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## MORNING REPORT

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**Does He Really Want to Hurt Them?:** A lawyer for the Big George-led '80s band Culture Club is demanding that the Latino comedy troupe Culture Clash, which was also formed in the '80s and has risen to national prominence, change its name so as to not "confuse" the public. In a letter dated June 24, Culture Club attorney Jeffrey L. Gussbert demanded that Culture Clash "immediately cease and desist" its "unauthorized use of Culture Club's valuable trade name" or risk a lawsuit over the matter. Nina L. Shaw, an attorney for Culture Clash, responded in a July 15 missive that the troupe has "no intention of changing the name under which it has established a well-deserved reputation for excellence in political and social commentary" and pointed out that the group had its own 30-episode Fox TV series and has been featured on PBS' "Great Performances." Contacted Thursday, Gussbert refused to comment on whether he would take the matter further, indicating that he would mull the options over the next "couple of weeks." Meanwhile, Culture Club, the band, is on a reunion concert tour called "The Big Reunion."