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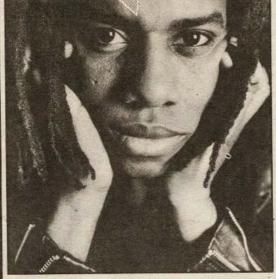
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EDDY GRANT: pictured by David Bailey no less

EDDY GRANT who's still riding high in the singles chart with 'Can't Get Enough Of You', releases his long awaited album on May 22. Entitled 'Can't Get Enough', it comes out on his own tee label, and the cassette version will have the added bonus of having the album on one side and his first album 'Message Man' on the other.

To back up the release of the album, Eddy Grant will make at least one major British concert appearance prior to embarking on a European tour. Meanwhile, Eddy is number one in Argentina with 'Do You Feel My Love' as well as having a number one album 'Walking On Sunshine' and number six 'My Turn To Love You' also.

ZEP/YES SUPERGROUP?

LED ZEPPELIN and Yes look likely to join together to form a new supergroup — white another act featuring Yes guitarist Steve Howe and Geoff Downes could start recording soon.

"Zeppyes" will feature the line up of Jimmy Page, Robert Plant, Chris Squire and Alan White, according to sources close to the band. And the other band group likely to appear under Trevor Rabin who has been recording with Howe and Downes, as well as bassist John Wetton.

Yes and Buggles manager Brian Lane said that he "could not confirm" the line up, but is known to be signing big names for his own label Starchoice Records — which is being set up in association with promoter Harvey Goldsmith.

It could be that the new Zeppelin is the band on the cards. Chris Squire was seen with Plant at a reception recently, while Page and Squire have also been socialising.

• Meanwhile Starchoice Records will be improving their 'club for punters' by offering cheap albums on cassette through mail order, with a deal with a record company in the normal way. Brian Lane said that the problem with the record industry is that records are simply too expensive. And he said that the label will start when there is a really "big name" on the roster. The cassettes are tog on sale at approximately 35 per cent off the normal prices in the shops.

ULTRAVOX TOP PALACE PARTY

ULTRAVOX WILL headline this year's Crystal Palace Garden Party on June 13 — making it their first live appearance since the release of their hit single 'Vienna'.

The band are also releasing a new single to coincide with the event — which has had such acts as Bob Marley and Eric Clapton headlining in

w single to coincide with the event — Marley and Eric Clapton headlining in previous years.

Entitled 'All Stood Still', it is a remixed version of the number included on their 'Vienna' album, and comes out on both 12 and seven - inch versions. The B side for both singles is a completely new track 'Alles Klar'. But the 12 - inch single will include another new number 'Keep Torque' ing' which was recorded on a cassette recorder during a rehearsal as well as an extended A - side. Both the numbers on the B - side are previously unavailable and will not be included on their new album.

No other acts have been confirmed for the London annual event, the first open - air show of the year, But fans can book now, with tickets at £7.50, plus a 309 booking fee.

HOW TO BOOK: Send a SAE and an order for the amount of tickets required. Postal Orders only will be accepted and should be sent to 'Ultravox', PO Box 281 - London N15 SLW. No cheques will be accepted. Tickets will also be available by personal application from outlets to be announced next week.

UB40

BIRMINGHAM BAND U840 have confirmed they'll play a British tour in June, as revealed last week by RECORD MIRROR.

The tour begins on June 1 on their return from the States where they are currently playing, and runs as follows: St Austel New Cornish Riviera June 1, Cardiff Sofia Gardens 2, Poole Arts Centre 4, Norwich Football Club (open air) 6, Scarborough Floral Hall 5, Newcaste City Hall 9, Glasgow Apollo 10, Edinburgh Playhouse 11, Walsall Football Club (open air) 13, Manchester Apollo 15, Preston Guidhall 16, Bradford St George's Hall 17, Nottlingham University 18, London Apollo Victoria 19, Birmingham Conference Centre 20.

Ticket prices on the Indoor gigs are £3.50 with £1.80 off on presentation of a U840 card, and £4.35 off with the U840 card.

U840 release their second album, Present Arms' on their own Dep. International label on May 29.

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ADAM LEADS VIDEO **EXPLOSION**

ROCK MUSIC is all set to explode onto the TV screen this year — not from the television companies but on video tapes and discs.

The most sensational looks likely to be a video from Adam & The Ants due to come out in the autumn. It is currently being directed by top music producer Mike Mansfield and will include the "Stand And Deliver" clip shown on Top OI The Pops last week.

And Mansfield promises more of the same, including Adam Ant jumping through glass windows and holding up a stagecoach. The pair are currently discussing a story line for the whole programme, which will be filmed this summer.

Next month, Elton John has a one-hour video cassette released of his mammoth free concert at New York's Central Park — also filmed by Mansfield.

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The video includes Elton John going through all his costume changes and includes such hits as "Saturday" and "Benny And The Jets". It is interspersed with shots from the concert from a helicopter and New York scenes.

But this is just the beginning. Already, a million homes are expected to have video cassette recorders by the end of this year, tempting more and more bands to make album-length videos along the lines of those shown on television. And groups with strong visual appeal, like Adam and the Ants, are especially keen to put them out.

Even more enticing for the bands and their record companies is the video disc, which will simply play albums with pictures — as well as top selling leature films.

A laser-read video disc system is being launched by Philips this autumn. A minute laser picks up pils on a shiny disc that spins at 1,500 rpm and gives stereo sound, still-frame, last forward, fast backward, slow motion and catalogues each of the 50,000 frames.

It will cost £500, but the company is conlident that people will want all these facilities — even though you cannot record from television as with video cassette players. But if it does take off all albums would eventually be released with a picture as well, making current albums as obsolete as mono recordings.

The problem is that there will be three different systems on sale by next spring. American glant RCA is alunching a cheaper version of the video disc player with fewer facilities and JVC will have another system for rent through Radio Rentals.

Each system will not play the other's discs. This happens with different tape systems but does not matter so much because people mostly use them to record from their television. But it could well limit the amount of discs that come onto the market.

Music cassette sales, that include a video album of Blonde's 'Eat To



ADAM ANT: from the 'Stand And Deliver' video

LANDSCAPE'S NORMAN

FUTURIST TECHNO - rockers Landscape have a new single to follow up their 'Einstein A Go Go' this week.

It is 'Norman Bates', taken from the band's current album 'From The Tea Rooms of Mars . . . To The Hell-Holes Of Uranus.' The track is a musical interpretation of Alfred Hitchcock's 'Psycho', in which Norman Bates is the

central character.

The B side of the 12-inch also features all three parts of the title track of their current album, while the seven -inch just features one part — 'Tango'.
There are also plans to release the full 12 - minute version of the video of Norman Bates', which stars Not The Nine O'Clock News lady Pamela Stephenson. The black and white film might also go out as a support film on the cinema circuit.





BOB MARLEY, Rastatarian and the world's best known reggae died in a Miami hospital this week after a seven-month long against cancer. He was 36. Neither the music or the man will be forgotten, and RECORD MIRROR presents a tribute to the migrayed for "peace, love and i-nity" on page 4.

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- 14 HELP! Susanne Garrett answers your problems
- SINGLES proudly present the return of Doll By Doll (at last!) and several hundred more reviewed by SIMON TEBBUTT PLUS all the charts you missed last week on page 18
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- CAN that really be the delightful SHEENA EASTON basking IN COL OUR? This poster carries a RECORD MIRROR health warning!
- PUBLIC IMAGE LIMITED have filed their first company report for 1981, and the balance sheet looks healthy. JOHN SHEARLAW talks to John Lydon about his public romance
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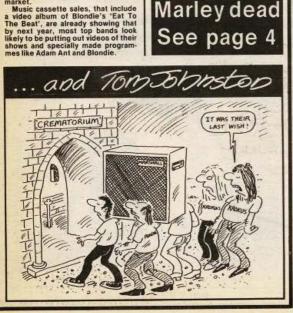
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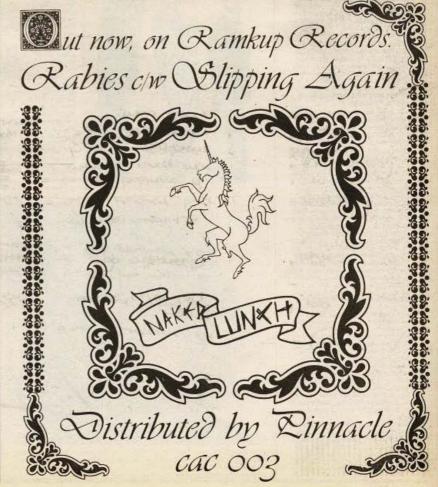
GUN TROUBLE hit Swiss heavy metal band Krokus last week when lead guitarist Mandy Meir and a roady went off for a night in the town in Arkansas, America, last week.

Their cab driver decided the pair were worth a few bob and pulled a gun on the unfortunate duo. But the roady dutifully protected his employer so successfully that he only got clobbered on the shoulder by the butt. The driver was arrested, and the band play on unharmed.

However, there is increasing concern over attacks or threats on rock bands. Bob Marley was nearly assassinated in Jamaica and Bill Wyman of the Rolling Stones recently revealed that the band were constantly having to play after death threats before their gigs.

Marley dead See page 4





EGGAE SUPERSTAR Bob Marley died of cancer this week just when it looked as if he was winning his seven month battle to live.

Marley died in a Miami hospital last Monday at the age of 36. He had left a specialist clinic in Germany only three days earlier where he had been fighting for his life since October. He was to have made his way back to his home in Jamaica, but

He was to have made his way back to his home in Jamaica, but tragically did not make it. A spokesman for Marley said at that time that if he was well enough to travel that far, then it must have been an improvement.

And Marley himself was convinced that he could pull through with the help of his Rastafarian faith.

"Like so many other patients who have come here, I was given up by doctors to die," he said in Germany only a month ago. "Now I know I can live. I have proved it."

It."
He had been receiving treatment in the Bavarian Alps for lung cancer and a brain tumour under the controversial cancer specialist Dr Josef Issels.
"He could hardly walk and the brain problem affected the co-ordinated movement of his legs," his wife Rita was quoted as saying Tast month.

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At the clinic Marley underwent
microwave therapy, blood
transfusions and drug treatment. It
was thought that he was improving
when he left on Friday last week.
But when he arrived at Miami's
Cedars of Lebanon hospital a
spokesman said that he arrived in
great distress. The cancer was at a
terminal stage, said the hospital,
and there was nothing that could be
done for him.

Had he returned to Jamaica, he
would have been called the
Honourable Bob Marley.

Last week his son Ziggy picked
up Jamaica's Order Of Merit on his
father's behalf from Prime
Minister Edward Seaga for his
outstanding contribution to
Jamaican culture. It is the
country's third highest honour. But
that will now be left to the hiory
books.

The award would have credited

The award would have credited him for his countless hit records, including 'Jamming,' 'I Shot The Sheriff' and 'No Woman No Cry.'

Sheriff and 'No Woman No Cry.'
It would have credited him as being the ambassador of reggae. Bob Marley was responsible for bringing Jamaican music to Europe and right across the world, making it a recognised form everywhere. And it would have credited him for his outstanding live performances. live performances.

But after his New York Madison Square Gardens concert last autumn, he was rushed to the city's Stoan Kettering Hospital where cancer was first diagnosed.

Marley had finished a gruelling European tour and was playing another American tour, in keeping with his commitment to his music.

with his commitment to his music. Almost by hinself, he brought reggae out of the phetto, from a form of simple R&B music to a true international force, backed by the power of the Rastatarian faith. His 'Bob Marley And The Wallers Live' album recorded at the London Lyceum in 1975 finally established Marley s a major artist with 'No Woman No Cry' from the LP becoming his first British hit. From then on the red, green and yellow banner that signified Rastafarians symbolised a whole musical style, with Marley as its leader.

Reggae's compulsive rhythms were dominated by Marley and his songs. But his style and its Rastafarian banner went beyond

Rastafarian banner went beyond the music.

Marley was often a controversial artist, seen by those outside his own black community as a wild figure. His staunch belief in Rastafarianism, allied with the awesome dreadlocks and the smoking of produgious amounts of, "ganja" both essential characteristics of the faith gave him an image that has never been matched by any other Jamaican singer.

matched by any other singer.
Yet it also brought him respect throughout the world. He was the black prince, a bearer of peace and love and unity, and his tragically early death at the age of 36 has robbed the world of a man whose life work was far from complete.



"If God hadn't given me a song to sing, I wouldn't have a song to sing"



was born in St Ann, Jamaica on February 5, 1945. His father was a captain in the British Army, his mother a mother a Jamaican. He grew up in the Kingston ghetto in the fifties, listening to rock and roll and American
vocal groups. After
a few solo singles,
Marley formed the
Wailin' Wallers
with Peter Tosh
and Bunny
Livingstone (see
picture left in
1964). Marley
converted to
Rastafarianism in
1967, a fact thal and American 1967, a fact that was not immediately apparent in the Wallers' first international release, 'Catch A Fire' (1973).

BOB MARLEY



"I never take drugs, never, I smoke herb. Herb is good, herb is natural, it grows in the ground like coffee or tomatoes."

THE WAILERS' second album on Island, 'Burnin' continued the band's rise to prominence. The biblical influence. on Marley's lyrics was already coming to the fore, combined with the all - male outlaw image of 'Sheriff.' Eric Clapton's hit cover of this song brought Marley further into prominence and in 1975 the release of 'Natty Dread' followed by the 'Live' album and the hit single 'No Woman No Cry' cemented his stardom. Tosh and Bunny left before these albums and were replaced by the backing vocals of the 1 Threes. The Wailers became Bob Marley and the Wailers, a distinction borne out by Marley's extraordinary charismatic stage performances. Marley now wrote all the group's material and became an international star. After being shot at his home in December 1976 by political gunmen, he left Jamaica only to return in triumph shot at his home in December 1976 by political gummen, he left Jamaica only to return in triumph two years later for the 'One Love' celebration. Sadly the peace in Jamaica was shortlived, a fact that inspired the renewed toughness and determination of Marley's vision of black unity as expressed on 'Uprising' (1980).



"My locks are total freedom — they show the people in Babylon that this man is totally free. You know, people used to call you 'nalty head' as an insult, but I use it as a crown"



"I know that His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie is God Almighty.

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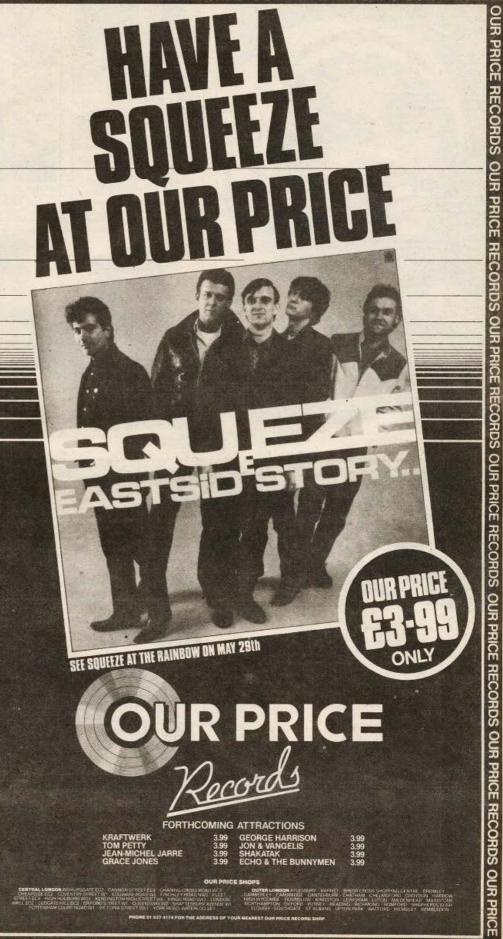
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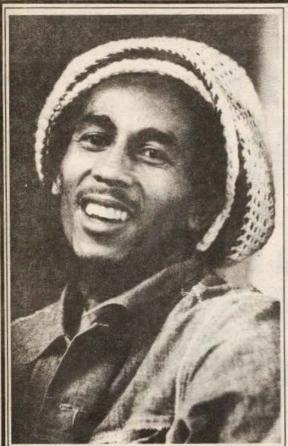


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"My message across the world is Rastafari! Righteousness shall cover the earth like water covers the sea."





Mariey the lion, locks flying underneath the Tuff Gong banner, at his last appearance at Crystal Palace last summer.



The triumphant 'One Love' concert that saluted Marley's return to Jamaica in 1978.

MARLEY'S SEVEN month long battle against cancer began last at year, following the triumphs of the revitalised Waiters with the 'Uprising' album. He brought the group to London to play at the Crystal Palace Garden Party during the summer, performing with an intensity that hadn't been matched since 'One Love' in Jamaica two years earlier. But in September Marley was admitted to a New York hospital. At the time it was said he was suffering from nervous exhaustion, and it wasn't until early this year that the tragedy was revealed. Marley had been given only months to live by cancer specialists in America. He moved to Germany, to the 'last hope' cancer clinic in Bavaria run by Dr Josef issels in the Bavarian Alps, where arduous daily treatment was used to try and break down the cancer tumours. He was joined by his mother and close friends, his faith to live untarnished. 'I have had time to explore my beliefs and I am stronger because of it.' he said. But he was to lose his long and painful battle, and when it became clear that his strength was failing Marley flew to Miami over the weekend to say a last farewell to his wife, mother and children.



The last photograph; Marley and his mother study the Bible at Dr. Issels clinic.









WHO'S LOOKING AT

YOU CAN gawk at "the posers" in a new exhibition opening in London this week.
Running at the Photographers Gallery, 5, Great Newport Street until June 7 is "Posers", a collection of around 100 photographs of bright young things—including Steve Strange (pictured above) and lesser peacocks caught in glowing colour and stark monochrome at fashionable London clubs.

The exhibition is run by Ted Polhemus and Lynn Procter of Polhemus Productions and Ted told us: "The exhibition is intended to celebrate the sartorial creativity and daring which has been displayed by the posers from pop stars and professional designers to labourers and chambermeids." Not only that, but it's free!

PHIL WON'T FLY

PHIL COLLINS will not be joining Wings.
Stories carried in several newspapers that McCartney had asked Phil Collins to join the line up, have been strongly denied by Genesis' PR Man Peter Thompson and Collins.

denied by Genesis." PR Man Peter Thompson and Collins' record company Virgin.

"It's a load of bollocks and it makes Genesis look like a second rate band to Wings," Thompson said.

"This is a fabrication of ourreal proportiore," said a Virgi spokesman. "Phit Collins is doing just line by himself and with Genesis and doesn't have time to help out any old retired group that needs a bit of attention. Next I suppose it'll be Mike Oldfield to join Judas Priest."

ICA ROCK WEEK

NEW BANDS and independent videos feaure in the fourth 'Rock Week', held by the cultural ICA - independent Academy Of Arts to you - this week.
Go along this week and you can see Scars, Girls At Our Best, Fad Gadget and Altered Images with video selections including The Pop Group. The Sitis. Thompson Twins, Public image Ltd. and other experimental shows.
The whole affair, sponsored by London's Capital Radio kicks off at 7.30pm each night and admission is £2.50 plus 40p for a day's membership, It has been co-ordinated by DJ Charlie Gillett as a showcase for up ard coming bands.

A FTER last week's non-event, a veritable plathors of hot poop for you gossip fiends this week. The Cure's Hammersmith Odeon gig on bank holiday Monday did not, to the disappointment of some, climax with the band hanging themselves, but a classic bleak set left nary a dry eys in the house; those sniffing into their Scottles included Pauline Black, Nazel O'Connor and het drummer Ed Case, Spirz, the Associates, Slouxies and the Banshees and (gasp) Robert Fripp. Haze s nicked car, included—but not recaptured, in the meantime she's resorting to pedal hot recaptured in the meantime she's resorting to pedal hot recaptured in the meantime she's resorting to pedal hot recaptured in the meantime she's resorting to pedal dost weet London nite-apot dost weet London nite-apot the Tabernacle last week. Au Paiss artived to collect their cheque from Human Records on completion of their Playing with A Different Sex LP only to find a tired and emotional exec dangling if the chequel out. of a window, then he dropped if and much scraphiling about down the street (as they say) ensued. Richard Strange and his fellow. Cabble performers to appear in Vienna at he Metropole Kabaret, which is The Genuine Article and not accustomed to presenting Pop music. Bruce Foxion and the Underlones, by the way, are joined for the latter part of their Uk four by teenage genius Roddy Frame's Azlec Camera, who are coming out of rurah inding in East Kibride to make their London debut at Hammersmith Palais! meanwhile in San Francisco, macho man Jean Jacques Burnel is the subject of a bizare rumour. "We're in tove," breathes Barmbi, a 36-24-35 transvestte who danced on stape with the Stranglers when they played their part of their Uk four by teenage genius Roddy Frame's Azlec Camera, who are coming out of rurah inding in East Kibride to make their London debut at Hammersmith Palais! meanwhile in San Francisco, macho man Jean Jacques Burnel is the subject of a bizare rumour. "We're in tove," to reach the palais of the played the palais of the played they



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REO SPEEDWAGON: mental and physical drain.

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Across the Atlantic, however, things are slightly different. Speedwagon currently can lay claim to being be leading to the unit of being and so when a couple of dates of being the safes of both the single and being the safes of both the single and album over in England will allow us to return a small club. Hopefully the safes of both the single and album over in England will allow us to return a more established name, playing bigger places."

Across the Atlantic, however, things are slightly different. Speedwagon currently can lay claim to being the leading US exponents of sophisticated hard rock, shead of Journey. Foreigner and Toto, Proof of their standing came just a couple of months ago when 'Keep On. and 'Hi- infidelity respectively and simultaneously topped the US singles and albums charts. Diamond.

Diamond.

"I think topping the two charts was equally satisfying for the band. At the moment there is a great demand for our products. Already a second single from the "Infidelity" album. "Take It On The Run", is looking like reaching Number One (at the time of typing if's numers four! and we will go on releasing songs from the LP so long as our fans show interest.

"Mind you, reaching the top of the pile does bring its own pressures For instance we're just done a 55 date tour of America in four months. Everywhere we played the biggest buildings in any particular city. And at each performance we were expected to deliver at our peak. As you can imagine this was both a mental and physical drain on our resources.

"That's part of the reason why you won't be seeing us over in the UK for a short time at least."

That's part of the reason why you won't be seeing us over in the UN for ort time at least." owever, rest assured, the 'Wagon do intend to roll right over our shores ore the year is out. Already their name has been linked with the pro-ed Milton Keynes summer HM festival, alongside the likes of orhead, Black Sabbath, Foghat and Vardis, MALCOLM DOME.

QUENTIN CRISP is, if nothing else, going to be a) the oldest person in Record Mirror this week and b) the only one who used to work as a nude model in London art schools Presible below the services.

to work as a nude model in London art schools. Possibly he's also been interviewed more in the last two weeks than everyone else in this issue put together.

At the age of 75, he's just released his first album, and not one to do things by halves, needless to say it's a double album mainly about himself. He's also just published the follow up to his book 'The Naked Civil Servant' entitled 'How To Become A Virgin'. The book is further a selection of revelations about his life including going on a telly chat show with a monk and Fanny Craddock as the other two guests.

Those of you who didn't see the

guests.
Those of you who didn't see the TV programme 'The Naked Civil Servant' starring John Hurt, will still find that as Record Mirror readers Servant' starring John Hurt, will still find that as Record Mirror readers you have a great deal in common with Mr Crisp. He doesn't approve of knowledge ... "being well informed is but a stone's throw from being boring," and he likes to do absolutely nothing all day if he can. I asked him how he does nothing. "I breath and I blink, people get very restless when I say I do nothing but it's true and I enjoy it very much. If I have things to do that evening like washing my socks, making a piece of toast I race through them and then I sit and I think. If the phone does ring and interrupt me, when I go back I can't even remember what I was thinking.

"Even on stage I do almost nothing — I don't sing, dance or act. I'm one of the few people to get up on a West End stage and not pretend I'm Oscar Wilde or Dickens or anyone. The second half of the show is questions. The audience write them down — it's better than forcing them to epeak. In the eix



years I can only think of about 30 questions calculated to embarrass me." One would have thought there

questions calculated to embarrass me." One would have thought there are numerous openings when speaking to a man who lived for 35 years in one room in Chelsea which he's never cleaned. "Ill never gets any worse after four years," and now has Iliac hair "I used to dye it bronze but if you do it too much it goes screaming red."
With these weapons the first half of the album is his lecture on the topic of style of all sorts, the second half are the infamous audience questions with a particularly hilarious sections about New York gay restaurants and disco dancing. "In England everyone tends to think you're a bit of a show off. In New York everyone expects you to show off."
Quentin Crisp loves New York.

off."
Quentin Crisp loves New York,
"when people say New York they
mean Manhatan," and now lives
there where he has a room, "so
small you can't even fit a
refrigerator in there, in fact it's only
as big as a refrigerator." During the
time he's lived in the city he's made
numerous friends and seen one
corpse. After doing the promotion
for the record he'il do a month at
the Maylair Theatre and then "sleep
on various bathroom floors." until
he finds a room. In Manhattan he
lives on 14th Street and prefers not
to travel unless he's taken, "my
agent puts me in a car and I say
"where are we going' and he says
to the airport' and I say 'Oh', then
he gives me the ticket to wherever
I'm being sent to and says 'go
through that door and if you don't
come back in two minutes I'll
assume you're on the plane."
In his book Quentin says he Quentin Crisp loves New York

doesn't mind criticisms. "I hold that the very purpose of existence is to reconcile the glowing opinion we hold of ourselves with the appalling things other people think about us." Certainly as we sit scoffing large mounds of hot sait beef and dumplings at Bloom's Jewish "Restaurant and Mrs Bloom emerges from the kitchen to welcome him, he notes: "It's all such a struggle. Before I'd have come to a restaurant and they'd have either pretended to be full or they'd have sat thinking! hope he doesn't stay long'. Now I'm welcomed at the door, but I've had to steef myself, I wouldn't have been to Bloom's if you hadn't been here." doesn't mind criticisms. "I hold that

wercomed at the door, but I ve had to steet myself, I wouldn't have been to Bloom's if you hadn't been nore."

