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ALSO MAKING THE NEWS THIS MONTH...



Rick Wright:
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Pink Floyd sound.

CONTROVERSY: **NIRVANA'S** former manager **Danny Goldberg** has talked about the changes in the band after **KURT COBAIN** hooked up with **COURTNEY LOVE**. In his new book, *Bumping Into Genius: My Life Inside The Rock And Roll Business*, he says Kurt Cobain's wife acted as a "mouthpiece" for the tortured rocker. "Courtney's very presence was a metaphor for the end of one era in the band's life and the beginning of another," Goldberg writes. In other Nirvana news, as Q went to press, Berlin-based artist **Natascha Stellmach** claimed she was going to smoke a sample of Cobain's ashes in a joint as part of an art installation. The Nirvana frontman's cremated remains were stolen from Courtney Love's LA home in May this year.

FAREWELL: Pink Floyd keyboardist **RICHARD WRIGHT** lost his battle with cancer on 15 September. He was an integral contributor to the band's sound, his organ playing often taking the role usually filled by guitar on the band's early recordings. David Gilmour paid tribute to Wright as "a gentle private man... a musical partner and a friend".

DENIAL: Former Led Zeppelin frontman **ROBERT PLANT** has poured cold water on reports that he will tour again with the legendary rockers, saying, "It is frustrating and ridiculous for this story to continue to rear its head when all the musicians surrounding the story are keen to get on with their individual projects." His statement went on to add that he has "no intention whatsoever of touring with anyone for at least the next two years" after his current US dates with **ALISON KRAUSS**. Still, "no intention" means he can change his mind, right?

ODD: Sex Pistols screecher **JOHN LYDON** has signed up to front a £5million ad campaign for Country Life butter. Of the TV ad, where he appears dressed as a country gent in tweeds, he says, "People know I only do things I want to or that I believe in." So that'll be anarchy and dairy products, then. ■ *MIC WRIGHT*