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◆ Cosmic forces! Siouxsie & The Banshees (above) have gone all conceptual and have decided to go on tour and play loads of small-ish places. Starting in October they will do a dozen new songs "which evolved during recent tours of Portugal, Spain, France and Ital". "Evolved et J2 Like, her wow?

## TWIGGY



· You'd think someone would be pleased to be called "The Face Of The Sixties", but not Twiggy She was a model for only four years and since then has been in lots of films (the best being Ken Russell's The Borfriess in 1971), appeared in one-off TV specials like Pygnalian, done a two year stint in a Broadway musical and had a hit record, "Here We Go Again", in 1976. But people still refer to her as "just a pretty face" "It's definitely a bit of a stigma, the modelling, but I haven't done any for 14 years now. I suppose having a daft name like Twiggs

doesn't help. I've tried using my real

name, Lesley Hornby, but try telling

that to a director who's playing



around with millions of dollars on the strength of your nearest. Now she's having her second bash at being a pop star with her "I Fed Emotion" single—a rather modern "disco" job—and has clocked up two more film appearances. One is in Detart And Detal in which the plays a prostitute, the other in Harold "Ghostbusters" Ramis' Cab Paradit (starting Robin "Mork

from Ork" Williams).
"David Bowle's proved it can be done, and now Sting's doing films and stuff. I think it's great.
Bassically, I'll try anything as long as it's interesting. I just wish people would stop thunking I'm just a stupid modelly.

Go West (or "Go Straight" as Boy George introduced them at a festival in Japan) are going on And Crashes Live Tour", "Ricks off at the Manchester Apolio on November 11 (see Concerts for the Manchester Apolio in Manchester Apolio in Manchester Apolio in Manchester Apolio in Manchester Apolio (audio) Edition to Manchester (audio) Edition to Manchester (audio) called Near L.

he Comsat Angels, the ones from Sheffield, have just released a rather good record. "I'm Falling", produced by James Mitume (who had the fab "Jurcy Fruit" single out

last year).
The second astonishing fact in this Bit is that the Comsat Angels' bass player is called Kevin Bacon, which is also the name of that dodgy bloke in Footloose.



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● To go with his "Vive Le Rock" LP, Adam Ant's going on tour. He's had a dead expensive set sibuit and the whole thing's been six months in production. Can't wait. (See Concerts for details.)

•Vince Clarke's latest "project" is Erasure, featuring unknown whappersnapper Andy Bell on the singing bit Their first single, "Who Needs Love Lake That", is out now.





The Smash Hits 'Ello, 'Ello, 'Ello. ... What's Going On 'Ere Then? Department brings you: shots from the video for Strawberry Switchblade's new single "Jolene" (originally a v. big hit for Dolly Parton)!!! Bit pervy, aren't they?

The B-side of the new Cure single "Close To Me" is called "A Man Inside My Mouth". Good éh?





Pumping Iron those yukky big lumps all over their their

Of Noise.



ronski Beat, who split up recently, heve a new LP out. Confused? Well. akchewerlee it's one of those re-mix thingies with new "dance" versions of their singles, and (cue fantare) the song-theywere-due-to-have-as-therr-newsingle-before-Jimmy-decided-to-jack-it-in. That's called "Run From Love" and it was described by this bloke who walked in the office one aftemoon as "e right little stormer!

Just to confuse you further, there is a new Bronski Beat (minus Jimmy Somerville) single out on October 27, called "Hit That Crazy Beat Boy!", while Jimmy, under the title of the Communards, has his single out on October 4. It's called "You Are My World".

nd now site a back in that nastly certain ary Frankin Goes To Hollywood. The little vocans!!



hat a busy person. Andy "stop saying I should get my hair time?" Taylor has just produced a single! It's by this bloke called Jon Adams who used to be in a group called Private Lives, and it's called "Through The Eyes Of Love". They first Taylor went to see them play in some dodgy club. Oh yes, and Mark Unpronouncablename from Big Country played the drums on it.

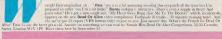






**D.ST**, the king of scratching (he did of Herbie Hancock's "Rock It"), has a new single out, a rap about "The Home Of Hip Hop" - i.e. New York, not the Right Guard

underarm





Hugh Tim-not-much that's-supposed to mean' Cornwell of The Stranglers has a solo single out called "One In A Million".



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Scritti Politti are going on tour in September. See Concerts for details (page 29).

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- Alannah Currie of The Thompson Twins (26) on
- David Coverdale of Whitesnake (34) on Septemi
- Julio Iglesias (42) on September 23
- Bruce Springsteen pictured left – (36) on Septemb 23

bit is a Adele Bertel. She's the squawky one on Thomas Doby's "Hyperactive". A big name in the New York award gade set – a bunch of arty posers who sit round being very interes about fife and its intricacies (yawn) – she's now getting a bit more mainstream last they say in the business) As well as doing backing vocate on Cutture Club's test LP, she's just had her new analy. When It's Dev'r, produced to



Jimmy The Hoover. vho. in October 1983, graced the cover of Britain's **Brightest Pop** Magazine and were promptly ain, have ped up on the re with a 'meteoric" ne Bandana Street".

"Must We Throw This posing about The Pogues' LP Woolworths have ordered the on all their copies. Bitz, meanwhile

Midge Ure.

er Style Council laugh in the face releasing their new "platter" on Friday The Spooky Old Thirteenth (of September)!! The single is a brand new version of "The Lodgers" (from "Our Favourite Shop") and features a "duet" twixt Paul Welder and D.C. Lee. Plus on the B-side there's, like, these two live tracks unless you buy the 12" in which case vere's four live tracks from ver Style's last UK tour - and one of vose is a "medley" of "Money-Go-Round", "Soul Deep" 'n' "Strength Of Your Nature

"I like strangling budgies. Hey didn't you kill my brother?" Yes, it's him again, Alexei Sayle with an "intriguing Scottish rap" "Didn't You Kill My Brother?". He's also in that new Sting film The Bride and on lots of



They're back! Back! With a "lively"



## **DAN HARTMAN IS**

Erm, I don't actually think so, old



Gloom! Oh double gloom! Like rats fleeing at the sight of Simon to Bon's yeathing cap, the "amazing ladies" of Smash Hits are scutting through the hallowed portals of Clamaby Street intent in return, leaving heartache and despited in their water. It is not fortible. First the suppremely laberted despit legisht, **Kimberley Leston**, departs for a literature on a different majoxive. Then, as if their water it bud enough, the supremely latented tyric-deciphering legend Lisa Anthony swishes off to work - not not - a record company!

An mel Kamberley Leslont How we shall miss the claffer of your pony's your weekend playing croquet with John Taylor. Au revoid.

Ah mel Lisa Anthony The only person in the known universe able to

your string of adopted animals in a box, your appailing faster in dodgy disco records. Gosel All gonal Ron (boxes fumbling with harkers etc.) voyage.



### NORMAL!!

Just recently he's been writing for Jusia Ross, producing Cheka Khan, Jung muse for the new Chevy Chase Jung muse for the new Chevy Chase and currantly he's working on followps to "I can pream About You" plus another tim undertaking with Sylvester Rodymumbinumble rembor Salation: "he's a british tallent" says Salation: "he's a british tallent" says Salation of the Salation of Salation o

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like the interviews where they ask
you what colour underpants you
wear," explains Marin Young as
the sits in his squarid London
basement flat surrounded by
stacks of records, bits of paper,
piles of washing up and the other
members of Colourbox - his brother

members of Celeurbox — his brother Steve and singer Debbie Grahame. Undergrants? I'd expected Colourbox to be v. serious types considering that share a record label with the Cocteau I wins and have spent most of the last couple of years making rather any, obscure records. That is, until their last single, the rather poppy and excellent "The Moon Is Blue".

and excellent "The Moon is Blue" But if it's underpants they want to about Bitz is only too happy to obligi the beans! What colour underpants wear, Martyn?

"I don't wear them." Not at all?

"No." Oh. And you, Steve? "I only wear black ones

Well, that's something ...
"I've only got one pair though. And I d
like wearing them so I only wear them w
I've got a cold. Trousers? I've only got o
pair and an old pair to was when I wash

haven't had any hot water for the last three months."
This is too hornible, Bitz wants to talk about accompling also, Any ideas?

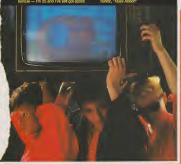
They came at 13 and my mum told me "if's ust a passing phase, forget about if'. Forget about it? They've been here for over 12 feers! And the frouble is that if you've got a faile you always get a spot on the night lefors. Still, gifts like squeezing them." Underwear, spots — can't you just tell it? something about the group? About how darfyn starfing making synthesiser tapes with Steve, lan and another srager who

"sung out of tune"?
About how Debbie (who uses Lorita as her stage name) has previously had a hit with a regge version of "Young. Free And Single" and joined the group after coming down from Leicester (where ahe still lives) for an audition?
About how she used to work at an

inemployed centre and how Martyn used to work at Hamley's (a huge London children's store) selling "magic plastic" to people like Michael Caine?

Or about how they play an impressive variety of musical styles on their new LP and that Debbie doesn't actually like all of the music and hates the sleeve? Or about how Martyn says he'll never go on Top Of The Pass?

