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		UK SINGLES	
	1	SUMMER NIGHTS, John Yravolta/Olivia Newton-J	ohn Ben
	2 ;		
	3 9		Atlantic/Hansa
	4 (	LUCKY STARS, Dean Friedman	Lifesong
	5 3	GREASE, Frankie Valli	RSO
	6, 7		Chrysalis
	7 17		Jet
	8 36		RSO
	9 8	The state of the s	Fantasy
1		A ROSE HAS TO DIE, Dooleys	Island
13		SUMMER NIGHT CITY, Abba	GTO Epic
1		BLAME IT ON THE BOOGIE, Jacksons	Epic
14	4 15	TALKING IN YOUR SLEEP, Crystal Gayle	UA
1	5 4	DREADLOCK HOLIDAY, 10cc	Mercury
10		KISS YOU ALL OVER, Exile	RAK
17	100	THREE TIMES A LADY, Commodores	Motown
11			Chrysalis
15			Mercury
20		MEXICAN GIRL, Smokle HONG KONG GARDEN, Slouxsie And The Banshee	RAK Polydor
2		RAT TRAP, Boomtown Rats	Ensign
2.			Vertigo
24	30	HAVE YOU EVER FALLEN IN LOVE, BÖZZGOCKS	UA
25	22	WINKER'S SONG Ivor Biggun Be	ggars Banquel
26	13		EMI
27			Decca
28			Atlantic
25		MAC ARTHUR PARK, Donna Summer	Casablanca
30	13		TMI POLYGOI
32			Philadelphia
33			Ariola
34		OARLIN', Frankie Miller	Chryselis
35	31	YOU'RE THE ONE THAT I WANT, Baker/Mullard	RSO
36	60	ONE FOR YOU ONE FOR ME, Jonathan King	GTO
37		HURRY UP HARRY Sham 69	GTO
38	-	BLAME IT ON THE BOOGIE, Mick Jackson	Atlantic
39		DON'T COME CLOSE, Ramones  EVE OF THE WAR, Jeff Wayne	Sire
40		BRITISH HUSTLE/PEACE ON EARTH, Hi Tension	island
42		FOOL (IF YOU THINK IT'S OVER), Chris Rea	Magnet
43		DON'T LOOK BACK, Boston	Epic
44	66	GOT TO GET YOU INTO MY LIFE, Earth Wind and F	ire CBS
45	53	BURN, Deep Purple	Purple
46	46	MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, Brotherhood of Man	Pye
47		IT'S RAINING Darts	Magnet
48		HARD ROAD, Black Sabbath	Vetigo
	48	DOWN AT THE DOCTOR'S, Doctor Feelgood	UA
50 51		HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS, Bob Seger HEADS DOWN NO NONSENSE, Albertos	Capitol Magnet
52	75	CAN'T STAND LOSING YOU, Police	A&M
53		YOU'RE THE ONE THAT I WANT, Travolta/Newton-	
54	61		Anola/Hansa
55	24	FORGET ABOUT YOU, Motors	Virgin
56	-74	ONE FOR YOU ONE FOR ME, La Bionda	Philips
57	35	GALAXY OF LOVE Crown Heights Affair	Philips
58	38	BAMA BOOGIE WOOGIE, Cleveland Eton	Gull
		L.A. CONNECTION, Rainbow	Polydor
60		SHAME. Evelyn 'Champagne' King	RCA
63		I GOT TO PIECES IEVERY TIMEI, Gern Grangei	CC3
		ITHOUGHT IT WAS YOU, Herbie Hancock IT'S A BETTER THAN GOOD TIME Gladys Knight	CBS
63		GET IT WHILE YOU CAN, Olympic Runners Bud	Buddah
65			Warner Bros
66		COMING HOME, Marshall Hain	Harvest
67		AN EVERLASTING LOVE, Andy Gibb	RSO
		JUKE BOX GYPSY Lindistarns	Mercury
		SGT PEPPER'S, Beatles	Parlophone
170		AND THE BAND PLAYED ON, Flash And The Pan	Ensign
192	156	WHAT YOU WAITIN FOR, Stangard	MCA

