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Quote :

"If Tim sings amazingly and Lee DeWyze goes home, people are going to hate Tim,"

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That quote's a little out of context. I was explaining that even the people who think Tim is good will be pissed if he can outlast a favorite.

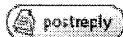
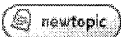
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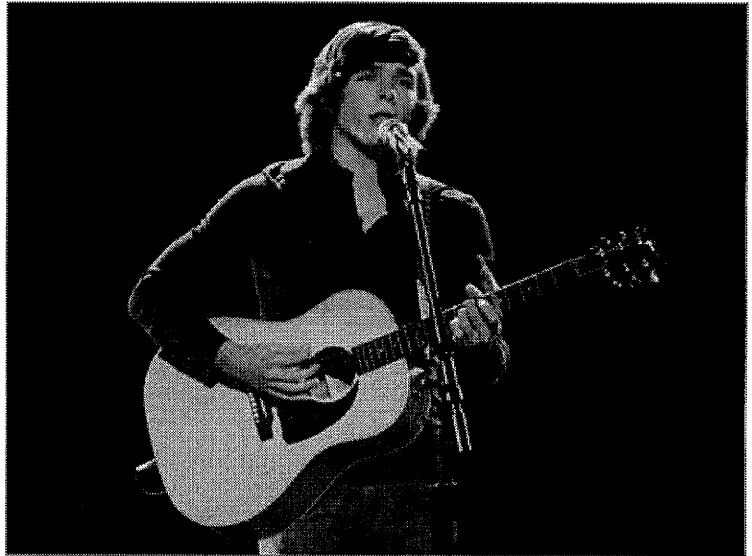
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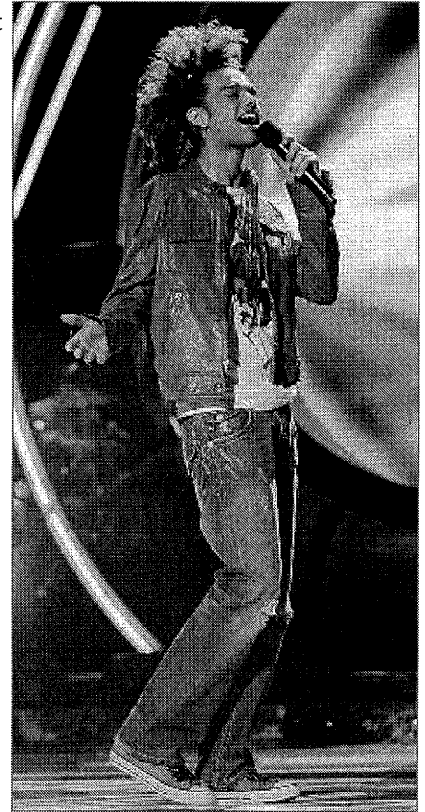
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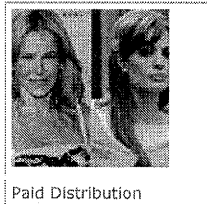
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Altho - I have to add, I just listened to his singing. I'm not factoring in whatever antics he seems to be famous for.

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MNCyn (3 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 4/21/2010 9:07:52 AM

Il only started watching this show last year so am not familiar with Sanjaya except for the snips. However, having gone into YouTube to pull up some of his performances, I have to say, had he been on the show this year, I think the response to his performances would have been better. (lower bar??) He seems comfortable on the stage ~ sings ok and i have to wonder what all the fuss is about. I thought he'd be terrible from all the comments. Tim makes me nervous. Is he going to hit the notes? He was flat starting out this time - most likely from nerves. He's cute and sometimes fun to watch, but he's just not very good, all things considered.

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Clarkson Is Life (23 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 4/20/2010 3:45:00 PM

PeacemakerRebel, before you start bashing the writer maybe you should learn how to read and comprehend better. The 17-year-old from NJ is Emily Bierman, the young lady Brian interviewed about Tim.

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mom7801 (7 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 4/20/2010 3:26:22 PM

For lack of a better place to post it: Apparently, Crystal's almost "quitting the show" was much ado about nothing according to Katelyn who texted Crystal once the story broke. Crystal replied that she was "betrayed by Seacrest." Some homesickness got blown out of proportion. Gee, I can't imagine Idol blowing anything out of proportion.

Seacrest is really starting to annoy me.

