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"Burn the Maps bought us some leeway... capital," says Frames frontman Glen Hansard, of his band's 2005 critically hailed album. Now, with the brand new *The Cost*, a low-key, slow-burn quiet masterpiece, the Frames are ready to spend some of that capital. [We] have drifted into a really good place. We can do our own thing," Hansard tells RANDY HARWARD.

86 Tastemakers!

In an exclusive excerpt from food writer KARA ZUARO's new book of rock bands' recipes, we find out what excites the taste buds of the Hold Steady, Camera Obscura, Belle & Sebastian and the Drive-By Truckers. "Bring roughly a six-pack of beer to a near boil in a large, deep pot," advises the Hold Steady's Galen Polivka, of how to begin preparing Midwestern Style Bratwurst. Hey, a six-pack's *de rigueur* for ALL fine cookin'!

90 Charlie Louvin

As one-half of the Louvin Brothers, he was a country-music legend. He counts among his celebrity fans Beck, Jack White, Elvis Costello and Cheap Trick. And he's just issued a guest star-studded solo album, *Charlie Louvin*. Yet according to ROBERT BAIRD, Charlie Louvin remains famously humble, focused on craft, not ego. "First and foremost, it starts with the song," Louvin explains. "They say something that a lot of people can associate with."

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"If we didn't learn anything else making this record, we learned how awkward it was bumping into the girl that you had sex with the night before," offers the Kings of Leon's Caleb Followill, of sticking close to home—Nashville—for the making of their third album. Based on the sonic evidence provided by *Because of the Times*, the band also learned how to make a record that's simultaneously intimate and arena-ready. Reporting back from the KOL front: ANDY TENNILLE.

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In rock 'n' roll there's always weirdness. Now there's *The Weirdness*, the profane, profound fourth studio album—more than three decades in the making—from those legendary Motor City madmen the Stooges. "Even when you don't think it's the Stooges, it is the fucking Stooges," says Iggy Pop, to MARC SPITZ. "It's immediately us. These are the only people I know in the whole world. We went to high school and we both peed in the same toilet and screwed the same chicks. I know these guys!"

ON THE COVER: The Stooges come out swinging with a metallic k.o. of a new album. Cover photo by Johnny Buzzerio.



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