



# Ultravox

### on Chrysalis Records

The sound is on, the visions move
The image dance starts once again
They shuffle with a bovine grace
And glide in syncopation
Just living lines from books we've read
With atmosphere of days gone by, with paper smiles
The screen play calls, a message for the nation

And those who sneer, will fade and die And those who laugh, will surely fall And those who know, will always feel their backs Against the thin wall (The thin wall, thin wall)

> Grey men who speak of victory Shed light upon their stolen life They drive by night and act as if They're moved by unheard music

To step in time and play the part With velvet voices smooth and cold Their power games a game no more And long the chance to use it

And those who sneer, will fade and die
And those who laugh, will surely fall
And those who know, will always feel their backs
Against the thin wall
(The thin wall, thin wall)

And those who dance, will spin and turn
And those who wait, will wait no more
And those who talk, will hear the word
And those who sneer, will fade and die
And those who laugh, will surely fall
And those who know, will always feel their backs
Against the thin wall
(The thin wall, thin wall)

And those who dance (the thin wall)
And those who talk (the thin wall)
And those who sneer (the thin wall)
And those who laugh (the thin wall)
And those who know (the thin wall)
And those who dance (the thin wall)
And those who wait

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SMASILITE

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"AH, GOOD day madam. This is number twenty-three Gasworks Close, is it not? And you are the party who ordered a copy of Smash Hits? It's outside in the van and if you just say the word my two accomplices Bert and Kirk will start bringing it in. Now then where would you like these features on Spandau Ballet, BowWowWow, The Pretenders, Funkapolitan and Theatre Of Hate? Over there by the sideboard, Kirk and careful where you're putting your elbows! You're getting perilously close to this lady's delightful cut glass. Now how about these twenty-five autographed Pretenders albums? On the coffee table, Bert. A most attractive competition prize, don't you agree?

Right madam if you'd just like to take these colour posters of Julian Cope and Tenpole Tudor and then sign on the dotted line we'll leave you to your listening pleasure. And a good day to you too, madam.

Bert. Did that mud come off your boots?"

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"I must be the most boring person in the world . . . " sighs Chrissie Hynde. "What on earth is she on a

YOU LOOK surprisingly well," I tell Chrissie Hynde as she sits behind the football pitch of a desk and starts to nibble hungrily at a plate of cheese and biscuits, leaving the butter for the mice.

'Does that mean fat?" emerges through a mouthful of food. "It's a euphemism a lot of people use.

know, 'you look healthy'."
"No, I really mean you look well." Which she does. With her dark hair tied up in a loose top-knot, her unmade-up oval face has an air of innocence. She looks like a '60s English girl pop singer just three weeks out of her convent school. The small silver crucifix earring hanging from each lobe completes the illusion.

Well, I quit smoking, I quit drinking. Very recently . . . but I did quit. I don't indulge in just about anything anymore. Drinking was wrecking my life basically, making me a very unpleasant, miserable person. It's alright when you're 16 and reckless and wild. Or even 22 and reckless and wild. But I'll be 35 before that much longer and a drunken thirty-five-year-old . . . woman particularly . . . isn't the ticket.

'With smoking, I'm very aware of this syndrome of birth, disease, old age and death which no-one escapes. And I thought, well, I don't want to get to be 35 or 36 and have some self-induced disease which is incurable and then have to live out the rest of my life with it.

Guiltily, I light another fag and

ask if she feels any healthier. 'No. I always feel pretty healthy. It's like I stopped eating meat when I was about 16. So that's almost half of my life now I've been a vegetarian and I never did notice the change. One day I just stopped and that was that, there was no question of going back or changing again.

"I'm not a faddist type of vegetarian but I don't in any way gnore the slaughter of animals for pleasure which I think is why most people eat meat. You want



some cheese?"

No thanks, I'll have the sausage

"You see, I've never had one of those in my life. After all these years in England I've never had shepherd's pie, never had roast beef, all those English treats. But you can eat bubble and squeak which is, without a doubt, the food of the Gods."

**CHRISSIE SAID** the Pretenders have been very quiet for the last

eighteen months. They've given very few interviews since their debut album became a runaway, surprise success. There's been the two singles, "Talk Of The Town" and "Message Of Love" the only fruit of a couple of months spent in a very expensive French recording studio. They've toured constantly - Chrissie points out that America's so vast that there's always somewhere you should play that you haven't quite got round to yet.

When I ask what she's been doing these last eighteen months, she stalls, twisting a ball-point between her fingers and jiggling one of her low-heeled grey leather boots

"Everyone seems to think it's such a bloody long time because apparently we're in a business where everyone says yes sir, no sir, three bags full, sir, here's my record, sir. Who said we had to make another record? What if someone wanted go to Indiana for four months and study something else? Botany or something. They don't allow for you to have any other aspect of

'We did all that touring. And we had to really polish up. Because our first record came out before we'd even done a show (i.e. at large venues). So we were very, very lame on stage as anyone who's ever read a review of one of our live performances will tell you. It's only been a year. We just put a lot of work into a year instead of being lazy like a lot of bands I know. We're none the worse for it."

It's also been such a successful year that it's seen the other three Pretenders becoming tax exiles. According to Chrissie, they were out of the country so much anyway that the little extra time they spent recording in France got them a lot of tax relief. She's not quite certain how it works it doesn't affect her. Being American, if she stays in England, she pays English tax. If she leaves England, she pays American tax. Little gain, little loss either way.

What money she has amassed has made little difference to her, she says. "I'm not one of these mad consumers." She doesn't want a car. If she had her way, they'd all be wiped from the face

of the earth.
"The biggest change is that I've got a flat now. (In Central London no need for a car.) Before, I was always staying in other people's flats and houses or else

#### ut?" wonders Pete Silverton.

I'd have a little hovel somewhere. And I'd be inclined to go out a lot because there wasn't really much life for me at home.

"Now, at home, I must be the most boring person in the world to visit. It's very rare I'll turn on the television or listen to a record. What do I get up to? I pace. I wash clothes. I look out of the window. I sit on the floor."

I PICK up the sleeve of "Pretenders II" which is lying on the desk. I ask why the front picture has been so thoughtlessly touched up, making Chrissie look more like the lost Nolan sister than the interesting woman sitting opposite me in her ancient black cord 'Akron Road Spiders' jacket.

"They were going to do slight touching up because I had a spot on my chin. And I didn't care but little bags and bumps under my eyes. My cheeks are a bit scarred. I don't want to be represented by this air-brushed thing. I don't want to look pretty if that's what they're trying to do. Life isn't pretty. I'm not pretty.

"This cover will be a collector's item. After the first ten thousand, it's going to be changed."

Emphasising her distaste, she spends the rest of the interview scratching in the missing lines, finishing off with the flourishing touch of a large 'Nolan' badge on the lapel of the jacket she's wearing in the photo.

I'd heard that the album was

I'd heard that the album was going to be called "Predictable". What happened to that bright, ironic idea?

"A friend of mine, Ray Davies, who's in the Kinks as you probably know . . ." she starts, not being totally open. Ray isn't

# DAY AFTER DAY

by Pretenders on Real Records

Way up in the sky
Over the city
Over Tokyo
Silver light
Summer moon
You'll be over somebody's winter
This afternoon

While the dolphins swim
In the sea
You're going grey
My baby
Still the war is raging
Endlessly
Day after day
Day after day

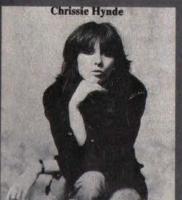
Way up in the sky
Over the city
And Lake Erie
You remember The Flats
You were there
Out every night
Mr Moonlight

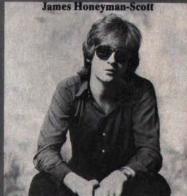
Round and round and round we go Just like yesterday

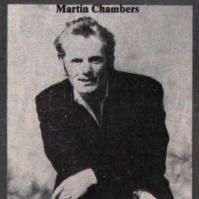
Way up in the sky
Over the city
Where you sleep tonight
The light outside your window blinks
Hotel, hotel, hotel
Open the blind and dream
In a moonbeam

And when the war's finally over We'll meet again And pick up Where we left off

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it was obvious, it was the kind of thing anyone would have taken off so you didn't zero in on it.

"I went ape-shit when I saw this. I went completely spare. To me it really puts us in the league of competing with Pat Benatar. On the original, there's all these just a friend; he's Chrissie's boyfriend, the first serious attachment she's had in a very long time. "He was looking at a music paper one day and said 'Oh it's all so predictable'."

From there it was only a short step to choosing it as the album

title

"But then Mr Davies wrote a song called "Predictable" which is going to be on their new record. So I opted out so he could use it. I'm just a nice guy that way. I would've loved to use it but I'm afraid he wouldn't have

been very happy about it so I didn't do it."

The next morning, the Pretenders flew to America. The tour to promote the album. Air-brushed cover and all.



# The Teardrop Explodes

## Passionate Friend

The friend I have is a passionate friend
But I can't see you buying
Love a dream of a love affair
That's over, past and crying
Celebrate the great escape
From lunacy divided
Hun, I knew I'm seeing you
But nobody decided

#### Chorus

A sound that's drifting out from you
When the love has boiled away
Colour, shape, and these are things that need
A beating heart, not a cheating heart
But a cheating heart is still a beating heart
And leaving you today.

My love sees me wandering
Lost in smiles forever
Erase my mind see what I find
Axis dreams together
I've got all sleep's secrets hidden in my bag
But a lot are leaving, 'cos they're
Not believing that you could ever do that thing
And never bring yourself to sing.
Ba-ba-ba-ba-ba etc.

The friend I have is a passionate friend
But I can't see you buying
Love a dream of a love affair
That's overcast and flying
Celebrate the great escape, and carry my soul away
From sufferance, intolerance, and leaving you today
Ba-ba-ba-ba-ba etc.

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on Phonogram Records

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Fancy a Chrissie present?!

# DRETEN<u>DERS</u>

Don't Hynde if I do!!

# ALBUMS



ALLO BERT'S the name bargains the game. Got something a little special for yer this issue. Any takers for . . . PRETENDERS ALBUMS? Thought so, thought so . . .

Now, I'm not asking the usual £5.99 for these coveted long-playing items. Not even £4, £3, £2, or — so help me! — 50 pence. And I'll tell yer why! 'Cos the gaffers at Real Records have instructed me to distribute 25 copies of "Pretenders II"

absolutely FREE of all charge.
Want one? 'Course yer do.
Right, grab some writing irons and a postcard, then have a butchers at the following extract of eloquent prose (all my own work, as it happens). Concealed therein are the titles of five well-known Pretenders singles. The words might be separated by punctuation but they're all in the right order. Jot the five titles down and send them, plus your name and address, to "Smash Hits Pretenders Competition", 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 OUF. The first 25 correct answers to leap out of the lucky dip on September 3rd will get one free LP apiece.

And yer can't beat getting owt for nowt, can yer?

"Norman could hardly wait 'til night-time. He was that eager to meet this luscious lass who'd answered his ad. in Computer Dating. Hardly your run-of-the-mill message of love, this. "Musclebound hunk seeks Debbie Harry lookalike," it declared. "No nurds". Here's the plan, thought Norm. Down the old "Talk Of The Town" — around 9 o'clock when they've got the cabaret on and all the top brass in — pocket a couple of tenners in case she's got expensive taste, sink a few drinky-poohs and then straight off to the flicks. They don't call me Casanova for nothing.

off to the flicks. They don't call me Casanova for nothing.
Poor old Norm. When Tracey shows up (for it was she), one look at his comical boat-race and she starts screaming all over the shop. Embarrassing, really. "Look, Kid," says Norm, "if you don't stop your sobbing this instant, I'm getting the night bus back to Dalston, and that's a promise!"

She didn't, so he did. Moral: Never disappear without a Trace (especially if you're called Norman)."

# BACTUS..

BEATLEMANIA'S BACK! Rachna Sinha of Southend-on-Sea and Lucy Thompson of Dundee are fervent disciples and want to know the whereabouts of the Moptops' fan club.

Unfortunately, Rachna and Lucy, there is no Beatles fan club. When they went their separate ways in 1970 the fan club closed down shortly after.

However, don't be downhearted. We have an alternative for you and it's called "The Beatles Appreciation Society Magazine Book", costs 70p and should be easily available from your local newsagent.

But what on earth is it? Let's backtrack briefly to those Swinging '60s when the Beatles ruled rock and roll. In 1963 there appeared a monthly magazine called "The Beatles Book". Edited by one Johnny Dean, sanctioned by the boys themselves and devoted exclusively to the Fab Four (from the colour of their socks to the brand of toothpaste they used), it lasted until 1969 — 77 issues in all.

In 1976 Johnny Dean decided to revive the magazine and so was born the "B.A.S.M.B." which contains not only an exact replica of a "Beatles Book" but also loads of news about what's happening to the ex-Beatles now. The latest issue, for example, re-prints "The Beatles Book" from November 1968, together with reports about Ringo's recent marriage to film star Barbara Bach and a review of his latest film, "Caveman".

Don't worry about missing back numbers of the magazine. If you want to find out more, write to Production Offices, 45 St. Mary's Road, Ealing, London W5 5RQ.



Beatlemania!; it's alive and well and selling in W. H. Smith's

"A desperate X-Ray Spex fan from Stevenage" has been scouring the racks for a copy of the band's "Germ-free Adolescents" album without any success at all. Alas, the news isn't good. EMI, who released the record, have deleted it. But keep delving into those bargain bins, nonetheless.



Poly Styrene back in '78: struggling to escape from the new 'Hot Water Bottle Cover' look.

As the jamboree Squeeze comp is now officially closed, what better time to unearth a list of the lads' past achievements? And anyway, Katie Kirk of Liverpool is dying for a discography.

First the single. They began with the "Packet Of Three" E.P. in November '77 which was produced by the ex-Velvet Underground member, John Cale, and was released on the Deptford Fun City label. This one is still available, although the new picture sleeve is slightly different. "Take Me I'm Yours" followed in February '78 on A&M which has been the band's label ever since.

