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NASHVILLE'S surf-guitar rockers Los Straitjackets hook up with Western swingster Big Sandy of the Fly-Rite Boys to bring a good time guaranteed for all to the Bowery Ballroom (6 Delancey St.; [212] 533-2111) on Wednesday, along with NOLA's the Iguanas.

Los Straitjackets, who wear sparkling Mexican wrestling masks, are on the road for "Rock en Español, Vol. 1," a collection of Spanish-language covers of rock hits from the '50s and '60s, such as "Hey Lupe" (the McCoys' "Hang On Sloopy") and "De Dia y de Noche" (the Kinks' "All Day and All of the Night"). Big Sandy will sing. Los Straitjackets will play. You will be el rocko.

TONIGHT: The Guggenheim Museum (1071 Fifth Ave.; [212] 423-3500) sparks its First Fridays series with Nouvelle Vague, the French duo that puts a bossa-nova-'60s pop spin on punk classics.

TOMORROW: Alejandro Escovedo and Roky Erickson are both survivors.

Rootsy singer-songwriter Escovedo, a longtime resident of Austin, Texas, survived near death from hepatitis C.

Erickson, a founding member of the '60s psychedelic garage act 13th Floor Elevators, emerged from mental illness to blossom again as a performer – and a human being. It's all in "You're Gonna Miss Me," an upcoming documentary.

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MONDAY: There are still tickets for international superstar Keren Ann's show at the Bowery Ballroom. The Israel-born chanteuse, who lives here and in Paris, just released a self-titled album, which resonates with ethereal beauty.

TUESDAY: Ladybug Transistor and other artists will perform in memory of Ladybug Transistor drummer San Fadyl, who died in April. Proceeds go to the late artist's family. It's at Soundfix (110 Bedford Ave, Williamsburg, Brooklyn; [718] 388-8090).

THURSDAY: You may know New York guitarist, pianist and singer Goat, a k a Andrew Rosen, from an old Kia car ad, which featured "Great Life," from his 1998 debut disc.

Although he has a groovy guitar side, Rosen (the son of former Major League All-Star Al Rosen) will probably maintain a jazzy piano vibe when he performs songs from his latest album, "Twisted Hearts," at Unwined at Symphony Space (2537 Broadway; [646] 403-3215; myspace.com/goatrocks).

High Notes: "Passing Strange," Stew's wonderful coming-of-age musical now at the Public Theater (425 Lafayette St.; [212] 967-7555) has been extended four weeks.

High Notes plus: "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" was the only rock album at Aunt Babe's Westhampton Beach house, where young Playlist would vacation with her family. Aunt Babe didn't allow Playlist or her brothers to play the disc with the candy-colored album cover because, she said, it was too hypnotic and she'd sing the psychedelic pop songs for days. This only enticed Playlist to do some stealth listening and imagining "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" and thinking about the sad daughter in "She's Leaving Home." Happy 40th.

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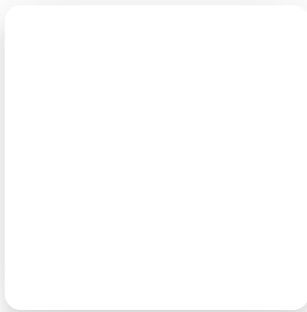
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