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Chant No. 1 (I Don't Need This Pressure On)

By Spandau Ballet on Reformation Records

I checked the time, it was almost time The curious smell, an intangible crime I'm washing my clothes, but the stain still grows Cover your eyes, the stain still shows

I feel the graze against my skin, I feel the graze against my skin I know this feeling is a lie, I know this feeling is a lie There is a guilt within my mind, there is a guilt within my mind I know this feeling is a lie, I know this feeling is a lie

Chorus

I don't need this pressure on I don't need this pressure on

Oh, I should question not ignore, oh, I should question not ignore Songs are always buried deep, songs are always buried deep There's a lion in my arms, there is a motion in my arms Oh, I should question not ignore, I should believe and not ignore

Repeat chorus to fade

You go down, down Past the Talk Of The Town You go down Greek Street Then it's underground Well it's Soho life For this mobile knife For this mobile knife It's the place to shoot Friday night Beat Route

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FRONT COVER: DEPECHE MODE BY FRASER GRAY

DEPECHE MODE New Life

on Mute Records

I stand still stepping on a shady street And I watch that man to a stranger Think you only know me when you turn on the light Now the room is lit red danger

Chorus Complicating, circulating new life, new life Operating, generating new life, new life

Transition to another place So the time will pass more slowly Your features fuse and your shadow's red Like a film I see, now show me

Repeat chorus

My face is hidden and we're out of sight And the road just leads to nowhere The stranger in the door is the same as before So the question answers nowhere

Repeat chorus and first verse

Repeat chorus

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ULTRAPOP THAT IS. DEPECHE MODE INVITE STEVE TAYLOR TO BASILDON FOR A SHORT COURSE IN ONE U.P.MANSHIP*

"WHEN SIMON Bates introduces us on Top Of The Pops," Depeche Mode's singer Dave Gahan is saying on the afternoon before their television debut, "he makes a special point about us coming from Basildon — why?" "Because nothing good ever comes out of here?" suggests one of Gahan's three synthesiser playing colleagues, Martin Gore. We all ponder for a minute or two, perched up here in a tacky plastic-lined pub above the concrete shopping mall. Silence. Next question.

Basildon deserves special mention as one of those sprawling new-ish towns built to house London's 'overspill' population in the post-war period. Like Basingstoke, it stands in some people's eyes as a cliche for soul-less suburban development around a boring — the word is 'alienating' — centre where the entertainment is hard to find. The very stuff of Plays For Today. The very stuff, you might be forgiven for thinking, of classic Urban Synthesiser Gloom.

Well, here's the surprise; not that Depeche Mode come from somewhere like Basildon, but the fact that they play frothy adolescent pop — with a tinge of moodiness, sure, but nothing that would qualify them for the Throbbing Gristle award for making the listener feel more suicidal than ever before.

Depeche Mode have a little joke about it. Vince Clark calls the other camp of synthesiser bands "B&I", standing for "bleak and industrial." Dave Gahan, swaggering and laughing more than usual after a pint and a



Andrew Fletcher

Dave Gahan

half of lunchtime lager, gets the slogan wrong: "We're P&U", he proclaims. Everyone looks baffled. "You know," says Gahan, "pop and up." Vince puts him right. "The phrase is U.P. and it stands for Ultrapop!".

They have every reason to be cheerful right now, having achieved the enviable exposure of a Top Of The Pops slot — with an independent label single, mind — and having become one of the subjects of a forthcoming "Twentieth Century Box" on London Weekend Television within only a year of first playing together.

WITHIN THE last few months they've all given up whatever stopped them being Depeche Mode full-time. Gahan was politely asked to leave college, where he was studying shop window dressing; Clark's fellow synthesiser players Martin Gore and Andrew Fletcher gave up their jobs as bank clerk and insurance clerk. Vince — "I'm a Vince Clark" — with least to lose, signed off the dole. With a cheap and portable stage set-up they now survive solely on income from gigs — a fact which they're justly proud of.

"We've got no transport costs really," explains Gahan, "all our gear goes in the car. We don't employ any roadies. So if we get paid £250 for a gig and £50 goes on hiring the PA, we can come out of it with a reasonable amount each. Everything about us is independent, even the promotion for the new record we hired ourselves.

"Dreaming Of Me", Depeche Mode's last single on the Mute label, reached number fifty-seven in the singles charts and number one in the independent singles. "We're going to be The Beatles of the indies," crows Fletcher in a fit of bravado. This is all a long way from the scene less than a year ago when Gahan remembers he stood outside the venue for their first performance as a four-piece, Nicholas School where Fletcher and Gore had been pupils. "You spent half an hour outside trying to calm down," says Fletcher. "You had about ten cans of lager." All Gahan can remember is repeatedly saying to himself, "I don't want to do it, I don't want to do it."

The three instrumentalists were old hands at this, having played all of two gigs as a trio of bass and two synths — once at Scamps in Southend and another at "Deb Danahay's party". Vince isn't going to let anyone ask a fool question like "What were they like?" "They weren't even minor successes," he



Martin Gore

says. Andrew puts Vince's assessment in context: "The crowd didn't react so Vince lost his temper with them — plugs were kicked out." "There were a lot of fourteen-year-olds," adds Martin, "who'd never seen a synth before, so they were fiddling with the knobs going 'What does this do?'."

Not that the three of them had been introduced to the synthesiser *that* long before. Vince and Andrew had their musical baptism in a gospel folk due which played the local churches and youth clubs; Martin, who still goes to Methodist church once a month, was the guitarist in a middle-of-the-road West Coast orientated band which played "nice songs."

So, though they were too young to be early 1970s glitter kids and readily admit to not having been diehard punks, they were all musically involved enough to be touched by crucial innovations. As Clark says, "You appreciate things much more when they're past." Gahan describes the band's tastes as running "from folk to P.I.L.".

"Punk," says Clark, "wasn't all good, but the enthusiasm . . ."

Fletcher takes up the thread: "We've always

liked groups like Roxy and people like Bowie who kept their respectability."

"Electronic music," says Vince, "connected the two, Roxy and punk." We liked groups that used synthesisers — OMD, Human League, Gary Numan — that was what we were listening to at the time we got together. And," he concludes with a grin, "synthesisers are very easy to get a good sound on."

WITH THE arrival of Gahan, who they heard crooning Bowie's "Heroes" at a jam session with another band, their distinctive style began to shape up and audiences reacted accordingly. Gahan recalls their four-piece debut at the Top Alex, a Southend pub that's normally an R&B stronghold: "We went down really well — they were banging their heads to our pop."

Circulating an early demo tape got them a valuable few gigs, mostly at the Bridge House in London's Canning Town — "Terry, the promoter there, was the only bloke who believed in us then" — and at Crocs in nearby Rayleigh. "We must have played at Crocs fifteen times," says Fletcher, "and that gave us a lot of encouragement; we weren't really nervous any more." "Speak for yourself," bounces back Gahan.

Crocs was also the place where their audience first started dressing up in frills and makeup, though now Gahan says that's toned down: "Everyone's not trying so hard to be different from one another, it's smarter." The band have swopped their cute Romanticism for macho leathers at the moment, though Gahan says it's not a policy decision, they just go for "anything that looks good."

The Bridge House, meanwhile, set them on the path for Top Of The Pops. They met Daniel Miller, the unassuming proprietor of Mute Records and an afficionado of electronic pop, there and were eventually invited to do a one-off single. After doing the dispiriting rounds of the major labels, Miller was "the first one we could trust; he said that if either party didn't like the other, we'd call it a day." The imminent success of "New Life" and

The imminent success of "New Life" and the fact that the formerly indifferent majors have suddenly started "finding" Depeche Mode's demo tape and 'phone number is a great confidence booster for both the band and Miller. "All the majors told him he wasn't going to make it and he's proved them wrong," says Gahan. "And as for us, so far things have just happened — and at this rate we're happy to just let them keep happening."









BETTER THINGS on Arista Records Here's wishing you the bluest sky

Here's wishing you the bluest sky And hoping something better comes tomorrow Hoping all the verses rhyme And the very best of choruses To follow all the doubt and sadness I know that better things Are on the way

> Here's hoping all the days ahead Won't be as bitter As the ones behind you Be an optimist instead And somehow happiness will find you Forget what happened yesterday I know that better things Are on the way

It's really good to see you Rocking out and having fun Living like you've just begun Accept your life and what it brings I hope tomorrow you'll find better things I know tomorrow you'll find better things

Here's wishing you the bluest sky And hoping something better comes tomorrow Hoping all the verses rhyme And the very best of choruses To follow all the doubt and sadness I know that better things Are on the way

I know you've got a lot of Good things happening up ahead The past has gone it's all been said And here's to what the future brings I know tomorrow you'll find better things I hope tomorrow you'll find better things I know tomorrow you'll find better things I hope tomorrow you'll find better things I hope tomorrow you'll find better things

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Heard it from a friend who Heard it from a friend who Heard it from another you've been messing around They say you've got a boy friend You're out late every weekend They're talking about you And it's bringing me down

But I know the neighbourhood And talk is cheap when the story is good And the tales grow taller on down the line But I'm telling you babe That I don't think it's true babe And even if it is keep this in mind

Chorus You take it on the run baby If that's the way you want it baby Then I don't want you around I don't believe it Not for a minute You're under the gun So you take it on the run

You're thinking up your white lies You're putting on your bedroom eyes You say you're coming home But you won't say when But I can feel it coming If you leave tonight, keep running And you need never look back again

Repeat chorus twice

Heard it from a friend who Heard it from a friend who Heard it from another you've been messing around

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PSYCHEDELIC_FURS



On CBS Records

Caroline laughs and it's raining all day She loves to be one of the girls She lives in the place In the side of our lives Where nothing is ever put straight She turns herself round And she smiles and she says This is it, that's the end of the joke And loses herself In her dreaming and sleep And her lovers walk Through in their coats She's

> Chorus Pretty in pink Isn't she? Pretty in pink Isn't she?

All of her lovers All talk of her notes And the flowers That they never sent And wasn't she easy? Isn't she Pretty in pink? The one who insists He was first in the line Is the last to remember her name He's walking around in this dress That she wore She is gone But the joke's the same

Repeat chorus

Caroline talks to you Softly sometimes She says I love you and too much She doesn't have anything You want to steal Well, nothing you can touch She waves She buttons your shirt The traffic is waiting outside She hands you this coat She gives you her clothes These cars collide

Repeat chorus

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A PROMISING NEW BAND FROM LIVERPOOL WITH AN ALBUM THAT'S QUIETLY MAKING A BIT OF A NOISE. IAN CRANNA PROVIDES THE LOWDOWN.

IMAGINE, IF you will, what kind of music would be produced by a group whose mini-epic compositions were written and arranged by a former graphic designer (wistful vocalist Alix) and a butcher's boy (powerful bassist Danny Hampson). Got that?

Now add a rather more mature Marvel comics illustrator on keyboards who wasn't selected so much for any technical ability as for his imagination (Bob Wakelin) and a drummer who's too young to have any settled musical ways (Cliff Hewitt). Finally sketch in Tim Lever, a very good guitar and sax player with an extremely varied non-career past and who was generally considered to be "a mess" until he shaved his head and has since become "crazy"

So, what do you get from such a collection of musical and visual misfits? Answer: you get Modern Eon, a Merseyside combo who don't fit into any ready-made stylistic pigeonhole either but who have just released a very good debut album called "Fiction Tales" on Dindisc, an attractive blending of calculated attack, channelled passion and broody, thoughtful reflections.

Not surprisingly perhaps, Modern Eon's careful but purposeful music took some time to mature, mostly through Alix's and Danny's instructions although the others are now settling in and starting to contribute their own fresh ideas.

"I really hate instant throwaway stuff," says lyricist Alix. "It's so manufactured and horrible.

Instead, atmosphere and emotion are the two items highest on the Modern Eon agenda, along with a desire to do something different.

"Doing something different as long as it's tuneful," agrees Alix. "As long as it actually goes somewhere and has actually got a melody to it. I can't stand songs with no melody. They're not worth listening to."

Alix has in fact been writing songs since he was thirteen, tinkering around on his father's piano at home in Skelmersdale. Later he tried to get a band together without success and then decided to try his hand in Canada, leaving just as punk was getting going in Britain. Canada, however, proved much too laid back for Alix's liking and he returned to Liverpool after a year to find the New Wave in full swing.

Much as he liked the energy, Alix still couldn't see himself in a punk band, his own tastes stretching to things like early Pink Floyd. It was bands like Ultravox and The Stranglers who provided the stepping stone from which, with the help of fellow Skelmersdale resident Danny, Modern Eon were brought together; the result being a band combining restraint with energy and atmosphere with emotion melodic and musicianly in a modern way. So far Modern Eon have held

back from all the well-publicised Liverpudlian in-fighting, and while their fondness for wispy melodies amid moody landscapes may take a while to come up with a hit single, "Fiction Tales" is undoubtedly an album to be investigated without delay.



MAGINATIO

THE OUTRAGEOUS LEEE JOHN TELLS A FEW TALL STORIES. ROBIN KATZ STEPS BACK IN AMAZEMENT.

WITH LINX, Light Of The World and Beggar and Co leading the British funk army it was only a matter of time before some band sprang up to take the role of court jesters. And here they are; Imagination.

Combine Bette Midler's subtlety, Gary Glitter's understatement and Muhamad Ali's modesty and you have some idea of what they're all about.

This trio are made up of Errol Kennedy (brother of cabaret singer Grace), Ashley Ingram and Mr Outrageous himself, lead singer Leee John.

Those three 'E's, he tells me (with a straight face) stand for Extra Exciting Energy. Or, as we call it in America, good old shuck and jive.

Leee is really a theatrical ham caught up in a smouldering situation when he sings "Body Talk". Once they get on stage Imagination fully intend to follow in the footsteps of Al Green by dispensing roses to the audience. (Champagne as well their record company must be loaded!)