Next up were "Bang Bang" (May '78), "Goodbye Girl" (November '78), "Cool For Cats" (March '79), "Up The Junction" (May '79), "Slap & Tickle" (August '79), "Christmas Day" (November '79), "Another Nail In My Heart" (February '80), "Pulling Mussells (From The Shell)" (May '80), "Is That Love" (May '81) and, of course, "Tempted" (July '81). Phew.

And now the albums. After the debut, simply entitled "Squeeze", in '78 came "Cool For Cats" ('79), "Argy Bargy" ('80) and, most recently, "East Side Story" (81). Start saving

# ULTRAVOX

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#### THE HUMAN LEAGUE . LOVE ACTION

When you're in love
You know you're in love
No matter what you try to do
You might as well resign yourself
To what you're going through
If you're a hard man or if you're a child
It still might get to you
Don't kid yourself you've seen it all before
A million mouths have said that too

I've had my hard times (hard times) in the past
I've been a husband and a lover too
I've lain alone and cried at night
Over what love made me do
And the loved ones who let me down
And couldn't share my point of view
But this is Phil talking
I want to tell you
What I've found to be true

Chorus
I love your love action
Lust's just a distraction
No talking, just looking
Watching your love action

I believe, I believe what the old man said
Though I know that there's no Lord above
I believe in me, I believe in you
And you know I believe in love
I believe in truth though I lie a lot
I feel the pain from the push and shove
No matter what you put me through
I still believe in love
And I say

Repeat chorus and ad lib to fade

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# LAWNCHAIRS

#### **OUR DAUGHTER'S WEDDING**

#### ON EMI RECORDS

Chorus

Lawnchairs are everywhere, they're everywhere
And my mind describes them to me, to me
Lawnchairs are everywhere, they're everywhere
And my mind describes them to me, to me

As you screen out the light that colours your skin Can you dress for protection Are you having some fun, some fun

Are you sleeping with someone special tonight
Can she drink tall drinks
Will they make you feel right
Feel right, because

#### Repeat chorus

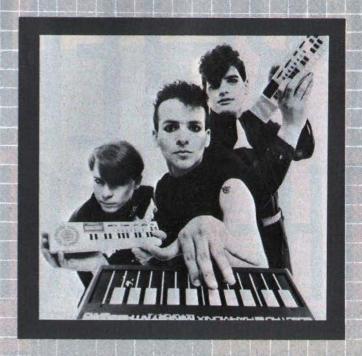
It's a holiday in the middle of the week
As you leave from your job, it's a holiday
It's a holiday in the middle of your week
As you leave from your job, for only two weeks

She's the boy that we like And he's gonna go far She's the boy that we like And he's gonna go far, go far

She's the boy that we like
And he's gonna go far
She's the boy that we like
And he's gonna go far, go far, because

Repeat chorus to fade

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# PRETENDERS II THE SECOND ALBUM

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Deanne Pearson learns to Dance, Scream & Scoobydoo

SO HERE we are in a Notting Hill patisserie, squabbling over thocolate eclairs, milkshakes Italian coffees and "dodgy

The last time I bumped into Funkapolitan was in a Piccadilly Wimpy Bar where quarter-pound burgers, french-fries and rum-laced shakes vied for attention with lable-tops full of dancers and three band members "rapping" over backing tapes

Before that it was the Chelsea Arts Ball (don't you know!), where the band careered crazily through a sea of laughing painted faces, African jungle noises, vines and bamboo thickets, clumps of mangoes and watermelons, kebabs and

far too many (empty) bottles of wine. And before that Well, Funkapolitan have been around for about eight months. now playing mainly parties, Park Lane hotels, Arts and Debutante balls, and sometimes — for a change -pool halls, roller-discos and Wimpy Bars. All London gigs so far, but they're soon to assault the rest of the country with their get-down-and-party" lif we're going to get into the swing of things) sound and attitude

Funkapolitan are eight in all (plus two equally slick dancers), (though only four — vocalists (kadir Guirey and Nick Jones,

bassist Tom Dixon and keyboard player Toby Anderson are taking tea today. The missing members are drummer Terry President, Greg Saleen (percussion), Kadir's brother Sagat (guitar) and the third vocalist/rapper, Simon Ollivierre, "The Super Ace from

Outer Space.

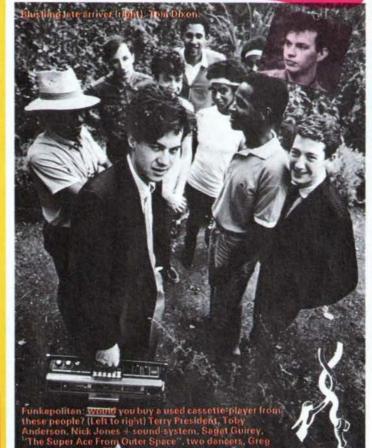
They're all from middle-class West London areas and schools (although two are American citizens, two of Russian descent and one French - got that?) They're all into simple but sharp dress; sometimes suits, shirts and ties from "Anthony Price" or perhaps "A. Rebours" (both tailors to "Stars" like Bryan Ferry and, thus, somewhat costly); and sometimes just leans and T-shirts (clean and pressed). And they're not shy of admitting to a taste for champagne, nor to proposing a world cruise as a means of touring, instead of yer rather more common Transit van and motorway caff job.

They are, in fact, purveyors of hard, straight funk - not disco or jazz-funk, mind - over which Kadir, Nick and Simon improvise vocal "raps", usually with lyrics specially forged for the occasion (e.g. the "Art Rap", the "Fast Food Rap", the 'Spandau/BowWow Ain't Got The Know-How Rap"). It's spontaneous and very stylish, a 'cleaner", "sharper" way of dancing your legs off.

At first, when they were a five-man/three-song crew, it was all very chaotic. At least, according to Tom it was. "We were using a drum-machine and taped horn riffs which didn't always run together. It would all get very wild and out-of-hand and things would start falling apart, although we always managed to pull them. back together.

Nick, however, remembers, differently. "No they didn't," he snaps. "The tunes were always pretty much together. I've got recordings .

"Well, you can't say there wasn't a lot of improvisation there, and that it didn't fall apart at least in places, because it sure did!" Tom clears up this little disagreement, successfully YOUR FLAVOUR OF THE MONTH!



Funkapolitan: <u>World</u> you buy a used cassette player from these people? (Left to right) Terry President, Toby Anderson, Nick Jones + sound-system, Saget Guirey, "The Super Ace From Outer Space", two dancers, Greg Salcen and Kadir Guirey.

silencing Nick for the rest of tea. despite even Toby urging him to "say something for the Smash Hits readers" and Kadir's irrepressible beam The band have recently

signed to Phonogram-Decca Records and released their first single, a vocal and rap version of "As Time Goes By". It's produced by August Darnell otherwise known as Kid Creole (of Coconuts fame) — who tol Coconuts fame) — who they re hoping will also mastermind their album when the time comes. You need only to witness, say, Coati Mundi's "Me No Pop I" to see that the Creole production touch has a natural feel for authentic, contemporary funk.

contemporary funk. Funkapolitan met Kid Creole in New York earlier this year where they were supporting The Clash at Joe Strummer's special request. Joe saw them in London and was impressed

enough to convince the Clash management to fly the band over as support, all expenses

By all accounts it was a toughfour dates, the majority of the audience having ears for The Clash alone. As Toby says, "It's difficult because, in the States, we're peddling their own music back to them. Like the Stones did with R&B

Nevertheless, Funkapolitan would like to go back and impress on America just how. well English can play funk. Right now, however, the chocolate eclairs demand the band's immediate attention, so as they say in their "Deadly Medley - Eurodiso Version" Just check out the moves/We got the rhythm/To make you move/Funkapolitan.

# SIX **LEAGUE** BOOTS?

RUMOUR IS rife in The Human League camp at present. It's widely believed (by impressionable people like us) that their ranks are soon to be permanently enlarged by guitarist Jo Callis. The man they're calling "The Godfather of the recent Scottish 'rock' Revival", Jo began life as the backbone of The Rezillos, then formed a couple of splinter groups, S.H.A.K.E. and the funk band Boots For Dancing.

Lately he's been recording and writing material with The Human League for their imminent LP, so if these rumours prove true, Jo's new single, the wittily titled "Woah Yeah", could well be his last solo offering ('til his next one,

# ON THE NOOSE

THE STRANGLERS are to launch themselves upon the general public with a 10-date tour in late autumn. Kicking off at Birmingham Odeon (November 15), they carry on with Cardiff Sophia Gardens (16), Hammersmith Palais (17), Southampton Gaumont (19), Nottingham Rock City (20), Edinburgh Playhouse (22), Glasgow Apollo (23), Newcastle City Hall (24), Manchester Apollo (25) and Liverpool Royal Court

There's also talk of them playing dates in Dublin and Belfast on November 28 and 29, but so far they haven't been able to locate a suitable venue.

Tickets are £3.00 to £3.50 for everywhere except Hammersmith where they'll be

single-priced at £3.75.

(Chrysalis). Definitely the best

number one for years and years and years.

The Fall very much and love going to see them every chance I

Love (Turbo Records). This song is both terribly sad and angry at the same time (also sad because the singer is now dead). Just

been re-issued.

9. LEE PERRY: Baffling Smoke
Signal (Black Ark). Lee made the best reggae records ever. 10. BILL DOGGETT: Honky Tonk (King Records), Very sexy P.S. If you ask me again tomorrow, it'll probably all be different.

### SOME MOTHERS... (AND FATHERS)



Home is where the caravan is. The Kingstons (left to right): Pat, Bob, June, Arthur and (inset) Ray, who didn't quite make it in time

PART THREE in our soul-searching series "The Folks Behind The Famous" takes us to the crest of a grassy knoll not a stone's throw from Southend, the home of the Kingston family. That's Pat Kingston (Mum), Arthur (Dad), Bob (Tenpole Tudor), June (Mo-Dettes) and Ray (The Temper). Home, as Virginia Turbett swiftly discovers. is caravan-shaped until they finish building their new bungalow. Bombarded with offers of toasted sarnies, she gets a glimpse of their musical

background. Pat: "We both sing in cabaret. Arthur is the Dean Martin type and I do a Shirley Bassey-type act. All the kids were at my 'gig' last week. Even my Grandfather was a busker. It's lovely that the kids are all doing so well in such a competitive business. I'd love to see them all in one group together but, as June says, we've not three successful groups instead of one

I always hoped June would take after me and be a singer. She was absolutely mad about school; she never wanted to leave. It took a lot of persuading to stop her from becoming a teacher. Her best subject was Art; both June and Bob are brilliant artists. While she was working at part time jobs she met Kate and soon teamed up with the other two (Jane and Ramona). She bought Paul Cook's drums and told me: I'm playing in a group as a drummer'. I really laughed. Bob and Ray have been

plastic guitars at a wedding and the band who were on stage playing to the guests asked them

music-mad all their lives. When

they were three they were given

up to play with them.
"I think it was Ray who started
Bob off in music. They started off
in Sta-Prest together. It was June who got Bob into Tenpole. Eddie (Tudorpole) asked her if she knew a good guitarist and she said 'my brother

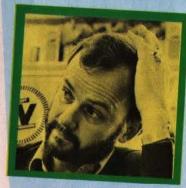
"The first gig I went to was in Southend when they all played on the same bill. I'd never been to anything like it before. My ears were still ringing the next week. I thought it was terribly loud but I was so proud of them all.

"I did worry about them being in bands. I begged them not to take drugs and I always warned them against sleeping around. You see the likes of Sid Vicious and June knew Nancy - and honestly it frightens the life out of us. We were brought up in a very different situation

"I go to any of their gigs I can. I love them. I think both Tenpole and The Mo-Dettes are easily as good live as they are on record. The only thing I hate about Tenpole gigs is the handful of loud, filthy yobbo's who spit. They're not fans. Once at The Tramshed someone's spit hit my Bob right in the face. I really felt like getting up and having a go.

But honestly, I'm so proud of them all. They're smashing I'm sure that if it ever fell apart they'd pick up the pieces and start again."

#### ALL TIME TOP TEN



# JOHN PEEL

1. DUANE EDDY: Peter Gunn (Jamie Records). This is the perfect instrumental.

2. THE UNDERTONES: Teenage Kicks (Good Vibrations). In my job I'm always searching for the perfect single and this must come the nearest. My all-time fave.

3. GENE VINCENT: Race With

The Devil (Capitol). I often think far too much attention is paid to

lyrics. I like this one because the lyrics are unintelligible.
4. THE BIRTHDAY PARTY:
Release The Bats (4AD).
5. SPECIALS: Ghost Town

6. ANDY CAPP: Pop-A-Top (Treasure Isle). This was one of the first Jamaican records to be played on radio and it is terrific. My wife and I go round the house singing to this, in so far as that's possible to do!

7. THE FALL: How I Wrote Elastic Man (Rough Trade). I like

8. LINDA JONES: Your Precious

UNDER THE banner "Funk Or Die Dance Or Walk!", the freshly-hatched giants of jive, Funkapolitan, undertake a mini-tour of the nation's dance-parlours. Give your feet a

treat at Manchester Tiffany's (August 25), Edinburgh Nite Club (26), Leeds Warehouse (27), Cardiff Nero's (29) and Birmingham Rum Runner (September 1).



WHILE EVERYBODY and their dog are single-handedly discovering funk, The Skids are heading in the opposite direction — back to their Scottish roots.

The new Virgin single, "Fields" sets the pastoral tone which, according to Richard Jobson, will provide the context for all the new Skids songs. He and Russell Webb — the current Skids nucleus — are preparing an album entitled "Joy", featuring acoustic instruments and ethnic themes and recorded with everybody we can get our hands

He also says he's "desperately keen" to get back to live dates with a UK tour provisionally slated for October. It will, however, be a very different-sounding Skids as the line-up will consist of three acoustic guitars, two bodhran (traditional hand-held drum) players and a pianist as well as Webb and Jobson. "And," laughs Richard, "we'll

be wearing our finest tweeds!"