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mom7801 (7 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 4/20/2010 3:23:27 PM

Sanjaya's "Besame Mucho" was very good. I think the difference between Sanjaya and Tim is that Tim has been, for the past few weeks anyway, making better song choices for his limited singing ability than Sanjaya did for his.

Tim doesn't do anything weird to stand out? Sliding across the stage on his knees and turning a Stones song into reggae (sp) doesn't count?

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bradya (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 4/20/2010 3:01:33 PM

Sanjaya couldn't sing his way out of a bag! Tim is at least improving and doesn't do anything weird to stand out.

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PeacemakerRebel (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 4/20/2010 2:55:19 PM

I don't really care about Tim Urban at all, but I do care about truthful journalism and the author of this article should have researched a little more before writing that "Now, the high-school junior, 17, from Turnersville, N.J., is coming around."

Tim Urban is not a high school junior, he's not 17, and he's not from Turnersville, N.J. He is a 20-year-old from Duncanville, TX. The correct information was easy to find on his profile on the AI website, so I'm puzzled by how the writer of this article could have ended up with such wrong information.

Anyway, I do think that Tim is better than Sanjaya, but only by a small fraction. He's not going to win it though so I don't think people should get too worried about it.

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Tim is safer at driving cars.

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IdolMom (11 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 4/20/2010 2:03:40 PM

Clarkson, I checked out your link, and it sounds like it will be a good show because this is positive for every one of the contestants. I can't guess any of the songs, but that's okay. At least we know they will all have a good night.

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Kris Allen said during one of his shows, that he is going to be performing his 2nd single during the finale.

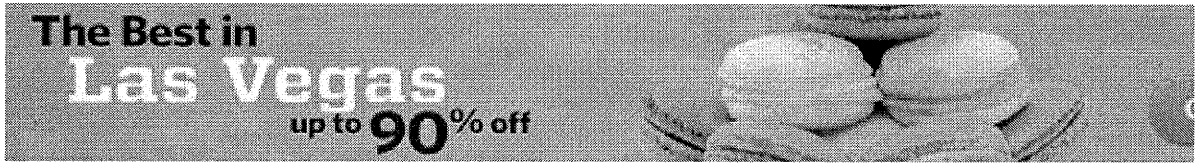
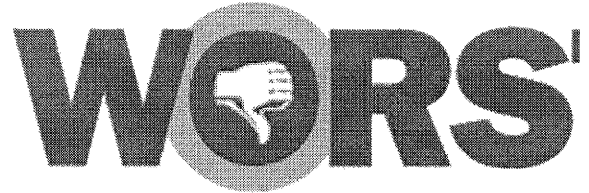
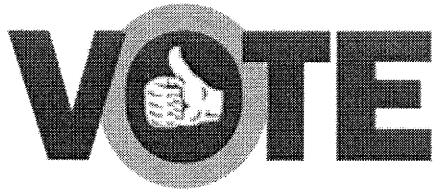
Christina Aguilera confirmed in a radio interview in Atlanta this morning, that she is performing in the final.

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Tour!
Pitchyoffkey

Posted: 5/19/2010 at 7:53 PM



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Casey sure was screwed. They purposely gave him the worse song they could think of, and I still remember when Mayer won a Grammy for that it was wtf? and his first song sucked that he chose. He couldn't have been more of a loser if he had it tatoed on his forehead.

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Location:

From MTV News, 'American Idol' Finalist Casey James Was Always 'A Throwback':

Quote :

May 18 2010 3:35 PM EDT

'American Idol' Finalist Casey James Was Always 'A Throwback'

'He had no cell phone, no computer, no TV,' musician Danny Ross recalls of the old-school 'Idol' guitar ace.

By James Montgomery

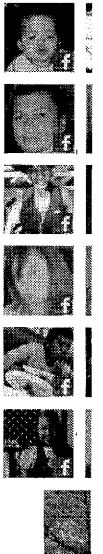
Unlike most of the "American Idol" audience, Danny Ross has had a front-row seat to the Casey James show for years now. As

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owner of the Fort Worth, Texas, blues club the Keys Lounge, Ross has seen the "Idol" finalist grow from a fresh-faced kid to a full-fledged guitar ace, and no, he's not surprised that James now stands on the brink of big-time fame. In fact, Ross always thought James was destined for greatness.

"I've known him for a while, and I always knew there was something about him," Ross told MTV News on Tuesday (May 18).