Raised in New York between the ages of ten and fifteen, Leee returned to his British birthplace and didn't let either school or being unemployed depress him. While clearly under-age, he and Ashley sang back-ups for touring American bands like The Delfonics and Chairman Of The Board. They were wearing tunics and blankets from Baghdad way back in 1974.

But it's only when white kids pick up on a fashion that it takes off. And they get credit for inventing it too

Ashley and Leee tried various projects before meeting up with Errol Kennedy, one of these being TSB, an outfit that spawned several members of Light Of The World.

Leee describes "Body Talk" as a fantasy. "You should have this mystic feeling that you're in a desert and there's all this pounding going on," he says, flapping his arms around for atmosphere. "Otherwise, make up what you want to it.'

Fashion note: the swishing effect achieved by Leee on TOTP is down to a Cuave. These medieval style trousers are apparently very popular in The Mediterranean. The BBC, however, have threatened to ban the group if Leee doesn't pin up the sides

"I wonder what's going on in their imaginations," he laughs.



THE SONG in question is "Wordy Rappinghood", the band is The Tom-Tom Club, and "a diversion" is the way they describe this experiment outside their usual setting of Talking Heads.

Husband and wife Chris Frantz and Tina Weymouth (the Heads' drummer and bassist,

respectively) formed the band only three months ago (as a sideline) and set up shop in the plush and tropical location of Compass Point Studios, Nassau, The Bahamas. No surprise, this, as they've just invested a fair slice of their Heads-earned cash in buying a house there, next door - it just so happens - to Island Records boss, Chris Black-well, the man who first imported reggae to these shores in the shape of Bob Marley. Blackwell also owns the studios and, thus, couldn't help hearing the sounds within. These he liked enough to release on his Island label.

Teamed up with Steven Stanley, 21 year-old keyboard player and sound engineer on the soon-to-be-released lan Dury album (also recorded at Compass Point), and a local guitarist by the name of Monte Browne from U.S. funk band T-Connection, Chris and Tina put their minds in motion and came up with "Wordy Rappinghood". (Fashion note: "rapping" is currently the hippest black trick being nicked by white musicians. Remember Blondie's "Rapture"?).

Blondie's "Rapture"?). Originally, The Tom-Toms intended to experiment to the tune of one 45, but the foursome apparently felt sufficiently inspired by each other's company that the sessions have stretched to album length. The line-up has likewise grown to include a further two Weymouth sisters, Lani (a New York student in physiotherapy) and Laura (a freelance video technician). The trio, or "sweetbreaths" as they call themselves, supply the vocals on the single and parts of the album, which should reach English racks sometime in the autumn.

Chris and Tina insist that The Tom-Tom Club is "not their first priority". Still, with "Wordy" making the top ten at speeds rarely achieved by Talking Heads, they may find their time becoming sharply divided.





Three members of The Tom Tom Club: Chris Frantz; Tina Weymouth; Laura Weymouth

What are words worth What are words worth — words

Words in papers Words in books Words on TV Words for crooks Words of comfort Words of peace Words to make the fighting cease Words to tell you what to do Words are working hard for you Eat your words But don't go hungry Words have always nearly hung me

Chorus Ram sam sam a ram sam sam Kuni Kuni Kuni Kuni ram sam sam Ayka ye yoopi Ayka ye Aroo Aroo a ni ki chi

What are words worth What are words worth — words

Words of nuance Words of skill And words of romance Are a thrill Words are stupid Words are fun Words can put you on the run Mots presses Mots qui disent la verité Mots mots dit Mots mentis Mots qui manque frit d'esprit What are words worth What are words worth — words

Repeat chorus

Words can make you pay and pay Four letter words I cannot say Panty toilet dirty devil Words are trouble Words are subtle Words of anger Words of hate Words over here Words out there In the air and everywhere Words of wisdom Words of strife Words that write the book I like Words won't find the right solution To the Planet Earth's pollution Say the right word Make a million Words are like a certain person Who can't say what they mean Don't mean what they say

With a rap rap here And a rap rap there Here a rap There a rap Everywhere a rap rap Wrap it up for the common good Let us enlist the neighbourhood It's okay I've overstood This is the wordy rappinghood, okay

Repeat chorus

Repeat to fade

What are words worth What are words worth — words

What are words worth What are words worth — words

Repeat chorus

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HEAVY WEATHER

RAINBOW RETURN to The Rainbow Theatre on July 9th, before playing Newcastle City Hall on the 23rd. Tickets are priced at £4.50 and £4.50/£5.00 and Rose Tattoo will raise the curtain.

ALL TIME TOP TEN



Barbara Gogan (The Passions)

1. LOVE: Alone Again Or (Electra). My all-time favourite. I even learnt to play it on guitar.

2. IKE AND TINA TURNER: Nutbush City Limits (United Artists). No comment (because it doesn't need one)

3. SPEC RECORDS: You're The Gun (Spec Records). Blood runs thicker than water

4. THE MEKONS: Where Were You? (Fast). Always identified with this.

5. FATAL MICROBES: Violence Grows (Small Wonder/Xntrix). Her voice, the words, the bass

6. JONI MITCHELL: People's Parties (Asylum). I've always loved her. This is only one of many of hers I like.

7. THE PRETENDERS: Private Life (Real). Great song-writer, great song. What more can I cay?

8. ROXY MUSIC: A Song For Europe (Polydor). "Through silken waters my gondola glides/And the bridge it sighs

9. THE WALKER BROTHERS: My Ship Is Coming In (Phillips). The second record I ever bought.

10. SIOUXSIE AND THE BANSHEES: Spellbound (Polydor). The one I turn the radio up for at the moment.

MERSEY BEAUCOUP

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THE SPECIALS, after a brief pause in which to pursue individual interests, are back and touring again in support of the excellent new single "Ghost Town". The only date as yet confirmed is at Liverpool Royal Court on July 24. Night Doctor open a bill that begins at 7.30 and costs £3 a ticket.

FILLING THE

THE BILL for this year's Milton **Keynes Bowl concert (first** mentioned in Bitz June 11) has at last been finalised. "Rock At The Bowl", as they're calling it, will kick off at 4.00 in the afternoon of August 8 with Trimmer and Jenkins, Q-Tips, Judie Tzuke, The lan Hunter Band (probably featuring Mick Ronson) and concluding with Thin Lizzy.

Tickets on the day will be £8 each, but you can still get advance tickets by sending £7 per person (cheques, postal orders made payable to NJF/MK2 plus a SAE) to NJF/MK2, PO Box 4SQ, LONDON W1A 4SQ.

KADMON: THE SHAME

SIGH FOR Arthur Kadmon who, following the break-up of The Distractions, has been forced to take the job of guitarist with Bucks Fizz in order to pay the rent. Meanwhile, ex-Distractions vocalist Mike Finney has been angling for a slot on the next 'Video Entertainers" telly series. Could a part in "Crossroads"

be next?



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Readers of "The Face"

magazine will already be familiar with the other side of Agar. He

appeared thus attired in an ad. for

Marvelette, a *nouveau* clothes store in King's Road. Oh yes, The Passions have a

new single out, too, called -

rather appropriately --- "Skin

WHEN NOT playing bass with pop sensation The Passions, sultry Stamford Hill bombshell David Agar likes nothing better than to model his "look of the moment" Here he is in some typical

nitewear, fresh back from a spot of "clubbing"; sleeveless two-tone 'tinfoil' shirt, cumfy 'perma-crease' pegs, sheer whalehide loafer casuals, complete with a key-chain

WHY - YOU may wonder - are we showing you this snap of the little-known London-based pop experience, Accent? Are they campaigning for the benefits of dental care? Or are they, perhaps doing for Foster Brothers what The Spans have done for Axiom?

It's neither. It is, in fact, to allow you a rare peek at the geezer who drums, second from the left. John Webb to his Mum; Gary Numan's brother to the rest. One thing's certain: that "happy/healthy" look has got to ao.



HIT ME WITH **EURYTHMICS SCHTICK**



EXIT THE Tourists, enter The Eurythmics. Our picture shows the selfsame Dave Stewart and Annie Lennox recording a video for their new band's current single "Never Gonna Cry Again". Despite the chilling drizzle of a typical English summer's day,

they seem quite content to be performing a la plage. Which is more than can be said of The Waiter who is being forced to tunnel under the sand, surfacing at regular intervals so that Mr. Stewart can refill his pen. Charming.

CHANTS CRAZE

TAKING THE new electro/funk crossover trend one bold step further, Spandau Ballet have suddenly sprouted horns. Beggar And Co - better known as the brass part of Light Of The World join the boys in both the pic below and on their latest crack at

Chartland "Chant No. 1 (I Don't Need This Pressure On)"/"Feel The Chant." The results should be competing for your dinner money from July 10, released (but aren't they all these days?) in both 7 and 12 inch guise with a special picture bag.

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HAZEL O'CONNOR is all set to play six summer concerts prior to the major UK tour currently being set up for the autumn The support slots are yet to be confirmed (but likely to include Salsa band Havana Let's Gol. Hazel and Megahype will open at Guildford Civic Hall (July 23), and move on to Nottingham Rock City (24), Douglas (Isle Of Man) Palace Lido (26), St. Austell Cornwall Coliseum (August 8), Poole Arts Centre (9) and London Woolwich Odeon (10)

Tickets are available now: £3.50 for all except Woolwich Odeon where it's £4.00, £3.50 and F3 00

ALL THE WAY TO MEMPHIS

THE STRAY Cats are still said to be tinkering with the idea of recording an album in Memphis, the birthplace of rock'n'roll. Meanwhile they've been holidaying in the States where Brian Setzer had just achieved a lifelong ambition by becoming owner of a gleaming Harley-Davidson motor-bike, which he intends bringing to Britain. Need we remind you to look both ways next time you step off the pavement?

NAME: Read, Mike.

B(J)ORN: Borg. PSEUDONYMS: Records singles in various guises — The Trainspotters, The Ghosts, and now — The Grasshoppers! STAGE NAME: Wells Fargo. FIRST RECORD PURCHASED: Tony Blackburn's Greatest Hits" (I've always been keen on

singles). FIRST LIVE SHOW ATTENDED:

Watching Bury play at Gigg Lane. PREVIOUS JOBS: Leaf-raker, playboy, bum and swashbuckling freelance intercontinental swordsman.

MARITAL STATUS: Single -1 collect 'em.

KIDS: Oh yes, I'm always kidding. LOWEST POINT OF CAREER:

PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT: Nearly fixing a hoover. HERO: John Lennon, Sir Barnes

Wallis (inventor of the "Dam-Buster" bomb). DESERT ISLAND DISCS: "Sun

Ain't Gonna Shine Anymore" by The Walker Brothers, "Survival" by Yes, "Dam-Busters' March" by The R.A.F. Band, "Across The Universe" by The Beatles. FAVOURITE ITEM OF CLOTHING: Stan Smith's (tennis shoes), shorts

ABOUT TIME TOO DEPT

THE PRETENDERS return to the stage, after a lapse of nearly nine months, when they play 13 dates in late July. Opening at Inverness Ice Rink (July 15), they follow on to Aberdeen Fusion Ballroom (16), Redcar Coatham Bowl (18), Mansfield Leisure Centre (19), Bath Pavilion (21), Torquay Town Hall (22), St. Austell Cornwall Coliseum (23), Poole Arts Centre (24), Portsmouth Guildhall (26), Aylesbury Friars (27), Hammersmith Palais (28), Guildford Civic Hall (29) and finally Hammersmith Odeon (30).

Presumably including material off the forthcoming album which they've been recording on-and-off for eight months, the gigs are all priced at £3.50 except Hammersmith Odeon which is £4.00, £3.50 and £3.00.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Brown bread, pepper steal

FAVOURITE BOOK: "On The Road" by Jack Kerouac, "Lord Of The Rings" by Tolkein, "Roy Of The Rovers" comic. FAVOURITE FILM: er Kodak 127 er "The

Graduate

FAVOURITE BAND: Elastic. PET HATE: Lack of sun in my garden and fancying a game of tennis when no-one's around. FAVOURITE SINGERS: Lennon, Scott Walker, Paul Weller, Bowie. BOOKS PUBLISHED: "Guinness Book Of British Hit Singles -Volumes One, Two and Three" (3 is published in July). "Guinness Book Of Hits Of The '; "Mike Read's Pop Quiz Book" (to be published in September).

T.V. SERIES: "Pop Quest" (ITV) T.V. SERIES: "Pop Quest" (ITV) — '78; "TOTP" (BBC) — '78'81; "Pop Quiz" (BBC) — '81. FAVOURITE FANTASY: Ever changing! You can be in my fantasy if I can be in yours. FASCINATIONS: Possibility of life in other galaxies or in another dimension on earth. Teleportation and time travel. **BIGGEST MISTAKE I EVER**

MADE: Kidding myself I can sing and filling in this fact file.



STING IS GOD — OFFICIAL

"ARTEMIS '81", the three hour long TV drama featuring Sting, is now likely to be screened by the Beeb in the Autumn.

A story of the occult, shot on location in Liverpool, Birmingham and Denmark, the film casts Sting as The God of Love. Co-star Hywell Bennett, we understand, plays someone a little less exalted!

TOUR DE FOURCE

BAD MANNERS will be playing just four U.K. dates during July, then disappear off the face of the earth until Autumn, when they set out on an extensive tour to promote the release of their third album. In the meantime, you can catch 'em at Derby Assembly Rooms (July 23), London Rainbow (July 23), London Rainbow (July 25) and Poole Arts Centre (July 26). And that's all, folks!

PUT ME Among The Girls Department — The Mo-Dettes new single is produced by Chris Neil, mastermind behind Sheena Easton's run of hits.

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WHEN YOU COTTA GO

SHOCK FOR the Boomtown Rats recently when Gerry Cott, who has been guitarist with the band for five years, announced that he was leaving after playing a Bangkok gig at the end of the Rats' world tour.

"I've always worked on my instinct," he announced, "and now my instinct tells me that I should explore alternative ways of making music."

The Rats do not plan to replace Cott and go into the studios next week to cut their first album as a five piece.