Ian Cranna

# WWWWWWWW

#### GIVE 'EM **ENOUGH COPE**

OUT NOW — the new Teardrop Explodes single, "Passionate Friend"/"Christ Versus Warhol". It's the first release by the new line-up who, although they formed last December, have toured UK once and America twice and thus haven't had much time for the studio.

They start recording the second album in September, hopefully to surface in November followed by an extensive UK tour. The LP's already been given a title, and you'll probably guess who by from the epic overtones of "The Great Dominions".

SHAKIN' STEVENS - or "Shaky", to his nearest and dearest - sets out on a nationwide tour of 14 major venues this November (this is what's known as advance warning!). Opening at Leicester De Montfort Hall (November 17), he then plays Manchester Apollo (18), Newcastle City Hall (19), Edinburgh Playhouse (20), Glasgow Apollo (21), Sheffield City Hall (23), Portsmouth Guildhall (24), Southampton Gaumont (25), St. Austell Coliseum (27), Croydon Fairfield Hall (29), Hammersmith Odeon (30), Cardiff Sophia Gardens (December 2), Birmingham Odeon (3) and Liverpool Empire Theatre (4).

Any takers are strongly advised to book early. As the Spring tour proved, tickets don't tend to hang around very long. They're all on sale now, at the venue box-offices, priced between £3 and £4.50.



### **GARY GLITTER**

FULL NAME: Paul Gadd DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH May 8, '44. Banbury, Oxfordshire HIGH SPOT OF EDUCATION: Being the Surrey Champion in Cross-Country when I was 13. I'm a long-distance runner - been going for years! FIRST CRUSH: Stella Oakley, a Debbie Harry lookalike from Wheatley, when I was 9. FIRST RECORD BOUGHT "Paralysed"/"When My Blue Moon Turns To Gold Again" by Elvis Presley on HMV FIRST LIVE SHOW ATTENDED Bertram Mills Circus; Johnny Ray at The Palladium (when I was 5) and The Platters at The Hippodrome (when I was 11). PREVIOUS JOBS: A 'warm-up man' on the TV Pop show "Ready Steady Gol" when I was 18. I had

how to dance and tell them not to chew gum

PREVIOUS BANDS: Paul Russell and The Rebels, Paul Raven and The Twilights, Paul Raven and The Boston (played in Germany from '65-'70), then Gary Glitter a story all of its own. MARITAL STATUS:

Married/divorced. 2 children -Paul (16) and Sarah (15). LOWEST POINT OF CAREER: At 26 I was tempted to give it up, but who wants a 26-year-old failed

pop star? PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT: "Leader Of The Gang". My first Number 1 after 5 Number 2's. FAVOURITE FANTASY: The character of Gary Glitter has always been my fantasy. HERO/HEROINE: Elvis Presley/Lauren Bacall. DESERT ISLAND DISC: "Hound Dog" by Elvis Presley. Every time I hear it I want to jump around and make Shakin' Stevens look like a vicar

FAVOURITE BOOK: "Shogun" by Cavell. An epic like "Gone With The Wind"

FAVOURITE FILM: "Midnight Express" and "Flash Gordon" ('cos it's just like my act - high

**FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME:** "The Hitch-hiker's Guide To The Galaxy"; "Not The Nine O'Clock

FAVOURITE ITEM OF CLOTHING My stage jackets with shoulder

FAVOURITE BREAKFAST FOOD: I live at night-time, so breakfast is usually dinner.
PET HATE: Violence. TRUE CONFESSION: I do cut the hairs in my nose occasionally

THE BIGGEST MISTAKE I EVER MADE: Retiring. COLOUR OF SOCKS: White.

ARII A bunch of popular tunes, tring them together over a disco sotbeat, and what have you at? The latest line in 'novelty' beards, of course. A line that bee an, and on, and on.
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Further manay-spinners were heatily sought, and several were found. Tight Pit came up with "Back To The Sunter", Gides Parts tailse Adrian Bater, the man who psoled Liquid Gold off the drawing-board) rushed out "Beach Bay Gold", Eggerment scored once again with Abba hits, and now there a the appailingly, titled "Hollideze"/"Hollidepope"

re-hash of sid Hollies' hite.
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Philiterments Orchastre came up
trumps with "fleebad on
Classice" (arranged and
conducted by Louis Clart, the
man who wrote all the violin
parts for a staggering aix ELO
albume). According to
fledio-player Revin Duffy, the
orchastre are "very pleased" with
the success of the record and
happy to be "popularising the
classice".

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Even when "popularising the classics" means Lage and Co. dancing to them on TOTF? As a "serious musician", how does he had about that?

"I didn't fool anything." Duffy says helpfully. "I was in Cambridge at the time."

Oh. But surely the tunes in question didn't need much popularising as they were chosen for being well-known anyway—

ime and TV thames, advants and

to show the kids in the audience

so on?

"They're well-laved 'eause they're good tunes. But yes," he admits, "it is a lot to do with them being theme tunes."

Which is comething barne out by ourrent disco reactions. In clubs, when the 12" "Hocked On Classics" reaches the Wittlem Tell Overture bit, people remembering it se "The Lone Ranger" theme apparently start galloping across the dense-floor. In the interests of quiet evenings out, let's hope no-one remembers it from the movie "Clackwork Orange".

The latest, and most unlikely,

"Clackwort Orange".
The latest, and most unlittely, contender in this game is Tempole Tudor. Not to be outdone, Ed Tudorpole has included a medley of album tracks, "Tempole 45", on the flip of "Wunderbar". Claiming that he's now made a record that

Rustly figor can play in his club, Baldie community: "I wanted to be the first as take the plas aut of these records and, as all the base bits of the silven are on the single, I'd advise people to buy it instead of the LF."

Fair enough. What does he think of the RIPO's offering?

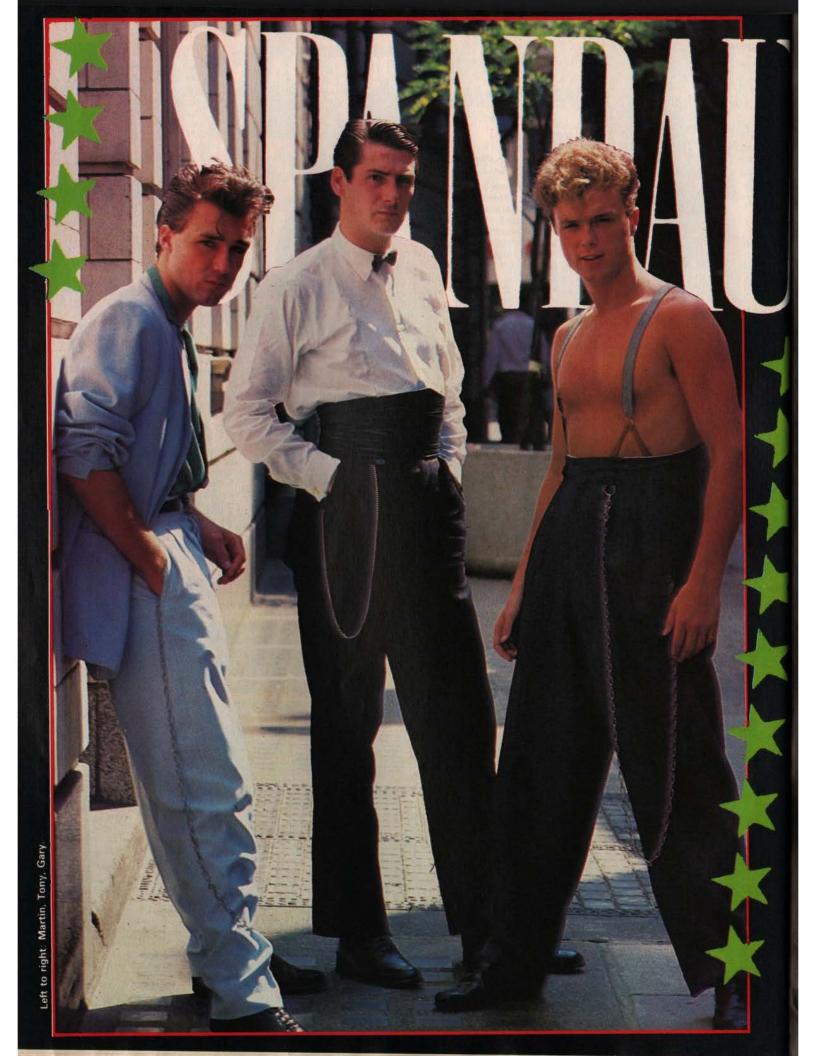
"Wall I was suggesting to Dick Crippen (Panpois tub-flumper) the other week that we could put a snare-drum to a classical piece."

ou mean you thought of it

"I think of a lot of things first." Ed says. "I thought of ske before it happened."

it happened." And what do the RPO think of

Tempole Tudor?
"I haven't heard of him," samits Duffy. "I'll have to set my children."



# ANY TIME ANY PLACE ANY WHERE. THERE'S A WONDERFUL WORLD WE CAN SHARE...

"They're the Bright Ones!" claims Mike Stand . . . "The Right Ones!" gasps Jill Furmanovsky . . .

"We'll drink to that!" say Tony, Gary and Martin.

OH THE languid suave of it! Oh the sunshine, the street cafe, the iced cocktails! Oh the elegant beaus and the graceful belies! Oh to be in England

Which, incredibly, we were. In a concealed pedestrian street behind Chrysalis's office a hundred yards off Oxford Street. Soaking up the post-Royal wedding sun, Spandau Ballet were looking lovelier than Lady Di as they modelled their latest style, all dangly watch chains, light and baggy suits, hunky flashes of hairy chest.

They ordered confections entitled "The Virgin's Answer" and "Coco Loco". I had a cup of tea. Well, they made me feel like a cup of tea.

Jill Furmanovsky completed my deflation when she announced later that the Spands present — Gary, Tony and Martin - were "the three most beautiful men I've ever photographed' Bloody hell. It was too much. It's not a matter of hiding your light under a bushel when the Spands are around: a thimble will do.

I protested, not so much for myself as for Ordinary-Looking Chaps everywhere: "All right, Tony and Gary are reasonably presentable I grant you, but surely young Martin's just your standard 25-years-too-late Ted?" Wrong. "It's the eyes, Mike,"

said Jill, her voice smouldering with aesthetic passion. "They glow. Amazing eyes. He was wearing this very subtle make-up around them that I've never seen before.

Humph.

STILL, IN truth it was the people rather than the sartorials that

intrigued me. Divided by years, background and - in the biggest possible way - by style, we did have a meeting point: some very enjoyable records. In particular "Musclebound", "Glow" and "Chant No. 1" had overcome all prejudices about "musical clothes horses'

Quite an achievement considering the confusion of images they've had over the past year. First we heard they were upper-class twits and nancies. Then the Spands reacted with such angry vigour that we were persuaded they were all "bloody good lads", practically Oi With Cummerbunds in fact.

Sitting there quaffing their giant cocktails, Cockney accents crackling, the contradiction came to life. The chat was of John Keeble, the drummer, who had disgraced himself at Chrysalis the week before when he celebrated the arrival of "Chant" at No. 3 to the point of unconsciousness.

But that was nothing. Over in Ibiza they all got drunk at a Press reception and then careered back to their hotel along a switchback mountain road in open cars and John had the idea of ripping the dashboard out and tossing it over the side. Someone else tore a mirror off and pretty soon the only optional accessory intact was the steering wheel.

"I think that's what money does," said Tony Hadley, Spandau vocalist, smiling. "It lets you smash things up! Money, and being in a gang, not

Somewhat startled, I said that sounded very rock 'n' roll, very Led Zeppelin, not at all Spandau Ballet. Tony put me right: "No,

it's just occasionally letting off steam. Rock 'n' roll is more about throwing televisions out of windows." Ah, of course.

That brought us to the Friday-night-out syndrome as portrayed by the "Chant" video you'll have seen on TOTP. It's the essence of Spandau according to bassist Martin Kemp: "The end of the week, you get dressed up, go out and get pissed, have a good time. So we wanted that three minutes of film to be like five hours on a Friday night. Even though we have to do it on a

Thursday afternoon."

Tony: "When we were growing up there always seemed to be three parties a night. Ninety per cent of them were naff, you'd end up sleeping in the bath or on some cold floor

Martin: "But the point was you might miss the best night of your life if you didn't go, so you

THAT'S THEIR own teenage experience. But Spandau Ballet are certainly not about sleeping in the bath. As a live band what they're after is the ideal, the 10 per cent of parties that weren't naff, something special every time.

Hence Ibiza. Playing the Ku Club disco al fresco with the sun coming up over the swimming pool at 3 a.m. Likewise their notable nights out on the HMS Belfast, at Birmingham Botanical Gardens, or the Edinburgh Assembly Rooms (all crystal chandeliers and faint echoes of string quartets)

They've scored a lot of points

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From previous page against the mundane tour grind, but I wondered how long they could keep them coming when their mass audience success was urging them towards the 'major venues'?

Their answers came in fragments as if it was one area in which their achievements had raced ahead of their thinking. "It only takes a little imagination," offered Tony.

We're definitely not going to do one of those tours of the Hammersmith Odeon," Martin insisted. "That's when you stop being a gang and turn into a

band

All right, that's the principle. What about the work involved though, combing the country for 2-3,000 capacity pleasure domes off the usual circuit and with the right ambience? They certainly haven't got it organised. Maybe they're making it happen anyway though, just by being there.

Tony: "People outside London are constantly phoning us about

places to play.

Martin: "Or new clubs off the beaten track want us for their

opening nights." Tony: "If they sound interesting we'll send someone to check it out and set it up.

Will they really be able to establish a new type of relationship with the huge and far-flung following they have now acquired — people to whom Billy's and The Beat Route mean no more than a Martini advert on TV? Will records and videos keep their fans happy in places where they never show their faces?

A couple of remarks caught their brash-but-concerned attitude. Tony: "We don't intend to play every God-forsaken town in Britain, but in the course of a year we would hope to cover a lot of the country, choosing each

venue carefully.

Gary: "We feel we are making history at the same time as

getting drunk.

An odd thing about these history-makers is that they all still live with their parents. At least / thought it was odd, but guitarist/writer Gary Kemp put that down to my sheltered

upbringing.