"I regretted saying that," he says. "But I wouldn't go on. It should be taken off the sit's so terrible. I'd be really embarrassed by it's so terrible. I'd be really embarrassed by the audience and the DJs. And they hire a those dancers and then the comeramen a shays looking up into their tits. And I don really like the parry atmosphere," he adds "You'd here to gon next to," he says with







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## WHAM!: RANDY ANDY IN NAKED FIVE-IN-A-BED TUG-OF-LOVE PORNO SEX-CHANGE WIFE-SWAP SPY RIDDLE! BY PETER MARTIN THE MAN WHO REALLY KNOWS THE POP STARS

It must be weld being Andrew Ridgeley, Nearly every day at a soon genething borthwest min in the paper. It is about a character of the control of the contro we're talking felephone numbers here. I'm afraid) and he's still only 22, 50 we though it was about time we gave him the chance to gleen a few Fried Street "shock here" stores and while we were at it, have a bid of a delve into his private life. finding out what it's like being Andrew Ridgeley, very very

I hear The Sun are quite keen to Yes. The editor phoned up our publishers and asked for an it so our publishers rang back and said 'he won't do it for £50 or

£500,000 - buy him a Rolls Royce Corniche Convertible and he might consider it. And they agreed! But eventually they got back and said there was a waiting list of a year for the car so could I possibly choose something che: They suggested buying me a



"George has the greater talent, so it's going to overshadow mine whatever. I can sing a bit, but not as well as him, so what's the point?"

holiday home abroad but I wanted to make it as hard as possible for them, so I asked for a Ferrari Daytona Convertible - they aren't available in this country until next year - and they agreed again! I couldn't believe it! Then they sent me a contract saying I couldn't have total copy approval, which basically gave them licence to write whatever they wanted So I to Oxford and kick the interviewer out the car and leave him high and

copy approval thing, I decided against it. It just wasn't worth it and anyway, I know what angle they'd take: 'Andrew Talks Frankly About The Size Of His

Why do the papers write such horrible things about you? Good question, I don't know. really - sometimes I wonder Why me. I suppose they might be rock'n roll kind of figure, but I don't lead a rock'n'roll lifestyle! I

do the things most people do on a Saturday night - the difference is that I get photographed doing it. But the press seem to have an angle for everything: Randy Andy Dribbling Andrew! I just can't

So how about clearing up a few of your Fleet Street stories? Where do we start? Well, there was the one in Brastol,

after the rugby club thing. That was the one when I was given 9 stand up, which was the truth The girl got £500 for the story! The real story behind that was wouldn't look too good in print

you'd lose the number What was the story abut the girls who posed with a cardboard cut-out of you? That was just after the nose job one, I think. I don't know the full



heard of it was a headline in the Melbourne Truthr saying When

Wasn't there a story about you having another nose job? No - not yet! But I wouldn't be hke that - you know. 'Andrew Hay Plastic Limbs Shock" or something

Then there was all the China

stuff. . . Yeah That was only three days Street for stayed up just waiting for prepared to talk about that, Of Chinese Girls, Andrew? I'm ignorant, mindless questions like

Did you have a really miserable It was a bit of a pain in the arse, to be quite honest. We were so what we saw, it was difficult to so what the place was really like It themselves and work really hard

mercenaries we've ever come



"Randy Andy! Arrogant Andrew! Aggressive Andrew! Dribbling Andrew! I just can't win. Maybe I should change my name to Trevor..."

What's going to happen to the film you shot in China I thank it should be seen, apart considerations (we would like our historical perce of film and I just think it'd be a shame if it wasn't

and un-popstar like It remains a

about you crashing cars every five minutes? Well, it happened once, actually. I shouldn't really have gone in for the race. I only had about 10 we couldn't get insurance until the down with rain. So on the actual do. I just decided to follow one of totally lost control and ran into the compound everything they thought of me It just looked like I had a time They said I crashed again but I didn't - I just spun off but I got back in there and finished. I

Now, what about the stories

the day. It was brilliant bumper to bumper stuff

People were also a bit hors about your Live Aid

participation' Well, we never ever said we'd as Wham! George always sus nunutes before he was due on I because of a link with America. . . so I just got pissed said yes, which was really nice of brilliant - he's so theatre

The most recent Fleet Street story was the 'Pop Star Whose World's Collapsing' thing in the Star. .

Yeah. Up until then the press Previously they'd just been making me out to be a bit of a lad, but in that one I was this dreadful. dnbbling, permanently-pissed pop

The press also make out that you don't actually do anything.

you don't actually us any musically speaking, in Wham! How true is that? Well, George has the greater talent, so it's going to overshadow mine whatever I can sing a bit but not as well as him, so what's the best songwriters in the world Wonder He's certainly the best in compromising our very, very high standards, so I'm satisfied to step so bunding as the two of us. We don't really understand why it's so

appealing but it works



"Racing? I just like getting dressed up in the stuff and pretending I'm Alain Prost!"



ow do you think George bas chainged? He's become far more than the control of the control saurer of the work has about of the work has dulled his strate of humour. Well, note so much dulled, but he'rs not to there duly. Also if the things he used to like doing have been widdled away until all he does in muser. And he stress to find which he will be the same to the control with Level to spore, the bit among have with Level to spore, the bit among have the control of the control of the control with the control of the control of the many the control of the control of the hange he'ed I really want to sign 400 more repair to the control of the control of the hange he'ed I really want to sign 400 more repair to the control of the control of the many the control of the control of the control of the many the control of the control of the control of the many the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the control of the many than the control of the control of the control of the control of th

Do you think Wham! are the biggest group in the world? group in the world? as the state of the s

Have you developed any eccentricities? I used to have a fetish about clean hands but now I only wash them about every five

minute fleshiply. And Labouy et each are presented in the control of the best of the flesh present was call and collect of the best of the flesh present with the collect of the best of the flesh present with the collect of the best of

How much does it take for you to get dead drunk? Not too many! I usually drink Fosters and I lose count after the fourth! I should get sponsored by them: I'm a walking advert

St Tropes, It's just not my scene. In a very short space of time we have gone to being one of the most famous acts in the universe. It should feel different, you know. I should be feeling on top of the world...no, not that, but, you know, feeling a but like a famous pop star. But how exactly is a pop star supposed to feel? I don't know.

I don't strow...

Do you hate wearing make-up?

God yeah! I can't stand it. I only wear it if
I've had a particularly bad week and I'm
suffering the effects, with loads of spots
and stuff. It feels horrible and dury and
you want to rub your eyes but you can't

Are you a nice person or are you a hit horrible? A bit of both, definitely. I do have inalicious tendencies, and can be quite vindictive on occasions. On the other hand people say I can be really generous. But yes, I definitely have an unaxoury side.

Have you ever done something you regret?
I am a bit cowardly when it comes to relationships with girls. I tend to run away from a confrontation. Oh yes, and I tried

relationships with girls. I tend to run away from a confrontation. Oh yes, and I tried to strangle my brother once in Richmond Park.

Are you going out with

anyone?

The last one I had was with The last one I had was with I was seen to the I was with I was ever seen a short was seen the I was ever serious about was Surley. We went out for two good relationship because we were furneds before and we were furned before any were furned by the seen and the weeking the weeking the present the seen and the weeking the present the seen and the weeking the weeking the seen and the weeking t

Where do you live?
With my parents. Actually, it's a ridiculous
state of affairs for a 22-year-old, especially in
my position. But then again it does give the a
chance to see them, although thinking about
tel haven't seem my father for days now—1
come mat 2 or 3 mm and he gets up at eight.

Do you till use public transport stall? I soo ligers a storo over New filler first story and the sound of the

she buggered off Then I went to skeep on it tube and got off and got the bus. Luckely it was full of codgers so I went upstarts I hadn's been on a bus for ages. It was like a different world. At took forever! How would you like to end up? Happy. With my threads. I don't know. From the gart we served that Wham! you

From the start we agreed that Wham! would split up at the top, so to speak. It's easy to It's easy to say that when you start out but when you get close to it. well, that's a different matter. We'll just have to wait and see "All I can say is that, at the moment, I'm more than harne, with my lar.







Avanti: (Italian) Hurry Up, Faster, Ahead.
Avanti: A new collection for fast dressers.
Avanti: Don't get left behind.





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## STEPHEN A.J. DUFFY:

## "genius", poser and incessount snogger...

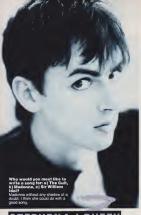
Words: William Shaw
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Let's face it, Stephen Anthony James Duffy may be a thoroughly likeable bloke, but he is a bit of a poser. He's been striding up and down a street in the West End of London looking for somewhere to eat because it's midday and he hasn't even had breakfast yet. Every now and again he peers into a restaurant window and says "God no! We can't go in there, it's horrible!" Finally, he finds a little wine bar he likes the look of, goes in and orders a bottle of champagne, What a tolf of

The bubbly arrives in an ice bucket and the interrogation of this 25-year-old gentleman of pop begins. . .







## ENA.J.D

### Do you think you're a genius?

I suppose so, yeah. So what? Lots of people are geniuses – there's nothing sacred about it. Like most genuses I go from highs to incredible depressions very quickly

Are you more intelligent than the everage pop ster? Am I? I don't know. I don't socialise with them so I wouldn't know about that. The only ones I see are the Dream Academy. I'm not more intelligent than them. Maybe as intelligent. Kate (St John) came to Jamaica with me when I went on

holiday there this year Do you listen to Radio Four? used to when I lived in ngham, but not any more. I listened to it all the time but it got to the point where I couldn't stand the Todey programme (a very, very long news show) because it was such a lot of fasqist nonsense first

Are you e cricketing gentus? Well, I played cricket with David Gower once. I was in The David Gower All-Star Eight with Tim Rice when they were launching indoor cricket in Britain. We got thrashed

### Are you e songwriting genlus?

think I'm pretty good. I think Paddy McAloon (of Prefab Spro is the best songwriter in Britain but probably a bit too left-field for a lot of people, and I think I'm in the top five at least.

Heve you ever done anything that you're really eshemed Yeah, Just things in love. I've been awful to some people. I've been wicked. But everybody has and that's the only thing that I have

'Un-Kiss Thet Kiss' - what does that meen?

been ashamed of

I got the phrase from Kenneth Williams (the absolutely wonderful Carry On film star). He was on a religious programme on TV, talking about his religious experience and he said 'You cannot un-kiss that kiss, you cannot un-touch that touch' - and I thought there's a song there. So I wrote to him and said "What was that quote?" and he wrote back and said it was from a poem by Frank Meynell. I got a great letter from him.

Are you a snogger? An incessant snogger.

How did your musical career begin?

I began playing guitar when I was about seven - I got my brother Nick to teach me how to play. Then he started pleying the folk fiddle - jigs and reels and things - and I used to stand behind him in folk clubs going ching! ching! We did nis ig which had these words in the middle, a 'hey nonny no' thing, and I thought, 'Ay ocop! Maybe I could try this singing lark'. And that was my first stage experience

Would you be emberressed if someone dug out a tepe of

Not really, no. I ran on stage in Italy in front of 2,000,000 people on television and 20,000 people live and the wrong song came up! So when I was 17 doesn't come into The tape they played on Italian TV was like an old demo we'd done or something. I don't know how they got hold of it. When we got off stage they said 'We've got more bad news for you. Thet's the track we've released here.' And all the time we'd been wondering why we'd never had e hit in Italy

Whet did you think of the ert exhibition you put on with your brother earlier this

didn't mean anything at all to me Everyone was pissed at the opening and no-one looked at the pictures

So why did you do it? I don't know. To get everyone drunk. It was like a vicious attempt to stop people from going to the Paul Young party which was happening leter on that night. It's just a game. It had nothing to do with art but a jet to do with drinking We got a lot of offers for the pictures but we decided to keep them all. My house is now amply supplied with art.



o you go down the pub wiv er leds?