Gerry Cott

DOOR TO YOUR HEART

SHAKIN' STEVENS' next single will be "Green Door", a song which provided a top ten hit for both Frankie Vaughan and Jim Lowe back in the '50s.

The idea of recording the number was first suggested by Nick Lowe as a joke. But Shaky's producer, Stuart Colman, felt that it was such a good idea that he promptly rushed the rockin' Welshman into the nearest studio to record the ditty.

"Shaky's next chart-topper," Colman calls it. Could be he's right.



FROM RASHER WITH LOVE

PIGBAG, THE Bristol-based new funk outfit whose "Papa's Got A Brand New Pigbag" recently became a fixture on the Dave Lee Travis Show, are now recording a follow-up single for Y Records, which will be available in both 7" and 12" versions.

A new band in every sense of the term — bassist/violinist

THIS MEANS WAR

"Urgh! A Music War", the Derek Burbidge-directed rock concert film, is being lined up for British screenings at the beginning of August.

The movie, which opens in ten American cities during July, contains music by no less than 35 acts including The Police, Devo, Gary Numan, Toyah, John Otway, Au Pairs, Pere Ubu, Members, Steel Pulse, Echo And The Bunnymen, Magazine, Gang Of Four, 999, XTC, Dead Kennedys, Surf Punks and others. A soundtrack album is to be released by A&M Records on August 7.

Simon Underwood is the only one of the six members who has previously worked with any other unit — Pigbag added to their battle honours via a London Rainbow gig with the Specials just a short while back, and now they're planning a full-scale assault on the nation at large.

THE BIT WITH NO HEADLINE

AVOWED BOOKWORMS are pointed in the direction of "The Book With No Name", a new Omnibus publication which views rock'n'roll fashion from blue suede shoes days through to the Blitz Kids and beyond.

Not many words but the pics of the beatiful people are good and plentiful. Take £3.95 with you if you intend to buy.





KATE BUSH Sat In Your Lap

I see the people working And see it working for them And so I want to join them But then I find it hurts me Some say that knowledge Is something sat in your lap Some say that knowledge Is something that you never have

I see the people happy So can it happen for me? 'Cause when I am unhappy There's nothing that can move me Some say that knowledge Is something that you never have Some say that knowledge Is something sat in your lap Some say that heaven is hell Some say that heaven is hell Some say that hell is heaven I must admit, just when I think I'm king (I just begin) Just when I think I'm king (I just begin)

> I've been doing it for years My goal is moving near Says look I'm over here Then it up and disappears Some say that knowledge Is something sat in your lap Some say that knowledge Is ha, ha, ha, ha

I want to be a lawyer I want to be a scholar But I really can't be bothered

Ooh just gimme it quick Gimme it, gimme, gimme, gimme Some say that knowledge is ha, ha, ha Some say that knowledge is ha, ha, ha Some say that heaven is hell Some say that hell is heaven

I must admit just when I think I'm king (I just begin) Just when I think I'm king I must admit (I just begin) Just when I think everything's going great (I just begin) I get the break I'm gonna take it all (I just begin) When I'm king (just begin)

In my dome of ivory A home of activity I want the answers quickly But I don't have no energy I hold a cup of wisdom But there is nothing within My cup she never overfloweth 'Tis I that moan and groaneth

Some grey and white matter Give me the Karma mama I'm coming up the ladder Hey I'm coming up the ladder A jet to Mecca Up the ladder Tibet or Jeddah To Salisbury A monastery The longest journey Across the desert Across the weather Across the elements Across the water

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AS RAK Records have neglected to give Kim Wilde's debut album a real title, we feel it's only fair that we should provide at least 25 autographed copies with good homes. So, if you think that you would make a good foster parent for such an album, then all you have to do is to answer five questions, then take the first letters of your answers to form the name of someone who's very close to Kim.

Got the idea? Of course you have. Now here's the questions. 1) Kim's record label.

NDDE AND KIM WIT

4) The "More Than In Love" songstress.

5) Shakin' Stevens' latest hit. Done all that? Now, if the first letters of your answers form a

name, dot it down on a postcard, together with your name and address, and mail it to: Smash Hits Kim Wilde competition, 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 0UF to arrive no later than July 23rd. The first 25 correct entries to come out of the bag on that date will each win an autographed copy of Ms Wilde's debut album. (UK/Eire only).



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CAN'T HAPPEN HERE

on Polydor Records

Words and music by Blackmore/Glover Reproduced by permission Panache Music Ltd. Contaminated fish and micro chips Huge supertankers on Arabian trips Only propaganda from the leaders lips All about the future People over here, people over there Everybody's looking for a little more air Crossing all the borders just to take their share Planning for the future Well, we're so abused, and we're so confused It's easy to believe that someone's gonna light the fuse.

> Chorus Can't happen here, can't happen here All that you fear, they're telling you It can't happen here

Supersonic planes for a holiday boom Rio de Janeiro in an afternoon People out of work but there's people on the moon Looking for the future Concrete racetracks nationwide Juggernauts are carving up the countryside Cars by the million on a one-way ride Using up the future And we're so abused, and we're so confused It's easy to believe that someone's gonna light the fuse

Repeat chorus twice

Satellites spying for the CIA The KGB and the men in grey Wonder if I'm gonna see another day Somewhere in the future We got everything we need for a peaceful time Take what you want but you can't take mine Everybody's living on the Siegfried Line Worried 'bout the future

And we're so abused, and we're so confused It's so easy to believe that someone's gonna light it Easy to believe that someone's gonna light the fuse

Repeat chorus to fade



THERE'S THESE FOUR GEEZERS, REAL MOODY LOOKING TYPES AND THEY'RE INTO THE OCCULT AND WELL, LET DEANNE PEARSON DO THE REST. IT'S THE WAY SHE TELLS 'EM.

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KILLING JOKE are notoriously difficult to interview and their press coverage has consequently been minimal and uninformative. Killing Joke, y'see, had all these theories about not conforming to "the system". They were against interviews, against radio airplay, even against regular live work, the idea being that their performances would benefit from being special events.

Unfortunately perhaps, the cold facts have been brought home to them — there's precious little room for those kind of ideals in this business.

"What we've learnt," drummer Paul Ferguson drily observes, "is that you have to promote product, to sell it and make some money in order to make another record. Our ideals still exist but they're totally impractical.

Paul is the only member of the band here to be interviewed, as vocalist and keyboards player Jaz and bassist Youth are apparently obnoxious and uncommunicative respectively, and peroxide blond guitarist Geordie, who was going to come, couldn't be bothered to drag himself out of bed when the time came

Their attitudes haven't changed that much, but Paul is polite, co-operative; affable even. Along with Jaz, he is one of the founder members of Killing Joke. The two of them were previously in a group called The Matt Stagger Band but left to form a group more suited to their personal musical ideas, which happened to coincide, and enrolled Geordie and Youth.

They had two 45's, the "Nervous System" EP and "Wardance" out on their own independently distributed Malicious Damage label and then signed a deal with E.G. Records through which their first album, out towards the end of last year, and their current "What's This For" have been released. Killing Joke's music is made up of dense rhythmic coils of sound which capture the excitement and intent of punk and fuse it with a distinct funk feel which comes through strongly on both albums. Paul is adamant that this is one band who will never use a producer: "If a band can't KILLING JOKE: left to right; Jaz, Paul Ferguson, Geordie and Youth. might as well give up."

Nevertheless, their own increased confidence has obviously resulted in the new album's superior sound. The lyrical themes however remain the same; songs like "Wardance", "Change" and "Turn To Red" are obsessively anti-system. "But that's because we still feel the same about those things. I don't know if they'll ever change. We obviously don't want to repeat ourselves too much but our feelings are so strong at the moment that they charge the music

Other influences come out of their collective interest in astrology and the occult. "There is a force behind each individual,"

Paul explains, "and the idea is to find these forces or powers and try to get them to work together. It's more than just star signs; it's a sub-conscious thing.

There are four main elements; earth, water, air and fire, and when we started we



tried to find a person from each element, to theoretically produce a more balanced and stronger whole." He laughs. "But we ended up with Geordie and I, who are fire, Jaz, who's water, and Youth who is . . . sort of wishy-washy.

Sometimes a seven pointed star is chalked on the floor when Killing Joke play live, but that is only when The Wizard is present. This long-haired and usually bare-torsoed male dances around both band and audience. leaping and bounding and breathing fire in an alarming and exciting visual display which puts an electric edge on Killing Joke's music and fires the atmosphere.

This always goes down well with their audience, a majority of whom are punks and obviously sympathetic to the band's words and ideas. It's a young audience but an audience generally aware of the politics which were behind the early punk music. Paul insists that they're not just using it as a fashion bandwagon either: "I think there are far more exciting and attractive fashions to pick up on now if they wanted to. These kids come backstage to see us and they've definitely got something to say. They're very outspoken, still very aggressive in manner and opinion. They're using punk as an outlet to express

themselves, definitely. "However, we don't want to just stick to a punk audience," he stresses cautiously. "As far as we're concerned our music's got a far wider appeal.'

He would also like to be drenched in spittle less often. "Jesus, we suffer from it. It's disgusting, but there again . . ." He breaks off and laughs again. "That's just another way of expressing themselves, I suppose.'



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HIT MACHINES



The songwriters with the most UK No 1

singles during the past ten years. 1. Bjorn Ulvaeus & Benny Andersson, better known as the bearded half of Abba, come top with nine.

2. Noddy Holder & Jim Lea scored six Noddy Holder & Jim Lea scored six No 1's during the heyday of Slade.
 Nicky Chinn & Mike Chapman were responsible for five chart topping songs when they used to provide the goods for bands like Sweet & Mud.
 Marc Bolan penned all four of T. Rex's

5. Graham Gouldman collaborated with

his colleagues in 10 CC on three No 1's. = Gary Glitter & Mike Leander, the

artist and the producer respectively, managed to get three of their tunes to the top of the heap during the early '70's. = Sting has so far managed the trick

three times for The Police Giorgio Moroder, the king of

electronic disco, has provided three No 1's for various clients, Donna Summer and Blondie among them. = Tony Hiller, Martin Lee & Lee

Sheriden. So now you known who to blame for the Brotherhood Of Man's

three giant hits!

= Rod Stewart co-wrote two chart toppers with his former guitarist Martin Quittenton and one with drummer Carmine Appice.

= The Bee Gees. It shouldn't surprise anyone that these brothers found the top spot three times during the disco

= Debbie Harry. She's not generally known as a songwriter but she's collaborated separately with Chris Stein, Jimmy Destri and Giorgio Moroder on three No 1's.

DEAR ANNIE . . .

Up until 1979 Anne Nightingale presented Radio One's Sunday afternoon request show. Listed below are the ten most consistently popular listener's choices from that period.

- Led Zeppelin; "Stairway To Heaven" (Atlantic).
 Lynyrd Skynyrd: "Free Bird" (MCA).
 Derek And The Dominoes: "Layla"
- (Polydor) The Moody Blues: "Nights In White 4
- Satin" (Decca). 5. Free: "All Right Now" (Island). 6. Rolling Stones: "Satisfaction"
- (Decc
- (Decca). 7. Jimi Hendrix: "Purple Haze" (Track). 8. Procol Harum: "A Whiter Shade Of Pale" (Zonophone). 9. The Beatles: "The Long And Winding Road" (Apple). 10. The Who: "My Generation" (Decca).



DEAR ANNIE ('81) ...

Although requests for the old stuff still pour in to Annie's Friday Night show, there are signs of less predictable tastes. Below is Annie's list of the most requested modern records. 1. Christina: "Is That All There Is?"

- 2. Department S: "Is Vic There?"
- 3. Adam And The Ants: "Dirk Wears
- White Sox" (Do It). 4. Radio Actors: "Nuclear Waste"
- The Police: "Bring On The Night" (A&M). 5.
- 6. Barry Andrews: "Rossmore Road" (Virgin). The Fix: "Lost Planes" (101).
- Ultravox: "Vienna" (Chrysalis). The Teardrop Explodes: "Treason" 8.
- (Mercury). 10. Last Exit: "Demo Tapes featuring Sting

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I'VE BEEN SAVED

Ten musicians who found some kind of religion.

1. Cat Stevens, one of the biggest singer-songwriters of the early '70's, changed his name to Yusuf Islam in 1976 on being converted to the Islamic faith. He hasn't recorded since. 2. John Travolta is a fully paid up

member of the controversial Church Of Scientology. 3. Carlos Santana began his musical career in 1967 as a Los Angeles punk. He still records today but all his albums are dedicated to his guru, Sri Chinmoy. 4. Pete Townshend, the leader of The

Who, has been a disciple of the late Indian mystic Meher Baba since the late 60's. "Tommy" was dedicated to Baba. 5. Bob Dylan, for many years a dedicated critic of organised religion, was baptised a "born again" Christian in '79 and since the bac sola

in '78 and since then has only

performed sacred songs. 6. Jeremy Spencer, original guitarist with Fleetwood Mac, stepped out of the band's hotel during an American tour in '71 and never came back, preferring to join up with The Children Of God.

7. Cliff Richard is not only Britain's most consistent hit maker. He's also our best known Christian after the Archbishop of Canterbury.

8. Al Green, the high priest of '70's soul music, returned to his gospel roots at the end of the decade when he was ordained as a Baptist minister. These days he records, but it's strictly songs of

praise. 9. Hank Marvin, bespectacled lead guitarist with The Shadows for nearly thirty years, has been a Jehovah's Witness for some time.

10. Mike Love, Beach Boys' lead singer, was one of many musicians who sat at the feet of the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in '68. Unlike The Beatles or Mick Jagger, however, he's still a firm believer.



"This Ole House", the recent Shakin" Stevens hit, was written and first record by Stuart Hamblen, who penned the song on an old paper bag after finding a dead man in a lonely hut, over 20 miles from the nearest road. "This Ole House", the recent Shakin'

CHAS SMASH'S FIVE DANCERS



1. Mr. Fred Astaire. 2. Mr. James Cagney 3. Ms. Ginger Rogers 4. Mr. Tony Hilton "one of my best mates and he's a great dancer") 5. Mr. Gene Kelly.