'If we came from Hampstead we would be rebelling against our parents and living in squats," he said. "But my parents understand. My dad used to be a Teddy boy himself. You can't shock people in Islington where we all come from. They're used to it — anything!"

Martin: "And our mum would

get bored with no washing to do." (Mrs. Kemp was not available for comment.)

IT WAS Martin, as the most militant partyer of them all, who led this topic round to the Spandau's Positive Approach To Unemployment — and before you yell "Hypocrite!" bear in mind that he had a couple of years experience of it before



Spandau on TOTP (with Light Of The World and drummer John Keeble behind): (left to right) Steve

lightning struck him rich.

'If your mum and dad are working (a big 'if' these days, mind) they're not going to ask you much for your keep," he expounded. "I don't see how kids can moan at that, it's brilliant. You don't have to be down in the dumps because you're on the dole. After all the best days of the week are when you're not working.

Gary: "If you were brought up in Islington you'd inherit a natural flair for looking good no matter

Martin: "Even if you have to nick the stuff from jumble sales like I used to.

Gary: "The only kids down the dole our way who look ropey are the ones with A-level sociology.

Speaking of which Tony Hadley makes an interesting case history of a drifting nobody stumbling towards a meeting with his remarkable real self. He passed enough O-levels to do A's, but aimlessly jacked that in after six months. He worked in a warehouse for a while, then in an office where they told him he was 'management material'. This failed to inspire him

Working there I was like that," he said clenching a fist into a ball of tension. "You want to do violence. One day I felt so mad I stuck my head out of a fifth floor window and just screamed. I'd

had enough.

He was hazy about what he did want though: "I couldn't cut hair, I couldn't design clothes, I couldn't do sculptures. But there had to be something. suppose I had an idea that I'd own a market stall, then two, then a supermarket and I'd be a millionaire.

The key was the Spandaus' discovery of that love-it-or-hate-it voice which I think is their main distinguishing mark.

Some intense listening to master craftsmen like Sinatra, Mathis and Marvin Gaye, some lessons, and there he was sounding like nobody but himself. Unmistakeable, unconfined. "You see singers afraid to open their mouths. I open it up wide, use its acoustics. And my voice is very English Well, why should I sing like a Yank the way most rock vocalists do? I'm a Cockney. The worst thing for a singer is to be inhibited by any kind of fear or

pressure to copy other people."
In fact, one of Spandau Ballet's most solid qualities has to be a thick skin to resist outsiders' criticism or mockery. As Tony said: "There's a fine borderline between being admired and

being laughed at."

Martin admitted he'd been the butt of quite enough street barracking in his 'sensitive' teens: "But I knew it was them who were stupid. It was me who was going to the most expensive parties in Soho which were getting written up in 'Ritz'. So, under the bonnet, I was laughing at them.

Tony took it back to the whole process of growing up: "It's about when you become sexually aware. Get to 13 or 14 and you suddenly say 'Sod what my mum wants me to wear, this is how I want to look'. You've got the latest thing, you dance, you act the Jack-The-Lad, you pull the girls. Once you lose them apron strings ... it's your own!

IT'S YOUR own. It's that confident grasp of the here-and-now which makes Spandau more appealing than the ordinary pop group with a

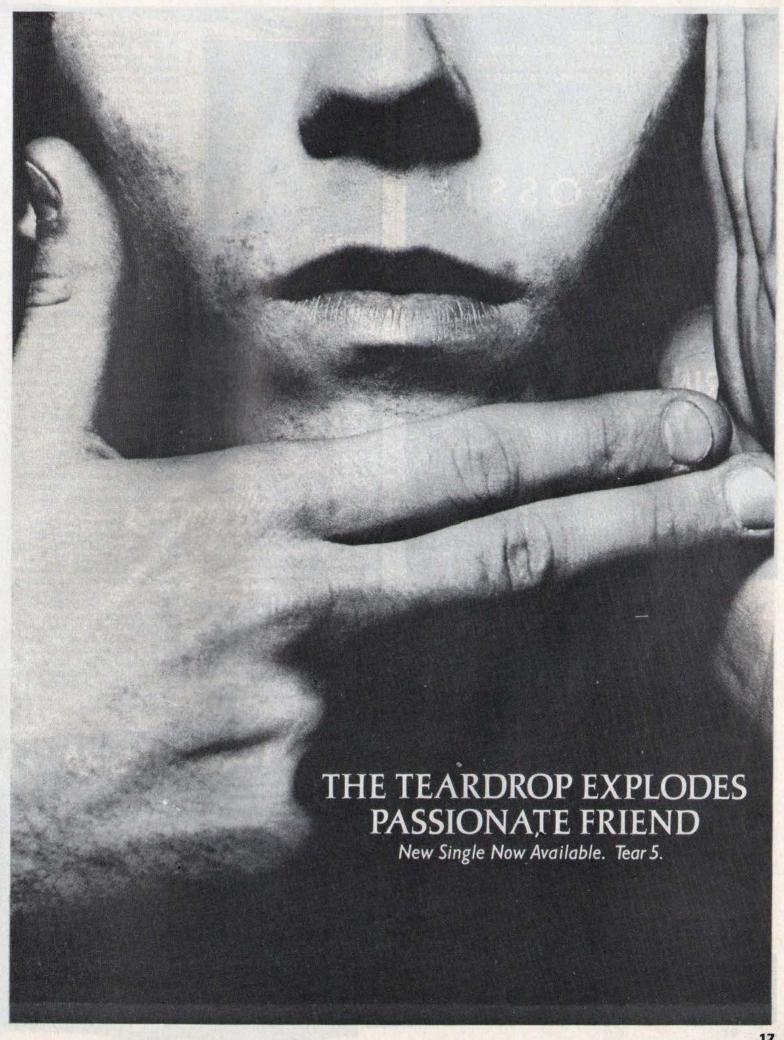
couple of good tunes. What's disconcerting to me is the way their rhetoric carries so many echoes of lan Page's mod evangelism.

Consider that quote on the Spands' album sleeve by Robert Elms (a pop journalist and long-time friend of the band's) Comparing it with some old Secret Affair cuttings and lyrics, I found Elms writing of 'sharp youth' to Page's 'young man, sharp look', Elms' 'music for heroes driving straight to the heart of the dance . . . on the path towards journeys to glory' and Page's 'I'm a glory boy Sometimes hero . . . Let your heart dance'

Gary Kemp had already sussed the similarities and come up with an explanation. He reckons the Romantics (or whatever) are the genuine inheritors of the flash and sparkle of '60s mod, whereas the misguided Affair were part of a doomed revival. He even suspected that Ian Page must understand and appreciate the Spandau's style and might have been a part of the 'Cult' if he hadn't had his timing wrong.

But the connection is something of a reminder that it will take more than slogans and new suits to sustain Spandau Ballet's fascination and their own motivation

Still for the present they can be heroes, just for one daydream. Martin: "What I realised when I was about 15 was that when I watched a film I always saw myself as the gunman. I was never the barman or the sweeper-up. It's the same for everybody. But I decided to make sure it would happen for me, that I would be the gunman while I was still young."



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HI THERE, long time no see. Since my glorious two weeks on the sun-soaked isle Mykonos (Poseur!), things have been so hectic that I simply haven't had a chance to put pen to paper.

Whilst in Greece I did my best to visit every disco I could find and basically the music scene there is very similar to our own. There's a definite leaning towards Peurto-Rican/Salsa music and one album worth checking is "La Ceiba" by Celia

Since returning to England I've been travelling around with Modern Romance and Central Line who are both busy promoting their new singles. The Modern Romance single "Everybody Salsa"/"Salsa Rappsody" is already leaping up the disco chart. It's a crazy, latin party sound followed by a tongue-twisting rap courtesy of our fave album reviewer/oldest soul boy in town, Geoffrey Deane. I've witnessed outbreaks of the conga everywhere and it looks like being a summer

Central Line certainly deserve to be included in the Britfunk explosion. Their single "Walking Into Sunshine" (Mercury) was

written by Lipson and Linton from the band and Roy Carter from Heatwave. It's another great track which is going down a storm and could easily give the boys the chart success they well deserve. Before I continue with the rest of the week's releases, I must say a big hello to all the jocks we've met en route so far, Including Steve Walsh from Busbys, Greg Edwards from the Lyceum and Carlos from Hombres.

Taking a guick backtrack to the rap, we have Teena Marie with "Square Biz" (Motown) proving that she can rap just as well as any man. Teena's rapp-idly becoming one of Motown's major assets and this track is her best this year. Kurtis Blow, one of the originators of tricky wordplay, is back with a new single, "Starlife" (Mercury), taken from the soon-to-be-released album "Deuce". I had a quick boogie with Kurt a few weeks ago when he was over here on a flying visit (did I say poseur?!), so I had better be enthusiastic about his record. The single is pretty good but, to be honest, a whole album of rapping tends to be a trifle too much for these sensitive

Rafael Cameron's new single, "All That's Good For Me" (Salsoul) is a great, funky dance track and is as popular on the dance floor as "Love Is The Answer" by veteran Gene Chandler. 'Shake it up', 'party down' and have 'a boogying time' says Marlon McClain on his new single, "Shake It Up" (Fantasy). Personally, I'd rather stay in with my feet up watching Quincy

Last but not least on the new singles front is the utterly wonderful Lamont Dozier's "Cool Me Out" (CBS). It's an excellent dance track much favoured by hipsters everywhere, including Eddie and Ahmet who performed one of the best dance routines I've ever seen to it. Eat your heart out, Grant Santino.

# VERYBODY SALSA by Mo

Now what's that crazy rhythm coming from the street The sound of people moving to that latin beat Now this ain't Puerto-Rico this is London E.18 Everybody welcome to my own dream.

Everybody salsa, everybody salsa, everybody salsa, Everybody salsa, everybody salsa, everybody salsa, salsa hey salsa

The carnival is moving, music in the air Everybody's grooving dancing everywhere Spirit not location is the essence of our theme Why not come and join us in our own dream

Now see the pretty ladies moving all around Looking super sexy all around the Town Their smiles are so enticing and you wonder what they

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Everyone's entitled to Repeat chorus

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Apart from the "Stars On 45" style of dross, there still seem to be several golden oldies that hit the spot these days. Tracks like "Dr. Jeckyll & Mister Funk" by Jackie McLean (RCA), "Do What You Wanna Do" by T-Connection

(TK) and "Que Tal America" by Two Man Sound (Miracle). Record companies take note: new releases should be imminent.

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# WALKING INTO SUNSHINE



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Too much rainy days (rainy days)
Found so much lazy ways (lazy ways)
I've got to get away, ooh baby
This kind of life is not for me
I'm working day and night, night and day
Working for my pay only way
It's all over me I can't stand it
Ths kind of life is not for me

I need a holiday
To get away from the rush
I gotta get away from the rush
Of the week if the going's cheap
I'll up and fly away where the sun always shines
Eight days a week

'Cause they'll be sunshine Yes I'll be walking into sunshine Sunshine, give me the sun Sunshine, soon all my rainy days will all be gone

I don't wanna fuss, wanna fight
I'm checking in to book my early flight
I've got to get away
To see what's right for me
Walking by the sea (go walking by the sea)
That's when I'll be free (no one to hurry me)
I can do as I please
When my mind is at ease
And I won't be worried at all

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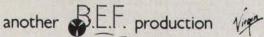
'Cause they'll be sunshine
Yes I'll be walking into sunshine
Sunshine, give me the sun
Sunshine, ooh yeah, yeah, yeah
Sunshine, and I'll be walking into sunshine
Repeat and ad lib to fade

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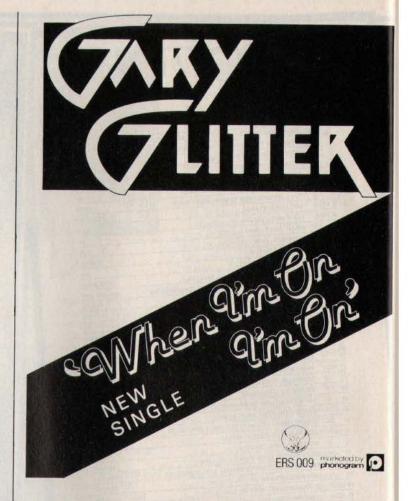


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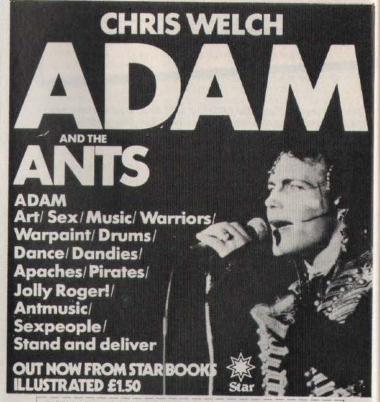








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### **REQUEST SPOT**

ARTIST THE SPECIALS
TITLE INTERNATIONAL JET SET
LABEL 2-TONE
YEAR 1980

REQUESTED BY ESTELLE LLOYD, COVENTRY



"Good evening ladies and gentlemen, this is your Captain speaking.
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Safety belts and sickness bags Jet-lag downer pills Duty free booze and fags Make me feel ill

A vapour trail from A to B Away from normal sanity It all seems so absurd to me

I've seen the carpets on the walls
Of hotel rooms around the world
I never want to hear the screams
Of the teenage girls in other peoples dreams

Spread the disease from the South China seas
To the Beach Hotel Malibu
Phone my girlfriend to ask her how's her weekend
I say 'Hi, Terry here' and she says Terry who . . . (the hell are you)

The business men are having fun Are they on a different plane to me? I've lost touch with reality They all seem so absurd to me Like well-dressed chimpanzees

Spend and spend and spend Will the muzak never end?