Do you think your audience is too young for you? No, I think my audience is perfect because when I was ten or 11. music was more to me than anything. That's why I'm a sing now, because it touched me so deeply and I knew every note and I knew every breath and every word and syllable. Music was everything to me then, so I despise the idea that to be serious you have to have sixth formers in long macs listening to you. Those are the sort of people who say 'I'm buying this as a political statement, to show what sort of a person I am and I like the sort of feedback music that doesn't half annoy my mother when she's trying to watch Coronetion Street."



Heve you ever considered doing weight treining? Pardon? No, I don't think so. I've Were you e girly swot genlus

at school? I was a total and absolute failure at school, mainly because I couldn't join in. The teachers want to have 30 people passing their exams so they can be successful and I just wasn't into that. The only exam I passed first time around was music and that was CSE Grade One - nol exactly brilliant.

Are you e desperately sensitive poetic figure? Well that image is a load of meaningless twaddle, isn't it? All the same. I'd rather be associ with Wordsworth than the size of my plonker.

How are the spots? What spots? I haven't got any, have I? No. . . I found out what that was. I'm not an overly nervous person but I have this nervous rash. Often when I've got a photo session and some interviews I'll wake up and I'll find out that my whole face is covered. Ah! The wonders of make-up and plastic surgery. And I still end up looking like a 12-year-old.

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disliked of all pop stary". But he also inspires the hercest of loyalty in his fans

ust es i em ebout to ring the bell, tha door of the recording studio swings open and out into the daylight skips Marc Almond. "Oh, hallo!" he chimes warmly, once I've introduced myself, "I wee just pping out for an ice lolly."

I've seen that alendar frame in notice end on TV countiess photoe end on TV counfiess times, but encountering it in the flesh (well, hardly any flesh, actually) I'm startled by its relitly: those Twiglet erms, those lega of string . . . "I'm in the lower five foots and seven-snda-half stone," he tella me later, "And I've been in fights – some uite scery scrapes. But so fer

But who would went to set ebout this genial stick-man in the first place? Well, quite a lot of people would, it seems; for ever since he first became a "well-known artiste" with Soft Cell in 1981, Marc Almond hae

Cell in 1981, Marc Almond na-been getting up a lot of people'a nosee. There are those who cannot stand Marc Almond... Being en object of hatred for thousands of people one has never met is something ell pop stars have to put up with — "lots of people hate Simon le Bon, for exemple," seye Marc, "which sounds like good serves to me." sounds like good sense to me." But for Almond this kind of hatred has often been particularly fierce. "Yes, i'm supposed to be one of the moat dialiked of all pop stars." he

enimosity. There I was on Top Of The Pops with brecelets and eveliner all over the place. gyreting sbout - there wasn't any other male singers presenting that kind of image

then and people found it threetening. Burly beer-swillers - I threatened their masculinity. I bring out this chemical change In their bodies and they see me in themselves that they don't like and refuse to accept. Ueually It only comes down to shouting Insults - "yer little poof" - like

big kide showing up their insecurities and immaturity. don't think of myself as not being a masculine person, It's just that my type of masculla ie different to theira. Why sh

there be only one type of masculinity?..."
On occesion, however, On occesion, however, peraonel attacks have gone further than mere inaults — fortunately Marc has a lot of big friends: "It comes in very handy having big friends..."

And It's not just the star himself who has come in for buse from the eesily "disgusted" - his fans have been tormented by "outreged bruisers, too: "People have come up to me end said 'I'm a

the cruellest pisces in the

It takes more then aticks and stones at playtime to make Marc Almond fans change their colours, though: while the singer can provoke hatred, he can also members of Marc's fan club) are an extraordinarily loyal, sometimes obsessive breed. Why? The singer doesn't really know – nor does he really want to know: "People say they see Duran - but there's more to it then that. But I don't try to analyse it and I don't try to tap It, because I think if you found out pecause I think if you found out why people liked you then you'd start playing on it and exaggerating it and falsifying your sppeal. So I try not to think about it." heving such intensely devoted fans? Particularly when you are generally considered to be eomething of e "welrdo" and so might ettrect eome rather "unusual" admirers? "Well, I don't think i'm e

perticularly good influence. I'm intolerant and I'm the worst especially like quite odd etuffed enimels like two-heeded aheep and two-headed calves. I've got a stuffed two-headed calf. It'e the morbid side of my nature. I

suppose."
Oh ... er ... I see. But aren't your fane ever a worry to you?
"I get strange lettere. I get e lot of letters from people who heve problems. They say 'I hete my parents and I went to run ewey from home and if I don't run sway from home I'm going to kill myself'. And it's so difficult; If I beck end say 'Thank you very home', the parents would write back saying 'How dare you? I've referred you to the police'. You can't get involved. I get lots of suicide threata and I get people the police were once informed which wasn't the cese at all. So to cry on. You can't get involved: you might lose a fan's respect, they might even end up hating you, but you can't get

So. It's often something of en envisble reaponsibility being

## MARC ALMOND

a pop star, and, es an 'artiste' et leest, Merc Almond likes to think he shoulders his responsibilities better than most: "So many people seem to be content with their five minutes of feme They're content to be portrayed es being stupid and ailly and court jeaters and heving no brains and content to be sold es soap powder end to not meen enything. No, I won't tell you who I'm talking about

specifically. What does it metter? Anyway, you know who I'm talking ebout." Weil, I do have my suspicions. He'a elready revealed a alight diaregard for Simon le Bon, I.e. Duran Duran in general, and he's

Madonne. And more or less everybody in between. "My understanding of pop music may be negligible but I do know a song. And current music

is not songs - It's the same old collection of sounds. So what is e song? It's something that "sends those little shivers up the spine something that hes thet thrill that little extra something, that emotion." Like what, might one ask? Like: "'You're My World' by

Citle Black" – or, he auggests modestly, "Stories of Johnny" So back to the court jesters -I'm taiking about those people who have reelly powerful positions in music: they could turn the world upside down but they're content to be bland and lazy and stupid. And then to meke it ell elright again, they'll all go end do something like Live Aid. That's supposed to make it okey: 'yes we are swere, yes we are important, yes we can do

With Live Aid the enda justify the means definitely: they've raised money to help starving people and of course I support that. But all that aweetness end light end now we've got our halos mean, if they said 'yes, I did Live Aid to help people but yes, I also did it because millions of people would get to see me perform my new record end yes, my LP's gone up 50 places' - a little more onesty like that would make me applaud. But all those halos urlease! Who do they think they're fooling? There's so little honesty and there's so little

and I think there's plenty to "Oh no. You've done it you're bringing out the worst in me!" Marc Almond is cackling merrily now. Strange, but just now, when he was getting hot under the collsr, he didn't seem quite such e fragile figure. He

laugh sbout, really

humour - but then you only heve

to listen to Madonne's records

also geve the impression that times he doesn't really like being e "pop ster" very much et

"Pop atar la not e very nice term, but I am a pop star. Am I a reluctant pop ster? Definitely. People meke me nervous. I have claustrophobia ebout being surrounded, e hatred of being confined. It's ell particularly unpleasant but I enjoy performing and writing end recording - end what else can I

## STORIES OF JOHNNY

Try hard to make the world look bright today

Try hard to keep the fear away the cold of day try hard

But people they don't really listen Their smiles are the keys to the prison

Try hard to make my anger go away

Who can say? His new I P

"Stories Of Johnny" which he describes as "dere I sey it, Abba esque in parts", la, he says, "es commerciel as l'II ever get". But will it "send those little shivers up the spine"? "Yea . . . touch wood," he

says. And, revealing a superstitious streak. Marc leans forward to touch a piece of screp wood that happens to be lying near his feet. Only it turns out not to be wood et all but a piece of foam rubber, end Marc Almond is cackling once

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### THE SMASH HITS

- In which quiz show... a) Does a cartoon animal come on the screen and moo at you if you get an answer wrong?
  - Do you sit in a black chair while a man from Iceland fires c) Is there a stupid mechanical
  - dustbin and a man who wiggles his fingers about? d) Do you have to swing about on ropes and crawl through pipes while an army sergeant shouts
  - ▼e) Does this person appear?





- Which TV character or celebrity is noted for
- Book him, Danno." Fandabidozée Press your buttons please
- nd gamble away You're going to like it - but not Ooh, I could drive a Tonka Tovi
- "Beam me up, Scotty."
  "Large scotch please, Bet." "I may be your wife, Blake, but 'm also. . .a woman!"
  'Oh look! Here come Rod,
- Freddie and Jane! "They're tasty, tasty, very very tasty, they're very tasty!" What
- "Make your natural 'air colour a shade more darin' wiv. .
- "Made from triangular almonds from triangular trees and triangular honey from triangular bees, oh Mr confectioner please, give me. . ." What? What is "the full of fitness food

- for all the familiee trails is is is is?? "I never knew you hed dandruff?" "Teeheehee I don'?!
- On which TV show does one find these establishments...
- Grace Brothers Albert Memorial Hospital
- La Mirage The Ponderosa The Cattleman
- This appealing estate?





An astronaut who's married b a woman who lives in a bottle?

married to a woman who wiggles her nose and is stunningly beautiful? c) A bloke who lives on a boat and spends most of his time

cutting up dead bodies with his A bloke with a funny nose who

zooms around in a motor car with the son of a femous

"movie" actor i.e. Kirk Douglas?

• "Keep out of the black and in the red - you get nothing in this game for two in a bed!" Yes, its time to play . . .



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h) Lots of phones ringing and On which British TV

typewriters clattering and a man shouting "City desk! a) Were the heroes killed off in a bus accident? b) Is the host a man with lots of

g) Lots of phones ringing and

typewnters clattering and a man shouting "Dogbreath!"

- jewellery who sits in a "magic" chair embarrassing children? c) Was there a "girl" made from bits of wood who lived inderwaler and couldn't talk? d) Is the host a woman with
  - gargantuan teeth who giggles at "tunny" shaped vegetables? Consists of men with walking
- sticks standing in fields and whistling a lot?

  If Does this appealing gent





▼h) Was this bloke "stitched



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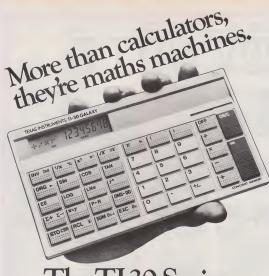
war, says Reagan!" Bong!
"Zola Budd – is she a mole?"
Bong! "And Princess Di meets the windsurfing kangaroo! c) A Sqezy (sic) bottle being cut in half with a sharp pair of

d) A woman falling out of a

e) A tune on a xylophone and lots

of squeaking noises.

f) A man twiddling about with some "modem" gadget and saying "Over to you, Judith!"



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After a two year break, Madness return with "the mellowest song" they've ever written. But, wonders Chris Heath, are they still





adness have just got back from Germany, They'd been there to nearly two years, the sombre "Yesterday's Men", but not everything went quite to plan. "All they wanted to know about," fumes Suggs, "was 'nutty ska suits' end 2-Tone."