DAVID **COVERDALE'S**

TEN GUITARISTS

- 1. Jimi Hendrix. Jaff Beck
- 3. Peter Green. 4. Billy Gibbon. (Z.Z. Top).
- = Jimmy Page. 6. John McLaughlin.
- 7. Bernie Marsden (Whitesnake). 8. Micky Moody (Whitesnake).
- 9. Lowell George (Little Feat). 10. Tommy Bolin.

GLENN TILBROOK'S TEN SONGWRITERS



- Willie Nelson. 2
- Hank Williams. Lennon & McCartney
- Rodgers & Hart.
- 5. Cole Porter 6. Leiber & Stoller.
- 7. Beethoven
- 8. Chuck Berry
- 9. Elvis Costello 10. O'Neill & Bradley (The Undertones).
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THE GAME OF ENAME

They changed their name in search of fame, to find the Midas touch, sang David Bowie. And he should know; his real name was Jones. Here they are then. A brace of pop stars with the names their parents gave them.



Harry Webb



Stuart Goddard



Fred Bulsaria

Gordon Sumner



Susan Ballion



John Beverly

TEN **RECORD-BREAKING** ALBUMS

1. "Saturday Night Fever" — the soundtrack to the Travolta film, with music by the Bee Gees and others, this

Subinitiact of the The Gees and others, this one has become easily the world's biggets selling album, with sales exceeding 25 million.
2. "Frampton Comes Alive" — a live double by Peter Frampton." Comes Alive" had logged over 8 million sales to date, making it the best selling album ever recorded by a British artist.
3. "Jesus Christ Superstar" — when this album was first released in the UK it hardly moved a copy. But subsequent acceptance in the USA caused writers Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice to laum's hus been bought by over 6 million punters, making it the biggest million punters, making it the biggest album yet recorded in Britain.

4. "The Sound Of Music" - for many years, this soundtrack album was the world's biggest seller. Released in 1965, it eventually sold in excess of 19 million.

5, "The Little Drummer Boy" — certainly the biggest of all Christmas albums, this release by the Harry Simeon Chorale, under one name or another, has sold well over 14 million.

6. "John Fitzgerald Kennedy — A Memorial Album". Recorded on the day of President Kennedy's death and marketed at the low price of 99 cents, this offering sold 4 million copies in six days (7-12 December 1963) to become the world's fastest selling album. 7. "Johnny's Greatest Hits". Released in 1958, this Johnny Mathis compilation remained in the U.S. charts for 490 weeks.

8. "Captain Fantastic And The Brown Dirt Cowboy". An Elton John release, 'Captain Fantastic' achieved fame by becoming the first album to ever enter the U.S. charts at No. 1.

99. "Tapestry" — perhaps the biggest selling album by a female artist, this 1972 Carole King recording sold over 13 million copies when first released and still sells well, gaining a U.K. re-release on Epic in 1977.

- 10. "Oklahoma" released in 1949,
- 10. Oktahoma released in 1949, this album featured music from Rodgers And Hammerstein's highly-successful stage show. By 1956 it had sold more than 1,750,000 copies, becoming the first 331½ long player to sell in such quantities.

MIDGE URE'S TEN SINGERS

(in no particular order)



- 1. Frank Sinatra
- 2. Fred Astaire 3. David Bowie 4. Ella Fitzgerald
- 5. Scott Walker 6. (Early) Steve Marriott 7. (Pre-Army) Elvis Presley 8. Marlene Dietrich
- 9. Clint Eastwood

10. Akiko Yano (sings with Yellow Magic Orchestra and has a double album of her own on import)

ALL PLATINUM



One million copies sold in the UK since 1973

- 1973. 1975 Queen: "Bohemian Rhapsody" Simon Park Orchestra: "Eye Level'
- 1976 Brotherhood Of Man: "Save Your
- Kisses For Me'' 1977 David Soul: "Don't Give Up On
- 1978 Boney M: "Mary's Boy Child" Boney M: "Rivers Of Babylon" Olivia Newton-John & John Travolta: "Summer Nights Olivia Newton-John & John Travolta: "You're The One That I Want'
- Want Wings: "Mull Of Kintyre" 1979 Blondie: "Heart Of Glass" Village People: "YMCA" 1980 Pink Floyd: "Another Brick In The
- Wall



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JUNE: "The jumper was from a little shop round the corner. I saw half a dozen wandering around at on of our gigs the other night. I think it's made of. Cloth, Nice colours, eh? Wish there was one piece o clothing I could wear all the time for everything but get field up with things so quickly. Well, mos binner."

JANE: "Sometimes it's hard, sometimes it's not, but deciding what to wear comes easy. My mood is to be suited and my wardrobe is large, from slacks right through to stuff from Browns. Though I must admit this tartan basn't been in the wardrobe as vet"

this tartan hasn't been in the wardrobe as yet."



dress dangerous to wear; firstly as it's crepe silk and so slinky, it gets me weird ideas. Secondly, the straps keep falling down"

KATE: "I don't generally like fussy clothes but I wear this brazen belt with everything. The dress is special; luxurious, simple or simply, sumptuously soft and subtly slinky. It





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Chorus Oh my visage Oh my visage

New shapes New moulds Right or wrong my passion takes

Repeat chorus

Visuals Magazines Reflect styles Past future in extremes

Repeat chorus to fade

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IMMORTAL LINES

The hits with the most awful names.

The first with the most away that the s. Part One — Dodgy Disco. 1. "(Are You Ready) Do The Bus Stop", The Fatback Band ('75). 2. "Disco Duck". Rick Dees And His Cast Of Idiots ('76).

3. "Fattie Bum Bum". Carl Malcolm ('75).

4. "I Wanna Dance Wit Choo". Disco Tex And The Sex-O-Lettes ('75). 5. "Mellow Mellow Right On". Lowrell

('79). 6. ''**7-6-5-4-3-2-1 (Blow Your Whistle)**''.

"7-6-5-4-3-2-1 (Blow Your Whistle)". The Rimshots ('75).
 "You Saxy Sugar Plum". Rodger Collins ('76).
 "Ain't Gonna Bump No More (With No Big Fat Women)". Joe Tex ('77).
 "Boogie Oogie Oogie Oogie". A Taste Of Honey ('78).
 "Shake Shake Shake (Shake Your Bootu" K C & The Sunshine Band

Booty)". K. C. & The Sunshine Band ('76).

IMMORTAL LINES/2

Part Two — They Don't Write 'Em Like That Anymore. Ten hits from the '50s when songs had a tune and you could understand the

Words.
1. "Gilly Gilly Ossenfeffer Katzenellen Bogen By The Sea". Max Bygraves ('54).
2. "Giddy-Up-A-Ding-Dong". Freddie Bell And The Bellboys ('56).
3. "Pickin' A Chicken". Eve Boswell ('55).

4. "Where Will The Baby's Dimple Be?". Rosemary Clooney ('55). 5. "Zing A Little Zong". Bing Crosby &

Jane Wyman ('52). 6. "Portuguese Washerwoman". Joe

Fingers Carr ('56). 7. "Chicka Boom". Guy Mitchell ('52)

8. "Cowpuncher's Cantata". Max

Bygraves ('52). 9. "Hot Diggity". Perry Como ('56). 10. "Never Do A Tango With An Eskimo". Alma Cogan ('55).



IMMORTAL LINES/3

Part Three — Baby Talk. It has been said that you don't need to know the English language to write a hit song. In some cases it's a positive disadvantage. For example... 1. "Dick-a-dum-dum". Des O'Connor

('69). 2. "Ooh-wakka-doo-wakka-day". Gilbert O'Sullivan ('72).

3. "Shoo Doo Fu Fu Ooh". Lenny Williams ('77). 4. "Papa Oom Mow Mow". Gary Glitter

('75). 5. "Chirpy Chirpy Cheep Cheep". Middle Of The Road ('71).

 "Doobedood'ndoobe
 Doobedood'ndoobe". Diana Ross ('72).
 "Gimme Dat Ding". Pipkins ('70).
 "My Coo-ca-Choo". Alvin Stardust ('73).

9. "Shoo-be-doo-be-doo-da-day" Stevie Wonder ('68). 10. "Ram-bunk-shush", Ventures ('61).

IMMORTAL LINES/4

Part Four - Every One A Hit, A Cringe In Every Title. 10 discs you'd be ashamed to ask for in

1. "Leap Up and Down (Wave Your 1. "Leap Up and Down (Wave Your Knickers In The Air)", St. Cecilia ('71). 2. "The Seagull's Name Was Nelson". 2. the E. Repnett ('70).

3. "Who's In The Strawberry Patch With Sally". Dawn ('74). 4. "Don't Jump Off The Roof, Dad". Tommy Cooper ('61). 5. "Donald Where's Your Troosers?".

Andy Stewart ('60). 6. "Hand A Handkerchief To Helen"

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 Susan Maugham (*63).
 "fitsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini". Brian Hyland (*60).
 "Puckwudgie". Charlie Drake (*72).
 "Afternoon Of The Rhino". Mike Post

('75) 10. "Mind Blowing Decisions". Heatwave ('78)

JULIAN COPE'S TEN SINGERS

1. Scott Walker ("surprise, that"). 2. Tim Buckley.

- Jim Buckley.
 Jim Morrison.
 Arthur Lee.
 Captain Beefheart.
 John Cale.
 Mark Smith.
 Tom Variaina
- 8. Tom Verlaine. 9. David Thomas.
- 10. Neil Young







lan Kilminster

Kim Smith







Jeff Plewman

Brian Duffy







Steven Judkins



John Mellor



Robert Allen Zimmerman



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YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD TOON DOWN

(Part 1)

All these songs have entered the UK Top 50 in different versions at different

1. "Satisfaction" by The Rolling Stones ('65), Otis Redding ('66), Aretha Franklin ('67), Bubblerock ('74) & Devo ('78). 2. "She's Not There" by The Zombies ('64), Neil McArthur ('69), Santana ('77)

8. The UK Subs ('79). 3. "Only You" by The Platters ('56), Mark Wynter ('64), Jeff Collins ('72) &

Ringo Starr ('74). Ringo Starr (74): 4. "White Christmas" by Mantovani ('52), Pat Boone ('57) & Bing Crosby

5. "Answer Me" by Frankie Laine ('56), David Whitfield ('56), Ray Peterson ('60)

David Whitfield ('56), Ray Peterson ('6 & Barbara Dickson ('76). 6. "Summertime" by Al Martino ('60), The Marcels ('61) & Billy Stewart ('65). 7. "Mary's Boy Child" by Harry Belafonte ('57, '58, '59), Nina & Frederick ('59) & Boney M ('78). 8. "Stay" by Maurice Williams & The Zodiacs ('61), The Hollies ('63) & Jackson Provence ('78).

Jackson Browne ('78). 9. "Till" by Tony Bennett ('61), Dorothy Squires ('70) & Tom Jones ('71).



STRANGE BUT TRUE

Betty Driver, who plays Betty Turpin in "Coronation Street", was once a singer with The Joe Loss Orchestra — the same band that once employed Ross McManus (Elvis Costello's dad) as vocalist.

AUTHOR! AUTHOR!

10 musicians who found time to write books. 1. Ian Hunter: "Diary Of A Rock'n'Roll Star" (1974).

Star" (1974). **3. Bob Dylan:** "Tarantula" (1971). **3. John Lennon:** "In His Own Write" (1964); "A Spaniard In The Works" (1965). **4. Hugh Cornwell:** "Inside Information" (1980). **5. Jet Black:** "Much Ado About Nothing" (1981). **6. Charlie Watts:** "Ode To A High Flying Bird" (1964).

7. Phil Lynott: "Songs For While I'm Away" (1974); "Philip" (1977); "A Collected Works Of Philip Lynott" (1980). 8. Peter Hammill: "Killers, Angels And Refugees" (1974).

9. Graham Parker: "The Great Trouser Mystery" (1980).

10. George Harrison: "I, Me, Mine" (1980).

YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD TOON **DOWN** (Part 2)

4 songs that have been recorded over 1.000 times.

1. "Yesterday". Penned by Paul McCartney and John Lennon in 1965, "Yesterday" has been recorded nearly 1,200 times. Oddly enough, the Beatles didn't have a U.K. chart hit with the song until 1976 when it was finally

released as a single. 2. "Tie A Yellow Ribbon Round The Old Oak Tree". Written by Irwin Levine and L. Russell Brown in 1972, Dawn

recorded the number and grabbed the biggest hit of '73, selling around six million discs worldwide. The song had something of a revival earlier this year

when it became a welcome home theme for the U.S. hostages held in Iran. 3. "St Louis Blues". Despite having been recorded so many times, "St Louis Blues" has provided no-one with a million-seller even though it's been

around since 1914. In 1958 a film called "St Louis Blues", based on the life of the song's writer, W. C. Handy, was released. The lead part was played by singer-pianist Nat Cole, father of Natalie

Cole, while Handy as a boy was portrayed by a then 12 year-old Billy Preston "Stardust". There's said to be over

1.100 recorded versions of this 1929 Hoagy Carmichael song, which has provided million-sellers for the swing orchestra of Artie Shaw (1940) and for Billy Ward's R&B group The Dominoes (1957).

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THIS IS WHERE IT ALL BEGAN ...

10 clubs and venues that played a crucial role in the evolution of rock. 1. The 2 I's Coffee Bar, Old Compton Street, London. A mecca for skiffle artists and British rock and roll bands during the '50's. Cliff Richard and Tommy Steele got their first breaks here 2. The London Blues and Barrelhouse Club, Wardour Street, London. Established in the middle '50's in the Established in the middle '50's in the Roundhouse pub by Alexis Korner and Cyril Davies, this club was one of the first in Britain to feature R & B. 3. The Cavern, Mathew Street, Liverpool. Probably the most famous cellar in rock, this former iars haunt in

cellar in rock, this former jazz haunt in the middle of Liverpool booked The Beatles so many times during their pre-fame days that the stage was eventually sawn up and auctioned off in

A. The Flamingo, Wardour Street, London. Long before The Specials were even thought of, Georgie Fame And The Blue Flames built a reputation as the country's premier live act, playing jazzed up versions of ska and blue beat songs at Flamingo all-nighters. 5. Eel Pie, London. Situated on an island in the Thames, this mod club was home to bands like The Who and the early Jeff Beck Group.