"Passengers! This is your Captain speaking. Due to expected engine failures
We will be forced to attempt an emergency landing.
Please remain seated, extinguish all cigarettes and fasten safety belts.
Follow the emergency procedures

Follow the emergency procedures
laid out in the pamphlet located in front of your seats.
For normal breathing, oxygen masks will be released from the compartment above your head.
Please remain calm and follow the instructions of your stewardess at all times . . .
This is a recording"

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THEATRE OF Hate have often been dubbed "doom merchants". The description annoys them. Sure, vocalist Kirk Brandon's lyrics don't look at the world through rose-tinted glasses, but that's just sensible, and the band's raw optimism is compensation enough.

Kirk calls it their "fierce spirituality". Explain? "Our music is alive, and it's kicking. Kicking all the time. That's the current that's in the motor. It's not an evil thing there's no such thing as doom round here.

And there certainly isn't. TOH, when I meet them, are bright, communicative, friendly and enjoy a joke. They believe in what they're doing, but don't let 'stance' strait-jacket their thinking. I'm impressed. And, judging by their vinyl successes,

so are lots of others.

In May '80, TOH was born. Kirk, once of The Pack, recruited ex-Straps bassist Stan Stammers, guitarist Steve



Guthrie (an old mate) and ex-Crisis drummer, Luke Rendall. Canadian saxophonist John Boy was rescued from a life of world-class squash playing, Steve left, and the band then settled down as the current four-piece.

Extensive gigging here and abroad, and (to date) four records followed. Since their release, "Original Sin"/"Legion" and "Rebel Without A Brain" have rarely been out of the Independent Singles chart. Their patchy live debut LP, "He Who Dares", did equally well. Each of these records sold around 15,000 and their new single "Nero", has already sold that many in only its first ten days of release.

"The law is — you have to get larger," Kirk admits. But while not discounting possible distribution/licensing deals, TOH are adamant about not wanting (or needing) a major contract. They believe in taking chances.

"Having your own label is more challenging," John argues. "You can control your own sound, style and direction. If



ou're stepping on the outside a little, like we are, that's the best way to do it.

In truth, while admiring its authentic energy, I don't much like their earlier material. The new stuff is something else. The energy is still there, Luke and Stan continue to provide a rhythmic base that makes terms like "rock solid" seem positively moth-eaten. But there's more room for Kirk's angrily sensitive vocals and sparse guitar phrases, while John's sax pencils in the final haunting touches.

I didn't get to meet Luke, but here's the rest of the band.

John is 24, has lived all over Canada and is 'classically-trained'. He's relaxed, open-minded. Likes: squash, jazz and classical music. Hates: 'blandness. I like a cutting edge on things"

I don't know Stan's age. Born in Northampton, he lived in Ghana as a child. His father works for the GPO. Does a good line in daft jokes, speaks less than the others. Likes: Roxy Music and just certain records by certain bands". Hates: "people with nice guitars who don't treat them nicely", "Stars On 45"-type records.

Kirk is 24, grew up in a Westminster council flat, went to Grammar School in Devon. "A working-class background" he agrees, after much argument over what that means. Jokes a lot, always thinks hard before speaking. Likes: Grace Jones, old



movies, running and "sacking people". Hates: "blandness, mediocrity"

The "theatre of hate" their name refers to is The World. "Out there," Terry gestures expansively. TOH don't want to agit te mindlessly, they just want to provoke people to think.

"There's a great force in young people," Kirk explains. "In most cases it's all over by the time they hit 17 or 18, when they've been milked out and dumped and sold whatever it is . . . television, beer Their mentality dies. It's awareness people need, especially nowadays as we're disappearing under a sea of blandness.

'At times I would like to intervene, and if people saw it the same way as me perhaps they might intervene. But none of this is rammed down people's throats; they leave it if they want. I'm not giving anyone a religion lesson, a propaganda sermon. It's not like that.

The working title for their new LP is "Do You Believe In The Westworld?" Don't know about that, but I believe in Theatre Of



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Rock lobster, rock lobster

We were at the beach Everybody had matching towels Somebody went under a dock And there they saw a rock It wasn't a rock It was a rock lobster

> Rock lobster, rock lobster Rock lobster, rock lobster

> > Motion in the ocean His air hose broke Lots of trouble Lots of bubble He was in a jam S'in a giant clam

Rock, rock, rock lobster Down, down

Underneath the waves
Mermaids wavin'
Wavin' to mermen
Wavin' sea fans
Sea horses sailin'
Dolphins wailin'

Rock lobster, rock lobster Rock lobster, rock lobster

Red snappers snappin' Clam shells clappin' Muscles flexin'

#### REQUEST SPOT

ARTIST THE B-52's
TITLE ROCK LOBSTER
LABEL ISLAND
YEAR 1979
REQUESTED BY DESME SMITH,
LYNWORTH, CHELTENHAM



Flippers flippin

Rock, rock, rock lobste Down, down

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Boys in bikinis Girls in surfboards Everybody's rockin' Everybody's fruggin' Twistin' round the fire Havin' fun Bakin' potatoes Bakin' in the sun

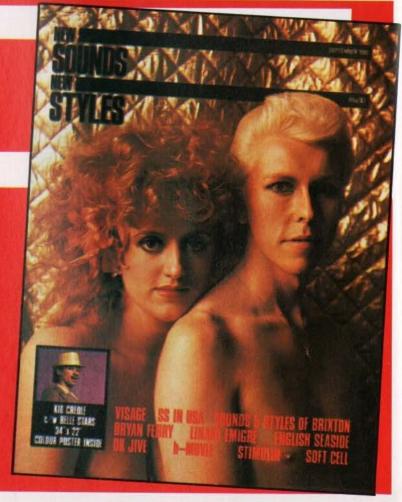
Put on your noseguard Put on the lifeguard Pass the tanning butter

Here comes a stingray
There goes a manta-ray
In walked a jelly fish
There goes a dog-fish
Chased by a cat-fish
In flew a sea robin
Watch out for that piranha
There goes a narwhale
Here comes a bikini whale

Rock lobster, rock lobster Rock lobster, rock lobster

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It's on sale now at your newsagent's: the September issue of the magazine with the hottest sounds and the coolest looks. This month the full giant colour poster features Kid Creole, with the Belle Stars on the reverse. Features with glorious, original colour photography include Bryan Ferry, Steve Strange, the sounds and styles of Brixton, and a trip to the seaside written and styled by Lemons songwriter/guitarist lan Roberts. There's a feature on designer Stephen Linard, with latin combo Animal Magnet modelling his sinister Emigré collection. Then there's b-Movie, OK Jive, Our Daughters Wedding, Stimulin and more. Get New Sounds New Styles from your newsagent for 65p or, if you have difficulty, send 85p including P&P to NSNS September, Circulation Department, EMAP, Bretton Court, Peterborough PE3 9DZ.



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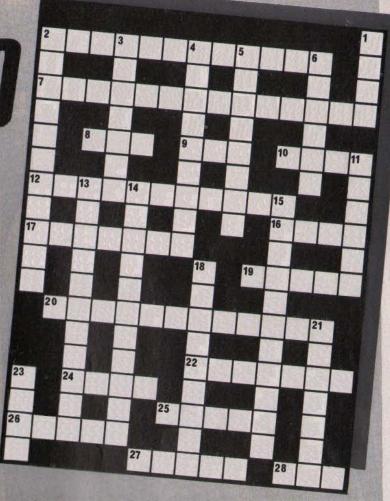
- 2 Female tree surgeon from Grantham who sings about the chip shop Elvis fantasist\* (6,6)
- 7 Housewife/Mother/Musician/ Photographer (5,9)
- Saxa's instrument
- Oldie hit for 7 across and her famous husband
- 10 Peter, reggae singer formerly of the original Wailers
- Booker T's soul standard (5,6)
- Human League frontman
- 17 & 1 Elvis Costello smash of a few years back
- 19 Joel or Currie
- 20 Usually she's accompanied by The Pips (6,6)
- 22 Concoct a muscial phenomenon out of best ale
- 24 & 11 Spandau vocalist 25 & 26 "Nightclubbing" lady
- with a mean punch!
- See above
- Out of form, not to mention corroded, member of Visage!
- Small, musical insect!

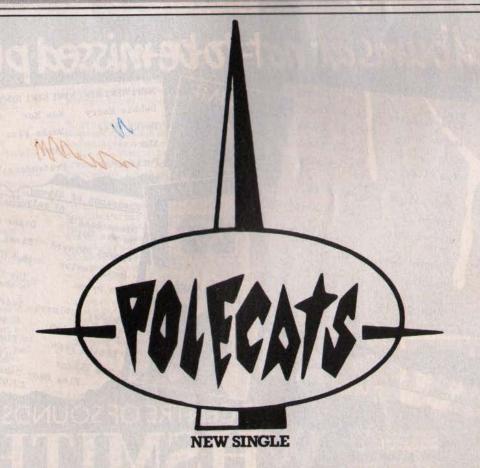
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- 1 see 17 Across
- 2 Punk combo recently in charts with "Follow The Leader" (7,4)
- 3 Not the place to eat when you need cheering up! (3,4)
  4 Clash guitarist (4,5)
- 5 Funk smash featuring the horn section from Beggar & Co (5,2,1)
- 6 The L of reggae poet LKJ
- 11 See 24 Across
- 13 Veteran rock guitarist whose nickname is 'Slowhand' (4,7)
- 14 Radio 1 DJ (4,7)
- 15 Surname of American performing phenomenon recently in UK for a string of sell-out concerts
- 18 Stiff Little Fingers frontman
- 21 Teardrop hit
- 23 Siouxsie album

#### **ANSWERS ON PAGE 42**

\* See Star Teaser (August 6).





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Solution on page 42.

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# BIRO buddies

2 boys, Kris and Jimmy (12), want to write to eager brunettes in the London area. We like all music except punk, soul and reggae. Special likes: Toyah, Landscape, Madness, Adam and Kim Wilde. We are computer and sci-fi mad, and very handsome. Write to us at: 41 High View Road, South Woodford, London E18.

Okay fans, it's arrived . . . me! A complete loony would like to write to kids (male or female) from G.B. aged 13-14. Into: Adam, Numan, Spandau Ballet, Duran Duran. Contact: Helen, 32 Blackthorn Drive, Larkfield Green, Nr. Maidstone, Kent.

Female aged 13 wants penpals. I'm mad on tennis, frogs, Abba, Hazel O'Connor, Kim Wilde and Toyah. Enclose pic if possible to: Leonie Bates, 9 Lower Compton Road, Plymouth, Devon.

2 Blitz/futurist girls (13) would like 2 boys to write to them. Have to be into Duran, Visage, Spandau, Landscape, Japan, Depeche Mode etc. Write to Michaela and Maria at 29 Victoria Road, Worthing, Sussex.

17 year-old Skids kid, also very fond of The Undertones, Comsat Angels, Siouxsie and Q.P. Rangers, wishes to hear from anybody and everybody so start scribbling. Definitely no mods, teds, rockabillies, headbangers or Abba fans! Anyone left should contact: Elaine, 15 Dunkeld Road, Bournemouth, Dorset.

Zany, humorous female (16), reasonably attractive (?), wishes to correspond with similar personage (16-19). Must be weird and into O.M.D. and Banshees. Very varied musical tastes. Contact: Claire Whitehead, 5 Oakfield Drive, Sandiacre, Nottingham.

News Flash: would 2 new romantics (boys, hunky please) aged 14-15, into Teardrop Explodes, Duran, Adam, Spandau, Landscape and others (including The Beatles), please contact Lisa and Clare, at: 11 Northorpe, Nr. Bourne, Lincs.

2 mental rude girls (16) want 2 mental rude boys or skins. Must be into nutty dancing, Madness, Specials and all other ska, Contact: Ginni and Sherri, 361 Broomhouse Avenue, Edinburgh EH11 3SQ.

Hi, my favourite groups are Stray Cats, Tenpole Tudor and The Damned. I also enjoy sport, and following fashion. If you're a lad and good looking, write to: Sadie Lamplough (15), The Elms, Nafferton, Driffield, North Humberside.

Dishy blond-haired, blue-eyed 15 year-old hunk of a male is waiting for a letter from a good-looking female, aged 14-15, to drop through his letter box. Likes: anything, bar punk and Bucks Fizz. Write to: Simon Ellingham, 29 Cheam Common Road, Worcester Park, Surrey.

17-year-old, into dyed hair and The Bunnymen, would love to hear from female rabbits! Also into The Scars, Joy Division, Orange Juice etc. Get them paws flying and write (with photo please) to: Mark Carter, 96 Lime Tree Road, Ward End, Birmingham.

I'm sweet 16 and a cool, leggy blonde. I've got Bette Davis eyes and I'm looking for a dishy male who digs heavy metal. Fave groups include AC/DC, Quo, Motorhead and Bucks Fizz. Send pic to: Victoria Malton, 3 Orchard Road, Sowerby, Thirsk, N. Yorks.

Mad 13 year-old wishes to correspond with others. Likes: Toyah, punk and Bowie. Anyone considering the risk of writing to such a nut must have a ferocious dislike of Abba, Shakin' Stevens, mods and heavies. Still interested? Write to: Jeanette Young, 110 Caum Park Way, Whitworth, Rochdale, Lancs.

I am male, 15 years old, would like a girl pen-friend. I like heavy metal, AC/DC, Gillan and Motorhead. Dislikes include mods, teds, punks. Write to: Michael Tuckett, 91 Worthing Road, Patchway, Bristol.

Hi ants, yes — you've guessed, I am a 14 year-old female who wents to write to male ants (14-17) anywhere in England. Send pics to: Lisa Simmons, 56 The Avenue, Hornchurch, Essex.