Mr Crisp is clad in fairly ordinary clothes except for a rather jaunty hat swinging over one carefully made up eye. His hair however, is, his crowning glory with its carefully swept up side bit dyed an intriguing shade of pale Iliac. His blusher would do a Charlie's Angel proud and God knows what Mrs Bloom's mother would have made of him had he swished in 40 years ago. He rather approves of today's youth if only because it makes his hairstyle seem relatively normal by comparison. "They walk around with pink hair and their eyebrows only stuck on one side, you can see they've sat down and thought what can I do to annoy my mother."

Now he's just about to go and see his publishers and then he'll be going back to Manhattan, where the live performance on the album was recorded. He's happy now. "The world simply caught up with me." he's never regretted not living with anyone, "I don't know how to be kind, wise, witty and beautiful all day." I asked him whether he'd ever wanted to have children "Oh no, I've no wish to be immortalised, I can't even look after a cat. After a day get so anxious!" In looking at it and thinking. 'Is it a bit thinner'! say, 'Do you think it's all right.' If I had a child and it cleared its throat I'd be worried."

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In the future he may go on a lecture tour. Although the young people may like what he preaches, he feels uncertain of the reaction of parents, "when they hear from their kids that some old man with blue hair came to their school and told them to do nothing."

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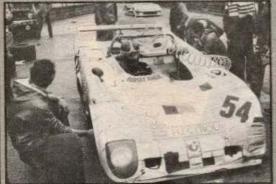
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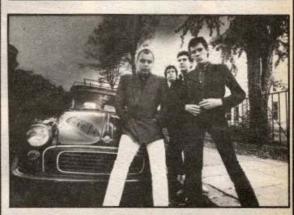


Pink Floyd drummer Nick Ma: hurtled round Säverstone at speeds of up to 180mph last

The car fanatic — he has his own private collection of old sports cars — was driving in the Le Mans preview, the six - hour Endurance race.

nrs class.
• Pink Floyd manager Steve
O'Rourke fared rather better.
He came second overall in a
BMW and won his class.

MOTOR BOYS MOTOR



THE MOTORBOYS SLIP INTO

OVERDRIVE AT LAST, COULD

THIS BE THE LAST DAYS OF

THE MORRIS MINOR?



Ron gives Russell one in the teeth. Or was it the other way round?

SPARK PLUGGED

LIGHT AT the end of the tunnel? Judging by the recent return of the Expensive Lig, the record companies must foresee an upswing in their fortunes.

Last week Sparks released a new elpee on the equally new Why - Fi label. Since the record is titled 'Whomp That Sucker' the afternoon party thrown to mark the occasion had a suitably puglistic flavour.

Ron 'Rocky' Mael finally ko'd his challenger, Russell 'the kid' Mael, and quit the ring amidst mingled cheers and boos from his audience. Russell, who looks as devilishly cute now as he did circa 'Kimono My House' (my teenage crushi) shuffled off to lick his wounds. Too bad: he coulda been a contender. . SUNIE

Strip drag

WOULD YOU take all your clothes off in front of a restaurant full of people? Would you do it for £2,000? See, I got this last minute phone call offering me. Sunday lunch at a West End eaterie and the waiters and waitresses would be people like Billy Connolly, Tho Who's Kenney Jones, Pamela Stephenson, Fawity Towers' Manuel, Hot Gossip, Lynsey De Paul and others and it would all be in aid of charity.

Well here I am, waiting for what seemed a

lifetime, for Lynsey De Paul to return with our order of roast beef and Yorkshire pud, when one of our party from Chrysalis Records decides that he could raise £2,000 for Capital Radio's Help A London Child by getting everyone in the restaurant to auction for our table, all 15 of us, to strip bare and dance with Hot Gossip.

Well, it was for charity, I couldn't back out, could?

It wasn't me that chickened out, it was the people in the restaurant. They couldn't raise the £2,000. I would have been only too pleased to show them my birth mark. Still, the day did raise £5,000 for the charity. ALF MARTIN

Notting Hill Gate round about 7 pm. Their motor is an old green Morris 1000 Estate, a trusty sort of wagon which is used to transport half the gear to their giss. The other half arrives in an identical vehicle but tonight they're not gigging at all.

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No, they're about to sample their lirst Interview / phólo - session situation. If they wind up as successful as their early gigs promise, it won't be their last. Motor Boys Motor formed last November and put out a remarkable 45. 'Drive Friendly', on the Silent label, a subsidiary of Stiff. Since then Tony Moon (vocats) Bill Carter (gultar) and Chris Thompson (bass) have been joined by John Kingham on drums and are doing the rounds. A residency at the Hope & Anchor might not be Madison Square Garden out in rockbiz terms it's something of a windtall. Bear in mind that its sweaty cellar confines have fertilised saplings like Elvis Costello, The Stranglers and Madness into the mighty oaks they are today.

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Costello, The Stangiers and Madness into the mighty oaks they are today. None of the lads are particularly young, but their experience with "relatively unknown" combos has stood their burgeoning career in good stead. For example, all realise the importance of treating softly where record deals are concerned: "We want to consolidate our writing and playing," declares Bill. "It's too early to consider anything concrete. At the moment a lot of bands are running before they can walk and aren't very good live. Or any good at all for that matter. Stimulating interest on stage is our priority right now."

Which is more than adequate bearing in mind the quality of their

live performances. Seeing them supporting the Original Mirrors at The Venue the other week confirmed my suspicion that they're one of the most exciting new acts to have appeared for a white. The fundamentally R&B approach of the rhythm section is taken several steps beyond by Bill's adventurously corrusating guitar excursions and Tony's high octane upfront vocal attacks. How would they describe their musical tastes / background?

"Well one thing we've all got in common is a penchant for the blues," reckons Chris, "the original Chicago stuff and all its off - shoots. That's our starting point and that probably explains why our overall sound works."

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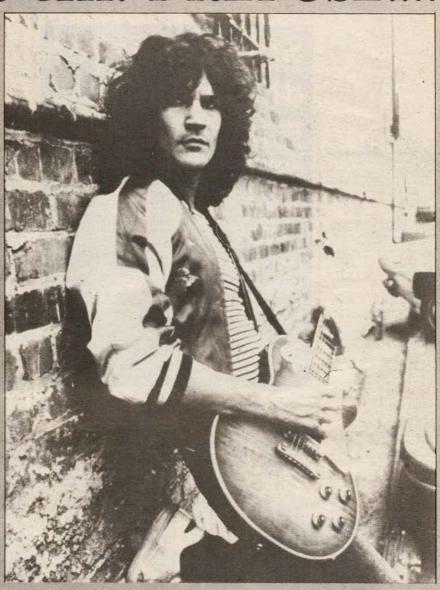
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What other Iricks do Motor Boys Motor have up their collective sleeves for staying ahead of the ratpack? Well, they do own their own motors, not to mention a small but efficient 100 watt PA.
"We're fairly self - efficient," Tony claims. "Having the PA saves us about 40 quid a gig and a couple of us do the odd bit of delivering to help pay the bills. There's no point in accepting any old gig just for the money. We must be in the right situation."

siluation." The band all agree that this will also apply to recording. Their single might only have been produced in an eight-track studio but it sounds as full as anything that comes out of the grand-a-day upmarket pads yer rock aristocracy use. "That's down to Pat." says Bill, reterring to Pat Collier, the former Vibrator who now runs a studio in Waterloo. "but we've moved on from that now. Our live show is where we've at."

Understood, Motor Boys Motor. Listen now listen. MIKE NICHOLLS



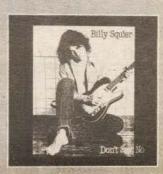
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School-leaver dilemma

Hot to hack

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I'm DUE to sit eight O - levels next year and would like to know where I can send for information on careers in journalism. I'd prefer to work on music journalism. I'd prefer to work on music journalism but am willing to try my hand at anything. Angus, Hitchin

The majority of journalists working with national newspapers, press agencies and in broadcasting started out with a solid all - round training on local newspapers, (now three years with O - levels or two and a halt with A - levels, leading to that professional passport to future jobs, the National Council For The Training Of Journalists Proficiency Certificate.

Minimum local paper entry requirement for school - leavers is five O - levels, including English Language, but, as competition for training places grows increasingly tougher each year, most people taken on straight from school now have at least one A - level, and, more often, two.

A few colleges also ofter two A - level kids NCTJ approved one - year full - time pre - entry courses offering background studies in the theory and practice of journalism, and completing this kind of course is more likely to lead to a job than a cold application to provincial newspaper editors.

Magazine journalism; which includes the music press and meny trades and technical publications which are sent out free and never appear on the bookstalls, is an equally competitive area to crack.

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THIS June I'll be leaved school and hope to be starting university in October. Meanwhile I've heard that I'm entitled to draw Social Security during the summer. If this is the case, how do I claim

it?
Would having a casual
Saturday job affect my
entitlement? Would I be better
off resigning from my job? Also,
if I'm entitled to claim, how
would I collect my money who
I'm away from home on holiday?
I' I can claim, do my parents
have to declare it on their tax
forms?
Can any school leaver claim
social security?
Colin. Surrey

As many thousands who linish school at the end of this summer term will discover with justified anger and annoyance, it's going to be a long skint summer. As from November. 1980 the Government, in its infinite wisdom, decided that school leavers aged under 19 would not qualify for 115.25 a week supplementary benefit until the first Monday of the term after Jeaving school. This means that

people leaving after summer exams won't be able to claim benefit until September 1981. But if you're 19 you can still claim as soon as you leave school (£19.20 a week).

This new legislatior has meant that many school students decided to leave at Easter rather than take all - important exams just to have a means of financial survival now.

To claim in September (and if you are going to college you may decide it's not worth if for the short time before the start of term), simply register with your employment office. They'll do the rest.

Claimants on supplementary benefit can legally earn up to £4

the rest.

Claimants on supplementary benefit can legally earn up to \$4 a week. Anything above that is deductable from the basic rate. People who want to take a short holiday can arrange to collect the weekly cheque from an employment office elsewhere, but on the condition that they're always "available for work."

Parents don't neec to declare any supplementary benefit claimed by you on tax forms, but their child benefit allowance will be automatically reduced for the period you're claiming.

Printing, Elephant Ard Castle,
London SE1, (Minimum entry: five O
- levels including English Language,
one A - level), and a one - year
fashion writers' course at the
London College Of Fashion. 20 John
Prince's Street, London W1,
(Minimum entry: five O levels
including English Lasguage and a
foreign language, at least one A level in Arts or Social Sciences).
The London College Of Printing also
runs a pre - entry radio course,
(Minimum entry; same as for
magazines). These won't guarantee
a job, but can help.
When contacting editors,
enclosing samples of writing,
published or not, is useful and often
esential. Writing ability and specialist knowledge are more likely to get you the job than paper qualifications alone — especially on the music papers where young talent, critically in touch with what's happening is always at a premium. Magazine pre - entry training courses include a one - year session at the London College Of

esential.

For further information, write to
the National Counci For The
Training Of Journalists, Carlton
House, Hemnall Street, Epping,
Essex.

Model

RECENTLY, I've been offered some modelling work abroad with someone who's employed me before, but have been told I'll

need to get rid of the bags under my eyes to land the job. How can I contact a cosmetic surgeon. I don't reliy want to go through my doctor. Dave, London.

• 'Fraid you'll need a letter of reterral from your GP who'll also be able to put you in touch with a reputable cosmetic surgeon in your area. So the first stage in beating the bags is to make an appointment with the doc. As you want this work done for strictly cosmetic reasons only, you won't qualify for free treatment under the National Health Service, and as this kind of surgery is expensive too you'll need several hundred pounds in your kitty. There's no problem over referral to a specialist— any doctor can do it. If your GP doesn't already have a contact. The British Association Of Plastic Surgeons, Royal College Of Surgery, 35/43 Lincolns Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PM, will forward a list. This information is not available to the general public direct. Same goes for anyone else determined to embark on a course of cosmetic surgery.

Hostel trail

TVE BEEN thinking about taking a short break in London for a weekend and reckon the cheapest place to stay would be a youth hostel. Where can I find a list of addresses? Do you have to book in advance or just turn up? How much do they charge?

Mark, Yorkshire

Yes, youth hostels are cheap. For an economical single - bed in breaktast holiday, town or countryside, in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Europe or even Africa, Australia and America, it could be worth the price of yearly Youth Hostels Association membership (15 or under — E1.50; 16-20 — £3; 21 plus — £5).

Membership includes a free directory of England and Wales, and a card entitling you to stay anywhere you like in hostel. I and.

orectory of England and wales, an a card entitling you to stay anywhere you like in hostel - land. Depending on age, prices of an overnight stay range from £1.30 — £1.95 a throw but you do need to book, in writing, in advance and, in most cases send along the bread

too.
Details and membership from
Youth Hostels Association, 14
Southampton Street, London WC2.



ANSWERS YOUR PROBLEMS

PROBLEMS
Need help or just a chat? Ring on 81-835 1147 during office hours for help and advice in strictest confidence. Or write to: Susanne Garrett, Help, Record Mirror, 48 Long Acre. London WC2. Enclose a stamped addressed envelope for a personal reply.

Anti-racist

M STRONGLY anti - racist and want to get in touch with Rock Against Racism to buy badges and leaflets. Where?

Jenny, Swansea
● Send a message to Rock Against Racism, Box M, 27 Clerkenwell Close, London ECT, for fax 'n news of flings to buy (plus s.a.e.). Also check out 'Turn On' listings for details of up 'n' coming benefit gigs nationwide.

Contract hassle

OUR BAND has been handed a

UR BAND has been handed a management contract by a guy who we don't totally trust, and would like to have it properly checked - out, but don't know any lawyers who could help with a music-biz contract. Any ideas? Anonymous For Obvious Reasons, Manchester Area.

• You're right to opt for expert advice, To contact a music business legal eagle in your locale, drop a line to Music Business Lawyers Association c/o 16 St Martins Le Grand, London EC1. (Enclose a stamped addressed envelope). Dependent on the amount you earn, it may be possible to qualify for legal aid partly covering consultation costs. When you see a lawyer, ask about the Green Form scheme.

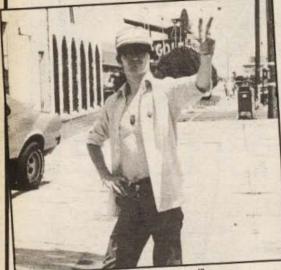
Ulcers

I'VE had mouth ulcers for some weeks now, and nothing seems to help them go away — not even vitamins and tablets prescribed by the doctor. Is there any way of getting rid of them, perhaps an alternative kind of medicine?
David, York

If the first prescription hasn't worked, your doctor will be able to suggest another, and your best bet would be to return for a follow - up course of treatment. But, if you'd like to give alternative medicine (often just as effective as standard prescriptions), a try, write with an SAE for details of your nearest practitioner to The British Homeopathic Association, 27A Devonshire Street, London WiN 1RJ (Tel: 11 935 2163); National institute Of Medical Herbalists, 50. Sandygate Road, Crosspool, Sheffield \$19 SPK, Quild Of Natural Of Medical Herbalists, 50.
Sandygate Road, Crosspool,
Sheffield S18 SRY, Guild Of Natural
Medicine Practitioners, Thornton
House, Northiam, Rye, East Sussex
TN31 6LP (Rye 2210).

If you smoke, try to cut down or
stop. Continuing the habit will only
serve to aggravate any ulceration.

CONTACT KORNER: Lotsa people in the London area are looking for others with similar musical tastes to get together and go to gips. Interested? Write to Contact Korner, Help', Record Mirror, 40 Long Acre, London WCZ. Everyone who writes will be mailed.



How many T-shirts have you got left, Feargal?

T-shirt mystery

After standing in a queue to buy T-shirts at the recent Undertones gig at Glasgow Apollo, we were told that they'd all be stolen, and consequently none were available. Is there any address I can write to for Untertones merchandising? And how come the shirt stock was stolen?

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Maria. Glasgow

Twas a 'Positive Touch' indeed for the light - fingered fan who slipped - away with a LARGE boxful of Undertones torso - warmers left unguarded backstage at the Apolio, prior to the performance. Police are hunting an invisible midget wearing 200 or so T-shirts. But seriously folks, this investigation seems to be a strictly internal one. Anyone with any information who knows whodunnit, or have seen 'Positive Touch' shirts on sale at any unlikely source, ring 01-607 9811. Your sleuthing will be richly rewarded.

rewarded.
Undertones memorabilia is on sale only from official merchandise points inside up 'n coming venues, or mail - order from Rockin' Humdingers, 132/134 Liverpool Road, islington, London, N1, (Send an SAE for full lists including T-shirts, sweatshirts and badges.)

I don't want to be skinny

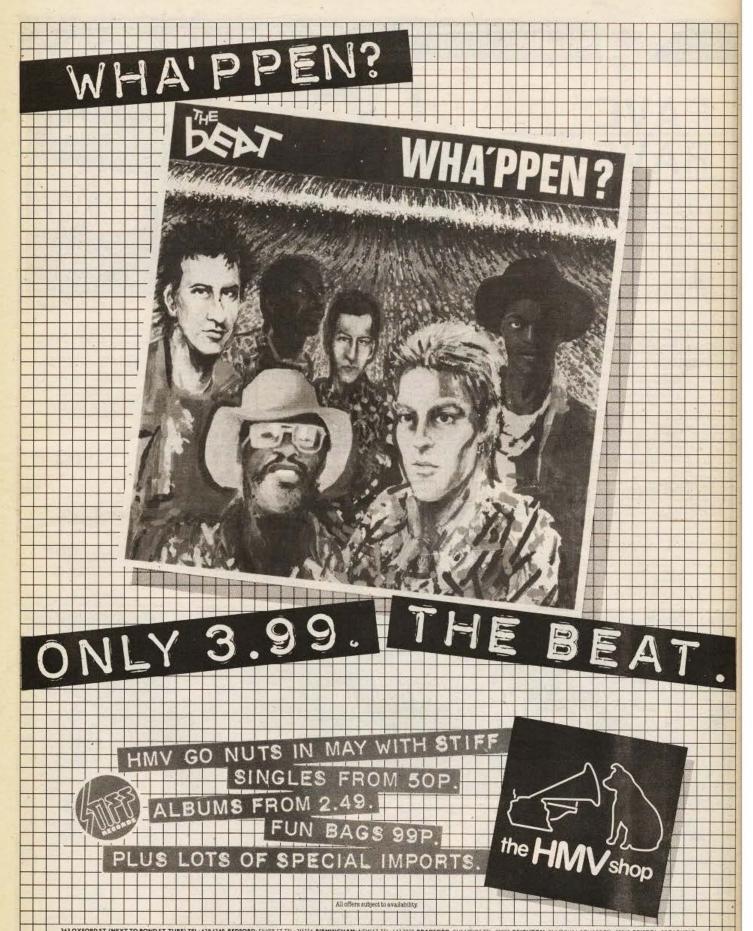
Ever since I can remember I've been skinny. I'm 16 now and my arms look like pipe - cleaners which embarrasses me when I have to take my shirt off during swimming or on the beach. I usually keep it on. What I'd like to do is build up my muscles with weight - training. How can I find out more? It is worth sending away for chest expanders advertised in magazines? Carl. Cambridge.

Carl, Cambridge

Provided you balance the amount of energy you're putting out with the amount you're taking in, swimming is an excellent way of excercising just about every muscle in the body, the ones your know about and the ones you didn't even know existed, building them at the same time too. But, if you're reluctant to do it much, trying an all over muscle - building course could be the best possibility. Rather than going it alone in the privacy of your own bedroom with a stretchy metal monster, joining others aiming for the same goal could be a better solution.

At the same time, increase your general protein intake, pints o' milk, lean meat, nuts and the rest if you can afford it. Regular intake of bananas and a glass of milk between meals is one healthy way to add extra pounds.

For fax on body building clubs in your area contact the National Amateur Body Builders Association, 30 Craven Street, London, WCZN SNT; British Amateur Weight - Lifting Association, c/o 3 Iffley Turn, Oxford.



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SINGLES OF THE WEEK

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DOLL BY DOLL: 'Mein Travelled Roads' (Magnet). No choice but to pick this week is office favourite, because quite honestly it's beautiful. Doll By Doll have created a deep and sensitive ballad with a swirling misty melody and a majestic lyrical sweep that simply overwhelms. It haunts and penetrates, is this quality mega hit material? is the noxt line.

SAIGON: Where Are The Roses' (Ryme Time). More from the in vogue sounds of Scotland, but this overcomes all that as well as a posey promo which reads, "Saigon music is above imitation, is above concept, is above hypocrisy, is above Good of Rock in Roll. This is the new way, the way it has to be." That's crap but this record isn't. It's epic quality with heavy dramatic vocals a la McCulloch, percussive power and blissful quitar. Saigon music is above bullshit.

DIGGIT

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THE GAS: 'Ignore Me' (Polydor). Not much chance of Ignoring this hard driving uptempo bopping fodder with the calling chorus. It sounds angly and fresh without sneering.
UB40: 'Don't Slow Down' (DEP). A forceful swing and some rhythmic harmony from the Brummie reggae merchants. This sways rather than beats into your soul.
BILLY PRESTON: 'A Change is Gonna Come' (Motown). Billy Preston is a powerful singer and although his voice on this old Sam Cooke number doesn't match the potency of The Southul One. It's still a beautiful job. Listen with the lights oul.
STIFF LITTLE FINGERS: 'Sliver Lining' (Chrysalis). SLF still manage to sound passionate and concerned despite their latter day sophistication. Not as strong as their tast offering 'Just Fade Away' — the number which promptly did just that after I made it single of the week — but there's enough grit and whisky toned energy to simply blow the posers away.

Q TIPS: 'Stay The Way You Are' (Chrysalis). A single at 33% just to confuse you. A rather predictable and unchallenging rendition at the commercial end of the Tips. but hough enough to avoid the label 'inice'. Paul Young's voice has the right level of rasp and the horn section makes up a full and blasting sound.
GIRLS AT OUR BEST: 'Go For Gold' (Happy Birthday). A lovely

Sound
GIRLS AT OUR BEST: "Go For Gold" (Happy Birthday). A tovely
western feel with a linger snapping beal and dreamy vocals
piped in over the top. Tuneful and pacey.
THE FALLOUT CLUB: "Dream Soldiers" (Happy Birthday), is
The Fallout Club the ultimate Blitz? This is an intriguing brand
of straight beat Dr Who symphonics mixed with the deep and
spacey voice of Trevor Herion and it really works. Even the
sound effects aren't pratitylous.

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JIM STEINMAN: 'Rock And Roll Dreams Come Through' (Epic). Here comes Jim (a few tons lighter without Meatloaf) and a great big west coast production of tock opera dimensions. Carefully structured and skilfully orchestrated with a strong beat underpinning the swell of melody, this is the nearest to a wall of sound five got all week. Jim does most of the singing but the backing singers come upfront for one helluva chorus. A bit overblown perhaps, but there's no fat on



DOLL BY DOLL: watch out for the acid boys

TROYCE KEY AND JJ MALONE: I Gotta New Car (I Was Framed) (Pinnacle). A couple of real R&B veterans with all the right credentials and a gutsy little number all about hard tuck and harder times. "I was framed / I never do nothing wrong / But I always get blamed." Heard it all before but I fall for it

But lalways get blamed." Heard it all before but I fall for it every time.

THE ROLLERS: 'Life On The Road' (Epic). The Rollers are a long way from Bay City these days, they wear long trousers and their sound possesses a corresponding maturity. This is an atmospheric little piece reminiscent of the Beatles circa 1966 with an unsubstantial harmony chorus and giveaway bagpipes floating in. Music to gently tap your steering wheel while cruising up the Mt.

PETER SARSTEDT: 'English Girla' (Liberty). With a glass of Creme de Menthe in one hand and a Gitane in the other, here comes the acceptable face of Euro rock with another tale of high life on the continental boulevards and ski slopes. Only this time it's Sloane Rangers that bother him, not italian bints. 'Where Do You Go To My, Lovely is on the other side and it's much better. Get out your Guco'.