"His mom is a singer, and he'd come sit in when he was a baby-faced kid; we'd have these blues jams. And as he got more proficient, he started booking his own acoustic gigs, then with an electric band. At first, his mother used to have to come with him," Ross explained. "Then me and him hit it off and we started playing together ... he's just got it. A lot of people in other places — New York, Dallas — they're in it for the money and the women ... they're 'scene players,' and then there are those who are in it for the music, and Casey is definitely one of those."

Ross has been playing with James on and off for more than two years now, most recently jamming with him at the Keys during his "Idol" hometown visit. He said that in all his years as a musician, he's never met someone as dedicated and in love with playing music as Casey. To the point where, sometimes, he'd have to forcibly remove the guitar from James' hands.

"I'd have parties at my house, and Casey would play ... and he'd just keep playing," Ross laughed. "It would be 3, 4 in the morning, and I'd have gone to bed, and he'd still be playing. If there was one person still at the party, he'd keep playing for them. He's that dedicated."

To that end, Ross said James reminds him of a bygone era of bluesmen ... the kind who would travel from town to town, playing gigs until the sun came up. To be honest, that's not all that far from the truth — James truly doesn't belong to these times.

"He had no cell phone, no computer, no TV ... I remember telling him he needed to get his e-mail address out there, to get some publicity for his gigs at Keys, and he told me, 'Man, I'm just not into that.' He's a real traditional guy, and I think that's why he gets along with us older musicians," Ross said. "He's a throwback — he's got a house, and he's got these two basset hounds and, you know, I think he'd be happy just living there, with them, playing gigs. He's honestly in it just for the music."

Which is why, Ross said, James almost didn't try out for "American Idol." ("His mother let him borrow her truck and told him to get his butt up to Denver and audition," Ross chuckled.) But now that he has, it would appear that the sky really is the limit. And Ross, as he always has, sees nothing but big things in Casey's future.

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"I think America likes him ... I think, overall, because of his playing — he's played to all kinds of crowds, big and small and now national, and he has the poise to do anything," he said. "He's a far better guitar player than he's shown on the show. ... I really think he could be the next John Mayer, only without the attitude."

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kerplaw

Posted: 5/20/2010 at 12:16 AM



Did anyone else note the reporter in Casey's hometown asking him if he was involved? Sly way of reviving the "Is Casey gay?" issue.

Joined: February 2008

Location: Penn.

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Jezzie

Posted: 5/20/2010 at 12:44 AM



Why would anyone want to be the next John Mayer? That's like wanting to be the next Dan Quayle, only skeevy and with a sex addiction. I wish he would get exiled on the Island of Misfit Sex Toys. He's horrible.

And there a massive ton of talented musicians in NYC, I can attest to that, who are not "in it for the money or chicks." Dude don't know from East Coast.

Joined: April 2010

Location: Oh hell to the no.

Sure doesn't sound like Casey is a Luddite anymore with his 150 text messages.



Have fun with the frau on Idol tour Casey!

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Onesexymofo

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Paranoid and in denial that he is awful.

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SillyandSweet

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**Interchangeable
Blonde Whore**

Joined: October 2006

Location: U.S.A.

^ Every season you frauen become more delusional. You will vote for any single dick on the show thinking you got a chance. Pathetic.

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Sunfyre

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Location: Smacking
your conscience in the
crotch with a
sledgehammer

At least he is brave enough to post here and get bitch slapped by the more experienced worsters 🤘

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Location:

From USA Today, Casey James: 'You don't always get the chance to do what you want to do':

Quote :

May 21, 2010

Casey James: 'You don't always get the chance to do what you want to do'

American Idol contestants often say that you don't really get to know them by watching the show. If that has been true for anybody from Season 9, it has been especially true for Casey James, the guitar-wielding Texan who finished third. From the very start, *Idol* portrayed him as cougar bait, as eye candy for the women -- getting him to take off his shirt during his audition; playing up Kara DioGuardi's unseemly, apparent infatuation; and finally saddling him with a sentimental ballad in John Mayer's *Daughters* while telling him his audience was women and girls.

By forcing Casey into that persona, *Idol* lost the chance to showcase one of the most musically diverse performers the show has ever seen, someone whose background ranges from bluegrass to heavy metal. Now that he's finished with the competition, Casey seems ready to break out of the mold. I talked with him briefly Thursday afternoon as he was on his way to tape his appearance for *Ellen*.