6 The Fillmore Ballroom, San Francisco. Using psychedelic light shows and all manner of hippy parephenalia, bands like The Grateful Dead and Jefferson Airplane played

Dead and Jefferson Airplane played endless all-nighters in this broken down ballroom on the wrong side of town. Its heyday was around 1967. 7. Middle Earth, London. Originally situated in Tottenham Court Road, this British hippy club moved around a lot, settling for a long spell at the Roundhouse in Camden Town. 8. CBGB & Max's Kansas City, New York. The two Manhattan clubs that gave birt to American punk through

York. The two Manhattan clubs that gave birth to American punk through the efforts of The Velvet Underground, Ramones and New York Dolls. 9. The Roxy, Neal Street, London. The Hoxy, Neal Street, London.
 Formerly a gay club called Chaguaramas, this Covent Garden watering hole became a breeding ground for the British punk explosionin 1977. Run by Andy Czezowski, it featured The Pistols, Generation X, Hearthreakers etc.

Heartbreakers etc. 10. Blitz, Parker Street, London. By day a wine bar, by night a posers palace as Steve Strange puts on the first of his electrow discow nights in 1979.

MONEYSPINNERS

The U.K. singles that have spent most weeks at No. 1 since 1960.

- 1. Queen: "Bohemian Rhapsody" (EMI)
- 9 weeks in '75. 2. Wings: "Mull Of Kintyre"
- (Parlophone) 9 in '77. 3. John Travolta & Olivia Newton-John: "You're The One That I Want" (RSO) 9 in '78.
- 4. The Archies: "Sugar, Sugar" (RCA) —
- 8 in '69
- 5. Everly Brothers: "Cathy's Clown"

5. Everly Brothers: "Cathy's Clown" (Warner Bros) — 7 in '60. 6. Frank (field: "I Remember You" (Columbia) — 7 in '62. 7. The Beatles: "From Me To You" (Parlophone) — 7 in '63. 8. Tom Jones: "Green, Green Grass Of Home" (Decca) — 7 in '66. 9. Mungo Jerry: "In The Summertime" (Dawn) — 7 in '70. 10. John Travolta & Olivia Newton-John: "Summer Nights" (RSO) — 7 in '78.

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

The 12 rarest U.K. rock singles. All the below are normal issues - no promo specials or suchlike are included. All the prices are approximate, applying only to discs in excellent condition.

1. Jackie Lee Cochran: "Mama Don't You Think I Know" (Brunswick) — £120. 2. Mac Curtis: "You Ain't Treating Me Right" (Parlophone) — £120. 3. The Penguins: "Earth Angel" (London) — £120.

4. John's Children: "Midsummer's

- Night Dream" (Track) £110. 5. Peanuts Wilson: "Cast Iron Arm"
- (London) £100. 6. Alvadean Coker: "We're Gonna Bop"

- Alvadean Coker: "We're Gonna Boy (London) £100.
 Johnny Carroll: "Hot Rock" (Brunswick) £100.
 Alvis Wayne: "Don't Mean Maybe, Baby" (Starlight) £100.
 Roy Hall: "See You Later Alligator" (Brunswick) £100.
 Werly Fairburn: "All The Time" (London) £100.
 Dayer Jones and The King Rocc.
- 11. Davey Jones and The King Bees: "Liza Jane" (Vocalion) £85. 12. Curly Jim Morrison: "Air Force Blues" (Starlight) £75.

This list was compiled with the help of Ted Carroll from "Rock On", Ray Topping and "Record Collector".



CLIVE WRIGHT, a frustrated Buggles fan from Bovingdon, would like to know if we're ever likely to hear from his fave band again.

Seems unlikely, Clive, for though Geoff Downes and Trevor Horn skipped out of Yes to start work on a new Buggles project, things didn't pan out and Geoff has now moved on to join Asia, the new supergroup, leaving Trev thinking about where to go next

Meanwhile, Jeff L, who would appear to be homeless, has ripped a page from his history book in order to ask about Our

Daughter's Wedding, a band he recently saw playing support on the Classix Nouveaux tour. News here is that Keith Silver, Layne Rico and Scott Simon, the three synth players who comprise Wedding, originally worked together in San Francisco some years ago, then split, re-forming in New York during 1980. Their first U.K. single "Lawn Chairs" is now out on the EMI-America label and the band are currently at work in a British studio,

recording their debut album. Next, a note from an anonymous Ant fan (try saying that quickly!) who's read about bootleg tapes and wants to know what they are. Thing is, according to law, such tapes shouldn't exist They contain recordings usually made at concerts or from radio and TV shows and because such tapes (and discs) are sold privately or under-the-counter, the artist who worked so hard to make the music in the first place doesn't even cop a penny for his efforts, while some bootleggers make quite healthy profits. This is why the whole bootlegging business is illegal and why many of those involved have ended up getting hefty fines or facing prison sentences.

On the other hand, few people can resist obtaining otherwise unavailable recordings by their favourite artists and it's true to say that nearly every real record or tape collector in the country has a bootleg item of some sort or another

Ever onward to deal with a letter from Matthew Rumbold of Surbiton, who wants to know if Depeche Mode have released anything apart from their "New Life" and "Dreaming Of Me singles plus the track on the 'Some Bizarre'' album. This one caused us to check immediately with Rough Trade, Depeche Mode's distributors, who said that they didn't know of any further material from the band. End of investigation.

Neil Moorhouse of Walsall wants us to print a Dave Clark discography. But this would take up so much space, we've decided to send him one, which should be arriving shortly. Finally, a bundle of fax for B

Halfpenny of Sheperdswell, Kent, who needs info on Jan and Dean, the vocal duo who made such great surfing music back in the 60s. Jan (Berry) and Dean (Torrence) attended the same Los Angeles school as teenagers and later began cutting discs for Arwin, Dore and Liberty, logging over two dozen hits in the States – including a No. 1 with "Surf City" — before Jan became City" involved in a 1966 car crash that left him paralysed and suffering brain damage. He has never fully recovered from the accident but during the '70s, he and Dean (who became a successful album cover designer) got back together for a number of shows, Jan also cutting some solo singles for Ode

ACROSS

- 1 Travelling Ant?!
- **4 They recently lost Pauline** Black
- 7 Beatle George remembers (3,5,5,3)
- 11 Shakin' Stevens is checking into the asylum! (3,5,2,5)
- 13 Whose runners?
- 14 A hit a few years back for Errol Dunkley (1,1,4)
- Extract from the spillage! 17 See 24 18 Billy boy
- 19 & 29 Madness single for depressives! Fassbinder or George
- 22 Motorheadman
- Goodie in the timbermill! "Going Left Right" is their
- new single (10,1) Solo Queen (5,6) 28
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- feel better?
- 6 Phil probably
- 8 American singer-girlfriend of Clash's Mick Jones (5,5)
- 9 Glitter attachment? 10 Expandable sort of group!?
- 12 I leave Gillian to lan!
- 15 Silly verse EP (Anag. 5,7) 16 UB40 album (7,4)
- 17 Jam LP (3,3,4)
- 20 Nutty Ken 23 Girls name/old Hot Chocolate hit
- 24 & 17 across The song of the dandy mugger? (5,3,7) 27 Skin John the radio man!
- 29 See 19.









ODYSSEY ARE beaming from ear to ear, and with good reason. "Going Back To My Roots" marks their fifth entry into the British charts and coincides with their third visit to Britain.



The Odyssey trio is made up of the bubbly, braided and beaded Lopez sisters, Lillian and Louise, and, caught between them, the diplomatic Bill McEachern. Still native New Yorkers, Odyssey have taken a daring step with their new album, "I've Got The Melody". They've broken up with writer/producer Sandy Linzer and enlisted Steve Tyrell, whose production credits include Dionne Warwick and The Crusaders. Gone are the days when they danced purely to the producer's tune. The shoe is on the other good foot these days. So how did they go about shopping for a producer?

"Most important for us," begins Bill, "is keeping the essence of Odyssey. We are a fusion group. We want a blend of jazz, r&b, disco and reggae. What we start with is not always what we end up with. We didn't kick off this album with "Going Back To My Roots", although that's ended up the dominant theme. We found that song while we were looking for a reggae number!" "We got together with Steve,"

we got togetter with steve, continues Lillian, "because we heard of him and he heard of us. We wanted to keep the fusion of our early work. But we also wanted to use our versatility a little more. He put forward his ideas and a list of songs. We did the same. We met over dinner a few times. We were sniffin' him out. We didn't want to just be handed a bill of goods. We wanted someone who was into what we were. And we could depend on him to come up with material while we were on the road performing. In the end we cut about fourteen tracks and used seven."

One of the oddest cuts on the album is a disco version of the well-known chestnut "Oh No Not My Baby". What makes it almost bizarre is the presence on backing vocals of Maxine Brown, the lady who originally made it a hit in 1963

"It was a strange experience," laughs Louise. "We wanted to do an oldie and we not only got the song but the singer too!" Breaking out of the disco

stereotype, Odyssey have put a lot of energy into an elaborate

DISCO TOP 40

WEEK AGO TITLE/ARTIST	LAB
1 1 GOING BACK TO MY ROOTS ODYSSEY	
2 3 ONE DAY IN YOUR LIFE MICHAEL JACKSON	RC
3 10 BODY TALK IMAGINATION	TAMLA MOTOW
4 11 RAZZAMATAZZ QUINCY JONES & PATTI AUSTIN	R&
5 6 I'M IN LOVE EVELYN KING	Aði
6 2 BEING WITH YOU SMOKEY ROBINSON	RC
7 4 WIKKA WRAP EVASIONS	MOTOW
8 NEW STARS ON 45 VOL 2 STARSOUND	GROOV
9 NEW ON THE BEAT B.B.&O. BAND	CB
10 34 NO WOMAN NO CRY/JAMMIN' BOB MARLEY	CAPITO
11 NEW WORDY RAPPINGHOOD TOM-TOM CLUB	ISLAN
12 8 HOOKED ON LOVE THIRD WORLD	ISLAN
13 5 HOW BOUT US CHAMPAIGN	CBS
14 15 TAKE IT TO THE TOP KOOL AND THE GANG	CBS
15 22 ME NO POP I KID CREDLE	DE LITE
16 17 TRY IT OUT GINO SOCCIO	ZE
17 16 THROW AWAY THE KEY LINX	ATLANTIC
18 21 EASE YOUR MIND TOUCHDOWN	CHRYSALIS
	RECORD SHACK
THE MICHAEL MCGLOIRY	PINNACLE
TOO MIGHT NEED SUMEBUDY RANDY CRAWFORD	WARNER BROS
THE CET SOMEBUDY LOVE YOU KENI BURKE	RCA
FOLL OF TO THE BUMPEN GRACE JONES	ISLAND
THE SHITTER FOR FOUN LOVE GAP BAND	MIERCURY
	EXCALIBRE
CARL CARL TON	20th CENTURY
THE WORKISEY-MULLEN	BEGGARS BANQUET
- mor a dori wion	EXCALIBRE
T GALL MARE IT DETTER WHISPERS	SOLAR
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THE DEST DROP BOBBY IMURSION	EPIC
	PRELUDE(IMP)
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GEN. SAINT/CLINT FA	STWOOD GREENSLEEVES
THE IN THE IN THELMA HOUSTON	RCA
35 NEW WALK RIGHT NOW JACKSONS	EPIC
STORAGE IT OF TONIGHT CHERYL LYNN	COLUMBIA(IMP)
19 YOU LIKE ME DON'T YOU JERMAINE JACKSON	MOTOWN
B NEW HILLS OF CATMANDU TANTRA	AUTOMATIC
9 7 AIN'T NO STOPPIN' - DISCO MIX 1981 ENIGMA	CREOLE
NEW CIMCO DE MAYO WAR	LAX

stage act, which they hope to bring to London later this autumn.

THIS WEEKS

"You better watch out for us," says a confident Lillian. "We're

By Quincy Jones

bringing our own band too. They're hot to trot!'' I can't wait. Neither can my feet.