PIGBAG: 'Papa's Got A Brand New Pigbag' (Rough Trade). A crayy footstompin' beat with a great big horn that drives a demented pattern around your beer cells (whoops), More mythm than an army of Adam Ants.





JAMES GALWAY: 'Pacheral Canon' (RCA). Oooh, a luvverly bit of the old flute playing this one. All cool cats groan as you stick it on the turntable but it's sweet and melodic, soaring and pure and not at all mediocre mush. So stick that in your

DIPP LANDSCAPE: 'Norman Bates' (RCA). After the Hitmen and Bates Motel', here comes the latest in Psychobelia, a stark and haunting little number from the band that brought you Fienstein A-Go-Go. The reassi south London drone "My name is Norman Bates! I'm just a normal guy" does clash with the American news bulletin style backfrop. but never mind. SPLIT ENZ: 'History Never Repeats' (Virgin). The taser etched disc is about the only 1880's element to this catchy and competent melodic pop song. Dontchajust diggit!?!

BIG TEBBY's REGGAE BAG

VICTOR RONNIE EVANS: 'At The Club' (Epic), Up market reggae this. Pleasant but not quite the full two bob. It's light and bouncy, warm and airy, is this a summery dismissal?'

WANDA WALDEN: 'Don't You Want My Lovin' (Elektra), Noah used to bop to this sort of thing at the Arc disco till the

drought broke up the party. DAVID BENDETH: 'Feel The Real (Again) (Ensign). An

DAVID BENDETH: 'Feel The Real (Again) (Ensign). An expensive sound they probably play at exclusive discos and absolutely begging for a few Sinatra "do-be-do's". Free copy with every 1986 Cortina.

KELLY MARIE: 'Love Trial' (Calibre). Kelly Marie has the kind of piercing vocals that reach parts of your eardrum other voices leave behind. Hazel O'Connor told me this story about Kelly Marie throwing up on the plane back from Germany and it was much more fun trying to remember that than listen to this pile of posh disco.

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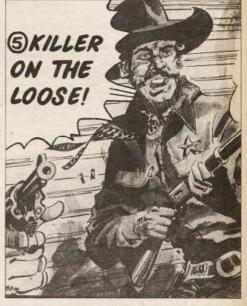
MEANWHILE ON SIDE TWO..

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Action! Thrills! Excitement!
Thin Lizzy's
hit-singles
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SKIP MAHONEY: 'Janice (Don't Be So Blind To Love) (Underworld). The most significant thing about these songs is that part of their titles are in brackets.

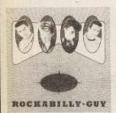
A TASTE OF HONEY: 'Don't You Lead Me On' (Capitol). Only the record label is in brackets here. So, with not a good word for disco, we move on.

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VINCE HILL: Thief in The Night' (Celebrity). A rather wrinkled performance from poor old Vince who attempts a Cliff Richard type comeback and fails miserably. Unlike the Big C he just gets older and an early night would do him more good than this catchy little MOR piece.

RHYTHM SLAVES: 'Electricity' (CBS). The girl who sang on the Buggles hit 'Video Killed The Radio Star' is featured here, but so watt. This sounds like a TV ad for lager and I'm going to avoid doing all my puns on electricity. Turn it off, Muvver. THE HEARTBEATS: 'Go' (Nothing Shaking). A bright and brash uptempo bash for the clubs. No polish on this production but bags of spontaneity.





HERBIE ARMSTRONG: 'Real, Real Gone' (Avatar). This was written and produced by Van Morrison, and Herbie is a stubble chinned and leather jacketed desperado grinning or from the sleeve. That, and the snappy sax riffs, are about al

from the sleeve. That, and the snappy sax rifts, are about all fan recalls.

KILLING JOKE: 'Follow The Leaders' (EG Records). Futurist disco with a heavy, full beat and lots of chants and clashing guitar. If Gary Glitter were an avant garde poser this is the sort of thing we'd be getting.

FRANK SODA: 'Oversexed And Underfed' (Carrere). Sounds like Joe Walsh in a good mood with an R&B guitar driving along. But it's just one long good time chorus, really.

LENNIE PETERS: 'This is The Record Of My Love (Happy Birthday Darling)' (EMI). I always thought that Lennie was the talent in the partnership and he'd be better off with a labrador than that drippy bird with a voice like an optician's receptionist. But quite honestly, this is drivel. Mind you, it's cashing in on the perpetual birthday market. Listen out for it the next time one of your parents is 29 again.

PAUL RAFFERTY: 'The Man Behind The Scenes' (EMI), When I tell you that Paul came second in the finals of 'Search For A Star' you'll know what to expect. canny reader. This song is a so called celebration of music that borders on fetish.

THE POLECATS: 'Rockabilly Guy' (Mercury). More cats, more

so called celebration of music that borders on fetish. THE POLECATS: 'Rockabilly Guy' (Mercury). More cats, more quiffs, more rockabilly and lots more yawns. And this is more fetishism where a single style is raised as the symbol of a life style and just comes across like those middle aged American farts singing, "Keep On playin" my guitar man / 'cos Rock 'n' Roll is keeping me young baby". Fergeddit!?!

EXPORT: 'You've Got To Rock' (His Masters Vice). Oh my God, here's the Metal variant of what I've just been talking about.

about
TOYAH: 'I Want To Be Free' (Safari). "I'm bored / Don't wanna
go to school / Don't wanna be no ones fool", she squeals and
pouts petulantly. And she's bored.
POSITIVE NOISE: 'Charm' (Stattk). SCENE I. The reviewer
places the single on the turntable and announces, "Produced
by Steve Hillage". Scorts of repressed derision giving way to
hoots of laughter). SCENE II: The toe tapping beat, the sax,
the plum in the throat vocals and down beat chorus. A vague
sense of boredom passes their features. It starts as a litter
and ends up as full blown raucous cackling as everyone falls
about kicking their legs in the air screaming, "Produced by
Steve Hillage".

Steve Hillage". JOE FAGIN: 'Stowaway' (Tamarin). Welcome to the Sound of America. Joe sounds like Nell Diamond trying to be Brococe

but lacking the guts.

SNIFF 'N' THE TEARS; 'That Final Love' (Chiswick). If this song was a horse it'd be a gelding. Or get shot for being

lame.

KEN LOCKIE: 'Today' (Virgin). The one time Cowboy International takes a trip across the choppy ocean shouting 'Today. Today' in an adenoidal whine and for no apparent reason. Produced by Steve Hillage (everyone collapses). THE PASSAGE: 'Troops Out' (Night and Day). The ideals are sound but the sound is outmoded and predictable agit - prop. EDDIE MAELOV AND SUNSHINE PATTESON: 'Lines' (Human). A whole battalion of Space Invaders singing "I've Got Lines Across The World". It had to happen, I suppose. THE PAUL KENNERLEY BAND: 'Jealous Love' (A&M). Difficult to assess because my copy kept jumping but this has a vague country rock feel with a pleasant, flosty chorus and 1950's sentiments.

sentiments.

PRAMATIS: 'Ex Luna Scienta' (Rocket). This band were born from the pile of splodge and leftovers of the Gary Numan Band after the departure of The Great White Wilmp. The song refers to the motto of NASA (it says here) and quite honestly the whole thing seemed stuck for ideas when old pasty podge was with them but this is ridiculous. More Serious Young Men.

Afficinguist bored?

THE CUBAN HEELS: 'Sweet Charity' (Virgin). Pretty mundane with a persistent drum beat and a ponderissimo of a chorus. Remix by Steve Hillage (few people clutching their stomachs

in pain).

KEITH EMERSON: 'I'm A Man' (MCA). This man is responsible for much of the boredom we had to suffer in the seventies.

Don't let him get away with it again. Yes friends, that Emerson sound we've all come to know and loathe is the same as ever. 100mph with lots of twiddly bits thrown in just for the self indulgent hell of it.

THE COCONUT DOGS: 'Officers Mess' (Rialto). A drilling beat

THE COCONUT DOGS: 'Officers Mess' (Rialto). A drilling beat and a nice little piece of dramatic insight into the military mind. Sounds as if it'd be better done live.

MODERN EON: 'Child's Play' (Dindisc). The false child - like awe of the vocals is totally drowned by the heavy electronics and the production. Whether this is merciful I cannot say. LYNDSEY DE PAUL: 'Strange Changes' (MCA). Strange. She haan't changed at all, apart from the disco beat she employs now. The girl who once won the Ivor Novello prize for commercial songwriting still can't sing well, is still sugary and is overall about as stimulating as a long night in the Rovers Return with Albert Tatlock.

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GARY HOLSTON AND CASINO STEEL: 'Ruby Don't Take Your Love To Town' (Pinnacle). With a few regional updates, "It wasn't me that started that old crazy Irish war", and an irreverent cockney drawl. I'd say this was a good pisstake of the old Kenny Rogers hit if I didn't think they were serious. ROCK SULLIVAN: 'Bring Back The Night' (Rag Baby). A noble attempt to capture the emotive drama of Graham Parker singing 'Hold Back The Night', or is it Nell Diamond singing anything. Someone better take another trip to 'The Jazz Singer', methinks.

THAT FINAL LOVE

UKS Char THIS



DELBERT McCLINTON: 'Shotgun Rider' (Capitol). Delbert has got a voice that's broken with emotion and a hard life. 'I dun my livin' on the road', he croons in this country rock song with its whining horn section and Out West images of the lonesome road. There's not a lot of call for this sort of thing in

Clapham.
THE ODDS: "Yesterday Man' (JSO), I can't really see the point of doing a rehash unless you can improve on the original in some way. The playing has zest but the vocals are too weedy to lift it very far.

GARY BROOKER: 'Home Lovin' (Mercury). Here comes the man who swallowed a road gritting machine at the age of five, with a set of trite lyrics along the lines of ''God bless the family'' and no bent pins let alone hooks.

RECOGNITIONS: 'Too Much Fiction' (Ryme Time). From the same stable as Saigon but this is a bit of a mess really. The vocals are strained and desperate and the battle going on in the background just adds to the distortions.

HEAVEN 17: 'I'm Your Money' (Virgin). Seems like I'm one of the lew not attracted to the cool sounds and automaton rhythms of Heaven 17. I prefer this to their last single but it all gets a bit relentless and monotonous really.

SIMPLE MINDS: 'The American' (Virgin). Another lave that kicks off with a great beat and clashing guitar, but drifts into mundanity as soon as the vocals begin. The chorus lifts in an overwhelming way but the number just fluctuates between dullsville and a little thrill of excitement.

A TASTE OF HONEY: 'Don't You Lead Me On' (Capitol). Sounds like a puncture singing as it hisses away towards discontantees.

disco flatness. 'Be My Baby' (Magnet). Here's the old Ronettes number given a good wash and brush up by a bunch who only succeed in diluting the original's vitality. They try desperately hard to add something new but can't think what.





RHYTHM HAWKS: 'No Chance' (Hot Rock). Rockability without the rock and somebody hawked their rhythm.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

JOHN DOWIE: 'It's Hard To Be An Egg' (Factory). A witty little ditty protesting the fate of an egg, getting your head smashed in at breakfast and that sort of thing. I'd love to hear the albumen. And that's about the best joke I'm going to get this time of night so Adios amigos.

THE CHARTS YOU MISSED

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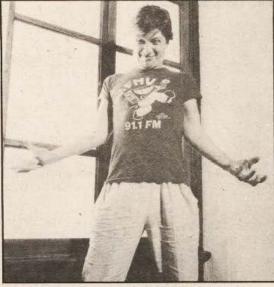
Albums

THE PSYCHEDELIC FURS: 'Talk, Talk, Talk' (CBS 84892) By Simon Ludgate

THE FURS have, to my mind, been sorely neglected by all and sundry. They have an ace up their sleeve in the shape of Butler Rep, whose voice vaguely resembles Bowie circa 'Low' but with an added rasp caused perhaps by smoking at least 200 cigarettes a day.

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caused perhaps by smoking at least 200 cigarettes a day.
High on enthusiastic noise, but low on distinctive tunes unfortunately, the Furs have taken a positive swing away at least from the suicidal tones of "Sister Europe" on the first album, to be replaced by more commercial songs. A sensible move, prompted perhaps by their experiences on tour in the States.
No one else sounds quite like Butler — if only that fact could be exploited more, because the back-up is very ordinary. Dumb Waiters' a no-go single, and 'I Wanna Sleep With You' are side one's best moments, although I can't see the Beeb allowing. (cont p94). Steve Lillywhite's usually excellent standard on the mixing desk is definitely below par this time—the sound is thin and muddy. The indistinct sound is a serious stumbling block for the Furs—it dogged them on their first album—and, if overcome, they would stand a much better chance.
This is such a frustrating album to listen to. You are aware of potential that isn't realised as often as it should be. However, "It Goes On' is one of those moments when the clouds clear long enough for some really straight ideas to emerge.
Butler's favourite trick is to sing low patches on one note which becomes boring after 20 minutes. Still, I do love the quality of his voice but there is some fundamental re-thinking to be done and the Furs will have to find a way of writing stronger stuff than this. + + +



Glenn Tilbrook staggers under the weight of Nicholls's praise.

ANGELIC UPSTARTS (Prereleased tape) By Alf Martin

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I DON'T believe this. The Angelic
Upstarts branching out. Would you
believe a barn dance? ("Mensi's
Marauders', Reggae? ("
Understand'). A ballad? ("England')
'England' was their last single but
didn't do a thing and that's just
because it was the Angelic Upstarts.
It should have been a huge hit.

'Two Million Voices' opens the

album and Mensi's voice comes album and Mensi's voice comes over much better than on previous efforts — clear and sharp. I don't know who the producer is as I'm listening to a white label tape but his influence on the band has certainly worked. Making the Upstarts forceful and sounding much more competent.

One such number — possibly the new single — was originally called "White Nigger Black Nigger and I'm sure Mensi didn't mean anything derogatory but he was persuaded to change the title to "I Understand"

It's the real thing

SQUEEZE: 'East Side Story' (A&M AMLH 64854) By Mike Nicholls

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A NOTHER GOLDEN Age of British pop? Too right, brother and Squeeze are right on in there at the vanguard. When it comes to a songwriting team fancying themselves as the next Lennon-McCartney, who else but Tibrook and Difford and it's not just down to Glenn's Macca-sque tones.

On 'East Side Story' Chris Difford confirms he's amongst the most adroit of lyricists with an eye for details that grows beader by the hour. Sailors, waitresses, housewives and lovers all come under his keen compositional gaze which proves there's no substitute for touring when it comes to broadening the mind.

A good ear also comes in handy in this game and influences are incorporated aplenty: from the opening 'Time is Tight' lift on 'in Quintessence' to the grand larceny of 'There's No Tomorrow' (clue: it's based on a 'Revolver' song) Squeeze show that when it comes to taking degrees in sixties stuff they could all collect double-firsts blindfold.

A hint of 'Sympathy For The Devil' here, a touch of Zombies there and it 'Someone Else's Heart' sin't Bread's 'Diary' I'm a Manx kipper. But to be fair, they compile their lifts with steadfast workmanship (ahem) and produce a sound which is unmistakeably their own.

Not only that but they' ve also come up with what is easily their best offering to date. 14 quality tunes of varying degrees of accessibility ranging from the pure pop narrative of 'Tempted' to the quaint swing of 'Messed Around'.

In between are detailed portraits like 'Woman's World' where Difford assumes the role of heir apparent to King Costello. Check lines like ''I feel like the punch-line in someone else's joke' or the pointed ''She paints fer nails on bathroom scales / Gargles her breath like a landed whale' in 'Vanity Fair'.

'Mumbo Jumbo' is another but the best is yet to come. 'F-Hole' has the boys at their lampooning, black-humoured best complete with a country reprise that segues into 'Labelled With Love', possibly the highlight of the album. + + + + +

and the words were altered slightly, but still got the point across. This one is the reggae track and they do it very convincingly, with Mensi's almost spoken words backed on a chorus by the rest of the group. The Upstarts surprised me. Now hope the DJs listen to it because it will certainly surprise them.

will certainly surprise them

BLURT: 'Live In Berlin' (Armageddon ARM 6) By Mark Total I'M CONFUSED. Is this paranoid jazz

or mutant disco?
Biurt are a three piece who delight in challenging their listener. Their, line- up for a start — vocals, sax, guitar and drums — is to say, in the least, unorthodox. This music is least, unorthodox. This music is very spontaneous and this live album has captured the true essence of their manic sax breaks and Ted Milton's throttled vocals, What Blurt play does indeed verge on the realms of jazz (though don't get me wrong it doesn't ramble), though they have taken it and thrown it into the 21st century.+ + +

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THE BIRTHDAY PARTY Prayers on Fire' (4AD CAD

By Mark Total

THE BIRTHDAY Party are primitive—their music is an infusion of everything from blues through funk and into the gothic grandeur of bands like Bauhaus. It is quite right to assess from this that they do not play songs.

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This album likes to meddle with chants — opening track 'Zoo Music Girl' being an example of this — but no track bears too much similarity to

other.
After seeing them live this album is quite an enlightenment because they deal with a lot more textures than is possible in a gig. The brass crescendo on 'Nick the Stripper' wouldn't be out of place on a James Last LP, and the percussive tracks really open out the record's musical range.

really open out the record's musical range.

This album is not shallow, but remember if you play with fire it is very easy to get burnt. The Birthday Party will have an indelible effect on your brain. + + + +

JOE WALSH: 'There Goes The Neighborhood' (Asylum

By Robin Smith

I ALWAYS reckoned that Joe was turgid old fart long before he was

turgid old fart long before he was eligible for his pension.
The man that gave the Eagles the kiss of death is no better off on his own, dragging himself out of his leather armchair and into the studio. Of course Joe's name guarantees that There Goes The Neighbourhood' will sell more than enough to pay back the advance, so what the hell?
Our hero trots out a few more of his introspective songs which

Our hero trots out a few more of his introspective songs which quickly disappear up their own backsides and plays guitar like he's got rigor mortis in his left hand. Like the Anti Nukes crowd he's obviously a man with a conscience which he displays on "Life Of Illusion" — "Sometimes I can't help feeling that I'm living a life of Illusion. And oh why can't we let it be and see through the hole in this wall of confusion."

Smile you old bore for Christ's sake. +

THE PLASTICS: 'Welcome Back' (Island ILPS 9627) By Mark Total

HAVE had a copy of this album in my hands for nearly a fortnight now and every time I listen to it my mind is full of questions.

The first is why a label with the

The first is why a label with the integrity and generally sound musical insight of Island bothered to sign a band like The Plastics. The group Sound uncannily like a Japanese version of the B-52s, who Island already have in their stable. The second is why are the vocals on this album so soulless and cosmetic in comperison to the instrumentation which displays professionalism and accomplishment. This record is typical of the clean, polished products that are continually flooding our home market from the land of Nip but there is no danger of "Welcome Back" making any British workers unemployed. + + ½

THE SAINTS: 'Monkey Puzzle' (New Rose Import RC250)

By Nick Kemp

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THREE YEARS on and the Australian
punkeroos are back. Punkeroos?
Well, no, but that's the tag they'll
lind hard to shrug off. Chris Bailey
remains alone of the original lineup and the only resemblance to the
Saints of '77 is a free 'live' single
including a pretty horendous version
of 'Stranded'.

of 'Stranded'.
It's not a brilliant album, there's lenty of room for improvement — Bailey's production is patchy is places aithough on the afore — mentioned 'Always' he displays a general ability. Some songs are most certainly fillers but the inclusion of no less than three previously issued tracks suggests a lack of ready material. An interesting inclusion is that of 'Dizzy Miss Lizzie' to close side two, a fairly straight version, but the production really lets the side down on this one. + + + ½



"GEE, shucks five stars ah wow

ORIGINAL MIRRORS: 'Heart, Twango & Rawbeat'. (Mercury 6359 046).

By Simon Hills

WHEN THEY hit form, Original Mirrors knock the stuffing out of most of their contemporaries. Lead singer Steve Allen pumps out glorious lines over a full backing that produces an almighty sound — witness the single 'Dancing With The Rebels'.

Trouble is, they've got fusey. If you saw them when they first came on the circuit you would have witnessed a full - blooded fusion of new wave and disco, but this has been watered down into too many trite phrases that result in the album sounding technical and slightly cold, the last thing that the group's mentors Allen and guitarist lan Broudie want.

want. What you get for yet four quid is a mixture of passion as in "Don't Cry Baby" and the superb ballad "Swing Together", and some wasted talent lost in the mish - mash of guitar phrases and synthesizers, like "Teen Beat" — crossing over to the sixties pop sound of Manfred Mann and their ilk,

mann and their lik.

This album should be one of the best this year. The Mirrors are full of talent and ideas, have the background of superb live performances and tracks that really hit form in the past like 'Could This Be Heaven' and 'Boys Cry'. Like the last album, this is still only half way there.

+ + + ½

RUTS D.C.: 'Animal Now' (Virgin V2193 B) By Simon Tebbutt

SELF INDULGENCE is boring to all but the self involved. Recorded in three studios, this album sounds like the Ruts were given unlimited resources to explore the inner workings of their souls and society and they've come up with a product which is basically indistinctive and messy. The meandering songs don't possess much themselves and are just heavily phased and mixed for effect.

And the level of the lyrics doesn't add much either, ranging from School magazine poetry to adolescent philosophy. This is particularly acute in the political numbers like the facile anti war song. No Time To Kill' with its simplistic protest about "futile battles". We had great gouts of this sort of stuff around the time of Vietnam and it didn't really do much then either.

Closer to home, the nearly atmospheric antil Thatcher diatribe, Dangerous Minds', contains the classic lines, "That woman's mad / But those men still ligten / We can make the move / There must be a cure." This is surpassed only by Fools: "Millions of people learning to hate / 'cause somebody always wants to dictate / They're listening to others runing their lives / When will they realise that they're led by the blind." Binns Minor would have got a C for that.

Occasionally this kind of 'point at a wrong and it'll disappear' theorizing gives way to the pure form of boring old introspection. The aptly named 'Despondency' whines self pityingly, "I'm feelig nowhere / No concentration / I'm apathetic / No motivation." Stop me if you've heard it before.

With all its solos and sax riffs, this album really offers nothing new. The Ruts just seem to be dabbling in whatever musical form that whim dictates and this gives it all a rather parasitical feel. The only number hat seems vaguely in touch is the rockabiliy rhythm of 'Walk Or Run' and that's pretty ironic when you think about it. + +

Kiss and a oromise

TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS: 'Hard Promises' (Backstreet MCF 3098) By Mike Nicholls

F SPRINGSTEEN didn't attempt to turn his craft into a religious experience he'd sound like Tom Petty. Cos while Bruce shoots for the sky (and let's face it, seldom misses) Tom trades heaven for earth and keeps his car wheels on the ground. He's quite content concocting three minute pop songs, convering the familiar territory of cruel women and broken teen dreams yet still coming up trumps every time.

Like prime time Nick Lowe, he's a perfectionist in his field. On

cruel women and broken teen dreams yet still coming up trumps every time.

Like prime time Nick Lowe, he's a perfectionist in his field. Or simply, the best. An adolescence spent soaking up vintage sixties mid west radio has ensured a generous fund of riffs, solos, tunes, phrases, ideas and so on to refashion for his own glorious compositions. OK, so he'll never write epics but who needs to over-complicate things when you can have it straight?

Choicest fruit here is . . . well, there are 10 real peaches.

Remember how on the old Beatles albums each track took it in turn to be your favourite? Well, it ain't much different with 'Hard Promises.' Though without the instant midnight raid appeal of 'Damn The Torpedoes', ultimately it's a stronger LP, indeed his finest to date. Initially more subdued, it finally seduces with great subtlety, rather like 'Darkness On The Edge Of Town' after 'Born To Run', Highest flyers right now are 'The Waiting', 'Something Big' and 'A Woman In Love (It's Not Me)', all classic cuts wearing those fabulous heartbreaker hallmarks like sherift badges: sparkling guitar jousts between Petty and Mike Campbell underpinned by Benmont Tench's groaning keys and generously coated with Tom's endearing 'Ah'm-so-hurt' vocals. Yup, It's no one - man show here, the HBs musically stripped to the bone whilst simultaneously instrumentally equipped to kill.

'A Woman In Love' steals a jarring guitar break right out of the Byrds / Yardbirds song - book and neither have ever sounded better. The more haunting 'Insider' features Stevie Nicks on backing vocals. But suitably, the real beaut is saved for the end — a pearler of a slowburner entitled 'You Can Still Change You Mind' whose gently soaring interplay hits home like a dum dum bullet. Hard Promises? TP And The Heartbreakers couldn't lie if they tried. + + + + +

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999: 'Concrete' (Albion ITS 999) By Simon Tebbutt

IF EVER an album sounded the product of contractual obligations, then it's this one. And if all the energy and ideas - contained herein were condensed into one solid lump. It'd probably result in a single reaching No 40 in the charts.