Aaron Kelly said he talked to you about coming to Nashville -- I think he likes the idea of having someone in town he knows. How good a fit would Nashville be for you?

Casey James: I think it'd be great. It just depends on which direction I want to go musically as to where I end up geographically. No matter what I do, there's going to be a lot of blues influence in it. Whether that means I'm going to be doing some rock/country/blues mixture, or flip it around and do something a little different.

There's so much to be said about production and engineering of an album. It really depends on which producers and engineers that I work with as to what the record ends up sounding like. You can make material sound so different just by remixing it and changing things up.

You had some of your best moments on the show with ballads -- *Jealous Guy*, *Don't!*, even *Daughters* -- but it always seemed like there was a rougher edge to you waiting for a chance to get out.

I love to rock out. Believe it or not, the band that I just made a CD with is pretty much rock. It's a modern-day Southern rock

deal. There's a huge side of me that loves to do that. On another side is blues, and another side is country and then ballads and acoustic-type things.

I've been in a bluegrass band, I've been in a heavy metal band, I've been in a rock band, I've been in a blues band, I've been in a country band, I've been an acoustic act. A lot of the music that I write, I write different type stuff: If I'm at a country venue and I do it, everybody goes, "What a great country song!" If I'm at a blues venue and I sing it, they go, "What a great blues song!" It's really just interpretation of the music.

There's definitely a rougher edge. That's something I love to do, as well.

Why didn't we see more of the rougher, louder Casey on the show?

The opportunity never presented itself. That's one of the things about the show that people don't see. You don't always get the chance to do what you want to do. You have to work within the confines of the show. It's an amazing thing, and that's all part of it. If it had presented itself, and I could have done something that I felt was me and was heavier and more rock-y, then I totally would have done it. It just didn't get to work out that way.

There was a rumor that you were going to do a song with more tempo on Tuesday night but had to change it -- is that true?

Things switched up. I'm happy with the way everything turned out, because I love both the songs. Everything was just the way it should have been. I was going to possibly do another song, and then I ended up not. That's all part of it. That's the way it goes -- that's just normal operating procedure.

Did you consider doing Stevie Ray Vaughan's *Pride and Joy*?

That would have been a crowd-pleaser, but I would have lost all my musical credibility if I had done that song. As a musician, there are certain songs you just don't do unless you're going to switch it up, in which case you better *be* somebody, and I'm not, so ...

Wednesday, when you sang *Daughters* as your exit song, you had a touching moment where you walked into the audience, picked up a little girl and wound up singing behind the judges table. Who was that girl?

That was my cousin's daughter, Lindy, who I watch from time to time. Me and her and her brother, Jaron -- that was the boy sitting right next to her -- I just love them very much. They're super-good kids.

When I started the song, I was prepared and everything, but, not having my guitar, it was, like, oh, you know ... And then I

realized, "Wait a minute! *I can walk around!*" So I started walking.

Lindy had been wanting to give me a hug all day. Being a little girl who doesn't understand show business, she doesn't know that I can't go out and give her a hug. All she knows is that I'm not. When I saw her, I was, like, "Oh, yeah, I'm outta here, they can't tell me not to give my little cousin a hug!" It worked out really perfect. I'm so glad that it worked out that way.

As soon as you did that, my readers started saying, "Oh, now he moves around!"

I'm a guitar player. If I'm playing a lead, I move around tons. You watch a show, I am never, ever still. But when you've got a minute and a half to sing, you don't have any lead breaks, so you have to stand in front of that microphone. It is what it is. You can't have your cake and eat it, too. I can either sing you a song or I can move around, unless I've got a head mic on.

Did that make you feel hamstrung?

I didn't feel hamstrung at all. Music is music. I think sometimes it's warranted, sometimes it's not. So I didn't feel hamstrung at all. I got around enough -- intros to songs and some leads. I felt really blessed that I got to do as much as I did. I didn't figure it would even be that much.

You had a couple consecutive weeks in the bottom three. Did that put some pressure on you, make you feel like you needed to change some things?

Absolutely not. And I don't mean that I wasn't concerned.

Going into this, from day one, I had made up my mind to just do what I do and be happy in the Lord with the results, you know what I mean? If I start doing things to try to get somewhere on the show, that's when I lose who I am artistically and I lose my self-respect. I wasn't going to play that game.