Robin Katz



Don't believe those clouds in the sky 'Cause they'll be moving on and the sun will shine If the world's been passing you by Just reach out for a star and you'll realise

Got to put back all the good times that we had We can make it better with a little bit of razzamatazz

If you feel your life's in a rut Just come on out tonight and we'll pull you up Ain't no use in dragging your feet 'Cause something's in the air that just can't be beat

Got to put back all the good times that we had We can make it better with a little bit of razzamatazz

Bring out the rides with all those whitewall tyres Let's go out cruisin' like we used to do Get suited down let's see the town on fire Jump off your seat and let the music pull you through We can make it better with a little bit of razzamatazz We can make it better with a little bit of razzamatazz We can make it better with a little bit of razzamatazz We can make it better with a little bit of razzamatazz We can make it better with a little bit of razzamatazz We can make it better with a little bit of razzamatazz

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You can lay your soul on the line 'Cause we can make it work if we do it right Got to spread this message around The people of the world should be getting down

Got to put back all the good times that we had We can make it better with a little bit of razzamatazz Repeat and ad lib to fade

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KRAFTWERK Computer Loue-The Model

By Elaine Paige on Polydor Records

Midnight not a sound from the pavement Has the moon lost her memory? She is smiling alone In the lamp-light The withered leaves collect at my feet And the wind begins to moan

Memory all alone in the moonlight I can smile at the old days I was beautiful then I remember the time I knew what happiness was Let the memory live again

Every street lamp seems to beat A fatalistic warning Someone mutters and the street lamp gutters And soon it will be morning

> Daylight I must wait for the sunrise I must think of a new life And I mustn't give in When the dawn comes Tonight will be a memory too And a new day will begin

Burnt out ends of smoky days The stale cold smell of morning A street lamp dies Another night is over Another day is dawning

Touch me It's so easy to leave me All alone with my memory Of my days in the sun If you touch me You'll understand what happiness is Look a new day has begun

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FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

By Sheena Easton on EMI Records

For your eyes only Can see me through the night For your eyes only I never need to hide You can see so much in me So much in me that's new I never felt 'til I looked at you

For your eyes only Only for you You see what no-one else can see And now I'm breaking free For your eyes only Only for you The love I know you need in me The fantasy you freed in me Only for you Only for you

For your eyes only The nights are never cold You really know me That's all I need to know Maybe I'm an open book Because I know you're mine But you won't need to read between the lines

For your eyes only Only for you -You see what no-one else can see And now I'm breaking free For your eyes only Only for you The passions that collide in me The world would bend inside of me Only for you For your eyes only

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STATUE OF TTBERTY

Artist XTC Title STATUE OF LIBERTY Label VIRGIN Year 1978 Requested by ANNA COX, LONDON

THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU STANDING NEAR THE WATER YOU MUST HAVE BEEN ALL OF A THOUSAND FEET TALL AND NEARLY NAKED UNASHAMED LIKE HEROD'S DAUGHTER YOUR LOVE WAS SO BIG IT MADE NEW YORK LOOK SMALL YOU'VE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SO MANY DREAMS SINCE I CLIMBED YOUR TORSO CHORUS

> OH MY STATUE OF LIBERTY BOO, BOO IMPALED ON YOUR HAIR

WHAT DO YOU DO, DO, DO TO ME BOO, BOO

I LEANED RIGHT OVER TO KISS YOUR STONY BOOK A LITTLE JEALOUS OF THE SHIPS WITH WHOM YOU FLIRT A BILLION LOVERS WITH THEIR CAMERAS SNAPPED TO LOOK AND IN MY FANTASY I SAIL BENEATH YOUR SKIRT

YOU'VE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SO MANY DREAMS

REPEAT CHORUS THREE TIMES

SINCE I CLIMBED YOUR TORSO

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WORDS AND MUSIC BY ANDY PARTRIDGE



IF U2 ever tire of being a rock band, there can be no doubt that a career in diplomacy awaits them. Four likeable young men, attentive and pleasant without ever being insincere, they take pains to find out who you are and it there is someone in their gathering they don't know, they will ask you who that person is and then, after a suitably discreet period, will politely excuse themselves to make introductory conversation with the stranger. A minimum of luss with the

stranger. A minimum of fuss with the maximum of effect — that's U2. This particular morning finds U2 in Paris, lodged in one of those tall hotels with iron balconies and peeling paint in the pleasantly seedy backstreets of the city's Montmartre district. The effects of long weeks on the road are beginning to show in the band's rather ragged appearance, but their

workaholic energy remains undimmed. Lead singer Bono, ever eager for human contact, has already been out shopping with some loval fans who've struggled over from Britain just for this gig. The expedition completed, Bono now sits down to coffee and croissants in the hotel lounge, to be joined at various times by the three other individuals who make up U2 — guitarist The Edge, drummer Larry Mullen and bass player Adam Clayton.

Bono does most of the talking but he's also at pains not to hog the limelight and will try to involve the interright and with ty construct the others if possible. Nobody gets to know U2 without learning that this is indeed a band and not a one man show. "The most important thing about the beginnings of U2." Bono will fell you, "Second the for the ban wood form."

is just the fact that we were four people before we were four musicians

IT WAS in fact Larry, the youngest member of the group, who started the band. By pinning a message seeking other musicians to the notice board of Dublin's Mount Temple School, he teamed up with Adam — the only member to have any previous band experience — The Edge and Bono. The four friends set about becoming a band in their own individual style, avo the extremes of punk and heavy metal to come up with a melod c. insistent, soaring music that is both subtle and powerful at the same time.

It was a natural, unhurried development, something that stood the band in good stead as they went on to build slowly but steadily, before

sweeping the Readers' Poll Awards in the Irish rock paper Hot Press and finally signing to Island Records in Britain. But there's more to U2 than being just another rock band, good as they are. Both on stage and off, Bono in particular can be almost embarrassingly intense in the trusting, uninhibited opening of his heart to people. Now part of this may be down to Irish openness about emo ntions in general but mostly it stems from a

place called Lipton Village - an imaginary creation invented by a young Bono and Guggi, lead singer with Irish experimental outfit, The Virgin Prunes.

"We decided at an early age that we refused to grow up," admits Bono a little sheepishly. "We said we will not, we'll actually stay this way so we can laugh at things and not take things seriously. Like we used to mock people who got football shorts for Christmas and Manchester United tops. It was like a whole anti-world.

That was the reason, for instance, I didn't want to get involved in the usual routine of things where I lived - which was growing up, getting a job, getting married and dying. I thought there had to be something more. And that's what led to putting so much faith in something like U2, which I did from the very start.

Apart from the refusal to give up childhood, part of the involvement in Lipton Village was the giving of names. One Paul Hewson became Bono Vox while a later convert to the village,

Dave Evans, became The Edge. "Just the giving of names, it was like, well, we didn't choose our names so why not choose one now? That was the idea. And it's now become something for me to hide behind and like to be able to hide behind that in many ways. It was always a term of affection, so when I have an audience call me Bono there's something warm about it." This other-wordly idea of childlike innocence has also left its mark on the imagery in Bono's lyrics and he often compares the group itself to a child growing up, learning to walk and run.

'I don't write stories," he explains "The music is more like a painting or a picture. That's why the sound we get is very much like a cinema sound. It's very big, it's very grainy, and it's got a lot of depth of it

"And the music is dotted with images, like The Boy, like The Shadow, and they mean a lot to me. They link together and I think they give an

overall picture. The lyrics take a long time to come out of me and I expect they probably take a lot of time to sink into a lot of people. But it's more a d and an atmosphere than a story

One noticeable thing about U2's lyrics and atmosphere is that they're positive. There's a general absence of protest, negativity or rejection. This Bono attributes to his realisation that the common things and everyday routine of life — like housewives' routine of Inte — like housewives" expressions or someone's washing always being hung in the same way — which used to irritate or worry him are in fact very interesting, even beautiful. "And I like ordinary things now," he says, "and realised that pop music -U2 music — is very much a celebration

U2 music is not just joyful, however it's thoughtful and subtle as well.
 But when it comes to discussing lyrics Bono will become noticeably more hesitant. Instead of the usual passionate verbal torrent, his replies become carefully worded and sometimes just plain evasive

This is because part of the meaning of the lyrics reflect the fact that Bono, of the tyrics reflect the fact that Bono, like Larry and The Edge, is a committed fan of (surprise, surprise) God. But not of religion, Bono hastens to add. This is personal — he doesn't want to seem evangelical, still less be the Cliff Richard of the New Wave. His reluctance to expand on the subject is because he doesn't care for the risks involved in trying to get his views over through a journalist

What I have to say is so important that I'd only trust a song, or I'd only trust personal conversation, but I wouldn't trust print. I think people ld get a misinterpretation WO We agree to leave it at that, but if U2's music seems to you to have something of a spiritual release about it then maybe now you're a little closer to understanding wh

except perhaps in terms of "good music" — something Bono acknowledges and, one suspects, is even quite pleased about even quite pleased about "It's hard to even talk about U2 and what it is and what it's about, because it's not really about anything. The lyrics are about me," he grins, slightly embarrassed at putting himself so far forward, "they're autobiographical. The

music is four people who've come together and play the way they want. "There's no idea," he insists. "It's

not a scheme. It's not like we're all going to dress up in this way and we're going to be like that and that's the idea. I can't show it to you like that. There's no easy answers to U2. 'Boy', for instance, is only a beginning; it's only an introduction to U2

A lot of the things U2 say when like the asked to explain themselves insistence on the four individuals coming together - could be said by almost any band, but few bands expound their beliefs with such heartfelt passion as U2. Communicating with your audience is something all bands talk about, but Bono feels that that's what U2 are about, if you have to pick anything.

See, when we talk about rock n'roll, people talk about rockism and all the rest of it, I saw rock'n'roll not as a form of music but as a marriage between the audience and the performer, a real closeness, and I think that's what happens on a good night with U2 There are times when we feel very close to the audience."

Now while U2 are generally more intelligent and mature than many of their contemporaries, their rose-coloured optimism also borders on the wilfully naive. They're also given to making sweeping generalisations and dismissive comments about others, not through any high-handed arrogance but in their keenness to nunicate their ideals. com

Take, for example, their insistence on being an individual and their distaste for musical tribalism.

It's a very commendable attitude but their penchant for going over the top in these matters leads them to call this 'rebellion". I can't really see U2 as a threat to anything in the present social order, especially when Bono dismisses complaining as "an old hippy trait" and says he feels embarrassed when other bands express strong wishes about changing the world. Me, I can't see any point to life unless you're going to aim for changing it for the better.

A long and exhausting argument about rebellion is finally ended by a rare outburst from Larry, who also neatly sums up U2 on this troublesome point

'It's just that whereas most other bands are clichés — every band is just fitting into the same thing of you're fifteen, you grow up, you spike your hair — everybody does. We're not doing that. That's the rebellion: saying

no. I'm not going to join in and be like

U2 have decided that social issues oz nave decreed that social issues are another point, not central to the band's existence. U2 is an outlet for expressing their feelings through the powerful, unchecked emotion of their songs to a wider audience who would ider themselves just music fans

consider themselves just must cause "I think that honesty scares people a lot," The Edge offers. "It's like a sad film — you see all the men, the big man, at the end looking away, looking man, at the end looking away, looking at his shoelaces, because they're very scared they'll have a tear in their eye A lot of people get very hassled about their emotions and if you actually start speaking about them it has the same effect

AFTER THE almost overwhelmingly AFTER THE atmost overwheimingly intense sincerity of the other three, the relaxed worldliness of Adam comes as something of a welcome counterbalance. He certainly enjoys living his life to the full and is usually to be found nearblon a cylich origination. be found sporting a rakish grin where the others might be wearing more serious expressions. Adam's more cynical outlook - his school career came to a premature end when he came to a premature end when the chose to observe with amusement rather than join in the educational processes — also gives him a more down to earth view of U2 and the

outlook of his chosen companions. "I respect it for what it is. It's people who have an ideal, if you like, and maybe I don't think the ideal will work but the very fact that it's there and they've got a force and a drive towards it I think is healthy.

'It's all about retention of innocence, which is maybe dangerous Everybody's going to lose it eventually. I just hope that when they do lose it there's something else for them to go on to

I don't think there's anything to I don't think there's anything to worry about just yet. From playing to a handful of people in a South London pub to selling out the largest dance hall in Britain (the Hammersmith Palais) and have Bruce Springsteen come down to make a personal call, it's been quite a year of steady if unspectacular growth for the U2 child. I think the public is beginning to like what it sees. Today Paris, tomorrow the world.

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You'll discover when you look around You don't have to be alone Just one lover is all you need to know When you're feeling all alone

Chorus Oh, you might need somebody You might need somebody too) You might need somebody too) You might need somebody You might need somebody (You might need somebody too)

If there's fire stirring in your heart And you're sure it's strong and right Keep it burning through the cold and dark It can warm your lonely nights

Repeat chorus to fade

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The names listed are hidden in the diagram. They run horizontally, vertically or diagonally — many of them are printed backwards. But remember that the names are always in an uninterrupted straight line, letters in the right order, whichever way they run. Some letters will need to be used more than once — others you won't need to use at all. Put a line through the names as you find them. Solution on page 46.

ADAM AND THE AN ANIMALS BEATLES BILLY SWAN BLUE CATS BOOMTOWN RATS BYRDS CAMEL CHICKEN SHACK DONKEYS DUCKS DE LUXE EAGLES EDDIE RABBITT FLYING LIZARDS FLYS FOX

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singles

by Red Starr



THE PASSIONS: Skin Deep (Polydor). Much more aggressive than "German Film Star", this. A near-instrumental with wiry guitar and hustling beat taking first place over choirs and bursting balloons while the band do little more than chant "CND" - no, sorry, "skin deep" - u Barbara Gogan sneaks in the - until back door halfway through to contribute some spirited but largely indecipherable wailing. Not exactly commercial but brave and definitely Single Of The Week

SPANDAU BALLET: Chant No. 1 (I Don't Need This Pressure On) (Reformation). Talking of clothes horses, here we have the Splendid Wallets with a touching domestic drama about the pressures involved in washing their many outfits set to a snappy riff. Actually this is easily their best effort to date, despite the Pearl & Dean cinema ad beginning and Tony Hadley's pompous foghorn vocals. Mostly however they drop the posing for trying to sprout a muscle or two in the funk department with the help of some excellent brass from Beggar & Co. Good dance record and hopefully a sign of better things to come.

VISAGE: Visage (Polydor).

Forgive Us Our Synths Department (Part Two). Also heading slowly in the right direction are Visage who, despite sounding too much like an Ultravox 2nd XI to be convincing, have at least come up with something you can dance to. A remixed album track, this is another near-instrumental with loads of swooping synthesisers and somebody muttering something about "my visage" in ze notty French accent. The 'B' side "Second Steps" is good though, with some fine piano from Dave Formula. There's hope yet.

ORIGINAL MIRRORS: 20,000 Dreamers (Mercury). A reasonable pop song going down for the third time under wave after wave of suffocating over-embroidery. This crew can still make it but they definitely need a hatchet man in the arrangement department.

U2: Fire (Island). Longer term U2 fans will recognise this as "Saturday Night" with new lyrics — lyrics which caused a delay in release lest they be thought in bad taste after the Dublin tragedy. Coupled with a new song "J. Swallo", this is part of a double-pack with fine live versions of "11 O'Clock Tick Tock" and "Cry/Electric Co." I'm not sure about their views off-stage (see feature), but on-stage there's no doubt that their melodic drive makes some uplifting music. A great little band.