999 are using Concrete' to try and crack the American market, which probably accounts for their watered down sound. 'So Greedy' sets the orthodox rock syndrome scene as it beats along at 60 mph. 'Little Red Riding Hood' with its predictable mid Allantic howls emphasises just how stuck for ideas they are. Its all one rather stodgy and the loss of energy doesn't seem to have been compensated by any outstanding songwriting.

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The hest game to play when in the standard songwriting is 'Spo The Influences'.

Side Two kicks off with 'Obsessed' and lots of galloping Shadows guitar work mixed with Hugo Montenegro rhythms. If it's meant to be pastiche its pretty good. 'Don't You Know! Need You' nicks the opening riff of the Kingsmen 'Louis. Louis' and the last track, 'Public Enemy No. 1', sounds more like the Dave Clark Five doing 'Bits and Pieces'. In fact, bits and pieces sums this album up. It's just a mish mash of elements begged, stolen or borrowed and not compiled in a way to make any distinctive impact. + +

VARIOUS ARTISTS: 'Battle Of The Bands' RCA (PL 25339) By Simon Tebbutt

TALENT CONTESTS always smack of tacky showbiz tinsel and smiles full of plastic dentures. There's a phoney air and a sense of hollow triumph in the applause for all those hopefuls jostling to short cut the circuit to fame.

The winners, Carl Green and the Scene with "Wam" were accomplished but served to underline the fact that in this "Battle



Of The Bands' the real casualties

Of The Bands' the real casualties were the musicians themselves. Sacrificed to the God of heavy phasing they had their guts totally produced out. Amazingly, the album wasn't even live.

After this clever student rock number came EMF with Anti Bellum', a lift and a slight reggae feel to the female vocals. Ohibo Paronti's 'Do It Again' was West Coast rock with light little beats, 100% Proof came in with 'Bad Boy' on a bom bom beat to match their macho vocal and general axe grinding.

grinding.
Side two proceeded in a similar vein. 'Zena Zerox came on with 'Seconds', a jerky jerk off number

with too much echo on the vocals, Cobra's "Stop Crying" was more tron. Filings than Heavy metal and Pretty Boy Floyd's "Take Me I'm Yours" was standard rock with a whooshing chorus. Time Flies "Go" was a little more soulful but nebulous and had more "babys" than a maternity ward. I thought they'd leave the best on to last but they didn't and Louis And The Look's "Flight 401" flew straight out the window. + +

RAF: 'The Heat's On' (A&M AMLH 68525) By Malcolm Dome

BREATHTAKING ISN'T the word! Having delivered one of the finest

GRACE AND DANGER

GRACE JONES: 'Nightclubbing' (Island ILPS 9624) By Simon Ludgate

An EXTRAORDINARY version of the Normi's 'Warm Leatherette' was my introduction to the idiosyncratic talent of Grace Jones and a brilliant crossover between fashlon and regge, aided and abetted by the legendary duo Sty Dunbar and Robbie Shakespeare.

Sly beats out phenomenal percussive "whomps" and Robbie thunders the bass. As with 'Warm Leatherette', Grace takes a familiar tune, this time it's the schmaltzy, 'Walking In The Rain', and turns it upside down. 'Nightclubbing' evokes the sleazy, sexy late - nite charm of Ms Jones. 'Pull Up To The Bumper' develops the sense of debauchery — street ease and street sleaze is the name of the game.

Chris Blackweil and Alex Sarkin have done another brilliant job on the production. The funky whistle-stomp on 'Bumper' is a stroke of genius from a mould I thought had been broken after God made Parliament/Funkadelic. This is an album to be experienced rather than written about. Have you ever tried typing and dancing at the same time?

Grace isn't gifted with a particularly memorable voice but her character and sense of the surreal are the cohesive bonds needed to elevate just another brilliant regges album to a higher plane.

Wodges of blocked rhythm thud on and on with Grace's vocals cutting through the massive sound like a laser beam.

Nightclubbing' per se (ooh I'm in a pretentious mood today) drips greaze and sleaze. Wait a minute, 've just got what Jonesy reminds me of — a praying mantis. I doubt whether the andrognous Ms Jones has many dinners with old boytriends . . . for dinner, yes. With, no.

'Art Groupie' is self - penned, possibly autobiographical. It suggests the key to the power of Grace's songs, which is that they are reasonably basic and simple in construction, devoting full attention to stuffing as much sexually - charged power into each song as possible.

'Demolition Man' is extraordinary in its brute power. The final track is a jolt, but for the pole - opposite reason. 'I've Done it Again' has Grace sounding exactly like Joni Mitchell! The catch in the thro

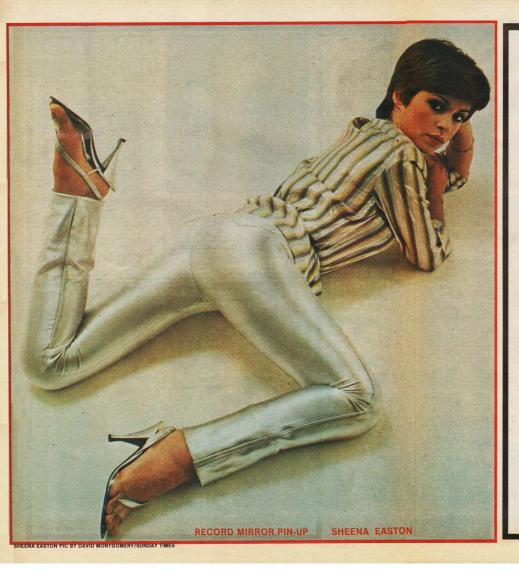
debut albums of all time in the eponymous 'RAF', this (now) quintet have gone several stages beyondwith 'THO'. They've retained a remarkable ability to hit the melody target every time with unforgettable hook - lines, and shimmering harmonies and and shimmering harmonies and never more so than on the title track. Still, there is a constant threat

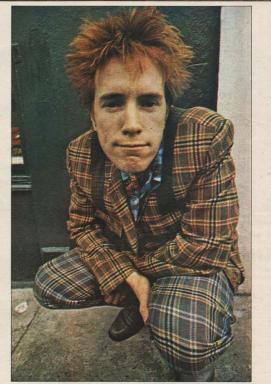
of the epic, broadshouldered kind running throughout the LP. Elements of mid - seventies Who, early Kansas and Styx pervade such numbers as Tightrope, 'Borowed Time' and the evocative beauty on 'Miracles'. 'Miracles'

This band are something special.

So do yourselves a favour and get a slice of airforce fun! + + + + +







AFFAIRS OF THE HEARI

Something more than 'just a rock band', and something less than the might of ICI, the company that is Public Image Ltd have at last started to move forward. JOHN SHEARLAW and photographer ANDY ROSEN present the public face of the private sector.

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D'ya recognise the anaemic ball of pus?

AFFAIRS OF THE HEART

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"Oh the Speakeasy, the place where the rock stars do meet!" he laughs. "The day that place closed down might just have been the happiest day of my life."

John Lydon is fun, funny and affable, ready to question as much as to answer. He might still look like "an anaemic ball of pus" (as he puts it), but he's well on top. A winning combination of naive enthusiasm and withering cynicism. And, in this case, a company man, here representing Public Image Limited and, most of all, himself. He doesn't frighten, doesn't threaten, and won't (as he's a tpains to point out) "play a schoolteacher role". Yet he's strong, individual and hard to cross.

and hard to cross.
Since last November the Since last November the "company" and Virgin have battled over 'Flowers Of Romance', finally released and charting only last month. A stark contrast to the hall idiotic, half magnifloen: mess of "Metal Box it's drums, noise, wailing word pictures and Renaissance flute. "Innovative brilliance" or "a blatant con trick", It was an album that Lydon calls "a test case". Virgin deemed it It was an album that Lydon calls "a test case". Virgin deemed it uncommercial, only to eventually allow a limited 20,000 pressing, and after a burst in the charts (and even "TOTP") with Adam and the Ants and Bucks Fizz it has now been flied away — Lydon laughs at the word "flie" — as another step for PL. the public company that are going to do so much more. The bluff has been called. been called.

been called.

PIL are now in what _ydon calls

"a foot in the door but two flights of
stairs to go situation". The company
is there in their minds, and reality
won't, he assures, be lar behind.
"We're not Van Halen," he
asserts. "We don't have satin PIL
bomber Jackets, and we don't
pursue rock 'n' roll ethics. It's very,
very BORING and if very boring
people want to follow that line then
good luck to them.
"Become a rock band and you'll
stay that way for ever and a day and

that's just not good enough."

that's just not good enough. Nock, the word, is spat out.

"As a limited company we have access to other things, like video and electronics, and hi-fi and books and painting and yes... even the theatre!"

theatre!"
He laughs "Everything except
poetry and possibly ballet, and who
knows about ballet? It's like I've
been going to the theatre recently,
and I'd love to put on plays. It's
serious ." — he waits for a
response — "I do have scripts and
bare like that I love these small things like that. I love those small

ohn Lydon, the great dabbler, freely admits that PIL have "piss-arsed about for far too long, it's more than 1-ing high time things got serious."

And, with a working relationship with the rest of PIL that he regards as "100 per cent trustworthy and 100 per cent productive now that we've pulled in the slack" PIL are ready to march away from (and here Lydon rolls his eyes) the land of rock 'n' roll robots, of charts, of arguments with their record label, of live gigs, of selling 'product'.



"There's no frony about sitting here waffling about the album atail," Lydon says. "I'm proud of it and it's the best we've done and I said that about 'Metal Box' last year! But the rest of the process, heavens to Betsy! No thank you.

"It doesn't make me feet superior getting up on slage and screaming down a microphone ... maybe I am getting old But Flowers' is done, I'm not doing up to do it seals. And getting one But Flowers' is done,
I'm not going up to do it again. And i
don't see why I should rush in and
manufacture a bloody follow - up
single and compound our
'commerciality'

"It could be six years to six weeks before you hear another thing from us, and I don't sare what Virgin think. I don't even see that records will be our main source of income in the future. Oh yes, and that's a

PIL, we're told, don't thrive on PIL, we're told, don't thrive on alienation and or superiority. The next step, Lydon claims, could be the biggest all time catastrophe they or Virgin rave seen. You could, maybe, never buy another PIL record. Equally easily you could end up a willing partner in PIL's scheme for global "home entertainment". "The only place to have it, and the only place to want it," he says.

"The only place to have it, and the only place to want it," he says. Small wonder fine accusations fly. Plt. as the next Pink Floyd? Contricksters? Hippies, even?
Lydon takes it with practised, albeit genuine, indifference. A mixture of cynical affability and gleeful cockiness. "Ha bloody ha," he gives out with indulgent clarity. "I don't have that argumentative streak any more. Let them laugh _______ breath working and a mention is better than no mention."
And that new public face of his backs him to the hilt. The clothes, the hair, the sacer, they're all vital components sill. A sort of badge he'll always heve to wear, one that makes him ret'eat from a music world that he finds "hideous". But away from the markings (and no-one could seriously look and say "Who:"), the loud check suits, an awesome collection of hats — "I love-them all and still worry myself sick about going bald." he smirks — the teeth still not right, there's warmth and an intensely likeable myness about John Lydon these days. The vacant stare — the face that launched a thousand lost causes — is no longer the focal point ... just another attribute, like the accents and the snide remarks. "It's not a game to me at all, I'm deadly serious about what I do." he

"it's not a game to me at all, I'm deadly serious about what I do," he asserts. "I don't make records as big jokes.

'I really like (pause to change "I really like (pause to change voice) satisfying my artistic desires". He laughs. "On Christ, these glib statements I'm coming out with . . I can't help it!! love it! "Then again it's like if I lotally got my own way I'd be so bored and pissed off I'd just vegetate; you do need the challenge."

nd of challenges there have been plenty. Not least what John calls a necessity to pare down the vital components of PIL to lust three people; himself. Keith Levene ("he s a bit of a mad professor and it's a real pleasure to work with him") and Jeanette Lee, who is "involved 100 per cent in what PIL do. "We eliminated half our work force because they weren"

"We eliminated hall our work force because they weren't working." Lydon says with some relish. "You can't carry dead weight for the rest of your life for sentimental reasons. It was mutual big goodbye time.
"Now any one of us can be given the proverbial boot. It has to work like that or else it's like a bunch of hippies, isn't it?
"Oh it was well slack before. Total chaos. All kinds of cock - ups. No tax paid. No bills paid. Virgin saying we owed them £180,000. We could have closed down completely but

have closed down completely but there's always money to be made from somewhere, even if it isn't

quite legal.
"It's not even an issue. I simply don't do things just to make

noney."
Now that's what PIL won't do, and now that they've come out of hiding after a year of silence ("I got sick of the same boring questions." Lydon says), he positively relishes both

praise and attack.
"It can take total and absolute criticism of us, and the gross self-indulgent person who says they like us. It's all very tunny to me. At the end of it I'll MOAN, regardless." He gins at his own self-assurance, and admits to only a few doubts about his "scheme of things", the battle from the armchair which he appears to win with wicked consistency. Those doubts. John?
"I crunge at very few things." he counte's, "and really only at being described as an in-tell-ec-tu-al. I'm f-ing not that, no way.
"Hai' the time what we do could be called different, some of the time it's pure tuck. Half random, half calculated, as it happens. From time to time I'l go and raid the HMV shop and bring back a really oddball collection of stuff I've never heard. It can be really good fun or it can be truly awful, but you've got to find out.
"There's so little variety around.

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"There's so little variety around, that's lor sure. That's why sales are dropping so dramatically.

But PiL have kept their "market share". Does he worry about blind acceptance, just because he's who he is?

he is?
"I'd have to say that if 'Flowers' had made the top I'd seriously have to question: 'Why?'' he pronounces. 'That sort of mass acceptance can be an indication of 'Oh m' God!' — the world's caught up with us, or we've gone three steps back."

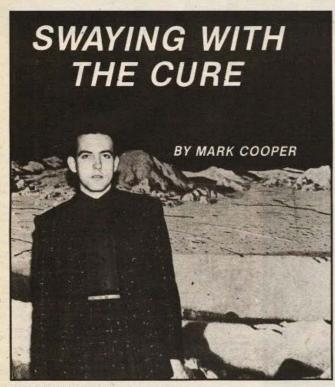
It's a fleeting second of uneasiness; the dividing line where "being different" ends up as being the same. The ghost of rock sar John Lydon fills over his face and is immediately rejected. He eases away by taking the piss.

eases away by taking the piss.
Always.
After laughing off the suggestion that he's gold a superiority complex ("Of course," of course!") he returns to PIL. A tight ship now, he asserts, one that will come up with some serious business before very long.
"We ain't rock and roll and we'll never be ICI, but we will do. never be ICI, but we will do something different, that's for

sure."

And he adds, just as a helpful afterfrought: "I'm also an immaculate hypocrite... I could change my mind tomorrow and rush out and do a million gigs."

"And so long as I don't end up doing the cabaret circuit of scunthorpe and Leeds and Billingsgate, in between the hideous bingo and the raffle, I think I might just be able to stav very hapoy. just be able to stay very happy thank you very much."



ROBERT SMITH: without the pout this time

EADING ON a rainy Sunday afternoon is about as cold and empty as an English town can get. There's no one on the street and the wind blows listlessly down into the town's new shopping centre, next to the Reading Hexagon. this is not a monument to Druid forms of worship but a spanking modern theatre with brightly coloured plastic seats, excellent acoustics and no graffiti.

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Six thirty on a Sunday and the theatre is empty apart from the fact that the Cure and their film, Carnage Visors' are performing here tonight and are currently doing a soundcheck. Suddenly Robert Smith stands up to the mike and lets loose a tremendous, prolonged wail. Somehow this seems characteristic of both rainy Reading and the Cure. Do they deserve each other? Well, reader, read on. In the dressing room before the show the Cure are eating plastic chicken as quickly as possible, probably to avoid tasting it. Robert Smith — he of the lyrics and the pouting, complaining, slightly resentful voice is doing most of the talking. Like the rest of the Cure he is dressed darkly and wears a trace of black eyeliner. I begin with a quesion about the significance of the new record's title, "Faith". Before we know it and without so much as a how's your father, we're onto religion and a discussion of the ultimates. As a character in Samuel Beckett's 'Endgame' puts it, "You're on earth, there's no cure for that." Ho hum. So why the little? "To be positive really and to get away from the 'wilful obscurity tag. Faith is the underlying theme and we thought we'd put it out ront as a gesture of affirmation." With mentions of doubt and faith and talk of the holy hour and penance, it doesn't take a sleuth to discover a religious theme to the record or at least a use of the language of religion. "It's about religion in the abstract sense, not about formal structures or going to church which I find strange."

The Cure's music relies on repetition, on mood and atmosphere as accumulations, in a manner that's similar to much religious music. "I like a lot of music that is built around slow changes, they allow you to draw things out. When the first album came out, critics started referring to the early songs as pop' classics. I don't really want to be tagged as a band that write's 'pop' classics. Beethoven didn't write three minute 'pop' songs and he wrote some good music."

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After the 'Boys Don't Cry' record and the Banshees tour in which Robert doubled on guitar for the Banshees, the Cure's music changed. They turned inward, worked more and more with texture and mood and less with conventional songs. They use a drone sound now and their two last records sound at first like impenetrable gloomy tickets peopled by groaning Gothic victims. They've developed a sound that is all their own, that relies on plain simple and fat drumming, long lead bass lines and Smith's rhythm guitar that moves up and down the fret board in ringing rags ligures. As a trio, the Cure complement each other so that each instrument is allowed to stand out on its own

terms. Smith's sulky voice emerges and then disappears back into the mix. In two records and tours, the Cure's sound had become almost completely fixed around these terms. Is this a narrowing or a minimal art? "Every musical direction is one dimensional to some degree. Three minute pop songs are one dimensional. The idea that one form of music can be more valid than another is ridiculous. You can't judge music, you can only have preferences."

If punk speeded things up, the Cure seem to have got slower and slower. "We never felt part of that London orthodoxy. It was only really the Vibrators who really speeded things up, particularly in contrast with the bands who were popular before like the Dead. If you listen to a Sex Pistols record now, it's not that last. We didn't throw away our old records just because of punk.

"I've always tried to make records that are of one piece, that explore a certain kind of atmosphere to the fullest. If you're going to fully explore something, you need more than one song to do it. That's why I always liked Nick Drake's albums or Pink Floyd records like 'Umma -gumma'. The Pink Floyd always used to ruin their records by putting on a wacky track or two and spoiling the atmosphere.

"The liberation of punk for us was the sense that you could do what you wanted, you didn't have to be orthodox. It all began with a sense of total release but you can't maintain that. There are still people playing that original punk style, puriests who've been left over in a time scale that stops there."

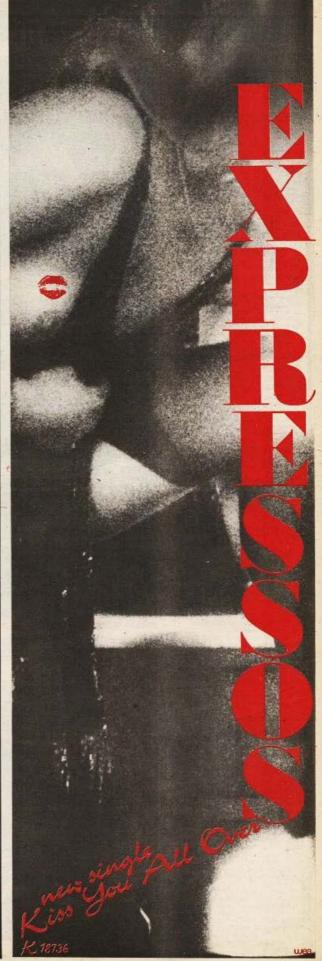
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The Cure don't really fit convenietly into categories. I mention their seeming affiliation with the new psychedelia which they preceded by three years and Smith laughs.

"Psychedelia, another craze and we've missed the boat again. Oh dear! I don't consider us to be in competition with any other band. We take pleasure in other groups because they are there for us to listen to."

The Cure have developed further and further down their own path, in their own chosen direction. They take the listener into their grasp and once you've surrendered to their terms, they fill you up. As Laurence says of the music. "You can sway to it gently but you can't really dance to it." It's probably because of this that the Cure have chosen to do this tour supported by a film of their own design. As we talk it's beginning to play in the background, out on stage. "It gives us more control this way. Whenever we had another group—and on one lour we had a local band at every gig—we found that a lot of our audience is very partisan and didn't listen to the support. This way there's not one band supporting another but we're striking out on our own. Doing it this way there's more emotion."

What the lack of a support band ensures is a total Cure diet without interruptions. In a way it sums up the current Cure direction. They allow a sense of doom and fatalism to hang over them with a sense of personal election. At times they seem more impressed by their own exclusive use of a gloomy vocabulary than convinced of it, white ghouls taking glamour from their pallor. But at their best their religious devotional care and slow stately pace takes over with a precision and a discipline that is breath - taking and yes, religious.



BRAM TCHAIKOVSKY The Pits, London

by Viviane Horne THE GUEST list tonight seemed to make up almost the entire audience (which, incidentally, consisted mainly of the Members and their

mainly of the Members and their retinue).

Bram is a would - be celebrity. He's wearing one of those tasteful T-shirts depicting a black gloved hand, holding a syringe full of ghastly green fluid. His between song patter is composed of private jokes, four letter words and conversations with his band. Yet this is his music for the people, 'Back to the Bars' tour.

the Bars' tour. We are treaed to tunes about We are freaed to tunes about modern girls, pressure, robbers (including 'Stand And Deliver' which our joker tells us Adam Ant stole from him) Hollywood, saying goodnight to your love and surrendering your soul. Changes in tempo add to the confusion of sound created by three guitars, bass, drums and occasional keyboards.

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Bram's band play punk, funk, pop, soul, rockabilly, futurist, rock 'n roll Yankee style and heavy rock unconvincingly, inducing boredom. He could be working on the theory that with such variety someone will like something. He certainly seems to believe there's safety in numbers

METEORS/UK DECAY/999 Lyceum, London By Winston Smith

THIS MONTH'S press darlings, the Meteors, appear to have been built up out of all proportion. Fawning critics have tagged their music psychobilly, claiming their voodoo imagery makes them unique amongst the current crop of Rockabilly bands.

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Well, to these ears, the Meteors sound prefly much the same as the Stray Cats but with more feedback, initially pleasant, but increasingly tiresome with each number.

Thankfully, UK Decay were superb. This vital young outlit swiftly constructed an exhilarating rock solid wall of rich, menacing sound. The pounding drums, booming bass and spitting guitar all merge to create an atmosphere of doom, yet still manage to sound optimistic. They stole the show.

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Not many years ago, a 999 gig was something not to be missed, but tonight, they were plain embarrassing. Once the clouds of dry ice had cleared, singer Nick Cash bounded onstage and let the crowd know how great it was to be back from America. Which is supprising on hearing 999's dull new songs tailor made for their new American audience.

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The hard core punk crowd didn't seem too impressed and the band knew it. 'I'm sick of playing this slow stuff,'' bellowed the tubby Cash rather feebly. They tried playing the old classics like 'Emergency' and 'No Pity, which triggered frantic pogoing at the front, but the problem was, whenever something new was played, the atmosphere instantly dropped back to zero.

THEATRE OF HATE MODERN ENGLISH/ THE BIRTHDAY PARTY

THE BIRTHDAY PARTY University of London Union By Mark Total

ONE of the greatest things about the majority of gigs put on by Final Solution are that they have bands that are complementary to each other and, above all, ones that are extremely interesting.

Such was the case on this humid Friday evening. I entered as Antipodean all - stars. The Birthday Party were furching through their set. Their act had the fascination of watching a drunk in a tube station late at night; the kind that you admire for the way in which they stagger without falling off the edge of the platform.

Modern English surprised me.

of the platform. Modern English surprised me, because their live show was as smooth as their LP — very forceful and professional, without being boring and cold. Their uniform appearance is not put over in their music and their new single, "Smiles And Laughter" showed that they are still progressing.



RANKIN' ROGER: say "HI"!



Pic KELLY: She's in there...somewhere!

Beat find their fee

THE BEAT/AU PAIRS/MOOD ELEVATORS Cardiff Sophia Gardens By Gary Hurr

Without wishing to sound too exhilarated, tonight The Beat, on the first date of their current tour, played about the best live show it's been my pleasure to witness.

Everything was perfect: from the flashy but never pompous lighting to the stop-go momentum of the set with little breathing time between songs which gave the Beat a slick continuity and general togetherness which so many bands lack.

The key to their success is the simplicity of the songs themselves. The bass/drum effect providing the core on which the dual guitars of Andy Cox and Dave Wakeling slither and slide, while Saxa, so good tonight, provides the icing on the cake with his jazzy arrangements.

For this tour The Beat have an extra keyboards player, a trumpeter, and a Rasta toaster to help (Rankin') Roger out on some of the more tricky arrangements.

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The songs were a scintillating mixture of classic 45's, B-sides, tracks from the first album, and about eight from 'Wha'pen' the latest effort, with 'I'm Young Flag' and 'All Out To Get You' particular highlights.