A lot of people thought you got the short end of the production stick Tuesday -- singing first, not getting a lot of special staging and lighting. By the time the choir hit the stage for Lee DeWyze and *Hallelujah*, I knew there was no way you were going to make the finale. Did you have a moment like that this week, where you looked at what was going on and went, "Oh, I'm in trouble here"?

Nah, everything happens for a reason, and it works out the way it's supposed to work out. I don't concern myself with any of that. In my mind, I'm exactly where I need to be, and I've never been more happy.

Where do you want to go from here?

I've been blessed that I made it into a TV show that gives you massive exposure as an artist. Even though you don't get the full extent, you do get to present yourself a little bit. Because of that, I'll get to do what I want to do, which is music.

The show is great. The TV show is one thing, and that's been the best thing that has ever happened to me in my life. But now I can do music for real -- full songs, do an album and really get started with my career.

It'll be nice knowing you don't have to have a day job for a while.

You know what? My day job was always music. If I have to go back to playing music, that's what I was going to do anyway.

The only thing that'll change is that I won't be playing for people who are trying to a) get drunk, or b) find a woman or man, or c) hit somebody. Hopefully, I'll be playing for people who are there to hear me play and that have respect for me as an artist.

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batchild

Posted: 5/22/2010 at 1:45 AM



Joined: January 2007

Location:

Casey's scanned-in questionnaire from the LA Times is now available here.

And also from the Idol Tracker blog, Eric Hutchinson: 'I would love to co-write a song' with Casey James:

Quote :

May 21, 2010

Eric Hutchinson: 'I would love to co-write a song' with Casey James

May 21, 2010 | 10:18 pm

Although Casey James' choice of Eric Hutchinson's "OK, It's Alright With Me" didn't save him from elimination this week, it did introduce the 2009 iTunes hit to millions of "American Idol" viewers who may not have heard it before. Casey said he chose it because "it's a lot like the stuff that I write." So how did the song's creator feel about the rendition? We reached out to singer-songwriter Eric Hutchinson, who's in London working on the follow-up to 2008's "Sounds Like This," for his reaction.

"Casey did a nice job with it," Eric said. "It was definitely weird to watch someone else singing it up there on the 'Idol' stage -- I've seen a taping of the show before and I don't know how people handle the nerves! -- but I was really flattered to have him sing it."

Eric said he was notified "a few days before" that they might use the song. "Then I spent the next few days trying not to jinx it," he continued. "I'm in London, so I wasn't in the right time zone to watch, but I woke up the next morning with 300 texts and e-mails. Like all of the best news, it always seems to happen while I was sleeping."

And unlike most artists who cringe at the thought of editing their carefully crafted tune to a minute and a half, the arrangement was, er, alright with him. "The song is only 2 1/2 minutes [long]," he said. "I was impressed they were able to trim more of it."

As for Simon's comment that it was like dinner salad (in the sense of there's something more substantial to come)? That stung a little. Said Eric: "My friends have been calling me 'Musical Salad' all week now! I tried not to take any of the judges' comments too personally, but it sort of felt like my brother had knocked over a vase while I wasn't in the room and I was the one who ended up getting yelled at."

But Hutchinson's not one to hold a grudge, especially since he's a fan of "Idol." "To me, the show is singers performing the New American Songbook," he said. "So as a songwriter, I was really excited to have my song included in there... I've been on the road and haven't watched too much this year. My mom told me to boycott it after Adam Lambert didn't win last year."

His wish for this year's finale? "I would love to see Crystal and Lee win and have to do a duets album a la Streisand and Barry Gibbs!"

As for a future album by Casey, Eric sees only good things on the horizon. "I think he's got a cool style, and I would love to co-write a song with him."

For more on Eric Hutchinson, check out this excellent story by the L.A. Times' own Randy Lewis and the official video for "OK, It's Alright With Me" below.

[snip video]

-- Shirley Halperin

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joeyharmonic

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Laconic Bastard

Joined: March 2007

Location: Laughing at the pieces

Quote :

There was a rumor that you were going to do a song with more tempo on Tuesday night but had to change it -- is that true?

Things switched up. I'm happy with the way everything turned out, because I love both the songs. Everything was just the way it should have been.

Translation: he got screwed with a last-minute song change. They did the same thing to Hicks, bunning castards.

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thefunnystone

Posted: 5/22/2010 at 10:57 AM



I Run This Joint!