VIRGIN PRUNES: Moments And Mine (Despite Straight Lines) (Rough Trade). Where their friends U2 took the straight and narrow path, fellow Irish band Virgin Prunes opted for the more adventurous experimental route. Their first EP, I'm told, was designed to alienate people and certainly succeeded as far as I was concerned with its tedious self-indulgence, but this is much better and incorporates such old fashioned ideas as being tuneful and disciplined as well as being weird and thought-provoking. Worth checking out.

JIMMY PURSEY: Animals Have More Fun (Epic). Quite what the fatal fascination Pursey's unremittingly awful records have for me, I wish I knew. This too is unremittingly awful, despite dragging in Peter Gabriel on production and co-writing (it says here), though when it comes to contributing gems like "Piggy banks and Russian tanks/Animals have more fun" to this low budget remake of "Games Without Frontiers" one cannot help feeling that Gabriel's influence was rather less than decisive. Expensive nonsense, in short.

BETTE BRIGHT: When You Were

Mine (Korova). Here Bette takes a break from her usual routine of singing good oldies very badly to tackle a modern song (by Prince) with all her customary lack of character and conviction. If this woman is as disinterested as she sounds, then why is she making records?

ANY TROUBLE: The Trouble With Love (Stiff). A pleasant surprise this, with former Costello imitators doing their best to clean up their act and make themselves interesting by adapting their vocals and adding rinky-dink piano to a jaunty backbeat. The end product is a catchy piece of medium-paced pop that's not unlike some of Squeeze's current material. Chart potential, as we say in the trade.

TROY TATE: Thomas (Why-Fi). Now this is more like it — a good, thoughtful solo outing from the current Teardrop Explodes guitarist concerning a meeting with a childhood pal now in the military and their remembering seeing war films as kids. An outside chance of a hit with its strong hook and chorus though the "London's Swinging" flip sounds like an out-take from "Scary Monsters."



THE FRESHIES: I Can't Get 'Bouncing Babies' By The Teardrop Explodes (MCA). A rather self-conscious effort this time I fear, with the humorous lyric about the indie collector with just one to go sounding rather mis-matched with the plaintive piano ballad format, while the "boing boing" girlie chorus might be aimed at a Junior Choice residency. But the melody does grow on you and the Beatlish flip "Tell Her I'm III" (the age-old story of unequal romances) is well up to Sievey standard, so buy it anyway.

THE ASSOCIATES: Q. Quarters (Situation: 2). And talking of Bowie influences, here's another of The Associates' desolately beautiful records — a quietly moving account of the scene of some military (science fiction?) disaster delivered in hushed tones to haunt the memory. Not much hope of being a hit but a very good record. Sit up and take notice.

KATE BUSH: Sat In Your Lap (EMI). In which Kate opts for a welcome change of style with this full frontal assault of thundering drums, neat piano riff and suitably over-the-top vocal performance on the benefits of education. A superb blast of energy and a great record which will be deservedly heading up the charts as you read this. If it isn't, me and Kate Bush are going to be very annoyed.

SPLIT ENZ: One Step Ahead (A&M). A pleasant but

unremarkable hesitant ballad that seems to have been put out more for the sake of releasing something from the album than because of any real merits as a single. The flip, however, a previously unreleased item called "In The Wars", is much more like it — Space's "Magic Fly" meets The Buggles' "Clean Clean" and the result is a catchy, danceable piece of electro-rock that flies straight down the middle. Good one.

THE MO-DETTES: Tonight (Deram). As usual, the best thing about this band is their visual presentation of themselves. The Mo-dettes have yet to come up with a really convincing piece of music of their own and this bitty, Caribbean flavoured non-tune with incredibly banal lyrics certainly isn't it. It also shows up Ramona's deficiencies as a vocalist something dreadful. Still, it seems a shame to waste such visual strength — perhaps they could have a TV series like The Monkees with someone else writing the music for them.

GANG OF FOUR: To Hell With Poverty (EMI). This attack on political apathy riding on the tailgate of the white funk bandwagon is the Gang Of Four's most commercial effort for some



time. Somehow, like all their recent output, it's still much too wrapped up in itself and self-satisfied to stand much chance of moving anybody else.



NASH THE SLASH: Novel Romance (Dindisc). Several miles worth of bandages may well be a help when it comes to getting your picture in the papers but, correct me if I'm wrong, fiddling mummies are not the sort of thing people are inclined to take seriously. Least of all when they seem to have difficulty in coming up with a halfway memorable tune when attempting near-instrumentals like this. Time for a complete rethink.

ICE HOUSE: We Can Get Together (Chrysalis). A bunch of Australian cultural crusaders formerly known as Flowers (snigger), they sound not unlike a rocked-up version of OMD with this catchy piece of vaguely old-fashioned (I think it's the neat aaah-oooh backing vocals that do it) boy-wants-to-meet-girl hopefulness. Solid, energetic and purposeful with no glaring weaknesses — the album should be a treat. File under Highly Promising.

BAUHAUS: The Passion Of Lovers (Beggars Banquet). I must confess I'm totally at a loss to understand the success of Bauhaus. They don't write good melodies, their lyrics are obscure to the point of being pretentious and they do nothing that other people (like The Associates) don't do a great deal better. This record - complete with typically charming picture of a preying mantis in action - does nothing to enlighten me. Surely Peter Murphy's looks can't sell that many records?

THE MODELS: Alphabravocharliedeltaechofoxtrotgolf (A&M).

On first hearing this smooth, clean, vaguely electronic Australian rock collection sounds hopelessly filmsy but after a few plays it does grow on you considerably. Main writers Kelly and Duffield's rather obscure lyrics show apparent concern for the brutality of war and modern life but the pair's melodies are listenable rather than tuneful and bassist Ferrie's humorous "Pull The Pin" and drummer Friedenfelds' poppy "Uncontrollable Boy" are easily the most memorable tracks. Less slickness and more bite are urgent future priorities but overall The Models are possible contenders. (6 out of 10).

POINTER SISTERS: Black & White (Planet). Since '73, this under-rated trio have handled everything from Be-Bop to Country Blues to Bruce Springsteen and made it credible. This album follows the same format as their latest Stateside smash, "Special Things"; it's sluggish but sophisticated disco on an adult level. Ironically, it's "Should I Do It?" that's the stand-out, a teenage plea in '62 style and the obvious sister track to the current Gary U.S. Bonds hit. Listen out for it. (7 out of 10). *Robin Katz.*



JOE JACKSON: Joe Jackson's Jumpin' Jive (A&M). A frivolous flight of fancy allowing Joe to indulge his passion for '40s jazz. Nothing new, but he's made the move into Swing that everybody else simply talked about, abandoning his own material in favour of tangling his tonsils round classics like "Tuxedo Junction" and the irresistible "is You Is Or Is You Ain't My Baby?" Presumably not so much a change in direction as an enjoyable homage to his heroes between self-originated albums. (6 out of 10).

Johnny Black



WAH!: Nah = Poo - The Art Of Bluff (Eternal). After the optimistic warmth of Teardrop Explodes and the plaintive melancholy of the Bunnymen, here comes the missing piece of the Liverpool jigsaw - the romantic but determined swashbuckling of Wah! (formerly Wah! Heat). Wah! concern themselves with not losing that vital edge - which here often means raggedness or unnecessarily odd structures in their enthusiasm - but mostly it means giving their nine hard, melodic songs the minimum of ego and the maximum of power and passion. Check out the wonderful "Somesay" for the genuine article. Overall a stylish but uneven debut from an inspiring band. (8 out of 10) lan Cranna

KIKI DEE: Perfect Timing (Ariola). One of our best singers for around 18 years now, Kiki has always somehow lacked that touch of individuality which separates the audience-pleasers from the arena-fillers. Here she tackles a batch of songs, aided and abetted by inventive keyboardist Bias Boshell, guitarist/producer Pip Williams and other makes of goodly noises. While it's hard to pick a real dud, there's no "Amoureuse" aboard, the best of the bunch being "Star", her recent hit, and a duet version of

Stevie Wonder's "Loving You Is

Sweeter Than Ever" on which her ex-boss Elton John donated his most soul-filled vocal in yonks. Kiki, too, is pretty soulful at times but then, that's something you might expect from a singer once signed to Motown. (6 out of 10). Fred Dellar

POLECATS: Polecats Are Go (Mercury). More cream for the cats. Expertly produced (who could go wrong with Dave Edmunds at the controls?), the Polecats come up with an older, more American feel to their bass-rappin' and geetar-pluckin' than fellow rockabillys The Stray Cats. Ironical, really, the Strays being American and the Poles, British. That's not putting the Stray Cats down, though; as much variety as possible in the cat-cloning stakes is what we need. On its toes and leaping with life, this is definitely music to move your shoes to. (71/2 out of 10).

Deanne Pearson.



HENRY BADOWSKI: Life Is A Grand . . . (A&M). Owing little to anybody (except perhaps the great pre-pop songwriters) and sounding like a cross between Bryan Ferry and veteran whimsy merchant Kevin Ayers, Henry Badowski finally delivers his album nearly two years(1) behind schedule, possibly due to his playing nearly every instrument himself. It's been well worth waiting for though - a wonderfully unhurried collection of simple shuffles and summery sounds, smoothly flowing pop melodies and lyrics of love and mildly cynical humour delivered in gently cultured tones. A surprise and a delight — I think the man's a star. (8 out of 10). lan Cranna







Mackenzie & Rankine Associates 39 Lyon Street Dundee

All sorts of records a speciality. Mark Milligan goes through the books and finds a bewildering variety of projects going on.

UNEMPLOYMENT IS one thing that won't be affecting up and coming Scottish band The Associates during 1981. Vocalist and founder-member Billy Mackenzie has hatched a plan to release a total of ten singles and an album during the year under one name or another.

So far they've released one single under their own name called "Tell Me Easter's On Friday" (a classic track which unfortunately only achieved cult status) and there's another, called "Kitchen Person", coming very soon.

called "Kitchen Person", coming very soon. However, these young gentlemen have their fingers in more than one pie and, under the peculiar name of 39 Lyon Street (which basically stands for The Associates backing up the delicate voice of Christine Beveridge), they have just put out their own version of Simon Dupree's '60's hit, "Kites". With its poised melody driven along by a bass-led arrangement it's the perfect rendition of a perfect song.

Billy explains the idea behind 39 Lyon Street: "Around 1976 a lot of us (including Alan Rankine, the other founder member of The Associates) were living in a flat at 39 Lyon Street in Dundee. We used to hold parties almost every night and the kind of music we used to play was sophisticated club-style music. Some of us even used to sell 1920's clothing. Christine was one of the people who lived there.

"When me and Rankine played the cabaret circuit we used to play the 'Kites' number The next thing to be released by 39 Lyon Street will be a quasi-Neil Sedaka song called '18 Carat Love Affair'."

Under their own name, The Associates' singles will be put out by the Situation 2 label

(part of Beggars Banquet) while their 39 Lyon Street offerings will surface on RSO. As if this wasn't complicated enough they are also negotiating a deal with another major label for the release of the LP which, along with the last in a sequence of singles, they're recording at the moment.

But don't they feel that they owe their loyalty to one particular record company?

"I don't think it's right for a band to be tied down to one particular label. They should have the freedom to go and do different things for different companies," replies Andy.

Mr Mackenzie and his partner, Alan Rankine, have some very colourful ideas for the way they want to channel their energies in the future. Apart from this imminent flood of vinyl they've also got plans for a 45 minute two man show to cover versions (similar to "Kites") at a leading "exclusive" London hotel.

As for the records, Andy describes "Kitchen Person" as "a musical version of Buster Keaton meets Gloria Swanson".

Other titles include "White Car In Germany", "I Never Will", "Club Country", "Australia" and "Wait For The Love". The album currently has two provisional titles; either "Nothing And Something Particular" or "Love Of Argument".

By the end of this year Andy hopes he'll be able to look back on the release of 36 new tracks. If they're up to the standard of the ones he's released already they should be well worth hearing.









Billy Mackenzie (left) and Alan Rankine with guest vocalist Christine Beveridge.



IF YOU were to leave out all the songs and artists that your writers criticise, you'd be able to fit your rag on to a postage stamp.

Anon, Hastings, Sussex.

This page would be a darned sight shorter, too.

UPON LOOKING back at an old copy of Smash Hits (March 5), I noticed a review for Smokey Robinson's "Being With You" which read: "The trouble with having such a voice that can sing any old rubbish and make it sound acceptable is that too often you're tempted to do just that." Well, Hepworth, how come it got to No. 1?

Ann Phillips, Bream, Glos.

Same way as Joe Dolce and Lena Martell, I should imagine.

SO WHAT if Adam's watch does play "Yellow Rose Of Texas"? I happen to know that it's one of those bargains offered on the telly over here for only \$39.50 and for that you also get a complementary ladies watch! Still impressed, Antpeople? Fax Bureau, Knoxville, USA.

THANKS FOR the recent article on Adam And The Ants. I've just returned from two years in America and have just turned on to "Antmusic". It was refreshing to find an article that gave us more insight into Adam.

It's nice to know that there are still some groups around who want to entertain, which is surely what pop music is all about. Adam has brought back a bit of class to a tired old scene. Melanie M. Burgess, Aberystwyth, Wales.

I BOUGHT a copy of Smash Hits because it contained an article on Whitesnake and thought the interview was quite good. But just because Jon Lord is forty it doesn't mean he's old, which is what your reporter implied.

And I was also disgusted by the pictures of David Coverdale you ran down the side of the page. Considering that he is the most beautiful bloke in the world they weren't very flattering. A Cross Reader, Coventry.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Chris Charlesworth on his Whitesnake feature. This was an interesting, informative feature on one of the most popular rock bands, but it was spoilt by the childish remarks below the pictures of Dave Coverdale. The photographs ridicule not only Coverdale but the whole heavy rock scene. Alan Skipper, Braunton, Devon.

Heh heh heh . . .