The crowd loved them and they could do no wrong. 'Stand Down Margaret' saw the band bathed in red light and the audience echoing those heartfelt sentiments — "What's a short, sharp lesson, What's a world war three?". 'Psychedelic Rockers' was pure jazz, a swarm of sound which washed over you. When The Beat sing "Get a job" you know they mean it — entrance was a quid cheaper for those with dole cards — one of the few groups putting their money where their mouth is.

The fans wanted so much, but settled for a 15-song set with three encores, of which 'Mirror in The Bathroom' was greeted by the loudest cheer of the evening.

The Beat were great tonight. A modern dance band with their hearts and heads in the right places.

The idea of the group is laudible enough, but in practise Au Pairs music is harsh and shows little optimism or humour and is lar too dependent on staccato guitars and schoolboy politics.

Only 'It's Obvious and 'Diet', ironically both sides of their last single, shone through in what was, admittedly, an appalling mix-obviously designed for the headliners and totally unsympathetic to the Au Pairs.

By contrast, openers The Mood Elevators (who came on at 7.30pm!) made the most of the appalling acoustics and fared well. Check out their 'Annapurna' 45 on the Beat's label.

No studs on them

Colston Hall, Bristol By Fred Williams

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It wasn't so long ago that an all-girl heavy metal band seemed a contradiction in terms, a ridiculous prospect: but not any more, Girlschool wiped out any illusions on that score and were responsible for one of the best HM sets I've ever seen.

Now while you couldn't say Girlschool were exactly refined or refrained, it's the manner of their approach that makes them different, and the main thing missing is the macho strut. They're not leathered studs out to prove how cocky they are, and any sensuality is accidental and incidental, thus removing half the myth from the music and leaving them free to just get on and play it.

It's loud but not deafening, sharp but not cutting, and a lot less ragged than a year ago; they've polished their musicianship immensely, making things tricky for the invisible guitars but more interesting to hear, whilst keeping a firm enough grasp of the dynamics in the rhythm section to produce a perpetual crescendo. The well-structured intro to 'Break Down' leads to textures of majesty because of its slower tempo, but it loses no power and gains them respect.

Two encore songs, two covers: 'Race With The Devil' and 'Emergency', played boys-terously, catch the essence of Girlschool, four uncommon Wimbledon girls who've graduated from school.

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However, it was hard not to be impressed with the confidence, arrogance and musical power of Theatre Of Hate. Siven though they have the targest following of spikey haired minions in the capital they are not a punk band. The saxophone intro to 'Original Sin' was smooth and it blended into an assured version of this, their lirst single. Singer Kurt's twisted arrogant stance portrays the iortured lyrics that TOH put across, in songs like 'Awake' Their drummer thuds out a heavy, but not unwieldy, rhythm on his drums which, coupled with the insistent bass, drives TOH's songs along with steam-engine force.

Theatre Of Hate dare — and they should come out as winners.

THE DEAF AIDS Polytechnic, Sheffield

By Jack Bower SAVAGE Guitars ring out with SAVAGE Guitars ring out will conviction. Drums and bass pin down the melody and out front lead singer Terry snarls out the words of powerful young pop songs. There's a strong New York feel to a lot of their material and at times the guitar sound is reminiscent of Television. As a nod to their influences the band also play a superb version of Lou Reed's 'Oh Jim', partly because it's a great song and partly because tonight it gave bassist Craig Waites a chance to change a string during

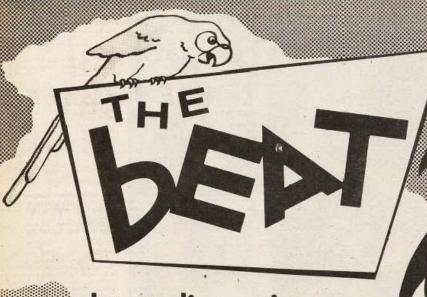
the opening bars. No point in slowing down the action.
The set wound up into top gear with a splendid rendition of their last single 'Heroes?'. Like a lot of their material it suffers from banal tyrics, but that is my only quibble. Their music is strong and the show is refreshingly well put together.

BIM Half Moon London

by Chas de Whalley

BIM have had one single released on Arista in their short career. But from the way frey played on, Saturday night in a South London-pub you might have thought they were hugely successful superstars already. In fact they put on a show that brimmed with more confidence, skill and style than it has been my privilege to see in months.

Fronted by Cameron McVey, whose James Dean good looks were easily the match of his line voice, Bim's was a mainstream modern dancebeat frequently reminiscent of such as the Hilmen, the Original Mirrors and Split Enz: carefully conceived but nevertheless powerful and energetic. The laurels should be handed out equally to the thinking rhythm section and the sparsely imaginative, soul - based arrangements by guitarist Bobby Henry and keyboards player Andy Harley.



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JAPAN Apollo, Manchester By Mike Nicholls

BY GUM, the local theatrical shop never had it so good! Following the previous nights' Gure and Naked Lunch girs the "mel" continued unch gigs, the "me!" contingent re out to be force-fed Japan, arguably the most musically adept of the glitteratis even if the kids are

the glitteralts even if the kids are only here for the gear. For anyone who saw the winter shows, there's not a lot to clock this time round. The same "Burning Bridges" aka "Warszawa" intro, Dayid "Sylvian's self- consciously supercool persona, endless syncopated rhythms etc etc. David looks extra fine and dandy in a liliac suit (jacket jettisoned to reveal South Moiton St chemise) and Mick Karn forms a twin focal point. Flushed with his sculpting success, the bassist evidently fancies he's a work of art himself, painted, jump-suited and jerking round the stage like some remote—controlled robotic ballerina.

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But, and it's a big but, there's something missing, generally known as excitement. Half a dozen songs in — all from the last two albums — and that internal drum machine starts to jar and the whole set nes too mechanical by half

becomes too mechanical by half. Some spacey, nay, neo - psychedelic, guitar on 'My New Career injects a little freshness and the harmonies on 'Methods O' Dance' are quite uplifting. The only impact of the night is provided by the 'Life in Tokyo' encore, still Japan's most hypnotic masterwork whose current re-release deserves to be a hit. For once they don't sound cold and release deserves to be a filt. For once they don't sound cold and Sylvian actually smiles! Yet I still couldn't feel guilty for committing the ultimate crime of nipping out half way through for a hot dog.

WASTED YOUTH Marquee, London. By Simon Hills

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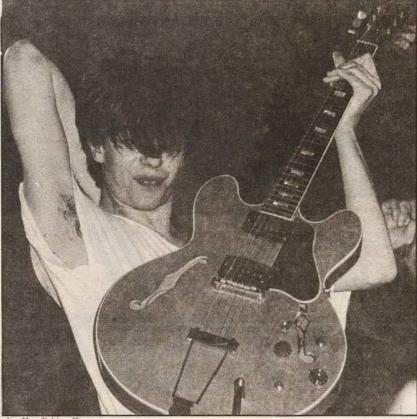
WITH YOUR new romantics and pure pop artists around, it's rare to see any real spirited rock. 'n' roll around Not that nice stuff the Stray Cats et al play, good as it is, but real degenerated pounding rock. Wasted Youth live up to their name. Not that they don't have a touch of the disco basis of the romantics, but they push it out with an energy more like the Doors, a strong influence, or early Lou Reed. This band are not the best musicians in the world, but they've got this knack of phrasing songs, slicing in abrasive guitter riffs over a rock steady bass and drums just when they count, giving the song an almighty kick before it gets lost. 'Paris, France' their flirst number has just that, constantly being picked up

Paris, France' their flirst number has just that, constantly being picked up as it crashes relentlessly forward. The songs are mainly dark and heavy, and the band have that now heavily cliched black appearance. But these posers knock out riffs like there's no tomorrow, look out for the single "Rebecca's Room", with its disco bass or the revamped "Jealousy", once a ballad, now a funk number. Crawling out of their East End houses, Youth are a bit like the early punk groups, forming the band before they could even play.

PAULINE MURRAY / THE SCARS / THE DUMB BLONDES

Lyceum, London By Mark Total

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THE DUMB BLONDES' pomposity
(which was not backed up by
enough musical competence) and
posturing, verged on being
nauseating as they tried to resurrect
all of the bad aspects of glamrock's
death throes. Their music was so
shallow you could walk through it
without getling your feet wet.
Anti-climax of the night must
surely have been the performance
of the Scars — though this was
completely due to the fact that the
PA had an annoying tendency to
keep cutting out, leaving the guitar
as the only audible instrument. This
turned their delicately defined and
crafted pop songs into clumsy
masses. The high point of their first
single, "Horrowshow" and the
visciously passionate "They Came
and Took Her'. In the end they
deserved the encore of current hitpick 45 'All About You' which wrung



lan Mac fights off a sneeze.

Goodbye guerilla

ECHO AND THE BUNNYMEN Hammersmith Odeon, Lon-By Gill Pringle

THE NATIONWIDE acclaim showered on the Bunnymen has always just managed to elude me, but after seeing them take to the Odeon stage it all seems to fit into

There's something rather self - ef-facing about the Bunnymen, while at the same time very imposing. Image -conscious Ian McCullouch could just

as well have not been there as the music filtered through the auditorium. There is no "them and you" feeling. 'The Pictures On My Wall' could hang in anyone's room. Perhaps this atmosphere was helped in some small way by the abandonment of the smoke machines and guerilla - chic — instead exchanged for everyday clothes and a white backdrop full of dancing shadows. dancing shadows.

dancing shadows.

The evening really began to take shape a few numbers into the set with 'Pride'. Thereafter followed a few tracks from the forthcoming album, with Mac's cold preventing

my catching their titles. Crocodiles fans should not be disappointed for the audible lyrics were resplendent with the usual introspective hallucogenic undertones which the Bunnymen so master in.

"Rescue" was given excellent live treatment ensuring the band return-ed for a further three encores. "I don't even take drugs," says Mac before bursting into the first of them. "Monkeys".

An inspiring concert, although its to be hoped Mac didn't have that awful cold while completing the new album.

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a loud response out of the rather refluctant audience.

The main fault with previous live performances of the first format of Pauline Murray and the Invisible Girls was that their sound was dominated by too much keyboards and the delicate guitar playing of Vinni Relly was lost in the mix.

However, with a new lineur to her However, with a new line-up to her backing band they have acquired a more balanced musical approach. Their opening song, a new number, though led by the bass-line, teatured equal contributions from all of the band and it ended up being satisfying rather than frustrating, it should sound even more superb on virul.

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The new band's versions of songs like 'Searching For Heaven' and 'Screaming In The Darkness' consolidate their studio recordings and now their line-up has some degree of permanence about it, they should be able to go from strength to strength to strength.

GIRLS AT OUR BEST Moonlight, West Hampstead By Sunie

THEY play short, tuneful songs with thumping bass, wiry guitar, brisk drumming and off-key vocals. They play fast, with wit and humour and more enthusiasm than polish, and Good grief, this is Punk Rock! But singer Judy has the looks to knock Siouxsie, Pauline et al into a cocked hat. She's Iresh, pretty and

(quote) "A Little Bit Mad", as is more than evident when she delivers a song, title unannounced, about such aqueous delights as water babies, water melons for lea and so on, then follows it with a zany, punked-up "This Train Is Bound For Glory" a Sunday school tune, for heaven's sake.

Sake.
Other highspots included 'It's Other nights pointed poke at fashion', with its pointed poke at the image-obsessed: "We don't ever look the same/Got to keep on ever look the same/Got to keep on playing games/It's the only way we're gonna make our names, and the sight of a spontaneous break-out of pogoing in the front rows. Honest!

I forgot the ill humour induced earlier by the DJs relentless streat of duil, droning indie records and succumbed willingly to GAOB's nutty charm. Neat neat neat, Girls; see you at the ICA.

HOLLY AND THE ITALIANS The Nite Club, Edinburgh By Bob Flynn

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IT'S ALMOST a year since Holly
Vincent supported the Selecter and
got lost in the chaos of the new
dance and has returned to even
more rapidly changing times.
After a small eternity of waiting
they came on with a beaty,
synthisised beginning that dovetailed smoothly into a full, heavy
sound. Holly is the slight, sneering,
snub-nosed figurehead supported
by thundering drums, a posing

guitarist especially fond of feedback, a steady bass and a superfluous hunk of a male lead singer who stands like a muscular refugee from Ventura beach, looking for someone to rescue. They launched into the catchy 'Youth Coup' from their new album 'The

Right To Be Italian'. With high high to be tallart. With high-harmonised choruses and more than a hint of heavy metal crash, it's like Suzie Quatro fronting lethargic Ramones.

Ms Vincent's suitably arrogant words and hard stares served as intros to a string of songs that just avoided plodding by the guts of the delivery. Just For Tonight' and 'Miles Away' were slower variations of the other songs but far from a refreshing departure and the smart harmonies only left an abiding impression of alling American crooners. The subjects are all bright lights and highways, tough girls and back street loves and the images are as old as West Side Story. This leather jacket guise has holes worn in its elbows through too much wear. The band are in search of, and in need of, another spark. Ms Vincent's suitably arrogant

PEARL HARBOUR/BLUE CATS/TELEVISION PERSONALITIES The Venue, London

By John Shearlaw

THREE FACES of the process, from

THREE FACES of the process, from top to bottom. From good to bad and then worse than worse. What used to be called adventurous billing and what now becomes (after three hours) unimaginable torture.

From the bottom up, then, and that has to mean the only real delight of Pearl Harbour. A sulky, lackadaisical performance full of taunts at a crowd that didn't care, of taunts and the sulf with the compact to the sulf with commendable bulk (and could even go down a storm as the

the bill with commendable bulk (and could even go down a storm as the White Fats), but their fortured stabs at nerve-tingling rockabilly served only to turn the Venue into a Butlins 'holiday centre' for the hour they were on stage. Talent contest winners by a head and a very large shoulder, they whooped and leaped and climbed all over their instruments, screamed and hollered and sweated profusely, and ended up only by hinting that they could do a fair to middling impersonation of the Barron Knights.

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And so to the openers, and what a boot up hill for the three-piece TV Personalities, who've now taken the plunge and gone full time (hooray!). Despite a gleeful massacre of their "classic" hit 'Part Time Punks'.

EPAT Ball and Dan (complete with a copy Rickenbacker in Mr Weller's honour) did more than passing justice to their song collection to date, and, unlike their superiors on the bill, seemed to thrive on the audience indifference.

To say they have naive charm is now (most definitely) an insuit, and given more exposure the true craft of the TVPs — who possess a cutting edge more homespun even than the Jam's — will come to the fore.

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Had Ms Harbour watched (cue
double drummers, big intros and
Blockhead's guitarist Mickey
Turnbull to get a reaction) she might
have remembered those dim and distant days — was it only last year — when being on the stage was all that mattered.

Just a lonely boy

GARY GLITTER Dominion Theatre, London By Mike Gardner 'LEA-DER, LEA-DER"

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The Gary Glitter phenomenon has always been an energetic celebration of the mechanics of audience participation and the occasion of his "21st" Birthday was no different.

A Gary Glitter gig still has more ham than a bacon factory. He tantalisingly leaves the audience the room to contribute their ritualistic embellishments to his basic comments on the principles of stardom. Gary for his part is more than happy to pretend to be a star, more in the tradition of Liberace than Jagger, while the assembled multitudes do a superb impression of a rabid audience. The tongue is firmly emplanted in the cheek on both sides.

sides.

Displaying more tackiness than in both the Bostick and Evo - Stick factories put together he falls on his

knees clutching his heart in mock agony as he tells the crowd about being a 'Lonely Boy'. He stands tossing his head back as 2.000 lusty' throats say they want to touch the leader. He gushes and grasps a rose while telling us we are beautiful and that "I know, you know "I'll never let you go". He strips off his Roman - styled suit, flinging bits over the stage with the tease of sledigehammer but the effect is rounded off correctly with a grin that's broader than the Mersey. Gary can milk an audience better than most around and he sent them through sympathy for his bad throat, elation at his coy overwhelmed reaction to the spontaneous rendition of 'Happy Birthday', self satisfaction at 'Love You Love Me Love' and triumph at the return of the 'Leader Of The Gang'.

Some time ago a perceptive critic said anyone can make the charts but to do it again and again with the same

to do it again and again with the same formula and with style takes a master. Gary Glitter is a master.



RATS IN BANGKOK

BOOMTOWN RATS Bangkok Tio Chew Hall By Alan Wilson

WELL, I expected an eventful few days in SE Asia, but not the couple of dozen stitches from a knilling the previous day. Still it didn't hold me back and, with assistance, I still made it to the

The Boomtown Rats have opened The Boomtown hats have open-up Bangkok as a venue for major rock bands on an Asian tour. Playing to an audience that was 90% That at the Tio Chew Hall last Friday on rented equipment, they probably achieved a liner sound balance than that heard at many European

that heard at many European concerts.

Pylama - clad as ever, 'Johnny Fingers' nodded to the others and they hit the arch - typical rock riffs of 'Closer Than You'il Ever Be'. The band were nearly thrown back by the howl of appreciation from the several thousand strong in the auditorium. Through 'I Never Loved Eva Braun'. 'Straight Up' and 'Me And Howard Hughes', the screams and shouls never let up. Thriving on the unexpected feed-back Geldof hammed it up for all he was worth. Dressed completely in black, arms waving like a traffic cop, he sang his heart out.

'Like Clockwork' which I had regarded as one of their lesser songs, came over particularly well live, and led into the risque 'Up All Night' which they now do as an extended vehicle for Fingers and Geldol to engage in a display of Morris Dancing.

Some tuning and on-stage sound problems marred 'Nothing

mixer, started to tell me, "This is better than Japan", the heavily perspiring band slammed into the tamiliar 'Having My Pictures Taken' and slage 'hands and soldiers darted across the boards to firmly hold back the overflowing crowd.

Now 40 minutes into the show, and the hits started coming, 'I Don't Like Mondays', Someone's Looking At You' and 'Rat Trap', these lrishmen could do no wrong for Bangkok's rock - starved youth, who screamed, stomped and whistled for eleven long minutes when they

bangkok s rock - starved youth, who screamed, stomped and whistled for eleven long minutes when they realised the show was over.

But if you're a rock band you do encores. We got 'Banana Republic', a strong pulsating version that Robbie "just call me Lee Perry' McGrath took into dub - aspherics with the 24 channel desk. The Stones' 16 year old chestnut 'Under My Thumb' was whipped out next. Even the aceptics were now impressed, but nobody was letting this band hink they could go home. You can't expect new songs from a band who've not had time off since God knows when, so 'Diamond Smile' was dusted off.
Glancing around 1 saw three soldiers who grinned at me as they done and the barr cline.

Glancing around I saw three soldiers who grinned at me as they danced with their rifles. Working my way backstage the general feeling was that it was a shame to leave and this gig had been particularly worthwhile. As Robbie Mcrain said, "This makes up for some of America".

America". Happened Today and 'Elephants Graveyard'. But then Geldof called out "if you've got cameras get them ready" and stage - lights went up and the group posed front - stage for every instamatic owner to snatch

a snap. While Robbie McGrath, the sound



Exhausted fans recover from the Rats' Oriental bash

De Montford Hali, Leicester By Mike Gardner

FROM OUT of the darkness came those classic chords from 'You Really Got Me' while Dave Davies made all the correct walls and distortions of a guitar hero. The intro then gave way to a rousing version of 'Hardway' and from there into their lament for the past 'Where Have All The Good Times Gone' sounding as fresh as when it was

conceived over lifteen years ago. In one blow The Kinks had demonstrated their heritage and contribution to the panorama of rock music and their intent to keep the

music and their intent to keep the flag flying.

While the delt characterisations of Ray Davies's look at the folles of the British islanders have given him his considerable reputation and respect as a songwriter and innovator if was his roots in the hard edge of rock music for which the majority of the public know him for. Scattered explosions of

'Pressure: 'All The Day And All The Night', 'David Watts' and of course, 'You Really Got Me' helped a sluggish Leicester crowd to warm to the exhuberant exhortations of Ray Davies for the crowd to clap, stamp and generally catch the Kinks whe The fovable shambles of 'Lola', the perfect community since on

The lovable shambles of 'Lola', the perfect community singsong composition helped the atmosphere no end while lesser known compositions like "Low Budget', 'Zoth Century Man', Dave Davies's solo track 'Nothing Left To Lose' and unheralded classics like 'Celluloid Heroes' all displayed one of the best talents to be still operating from the heady days of the sixties.

THE Q-TIPS Lyceum, London

By Nick Kemp THE Q-TIPS arrived t reception, and within five seconds they had justified it. It's the brass section that really creates their sound, that and the amazing vocals, and the cross section of everything audience moved their bodies

audience moved their bodies accordingly.

The real goodies were cover versions, but 'm really mentioning them because I honestly couldn't put a name to anything else. Everything rated shivers on the appreciation scale, but a nose ahead were 'Some Kind Of Wonderfui'.

Tracks Of My Tears' and a new one 'Rocken Man'.

Paroxe of My lears and a new one Broken Man.

The Q-Tips are like the soul revues in the late sixties, the Otis Redding, James Brown, Jackie Wilson Spectaculars that your parents wouldn't let you go to. This is the music that the Stones tried hard in amulate but leaver lived.

is the music that the Stones tried hard to emulate but Jagger just didn't have the range to crack it. Anyway, the Lyceum is now too small to hold 'em, a hit single and Wembley will be more like it. Look back at your scrapbooks and plot the progress of the Boomtown Rats. Substitute the name Q-Tips, blank out the space in the top fifty marked number one, and guess who's gonna fill it in the very near future. Like the guy next to me said, they're going to be absolutely enormous.



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**ECHO AND The Bunnymen, one of the "new formantics" mentors have a new album out next week. Ittled "Newson Up Here" if leatures 11 new songs, including studio versions of "Zimbo" and "Over. The Wall", which were on the band's recent EP "They Shine So Hard". The album comes hard on the heels of Echo's British tour that ended in London list week.

SIADE HAVE confirmed that they'll be playing Castle Denington this year. The band who release their new single Kneington this year. The band who release their new single Kneington the Wall of the Wa

● RAINBOW'S FIRST three albums — 'Ritchie Blackmore's Rainbow', 'Rainbow Rising' and 'Long Live Rock 'N' Roll' — will be available from this week at the special price of 1.82. The albums will be available in special gateojd sleeves until slocks of these are exhausted and the albums will then be sold in single pocket sleeves. A double back cassette containing 'Ritchie Blackmore's Rainbow' and 'Reinbow Rising' is now also available.

SIMPLE MINDS, who recently signed a deal with Virgin, release their first single for the label 'The American' this week. The single will be available in both 71 and 12" and the 12" will sold at 11.15 for the 15,000 copies only. The single was produced by Steve Hillage who's also been working with Positive Noise and the Cuban Heels. The band are currently in Rockfield Studies where they are recording the follow up to their last album 'Empires And Dances'.

€ EDINBURGH BASED group TV 21 have signed to Deram and release their first single "Snakes And Ledders" for the Label on May 15. This will be their first single featuring ex-Rezillo Ali Paterson and trumpater Dave Hampton and it was groduced by Ian Broadle of the Original Mirrors and Atan Winstanley. The first 25,900 copies of Snakes And Ladders' will come in a presentation pack which includes a free single featuring 'Ambition' and 'Playing With Fire'.

A few dates are also being played at London Fulham Greyhound May 18, Hemel Hempstead Pavilion 18, Righton Top Rank 20 and London Rainbow 21. All but the Greyhound date are supporting the Undertones.

DOLL BY DOLL release their debut single and album for the Magnet label this month. Their new single. "Main Travelled Roads", released this week, is followed by the album, simply titled "Doll By Dol", a week later. The album features 12 new songs and was recorded in the band's basement and mixed at Utopie Studios.

■ BILL NELSON, who has just released his first solo album "Quit Dreaming And Get On The Beam" for Mercury, has lined up a nine date four this month, Ne's formed a new group the Practical Dreamers, Tour dates are: Bristol Polytechnic May 21, Birmingham Cedar Club 22, Manchaster Polytechnic 23, Retford Porterhouse 25, Led's Warehouse 25 and 27, Shefffeld Limit 28, Liverpool Bradys 25, Edinburgh Nitle Club 30, London Neaven June 1.

XTC, WHO have just returned from a short four of Venezuela, have added seven dates to their current four. These are: Blackpool Tiffanys May 16, Southampton University 30, Doncastic Rotters 26, Nottingham Rock City 27, Colchester Essex University 30, Canterbury Odeon 31.

EX-BUZZOCKS bassist Stevs Garvey has formed a new band Motivation. The four-piece is playing 'pop' music, and Garvey says that he is looking to have hits again. The new four-piece combo play their debut London gig at Rainbow 2 on June 12, and should have some product out soon. More dates are to be announced shortly.

A SMALL rock festival with Chevy topping the bill will be held at Ettington Perk Manor, Alderminster, on May 28.
Also featured on the line up will be Kraken. Trilogy. Arc. Wrathchild, and Strontlum Dog. The festival opens at 2 pm and will run till michight. Tickets are priced 22.30 and further information is available. From \$2 sallsbury Drive. Kidderminster, Worcester, V11 154E, telephone 9525 2022. The organisers say they are considering running coaches to the festival from some areas.