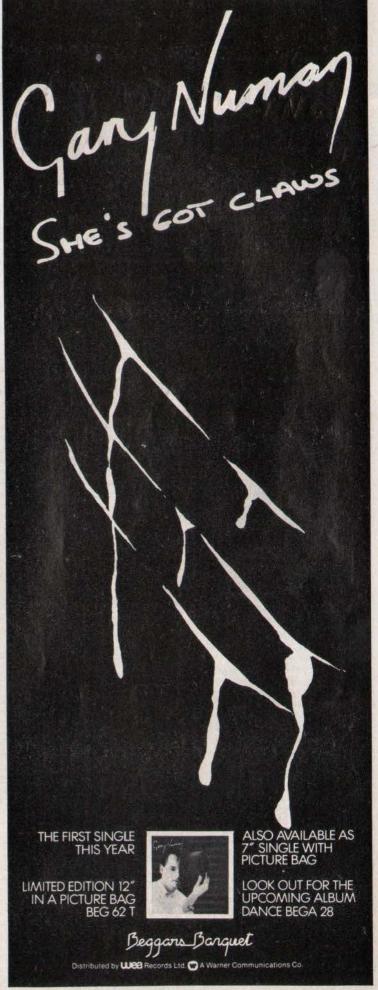
One small, dark-haired girl, 18, into Japan, Kraftwerk, Y.M.O., would like to write to boy aged 17-20 who fancies himself as David Sylvian or Mick Karn. Interested? Then write to: Shelly Morrisey, 40 Mossville Gardens, Morden, Surrey. Include photo!

Hi, all nutters. Interests are Madness, mods and skins. I'm 18 and would like males or females to write to me, Kim, at: 44 Broomhall Crescent, Acocks Green, Birmingham. P.S. Doesn't matter about pics.

I'm Debbie and I'm into Madness, Specials and Bad Manners. I'd like skinheads aged 13-16 to write to me. I like nutty dancing and going to Madness gigs. Contact: Debbie Mustwayte, 48 Broomhall Crescent, Acocks Green, Birmingham.

Calling all girls 16-18. I'm 5ft 4in tall and like headbanging to AC/DC, Rainbow, Ottowan etc. If you're interested in writing, also enclosing your best photo showing your good points, address it to: Keith, 13 Westfield Road, Barnoldswick, Lancs.

I am a 14 year-old short-sighted lunatic and, apart from Teardrop, I like Toyah, Hazel, Roxy, Bowie, Bunnymen, Dexy's, Coronation Street, tennis, cycling, record shops, Richard Skinner and coffee. Contact: Sarah Sharman, 9 Coombe Road, Puddletown, Dorchester, Dorset.



# REVIEWS

# by Charlie Gillett



Charlie Gillett (Author of the rock 'n' roll text book, "Sound Of The City", Capital Radio deejay and co-head of Oval Records).

BEST OF THE BUNCH (Tied: could not be separated by electrical timers or photo-finish judges).



THE BIRTHDAY PARTY: Release
The Bats (4AD). John Peel, who
hears more records in a week
than I do in a year, has nominated
this as his record-of-'81; I'll settle
for it being the most compelling,
uncompromised
record-of-the-fortnight. The
Australian band's drummer does

Australian band's drummer does more on his own than all the drummers from Adam And The Ants and The Glitter Band put together, and the singer rants with frightening intensity. This band is not shy.

JON AND VANGELIS: State Of Independence (Polydor). Not normally the kind of thing I would listen to, this was the surprise of the pile. Lots of nice flavours, from Jon's poppy vocals and V's immaculate sequencer grooves to all the percussion, keyboard and sax overdubs. Top Ten, yes.

PEOPLE YOU'VE HEARD BEFORE (AND WILL HEAR AGAIN).

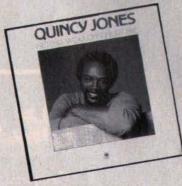
CLIFF RICHARD: Wired For Sound (EMI). Maintaining his recent new lease of life, Cliff sings this impeccably, and the radio will play it to death. But the song (written by your old friend B. A. Robertson, along with producer Alan Tarney) is clever rather than engaging, and doesn't deserve the feeling that Cliff manages to bring to it. How come no modern British singer can present songs as well as Cliff?

THE LOOK: Feeding Time (MCA). The lead singer of this lot is one of the most irritating characters around, but he does deliver and, with the help of catchy jungle-voice back-ups, this will get played on the radio. And you will buy it.

THE MOODY BLUES: The Voice (Threshold). A better song than either of the above, taken at a faster tempo than we've come to expect from these "veterans", this will sell lots of albums for them. Which is the name of the record business game.

CHAS AND DAVE: Turn That Noise Down (A&M). Hello Chas & Dave, have you gone disco? Well it sounds very authentic disco to me, and what with the novelty lyric and all, you should sell more copies than that "Wikka Wrap" thing. The vocal sound is coming on, too. Yeah, good idea, much better than that "Woogie Lost His Boogie" song you put out after "Rabbit Rabbit".

RANDY CRAWFORD: Rainy Night In Georgia (Warner Brothers). Randy veers towards slush and then pulls back to the real; here, she's real, coming up with one of the best versions ever of a much-recorded song.



QUINCY JONES: Betcha Wouldn't Hurt Me (A&M). Time was when I would have said, "nice for a disco record". But disco has recovered from the trough when all the records sounded the same and none of them seemed to use proper songs. Odyssey, Champaign, Kool & The Gang and Michael Jackson have all helped to restore the balance between the words and the beat — and Quincy Jones finds his time has come. Lovely guitar, good singing by an uncredited woman, on a song by Stevie Wonder; arranged and produced by Quincy, still hot after 30 years in the game.



RY COODER: Crazy 'Bout An Automobile/The Very Thing That Makes You Rich (Warner Brothers). Have you heard of Ry Cooder? If not, you will one day; he takes other people's songs, turns them inside out, puts a new beat behind them, plays some of the best guitar you'll ever hear, and has just about the best live show of anybody today. Both sides of this single were recorded 'live', and I prefer the second side, but I won't argue if you prefer the one about cars.

KIM CARNES: Draw Of The Cards (EMI America). Not in the same class as "Bette Davis Eyes", but in a pleasant groove.

THIN LIZZY: Trouble Boys (Vertigo). Phil Lynott has lost his way recently, and here he goes for the Dr. Feelgood/Rockpile market with a song by Billy Bremner who used to be in Rockpile. Based on that tired old Chuck Berry boogie, the song is not a patch on Lizzy's earlier "Boys Are Back".

PEOPLE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD (BUT WILL ONE DAY).

REALITY: Success (MCA).
Produced by Bob Lamb, who did
the first year of UB40's career,

this is reggae of a different kind. It goes back to where they were around '67 with groups like the Pioneers and the Upsetters, where the bass player played the catchy melody and the songs had choruses you could sing along with. Pop, in the best sense; should be a hit.

BOYS TOWN GANG: Ain't No Mountain High

Enough/Remember Me/Cruisin'
The Streets (Moby Dick). With a
name like that, it's a surprise to
find that the lead singer is female,
and the idiom is disco. This is a
good double-sided
party/dance/radio record which
could be in the Top Twenty by the
time you're back from holiday.
And in six months maybe we'll
know the name of the singer —
she's very good.

THE BORE-TOWN BOP: Try (Vital). Do-It-Himself effort by 19-year-old Colin from Reading who wanted to show us what Any Trouble would sound like if Andy Partridge from XTC was to play with them for an afternoon, both parties agreeing not to rehearse beforehand or it would spoil the fun.

THE LUCKY SADDLES: (They'd) Both Be Here Today (Albion). This seems all set to be an interesting deposable

interesting, danceable instrumental, when in comes a sad story of death-and-no-glory. Chalk this outfit on the board for future reference.



THE LEMONS: My Favourite Band (Race). Coast-To-Coast have a new record out, but if you liked their "Hucklebuck", this should be your next move. If The Darts were a more authentic version of Showaddywaddy, The

### albums -----

Lemons sound like a more authentic version Of The Darts. (TV producers, please phone 01-609 2029).



THE ACES: One Way St. (Etc.). Typical (in the best sense) British pop from a trio whose drummer is a bit fussy, but whose innocence is beguiling. Another one to watch.

**BALANCE: Breaking Away** (Portrait). This has a bit more urgency than the average American record. Grateful for small mercies, we'll give it the benefit of a mention here in case you should hear it on the radio and not catch the name of the artist (and a forgettable name it is).



LUDUS: Mother's Hour (New Hormones). Most of the independent releases in the current pile sound like promising ideas that nobody could be bothered to hone into a real song; only Ludus have the courage of their lack of conviction about "real songs". Throwing convention out of the top floor window of a high-rise block in Moss Side, Manchester, they abandon themselves to three minutes of intense sound. And very well recorded sound it is.

ELO: Time (Jet). I suppose you could call it progress that ELO now sound more like imitation Elton John than imitation Beatles, but I'd rather you didn't. ELO are truly "professional" entertainers. They've learned to couple technological perfection with their undoubted song making skills. Swirling synths and soaring strings, brimful of melodies but lacking anything that could be called heart or soul Probably supposed to be a concept album about the future. it's very much the mixture as before, no worse than (but indistinguishable from) their last ten albums. I really can't fault it, but thank God I don't have to like it. (5 out of 10).

Johnny Black



GO-GO'S: Beauty And The Beat (IRS). An all-woman operation from Los Angeles, the Go-Go's play familiar-sounding, airy pop-rock. It's musically competent, reasonably danceable, harmless, melodic . . . and dull. Despite appealing titles like "Skidmarks On My Heart", there's no songs here to make you go, man, go. Nothing rears above the polite mediocrity, nothing reaches out to grab the ear. And the all-female aspect is (happily) no longer unusual enough to be interesting in itself. The Go-Go's are really nothing to go gaga about. (5 out of 10). Dave Rimmer

PHILIP RAMBOW: Jungle Law (Parlophone). Rambow is the 'almost' man. When the songs are right — as on his last album, "Shooting Gallery" — the sound's awful. When the production's got the right power — as here — the songs betray too

much of his background

(suburban Canada). Three or four — especially "Star" — are nearly up there with his best ever song, "Night Out", but the rest sound like he's trying to write pop songs rather than just writing them. If being Canadian means you have to try just that little bit harder. perhaps Mr. Rambow should try a little less hard. (51/2 out of 10). Pete Silverton

**DENNIS BOVELL: Brain Damage** (Fontana). Boyell, the backone of Matumbi's eloquent reggae/pop, is best known as the producer who built the reputations of both The Pop Group and The Slits with his ambitious feel for a spacious sound-mix. Here, as on his last experimental LP "I Wah Dub", he opens up yet more echoing corridors down which to pursue everything from funk to latin to rock'n'roll to roots reggae, each one presented in the way you'd least expect and, occasionally, given a sprinkling of obscure musical jokes (corny theme tunes, etc). Includes a free dub LP, so if it's entertainment you're after, this one won't fail. It's brilliant. (9 out of 10).

Mark Ellen

RICKIE LEE JONES: Pirates (WEA). Rickie Lee Jones' real downfall has been to imitate her obvious heroine, early '70s songbird Joni Mitchell Unfortunately she's neither as talented or as imaginative. This is West Coast American soft-rock; laid-back and very sentimental, with 'streetwise' lyrics. Although there are a few stronger tracks, they are notably those bearing a distinct resemblance to "Chuck E.'s. In Love", her only hit in this country. (61/2 out of 10).

Deanne Pearson

ANY TROUBLE: Wheels In Motion (Stiff). If Any Trouble writer and singer, Clive Gregson. wasn't so unlikely looking. and if he didn't wear those awful spectacles . . . and if people didn't reckon he sounded like Elvis Costello . . . and if he didn't call his album dreadful things like "Wheels In Motion" (and wrap it in a horrid yellow, grey and white sleeve) . . . and if he hadn't been over-praised and slagged off . . . and if he wasn't too damn smart .. and if ... if for his own good . he didn't shrug all those

problems off and make a record as excellent, as emotionally subtle, as whisperingly moving who'd care? (8 out of as this .

Pete Silverton

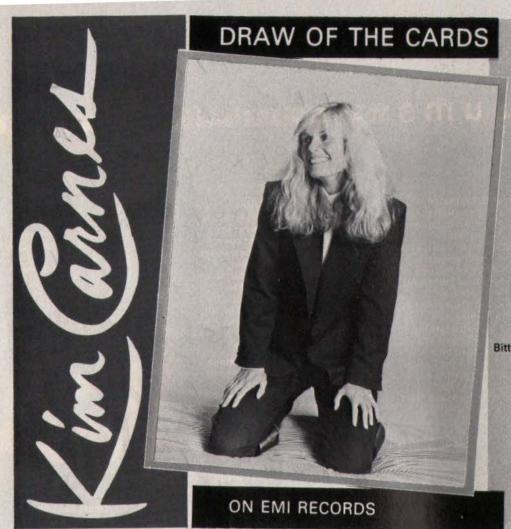


IAN HUNTER: Short Back N' Sides (Chrysalis). Aye, when I was a lad, this man was with Mott The Hoople and made some great pop singles. Then, he often sounded like Bowie; eight years on, and he's still doing a Ziggy except now he does Clash impersonations too. Could this be the effect of having Mick Jones and ex-Bowie sidekick Mick Ronson producing? Whatever, the two Micks are definitely to blame for the mess of studio gimmickry that smothers every song. Overall, it's either drearily derivative or too clever by half. Does have its moments, but not many. (5 out of

Dave Rimmer

**DAVID JOHANSEN: Here Comes** The Night (Blue Sky). My tune-o-meter was set to high gain but the needles didn't flicker once. Don't get me wrong, David Jo's first two albums were winners but here, particularly on the utterly tuneless, reggaefied "Rollin' Job", there's more melodic invention in the average spin-drier. Admittedly, David makes up for what he lacks in purity of voice with super-abundant lung power but there's something mechanical about this set of high-energy rockers. Only "You Fool You", a strong song powerfully played, comes close. On this showing you can count David down — but not out. (3 out of 10).

Johnny Black



Sleight of hand Hand of fate Chance you take Life's a snake

And it's all in the draw of the cards

Lightning strikes
Breath of life
Red, black or white
Watch 'em fall

And it's all in the draw of the cards And it's all in the draw of the cards

> Draw the cards Watch the eyes Down and dirty Let 'em ride

> > Boulevard Small cafe Cavaliers Pass the day

The joker laughs
From the street
He weaves his web
Bitter sweet, bitter sweet, bitter sweet

Ace is high Deuce is low Take the first The rest should go

And it's all in the draw of the cards And it's all in the draw of the cards Of the cards, of the cards, of the cards Repeat to fade

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Calling, calling, the moon is running red Calling, calling, it's pulling me instead With a fire, fire

But there's a fire inside when I'm falling over There's a fire in me, when I call out I built a fire, fire, I'm going home

Calling, calling, the stars are falling down Calling, calling, they knock me to the ground With a fire, fire

But there's a fire inside, when I'm falling over There's a fire in me, when I call out There's a fire inside, when I'm falling over I built a fire, fire, I'm going home

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#### **ANNABELLA**

VERY QUIET, "I'm just not with it", difficult to get answers from. Nervous, flighty, a bit uncomfortable with the others' cynical tomfoolery. Spare time: "I've lost contact with most of the friends I had in school. It's not me, its them: they think you've changed because you're big-headed or something. I'm just treated as if I'm not one of them any more."