WHO IS Steve Bush? How old is he and what sort of music does he like? After answering these questions please print a piccy of him just to convince me that he's not an old age pensioner who's into James Last, Frank Sinatra and anything other than the music of the '80s. Julie G., Birkenhead, Merseyside.



Steve Bush. The last available picture.

AS A regular reader of Smash Hits, I notice a conspicuous absence of articles on reggae music. It's because reggae gets so little publicity in the music press that relatively few people get to hear about it. Believe it or not, UB 40 isn't the only great reggae band in Britain and groups like Black Uhuru, Aswad and Steel Pulse are just as exciting.

Reggae is more than just cult music concerned with rastas and legalising strange substances it's also socially aware and very rhythmic.

Dennis Abbott, Ulverston, Cumbria.

Come on Dennis, pull yourself together.

ON THE inside cover of your May 28 issue you said that one reason for having two covers was so that some dummy would buy it twice. Well, I nearly bought it twice until my friend noticed what I was doing. Please, please promise never to print anything upside down again. Soul Boy, Kingston, Surrey.

Promise.

CAN YOU solve this problem? How can UB 40's "Don't Slow Down" be above The Dead Kennedys' "Too Drunk" in the BBC charts and yet in the independent charts the Dead Kennedys are above UB 40? Anthony Barlow, Rochdale, Lancs.

The chart that the BBC uses is compiled from many sources, including chains which refuse to stock the Kennedys' single for obvious reasons. So on their chart UB 40 are placed higher. But the indies chart is compiled from shops which can stock anything they like, and in these shops "Too Drunk" is more popular.

PENNY RIMBAUD (June 25 issue) says he wouldn't expect to hear a psalm being sung in a punk club. Neither would Crass fans, which is undoubtedly why they go there to have their expectations fulfilled. The criticism that **Rimbaud applies to churchgoers** who want to hear things that "confirm their particular form of belief" is equally applicable to the people who go to Crass concerts. They go because they know that Crass will live up to their preconceptions. They go because they think that a ticket for a Crass concert is a ticket for a world of shocks, subversion and questioning. But it's not.

If Crass really wanted to shock their audience then they would not have carved such a cosy little niche for themselves whereby they give their audience what's expected and the audience love them for it (and anything that's expected cannot come as much of a shock, eh?) Far from questioning anything, the band and the audience are just reassuring each other. I don't believe that Crass followers go to concerts to "question the myths". They go to perpetuate and contribute to one of the biggest myths of all, that of Crass.

If Crass followers (and the band themselves) really believe that Crass successfully confront the subjects of marriage, sex, love, the greed and fears attached to them and the way they have been distorted by the mass media, then I suggest they take a listen to Smash Hits Letters 52-55 Carnaby Street London WIV IPF

Graham Parker ("Squeezing Out Sparks"), Tim Buckley ("Greetings From L.A."), Elvis Costello or even that most unsubversive, non-shocking, non-questioning group of all, Squeeze ("East Side Story"). Annelise Jespersen, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

P.S. This is probably the most intelligent letter you've received since my one concerning Dexy's last summer.

It's the longest for sure.

HOW DARE Fred Dellar compare Abba with Bucks Fizz? As a punishment he should be forced to bring me every issue of your mag by foot — although I'll allow him to swim the Channel between us with the mag between his teeth.

After all he's not God and can't walk on water! Yves Guillaumot, Hennebont, France.

You're as bad as Dennis.

WATCHING ALMOST any music show on TV you soon realise just how much the present music business is geared up to videos — even the highly influential, TOTP has settled into showing at least a couple of them each show.

These promotional videos often made by bands who are rich and famous already — give their makers an unfair advantage over other acts. After all, a record that is accompanied by a video is likely to be more memorable than just a song performed by a band onstage — and how many people do you know buy records they can't remember? Personally, I believe that such a problem could be solved by putting all the videos on a show of their own. David Quinn, North Shields, Tyne and Wear.

A valid point — and one that wins you a £5 RECORD TOKEN.

LAST WEEKEND, while out for the evening, my boyfriend and I were stopped as we were about to enter a pub. "Sorry, you can't come in here," said the guy by the door. "But if you wash your face you can come in."

I stood back, indignantly, about to ask since when it had been a crime to wear make-up, when I realised he wasn't talking to me but my boyfriend! He was wearing just a mere touch of eye-liner and certainly didn't look offensive.

"Excuse me, have I got to wash my face as well?" I asked. "Course not," he answered and



offered my boyfriend a handkerchief. But I was livid. Surely he had heard of the New **Romantics?** Futurists? Apparently not. Would he have turned Adam Ant away, I wondered?

"We're going to write to Smash Hits about you," I told him furiously.

"Never 'eard of em, love," he answered. (This is getting serious: Ed.)

Surely this is the age of equal rights and if he turns my boyfriend away because he's wearing make-up, then surely he ought to turn everyone away who's wearing any, including girls?

Provide me with an answer and I'll take it to the guy and show him.

Wendy Riley, Leicester.

Our advice is to just stay away and hit 'em where it hurts - in the cash register.

JUST A little word in Coco The Mod's ear (June 24). What a poor misled child you are! Mod is as dead as a doornail. Just because every Mod in the UK, except you, goes to Scarborough doesn' mean much. Just 6,000 mods in Scarborough count for very little when compared to the total UK population of over 58,000,000.

Also there are still loads of Mod bands around, are there? I defy you to name more than five true Mod bands operating at this moment, not including The Jam and The Chords, who are rock outfits, and bands like Q-Tips, Dexy's and The Bureau, who are not even remotely Mod.

I can only think of one real Mod band at the moment - Secret Affair — and they've done nothing for months. Bernie, Somewhere In Lancs.

HOW DARE Bev Hillier insult Duran Duran's first album! As first albums go, this is very good. I wonder how many times Bev listened to this album before she reviewed it. I am sure many people do not like an album on first hearing. I certainly don't, but after a few plays it sinks in and becomes really enjoyable.

There are several other points I would like to make:

1. Simon Le Bon does not have a "dull, lifeless voice" and the rest of the band are very talented. They are not just pretty boys who dress up and come under the heading "futurist"

2. "One long drawn-out single"

does not have gaps between the songs!

3. Bev is a disco expert and so she is not the person to review this album as Duran Duran do not play "white disco". 4. If you can't find anyone suitable to review albums for your mag, I am desperate for a job and would love it! P. Graves, Peterborough, Cambs.

I HAVE kissed the beautiful, macho-bodied Julian. Cathi Kelly, Blackley, Manchester.

Julian who?

I HAVE kidnapped Julian Cope and tied him to the bed. He says hello but asks you not to send help as he's loving every minute of it. I will return him in a few months time, after the clone I made destructs at one of the band's concerts. Sexy Lexy, Kirkintilloch.

Oh, that Julian.

WE WERE recently able to buy Smash Hits for the very first time! No, we don't live in Outer Mongolia or anything like that. It's just that we finally put our brain cells, grey matter and what have you together and came up with the great idea of pooling our 20p per month pocket money so that we could buy your mag and still have enough left over to buy five halfpenny blackjacks as a special treat.

Lisa and Diane, Wanstead, London

Friends of Dennis, by any chance?

EPITAPH ON A Cult Figure This is a little ditty In memory of our Zitty Who passed away not long ago I miss him so, oh woe. A Latter Day Wordsworth, Birmingham.

P.S. It is something they put in the water.

I WAS outraged to read Andrew Mustin's letter in last week's issue. His flimsy criticism of The Movement - that is futurism failed to impress anybody. Just one question Andrew. What's wrong with being original? We forget the doom and gloom around us and leave the likes of you to worry about

unemployment and the bomb. And lastly I leave you with this quote from an unknown futurist:

"We might look frivolous but that's how we want to be. We've learned the hard way that we have no choice.

I hope you print this letter in response to that shoddy piece of villification passing as a reader's letter.

William White, Epsom, Surrey.

DEAR IDIOSYNCRATIC,

I was most distressed to hear about your problem involving pink elephants in your back garden. Try spraying them with a well known brand of toothpaste. I cannot guarantee that it will rid you of the immediate problem but at least it will give them nice strong tusks.

Marge Proops, Birmingham.

P.S. This is the age of the snail.

DEAR "DEVOTED Madness Fan, Stalybridge", With reference to your letter

(Issue June 25):-

Forgive us, we were innocent of any deception. Some evil scribe was at work here in leading you astray. Us poor musicians rarely have any say in what these music papers print.

I've seen so many innocent lives ruined and reputations destroyed by their fantastic stories.

'In the cinema sharing a boiled sweet"? Such imagination is truly amazing. 'Twas a Polo mint I tell you!

As for Jill Furmanovsky though, say no word against the poor, sweet lass. A single mother with several young children to support must turn her camera to many a sordid scene and intimate moment in order to bring home the bacon, bless her cotton socks.

Thank-you though, "dear devoted", for your concern. Do not worry, our games of scrabble have yet to be made public. We still at least have that left us, unless you fancy a game anytime? Love,

Jane and Woods Woodgate, Chiswick.

(The real Woodgates - we checked!)

I'VE GOT a £5 bet on you printing "G.T. Records of King's Lynn" in this mag. Andrew.

Give us £2.50 and we'll spell it right.

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SATURDAY JULY 11 Rainbow Edinburgh Royal Highland Agricultural Hall Duran Duran Birmingham Odeon Chas & Dave Westcliff-On-Sea Cliffs Pavilion **Revillos** Middlesbrough Rock Garden

SUNDAY JULY 12 No gigs. Wash hair

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TUESDAY JULY 14 Rainbow Leeds Queens Hall

WEDNESDAY JULY 15 Rainbow Leicester Granby Halls Chas & Dave Saffron Walden The Common The Pretenders Inverness Ice Rink

THURSDAY JULY 16 Rainbow Leicester Granby Hall The Pretenders Aberdeen Fusion Ballroom

FRIDAY JULY 17 Chas & Dave Aylesbury Hazels Club

SATURDAY JULY 18 Rainbow Stafford Bingley Hall The Pretenders Redcar Coatham Bowl

SUNDAY JULY 19 Rainbow Stafford Bingley Hall The Pretenders Mansfield Leisure Centre

MONDAY JULY 20 Rainbow St. Austell Cornwall Coliseum

TUESDAY JULY 21 The Pretenders Bath Pavilion

WEDNESDAY JULY 22 Rainbow Manchester Belle Vue The Pretenders Torquay Town Hall

My name is Patrick and I'm 171/2 years old. I'm into soul, jazz, funk, reggae and blues. Require ladies with sweet personalities and not bad faces. Also into sports and parties. Reply with the wind if you're sweet and funky. Almost forgot, I'm black and not bad looking, so they say. Contact: Patrick White, The Bec, Tooting, 48 Lanhroyd Rd, London SW17.

I'm looking for penpals of any age, living anywhere. My musical tastes are mainly U2, Bunnymen, Teardrop Explodes, Jam, Beatles and Purple Hearts. Outside of music, I like television and films, and love Larry Hagman and Patrick Duffy. A.L.A. Write to: Pam Cavanaugh, 3180 Boisclair, Brossard, Quebec, Canada J47 2C2

A numanoid who is very unpopular with teachers but not her class would like to correspond with similar, aged 14-15. Interests: Numan, Toyah, punk, futurist, John Peel, Chicken boxes. Dislikes: heavy metal, disco (not discos), M. McLaren. Contact: Kay Powner (14), 11 Cumberland Rd, West Heath, Congleton, Cheshire.

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My name is Karen, my interests are: Gary Numan, Dramatis, Japan, O.M.D., Man City FC and money. Oh yes, and Numanoids. Please write to: Karen Jackson, aged 18, of 19 Rose Avenue, Irlam, Manchester.

13 year old Adam And The Ants fanatic would like male penpal aged 14-16. I have dark blonde hair and blue eyes. I like discos and most sports. Photo if possible to: Debbie Wimblett, 5 Littledown, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

Urgently wanted 2 futuristic males 18+ for 2 females (18) into: Gary Numan, Duran Duran, Ultravox, Visage, Spandau, Skids and Depeche Mode. Must like going to futurist clubs, peferably London area. Pics to: Sandra & Jane, 21 George St, Dover, Kent.

2 girls, Mandy and Sandra, require 2 boys (must be honey's!) either skinheads or punks (14+). We're into Specials, Madness and Crass. Anyone with similar tastes please write to : "Glenish", Maitland St, Leven, Fife, Scotland KY8 4RE.

We are 3 modettes and wish to hear from mods all over the country. Our interests are anything to do with the 60's, especially Tamla Motown. Please send photos. Write to Maria, Julie and Karen, 43 Jutland Road, Billesley, Birmingham 13.

Humorous male (18) seeks female with wide tastes. No mods. Likes: Sad Cafe, Gary Numan, Visage etc. Dislikes: Specials, Selecter, cheese on toast. Contact: Mike Moody, 34/5 Clovenstone Drive, Edinburgh.

BOBMARLEY AND THE WAILERS

on Island Records

No woman no cry No woman no cry No woman no cry No woman no cry

Said, said, said I remember when we used to sit In the government yard in Trenchtown Observing the hyprocrites As they would mingle with the good people we meet Good friends we have Oh, good friends we've lost along the way In this great future You can't forget your past So dry your tears, I seh

And no woman no cry No woman no cry Little darlin', don't shed no tears No woman no cry

Said, said, said I remember when we used to sit In the government yard in Trenchtown And then Georgie would make the fire light As it was, log would burnin' through the night Then we would cook cornmeal porridge Of which I'll share with you My feet is my only carriage So I've got to push on through But, while I'm gone I mean Everythin's gonna be alright Everythin's gonna be alright

So woman no cry No woman No woman no cry Woman little sister don't shed no tears No woman no cry

I remember when we used to sit In the government yard in Trenchtown And then Georgie would make the fire light As it was, log would burnin' through the night Then we would cook cornmeal porridge Of which I'll share with you My feet is my only carriage So I've got to push on through But while I'm gone No woman no cry Woman little darlin' I say you don't shed no tears No woman no cry Little darlin' don't shed no tears No woman no cry Little sister don't shed no tears No woman no cry

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