recent show. Smoosh, whose sophomore album, "Free to Stay," is due out next month, is heading to Europe and Australia over the summer with their current tour mates, the **Eels**. Have a listen at *www.smoosh.com*.



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Jacksonville's Whole Wheat Bread: No loafing around.

The lady and gents of **Pants Pants Pants** swear that their March 30 Noise Pop show was their best performance to date. Of course, they say that after every show. Those who weren't able to score a ticket to that sold-out gig will get another chance to see this forward-thinking trio, which revels in the playful tendencies of both indie-rock and laptop electronica. They're playing Bottom of the Hill on Friday. In the meantime, get an earful at *www.pantspantspants.biz*.

Download of the Week: "Vinter" by **Citay**. Ex-**Piano Magic** drummer **Ezra Feinberg** and **Tim Green** of local metal trio **The F—Champs** eschew '80s new-wave irony in favor of the stony sound of '70s AM radio rock, when twin-guitar leads and mystical acoustic tangents were par for the course. Catch Citay live at the Hemlock Tavern on Saturday. Download "Vinter" at *citay.net*. ■

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Pants Pants Pants: A pressing engagement.