"They kept asking," explains Carl, "vi haff you chanzed your clothz?" We told them it was because the other ones were smelly,"

says Suggs.

It's obvious that Madness feel just a little trapped by their past. It's not surprising - they've got quite a lot to live up to. Before they took their recent break forced by the departure of their

main songwriter Mike Barson and by their mova away from Robinson, (who used to direct their videos and advise them) they'd had 19 consecutive Top Twenty singles in Britain. And ever since they hit the charts with bands like the Specials and the Beat in the 2-Tone/ska craze of 1981 they'd also firmly established themselves in the public eye as the nutty boys in pork pie hats who did wacky things all the time and sung cheerful bouncy pop songs about schoolish pranks and baggy trousers. Though in fact they'd stopped doing all of these years ago. But as Lee acknowledes "there's a lot of people who want to see us like

that still."

Nevertheless that's an image they're determined to shake off, which is why they insisted that their 'comeback' single should be "the mellowest song we've ever done", a slow song criticising the belief that things will always 'get better in the long run' without people doing anything about it, Though Suggs insists that "if it hadn't been e hit we wouldn't have jumped out of any windows" they're all clearly relieved that it is. If only because, despite all their past successes, they're not very rich they only were really ever pop stars in Britain and all the money they earnt from that they've invested in their own recording

So how are they finding thair return to the public eye? "It's

difficult," says Lee dryly, "because we keep getting smarting from their recent Wogan appearance where, because he turned up late, they were told the next morning that they were too "unprofessional" to ever be asked back. We've always been

unprofessional," points out Suggs indignantly. It's crazy," complains Carl.

"It's not as though we're the Sex Pistols or anything "The trouble is," says Suggs, "that we started with a bad image and it's stuck with useven after a two year break. We keep making plans to ba professional and cooperative.

but we never are." "Still," ha adds, "if we were

business, to go end live with his wife in Holland. "We used to have a rough idee ebout something," explains Lee, "and Mike would be the one to go 'hang! this it!'. There'd be no grey arees. Whereas now everyone's teking more time ebout things - sometimes too much time - it's a bit of e headache with six people trying to egree.

Barson, who left, because he

didn't like the pressures of the

So did it take e long time to get used to the fact that Mike was no longer there? "Yeah," enswers Lee sadly, "It did. Because we'd been hanging out with each other since we were small kids it came es a bit of a knock. It was like losing me wife. It felt like a brother had gone to another planet or

another country. Which he did. actually. He's still writing and recording on his home studio he said he'd been doing some old Medness style stuff - like "One Step Beyond" and "Ahsolutely"

What for? "That's what I intend to find out. I'm going to go over and see So would you like it if he sterted

writing some songs for Madness again? Lee doesn't hesitete. "Very much so. Yes." But for the moment the six remeining members will soldier on, looking forward to the release of their forthcoming LP, "Med Not Mad", running their record compeny Zeriazz which employs eight people annd hes signed up Cherm School and Tom Morley,

continue paying into their pension fund ("we started one three yeers ego") and try to get the international success that has always eluded them. Whetever, they've no intention

of giving up. We've got a few years in us yet," leughs Carl. "Especially when you see some of the old cack in the cherts . . . which we won't mention but they know who they are and I'm sure they don't sleep easy!" At which they all fall about in hysterics. Who does he mean? "I don't want to slag people off," he says, refusing to be drawn.

"But." whispers Lee loudly. "they're weering red Doctor Martens...

'I've got nothing to say. I'm a boring old fart," insists Lee. What is be going on about? "It all started at this fancy dress party," be explains, "I went as a Hari Krishna (wend eastern cult takich amolnes skarrose your head). I think it's this funny hairstyle that makes me

bloody boring! In fact be says that he is quite serious about Hari Krisbna - "I'm publicising it" - though he doesn't want to be a member because "they go to bed at 8 and then get up at II, 2 and 4 to pray . . . I couldn't do that." He claims be bas, bowever, been to their centre to learn about the cult and says that he doesn't think it "does anyone any harm. And I'd rather advertise Hari Krishna than Dumbo - I mean

Rambo." Before this weird phase be'd spent his time away from the band with his wife and two kids ("about once a week we go out with Suggs' family"; and trying to sort out the warehouse be's having converted - "one bell of a beadache". How does be feel about all these new responsibilities?

"I suppose the easy answer is that the more money you've got the more problems you have," he says. "It's probably the kids which keep me and my wife together otherwise I'd probably flip out."

#### Chris ------

It's a standing joke with the rest of Madness that guitarist Chris Foreman invented rock 'n' roll "Invented rock 'n' roll?" be scowis. 'No I didn't! They just say that because I'm the oldest (be's 29) They say rude things like that I was in Bell Haley's group. But," be adds proudly, "actually they all look up to

me. Especially when I stand on something. Chris was married and divorced years ago (he bas a 9 year old son) and now says that "even though the others do a lot of things outside the

band, I don't really. I just spend most of my time trying to write songs

He's disgusted by the idea that his long hair - presently creeping over his shoulders - was inspired by a need to stay fashionable. "I'd hate to be fashionable - it's not fashionable, is it?" he says worriedly. "I grew it early this year in competition with Lee. We were both doing quite well until this fancy dress party. I went as Uncle Sam. Suggs as a Hasidic Jew. Carl a samurai warnor and Mark in a US army uniform. Lee had just dyed his hair and beard black so we were sure he'd go as Abraham Lancoln. But be cut it off and went as a Hare Krishna, Though," he adds determinedly, "be's still left one long bit."

#### Woody

So what's Woody been up to the last two years? He scratches his bead. "Not a lot. Recently I played

In fact he's spent a lot of time with his wife, Jane - it's their fifth wedding anniversary in two days time. "It's been really beautiful," he says sincerely. It was Jane who brought him back to reality recently when be became totally obsessed with the technical side of making records and would spend hours upon end programming computers and fiddling with electronic gadgets. "It became like an addiction," be admits. "I became so involved that I was totally detached from the world. It was awful. Fortunately Jane pulled me out of it and brought me back to earth by giving me a hard time. Which I really appreciated."

Woody confesses that his reputation as the quietest, least extrovert member of Madness is still fair enough, "Fair comment," he agrees, a wry smile on his face. "You see. I don't have a natural tendency to dance. I've never danced in my life. People expect that, just because I'm a member of the band. I'll get up and dance - it's excruciating! embarrassing, Though," be adds, "I am extrovert in some ways - I suppose verbally but not in actions It's just that I'm not often seen being wacky and nutry.1

#### Mark

-----"I was only 17 when we made 'The Prince' (their first single)," laughs Mark, the group's youngest member, still trying to work our bow it all happened. "We were literally just pushed forward on a big wave - we didn't have much time to think about anything. Looking back at some of the crazy things I used to do in videos I think 'bow did they make me do that?' because really

I'm quite inhibited and shy. Still, be regrets none of it though these days he says he's enjoying it "even more". Recently he's been playing on a few other people's records, going to the theatre and cinema ("all sorts, but not science fiction - it's dross, I hate it!") and reading. "I just read this book, Elvis: The Novel," he explains. "It's a fictional book about Elvis Presley in it be invents the cheesehurger. makes a guest appearance on Batman and becomes the Rocket Man Of Memphas." But mainly he's just enjoying making Madness

records. "You don't get many groups these days," be reflects, "that just play one instrument each and mesh together to make a sound. It's not the current vogue. It's almost regarded as old-fashioned, isn't it?"

#### Carl

"A friend said to me recently," says Carl, "that at one time I was the most menacing pop star in England," He doesn't think it was true - "I'm sure there were some real nasties" - but says that at the

time be was "full of angst "I didn't realise what I was like at the time but I can see it now," he admits. "It was all part of what I thought Madness was then - funny and a bit threatening. I used to hang round with Lee and Mike - we'd do loads of silly things that really seemed bysterical at the time. We weren't that destructive hut we did get into fights, mainly because of the way we looked. We'd dress exactly the same and go running down the road in double time. It just seems very weird now. Like a different person." In those days people weren't even

"I knew I wanted to be in so I fought to get in there," be remembers, but to start with all be did was to shout the odd lyric and do lots of nutty dancing. Since then, though, he's learnt the trumpet and also does quite a bit of songwriting as well as the band stuff he wrote Feargal Sharkey's "Listen To Your Father". These days be says writing songs and looking forward to having a family are the most important

sure what he was doing in the band

### Suggs

things in his life.

-----"We have changed," says Suggs looking back on how Madness used to be when they started. "We're a lot more sensitive now. It's a matter of realising what you want, knowing that there's more to life than going to discos, showing off and being aggressive. You can direct your energy more positively than flying round the world, going hananas and just smashing things up. I'm still just as excited about music as when we started but it's just a matter of getting it in perspective. You don't three years later and think 'what

have I been doing?'. So these days be thinks a lot more about "having friends, having a family, having a garden . . . that's the real life, not the fantasy," He's got a wife and two daughters and says that one of the best things about the last two years has been the chance to "just sit still for five minutes" "I left school and bad a couple of brief jobs," he explains, "and then I joined the hand. I missed out on a lor. So I've been catching up

Still, he did also find time to write quite a lot of Madness' new LP and, with Carl, to mastermind the Fink Brothers record at the beginning of the year. But, he says, "it's only being in Madness that inspires me to



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ado... Dear Black Type,

The other day my brother spent two-and-a-half hours in the bath and when he came out the ends of his fingers were NOT all craixly Can you explain this phenomenon? Because I'm dashed if I can Clever Troyor, Hull

A Doctor writes: Your brother is clearly suffering from what we Doctors call Captain Birdseye Very Borrible Sea Shanty Disorder, i.e. over-exposure to the disputing "sea-faring" gentleman in the "nantical" cap, causing a morbid fear of getting the hands were they turn into packets of the property of the control of the getting the control of the control of the grill under a light heat, turning once, and serve with lashings of Daddy's OR Fruity Sauce. Yum!