Joined: May 2006

Location:

So why is Shirley Halperin lying about it then? On the LA Times Idol Tracker she wrote:

Quote :

2) Casey James had to make a last-minute song switch and was really planning on doing a Stevie Ray Vaughan song.

I feel partly responsible for this mini-rumor having not provided enough detail in my description of Casey's Monday rehearsal. So here it is now: Casey rehearsed the same two songs he performed on Tuesday's show, John Mayer's "Daughters" and Eric Hutchinson's "OK It's Alright With Me." To my knowledge, the latter was his choice from the get-go, but at one point, the band did have to refer to the original version, not because Casey had switched his song, but because they weren't that familiar with one specific part. Separate from these two songs, Casey also tinkered around with his guitar and a single amp, trying out different leads and bluesy riffs, none of which I recognized as having come from the Stevie Ray Vaughan library. And that's that, but please continue on to No. 3.

Even the press is now lying to cover things up? Lame. But of course we were right yet again.

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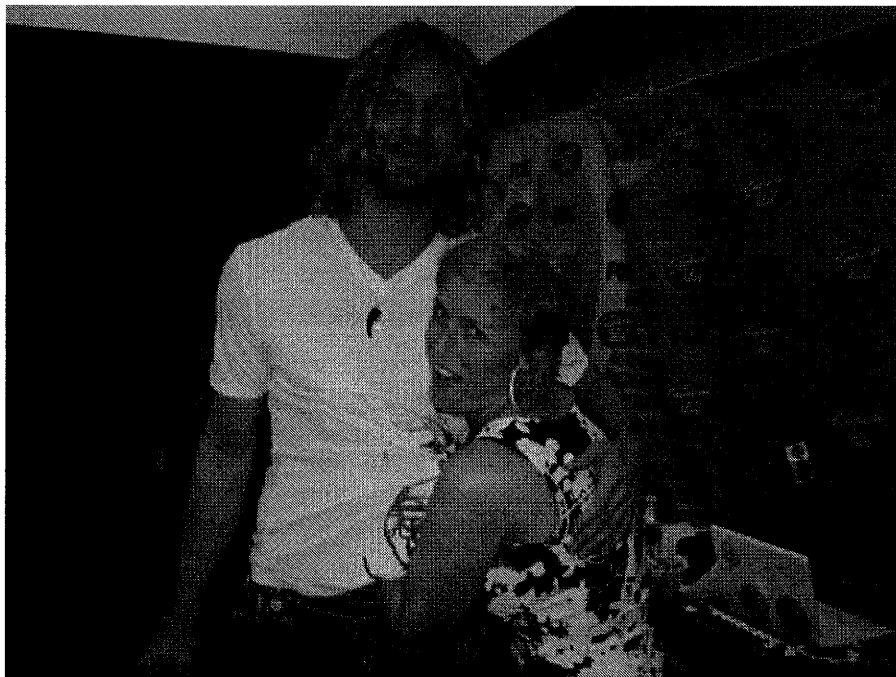
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Casey's hair products

Casey getting felt up by a frau:

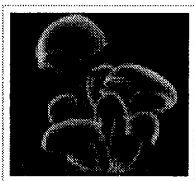


This is only the beginning. The tour is coming, and so are the Casey Cougars!

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Mysterioso

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Just lovely. Once the charm of his first Frau molestation wears off he will look more and more miserable as the tour goes on. I wonder if he will have to "rest his voice" like Madam started doing to avoid their groping.

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Where's her other hand?

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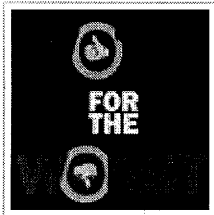
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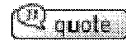
I was wondering about that cougar hand action too...some images, well, I wish I hadn't seen. Disturbing...

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annielynn

Posted: 5/25/2010 at 7:19 PM



The look on his face 😬

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Buckshot

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^^ and the look on her face... 😬 I bet she never showers again.

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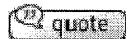
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He looks not unhappy in that pic.



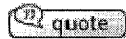
Groupie vag FTW!

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kerplaw

Posted: 5/25/2010 at 11:18 PM





Joined: February 2008
Location: Penn.

DON'T QUOTE PICS!! PIC REMOVED!

