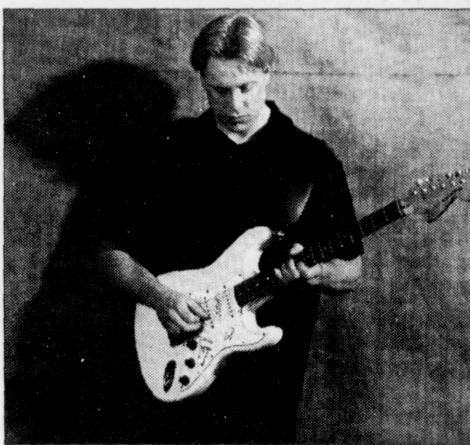


## Pumped up on new CD

Steve Baker is a prime candidate for intravenous caffeine experiments. Last weekend he drove between two northern towns, put in 13 hours of rehearsal time and prepped for two music acts and a CD. His solo live project is taking off, he recently joined pop band The Left Handed Cindys and his debut full-length CD will soon be done to go with the four-song EP he cut loose this past winter.

Steve lives in Mackenzie where he is a teacher, but bases his moonlighting from Prince George where his family lives. He has a bunch of live gigs coming up beginning June 15 at The Generator where he plays his solo material. He is featured again on June 29 at the Fourth Avenue Blues Club. He will be at Quigley's Pub in Mackenzie on July 7 and 8, then take the stage on August 4 at Rockfest in Vanderhoof (Helix and Steppenwolf play that night). As a member of The Left Handed Cindys he plays July 14 at Ness Fest out at Ness Lake, plus two private gigs.

"We're getting radio play at least once a day on 101.3 Hits-FM in Prince George. They're playing two tracks of mine. And it's going well at other stations in B.C. as well, especially up here in Mackenzie," says Steve. "It's kind



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Steve's EP is available in participating record stores and it is called *Stevie B*. He is working at Blue Ridge Mountain Studios in PG for the 12-song album he hopes to be finished and ready to push in fall. Four new songs are already cut to go with the four on the EP, plus others in various stages of completion.

"To me (the new songs) seem like more upbeat kind of stuff. I think I learned a lot from going into the studio last time, and working and talking with radio has taught me a lot," he says. "We've got a lot of material and we're playing most of it live already. We want to be able to put together a top-notch 30 minute show and use that for major festivals and show-cases like MusicWest."

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### Energy comes through in Pride

more pipe-friendly, we worked it out, two takes and bang, it was done."

Sort of. Simon ran the bed tracks, especially the pipes, through studio computers in part to add an electronica effect, but in part to make it fit the mix better. "They don't even call them bagpipes in Germany, they call them the doodle-sack," Simon says, laughing. "We (fudged) with those bagpipes for hours because it's a B-flat instrument and it's an A-sharp song. We had to tweak it so much to make it sound even in tune, but thanks to modern technology we can do that."

Both musicians were pleased at the enthusiasm and raw energy Simon put into the song, and their contributions to it. Alan notes that he is a real appreciator of rhythm and "he was really curious about the things the bodhran could do."

"He had a lot of energy and great ideas around the project, and that was really infectious. He was cer-

tainly well-motivated," says Sheldon. "I've got to say I'm proud of 'Pride'."

The song can be heard on 101.3 The Hits-FM. The album *All Of Who You Are* is available at local record stores.

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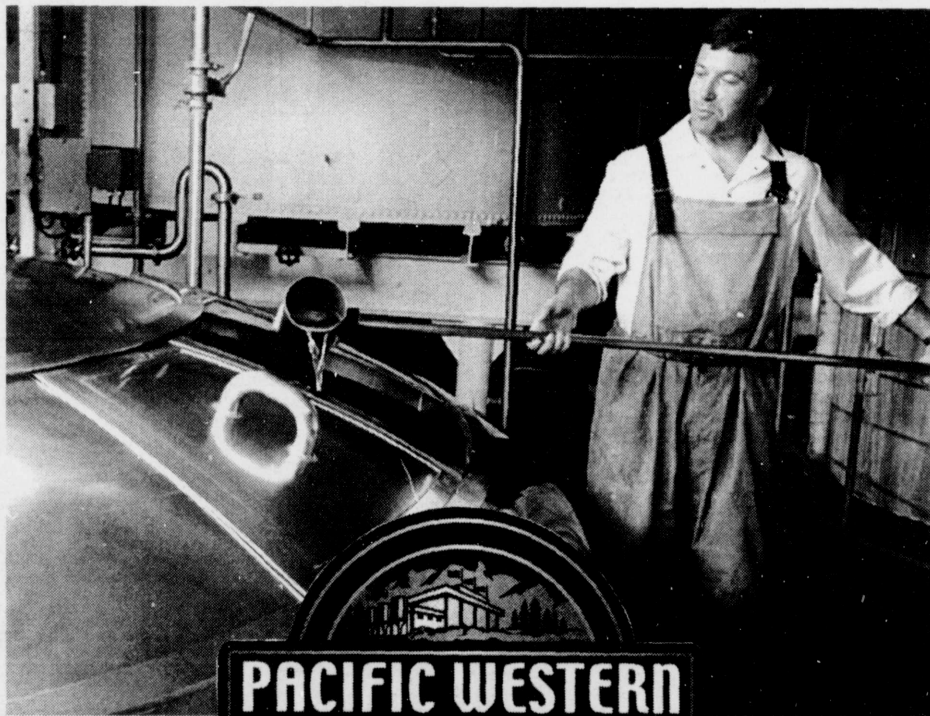


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