Dear Mr Type, Could you landly refrain from using the word "squillion" quite so often as it gives my wife a

Thank you B Schmerel Manchester

"What silly-billies some folk are! Why, if your wife says that the word 'sguillion' gives her beadaches, don't fret about it, lavvie, just bash her over the head with a sardine tin. Works wonders, in vvies, honselty so will you promise me you'll do that? For me? Will you will you will you..." as it say in The Clare Rayses Book Of Jolly Good Advice That Will Perk You to ho

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Why are pop stars such incredibly sponder bears? Parackets indeed Also in this reveiting 'yarn' that I found in my minit very old githe type mag, it turns out that John Tawen more perry than we ever thought. Geraload of the "There would not be a syang when I was used to be a syang when I was only one stocking on, it was rely only one stocking on, it was rely poundy? Whatever next? I shudder to think

Gabrielle "Keep 'Em Peeled' Nicholas Oxted Surrey

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McDonalds and Heel-O-Mar are owned by the same company B how does one stick hamburgers shoes? Mornssey's Razor, Suffolk

Dear Black Type,

One doesn't. One sticks shoes in a bun and – voila! – a Big Mac! (Ho ho – another witty retort – prompted, no doubt, by what Doctors call Ronald McDonald Very Horrible Song Disorder.)

Dear Black Type,
Did you know that if you spell
Marc Almond's name backwards
you get Daomia Cram? I wonder
he's got a brother called Ereis?
(Szeve Szeve Cram Get it?)
Cutterheart Stockon-Ch. Tees

No I dou't, atishoowhirly, but according to my Sebastian Coe Pop-Up Book Of folly Fast Runners (i.e. Mel: "Seeve Cram in like a younger brother to me (i.e. he's a rotten little cheat who couldn't run for toffee if he didn't have special shoes with little nuclear rocket thingies stuck in the bottom!" – if that's any help.

Dear Pat Boone (whoever you are).
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newspaper that you thought Duran
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was "blasphemous" because of the
line "Dance into the fire" in "A View
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ever going to end? I think no!

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Forest Nurrr Ide maiff Eurovision Song Contest? Ucrooch ugah Roland Orzabal and

Curt Smith and a duck-billed platypus minn ugh ugh Bagpuss and a plate of Ange Delight.

Sylvester Stallone

Lawks! It's an honour indeed to

stature upon my humble pages even if your acting is truly awful and your voice sounds like your head's in a vat of Bubblevum (no offence). By the by, talking of Roy "Hard" Castle, I'll let you into an inside secret from the giddy world of pop regarding the maker of "19" and other fine toe-tappers. You know the bit on "19" where the bloke starts stuttering? Well. it's not actually a genuine speech impediment at all, but a piece of what we in the rock biz call studio "trickery"! Whatever will they think of next? Perhaps you could incorporate something of the sort into Rocky XXVII? Perhaps you could also

Incorporate the thespian genius of Dame Una Nescafe? Perhaps you could also incorporate a scene in which out nauseating pugilist "Nero" Rocky (played by your good sell) is trampled to death by annyr film-goor. Perhaps ... (That's enough Rocky XXVII successors 2-62.

Dear Black Type,

I decided to write because I read an interesting article about the Finnish language in the Smash Has issue July 31 and this article was written by a Frenchwoman Dominique Dufaut

I sure was really surprised wher I noticed that that lady was not a stupid one (shupid ones does exist and we all are sometimes very suppid as I now might be). Well, I just wanted to say that you British people can languages. Yes, I am sure that you don't believ me if I sa that everyone of you can say a word in Finnish. It's true.

Now follows a tiny little quiz Question What's a word for innish steam bath?

Answer, Laches and gentlemen may I present you a genuine Finnish word. Ta Das. Sauna!

After this bittle language course you can be proud of your knowing in foreign languages and say 'I am a genuin because I can the Finnish language'.

A Leaf Door Pulsad Collect The.

Thank you, but quite frankly I can't see your word being much use at all! I mean "sauna" is hardly in the same class as "squillion", is it? And anyway who in their right minds would actshurozleb choose to sit in a fogged-up box swishing themselves with twigs when they could be having a jolly good soak in the tub with lots of Matey hubbles and crinkly fingers? No. the only practical use for your word that I can see is if yon're at a party and someone says "Do yon know any Finnish jokes?" Then you can impress everyone by saying "Yes, as a matter of fact I do. Why did the Finnish conjurer get sent to the electric

chair? Because he'd sauna lady

in half: Haw haw haw." But they

don't have electric chairs in Finland, so that's not much good

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I always thought the Redskins were angry young men - and this proves A Rismae Writer Who Thinks The



Dear Black Type, I am writing to complain. The other day I was glanging through on my idol, the delectable.

Anneka Rice, when I came across the Smash Hits "It's A Swizz Ouiz" (August 14), I resigned myself to the fact that Anneka wouldn't be featured in the Quiz as it was (or so

multi-talents i e sinconci So imagine my horror when I Ridgeley staring out at me from the Treasure Hunt helicopter - actually having the nerve to impersonate dahling Anneka. What an insult to Ridgeley doesn't even look like her Mand-Blowing Treasureship - not to mention the fact that Anneka doesn't have a wonky nose, unlike some people I could mention. I find a preposterous centrefold poster of Nik Kershaw! That v

The Anneks Rice Fan Club

Rossendale, Lancs Don't talk to me about Anneka Rice, matey! Why, that woman who I once regarded as the jewel in the crown of heliconter-type game shows, not to mention one of Britain's sharpest wits ("ooooh! there's a policeman! excuse me constable, have you got a truncheon? Hello Annie? Annie? exceppiblis not a truncheon Annie, we're looking for a dungeon (for the zillionth time) exxefffffmxxx" etc.) - has betrayed her adoring public in shameless fashion. How? Well on

a recent edition of the highly

tellectual Ultra Oniz. Mrs. A. Rice put in a guest appearance (wearing an even-more-futuristic helicopter outfit than ever) and in front of the viewing millions was seen to kiss Stu Francis right on the lips! And as if that wasn't shocking enough, when Francis delivered one of his "comic oces de resistance - i.e. "Oooh I could crush a grape" - Anneka actually laughed!!! Can you believe the affrontery?! Would Dame Una Nescafe laugh at such a quip? No, she jolly ruddy well would not!!!

Dear Black Type, A famous musicologist turned

short-order chef writes "For some time now I have noticed that your good self has been having heated. debates with your readers about you kindly allow me to settle this argument once and for all? It was

true - for two very simple reasons 1) The word "rock" is derived from Delia's debcious rock cakes. 2) The word 'roll' is derived from

Delsa's delscrous chocolate sponge These two facts prove beyond any reasonable doubt that Delia

A Normal Sane Person, Barking

Well, then, how do you explain the following passage from Delia's astounding haute cuis manual 1001 Jolly Nice Things To Eat? "But remember! The snag with Turbot Surprise is that is takes simply ages to prepare and leaves you little time for all those last minnte dinner party chores such as inventing rock 'n' roll Gracious me, no! Garnish with crouton and serve piping hot?

Next theory please... As any self-respecting musicologist will inform you, rock 'n' roll wasn't it came about thanks to the inspiration of a sacred place

Dismiss other ideas and read

1) Where do one of Britain's best come from? Bath, of course 2) The sink is in the bathroon and what did Simon le Bon's vacht

3) The toilet is in the bathroom Americans call the todet "the john" John Taylor, John Deagon are just

the "loo" - a clear reference to 4) The towel is in the bathroom. "Towel" sounds like "trowel" which

S) The mirror is in the bathroom Mirror - "Mirror Mirror" by Dollar, 'Mirror Man' by the Human League, and, most telling of all"Murror In The Bathroom" by The Matey, of ocurse And who is undoubtedly the world's trenders

Andrew "Very Long Pseudonym"

Piffle! You conveniently omit to 8) The Basil Brush toothbrush holder with the crack in it which makes toothbrushes fall down the back of the bath is in the

bathroom 9) The dent in wall caused by hitting your head when you slipped on bar of Shield trying to recover toothbrush from back of bath is in the bathroom 10) The disgusting old "loofah" sponge that you never use

because it's covered in unsightly little hairs - ngh! - is in the If that's rock 'n' roll, you can keep it, matey!



Dear Black Type Hurrah, His Purpleship has found Caroline Westbrook On A Little Orange Cloud Otherwise Known As

Dear Mr Type, Regarding our mutual interest in

your attention to that film of world journalist, played by the inimitable Shetla Steafel, has just four lines of

dialogue. These are, and I quote: makes this find so remarkable?"

actually prove it?" 3) "And what actually have you

mine must surely indicate that the origins of rock 'n' roll were not as you presume, in the early outpourings of Sir Chillord Richard or Sir Rolford Harns, but in the

simple utterances of our friend Dame Sheila Steafel. The Inevitable Spoon, Lescester

There! Finally! The infernal mystery is solved! Who'd have ever thought it?! The decision of the judge (i.e. moi) is final and so you, Spoon, get the £10 record token plus the undying gratitud of a nation. I'm off to celebrate with a beaker of the "amber nectar" (i.e. Um Bongo).

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Chorus
Indecisions they left me
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Long time ago
And now I know that
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peat chorus

When you used to Be attached You never wanted to let go And now you're Failing apart Your situation strikes me Right on my heart Your situation that is Strikes me Right on my heart

What's your name? Lost your tongue? Cat took it away

Repeat above

peat chorus to fade

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## "THE DREAM ACADEMY AREN'T JUST ABOUT BEING IN A FLOWER MARKET"

In fact they like all sorts of places: Nick showed us round his posh London club, Gilbert chose a cemetery (a favourite haunt) and Kate plumped for an accordion shop. Chris Heath tagged along to learn about the fifth dimension, waking dreams and throwing eggs at Cliff Richard!





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"It's about a love triangle," he explains, "about a love triangle," he explains, "about a long love affair I had with a married woman. It's about me sitting down and going 'God, this stuation is just totally freaked."

And it's obvious he thinks it's none of the few brilliant recovers.

one of the few brilliant mounts around the act only (the also likes The Smiths new sino); "The Boy With The Thorn In His Side", The Jesus And Mary Chains" plat Like Honey" and Marc Almond, Scritts Politti and Perfals Sproud). It's the sort of record he's direasmed of making over since he was a tot when every direct he was a tot when record shop and buy the new rec

The Beatles.

He even used to dream about The Beatles: "I used to dream I was in The Beatles," he laughs.

"To start with I played banjo, I had the dream savin when I if

sem and there were millions of owers everywhere. I hung out rith John Leemon." Not just wishful thinking as it

Not just wishful thinking as it happens. When he was about 14 he did hang out with Leunon — for a few minutes at least. "I got thrown out of schools four or five times," he explains,

"so I formed this thing ca The Youth Action Comm we used to picket schools as we ran away to protest as the Oz trial (in which the publishers of hippie magn Oz were prosecuted for obscenity). We were on a march and my best friend ran

up to me and said Tm at the front with John Lennon and I've just been into Woolworths to ry him a pair of socks', so I ed to the front and started ing 'power to the people nething stupid, and was luced to him. He had tic bags on each hand so at if the police got him he ouldn't leave any fingerprints."

