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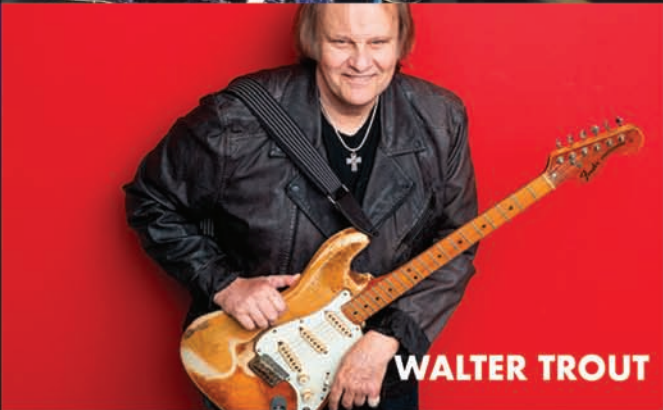
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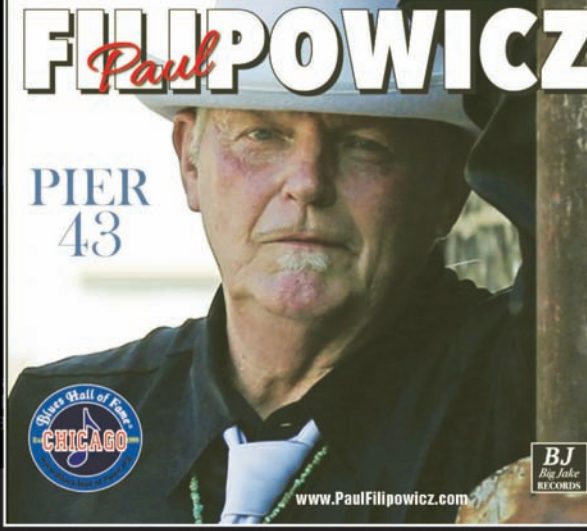
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“Dreams don’t have deadlines.” — LL Cool J

Radio, Woodstock and Roadhouses

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“Well, you know the blues had a baby and they named it rock and roll. Muddy Waters said it - the blues got soul...” From Muddy Waters’ “Hard Again” released on January 10, 1977, produced by Johnny Winter and won a Grammy in 1978.

For many years my late husband Robert Jr. Whitall aka Junior and I would drive from Detroit to Nashville to New York or New Orleans, everywhere listening to a variety of SiriusXM channels. with deejays like Meg Ryan, Tom Petty (“Buried Treasure”) and David Johansen’s “Mansion of Fun.” Junior loved listening to Little Steven’s

Big City Rhythm & Blues Magazine's photographer/publisher Shirley Mae Owens at KKFI 90.1FM, Kansas City, MO was a deejay from 1989-1999



Levon Helm's gravesite is next to the Colony in Woodstock.

Underground Garage so much that he even started a “Coolest Blues Song of the Year” Award. Then a few years ago he discovered Palmyra Delran’s Trash Pop Shindig show and really liked what he heard, especially the fact that she was from his hometown of Philly. Unfortunately, they never got to meet but I have been trying to carry on his dreams. When I saw that Palmyra was plan-

ning on performing at the Colony in Woodstock on Sept. 14th, I began putting it together. I was happy to be back in Woodstock staying with Joni & Rob at their fabulous Logstock where Junior and I were their first guests in 2011 when we were invited to Levon Helm’s Midnight Ramble for New Year’s Eve. From Logstock it is a short walk down to the Colony. I first stopped by Levon Helm’s grave that



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DJs—Palmyra Delran & Steven Van Zandt - Little Steven's Underground Garage, SiriusXM Channel

is next to the Colony's outdoor stage. Big thanks to **Palmyra & The Doppel Gang** and **Genya Ravan**. And thank you **Little Steven** for all you do and inspiring this cover shoot and the radio issue. Besides radio, I also want-

Albert White, Tom Davis, Robert Jr. Whitall & Carlin "C-Note" Smith, Blind Willie's, Atlanta, Ga, 2/19/17.

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ed to write more about the Woodstock music scene and other historic roadhouses like the Colony but the radio theme ruled, quickly filling up most of the pages. I do love roadhouses like the **Dew Drop Inn, Slippery Noodle Inn, the Stanhope House** and my Up North roadhouse **Little Traverse Inn** that is on scenic M-22. It offers good food, music and a room. Plus, Little Traverse Inn owners **Graeme and Michelle** offer "Travel With Us" destination immersion tours, for more info: littletraverseinn.com.

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Best,
Shirley Mae aka "Sugar" Owens

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