Age: fifteen. School: Hampstead Comprehensive. Posh? "No, all types of people went there; rock and rollers, punks, a lot of different mixtures. It's a very good school, pulls together people from a lot of different nationalities." When Malcolm McLaren "discovered" Annabella, "I was working in a dry-cleaners in the school holidays; I needed some pocket money 'cos I was going around with this friend who was getting, like, fifty pounds a month allowance. Her father was some big guy from a rich part of South America.

"I told the teachers myself that I was in a band. One teacher said 'Good luck': the rest said I was making a big mistake."

She likes "listening to music, watching TV. I sometimes go round to see the one good friend I've still got and we'll go out to a club she knows or to a hut, a youth place." Her ambitions are to "travel around the world" and to "meet famous people". Later in the morning, obviously after a lot of rumination, she changed the last bit to "I'd like to be famous myself".

#### DAVE BARBAROSSA



A BIG, big cynic who suddenly breaks into shockingly good sense: "Would you like a straight answer?" before returning to more satirical fantasies. His vices include: "The usual things — painting, poetry, sending letters to The Queen. The usual things most people get up to in 1981." Painting? He means 'decorating'? "No painting; the quintessence of surrealism."

Formerly played for Spurs youth team: "I probably was set to go further than that. I kind of lost interest." The journalist was silly enough to mention football and pop as two traditional escape routes from future-less working class teenage life. "I saw it as a way of playing football," says Barbarossa. He and Matthew crack up with laughter. "Yeah I do regret it, I suppose," he admits. "I kick a ball about the park now if it's warm enough."

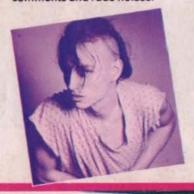
Looking back over his days with Adam And The Ants: "I hated

it, even then. It was always so embarrassing. But a man's got to do what a man's got to do. Pay his rent."

Dave watches a lot of cricket, likes The Godfather film, is sort of literate: "I do a bit of reading, yeah — the football results . . ." Ambitions don't get a look-in: "I've done everything, man. I'm absolutely happy and satisfied." So what's he going to do for the next fifty years? "What I'm doing now, I suppose: manage to get the bus on time . . ."

#### MATTHEW ASHMAN

HIS IS the partly-shaved head staring at Annabella on the sleeve of the new single. Brought up in a pub in Harrow, schooled at an Edgware comprehensive: "Do I sound like a public schoolboy?" Yobby, awkward, often chips in uncalled-for comments and rude noises.



Fibs a lot; says he spends his spare time "being driven around in a Rolls-Royce everywhere. You can't get bored, it's a good life in a pop group, a real doddle. Everyone should be in one." A bit of a cynic. Likes "women, booze and clubs", hates Japanese food and other bands slagging off BowWowWow in the music papers. Likes "cartoons, I think they're brilliant" and "films, a lot. Jason And The Argonauts: I thought that was brilliant. I like all those stupid kids' films with lots of effects." Hates documentaries.

Matthew admits that "I've been to some good restaurants since I've been involved with Malcolm" and says he'd like to "get as much money as possible so I can have colour TVs, videos, flash cars, flash women, a flash house. That's what a lot of people want." He shaves the sides of his head himself every two days and on the morning of the interview he'd hacked a lump out of his right ear. He was thinking of waxing his head instead.

LEIGH GORMAN

ARRIVED VERY late but seemed

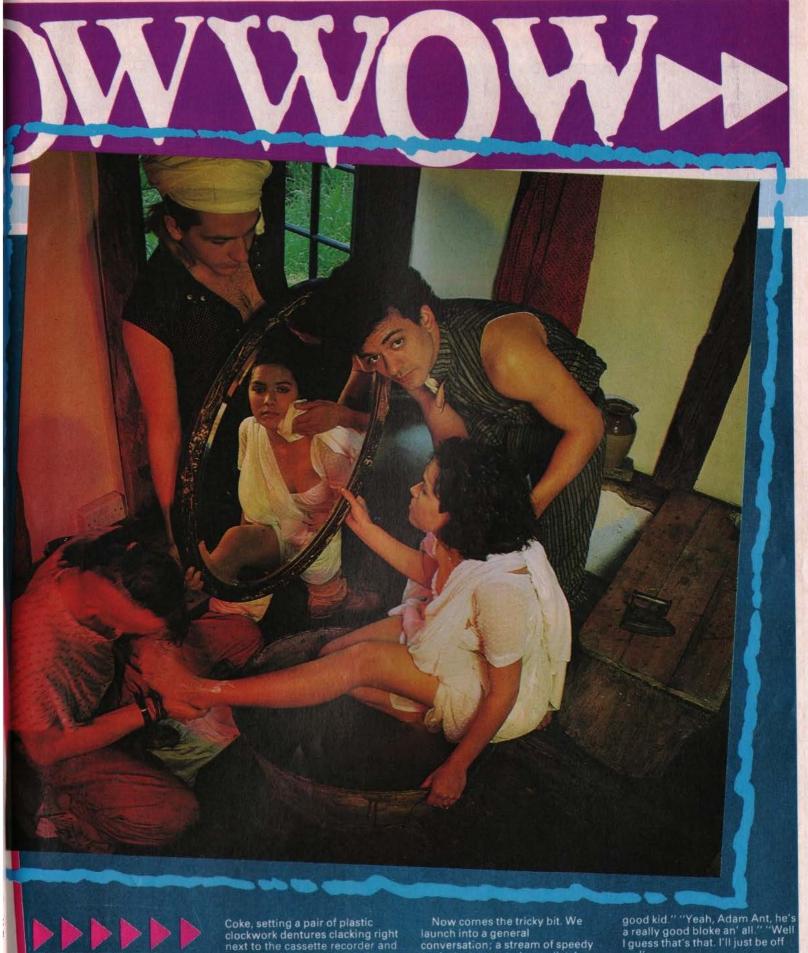
— I use the word with care — a
touch more mature, calmer than
the other two boys in
BowWowWow. Brought up in
Wood Green in North London.
Father a printer and ex-boxer,
"old dear" a waitress. Went to a
grammar school in The City,
stayed on to do A levels, didn't
get them: "I was more interested



in playing." Drummed in "amateur bands before the Ants; a couple of funk bands and a Greek funk band." Nothing rude to say about the Ants, unlike the other two. More relaxed; sprawled in a chair with long fair-dyed hair wearing leather and gold bucanneer suit and - like the other two elaborately elegant pirate boots. May have been tired, as he claims his only leisure activity is "Sex. know it sounds like I'm being funny, but it's true. Gets me into a lot of trouble."

Likes a lot of movies: "I like going to the Scala (trendy London cinema) to see a lot of those intellectual films. I'm really into science fiction." Reading? "I'm really into technology, read a lot of technical manuals." Leigh's favourite TV programme is "Three Of A Kind".

His ambitions are modest: "To have as many sexual encounters as possible. I'd like a lot of money, sure, but only so I can g as many . . ."



THREE OF BowWowWow are, eventually, just about cornered in a publicist's office at RCA. Somehow in between prancing around, chain-smoking, drinking

next to the cassette recorder and hitting the innocent journalist over the head with a rolled-up copy of Smash Hits we've managed to extract three potted biographies from the trio.

conversation; a stream of speedy cynical answers to journalists' BowWowWow cliche questions pours out of Dave Barbarossa and Matthew Ashman. "Malc's a really good bloke, yeah, really



# **✓BOWWOWWOW**

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'notes' and starts answering the points in random order. "EMI's offices? Did we smash them up? We did indeed! They done a number on 'C30', didn't they?" It appears that the band were highly suspicious of that single's sudden disappearance from the chart; they expressed their feelings, Annabella beginning by smashing a gold record pinned to the wall.

And she seemed such a nice girl

MENTION "MALC" (Malcolm McLaren), who spirited Barbarossa, Ashman and Gorman away from Adam Ant last summer lafter Adam paid him a thousand pounds to spend a month grooming the Ants for stardom) and found Annabella in that North London drycleaners—much as he'd begun the Sex Pistols after spotting John Lydon dancing in front of a jukebox in a clothes shop on the King's Road Mention, as I say, McLaren: "Yeah, we don't play on our records, Malcolm does it all. It's all true, He sings, speeded up."

so when BowWowWoware asked about the way writers are always suggesting that sooner or later — and the sooner, the writers imply, the better — the band will ditch Malcolm and go their way, there's a simple answer. "Who'd play the bloody

"I don't know why everybody hates him so much," says Ashman, serious for a second, "I think he creates a lot of interest. He's given a lot of people a way

"Do you want a straight answer?" offers Barbarossa. Please. "The reason for that coming from writers is that Malcolm's led them up the garden path and made fools of them so much they'd like something catastrophic to happen to him. Pretty straight answer?"

"He's a laugh," Barbarossa continues." He's a great geezer to hang about with: that's the most important thing.

"When we started with Malcolm, we were just a backing band for Adam, we didn't know much about 'creating. He injected, a lot of ideas into the group." The most widely-publicised idea was the one contained in the lyrics for "C-30, C-60, C-90", the subversion of the record industry's vinyl monopoly by

With all the problems cassettes encounter, not least the fact that cassette singles don't count in the singles chart and longer cassettes aren't counted as

'proper' albums, where had the idea gone now? "We're still behind it," they chorus. "We think it's a brilliant idea. It sparked off a lot of interest."

A touch evasive, none of them know whether the new BowWowWow single "Prince Of Darkness" is coming out on tape. "There's a twelve-inch," chips in Matthew. What with the current offerings from Japan, The Human League, Simple Minds, Soft Cell and many others surfacing on long, loud and clear twelve-inch versions, it may be that BowWowWow, too, have simply hit on a more viable medium.

It certainly works for "Prince Of Darkness's" percussive assault on the ears; stick that in a Stowaway and you'd scupper a few roller skaters.

Similarly, the colourful piratical spirit trumpeted in BowWowWow's early interviews doesn't mean much. No message here for the depressed youth of a depressed Britain? "We don't represent anything," Barbarossa insists. "We don't really care, that's the thing. I don't think any of us do." About anything? "Not really, no."

Annabella is a bit hesitant on this score, almost embarrassed to look soppy or too socially-minded. Pushed, she admits "I've got strong feelings on some things, yeah. Fox-hunting. I can't think of anything right off that I'm strongly in favour of, though." The most she'll say is that she doesn't share the others' cynicism, "not as strongly, anyway."

They all agree with Matthew that "We're not going to stand up and support something, we're not into soap-boxes. And the lyrics — if anyone bothers to listen to 'W.O.R.K.' or even 'Prince of Darkness' they'd find all our ideas there."

BARBAROSSA DOESN'T take kindly to the suggestion that BowWowWow's early pose looks a bit feeble compared with the way people have taken to the streets to vent their frustrations. "My sister was in the riots and there's no big policital thing in it. it's just a bunch of people out to nick some things because

together they feel strong."
They're unanimous in rejecting almost all other bands, either because, as Matthew says.
"There's nobody as sharp as us musically or lyrically" or on account of their phony commitments to abstract issues. "Dexy's — they're about the only group I can think of that's really committed." All three male



# PRINCE of DARKNESS

#### on RCA Records

Mirror mirror on the wall
Tell me who's the fairest of them all
"A girl who sings in a faraway place called England"

What's her name?
"Annabella Lwin
"Annabella Lwin
Good, oh good.

Mirror mirror on the wall
Tell me who's the darkest of them all
"An angel who was cast out of paradise and discovered hell"
What's it's name?
"The prince of darkness"
Oh bad, bad

Sinner, sinner, sinner, oh Sinner, sinner, sinner, oh Sinner, sinner, sinner, oh

Annabella, Annabella, Annabella Lwin You are so dark so dark as sin So open the door and let satan in For the prince of darkness you will sing.

> Prince prince of darkness Fills my cup full of wine Lets it trickle down my spine Prince oh prince of darkness.

Sinner, sinner, sinner, oh Sinner, sinner, sinner, oh Sinner, sinner, sinner, oh

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BowWowWows listen to a lot of American soul; The Jacksons, Earth Wind and Fire and a lot of specially purchased imports.

That ditie in, too, with the criticisms levelled at BowWowWow that they're too straightforwardly musical. Writers, fighting a rearguard action for their own nostalgia about punk, haven't latched onto a return of public taste towards sharp, well-made records. "Hove melodies," says Matthew, slipping into the role of a genial entertainer, everyone loves and displacements."

"We'd rather play than talk," says Dave.

Point taken. Annabella has a contribution to make before slipping permanently back into distracted silence. "It's in the eye of the beholder, right? Each individual will hear something or see something from their own individual point of view." So there's not much point in trying to explain what you do, apart from "clearing up misunderstandings".