Kate also did the odd rebellious thing in her youth Not when she was very you then she just used to moon

round the garden for hours searching for fairy kingdoms ("They were definitely there – I saw them the whole time") and lay weird games with her er C'We'd act out what it'd be like to be widows").

ixe to be widows"), ater on though she started joing on loads of marches. "We went on one," she emembers "against Mary Vhitehouse's Festival Of Light (a rather puritanical organisation that thinks that ost pop music is 'naughty' and that there's far too much filth and violence on TV). Cuff

Richard was playing and ..." she blushes, "I threw an egg at him!" Threw an egg at Sir ord? Steady on

"It missed," she cons "and hit a bald man inst eply apologise to Cliff. I have thing against him now."

By these standards Gilbert's apbringing in Cyprus was sitively sedate. "I was a tota namer basically," he recalls lived in a total fantasy land. I

trees and read Marvel comics all night. Have I changed? I doubt it. I think I'm still a kid." Gilbert is by far the qui of the three and admits that, most of the time, he's in a world of his own. But that doesn't mean that he hasn't got strong

"I believe in personal revolution," he says. "In the '60s they were into physical revolution but I actually believe that it's better if individuals derstand each other re-all, if we change individ-susciousness."

And that, he claims, is what The Dream Academy aim to do with their music. So what does he think of people like Wham! and Duran Duran who just try to write pop songs? "Um...I was going to use the

word morons," he mus style without content. W are glamorous for a year an then that's it. There's no dep it's not art. They sell q of records but they do quality. Quality is real important and longlas

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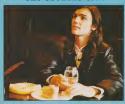
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Not surprisingly, then, the sand seem just a bit mand seem just a bit might appear to the sand seem just a bit might seem just a bout sings George Michael has been sying about them.

"He's come up to us twice," ays Nick. "He said Tisten, I

#### NICK LAIRD - CLOWES FAVOURITE PLACE

#### The Groucho Club



· Of course it's elitist," says Nick of the swanky The Groucho Club (named after comedian Groucho Marx's famous jibe that he wouldn't be a member of any club which would consider having him for a member).

"I'm obsessive about elitism People love to have something special of their own - that's just how it is. When I was young I used to hide underground psychedelic records from my sister because I didn't want her saving she liked Nevertheless he insists he

doesn't approve of snobby elitism - he reckons there's nothing different about him to Paul Weller being elitist about what clothes people should wear. So what does he like about

the Club? "You can meet people there and have delicious cocktails."

he answers, "and I like to be somewhere where there are things I find attractive architecture, furniture, paintings. And all I want to do is have a great conversations. Life is too short not to be talking about things which are fascinating. I want to hang out with the most intelli-I want to learn from them."

Amongst his fellow members are artist David Hockney. riend), Pete Townshend of The Who, Janet Street-Porter and

Famous friends, expensive cocktails, paintings on the very "street cred," is it? "No." he admits. "it's not

but it's realism. This feels completely natural for me now." Likewise he says he's no longer the slightest bit embarrassed about having a posh

"That's the way it is," he says. "When I joined The Tube (he had a short stint as a presenter on the first series) I finally stopped trying to muddy the accent up. When we started the group the thing part of that was to say I don't care if my voice is unhip'. Why should working class people hipper than someone who isn't? It's stupid. I'm trying to be what I really am, and this," he says looking around. "is

what I really am."







te your record. You're the es we're looking toward rs; you're the only

ns obviously agree dging by the reception that e band got when they it a TV studio after appearing



even let us get

e of anything!. Kate had to him a page of her diary."



### · Tve lived in London all my life and it's really exciting when you find something

new," says Kate. "I was drivother day and I saw it out of the accordion about a year ago, and I'd been looking for

one to buy. "I'm always looking for new instruments," she explains at the moment she plays oboe. cor anglais, saxophone and only just got hers back off Kate Bush: "I lent it to her when she was doing ber first LP," moans Kate, "and I've only just got it back."



#### KATE ST. JOHN FAVOURITE PLACE

#### Giulietti's Accordion Shop



#### GILBERT GABRIEL FAVOURITE PLACE

#### **Highgate Cemetery**







 Usually, Gilbert says, he likes walking in a cemetery lives which be finds "very eaceful - it reminds me of fe" but today we've come to Highgate cemetery because he'd visited it recently and "liked the ambience of the place". But wby a cemetery at ill? Aren't The Dream Academy more at bome wandering through flowery

meadows as the sun sparkles through their hair? "No," he snaps. "The Dream Academy aren't just about being in a flower market or something like that - it's ab-

out the dream of life, a waking Though it's Gilbert's choice, Kate also seems quite at home

surrounded by grave stones "I used to play truant from primary school in Hampstead cemetery," she remembers with amusement. "We did it for three days, taking these marshmallow teacakes as a ast. We hid them un

gravestone! But this woman was there with a baby and she kept telling us to sbut up and informed on us to the truant

Don't blame her really. At spectful about our surroundings. "Yeah, I am religious," he explains. "I'm involved in the I Ching and I definitely believe in God." So would be be buried or cremated?

cremation is one of those modern, slightly sacriligeous

Nick, however, bas no such qualms. "I absolutely don't care," he insists. "I think my plains he's been reading books about quantum physics and about "how, in the next 15 to

"All these physicists in California say they're about to discover that love is the greatest force in the universe. Do I believe it? Yes, yes, yes!









#### IS MADONNA "ABSOLUTE TRASH"



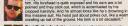
everyone is going on out Madonna and how illiant she is. My favourite girl singer is Trace Young so could you find out what she thinks of this over-rated American? Tracie Fan, Doncaster.

· Seems that your "favourite girl singer" is in fulsome and pretty frank agreement with you regarding la Madonna. . . Tracie "Madonna!! Madonne is absolute trash! There are dozens of singers who may be better than me, but she's not one of them. And I'm not being bitchy it's the truth!" Well really!

#### HAS HOLLY JOHNSON GOT POINTY EARS would like to see how your "legendary cartoonist

Kipper Williams sees Franke Goes To Hollywood. We think they're much more "cartoon-genic" than Duran Duran. George and Hilda, London SW6.

Sir Kinner Williams - come on down! Holly Johnson: "He has this vaguely smister look about



this massive suit. His head just about pokes out, like a worm crawling up out of the ground. His look is a bit decadent." Paul Rutherford: "He reminds me of someone's uncle who's got all dressed up for a wedding, then has a few drinks and starts boogleing down, loosening up the tie and all that. I think it's a contrived look and it isn't quite him. He's got pretty

distinctive eyebrows and a very angular jaw. His flat hairstyle also draws attention to a somewhat 'square' head." Brian 'Nasher' Nash: "I've drawn him dreaming of a pint as he gives the impression he'd much rather be down the pub. His eyes are quite slitty and I'm never too sure whether it's because he's got a hangover or not. His hair is always a

mite wild and he looks a bit, well. . . vaque."



Peter 'Pedro' Gill: 'Looks a typical 'big softie', like the drums ere a new toy he's been given for Christmas and he's having a whele of a time trying them out. He's got big, round

ears while his tongue and teeth are always prominent. He's rough and ready, and you gather he probably couldn't care less Mark O'Toole: "I get the feeling he's about to take a swing at someone and is ready to lash out at the first wrong word.

His earning is important and I'd loosely compare him to a young John Lennon - he has a similer shape face and narrow eyes. But I also get the same feeling off him as I do from Nasher - they'd really much rather be down the publ'



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## SMART



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A Strand at John Taylor's Hair,

Dorsat.

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ould you please tell me what Ris Scibus; roal name is? Also has this fine member of Tho Damed were been voted "Bost Trummer" by any of the music papers?

Smash Hits Fan, Kingston.

Bal's roal name is Chis Miler and the answer to your second question is "No, actualth", ho siztion: it where no?

#### WHAT DO IRON MAIDEN DO ALL DAY?

'm iron Maidon's biggest fan and, as they've just complated a world tour, could you ask tham to dascribe a typical day on tha

#### road? Stava Wilson, Leeds.

 As it's rare for their American concerts to be less than 300 miles opart, ver lads will generally travel overnight in their luxury coach (equipped with two stereo systams microwaya oyen, well-stocked har, games cupboard, trevel sickness sweetias etc.) on to the next venue. "So after a gig." band will shower, heve something to eat. relax with a few beers and climb into the coach for the over-night trek. Arriving et our destination the next morning, the tour manager sorts out the hotel and the keys goes back to the coach and wakes the band. The band'll have a few more hours rest in their hotal rooms before being woken agein to do interviews or a radio spot. Then at four in the efternoon, they'll do a soundcheck. After thet, it's back to the hotel to lounge around until it's time to go on stage - generally around 9.30pm Repeat to fede. Phew, rock 'n' roll!!!





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#### REVIEWED BY STEVE BUSH

#### FREDDIE MERCURY

Living On My Own (CBS) This gets off to a good start with Freddie warbling over what sounds like the 'rock beat' of a Fartisa home organ, but then things go horribly wrong. Someone (possibly one of The Shadows?) tries to pick out the old Crossroads theme tune on a guitar, the piano tuner turns up and Freddie turns into Cloo Laine, star of many a Smash Hits crossword and the lady with the frizzy hair who forgets the words to her songs and ends up going "born born born born boop boop boop bop bop eeeee ooooooow" etc. Verv rum

#### BALAAM AND THE ANGEL Day And Night (Chapter 22)

You'd expect three blokes with very tall haircuts, wiggy clothes and a name that sounds like a useless horror film with Gregory Peck in to come up with a dreary, gothic rant, but this is really good. (It actually sounds a bit like Altered Images, but don't let that put you off). A "name" to "watch", es they say.

THE SMITHS The Boy With The Thorn In His Side (Rough Trade) Morrissey desperately tries to divert our attention from this weedy, halfcocked song (which is apparently the original "demo" recording) by doing a homble impersonation of Frank Held (useless '60s vodeling pop star)! Their weakest single. and definitely time for a change of

#### FIVE STAR Love Take Over (Tent) Like their

other singles. "Love Take Over sounds like Five Star look smooth, flash and sophisticated And this one, from their "Luxury Of Life" LP, is mixed by. . .ta daaaa! -Paul Hardcastle! (You cen't tell. though.)

TOVAH World in Action (Portrait) I've never been able to take Toyah senously since she wrote the classic line "Crawling down the alleyway being very loud", and "World in Action" is another of her I'm on the side of ver lods on ver

#### street" type songs, this time about nuclear war. The sentments are admirable, the song is terrible. THE CURE

Close To Me (Fiction) One of the best songs from the very nearly perfect "Head On The Door" LP Robert Smith's brilliant, panting voice hovers over lots of jaunty handdans and squeaky trumnets but without the sort of strong, New Order-inspired tune of "In Between Days", it may find itself struggling a bit in the charts.

