

Charges against Shia LaBeouf dropped Shia LaBeouf is no longer facing criminal charges for refusing to leave a Chicago drugstore last month. The star was in a Chicago courtroom for only minutes yesterday before prosecutors read a letter from the Walgreens Co. saying they don't want to continue the case. AP



Web rock

All-female, local music blog hosts launch party

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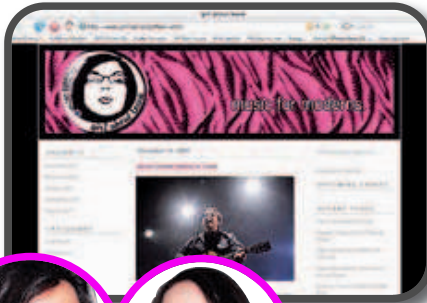


PREVIEW. Carly Marcoux calls Girl About Town, the Web site she co-founded with Royce Epstein, "an on-going diary of what we love." Launched in August, www.phillygirlabouttown.com is a music blog penned exclusively by female writers with an affectionate bias towards local artists. Hence the name.

"We wanted to concentrate on what's great about Philadelphia's music scene," Marcoux explains. "We want to keep that positive aspect."

That doesn't mean it isn't hard work, though. The site's content is thoughtful, well-researched and organized wisely. "We're all looking at it as something really serious to be involved with."

THE WRITERS DON'T have



The blog (top), has promoted regional acts, such as The Sky Drops from Delaware (left).



their heads buried solely in records, however. They review books and movies about music, as well, whether it's the recent documentary on The Clash's Joe Strummer or books on The Replacements and Fugazi. They highlight and

review shows in the Philly area, pass along tour news, link to music videos online and sometimes host a post-concert "pop quiz."

While there's an emphasis on women in music, no genre is off limits, and bands as big as Super Furry

Animals or as small as The Modern Skirts share equal time on the site.

Girl About Town will host a belated launch party Sunday featuring some of its favorite regional talent. There are two Philly bands: The one-man The Mural And The Mint, and Greyhounds, who have opened for Clap Your Hands Say Yeah. Then there's Delaware's boy-girl duo, The Sky Drops and Baltimore's Squawks, which features Elena Fox from The Food Network series "The Ace of Cakes."

"We think that they're all up-and-coming," beams Marcoux. There will be giveaways, a DJ set by Epstein, and a cake made by Fox in the shape of a record player. Expect cupcakes as well, Marcoux adds. "It's a big party."

Girl About Town launch party

Sunday, 8 p.m.

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Sexiest Baby Alive?

GOSSIP. Somewhere, Harry Knowles of "Ain't It Cool News" is clutching an Ewok plush toy and crying. A representative for marginally talented actress and exceptionally talented men's mag cover model **Jessica Alba** confirmed to People magazine yesterday that the "Awake" star (perhaps "star" is too strong a word to use in reference to anyone in "Awake") is pregnant. The lucky daddy is **Cash Warren**, whom Alba met on the set of "The Fantastic Four" in 2004.

Jessica, sweetie, you seem like a

nice girl — and with some acting lessons, maybe you won't grow up to be **Morgan Fairchild**. But that's where you're headed if you keep this up. You're one of the sexiest women on the planet, and sexiest women on the planet hook up with directors, not assistant directors. While you're at it, hook up with the directors of all of **Keira Knightley's**

movies, not the guy who made "Good Luck Chuck."

In a related story, Maxim magazine is planning to run heavily Photo-shopped versions of baby's sonogram pictures on its cover next month.



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