

## Picks & Pans

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### spotlight on . . . **Sixpence None the Richer**

**Just a year ago the** members of Sixpence None the Richer were playing at a venue light years away from the arena stages they now prowl. "There were 10 people there," vocalist Leigh Nash, 23, says of the crowd at the Wal-Mart in her native New Braunfels, Texas. "And except for my mom, the rest were shopping." A representative from their label had to bribe the band just to keep them playing. "She begged us, 'If you get through the set, I'll buy you an icee!'"

Since then the band—Nash plus guitarists Matt Slocum and Sean Kelly, drummer Dale Baker and

bassist Justin Cary—has found that success is a whole lot sweeter. "Kiss Me," their debut single, climbed to the top of the charts in more than 10 countries (it reached No. 2 in the U.S.), and their third album, *Sixpence None the Richer*, has gone platinum. While the Sixpences (the name comes from a children's story by C.S. Lewis) were flattered when "Kiss Me" was played at the wedding of Great Britain's Prince Edward and Sophie Rhys-Jones last June, life isn't regal. "We never have enough socks," says Nash. She should have stocked up at Wal-Mart. Anne Lang



Sixpences Baker (left), Nash, Cary, Kelly and Slocum get richer.