(Very interesting thing: According to the great pervy B-side "A Man Inside My Mouth" Robert Smith is pregnant. . . AGAINIT If that's the case, it's hardly surprising he puts his lipstick on worky, is it?)

REO SPEEDWAGON Live Every Moment (Epic) Boring JON ADAMS

Through The Eyes Of Love (EMI) It seems like Jon Adams (who I've never heard of but sounds very tough even though he spells his christien name in a v. girtle way i.e. without the "h") is perfectly prepared to break into a bit of a trot on this butch American "rocker (produced by Duran Duran's Andy Taylor!), but the rest of the song just sort of imps along behind him. Shame really

#### TINA TURNER

One Of The Living (Capitol) Another song from the Mad Max film, this should really have stayed on the album. Ms Turner is very much in danger of over-exposing herself (if you'll pardon the expression) and this weak

repetitive song will do her no good at all. A flop.

#### SOLIEEZE No Place Like Home (A&M) Weird

mixture, this - posh cellos. backward tapes, a token bit of stuttering ("No place I-I-I-I-I-like ) - but it works really well. They ought to get themself a new singer, though, Glenn Tilbrook's vocals seem completely out of place.

#### Who Needs Love Like That

(Mute) Vince Clarke, one half of Erasure, used to be in Yazoo with Alison Movet. Andy Bell, the other half of Erasure, sounds just like Alson Moyet (even though he's a bloke). So, not surprisingly, "Who Needs Love Like That' sounds very much like Yazoo, only not as good, Bit weird, really,

#### THE STYLE COUNCIL

The Lodgers (Polydor) Ver Council hand over most of "The Lodger" to the "talents" of DC Lee, but it ends up sounding like the backing vocals are too "un front" (as we say in ver business) and sing some bits. Anywey, the most interesting thing about the last few Style Council records has been the sleeves - loads of pictures, lists bits of information and, of course the Divine Wafflings of His Royal Frothiness "The Cappucono Kid" This time ver Kid goes on, in his own inimitable and badlypunctuated way, about how he ame across Paul Weller STARK NAKED on a cliff too, facing the

sea and shouting "Stop I say, hold thyselves, my parts freeze"!!! Whet on earth does that mean? DEAD OR ALIVE

#### My Heart Goes Bang (Epic) It

would have been a much better idea to release some new material right now, rather than this pleasant



but unremarkable LP track Especially as the last single wasn't as big a hit as they obviously hoped for. Disappointing.

#### CLIFF RICHARD

She's So Beautiful (EMI) Even though Cliff had lots of help from Stevie Wonder - who arranged and produced it, and played all the instruments (show off) - this is still very ordinary. From the "forthcoming" musical Time (whatever that is) it's slushy and boring with "cosmic" lyrics about planets and destiny and "children flowing like waterfalls". Yuki

#### TOM MORLEY

Who Broke That Love (Zariazz) Interesting Pop Fact. The worst record in the whole history of the world ever is "Boris The Spider" by The Who. The second is Tom Morley's "Who Broke That Love" This weedy Eurovision-type thing is so light it makes Stephen A.J. "Tin Tin" Duffy sound like Meat Loaf.

#### SINGLE OF THE FORTNIGHT



BILLY IDOL Rebel Yell (Chrysalls) Now that Sir William Idol has finally had e much-deserved hit (well, he did more-or-less invent rock 'n' roll), it was inevitable that his record company would rattle out as much old stuff as possible before the new LP turns up this autumn, "Rebel Yell' is the title track from his last album, which also includes the brilliant singles "Flesh For Fantasy" and "Eyes Without A Face", and will guite rightly go zooming up the charts. Hurrah for Sir William!



Believe it or not, this is what you get if you buy a cassette of New Order's rather fab "Low-life" album. Not only do you get the music (on posh metal tape with three extra versions of "The Perfect Kiss" from the 12" single) but a deluxe box, four postcards and - ta daaaaa! - a piece of greaseproof paper

with writing on it!!

It's the idea of Factory Records. Joy Division, A Certain Ratio

and The Durutti Column m different colour boxes. And next month, just to be really awkward, they're going to release the world's first compact disc-only pop

record. Lat of use that'll be... Oh, yes, and if you fancy one of those New Order cassettes you could have one of the ten we've got if you answer this simple question, is New Order's biggest hit called a) Pink Wednesday b) Blue Monday c) Milky Green August d) Purple Tuesday morning down at the laundrette?

Answers on a postcard to Smash Hits New Order Competition, 52-55 Carnaby St, London WIV IPF by September 24.



"There may never be a concer like it again," begins the Live Aid book (5idgwick and lackson, £7 95) - nearly 200 pages of photos accompanied by anywhere of everything that

happened on the day. Did you know, for instance, that the American concert (which only came on our TV screens at 5pm) had actually than five hours and that artists ike Billy Ocean, The Four Tops, Ozzy Osbourne and

Run DMC had already played Well, you will if you get this book, which is about one squillion times better than any of the other "souvenirs on sale. As usual off the proceeds go towards the Band

Aid appeal. As Bob Geldof points out in the book. 'remember







it's the best thing ever.

Basically, it's the story of four characters including The Actress and The Scientist who bear more than a passing resemblance to Marilyn Monroe and Albert Einstein, Now what happens is . . . um . . . well to tell you the truth, not an awful lot DOES happen. It's more of one of yer "mood" pieces - choc-a-bloc with great visual images and lots of very baffing bits. The press "blurb" claims that it's about "the story of life, death sex and the universe .. relatively

Thereza Russell, the wife of the film's director Nic Roeg, does a great Manlyn impersonation, overshadowed only by Tony Curtis' constantly sweating Senator. Lots of rude words are bandied about and the last ten natures is more over the top than a

Arty Farty, pretentious and highly emovable. Paul Mathur





but, what with the records they've released from it – The Official Soundtrack, Roy Orbison's 'Wild Hearts', Claudia and Glenn Gregory's single - and the heavy advertising, it's as near as dammit. In fact, this film is typical of all other ZTT products in that the first time

## STOP MAKING SCENTS

Coloured vinyl, holograms, compact discs, video. . . what will they think of next? Well, judging by the Aroma Disc Player, it could well be records which give off smells while you play them. This nifty little device (which would set you back £(5.95) doesn't actually play real records, just pongy discs which look like them. There are six "serious" flavours - "Victorian Garden", "Flower Woods", "Country Spice", "Winter Blossoms", "Imperial Blossoms", and "Wild Flowers", and three "novelty" ones - "Christmas Tree", "Fireplace"

and "After Dinner Mints".

What you do is put the flavour of your choice in the player, switch it on and wait until your room is filled by one of the glorious smells listed above (the discs cost £2.9S each). Sounds great, doesn't it? (It does? - Ed.)

Apparently all the rage in the U.S. of A, we thought we'd try it out for ourselves. So we

dragged lots of people in off the streets and asked them what they thought of it and whether they could identify four of the smells ("After Dinner Mints", "Fireplace", "Christmas Tree" and "Wild Flowers"). Then we asked them what flavours different pop stars would use if they started making real records like that. Ellen (18) (below)



"People might as well stick to normal air fresheners." After Danier Mints "Mints" Christmas Tree "Herby or Fireplace "I don't know, is it fireplace" I suppose it does "Madonna would use a really strong perfure it'd be



"I trank it idea. I prefer joss sticks" After Disner Mints "Quite

Dinner cooking?" Wild Flowers "Flowers

nice, but a bit sickly."

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your clothes smell." Exeplace "That stuff you

spray after you've been to

the loo. Or rotten cabbage ' Wild Flowers "Lenor"

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have a strawberry flavour one because they're tweet.



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Wild Flowers "Er . rose Wham! would have

Who's this bloke with the very horrible haircut (left)? One of REO Speedwagon? One of the Icicle Works before they were famous? (The Icicle Works? Famous? - Ed.) No. all wrong, it's old Paul "I'm no Cornish pastie" Young when he was in The Q-Tips, and before he was famous. Now an old 25 minute film of the band playing live, Q-Tips Featuring Paul Young, (Jeytisoundz. £15.95), has resurfaced. Once you get past the haircut it's actually not that bad - just six fairly spirited soul songs filmed in best Whistle Test fashion. But is anyone other than extremely keen Paul Young fans going to be interested?

Mark (15)

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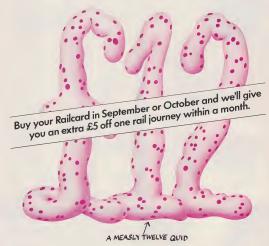
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> Dan't Wotch That Wotch This! 3 (Polygram, £19 99) is yet another of those complistions videos of hit and almost-hit singles. As usual there's some good ones - like Tears For Fears, Amazulu, The Cult and Propaganda - lots of so-so ones, and a couple - Opus and Chris Rea which you'd have to be bonkers to life

The full track lating is The Style Council's "Walls Come Tumbing Down", Fine Young Cannibals' "Johnsy Come Home", Nik Kershaw's "Don Quixote", The Adventures "Feel The Randrops", Tears For Fears "Head Over Heels", Bryan Ferry's "Slave To Love" Howard Jones: "Life In One Day", Billy Ocean's "Suddenly", Kool And The Gans "Cherish", Squeexe's "Last Time Forever", Chris Rea's "Stansby Girls", Animal Nightlife's "Love Is Just The Great Pretender '85 Hipsway's The Broken Years", The Quick's "Down The Wire", The Damned's "The Shadow Of Love The Cult's "She Sells Sanctuary", Redskins

"Bring it Down! (This Insane Thing)",
Propaganda's "Due!", Opus" "Live is Life" and Amazulu's "Exotable"

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# **ALBUMS**

UB40: Baggariddim (Dep International) There have always been at least two sides to UB40's musical style and on "Bagganddim" they've been neatly split between a hard edged dub album and a more pop orientated three track EP. The album features a variety of prestigious reggae artists "toasting" fresh vocals over former UB40 hits. The result is a vibrant pulsating reggae record which by virtue of clever production avoids the usual reggae trap of becoming repetitive and bonng. The EP - a cheerful summery sounding affair includes the very wonderful "I Got You Babe". Naturally the bigh spot of a very good record. (8 out of 10)

www.am White LISA LISA & CULT JAM WITH FULL FORCE: Lisa Lisa & Cult Jam With Full Force (CBS) Anyone who's heard Lisa Lisa's current hit. "I Wonder If I Take You Home", will have a pretty good idea of what this is like. There's song after song of the same excellent electro hip hop backing over which Lisa Lisa sings and argues with blokes (the other members of the band) who are trying to chat her up. The only trouble is that it all gets a bit boring after a while and one begins to wish that either the mysterious Full Force (the backing musicians who wrote all the music) or Lisa Lisa herself could do something different. But, sadly, they never do (5 out of 10)