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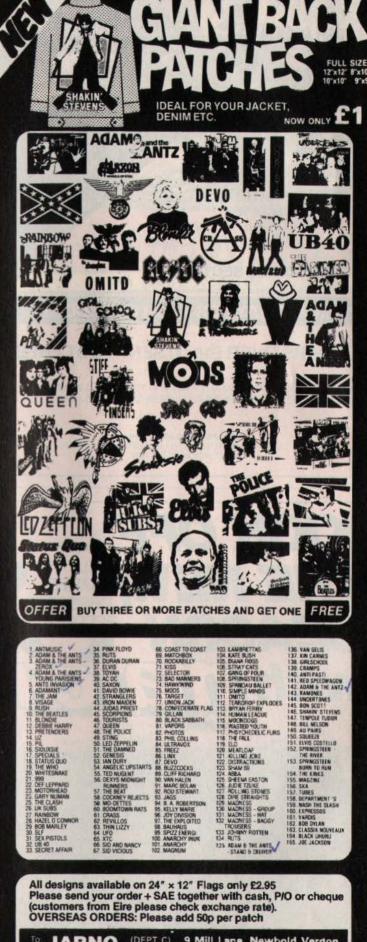
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Choru

When you get so down that you can't get up And you want so much but you're all out of luck When you're so downhearted and misunderstood Just over and over and over you go

Accroches-toi a ton reve
Accroches-toi a ton reve
Quand tu vois ton bateau partir
Quand tu sents — ton coeur se briser
Accroches-toi a ton reve

Repeat chorus

Yeah, hold on tight to your dream Hey, hold on tight to your dream, yeah When you see the shadows falling When you hear that cold wind calling Hold on tight to your dream Hold on tight to your dream Hold on tight to your dream

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Baby you'll come knocking on my front door Same old line you used to use before I said yeah well What am I supposed to do I didn't know what I was getting into

So you've had a little trouble in town Now you're keeping some demon down Stop draggin' my Stop draggin' my

Stop draggin' my heart around

It's hard to think about what you've wanted It's hard to think about what you've lost This doesn't have to be the big get even This doesn't have to be anything at all

I know you really want to tell me good-bye I know you really want to be your own girl

Baby you could never look me in the eye Yeah you buckle with the weight of the words Stop draggin' my Stop draggin' my Stop draggin' my heart around

There's people running 'round loose in the world Ain't got nothing better to do Make a meal of some bright-eyed kid You need someone looking after you

I know you really want to tell me good-bye I know you really want to be your own girl

Baby you could never look me in the eye Yeah you buckle with the weight of the words Stop draggin' my Stop draggin' my

Stop draggin' my heart around

Stop draggin' my heart around Repeat to fade

### Stop Draggin' My Heart Around



#### by Stevie Nicks on WEA Records

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WHAT IS Anti-Hepworth? What is Pro-Hepworth? Who is Mark Griffiths? What is DDT? What is The Beeb? Are there really over 58,000,000 people in the UK?

And who, I ask in desperation, is George Gershwin? And The Monochrome Set? And who is Steve Bush? (Anyone who knows these things, please don't think me ignorant. Or is it arrogant? Have I spelt that right?)

Donna, Welwyn Garden City.
P.S. Am I dense?

#### Try and relax, Don. You'll feel much better in the morning.

CAN SOMEBODY please tell me what has gone wrong with the music scene at the moment? With the exception of the odd reggae hit, the charts are boring beyond belief.

Á few years ago the charts were so full of great records that I didn't know which one to spend my pocket money on each week — all the Buzzcocks' classic songs, The Undertones' "Teenage Kicks", The Jam's "Down In The Tube Station", and so many more.

Well, what went wrong I wonder? Now all we hear are boring Blitz Kids or New Romantic-type bands, blokes with tarted-up faces and bleached hair pouting into the cameras. It's obvious they care more about their make-up looking good rather than their music sounding good.

SIMON FOWLER

I don't think I can stand much more of this. And they tell me hippies are coming back next year . . . Aaaargh! Suzanne, a depressed music lover, Belfast.

JUST RECENTLY it has caught my attention that many records are bits of past records put together — e.g. "Stars On 45". Okay, they're not bad records, but I'm getting a bit fed up with everyone doing it.

Recently on TOTP there was

Recently on TOTP there was Tight Fit singing a number of '60s hits, then Gidea Park who had strung old Beach Boys hits together. Can't groups write their own records or do they have to 'nick' from other groups?

Also, I've noticed (aren't I clever at noticing things?) The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra are up to it. Pretty soon we'll get invaded with groups doing medleys and it'll get boring, so can't we just stick to "Stars On 45" and not let things get out of hand?

Yours lovingly, Dawn, Nottingham. You've got problems?! In Carnaby Street they're currently carrying out a special 'sanity survey'. Right below our palatial office suite, as it happens. The general idea is to subject the public to "Stars On 45" eight solid hours per day and then discover how long it takes the average person to go stark raving wally. Sad to relate — as in the case of Dave "Scoffer" Bostock — this can sometimes be measured in seconds.

WITH THE price of records as it is at the moment, I think it's disgusting that pop groups take songs off their albums and use them as singles and vice versa (include hit singles on albums).

One offender, Sheena Easton, had FOUR hit songs and they were all on the album which came out later. What about the fans who've bought both the singles and the album? They've bought four songs twice which is the equivalent of wasting £2. Surely Sheena Easton could have put in four new singles instead?

She's not the only offender that has come to my notice. Blondie took four singles off "Parallel

Shakin' Stevens overdoes the 'super-stud' image. The ears'll be next to go.

I READ somewhere that Shakin' Stevens (what a stupid name) says he doesn't set out to be sexy. Just who does he think he's kidding?

kidding?
I've had enough of these singers who go around acting as if they're "God's Gift", especially Sting and Adam Ant with their 'super stud' sexy images. In the long run they only last about a year, and we all know what happened to the Bay City Rollers.

Lovely Dave Wakeling is so bloody gorgeous he doesn't need an image. You'll never see him swaggering about on TOTP, he was just born gorgeous.

Lisa. A BIG fan of Dave Wakeling.

I knew this was leading to something!

Lines" and three off "Eat To The Beat". I don't think that groups are giving their fans value for money; it's unfair that they expect their fans to buy singles and albums when they are duplicating songs.

I don't buy singles because they are a waste of money. The B-side is usually hopeless, or an instrumental version of the A-side. I think that pop groups should copy The Jam. They only took one single off "Sound Affects" ("That's Entertainment" doesn't count) and "Setting Sons", and their B-sides are as good as their A-sides. Jam/Teardrop Explodes fan, Worthing.

Understood, but it's standard practice (see Charlie Gillett's Moody Blues review, page 30). It makes obvious commercial sense to try and get as many hit singles as possible out of the new material before you release it all on the album. It's up to you, if you've bought some of the tracks already as singles, to decide whether you think the album's still a good deal. Some are, some aren't. "Pretenders II", for example, includes both "Message Of Love" and "Talk Of The Town", but also has ten new tracks and a total running time of around 50 minutes. Can't be bad.

THIS IDEA of a "flexi-disc" has been around for some time now, yet record companies still don't issue them for sale officially They would be much cheaper (around 20p, I understand). Surely this would lead to a greater demand for records, which would lead to more money for the record companies, and so they can't complain about "not getting a lot of profit due to the vast reduction of price." And, similarly, the artists would be compensated by the greater appeal. The flexi-disc lasts longer, because only one side is played, and on the whole is better. So if the flexi is introduced it would mean a good all-round deal for everybody.

Another argument put forward against the flexi is that it wouldn't be counted by the BMRB who count the records for the BBC. But if more pressure was applied, I'm sure that they would come to their senses.

Yours dodoingly,

Dodo The Modo, Hounslow.

Your argument's fine, Dode, until
you get to the bit about flexis

"lasting longer" than ordinary

singles. Not so. Not only is

plastic not as durable as vinyl, it doesn't reproduce sound with nearly the same quality. You're hardly going to undercut the vinyl market with singles that don't sound as good or last as long, even at 20p.

In fact some companies have 'officially' released flexis, both 'majors' like Island (who put out a gold Plastics flexi, "Diamond Head" in March) and independents like Postcard (who gave us Orange Juice's "Felicity" in April). If you've heard the latter, you'll be aware that its quality is so frustratingly dire that it scarcely even makes it out of the stereo speakers, so gawd knows what it'd sound like on radio. You get what you pay for.

UPON RECEIVING the July 23 issue of your rag I found, in between the final instalment of the Smash Hits Book Of Pop Lists (you do call it SHBOPL, don't you? — Ed.) a photograph of a woman impersonating a bee with its fingers stuck in some blinds. Apparently she was auditioning for a part in a soap opera in Indonesia (where they only have black and white TV).

After further examination of this pic I found it to be Kim Wilde. This startling discovery caused me to start wondering if I'd seen her before. So I started to search through some pretty recent issues and on the back of the one dated May 14, there she was — complete with black eye.

Is it just a coincidence that Kim Wilde is featured as pin-up twice in as many months or is she related to David Hepworth in some mysterious way? Why can't you put someone decent in? And anyway, one poster of her every now and again will satisfy the Kim Wilde fans (sorry, fan). From someone who thinks their cat could sing better than Kim Wilde, and likes all things Mod.

#### Oooooh! Scratch your eyes out!

HOW IS it that in every pic of Kim Wilde you print she looks as though she's just got up?

Also, please will you tell me when her birthday is because I want to send her a hair-brush. The constructive critic of Ramsbottom.

#### And yours!

TO "ANTI- Blouses For Men"

Campaigner,
So Spandau Ballet wear an entire draper's shop and Steve Strange wears anything ridiculous that comes into his



head. You obviously know NOTHING!

I bet you're one of those so-called "Butch Men" who have false hairy chests, shirts open to the waist with a solid gold medallion around the neck, laughably tight jeans with a bridge roll stuffed down them.

Spandau Ballet, Steve Strange and Duran Duran are doing something different. That's healthy FUN! Those groups have given artists and clothes designers a chance to prove themselves. So stop whining and do something original yourself. Lesnie Bethany Palin (clothes designer extraordinaire).

P.S. Your mag's great. The interview with Steve Strange was fab and the Duran Duran poster was out of this world.

DEAR CLARE McGann,

So you think The Teardrop
Explodes still give value for
money, eh? I appreciate that
Julian wanted "Treason" to chart
(and I now own 6 versions of said
ditty), but I was dismayed to see
crowds of screaming girls in frilly
blouses at their concert all having
hysterics at Jules when he was
naff.

He's stopped trying to please the audience; he's only interested in boosting himself. Post-"Reward" fans can't compare this with anything. I'm pleased they've made it (whatever that means) but I won't support a band who aren't interested in their fans anymore.

So pull your fingers out and give us something worth screaming at.

A Plastic Exploding Envious, Manchester.

IN THESE days of untouchable superstars, how refreshing it is to be reminded that there is a less glamourous side to our favourite popsters. In your glowing colour portraits, even those songsters who usually appear to have emerged 'straight from the fridge' have an appealingly natural and work-a-day normality.

You always seem to catch that certain unguarded moment when they score an all-time low on the coolometer. You show us the human side of our idols. Many an acne-ravaged teenager must have been heartened to spot similar eruptions of Etna-like ferocity peeking through their heroes pan-stick.

No detail seems to escape your searching lens — the moment of unfashionable mirth, the

roadmap eyes peering through the luggage underneath, the overhung paunch, the extra chin, the fallen quiff, the wardrobe problem day.

It somehow brings our hit-parade heart-throbs one rung lower on that rickety ladder of super-stardom, and one step nearer to us, the unwashed hordes of the Proletariat standing at the bottom shaking it.

If we didn't know better, we'd think it was a deliberate editorial policy!

Yours sincerely, Lola Borg and Vici MacDonald, Teddington, Middlesex.

Poetry, mate. Pure poetry. May I present the first ever Smash Hits Literary Award for Letter-Writing Beyond The Call Of Duty. Not exactly a Pulitzer Prize, but it is . . . a £5 RECORD TOKEN! (£2.50 each, and no fighting).

DEAR MR. Black,

On reading your review of "A Promise" by Echo And The Bunnymen, it occurs to us that you might have been playing it at the wrong speed, or perhaps you found it too difficult to place the spindle through the hole in the centre of the disc and, in mindless frustration, played the turntable instead.

If not true, we stand corrected and must be drawn to the inevitable conclusion that you must suffer from a serious lack of grey matter to give the best single of the year such an awful review.

Two Angry Bunnymen, Hereford.

P.S. We know of a backward hamster that could fill your position at a moment's notice.

Have a heart, Buns. Mr. Black just isn't very technically-minded.

HOW MANY times has your blood boiled to discover that the latest trendy nightspot sports the "Over 21" — even "Over 23" — banner, when you've just prepared the "shakey 18" look?

No, I'm not going to rave on about the age limits, though it is a matter of great concern. I'm aiming this at their ads. Why can't the clubs print their age admittance and save everybody the bother of travelling all the way to the place to find they won't let you in?

It wouldn't cost them —
meaning Nightspots, Clubs,
Cinemas without bars — very
much to print these tiny little
details that can cause so much
bother and wasted time. So

please all you Top Notches out there, spare a thought for us young 'uns! Fiona Hill, Edinburgh.

CAN ANYONE think of anything exciting for me to do as I have been practicing floccinoccinihilipilification for yonks?

Helen Barker, Cheshire.

#### That's easy for you to say.

I CAN'T get "I Can't Get 'I Can't Get "Bouncing Babies" by The Teardrop Explodes' by The Freshies" by A New Recruit. Is this funny, 'cos I'm told it's

meant to be? Arthur C. Aardvark (no relation of Prince Charles), Glasgow.

I should keep this one to yourself, Arthur.

SAVE WATER — dilute it! Faithful Smash Hits reader.

You know it makes sense.

IF YOU don't print my "Biro Buddies" letter, I will get my school to not read your mag. An average of 1,037 readers = 1037 x 35p = an average loss of £362.95. Julie Salter, Glasgow.

#### We'll print it! We'll print it!

I WOULD like a £5 Record Token but I don't understand what you have to do to get one, so please send me one anyway. A b-Movie, Shock and Bauhaus freak, Newcastle.

#### Such style! (No).

YOU KNOW that bloke at the top of the page? The one with the white shirt and neat black tie? Yeah, that's him!

Well, his pen's run out. Bradz, Oldham, Lancs.

IN YOUR Banshees comp. it says "A Free Album With Every Autograph". Well here's mine!

Last 1870 120

Wolverhampton.

On your bike.

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How can we be free We don't know what it means And I wonder were we meant to be

Now we're standing Going nowhere fast That's the truth I see There's no comfort looking to the pass It's all history Oh frustration now we spread like fire Desperation Inside outside

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