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outlets.
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THE THOMPSON Twins who recently signed to Ariols, have made some line up changes. Tom Bailey has decided to stop playing bass and will concentrate on percussion and saxophonist Jayne Shorter has decided to leave the bend. Tom's replacement on bass is Mathew Seligman who used to be with the Soft Boys.

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ROBERT PALMER (pictured right) will
be playing four British provincial dates
next month as part of a European tour.
Pollmer and his backing band, the same
musicians he used for his shows lest year,
will be appearing at Edihourgh Playhouse
June 21, Manchester Apollo 22, Leleester
DeMonitor Hail 23, Birmingham Odeon 24.
Tickets for all the concerts, costing
1.59, £4 and £5.39, are available from box
offices next week. Pelmer will be releasing
a new Single early next month and a new
album will be out by the autumn.

TERMOR BOLDER has with Itles Heap.

album will be out by the autumn.

TREVOR BOLDER has quit Urish Heep and joined Wishbone Ash on bass.

It was tirst thought that John Wetton, the former Roxy Music member, would be joining the line up — but the Wishbone Ash office recently revealed that he was only guesting on their new album "Number The Brave" and had other plans.

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GORDON LIGHTFOOT goes on his first tour for eight years this week — although it comprises only seven dates. It starts at Dublin Stadium on May 13. Then: Belfast Grosvenor Hall 14. Liverpool Empire 15, Glasgow Apollo 16. London Royal Albert Hall 18. Birmingham Odeon, London Dominion 28.

An album comes out this week called The Best Of Gordon Lightfoot' and con-tains 18 tracks.





WHITESNAKE CRAWL OUT

TOP OF the table this week are Whitesnake (pictured left), who blaze the heavy metal trail after a sell - out European tour with an opening gig at Deeside Leisure Centre on Friday. If you're lucky enough to have tickets already the tour continues at Leeds Queens Hall (Saturday), Stafford Bingley Hall (Sunday), and Liverpool Royal Court Theatre (Wednesday) followed by a gap before the band take on the rest of the country at the end of the month.

 AT THE other end of the musical scale there's XTC, fresh back from triumphs in Venuzuela (really) and the Americas, and starting a "back of beyond" club 'n' college tour at York University (Thursday), and then Sheffield University /Eriday/ and then Sheffield University (Friday), Blackpool Tiffanys (Saturday), Edinburgh Odeon (Monday), Newcastle City Hall (Tuesday), and Liverpool University (Wednesday).

SHAKIN' SLITHERS

SHAKIN' STEVENS (pictured on SHAKIN' STEVENS (pictured on Page 34), ready for his second chart topper in a row, continues a mammoth tour at Liverpool Empire (Thursday), Corby Festival Theatre (Friday), Warrington Parr Hall (Sunday), Chelmsford Odeon (Monday), Chatham Central Hall (Tuesday), and Portsmouth Guildhall (Wednesday).

 AND ELSEWHERE there's AND ELSEWHERE there's the last leg of the Cure at Aberdeen Capitol (Friday), Edinburgh Odeon (Saturday), Newcastle City Hall (Sunday), and Middlesbrough Town Hall (Monday), the continuation of tours by Girlschool, Stiff Little Fingers, the Cramps Fingers, the Cramps

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RELEASES

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JEAN MICHEL Jarre has his first album out for over two years since "Equinoxe". It is called "Magnetic Fields and comes out on May 22 — with a single to follow.

ELECTRONIC FOLK artist John Martyn has a single out this week called Sweet Little Mystery. It is taken from his current alkum 'Grace And Danger' with 'Johnny Too Bad' as the flip.

SQUARE ONE have a single out this week called

HEAVEN '7 — who had a hit with their debut single "We Don't Need This Fascist Groove Than' have a follow up released this week. It is called "Im Your Money" and comes out on normal seven - inch form and an extended 12-in

ESSENTIAL BOP have their second out this week entitled 'Croak', this week. A further single 'Monkey Glands' will be released in June.

A FOUR - piece "Swing Band" (sic) called The Human Cabbages isic) release their debut single this week. It is called 'Witch' and comes out with two other numbers 'Air Raid Shelter' and 'One More Fool'.

HEAVY METAL contbo Dark Star — who have been topping the HM charts for nearly six months with their 'Lady Of Mars' single have their first album released this week. Entitled simply 'Dark Star' the band will be backing up the release with some live dates at Bradford Princevill Halls on May 14 and Leeds Fforde Green Hotel 15.

REGGAE BAND Black Uhuru have their second album 'Red' coming out on May 25. It was produced by Wailers rhythm section Sty Dunbar and Robbie Shakespear

THIS HEAT, the avant garde band headed by David Cunningham of the Flying Lizards have an album out at the end of June entitled 'Deceit'.

DAVID BOWIE choreographer Toni Basil has her debut album out on May 72. Entitled "World Of Mouth" it leatures members of Devo and Brand X. For those rich enough, or lucky enough to have a video recorder a video comes out on the same day under the same litle. It comprises most tracks from the album and dance routines from the artist, who choreographed Bowie's "Diamond Dogs" tour.

tour.
The lady has also worked with Manhattan Transfer and recently directed the video of Talking Heads' 'Remain in Light', recently shown on Top Of The Pops. A single called 'Mickey' comes out this week.

LORNA RIGHT's new single 'Teenage Confession' out this week gives buyers the chance to have the video of the record. With each there is a form, which can be sent to her company Radacholice who will record the promotional film onto the caseette — which you supply as well.



THE NICKY MOORE Band, currently supporting Wishbone Ash on their May / June tour, have a three-track single out this Friday. It is called "Street Tunes" with the numbers titled "Year OT A Life", "Smokin" and "Walks A Lady". Nick Moore can't be missed easily, he weighs 20 stone!

SINGER, SONGWRITER, saxophonist, planist, arranger, producer and political activist (it says 'ere) Fela Anikulap Kuti has a new single out this week called 'Sorrow, Tears And Blood'. The Nigeran had an album Black President out recently, following increasing interest in African music

AGEING COMPOSER Burt Racharach, who wrote songs like "What's New Pussycat?", '24 Hours From Tulsa' and Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head, has a six - abum box set leaturing 83 of his songs out this week. It includes did - timers The Carpenters. Tom Jones, Petuls Clark, Gladys Knight and The Pips and Herb Alpert and retails at a cool \$21.55 including postage and packaging by mail order from Reader's Digest, 7/10 Old Bailey, London EC\$ 1AA.

MEMBERS guitarist J. C. Carroll has a single out the week called 'Casual Trousers' — a track that was performed at the legendary Vortex in 1977, when the fans hated it. Carroll is still a Members member, but they aren't holding themselves responsible for it.

SWEDISH TORCH singer Virna Lindt releases her

SATIRICAL DUO Trimmer & Jenkins have a new album 'The Fantastic Trimmer and Jenkins Live From London's Fabulous Comic Strip' released in June.

EAT AT JOES, who had a small hit with their "Watch Out Brother last year are re-releasing the single this week while a new album 'Ghost Hobbies' comes out at the end of this month. The band also have a new single out called 'Move Your Feet' this week. Sax player Mel Collins — ex-King Crimson guests on the album.

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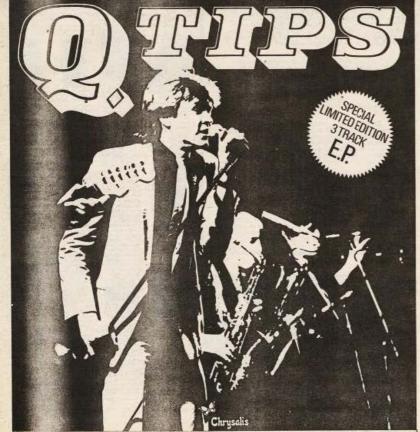
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- THE LIGHTNING RAIDERS: London Marquee May 15
- DANGEROUS GIRLS: who will be recording their debut im for Human Records soon also play the following dates: seley Fighting Cocks May 22, Malvern Mount Pleasant Hotel ie 9, Hereford Market Tavern 12.
- GEDDES AXE: liford Palais May 14. Tunbridge Wells sembly Halls 15. Hertford Castle Halls 16. London Marquee Liverpool Warehouse 29.
- BASEMENT 5: who are currently negotiating a new record at after a successful European four, will be playing the owing dates. London Dingwalls May 13. Cambridge College fechnology 23. London Venue June 2.

- STAGESTRUCK, will be gigging at the following London lues: Greyhound 13, Newlands Tavern 14, Bricklayers Arms Rock Garden 18, Butchers Arms 19, Newlands Tavern 21, 28
- TUXEDO MOON, a San Francisco combo will be playing following dates. London Heaven May 18. Nottingham speers 19. Londo Warehouse 20. Snelfield City Polytechnic Brighton Polytechnic 22. Manchester Ratters 23.
- THE KEYS: who have just released their debut album 'Tin ys Album', play the following London dates: Hope And Ar ir 15, Moonlight Club 17, Basement Bar 29.

- THE AGENTS: Buntingford Ward Freeman School May 13 venage Bowes Lyon Centre 15, Chelmstord Saracens Head



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- MARGOT RANDOM & THE SPACE VIRGINS: play three idon dates at Herne Hill Half Moon May 15, Hammersmith rendon 19, Indies Festival City Of London Poly June 13
- Rusty EgAn and Stevo DJ a special new romantics gip at tingham on June 1 at the city's new venue Rock City. The diglaying are Soft Cell, and with an expected capacity aunce of 1,700 people; the duo claim it will be the biggest int of its kind in the north Midlands.

- DEUTSCH AMERIKANISCHE FREUNDSCHAFT: The German electronic due who recently signed to Virgin, play a special concert at the London Venue May 21. DAF will be supported by Blue Orchid and the Outskirts.

- THE FRESHIES: whose latest single is "Wrap Up The skets"; play two London gigs this month at the Rock Garden y 22 and Greyhound 29
- THE BEAT: add a London date to their tour when they play immersmith Palais June 1. They will be supported by Ner-us Kind. Linton Kwesi Johnson and the Belle Stars.



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with John Evington SEVERN SOUND 388m 95 VHF 8.00-7 00 Home To Seven. Steve Ellis talks to Judy

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sounds
RADIO TRENT 201m 95.2 VHF
6.30.8.00 Castle Reck. Graham Neale talks to the
Bureau and plays more guitar music by former
Thin kizzy man Eris Bett
RADIO VICTORY 257m 95 VHF
10.15-1.00am Pumping Iron. Heavy Metal with Bill
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SATURDAY, May 15
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1,00-2-00 Twenty Five Years Of Rock
5,00-6-30 Rock On Tommy Varice's magazine 30 In Concert. Live Wire and Snips live at the

Parts Theatre, London.
BEACON RADIO 334m 97.2 VHF
9.00-12.00 Rock Hard. Mick Wright and Mike Davies
introduce an Echo and the Bunnymen special
BRHB RADIO 281m 94.6 VH
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Robin Valk. CAPTIAL RADIO 194m 95.8 VHF 11.00-1.00am Roots Rockers David Roddigan

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SUNDAY, May 17 BBC RADIO ONE 275/283m BBC RADIO ONE 275/283m

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PLYMOUTH SOUND 25tm 56 VHF
10.00-12.00 Rock 81. Plymouth's engineers take

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MOVIES



THOUGHT WEREWOLF movies were a thing of the past, eh? Not if the The Howling is anything to go by. The first, I suspect, of a whole new crop of lycanthropic films, it leatures a brand new method of Transylvanian transformation, dreamed up by special effects whizzkid Rob Bottin, which doesn't involve trick photography of any kind.

Before your very eyes you can see a regular human bean expand into a kind of hairy Incredible Hulk with a snout as the sound track snarts, growls, snaps, crackles and

with a snout as the sound track snarls, growls, snaps, crackles and pops in the process. This is, quite naturally enough, extremely impressive. Unfortunately the rest of the film is not.

A series of sex murders gets ace TV newscastress Karen West opting for the role of bait while the cops try and keep track of her movements on faulty equipment. They get the guy but not until he

By CHAS DE WHALLEY

has (nearly) scared the pants off our heroine by doing something peculiar with her in a sex - shop booth. Are you with me so far? Off she goes to a psychiatric therapy centre run by Patrick Macnes, looking just like John Steed in unaccustomed clothes, only to find that all the loonies contained therein have the distressing habit of licking their lips more frequently than is usual and howling at the moon, etc. Rescue arrives in the form of her TV producer armed with a carbine loaded with silver builets. But it may already be too late ... I don't mind so much about The Howling being arrant nonsense; nor

I don't mind so much about The Howling being arrant nonsense; nor am I particularly bothered by the dreadful script and lousy acting, What really makes me cross is that it just ain't scary. By the time you've waded through all the 'in' jokes about horror films and werewolves, — there's a copy of Allen Ginsberg's collection of poetry entitled 'Howl' seen on someone's desk at one point poetry entitled 'Howl' seen on someone's desk at one point — there simply isn't enough of a film to get your teeth into, if you'll pardon the expression. You might as well save your money and wait for John Landis' An American Werewolf In London which looks like being len times better.

Jonathan Demme's Melvin And Howard makes a welcome appearance at last, marking the arrival of a considerable directorial talent from Roger Corman's New World Picture School. The story of a fumble petrol-pump attendant who

World Picture School. The story of a humble petrol-pump attendant who once gave nutty billionaire Howard Hughes a lift and was subsequently left a hundred and fifty six million dollars in his will, it is both funny and touching as it traces Melvin's amazement, then interest and finally inability to hang on to the cash.

cash.
Jason Robards gives a brief but
telling performance as Hughes and
Mary Steenburgen deserves her
Academy Award for best supporting
actress as Melvin's long - suffering
wile. She's also possessed of the wife. She's also possessed of the cutest body around town at the moment — Bo Derek notwithstanding — so hurry on down to catch a glimpse lads, and surprise yourselves with a really nice film. Demme's two previous features were Crazy Mama and The Last Embrace and Melvin And Howard ought to mean third time lucky.

Howard ought to mean third time lucky.
Finally, a film I have been raving about to anyone who'll listen eventually gets a limited screening at the Paris Pullman in London. But if it doesn't go on wider release there ain't no justice. Bertrand Tavernier's Deathwatch starring Harvey Keitel and Romy Schneider is a science fiction film with a difference. No spaceship, no aliens and no dumb special effects to interfere with the story whose implications alone are enough to give you the screaming heeble-jeebles.
In a world where TV companies

give you the screaming heeble-jeebles.

In a world where TV companies are more powerful than the government, and death by disease has been eliminated, the discovery of a woman dying from natural causes send the Alan Whickers of the future into paroxysms of delight. They send out their roving reporter, whose camera is surgically implanted behind his eyes thereby filming everything he sees, to cover the story and follow her gradual deterioration.

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The northic power of the idea is well served by an infelligent script (based on D G Compton's novel. The Continuous Katherine Mortenhoe) and impeccable performances from all concerned. Risk death to watch it.

TURNTABLE HITS

THE HITMEN 'Bates Motel'

THE HITMEN 'Bates Mote!'
THE TAIL that wags the dog, that's the Hitmen's drummer Mike Gaffey, always ready with a snap to suit the occasion. And always ready with a song too, for Gaffey wrote 'Bates Mote!' the horrorshow single which is currently chilling the airwaves.

"Most people think the song is all about Hitchoock's 'Psycho', like the Landscape record. But there's a lot of 'Peeping Tom' in it too, which is an English tilm Michael 'Powell made in the fifties about a guy who kills women and then takes photos of them. I like my songs to tell offbeat stories like that.

But that's not the only story behind

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But that's not the only story behind Bates Motel. Singer-Ben Watkins, whose Bowiesque voice gives the song so much of its drama, remembers when the Hitmen were in New York last summer.

"We were living outside the city in this house that looked just like the motel in the movie. Mike was ills owe left him alone while we all went to the cinema to see 'Dressed To Kilt'. During the evening there was a newslash on the TV that the Mad Axeman of 'Westchester had escaped from an asylum just down the road. It scared Mike half to death. We came shiple, the Rupert Hine back from a horror film to find Mike 'Lost Planes'. Three play living in the middle of one of his somedays on Radio One as status on more stations besi

left him alone while we all went to the cinema to see 'Dressed To Kill'. Dur Doll. C Gas 5 and Just On The Neeling the evening there was a newstlash on the TV that the Mad Areman of Westchester had escaped from an asylum just down the road, it scared Mike half to death. We came back from a horror film to find Mike living in the middle of one of his own."

A tall tale of terror? Pethaps, but whal's certainly true is that 'Bates Motel' is on its way into the charts. Produced by Rhett Davies, who has previously worked with Talking Heads. Roxy Music and the B-52s, it takes this four man London group a long way from the Waterloo railway arches where they recorded their first single and album for the independent Urgent label last year. 'Bates Motel' marks their debut CBS release and with the might of that multi-national and agreat hew album all ready to run played on that David Sasex ession, both behind them, it seems like the Hitmen will finally live up to their



BEN WATKINS of The Hitmen

THE FIX *Lost Planes :
REGULAR GIG-goers round the country are probably more familiar with the Fix than they know. Individually, you see, every member of this tight and skilful London combo have put in years of roadwork with groups like Portraits, the Phil Fambow Band, The Doll, C Gas 5 and Just On The Needle



both come up with similar ideas. But it's coincidence really."
What's no coincidence is that the single should be out on IOI Records—after the South London club of the same name—and that The Fix have featured prominently On IOI Club compliation albums. The band's manager, Frank Sansom runs the place.

"Ot course that's an advantage. We can always get a gig and put a record out. But we use those facilities really as a testing ground for ideas. We've always known we'd leave those cramped surroundings eventually because we know people will take The Fix very seriously very soon."

KIM CARNES 'Bette Davis Eves

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ONE OF those magic records you know will be a big hit the first time you hear it is Kim Carnes' quaintly titled Bette Davis Eyes. But if it's the sort of song that seems to shoot in from nowhere don't be too surprised. Take 'a look at the label and the writing credits and you'll see the name of J De Shannon and that, my friends, means the same Jackle De Shannon who made a small fortune for herself writing and singing sixties soul stirrers like 'When You Walk Into The Room' and 'Needles And Pins.'

But what of Kim Carnes, the gird whose moody West Coast voice, across between Bonnie Tyler and Christine McVie, really sells 'Bette Davis Eyes'. Well, this blonde, Hollywood-born beauty has an album scheduled for June release on EMI America and it will be her sixth in a career that spans the best part of a decade and three different record labels. A hit single last year with a version of Smokey Pobinson's 'More Love', makes it obvious that she is no stranger to the recording studio. She's a songwritter too, part of a formidable team with her husband Dave Ellingson. Between them they have written soundtracks, to movies like 'Vanishing Point' and entire chartopping albums for such as Kenny Rogers with whom Kim duetted on the American hit Don't Fall In Love With A Dreamer'.

Of course, that makes it sound like Kim Carnes' eyes are firmly set on a bland American country rock dream. But take another listen to Bette Davis Eyes' and keep an eye out for the video directed by Ultravox and

But take another insten to Better bevis Eyes and keep an eye out for the wideo directed by Ultravox and Visage-man Russell Mulcahy, and then tell me that between them they don't chart the exact point where AOR and futurism meet on equal

DON'T WANNA BE YOUR TIGER

HEODORE 'TEDDY'

Pendergrass is now one of the richest of all black performers in terms of both wealth and talent. His present stature as the latest in a long line of gospel blues based shouters (one that has included the likes of James Brown and the wicked Wilson Pickett) is tempered by his ability to generate a level of lemale adoration that compares favourably with the creamier style of Al Green.

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But the road to his present peak of success only started when he was playing drums behind Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes. "It seems like something that happened in a dream," he says now. "I happened to be discussing with a beautiful young lady in the French West Indies that I was thinking of onine hack to singing. It French West Indies that I was thinking of going back to singing. It just so happened that Harold Melvin overheard me and at the same time the group were on the verge of splitting and were having disagreements which led to that particular conversation. "Harold just said, "No, No, No, stay with me!"

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"Harold just said, 'No, No, No, No, stay with me!"
The band, with Pendergrass installed on lead vocals by 1971, then became the figureheads of the Gamble and Huff stable as they developed the 'Philly Sound' which led to the notable successes like 'If You Don't Know Me By Now'. The Love I Lost', 'Bad Luck' and 'Don't Leave Me This Way'.
But did he see himself as belonging to the Philly tradition?
"I had a sound of my own,' he says. "It was a city of doo woppers, high tones and bass singers. A person with my voice was not part of the sweet songs of the lifties. On the street corners I wouldn't fight for the highs and the lows in

the songs . . . I always sang in the

the songs... I always sang in the middle."

Yet, amidst a heavy bout of litigation, Pendergrass left the Blue Notes "because I had to grow" in 1977. His first album surprised everybody by chalking up sales far in excess of his work with the Harold Melvin and earned him the first of his seven platinum albums. Now Pendergrass, as a solo performer, seems to have become a collision between two camps. First striving for harmony in songs like the Blue Notes' "Wake Up Everybody." Somebody Told Me' between two camps. First Everybody." Somebody Told Me' and "Life Is A Circle" and, second, delivering with erroticism of "Close The Door." "Turn Off The Light' and the more explicit." Do Me'. Does Teddy agree with this spii?

"It's not eroticism," he counters. "I look at if in the manner that it is passing on a word, or the truth. That's what religion is, which is the truth no matter what that is. My life's conviction is that I was put here to express the truth — which is why I was a minister at the age of 10 years and I used to preach. "There are a million subjects you can talk about and I wouldn't say it is erotic to talk about "Close The Door" or in some form "let's make love", that's the truth, "he enthuses. "The two Teddy Pendergrass's are really one broad Teddy which accounts for what has happened."

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happened."

But haven't you compounded your (ahem) sex appeal by having events like your series of 'For Women Only certs'!

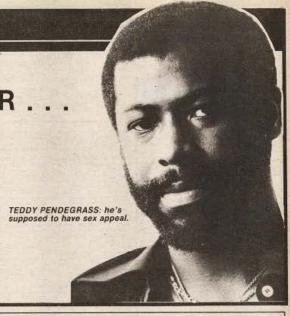
Concerts!
"It was just a ladies night out,"
he says. "You can see that some
women want to react and they seem
restrained (he bursts out laughing
as he ponders over the word

restrained) because their husbands are sitting beside them. I'm not trying to make the husbands feel incompetent I leel that . . . heck . . I might be warming them up but they are the ones that are taking them home and I go home alone to my hote!! "Shucks, I'm getting the short end of the deal," he exclaims. The nickname Teddy has been with him since he was young and that has now manifested itself with a huge collection of Teddy Bears sent to him from his many fans. "A Teddy Bear is very pleasing to a female and maybe what that image projects is what they call my sex appeal," he says.

But, Teddy, are you a benign Teddy . . or a grizzly hunk of manhood?

"Whatever turns you on . ."

MIKE GARDNER



IF JUSTICE prevails, 1981 should be the year when Stephanie Mills graduates from being just another female soul vocalist to an international celebrity. This petite lady, who first gained recognition in the smash Broadway production of 'The Wiz', has already forced herself onto the attention of soul fans with her first two albums for 20th Century Records. 'What Cha Gonna Do' and Sweet Sensation'. Last year, Stephanie went on the road with Teddy Pendergrass, receiving rave reviews for her own performance and for duets with Teddy such as Peabo Bryson's 'Feel The Fire'. April 1981 saw her first ever trip to England for three shows with Teddy and the release of her third album entitled 'Stephanie', which should go a long way towards proving whether she has the ability to reach superstar status. The new single 'Two Hearts', is a duet with Pendergrass and seems certain to consolidate the success gained from 'Never Knew Love', the record which brought her name to the British record - buying public.

At her Park Lane Hotel, just a few hours before the opening night of the tour, I asked Stephanie if she had expected the record to be as popular as it was.

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had expected the record to be as popular as it was.
"I felt it would be a hit from the first moment I heard it, I'm delighted it became so big, both here and in the States, because it crossed overto the pop charts and gave me a larger and more varied audience. Stephanie is a performer, no doubt about that. The little lady, shy and full of humility in real life, becomes a dynamic extrovert on stage, manifesting the natural exuberance and vitality one

exuberance and vitality one associates with someone who really enjoys what she is doing. She is happy concentrating on her recording career, which has blossomed since she started touring with Teddy Pendergrass.

"We were both performing at the same theatre in New York City when Feel The Fire', a track on my first album, was high in the charts over there. One day, Teddy said to me, "You know, Stephanie, I used to sing that song," and I said, "Well, Teddy, why don't we just sing it together." It went down so well that when Teddy wanted to re-record the



STEPHANIE MILLS

SILVER LADY

track for his last album, "T.P.", we just sang it together. And we've been singing and touring together ever since. Teddy sings on my new single, 'Two Hearts', and I would like to do a whole album with him because we work so well together." While Teddy is the most important man to her as far as her performing career goes, undoubtedly the most important man in her private life is recently acquired husband, Jeffrey Daniel, of Shalamar fame.

