

MUSIC NEWS

(NEWS FROM LONDON CONTINUED)

tries. Babylon Zoo start a U.K. tour on Sunday (14) in Manchester, with a London date at Shepherds Bush Empire on the 19th.

Elvis Costello's first U.K. single from his new album with the **Attractions**, *All This Useless Beauty*, will be "It's Time," due out here on April 29. It'll be backed with "Life Shrinks," a song he wrote for the film *The War Of The Buttons* that was not used, and by a cover of **Bruce Springsteen's** "Brilliant Disguise." Costello is expected to announce U.K. tour dates for July, with live work in the U.S. and Japan in August and September.

Suggs, whose new single "Cecilia" featuring **Louchie Lou** and **Michie One** made its chart debut at 33 last weekend, has revealed that **Madness** are planning a new studio album. The '80s chart residents are due to reconvene for another "Madstock" live event in London's Firsbury Park in June, at which they will introduce three newly-written songs. Suggs says that the group then intend to make a new album in 1997.

Eg, whose *Turn Me On I'm A Rocket Man* album was released earlier in the year, will be out on tour in May as special guest of Irish singer-songwriter **Sinead Lohan**, whose 11-date tour starts on May 5. Eg will release "Made My Baby Cry" as the second single from his album on May 20.

Eg is not to be confused with **Eggman**, the new alter ego of **Boo Radleys** member **Sice**. He has the solo single "Not Bad Enough" released on May 6, with an album following later in the month. The Boo Radleys are currently working on their follow-up to the *Wake Up* album for release later in the year. The Eggman single also includes "We Won The War?" and "Identikit."

That's not the only single out next week sporting a **Smokey Robinson** cover. **Ash's** "Goldfinger," a new song written by the Northern Irish group's **Tim Wheeler**, is backed by a cover of "Get Ready." Ash's first full-length album *1977* - taking its title from the year of birth of two of the group's three members - will be out in the U.K. on May 13, also including their Top 15 hits "Girl From Mars" and "Angel Interceptor" and another Ash favourite, "Kung Fu."

Mice, the new band featuring former **All About Eve** frontwoman **Julianne Regan**, release the new single "The Milkman" on April 22. It's the follow-up to last year's "Mat's Prozac" and will feature on Mice's first album *The Innocent*, which is due for May 13 release on Permanent.

Catatonia, blanco Y negro's Welsh signings who won good reviews for their last single "Sweet Catatonia," follow it with "Lost Cat" on April 22. It's produced by **Stephen Street**, as is their debut album *Way Beyond Blue* which is due for summer release. Catatonia are currently touring the U.K.

Any doubts that the **Prodigy's** "Firestarter" was a fan-base-only chart-topper have now been dispelled as the single enjoys its third week at #1 in an unusually stable Top 40 that featured only six new entries, the lowest total in recent memory (barring seasonal charts). **Mark Snow** held at two and **Mark Morrison's** everlasting "Return Of The Mack" continued its steady progress, climbing one to three. **2PAC's** "California Love," featuring **Dr. Dre**, debuted at six and **Rage Against The Machine** crashed in at eight with "Bulls On Parade." **Longpigs** made their Top 20 debut with "On And On" at 16 while **Upside Down** scored their second hit with "Every Time I Fall In Love" at 18. Several singles reversed their decline and moved back up the chart, such as those by **Cast** (16-12) and **PJ & Duncan** (24-20). **Interactive's** Europop single "Forever Young" arrived at 28, **Suggs' "Cecilia"** at 33 and **Status Quo's** version of **Fleetwood Mac's** "Don't Stop" at 35.

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wouldn't sound out-of-place on the **Beach Boys' Pet Sounds** album), "The Pink Panther Theme" featuring members of **Tom Waits' backing band, Cramps' member Poison Ivy** with a stellar interpretation of the *Peter Gunn* theme, and the **Wondermints' version of "The Party,"** a psychedelic tour de force mixing trumpets, and sitars into a nutritious musical snack. Definitely worth a spin. For more information contact Del-Fi Records a 1-800-99-DELFI.

NOTES AROUND THE WORLD

"How Deep Is Your Love" by **Take That** is the #3 single in England... **Sting's Mercury Falling** tops the album charts in Italy... **Fool's Garden Dish Of The Day** is the #2 album in Germany.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Dave Edmunds	4/15/44	42
Dusty Springfield	4/16/39	57
Bill Kreutzmann	4/17/46	50
Mike Vickers	4/18/42	54
Mark Volman	4/19/42	54
Craig Frost	4/20/48	48
Iggy Pop	4/21/47	49

HISTORY THIS WEEK

- 4/15/76 **Ron Wood** makes his recording debut with the **Rolling Stones** on their *Black & Blue* album.
- 4/16/77 "Dreams" by **Fleetwood Mac** is released.
- 4/17/60 Rock and Roll legend **Eddie Cochran** dies in a car crash in Chippenham, England.
- 4/17/83 **Felix Pappalardi** shot to death by his wife.
- 4/18/81 **Yes** disband.
- 4/19/75 **Elton John** fires long-time backup musicians **Dee Murray** and **Nigel Olsson**.
- 4/20/74 "The Air That I Breathe" by the **Hollies** is released.
- 4/21/63 The **Beatles** and the **Rolling Stones** meet for the first time at the Crawdad Club in Richmond, England.

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