That look on her face. That's fuckin happiness, man. Creepy, animal happiness. Disgusting, I-can't-believe-it's-not-longer happiness. That's the human equivalent of a dog licking his junk.

As for the "Casey Cougars" . . . sounds like the name of an elementary age soccer team.

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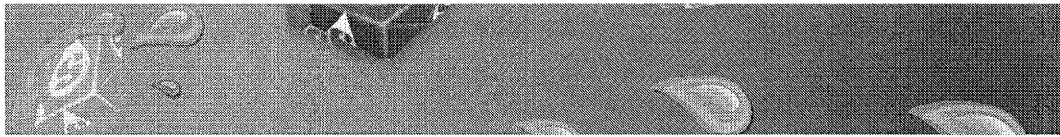
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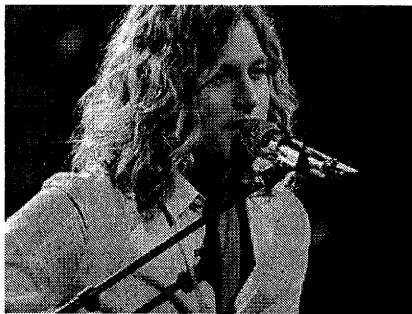
'American Idol' Finalist Casey James Was Always 'A Throwback'

'He had no cell phone, no computer, no TV,' musician Danny Ross recalls of the old-school 'Idol' guitar ace.

By James Montgomery (@positivnegativ)

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Casey James
Photo: FOX

Unlike most of the "American Idol" audience, Danny Ross has had a front-row seat to the Casey James show for years now. As owner of the Fort Worth, Texas, blues club the Keys Lounge, Ross has seen the "Idol" finalist grow from a fresh-faced kid to a full-fledged guitar ace, and no, he's not surprised that James now stands on the brink of big-time fame. In fact, Ross *always* thought James was destined for greatness.

"I've known him for a while, and I always knew there was something about him," Ross told MTV News on Tuesday.

"His mom is a singer, and he'd come sit in when he was a baby-faced kid; we'd have these blues jams. And as he got more proficient, he started booking his own acoustic gigs, then with an electric band. At first, his mother used to have to come with him," Ross explained. "Then me and him hit it off and we started playing together ... he's just got it. A lot of people in other places — New York, Dallas — they're in it for the money and the women ... they're 'scene players,' and then there are those who are in it for the music, and Casey is definitely one of those."

Ross has been playing with James on and off for more than two years now, most recently jamming with him at the Keys during his "Idol" hometown visit. He said that in all his years as a musician, he's never met someone as dedicated and in love with playing music as Casey. To the point where, sometimes, he'd have to forcibly remove the guitar from James' hands.

"I'd have parties at my house, and Casey would play ... and he'd just keep playing," Ross laughed. "It would be 3, 4 in the morning, and I'd have gone to bed, and he'd still be playing. If there was one person still at the party, he'd keep playing for them. He's that dedicated."

To that end, Ross said James reminds him of a bygone era of bluesmen — the kind who would travel from town to town, playing gigs until the sun came up. To be honest, that's not all that far from the truth — James truly doesn't belong to these times.

"He had no cell phone, no computer, no TV ... I remember telling him he needed to get his e-mail address out there, to get some publicity for his gigs at Keys, and he told me, 'Man, I'm just not into that.' He's a real traditional guy, and I think that's why he gets along with us older musicians," Ross said. "He's a throwback — he's got a house, and he's got these two basset hounds and, you know, I think he'd be happy just living there, with them, playing gigs. He's honestly in it just for the music."

Which is why, Ross said, James almost didn't try out for "American Idol." ("His mother let him borrow her truck and told him to get his butt up to Denver and audition," Ross chuckled.) But now that he has, it would appear that the sky really is the limit. And Ross, as he always has, sees nothing but big things in Casey's future.

"I think America likes him ... I think, overall, because of his playing — he's played to all kinds of crowds, big and small and now national, and he has the poise to do anything," he said. "He's a far better guitar player than he's shown on the show. ... I really think he could be the next John Mayer, only without the attitude."

Are you rooting for Casey on "American Idol"? Let us know in the comments!