I wondered if two of the most distinctive voices on the soul scene

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distinctive voices on the soul scene had any plans to record together?

"I think so," she replies, "Jeffrey and I wrote the song 'Magic' for my new album and hopefully we'll have a chance to work together more in the not too distant future."

Happily married and with a new single and album destined for great things, 1981 holds no terrors for Stephanie. So treat yourself to an album, put on the track 'I Believe in Love Songs' and let this gorgeous silver - voiced lady cast a glorious spell over your mind. Jeffrey Daniel is a very fortunate young man.

ALAN COULTHARD



BREAKERS

BUBBLING UNDER the UK Disco 90 (page 48) with ingreased support are Smokey Robinson With ingreased support are Smokey Robinson Beling With Your (Motown / 12in. promo). Ronnie Jones 'Video Games' (US Polydor 12in). Soft Cell 'Memorabilia' (Some Bizzare 12in). Starpoint 'I Just Want To Be Your Lover / Keep On It' (US Chocolate City Lover / Keep On It') (Island Keep City Lover Keep Lover Keep Lover Keep Lover Keep City Love

UK NEWIES

THE QUICK. "Zulu" (Epic EPC A 13-1119). Since reviewing the white label of this dynamite MFSB, type walking bass driven cool 0-117/pm 12h olue-syed vocal thudder with abrupt crescendor, my in-lial expectations of its crossover potential have been exceeded as it packs those not only at disea. Durist, box and lazz- time, does but with middle-busist, box and lazz- time, does but with middle-

Ihere should be no stopping it. SECOND IMAGE: Get Your Finger Out' (Polydor POSPX 283), Robbie Vincent - plugged (I wonder why?) exuberantly rough and ready en-thusiastically charted brassy 125pm 12in bounder (an American recording would never

IMAGINATION, whose 'Body Talk' is heading towards the national chart, are wowwing ladies on live PAs with a champagne and roses routine!

have had this open a mix), jaggedly broken into for a few instrumental spurts but basically pounding all the way through to the acappella cold finish. About on white label, it may not be available in

About on white label, it may not be available in ships for a week of so. Remy I have killer Jae Rap / The New Killer Jae Rap / The New Killer Jae (1958 A 13-122), Let's get something straight the great greatly into ship of the something straight who great greatly in the solution of the

is on 12m too. Parily created a demand that may now have been deflated, hough the music's as budyant as ever.

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Not another 'Can You Handle It' although simils structured (including more great gunar), this p posetul tense little 110-111-110bpm 12in littlere far stronger than the official 'Love is Gonna'

Ya Aside, a pleasant enough but fairly pedestrian 13-145pm should ylegly saving jogger.
Betty Wilght: Body Stang (LP Betty Wilght: Betty Wilg

miss here on 7in.

AURRA. Nesty Disposition: (Salsoul SALT 9, Carefully crafted, chunkly bumping 118bpm 12in.

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on into Fantay Frunty Song I man general purpose sales potential, although it's lilippoid for value by the jerkily burbling Salintro) - 1080pm "Are You Single" US A-suddiction" (EP 'Temporary Music 2' MATERIAL: "Reduction" (EP 'Temporary Music 2' MATER



monotonius interest with a few luturist effects introduced. A bit wint of or some mayor, it's on 4- through the control of some mayor, it's on 4- through the control of the control of the control of the landscape. "Norman Barles" (RCA RCAT 68), Sombre stark slow 64bpm 1201 remixed repetitive synth plodder but of monotonous almosphere, synth plodder but of monotonous almosphere, synth plodder but of monotonous almosphere synth plodder but of monotonous almosphere. STAR SOUND: 'Stars On 45 - The Album' LP

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Doc-Wah)*

KELLY MARIE: "Love Trial" (Calibre Plus PLUSL?),
Topically useful "order in court" intue to a syn-thetically bubbled joiling little 118/pen 73in changer with a midway "sentence" pronounced ap-propriately as a rap, all a fol less whill than usual spart from her piercingly shrill pop - aimed singing

style.
VICTOR ROMERO EVANS: 'At The Club' (Epix EPC A1169). Recent reggae monster presumably picked up in Minott's wake, a soulfully sung for ON NUMERIC EVANS: At The Club (Eppe AT169), Recent raggae monater presumably drug in Minort's wake, a southuly song formation of the Common SMS 1911 pp. 1914 pp. 191

on \$2m SPOOKEY: "On The Rocks" (Satril 12-HH 153), Amazingly blatant crib on the old Heatwave format speeded up on 0-130bpm 12n, both backet on synthesizers and mixed by — you'll never guess — Marvin Gaye!

IMPORTS

BARBARA ROY AND ECSTASY, PASSION AND PAIN: "If You Want Me" (US Roy B. RBD6-256). Potentially another Goradian Hunt, this search Hunt, this search to the pain of the thin man built-15 (ass; part). Epin 176: a graph to the pain 176: a graph to pain 176: a graph to pain 176: a graph part of the part of the

understated way to be one hell of a powerful record THP. "Howar" ILP: "Hound Trip 'US MCA FROWN THE AMOUNT THE WAY T

y hot get Intough to every vice to work (LP Changes' kan bis sed. AN. Close To You' (LP Changes' Fantasy F-9696). The pultar-feth singer's ever sadly short tracks but impeccable sides in self and exceptional brassy 121bpc secher being an incredible synch out of the backer being an incredible synch synchronic state.

James, while Jeff Lother plays pretty pean on the Jazzily swaying instrumentals \$1100 pm. Pastelf which will get most specially attention. Other cuts are the beetily smarking 1170 pm. Shake It Up. are the beetily smarking 1170 pm. Shake It Up. Shake It

Your Thing a buoyantly rolling 121-120bpm pump-ng churner. Let Me Be Your Energy a langual 15bpm bumper. 'I'm Just Your Fool' a juggly 12bpm thumper, and 'In Love For The First Time' in annualing attractive 168bpm sweeps.

an appealing attractive 1985pm swayer.
THE WHISPERS: "I Can Make It Better" (US Sola
YD-12233). Well known from their LP of course YD-12233). Well known from their LP of course this simple smooth 0-120-121/pm 12in amacke with busily bumbling bass undertow should soo be on UK 12in box (SDT 19). Last week's BPM for Keni Burke (who is indeed a Stairstep) should be reduced to 119-120/pm. Happy birthday Stacey sex Plowdiv.

sez Rowdy.

CASIOPEA: Asayake (Sunrise): (LP 'Eyes Of The Mind' US Afa AAA-1002). Harvey Mason produced higponese (azzes now on the recently started less expensive US version of their Japanese babe with a highly acclaimed specialist instrumental set, hortest dencer being this per-cusavely uniform acid matter risky accounteration 112. instrumental set, hottest dacer being this per-cussively upfront acid guitar pisyed attractive 113-113-114bpm ipdoder, while "Magic Ray" is, a 34-35bpm synth smoother. Space Road" a france-tion of the smoother. Space Road" a france-comes-also guitar 155bp. Alocs in The Sun a comes-also guitar 155bp. Alocs in The Sun a comes-also guitar 155bp. Alocs in The Sun a Suny 2017-120-15bp. In control of the International 367y 2017-120-15bp. In control (US RCA AFLI-3442). Quite a nice set laid off by this gently little 13420, Quite a nice set laid off by this gently little 13420, Quite a nice set laid off the this property of passes and short of the Sun and Sun and Sun and Sun and Fasts' and short years of the Sun and Sun and Sun and Sun and Fasts' and short years of the Sun and Sun

while the title track is a jerky 1950m tripper and Hollywood a 64-724-750pm lyrober 175Kl VALLEY-1950m tripper and Hollywood a 64-724-750pm lyrober 175Kl VALLEY-1950m the Beat! (Rap And Breaks) (US Grand Groove 7701). Good satured increasingly structured stacky slow bubbly 195-104-105-105bpm 12hr rapper put across with more sulhorsty and hinesse than most with an instrumental & Breaks' flip by Grand Groove Bunch).

STEPHANIE MILLS. My Love's Seen Good To STEPHANIE MILLS. My Love's Seen Good To You' (LP 'Stephanie' US 29th Century-Fox 1-70), Someone's obviously lod young Sleigh that she sounds like Diana Boss, the result into time being a beautifully packaged but caller bland set on which the griftiest cut is this steedily tapping 105/40pm jagger, Winner being a lurching 105/40pm jagger, Winner being a lurching 115pm smooth humpe. Lot a crosmity folling 115pm

sing stowes sweetly.

JAYMZ BEDFORD: 'Just Koep My Boogle' (US Gold Mink GMD-7003). Roy Ayers co-produced rather inflexibly smacking 17-118-119-120-1210pm 12in busy bass burbler with husky vocial making if

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HIT NUMBERS: Beast Per Minute for last week:
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Bunsymen 16-117-07. Marc Bolan 313-161f. Kraftwark 137f. Champaign 36f. Japan 113f.

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Ash are highly underrated, and a reviewer who has just earned his paper my subscription at the expense of those pissheads at

Ash have always been light years ahead of Quo and Thir Lizzy (and Zeppelin if truth be known) but when it suddenly became unfashionable to play well it was obvious that the most talented band would suffer most. Il say suffer but really I don't think the "Ashettes" gave a two-penny screw about critics!)

I shall continue to read your mag and eagerly await any forthcoming Ash interviews (hint).

Sounds!



Sheena shows us what she thinks of her critics.

Slow

WHEN YOU say "Alf Martin isn't a boring old fart who likes listening to Abba. He doesn't like Abba." Do you mean he's just a boring old fart? Solitude and the Echo's, somewhere in sunny England • Now you're getting it.

Ageing hippy

ROCK ON Robin! At last a reviewer who does not have Wishbone Ash on his own personal death list; a reviewer who recognises that the

Easton backlash IN LAST week's singles review I was disgusted to see what Mike Nicholls wrote about Sheena Easton's new single "When He Shines". It is a very beautiful ballad and is nothing like an out of date Christmas song, like he

The Sheena

Sheena is a very talented lady and this record proves it.

So please would you tell this creep that in future if he has anything horrible to say about Sheena's records to keep it to himself and not print it. in the paper. Pete, Brockley, London.

I told him, but he was too busy sharpening his knife to take any notice.
 Would you rather I kick him in the teeth / up the bum / bite his nose.

SO SHEENA Easton has a new single out — could it be due to the BBC showing another programme about her (21.4.81) and hoping for another hit single. Surely the BBC aren't gonna show programmes about her every time she has a couple of flop singles to buck her career up, or else we'll have about 50 such programmes a year. Maybe the BBC are hoping to prop her hit - making ability up — so in a few years they can make a documentary about the continuing success story of Sheena Easton. about the conti Sidney Barret.

Sheena is actually nothing to do with Beeb, apart from the prog what started it all. She is a bit gear, isn't she?

From Captain Ash, Blackpool, Lancs While we're at ii, whatever happened to iron Butterfly? Now there's a group for ya! The Talent, the beards, the genuine Wetback beads. Gnurrghh!!

White stick

TO THE Laughing Gnome of Zurich. I strongly suggest you acquire yourself a white stick!

I fail to understand how any sane female cannot see that David Coverdale is quite simply the most beautiful thing you could ever have the good fortune to lay your eyes on! How anybody could find him ugly, UGLY?? I do not know!

In fact, I feel very sorry for you. you are obviously unable to appreciate beauty when it smacks you in the face. It is a simple fact that David Coverdale is the most gorgeous thing that God ever

created.
Trudy Hylton, (Coverdale fanatic),
Littlehampton, Sussex
e if beauty smacked me in the face,
I'd have a few words to say to it
lemme tell ya. Huh, da noive of
sommava dese peoples.

Backstabber

I BET that over the past few weeks you've been waiting for someone I BET that over the past few weeks you've been waiting for someone who'd also "Quo to pieces" on hearing the alleged (Like it — Ed.) new album by Status Quo. Weil here I am, not only do Quo owe me a new set of headphones, ears and a speaker for my stereo thit, we own them a kick up the area (use the one you were going to give all those hard done by Genesis fans) not a living, only the most loyal fan could defend that load of black vinyl vacuosity. vacuosity.
This all proves that it's 'Never to

likes: ELO, Rush, Whitesnake, Rainbow, AC/DC, Gillan, UFO, Priest, Angel Witch, Deep Purple, Queen, Genesis and Saxon, Johnathan Dahms, Broadstairs, Kent

This reminds me of a cartoon where a harassed-looking bloke is sitting upside down underneath a window-ledge with his head pointing towards the ground. One observer says to another: "What if he's right and we're all wrong?" Surely 7,000,000,000 Quo fans can't be wrong ... can they?

NOW THAT Chris Westwood has

Stupid

gone, who's going to use all the big words? His constant use of multigone, who's going to use all the big words? His constant use of multi-syllabic words and pedantic use of phrases never ceased to amaze me. The prosaic writings and acerbity of some of the new writers is abhorrent. One must adhibit multifarious phrases in the musical press. The rhetorical aspect of writing must not be allowed to retrogress to the stage of The Beano or NME. Record Mirror usually transcended the pratilings of other music papers because you are more trenchant. What the bloody hell am I on about?

Paul Humphreys, the least famous person in Stoke on Trent
Chris took the office pocket dictionary with him when we sent him to Siberia for a "rest". Now all we've got is the thesauraus Mark Cooper carriers in a saddle-bag strapped across his head. (Is that why he finds it so difficult to get through doorways? — Vindictive Ed.)

Toad du jour

THROUGH RECORD MIRROR could I THROUGH RECORD MIRROR could I hank everyone who supported our "Save The Ipswich Gaumont Campaign". (No — Ed.) We collected a petition of 16,000 against Top Rank's proposed plans to turn the Gaumont into a bingo hall. I would also like to thank the Dooleys. Saxon, Adam And The Dosleys. Saxon, Adam And The Darts and lan Dury who all signed the petition or wrote to us supporting it. Rank have now withdrawn the planning application, and promised Ipswich even more live shows. Once again thanks a million to everyone.

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Nick Jepson, Ipswich, Suffolk

• Glad to hear that the revolting
children of Ipswich are to be given
another opportunity to rip a few
more seats out. Well done Nick and
all his acolytes.

frontlash Numan

WELL DONE RM for proving that Gary Numan is right, If you bothered to read the article on the back of the leaflet in 'Living Ornaments' you would have read that he thanked his fans for sticking with him throughout total criticism from the likes of you. So Gary Numan packs up touring, so to keep up your 100 per cent record you run him down.

You really are a bunch of hypocrytical bastards. (You say the nicest things — Ed.) When John Lennon retired you described him as lazy and called him every name under the sun, when he returns all is not forgiven. You have to run down his album but when he dies, you can't stop nouring out the you can't stop pouring out the praise.

Rock stars owe you nothing, if it wasn't for them you'd be out of a job. Oh, but I hear you saying now "if it wasn't for us, they'll be out of a job". Well you try telling Spandau your help. it's the fans who keep the stars at the top. The tans that if they believed half the things you say would never buy a record or go to a concert in their life.

Tony, Romford.

 We ran our first feature on Spandau so long ago I've forgotten when. Don't you think it's very clever to make so much money out of one tune? 'Are Friends Electric'? was a classic single, but when you've heard the same tune rehashed 100 times the joke wears a bit thin



Gary almost smiles.

Gary almost smiles.

YET ANOTHER complaint about that stupid bore — Alf Martin. I've never heard so much bullshit in my life as in his review of Gary Numan's latest offering — 'Living Ornaments' 79 and '80' (25/4/81). They say that your senses start to go as you age. I wouldn't put Alf Martin any younger than 80.

I reckon he does this on purpose, calling Numan's concerts' "musically monotonous". Did he ever attend any of his concerts'? I did, and they were mindblowing both visually and musically. Do me a favour and get his walking stick and beat him until he looks 180 years old.

By the way Roy Wood is a JOKE! (Ho-Ho)
Cedric Sharpley's Drumstick.

Alf already looks 180. It's so

Alf already looks 180, it's so boring having to read all these pathetic letters about Numan. Why don't you write in with something interesting to say?



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E 49	75	(.0)	THE ART OF PARTIES, Japan, Virgin
49	44	(3)	THE THIRD MAN, Shadows, Polydor
11	55 38	(1)	HOUSES IN MOTION, Talkings Heads, Sire
52	48	(11)	THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN, Clash, CBS INTUSTION, Linx, Chryselle 88
2	69	(1)	SING ME A SONG, Marc Bolan, Narn
54	47	(5)	LOVING ARMS, Elvis Presley, RCA
35	50	(4)	HEALEY'S GOLDEN MEDLEY, Bill Haley, MCA
56	54	(4)	DON'T SAY THAT'S JUST FOR WHITE BOYS, Way Of The West.
57	42		Mercury
54	58	(14)	FLYING HIGH, Freez, Beggars Banquet FOUR FROM TOYAH, Toyah, Safari
1	=	11.41	IS THAT LOVE, Squeeze, ASM
60	43	(13)	KIDS IN AMERICA, Kim Wilde, RAK
61	33	(1)	D-DAYS, Hazel O'Conner, Albion 18
82	41	(4)	HIT & RUN, Girlschool, Bronze
63 64	60 45	(4)	CANDIDATE FOR LOVE, T.S. Monk, Mirage
84	**	(10)	WHAT BECOMES OF THE BROKEN HEARTED, Dave
(3)	-		Stewart/Colin Blunstone, Stiff INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH EP, Krokus, Ariola
60	71	(13)	KINGS OF THE WILD FRONTIER, Adam & The Ants, EMI
67	52	(.6)	HUMPIN', Gap Band, Mercury
66	-	-1227.0	BODY TALK, Imagination, R&B
49	-		HI-DE-HI, Paul Shane, EMI
70	15%		MARVIN THE PARANOID ANDROID, Marvin, Polydor
72	29		OBSESSED, 198, Albien ROCKABILLY GUY, Polecats, Marcury
73	64	(5)	KEEP ON RUNNING, UK Subs. Gem
74	-	1 Section	JUST THE TWO OF US, Grover Washington, Elektra
75	-	1	TOKYO, Classix Nouveaux, Liberty





TOYAH: in at 37 in the UK Singles chart



THE BEAT: Wha'ppen? Well we jumped into the album chart at No5.

25 FAST MOVERS

8	Platinum					
Φ,	(One million sales)					

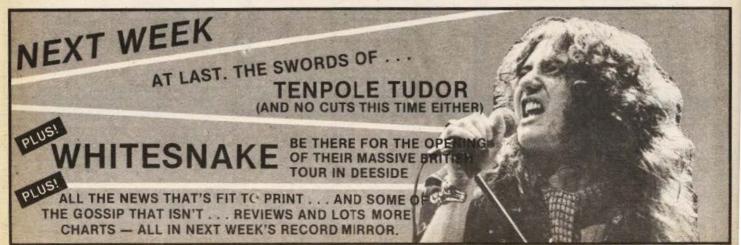
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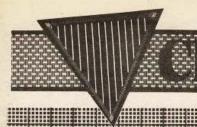
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Charts as supplied by BMRB/Music and Video Week and used by BBC.

UK ALBUMS

EK	LAST	WEEKS	
1	WEEK	IN CHART	KINGS OF THE WILD FRONTIER, Adam And The Ants.
	1	12.07	CBS 8
2	- 4	(7)	THIS OLE HOUSE, Shakin' Stevens, Epic @
3	1	1.76	ROLL ON, Various, Polyster
4		(27)	HOTTER THAN JULY, Stevie Wonder, Motown S WHA PPEN, Beat, Go Feet
6	1	(4)	FUTURE SHOCK, Gillan, Virgin 😤
1	45	(1)	BAD FOR GOOD, Jim Steinman, CBS
8	2	(4)	CHART BLASTER 81, Various, K-Tel
9	9	(25)	JAZZ SINGER, Neil Diamond, Capitol 10
0	16	(5)	CHARIOTS OF FIRE, Vangelis, Polydor COME AND GET IT, Whitesnake, Liberty 90
2	10.	(10)	JOURNEY TO GLORY, Spandau Ballet.
	100	1100	Referention/Chrysalis 6
3	-11	(9)	MAKIN' MOVIES, Dire Straits, Vertigo
4	3	(3)	LIVING ORNAMENTS, Gary Numan, Beggars Banquet
5	17	(4)	HI INFIDELITY, Reo Speedwagon, Epic SKY 3, Sky 3, Ariota 0
i i	14	1 77	POSITIVE TOUCH. The Underlanes, Ardeck
	13	(52)	MANILOW MAGIC, Barry Manilow, Arista &
9	24	(5)	THE DUDE, Quincy Jones. A&M
1	=	7000	STARS ON 45's, Starsound, CBS
2	21 12	(6)	MAKIN' WAVES, Nolana, Epic o HIT 'N' RUN, Girlschool, Bronze
3	26	(3)	THIS IS, Ennie Merricone, EMI
4	18	(13)	FACE VALUE, Phil Collins, Virgin &
5	14	(13)	CHRISTOPHER CROSS, Christopher Cross, Warner Bros.
	-		PUNKS NOT DEAD, Exploited, Secret
7	15	(4)	FAITH, Cure, Fiction
8	27 48	(3)	TAKE MY TIME, Sheena Easton, EMI 38
10	38	(113)	BAT OUT OF HELL, Meations, Epic/Cloveland &
11	20	(25)	DOUBLE FANTASY, Juhn Lennon, Geffen ®
12	37	(1)	DISCO DAZE & DISCO NITES, Various, Ronco
13	41	(.7)	VIENNA, Ultravox. Chrysalis o
14	15	(4)	GO FOR IT, Stiff Little Fingers, Chrysalis
15	43	(12)	STRAY CATS, Stray Cats, Arista 16
17	28	(1)	WINELIGHT, Grover Washington, Elektra JAZZ FUNK, Incognito, Ensign
	55	(2)	TO LOVE AGAIN, Diana Ross, Motown
35	32	(5)	THE ADVENTURES OF THIN LIZZY, Thin Lizzy, Vertigo
10	34	(22)	BARRY, Barry Mantlow, Arista 8
11	30	(4)	INTUITION, Linx, Chrysalis
12	36	(5)	FLOWERS OF ROMANCE, Fil, Virgin
13	19	(5)	FUN IN SPACE, Roger Taylor, Ensign EDDIE OLD BOB DICK AND GARRY, Tenpele Tudor, Stiff
15	23	(9)	FROM THE TEAROOMS, Landscape, RCA
15	31	(3)	AXE ATTACK 2, Various, K-Tel
17	33	(9)	THE ROGER WHITTAKER ALBUM, Roger Whittaker, K-Tel
18	25	(12)	GUILTY, Barbra Streleand, CBS 8
50	42	(25)	I AM PHOENIX, Judie Tzuke, Rocket SUPER TROUPER, Abbe, Epic 8
3	**	(40)	SECRET COMBINATION, Randy Crawford, Warner Brothe
2	25	(8)	FACE DANCES, The Who, Polydor 🗵
53	44	(18)	DIRK WEARS WHITE SOX, Adam And The Ants, Do it
54	63	(32)	FLESH AND BLOOD, Roxy Music, Polyder &
55 56	58	(10)	THE VERY BEST OF, Rita Coolidge, A&M 0 NEVER TOO LATE, Status Quo, Version 0
57	28	(8)	NEVER TOO LATE, Status Quo, Versigo o VISAGE, Visage, Polydor &
58	40	(3)	LIVING ORNAMENTS 10, Gary Numan, Beggars Banquet
59	52	(32)	ABSOLUTELY, Madness, Stiff ®
50	47	(1)	THIS IS ELVIS PRESLEY, Elvis Presley, RCA
61	- 56	(.4)	NUMBER THE BRAVE, Wishbone Ash, MCA
52	46	(53)	THE RIVER, Bruce Springsteen, CBS 6
E 14	11	(3)	TINSEL TOWN RESELLION, Frank Zappe, CSS. LIVING ORNAMENTS 19, Gary Numan. Beggars Banquel
55	53	(5)	ACE OF SPADES, Materhaad, Bronze 0
20	_	1 20	TRIUMPH, Jacksons, Epic 0
67	68	(2)	BEATLES 52 - 56, Beatles, Parlophone 8
68	56	(14)	DANCE CRAZE, Various, 2-Tone 0
69	74	(3)	ONE STEP BEYOND, Madness, Stiff
70 71	50	(15)	SOUTHERN FREEEZ, Freeez, Beggars flanquet
77	54	(15)	YOU KNOW IT'S ME, Barbars Dickson, Epic ARC OF A DIVER, Steve Winwood, Island SI
73	60	(36)	SIGNING OFF, UB40, Graduate o
74	67	(2)	KILIMANJARO, Teardrop, Mercury
75	-	200	OFF THE WALL, Michael Jackson, Epic &
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39 42 ROCKIN' HORSE, Chelsea, Faulty Products
30 129 EXPLOTED BARMY ARMY, Exploited, Secret
32 13 25 EROX, Adam & The Ants, Do II
32 8 BULLSHIT DETECTOR, Various, Crass
34 46 ANTI-POLICE, Demoh, Round Ear
35 07 THE ARM EP, Abrasine Wheels, Abrasine
36 10 TRANSMISSION, Joy Division, Factory
37 37 I'LL KEEP HOLDING ON, Action, Edsel
38 32 TELL ME EASTERS ON FAIDAY, Associates, Situation 2
39 — YOU'RE NO GOOD, E.S.G., Factory
40 31 SIMPLY THRILLED HONEY, Orange Juice, Postcard
41 31 BLUE BOY, Orange Juice, Postcard
42 54 MAKE ROOM, Fad Gadget, Mute
43 64 ARMY LIFE, Exploited, Secret
43 46 BLOOD REVOLUTIONS/PERSONS UNKNOWN, Crass/Poison Girls,
Crass