DEXY'S MIDNIGHT RUNNERS: Don't Stand Me Down (Mercury) Bit of a strange one, this. Three years after his "Ceitic soul brother" phase, Kevin Rowland returns having traded in his dungarees for an accountant's suit. Which is an odd thing to do but not half as odd as making an LP with seven long rambling songs continually interrupted by Kevin chatting either to himself or his guitarist about his thoughts on some important matter or other. A lot of people will probably dismiss it as pretentious tuneless rubbish (there's certainly no big hit singles here) but others will find these tortured songs about Kevin's loves, Kevin's past and Kevin's this-and-that quite captivating. Me, for instance (8½ out of 10)

Chris Heath

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THOMPSON TWINS: Here's To Future Days (Arista) Oh dear After working their way up to the superbly crafted pop of "Into The Gap", the Thompson Twins seem to have run out of ideas. All we have here, apart from "Dr Dream" and a perked up version of "Lay Your Hands", is a series of proficient but rather lifeless numbers, mostly medium-slow with lightweight tunes and hornbly cliched Blue Peter style lyncs. Somehow the pointless, jolly version of The Beatles "Revolution" - it's supposed to be sarcastic - sums up the whole half-baked, directionless affair. A major disappointment. (5 out of 10)

BRONSKI BEAT: Hundreds And Thousands (London) This sounds like a brilliant idea - an dancemo: album of Bronski Beat's best moments including the two final songs Jimmy Somerville recorded before he left. Unfortunately it doesn't really work. The new songs - "Hard Bain" and "Love To Fall (which was going to be their last single) - aren't that good, the fresh interpretations of "Why?" and "Smalltown Boy" aren't as good as the originals and the other two songs are silly versions of "Heatwave" and "Junk" (off the original LP) with lots of unnecessary 'atmospheric' talking added. There's no sion of "I Feel Love" or "It Ain't Necessaniv So" at all. A poor tribute to a great

Chris Heath

ADAM ANT: Vive Le Rock (CBS) Why isn't Adam Ant a hugely famous pop star anymore? It's a monstrous swizzle if you ask me For one thing he's staggeringly handsome. For another, he sings things like this all time: "wah-la-balommba dopey mopey doop-deboop crinkum crankum mop-mop ubangi yabba-yabba yippee-ya chromunk-full-of-beatlenuts chacha and orf". Yes, "Vive Le Rock" is altter tresh and bubblegum music (the best thing ever invented) done in time-honoured fashion with squelching guitars. bish-bash-bosh rhythms, and squeak-along lyncs that are very stunid indeed. It's all done in the

band. (5 out of 10)

best possible "taste" – i.e. no taste at all – and with the artiess glee of a jackass in a sweetie shop. If you were a bit snooty you might think it idiotic rubbish – but actually it's just brilliant and timeless (?) pop music. (9% out of 10)

(9% out of 10) Tom Höbbert DIANA ROSS. Eaten NAIV. (Capitol) A very fascinating fact. DI Ross has been in the singing businesser now for a which 25 years. Jagger (and not quite as long as Citif). And even after all this time she still manages to sound like a toy shoot, but of by pink fulfly rabbits. Now that is all fare and good but a whole LP of the routery-outlest yanging sends to make of the routery-outlest yanging sends to make collection of lime has dead with the collection of lime and the col

waiting and impassioned sax playing – plus something approaching melody and some quite good lyncs – to produce his best work for some time. Not very furious and nothing to touch "Replicas", but not bad actually. (6 out of 10.

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GARY MOORE: Run For Cover (10 Records) The Rambo of rock in oil returns to the flay wielding that "real mean set" of his and playing all those lety-bidy notes that no could be set to the set of the

AATE BUSH: Hounds Of Loye EB Hyou for a moment imaginard that. Fouriers Light ment in maginard that. Fouriers Light ment in the set I list for the centre is the set I list for the centre is the centre in the set I list for any last ago cold and even slide their amplitudes on concept "piece slocut a convining and ("The Ninth Wave") is amounted for the centre in the list for the convenience of record your periets will probably like too and pinch off you to play. (9 out of 10)



disco work-outs doesn't help either. Thankfully Michael Jackson comes to the rescue on the title track and new single – the only song which stops the LP being completely pink and fluffly. (3 out of 10)

MARC ALMOND: Stories Of Johnny (Virgin) More or less some grap the release. The process of the second process of the second process of the second process of the second producing second producing a collection of proper, grown-up, passionate songs – mainly about love (assassif) and including the least second process of the second producing the second process of the second p

GARY NUMAN: The Fury (Numa)
The problem with Gary Numan
(well, one of them, anyway) is that
his vocal limitations and his
dependence on synthesisers are
so prominent and so stylised that
whatever he does immediately
sounds dated. That said, here his
usual nasal whine and robote son
structures are offset by some
forceful drummin, south it female

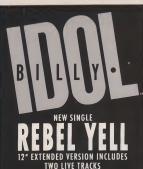
of his solo albums, (91/2 out of 10)

Steve Bush

pompous load of old twaddle and this lot doesn't improve on that, (0 out of 10)

William Shaw

THE ARMOURY SHOW: Waiting For The Floods (Parlophone) Why wasn't "Castles In Spain" a "monster" hit? A monstrous swizzle if you ask me, but no matter - the Armoury Show have forged on regardless to produce an LP that is, quite frankly, splendid. John "ver legend" McGeoch, Richard "awful hairstyle from Scotland\* Jobson and the other two have borrowed a tiny bit from the jungly-jungly-era Ants, a whole lot more from dead American "power pop" bands that nobody's ever heard of and thrown in a hymn book to create a compelling whole. Those celestial guitars, that "epic" singing, marching as to war... The only not v.good aspect of this "oeuvre" is the grandiose lyrics about mountains - but you can't hear most of those anyway Fa fa fa fa "marvy". (8% out of 10) Tom Hibbert



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more impressive against Richard Cole's melodic

●The Communards US debut - a very "low key fund raiser for the New York AIDS Resource Center - gest under way with himmy Somerville crooning an appropriately sultry version of George Gershwin's "Summertime". As the applause dies down, someone shouts "Smalltown Boy!", but That's in the past." He moves easily into "Forbidden Love", which sways with a gentle bossanova beat, and "So Cold The Night" which neatly illustrates the contrast between the

Communards' cabaret/camp classicism and Bronski Beat's Hi NRG-isms, and wins the audience over limmy is now singing with more depth, power and control than ever before - his voice made ever

The gospel/Motown/disco pop of their debut single "You Are My World", and the thundering "Don't Slip Away" bring the short but satisfying

evening to a close - almost Reappearing quickly before the hoots and hollers grow too embarrassingly loud, blushing a little as limmy warbles the bluesy "Breadline Britain" And so it goes with The Communards - their

tread lightly between entertainment and politics. Tonight proves that, no matter what cause they're playing for, the audience is always the first to benefit



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In the audience, Durames cheer and boogie to the pre-concert tapes of The Power Station. Girls in oldstyle "numbers" coats pose feebly. and mums dangle small squealing children in oversized Box George t-shirts. The whole affair has a decidedly unshocking air to it.

which is a very large steel-meshand-mirrors contraption, and very horrible smoke bombs which choke the backing singers. The opening strains of "Church Of The Poison Mind" waft over the water, and a weird vision appears amidst the fog it's Boy George, flailing seventeen layers of black and white stripes

behind him Not many people know that "It's A Miracle" was originally titled It's America", and with the recent suffered in the States, it is a miracle George hasn't resorted back to the original title. But he has other ways to win over the audience.

"I know you dose my hair!" he smirks after a pat of his hairdo gets a bigger cheer than "Do You Really Want To Hurt Me

"That's what you came to see," he teases. "Boy George's hair and one of his party frocks!

because - shhhhh! - because when I when he says so, and "Victims" performed with an endearing lack of moment of the show

yesteryear fall by the wayside "Higher And Higher", and crooning Black Money" in the most gospelly The new songs - most noticeably

"Playing With My Sexuality" (snigger) - are unveiled with very As we filter out of the theatre, I wonder if some of the audience, like me, are wondering whether the 30 mile trek to Jones Beach was worth it after all .



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I got a perfect way to make a justification
I got a perfect way to make a certain maybe
I got a perfect way to make the girls go crazy

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Repeat chorus

All of the hurt above

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And so, once more, we so sail in the mighty AAveterings Andrew

Bidgeley – which lact lars, is Yelegoti Wedna backwards – is a tip big tan 0 GWts, dibrately the "best" thing on the lefty at the moment the abovests went a bit casay aperbanase for the Asnotssid siege. And how do we know all this? Well, we indeviewed him That's why he's on the cover, adually The hittle chaddle look place in this rather swarkly place called the Seven Owns Hotel. It contains just seven

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thinking about, Julieanne?

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with 52 pieces of luggag She had to pay an excess baggage charge of £3000 • Madonna has been and corset sales in America. Suppose everyone it start getting their teeth titled now Madonna, you see, has just paid \$1,500 to get that gap

 her front teeth plugged
 Madonna (again) is to appear in a new tim call of Worm to The Sud it's written by Malcolm McLaren, and if everyting is to be believed there's blood the 27th film.

that's about the 87th film she's to appear in this year So forget about any new records. Hurrah!

Apollonia, Prince's "current," humpo", is in the

Touristif numpol, is in the new series of Falcon Orist Apparently she's had a bill of a lift with the scep's shar Janu Winyman (jet-wile or Rosald "McConald" Reagon) because of the increasingly lonky cost-times the's been sporting. — Spandaw Ballel's Steen Norman and Marin Kemp have just done

Everett Nice one (7)

Meanwhile Frankie

Goes To Hollywood are

Ihemselves in an 18th Century castle in southern Ireland. Apparently ver lads are a-hurchif and a-tishif and a-ndinf and, a-ex, playing golf. And yes, they're within sones for their next

LP And to round up this session of mirth and meriment, we close with a mythy Berrys Midnight

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by those But anyway air that last till is competely irrelevant as Cowys Midnigh Runners have "spill up" No it's just tilv and Helen "O Hasu, the other two gotting just a mile field up with the singing chap's arthes down press ups in the middle of supermarkers, giving up ha way through their LP to become a lony driver, that king off thing! And who car blaine them, et nesders?



Must be a bit boring going on tour in Canada, ch readers? Soil's not surprising that Congo Motes tried to liven things up a bit by sneaking out of his hole. Shirling in tow, and going to the local fails Disguised in long mac, trilling and the control of the con