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Eve commented | 3 months ago

He's the purest musician/artist/singer in this AI season! We should be more exposed to artists like that, who doesn't do it for fame, money or glamour, but for the mere joy of creating and playing music for life. Sure he performs gigs to pay the bills, but he's satisfied and doesn't ask for too much. He's just happy where he is and very grateful. He's so passionate with his craft and I'm hooked for life! =)

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Kathy commented | 3 months ago

Casey James is the only contestant I've ever BACKED / gone to see in person / bought iTUNES... I have downloaded all his iTUNES songs and play them now in my car... and on my computer. Absolutely MAKES my day to listen to him. Seeing him in person at Keys for his home town visit was AMAZING.. His STAR is shining and his spiritual side is beautiful as well. He is going to "blow away" the rest of the folks who have been on idol.

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Zoe commented | 3 months ago

I hope he gets a record deal pronto, so the people who appreciate good music will be able to enjoy him. Casey, you are a real winner!

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SarahMcDonald commented | 3 months ago

I've felt from the beginning that Casey is gifted and have been moved by a quiet honest presence within. Regardless of what category or level he has had to perform in on Idol his voice and his instrument have been technically perfect. Also, he looks like my son looked at his age and that has endeared him to me and made me fiercely protective. I wanted Casey to win the big money on Idol, but believe he will be happier on his own terms when the Idol tour is over. I will not be watching the Idol finale but I will be following the tour via You Tube as I doubt they will get close to my midwestern town.. I saw a video long ago of Casey playing with the Arc Angels (Shape I'm In) when he amazed me with his guitar solo. I picture Casey and his band playing to a huge crowd in a similar capacity as the great rock legends. He offered an amazing example of cool and graciousness as he sang his exit song tonight moving gracefully off the stage w/o guitar, reaching out to each of the judges and scooped up a little girl as he sang "Daughters." Beautiful! Wish you the best Casey!

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Angela commented | 3 months ago

OMG....a legend is born! I must admit I'm a cougar fan. I think Casey got beat up enough in the past weeks by the judges. He is so humble and grateful. He is the true winner! I believe he was setup by the "Choice Judges Song." It was a beautiful piece that he sung; but why not let him rock to Bad Company and jam on his guitar???? He doesn't need the title of American Idol...if you watched his homecoming to Cool, TX he's STAR quality without the help of IDOL! I was never an idol viewer until I got a glimpse of this beautiful man and I was hooked. It's not all about his looks. His voice draws you in so deeply his music is seducing. In a good way. LOL! I cannot wait until he has a live concert. I'll be there and buying all his CD's. I keep playing JEALOUS CALY ON YOUTUBE.....IT JUST GIVE ME CHILLS! He will make it without all the FAKENESS that he is INFLUENCING YOU WHOEVER REACHES THIS BUT YOU ARE ON MY HEART & AN IDOL FOREVER-xoxo BEST WISHES & SEE YOU IN FLORIDA!

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trophywife commented | 3 months ago

I think Casey is done with Idol. How can he look so happy and relaxed just days ago and then you could read it all over his face that he knew no matter what he did he wasn't wanted. I just felt sorry for him. Like a kid at the party who was invited but just b/c the whole class was. He's ready to shine. He's got the talent and he's been noticed. He doesn't want the stupid Idol contract and crown. If you get it and you weren't the chosen one they bury you like Taylor and Kris. No promotion at all. Hell they never mentioned Kris Allen this season and he's got a new album out. I really only 1/2 watched Idol anyway I was sucked in this year because of Casey. Thanks for exposing him to the world we're ready to see him live. Now I will NOT spend one dime on Idol Live tickets or merchandise. Won't support the fraud. I WILL be front and center at Casey James first concert and buy everyone of his CD's. Fan for life!

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-Jason commented | 3 months ago

We'll look for you wherever you will be. Cheers for the best1 Casey looked sounded happy last night that he won't have to deal with the judges any more.

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burnthis commented | 3 months ago

So now that he's about to be eliminated, finally an honest article about Casey James here. Dare I say, Hallelujah? Casey is the real deal, a talented singer-guitarist whose love for music is infectious. He'll be playing music for a living the rest of his life, and that seems to be all he wants. Thanks to AI for letting the rest of us find out about him, but not for the unfair way he's been treated. Go on to bigger, better things Casey!

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Claudia commented | 3 months ago

He is the best of the best and I can't wait to see where it leads...additionally he is an amazing human being. I love him!

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Edwina commented | 3 months ago

Oooooohhh yea!!! We are witnessing the birth of a Music Legend!! Casey will still be HUGE in 30+ years..... Casey's fans are fans for life :)

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