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- WHY. Discharge, Clay
 DOSS OF WAR, Exploited, Secret
 SCATES (EP), Fall, Rough Trade
 OBSESSED, 598, Albion
 REBEL WITHOUT A BRAIN, Theafre Of Hate, Burning Rome
 SING ME A SONG, Marc Bolan, Rain
 DREAMING OF ME, Depeche Mode, Mute
 CANDYSKIN, Five Engines, Popt, Aural
 FOUR FROM TOYAH (AP), Toyah, Safari
 ONLY CRYING Kaith Marshall, Andreal

- ONLY CRYING, Keith Marshall, Arrival NAGASAKI NIGHTMARE, Crass, Crass
- NAGASKI NIGHTMARE, Crass, Crass D-DAYS, Hazed O'Conner, Albien I WANT TO BE FREE. Toyah, Safari ALL SYSTEMS GO, Poison Girls, Crass POOR OLD SOUL, Orange Juice, Pestcard JUST LINE GOLD, Arbe Camera, Postcard CEREMONY, New Order, Factory ORIGINAL SIN, Theatre Of Hate, SS LET THEM FREE (EP), Anti-Pasti, Roncolet CARTROUBLE, John And Anti-Control Cartrouble, John And Cartrouble, New York Cartrouble, New York Cartrouble, State Of Cartrouble, New York Cartrouble, New York

- 23 24 19

- UNEXPECTED GUEST, UK Decay, Fresh DECONTROL, Discharge, Clay TESTCARD (EP), Young Marble Giants, Rough Trade CHANCE MEETING, Josef K, Posicard FOUR SORE POINTS (EP), Anni-Paall, Rondelet BELA LUGOSI'S DEAD, Bauhaus, Small Wonder LOYE WILL TEAR US APART, Joy Division, Factory ATMOSPHERE, Joy Division, Factory CAPSTICK COMES HOME, Tony Capstick, Dingle's

PUNKS NOT DEAD, Exploited, Secret TO EACH .-..., A Certain Ratio, Factory DIRK WEARS WHITE SOX, Adam & The Ants, De it HE WHO DARES WINS. Theatre Of Hale, SSSSS MESH AND LACE, Modern English, 4AD

43 36 BLOODY REVOLUTIONS/PERSONS UNKNOWN, Cress/
Crass
45 40 DIET/IT'S OBVIOUS, Au Pairs, Human
45 JUNGLE ROCK, Shasin's Storens, Battle Of The Bands
47 38 WORK, Blue Orchids, Rough Trade
48 39 REALITIES OF WAR, Discharge, Clay
49 41 REALITY ASYLUM, Cress, Crass
50 WORKING GIRL, Membars, Albion

RACE WITH THE DEVIL, The Gun, Radio Stn Copy, 45, CBS ROCK JAPAN, Expozer, 45, Hit Hard Records ALWAYS READY FOR LOVE, Bitches Sin, 45, Neat

ALBUMS

- SINGLES

 1 5 JUNGLE ROCK, Shakin' Stevens, Battle of the Bands

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 2 3 WILD NIGHT, Blue Cats, Charly

 3 1 SEVENTEEN HEARTS OF STONE, Fontayne Sisters, Revival

 4 T WILD CAT TAMER, Tarhell Slim, Charly

 5 2 LONG BLOND HAIR, Johnny Powers, Olympic

 6 19, AINT GOT NO HOME, Clarence Fregman Henry, Chess

 7 WEE WILLY WATER DILLY, Keeper Sisters, Lawn

 8 6 HERNYETTA OAKLA, Marvin Rainwater, Sonet

 9 ROCKABILLY BARY, Jat, EMI

 10 HUCKLEBUCK SHOES, Alan Mills, Carrere

 PICK OF THE CLICK: BIG BOUNCE, Shirley Caddell, Lesley

 ALBUMS

 - ALWAYS READY FOR LOVE, Bitches Sin, 43, Neal
 DEATH OR GLORY, Holiocauxi, from the "NightComer" LP, Phoenix
 DAY TRIPPER, Cheap Trisk, 97-391; EP, Ep;
 PUT UP OR SHUT UP, Ted Nugent from 'Intensities' LP, Epic
 NO FUN ATER MIDNIGHT, AILZ, 12" 45, Polydor
 TROUBLESHOOTER, Judas Priest, from "Point of Entry" LP, C8S
 ROCK BOTTOM, Marsuder, Demo Tape
 WILD EYED SOUTHERN BOYS, 38" Special, Import, A&M
 THE NIGHT COMERS, Molecauxi, from "The Night Comers", Phoenix
 JAILBAIT, Ted Nugent from 'Intensities' LP, Epic
 SHORT & SWEET, Chinatown, 45, Airship
 BAD BOY FOR LOVE, Rose Tattoo, 12", 49, Carrere
 OUT TO GET YOU, Heliambon, 45, Guardia, Arista
 JUMP ON IT, Montrose from 'Jump On It' LP, Warner Brothers
 YOU REALLY GOT ME, Yan Halen, 49, Warner Brothers
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 YOU REALLY GOT ME, Yan Halen, 49, Warner Brothers
 YOU STRANGERS IN THE NIGHT) Saxon from 'Wheels of Steet' LP,
 Carrere
- 1 SECURITY HEAD.
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 2 MAD CAT TAMES A.
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- 6 4 PRAYERS ON FIRE, Birthday Party, 4AD

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 CONCRETE, 399, Albian
 CLOSER, 109 Division, Factory
 SIGNING OFF, UB43, Graduate
 UNKNOWN PLEASURES, 109 Division, Factory
 TOVAHI TOVAHI, TOYAH, Statari
 300 DEGREES OF SIMULATED STEREO UBU LIVE, Para Ubu,
 Rough Trade
 GROTESOUE (AFTER THE GRAMME), Full, Rough Trade
 STATIONS OF THE CRASS, Crass, Crass
 LUBRICATE YOUR LIVING ROOM, Five Englines, Accessory
 CHAPPAQUIDICK BRIDGE, Poison Ciris, Crass

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- CHAPPAQUIDICK BRIDGE, Polson Girls, Crass THIRST, Clack DVA. Fetish
- 18 13 FRESH FRUIT FOR ROTTING VEGETABLES. Dead Kennedys.
- 18 13 FRESH FRUIT FOR ROTTING VEGETABLES, Doad Kennedys, Cherry Red
 19 14 IN THE FLAT FIELD, Bashhaus, AAD
 18 SONS AND LOVERS, Hazale O'Connus, Albiort
 12 21 INFLAMMABLE MATERIAL, SUIT LITTLE FINGERS, Rough Trade
 21 19 AFRICAN GIRL, Sugar Minott, Black Roots
 22 21 VIVE AT THE COUNTER EUROVISION 75, Missty In Roots, People

- 23 23 LIVE AT THE COUNTER EUROVISION 75. Mistry in Roots, People
 Unite
 24 75 THE BLUE MEANING, Toyah, Safari
 25 24 COLOSSAL YOUTH, Young Marble Glants, Rough Trade
 26 24 IN BERLIM, Blust, Armisgedion
 27 20 SCIENTIST MEETS THE SPACE INVADERS, Scientist, Greensloaves
 28 25 SHEEP FARMING IN BARNET, Toyah, Safari
 29 27 DOME 2, Dome, Dome
 30 37 FIRESIDE FAVOURIES, Fad Gadget, Mute
 COMPILEO BY ALAN JONES FOR RB RESEARCH FROM A NATIONWIDE
 PANEL OF SUSPECIALIST SHOPS,
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READER'S CHART

WE ASKED for your chart suggestions and this week it's David Bowle's best

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ONE YEAR AGO (May 10, 1980)

- GENO, Dexy's Midnight HAT'S ANOTHER YEAR.
- WHAT'S AND THE ...
 Johnny Logan
 COMING UP, Paul McCart-
- ney
 CALL ME, Blondie
 SILVER DREAM MACHINE.
 David Essex
 TOCCATA, Sky
 THE GROOVE, Redney
- Franklin GOLDEN YEARS LIVE EP. Motorhead NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, Hot
- Chocolate
 MY PERFECT COUSIN
 Undertones

FIVE YEARS AGO (May 15, 1976)

- FERNANDO, Abba SAVE YOUR KISSES FOR ME, Brothe-bood of Man JUNGLE ROCK, Hank Mizell S-S-S-SINGLE BED, Fox MORE, MORE, MORE, Adres
- True Connection
 6 ARMS OF MARY, The
 Sutherland Brothers and
 Gulver
 7 CONVOY GB, Laurie Linge
 and The Dipsticks
 8 GET UP AND BOOGIE, Silver
- Convention SILVER STAR, The Four Seasons CAN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE, The Stylistics

TEN YEARS AGO (May 15, 1971)

- KNOCK THREE TIMES. ROWN SUGAR, The Rolling
- Stones DOUBLE BARREL, Dave and
- DOUBLE BARREL, Dave and Anell Collins DON'T COME EASY, MOZART 48, Walde de Los Rios NIDIANA WANTS ME, R. Dean Taylor REMEMBER ME, Diana Ross JIG A JIG, East of Eden HOTLOVE, T. flex WHERE DO 1 BECIN (Love Story), Andy Williams

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO (May 14.

- PRETTY FLAMINGO, Man-fred Mann DAY DREAM, The Lovin'
- Spoonful SLOOP JOHN B. The Beach
- SLOUP JOHN 8. The Beach Boys BANG Cher BANG Cher POLOR YOU LOVE ME. Dusty Spr-inglied HOLD TIGHT, Dave Dec, Day, Beaky, Mick and Tich SOUND OF SILENCE. The Bachelors D SOUND, Simon and Carriant D SOUND, Simon and Carriant
- and Garfunkel SHOTGUN WEDDING, Roy C.

TWENTY YEARS AGO (May 13,

- BLUE MOON, The Marcels
 YOU'RE DRIVING ME
 CRAZY, The Temperance
 Seven
 WOODEN HEART, Elvis
- Presley
 DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A
 CHILD, Helen Shapiro
 ON THE REBOUND, Floyd
 Cramer
 MORE THAN I CAN SAY,
- Bobby Vee RUNAWAY, Del Shannon THEME FROM DIXIE, Duane
- Eddy
 THE FRIGHTENED CITY,
 The Shadows
 A HUNDRED POUNDS OF
 CLAY, Craig Douglas

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (May

- NO OTHER LOVE, Ronnie Hilton POOR PEOPLE OF PARIS.
- Windred Aweil
 A TEAR FELL, Teresa
 Brewer
 MY SEPTEMBER LOVE,
 David Whitfield
 IT'S ALMOST TOMORROW.
 The Desay Weavers

- The Dream Weavers ROCK AND ROLL WALTZ,
- Kay Starr
 PLI BE HOME, Per Boone
 ONLY YOU, The Hilltoppers
 MAIN TITLE, Billy May
 LOST JOHN, Lonnie
 Donegan

Great SOUNDTRACK TO DEATH IN SOUNDTRACK TO DEATH IN VENICE!, Mahler, I love the litm on much, one of my all time tayouties.

BOOKS

1 (1) CHARLES IN HIS OWN
WORDS (York), Y2.18
2 (22) ADAM & THE ANTS
(YOWNOTON, E.195
3 (3) TWO TONE BOOK
(Miles), Y2.59
4 (3) ENCYCLOPAEDIA
METALLICA (HAYIGAN/DOM
5 (5) BOAN TO MILES

METALLICA (Harrgan/Dome),

5 (5) BORN TO RUN (THE B Springsteen story); £4 95

6 (4) DAVID SOWIE (Crist); £2 95

7 (7) THE CLASH (Miles), £1,95

8 (10) THE JAM (Miles), £1,95

9 (8) TALKUR (HABD);

(Miles), £1,95

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10 (12) LENNON IN MIS OWN WORDS (Mare), £2,95

11 (11) ADAIN & THE ANTS, £1,56

12 (13) ELVIS IN HIS OWN
WORDS, (Faren/Marchbank),

27,99

13 (14) THE RAMONES.

9 (3) TALKING HEADS
(Miles), Et.95
10 (12) LENNON IN HIS OWN
WORDS (Miles), 25-50
11 (11) ADAM 8 THE NITS, ET.50
12 (13) ELYIS IN HIS OWN
WORDS, (Faren/Marchbank),
22.99
13 (16) THE PRETENDERS
(Miles), Et.95
14 (15) THE PRETENDERS
(Miles), Et.95
15 (16) BOWIE IN HIS OWN
WORDS (Miles), Et.95
16 (19) ENCYCLOYAEDIA OF
BRITISH EEAT GROUPS, EZ.95
17 (17) SEX PISTCLS FILE
(SIEVENDER), ET.95
18 (19) PINK FLOYD
DISCOGRAPHY, ET.95
19 (26) JOHN LENNON — A
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19 (27) JOHN LENNON — A
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19 (28) JOHN

Profile

Buster 'Fatty' Bloodvessel of Bad Manners. FULL NAME: Douglas Steven

HOBBIES: Holding Tupperware parties.
MOST FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE: When I found out I wasn't pregnant.
FUNNIEST EXPERIENCE: Realising I was the son of God.
WORST EXPERIENCE: Writing this profile.
IDEAL HOME: A greenhouse.
IDEAL CAR: TR7 jacked up at the front.

IDEAL HOLIDAY: Hitching to In-



VE DRINK: Methylated Spirit ST HATED CHORE: Washing BITION: To co - star w phia Loren as her husband in

NEW SINGLE WILLYOU?

> SONS LOVERS







THE STREET BEFORE A STREET

IT'S A LOVE THING, Whispers, Solar 12in GOOD THING GOING, Sugar Minott, RCA 12in

FLYING HIGH/REMIX, Freez, Beggars Banquet 12in TIME (REMIX)/I'M SO HAPPY, Light Of The World, Mercury #2in

4 TIME (REMIX)/I'M SO HAPPY, Light Of The World, Mercury \$2 in NUTIFON, Linx, Chryssilis 12 in
5 MAKE THAT MOVE, Shglamar, Solar 12 in
5 CAN YOU FEEL IT, Jacksons, Epic 12 in
11 AI NO CORRIDA, Quincy Jones, A8M 12 in
12 RAZZAMATAZZ/THE DUDE/TURN ON THE ACTION/BETCHA
WOULDN'T HURT ME, Quincy Jones, A8M LP
8 HIT'N RUN LOVER, Carol Jiani, Champagne 12 in
12 LOVE QAMES, Level 42, Polydor 12 in
13 CIVE IT TO ME BABY, Rick James, Motown 12 in/US promo remix
10 HUMPIN', Qap Band, Mercury 12 in
16 IF YOU FEEL IT, Thefina Houston, US RCA 12 in

HUMPIN, Gap Band, Mercury 12in
If YOU FEEL IT, Theima Houston, US RCA 12in
STARS ON 45, Star Sound, CBS 12in
CET TOUGH/DE KLEEER TING, Kleeer, US Atlantic LP
JITTERBUGGIN, Heatware, GTO 12in
CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF YOU, Eddy Grant, Ensign 12in
SPUR OF THE MOMENT/MONSTER MAN/MAGIC LADY, Jeff Lorber
Fusion, Arista 12in
CAN YOU HANDLE IT, Sharon Radd, Epic 12in
GLOW/MUSCLE BOUND, Spanday Ballet, Reformation 12in

CAN YOU HANDLE IT, Sharon Read, Epic 12in GLOW/MUSCLE BOUND, Spandau Ballet, Reformation 12in THE MAGNIFICENT DANCE/THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN, The Clash,

23 21 EL BOBO/LET ME BE THE ONE/KEMO-KIMO/'BOUT THE

LOVE/YOU ARE MY LIFE/FLYING HIGH, Webster Lewis, US Epic LP HOW 'BOUT US, Champaign, CBS 12in SHINE ON/SUNBURN/CHASE THE CLOUDS

SHINE ON/SUNBURN/CASE THE CLOUDS
AWAY/INTERFERENCE, incognilo, Ensign LP
SOUTHERN FREEEZ/VERSION, Freeez. Beggars Banquet 12in
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EVE (IS GONNA BE ON YOUR SIDE), Firelly, Exceliber 12in
LOVE (IS GONNA BE ON YOUR SIDE), Firelly, Exceliber 12in
SODY MUSIC, Strikers, US Prelude 12in
ZULU, The Quiek, Elpe 12in
BODY TALK, Imagination, R&B 12in
LOC-IT-UP, Leptrechaum, Exceliber 12in
EINSTEIN A GO-GO-/JAPAN, Landscape, RCA 12in
I'LL BE YOUR PLEASURE, Esther Williams, US RCA 12in
HOW DOES IT FEEL/ON AND ON/WE CAN START
TONIGHT/GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS, Harvey Mason, Arista LP
LATELY, Stevic Wonder, Motown
REVEREND LIBRA/SAO PABLO, Jay Hoggard, US Contemporary LP
SWAN LAKE/SPIRIT'S SAMBA, Dave Pike, US Mose LP

SWAN LAKE/SPIRIT'S SAMBA, Dave Pike, US Muse LP

38 30 39 35 SEARCHING TO FIND THE ONE/CARRY ON, Unlimited Touch, US

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Prelude LP
FEEL IT, Revelation, Handshake 12in
INTERPLAY/FREE TONIGHT/DUENDE/INVASION/RETURN OF
INFERPLAY/FREE TONIGHT/DUENDE/INVASION/RETURN OF
INFERPLAY/FREE TO GIONG, BOBDY THURSTON, US Prelude LP
LOVE MONEY/FOUBLE JOURNEY/FRIENDS AGAIN/MR.
MACK/SLIDE, TW Funk Masters/Powerline/Not James
Players/Inversion/FRAB BANG Champagne LP
GROOVE CONTROL, Dynasty, Solar 12in
TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT/WHO SAID?, Isley Brothers, Epic/LP
STILL IN THE GROOVE/IT'S YOUR NIGHT/A WOMAN NEEDS
LOVE/JOLD PRO/SO INTO YOU, Raydio, Afrista LP

45 46

LOVE/OLD PRO/SO INTO YOU, Raydio, Arista LP AIN'T NO STOPPING — DISCO MIX 1981, Enigma, Creole/Skratch 47 48

48 58 GET ON UP NOW/LET YOUR BODY GO!, Players Association, US

GET ON UP NOW/LET YOUR BODY GO!, Players Association, US Vanguard 12in
THE WHOLE TOWN'S LAUGHING AT ME/LOVE T.K.O./TAKE ME IN YOUR, ARMS TONIGHT. Teddy Pendergrass, Phil Int/12in promo BURUNDI BLACK, Bartush Black, Barcish 17in GRAND PRIK/POUBLE STEAL, Fuse, CTI 12in
TRY IT OUT/HOLD TIGHT/CLOSER, Gino Socicle, Canadian
Celebration LP
DREAMIN'/USE IT (DON'T ABUSE IT), Health Bros, US Columbia LP
PERFECT FIT, Jerry Knight, ASM/LP
JUST CHILLIN' OUT/BREAD SANDWICHES/MASTER ROCKER,
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OTBALL SONGS have caused periodic irritation to chart purists for many years. Exactly 20 years ago Spurs beat to the second of t

generally available I don't know — but it did set the (low) standard for future tootball efforts.

In 1970, the entire England World Cup Squad was dragged into the studio to record the horrendous 'Back Home', a song which had everything you could expect from a football song; a brass band, massed off-key vocals and a "time" which wouldn't tax the composing skills of a 10-year-old. In a surge of misplaced patriotism the English public dashed out and bought it in droves, hoisting it to the very top of the chart thus depriving the Moody Blues of a deserved number one with "Question". Back Home had a 12-inch companion which fared only marginally worse than the single. Ironically, the entire project was masterminded by Scotsman Phil Coulter and Irishman Bill Martin!

The undoubted commercial success of the exercise prompted hordes of footballers up and down the country to rush into the recording studios in a vain attempt to gain fame of a different kind. Few made the transition successfully. The first club side to chart was Areand (1971) with "Good Old Arsenal", a bizarre concoction indeed consisting of lawning lyrics written by extending the transition successfully. The first club side to provide the country of the surgestion of the transition successfully. The first club side to chart was Arsenal (1971) with "Good Old Arsenal", a bizarre concoction indeed consisting of lawning lyrics written by extending the secured what is even now the biggest hit by a club side as "Blue is The Colour" casted to No 5. As "Blue is The Colour" laded. Leeds United qualified for the Fallur in the secured what is even now the biggest hit by a club side to the secured what is even now the biggest hit by a club side to the secured what is even now the biggest hit by a club side to the secured what is even now the biggest hit by a club side to the secured what is even now the secured what is even

Cup Final and celebrated in the now traditional style — with a song. That song 'Leeds United' became a No 10 hit and Leeds won the cup. For an historic three week spell both the Leeds and Chelsea discs were in the chart.

1874 saw he World Gup stage, move to West Germany. This time. The traditional stage is the world cup stage move to West Germany. This time. Scotland qualified and came in fer the Martin/Coulier treatment. The result was a hit single and album both called "Easy Easy." A football hit a year was the rule for the next three years West Ham — 'I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles' (No 31 1975) — Manchester United' (No 50 1976) — and Liverpool — 'We Can Do It' (No 15 1977).

1978 saw a new phenomenon. Nottlingham Forest joined forces with faded local band Paper Lace to reach No 24 with 'We' ve Got The Whole World in Our Hands' and then went on to notch the lirst international football hit as the recording soared, albeit a year later, into the Beneiux charts finally reaching Top five in Holland and going all the way to Number One in Belgium.

Later in 1978, Rod Stewert and The Scotland World Cup Squad tackled Jair Amorilm and Evstdo Gouvela's 'Mohler Brasiletra' hoisting it to No 4 under the title 'Ote Ota'. The song was easily destroyed, Peru were no! and affer trumbling to an unexpected Apart from the Tohamites, three other recording soared about a song about Stoke City written by Jackie Frent and Tony Hatch reached No 34; and eight years ago the Cockerel Chorus' rendition of 'Nice One Cyril' peaked at No 14.

And so to 1981, Manchester City's offering on the local Smile label attracted ittle attention but the embarrassing 'Ossie''s Dream' — ostensibly by Spurs but held together by Chas & Dave — orashed onto the Chart at No 45 is six week. Its eventual fate obviously depends on the result of Thursday's replay and represents the best reason I can find for hoping Spurs lose —

ALAN JONES

Songwords

KIM WILDE On RAK **Chequered Love**

You said everythings alright I say nothing can go right, yeah Oh what a game you can play

Sad days add to confusion Sad ways end in delusion, yeah But that's the name of the game

Well I know your love is rough And the roads you take are tough But I just can't get enough chequered love.

Touch me do what what you want to Say no when I just need you, yeah You're gonna drive me insane.

You are men for all seasons You are men with no reasons, yeah You're the man with no pain.

Well I know your love is rough And the roads you take are tough But I just can't get enough chequered love

Oh Oh Oh Oh Can't let go Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh can't let go Cos I need you so tonight.

Oooh Chequered Love You said everythings alright I said nothing can go right, yeah Oh what a game you can play.

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Oooh Chequered Love

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I'm gonna take it
To the limit of my love.
Before I turn and walk away ...
I've had enough of holding on
The promises of yesterday ...
Everyday of my life. It seems
Trouble's knocking at my door.
It's hard to try and satisfy
When you don't know what you're
fighting for ...

Time and again I sing your song. But, I've been running on empty far too long ...
I've had enough of holding on to the past.

WHITESNAKE On Liberty Don't Break My Heart

Make no mistake, it could be your last

Don't break my heart again, Like you did before ... Don't break my heart again, I couldn't take anymore

I never hide the feeling inside.
And though I'm standing with my back to the wall.
I know that even in a summer love A little bit of rain must fall ...
But, every road I take I know where it's gonna lead me to.
Because I've travelled every highway And they all keep coming back to you

Time and again I sing your song. But. I've been running on empty far too long ... I've had enough of holding on to the past.

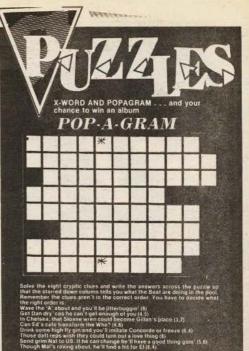
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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S POPAGRAM (in order of puzzle) Jacksons Public Image, Stow Motion, Heatwave, Capstick, This Ole House, Arc Ol. Over Column, Kim White

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9 Move in 11 The Kick Inside, 11 New Amsterdam, 15 Call Up, 16 Ono, 18
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