

Bits & Pieces: The Jefferson Airplane is flying again, this time on Epic Records. The band begins recording this week in Los Angeles with Ron Nevison producing the basic tracks. Original members Paul Kantner, Grace Slick, Jack Casady, and Jorma Kaukonen have been joined in rehearsals by Marty Balin, but there's no definite word on Marty's status. Look for a summer tour...Ronnie James Dio has found a new guitarist. Seventeen-year-old Englishman Rowan Robertson was selected from hundreds of tapes and/or videos previewed. Pre-production on Dio's next has begun in L.A....Dirty Looks is working on their next album at New York's Power Station. John Janson is twirling the dials. The LP's working title is *Turn Of The Screw*, and we can expect an Atlantic release by summertime...Virgin rockers Roxx Gang embarked on their debut tour May 2 in Randolph, NJ with Warrant. The band will call time out from May 12-14 to play dates with Ian Hunter...Shout has been working with John Sherlock (Dio, Eurythmics, BulletBoys) who'll direct and produce the video for "Give Me An Answer." Touring begins in



New Kids On The Block

the Midwest this week. They'll spend July in Europe with Russian band Straight Talk...This week finds Henry Lee Summer and his new band joining up with Eddie Money for six weeks of touring...Swing Out Sister (Corinne Drewery and Andrew Connell) stopped by the Gavin to celebrate the release of their first PolyGram single "The Waiting Game" from their new LP *Kaleidoscope World* due May 9. Jimmy Webb took time out from a recording session with Frank Sinatra to work on the orchestral arrangements on "Forever Blue" and "Precious Words"...Capitol's hottest new property, superstar Donny Osmond finished up his non-performance tour last week in San Francisco at the Victorian hotel, The Mansion.

Osmond is working on video projects and mixing of proposed new singles, while putting together his touring band. He plans to hit the road this Fall...E-Z-O is set to release their second LP, *Fire Fire*, on Geffen by early June. Stephan Galfas produced the album which chronicles the band's last two years in America. They're planning a summer tour.

Atlantic Records new Jazz campaign "Atlantic Is Jazz" begins this week with the largest release of jazz titles in the label's recent history—14 new albums and seven jazz classics on CD. They'll showcase Duke Ellington, Herbie Mann, John Coltrane, Joe Turner, Charlie Mingus, Modern Jazz Quartet and Chris Connor to name a few.

A total of \$30,000 from Ozzy Osbourne's June 4 concert at Philadelphia's Tower Theater will be donated to AIDS research. Osbourne was matched \$15,000 by DIR Television who are debuting the concert as their first regularly scheduled pay-per-view concert series. BulletBoys will open the show which will be offered to 11 million homes over the King Biscuit Television Network. Later this summer Osbourne will tour with White Lion and Vixen.●

BIOFEEDBACK

by Ron Fell

●**PETER CASE**

He was the founder of the group The Plimsouls, which recorded two albums in the early eighties. He then became a part-time street musician in cities like San Francisco. He says of that experience, "...people would walk by and you'd have ten seconds to reach them. So it really kind of perfected my first lines."

●**DIANA ROSS**

Her last number one single with The Supremes came nearly twenty years ago with SOMEDAY WE'LL BE TOGETHER. The song reached number one in The Gavin Report on November 28, 1969.

●**PETER BUFFETT**

This thirty year old native of Omaha, Nebraska and his wife Mary own and operate a Northern California recording studio which is considered one of the most technically advanced studios in the country.

●**TIN MACHINE**

This new band featuring David Bowie, Tony Sales and Hunt Sales will have their first album released next month. The Sales brothers are the sons of comedian Soupy Sales. Tony and Hunt were part of the band which supported Iggy Pop on his comeback album "Lust For Life"

●**BILLY JOEL**

Mick Jones of Foreigner is producing tracks for Billy Joel's next studio album.



●**DOCTOR JOHN**

Born Malcolm John Rebennack, he's the son of a New Orleans record store owner.

●**WINGER**

Due to their commitments with other artists and recording projects, the members of this group didn't formally meet until the recording of their current album was nearly complete.

●**DION**

Though often associated with his backup group The Belmonts, Dion hasn't had a hit with them since the Summer of 1960. From then until the late sixties he pursued a solo pop career and in 1970 he became a contemporary Christian musician.

●**MILLI VANILLI**

Their touring band features Paul Ridgley on drums. Paul is the brother of Wham's Andrew Ridgley.

●**KENNY ROGERS**

The video for his forthcoming single, PLANET TEXAS, reportedly cost Kenny and Warner Bros. more than \$500,000 to produce.

●**FERNANDO SAUNDERS**

Known for his regular work with Lou Reed, Fernando has also recently co-produced the new Marianne Faithful album with Hal Wilner.

●**NATALIE COLE**

Natalie is engaged to marry record producer Andre Fischer, who co-produced Brenda Russell's PIANO IN THE DARK and two songs on Natalie's new album, Good To Be Back.

●**RANDY TRAVIS**

He will be featured in an upcoming American Express advertisement.

●**SOUTHERN PACIFIC**

Vocalist David Jenkins has left the group to pursue a different musical direction.

●**ARETHA FRANKLIN**

Aretha is the first woman to be inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame.