

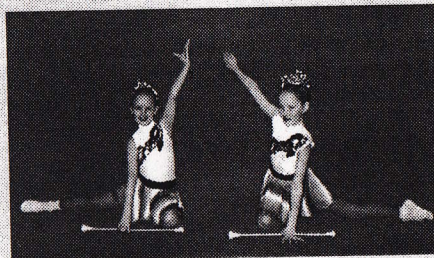
Sonny Bono, accompanied by a mangy-looking barefoot Cher, stepped out onto the stage to an instrumental backdrop of their

70s anthem, *I Got You Babe*. In homage to the duo's hippy days, we changed the lyrics to "I Got Scabies." But the ecstasy of the crowd's roar quickly turned to agony in one ominous big bang - before we even had a chance to prove how talentless we were. Yes, I'm still bitter (but I have taken a bath since that foray into hippydom. And, if I can share a beauty secret with you, moustache glue is a fool proof depilatory aid).

Studio XX presents its third annual fundraiser, *The Gong Show*. Mostess hostesses Deborah Van Slet and Johanne Cadorette lead the line-up of actual talent and burgeoning bombs that will no doubt stink well into next week. This year's baton-armed celebrity judges include Alexis O'Hara (aka The Curve), Left-hook Nathalie Claude and two-time *Gong Show* winner, Don't Reign on My Parade Stacey Brown.

The Gong Show, Sat Apr 24, Jailhouse Rock, 30 Mont-Royal W, 8 pm, \$5-8 sliding scale, with after sounds to dance to by DJ Petra

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Hour, April 22-28, 1999