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Two Sure Things:

Death and Tits

It seems like it should be time for another posthumous release by Bill Hicks by now, but sadly, such is not the case according to Hicks' producer and friend Kevin Booth. As of this time last year, Booth says things were set with Rykodisc for several new Hicks audio and video projects to appear on the U.S. market, but since then, his A&R man sent Booth a notice that he was leaving the company and no further work has been done toward those releases. Though Booth says Ryko is still under contract to issue at least one more Hicks CD, he's currently shifting gears and hoping to begin using the BillHicks.com web site to begin selling Hicks product sans middleman. To that end, Booth has begun a most unique petition campaign on the Web site, soliciting Hicks fans to send cards supporting the release of new Hicks preformance CDs and videos. The unique part is the fact that the person he's hoping Hicks-odds will send their pleas to is none other than his own business partner, Bill's mother Mary Hicks. "Mary still doesn't really understand what the Web is." he explains, and so far she's declined to okay any new releases via BillHicks.com as a result. Booth says he hopes that "even a few hundred cards" to Mrs. Hicks at Arizona Bay Productions (P0 Box 23265. Little Rock, AR 72221-3265) will convince her of the feasability of the idea, leading to the availability of the large volume of Hicks material still in the vaults.

Meanwhile, Mike Titsworth, the industrial metal musician/former Z-Rock deejay, now has his own Web site - much to his great relief. Says the ex-Angkor Wat member: 'After six months of legal wrangling and headaches with Web site registrar Network Solutions over the connotations of a last name, the fight is over. Thus, www.titsworth.com is now up and running with audio and video of his various "art-metal" works, 'titsworth says he's not sure why the problems arose, since many sites exist with far more graphic names, but for whatever reason, he says that for the better half of a year, the only communication he could get from the registrar was repeated e-mails calling his given name "unacceptable" as a site title. Booth, on the other hand, says he's never had any problems dealing with Network Solutions, boasting that, "They gave me www.jizzbomb.com with no trouble what so ever." Luckily, not everyone has hangups about mammary-related names, as former Bates Motel owner Randall Stockton tells me he has a punk show lined up for this Friday at Trophy's with the Tits (no relation) joining Teen Cool and the Chumps. him" and to hopefully do so without the intro-sion of a traditional narrator, using r~ew inter-views and archival footage. As such, he says...

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