3 49 SUPERNATURE, Corone

TOT A FEELING, Parick Juvet

# UK ALBUMS

	1 1	GREASE, Onginal Soundtrack	RSO
	2 2	IMAGES Don Williams	K-Tel
	3 12	THE BIG WHEELS OF MOTOWN, Various	Motown
	4 5	CLASSIC ROCK London Symphony Orchestra	K Tel -
	5 -	STAGE David Bowie	RCA
	6 3	BLOODY TOURISTS, 10cc	Mercury
	7 4	NIGHTFLIGHT TO VENUS, Boney M	Atlantic/Hansa
	8 9	TORMATO, Yes	Atlantic
	9 6	WAR OF THE WORLDS, Jelf Wayne's Musical V	
1	0 8		RSO
1	1 7		Chrysalis
1	2 18		Whitfield
	3 17		United Artists
	4 -		Vertigo
	6 16		Chrysalis
	6 10		Polydor
	7 15		Red Seal
	8 14		
1		NATURAL HIGH, Commodores	Epic
2			Motown
2			Polydor
-		ONOTHER MODE OF WAR	K-Tel
2		LIVE AND DANGEROUS, Thin Liza	Vertigo
2.	-		Jet
2		STREET LEGAL, Bob Dylan	CBS
2		BAT OUT OF HELL Meat Loaf	Epic/Cleveland
2		BREATHLESS Camel	Decca
2	, 00	THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR, Mathe Will	
2		ARE WE NOT MEN? NO WE ARE DEVO, Devo	Virgin
2		RUMOURS, Fleetwood Mac	Warner Bros
3		THE KICK INSIDE, Kate Bush	EMI
_	1 26	NEW BOOTS AND PANTIES, Ian Dury	Sitt
3		20 GOLDEN GREATS, The Kinks	Ronco
3:		WHEN I DREAM, Crystal Gayle	United Artists
3	4 27	EVITA, Vanous	MCA
3	5 39	20 GIANT HITS, Nolan Sigters	Target
30	6 -	LIVE BURSTING OUT, Jeihro Tull	Chrysalis
3	7 23	20 GDLDEN GREATS, The Hollies	EMI
34	8 24	THE ALBUM, Abba	Epic
39	9 -	BACK IN THE USA, Linda Ronstadt	Asylum
40	- 0	TONIC FOR THE TROOPS, Boomtown Rais	Ensign
41	28	AND THEN THERE WERE THREE, Genesis	Charisma
42	33	SUNLIGHT, Herbie Hancock	CBS
43	35	OCTAVE, Moody Blues	Decca
44	36	HANSWORTH REVOLUTION, Steel Pulse	Island
45	-	TO THE LIMIT, Joan Armatrading	A&M
46		SOME GIRLS Rolling Stones	EMI
47		DIRE STRAITS, Dire Straits	Vertigo
48		PASTICHE, Manhattan Transfer	Atlantic
49		EVERYONE PLAYS DARTS. Darts	
			Magnet
50		A SONG FOR ALL SEASONS, Renaissance	Warner Bros
50	-	LONDON TOWN, Wings	Parlophone

UK SOUL

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2 THREE TIMES A LADY Commod RASPUTIN, Boney M 8 SHAME, Evelyn "Champagne" King 13 WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR, Stargard

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4 GALAXY OF LOVE, Crown Heights Affair 5 BRITISH HUSTLE, Hi Tension

BLAME IT ON THE BOOGIE Jacksons

17 6 ITHOUGHT IT WAS YOU, Herbie Hancock

20 15 YOU GOT ME RUNNING, Lenny Williams SUPPLIED BY: BLUES & SOUL, 42 Hanway Stri

IT'S BETTER THAN GOOD TIME, Gladys Knight

BRANDY, O'Jays

16 10 HOT SHOT, Karen Young

19 12 HOLDING BACK, LTD

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# UK DISCO

1	1	YOU MAKE ME FEEL (MIGHTY REAL), Sylvester Far	nasy/12in/U
2	2	BRITISH HUSTLE/PEACE ON EARTH, Hi-Tension	Island#12e
3	5	NOW THAT WE FOUND LOVE, Third World	Island/12ir
4	8	LOVE DON'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE, Rose Royce	Whithele
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4	8	LOVE DON'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE, Rose Royce	a Whitheld
5	3	GALAXY OF LOVE Crown Heights Affair	Mercury 12m/CP
,6	7	1 THOUGHT IT WAS YOU, Herbie Hancock	CBS 12m/L
7	46	RASPUTIN Boney M	Atlantic/12in
8	18	GREASE, Frankie Valif/Gary Brown	RSO

		10	Grichat, Frankie Vanir Gary Grown
ı	9	11	WHAT YOU WAITIN' FOR, Stargard
ı	10	38	SUMMER NIGHTS Travolta Newton-John
1	11	16	WHAT YOU WAITIN FOR, Stargard SUMMER NIGHTS Travoltal Newton-John INSTANT REPLAY "Oan Hartman

12	17	PRANCE ON Eddie Henderson	Capitol 12
13	23	GIVING IT BACK, Phil Hurt	US Fantasy 12
14	6	HOT SHOT, Karen Young	Atlantic/12in/US West End.12
15	36	IT SEEMS TO HANG ON, Ashfor	d and Simpson Warner Bre
16	15	CAN'T YOU SEE ME ROY AVERS	Polydor I

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ĸ	2	BRITISH HUSTLE, Hi Tension	Island 1
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ш	6	WINKER'S SONG, Ivor Biggun	Beggars Bang
a	7	I WANT CANDY, The Bishops	Chiswick
п	B	INSTANT REPLAY, Dan Hartman	Import 1
15	10	SOUND AND VISION, David Bowie	Span
15	aio.	GET IT WHILE YOU CAN, The O. Runners	Polydor 1
н	31	BIGGEST BLOW, Sex Partols	Virgin 1
н	132	HEROES, David Bowie	Spanish 1
ø	13	HARD ROAD, Black Sabbath	Vert
п	34	WHITE SNAKE BITE, Oavid Coverdale	
а	75	STUFF LIKE THAT, Quincy Jones	A&M 1
	116	LOOKING AFTER NO 1, Boomtown Rats	lmp
	177	SATISFACTION, Devo	Stiff 1
	18	MIND BLOWING DECISIONS, Heatwave	Import 1
	19	STRANGLERS, EP	Imp
	20	DENIS, Blondie	Chrysalis 1
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# US SINGLES

2	. 3	HOT CHILD IN THE CITY, Nick Gilder	Chrysalis
3	2	BOOGIE OOGIE, A Taste Of Honey	Capitol
4	4	DON'T LOOK BACK, Boston	Epic
5	6	REMINISCING, Little River Band	Harvest
6	9	YOU NEEDED ME, Anne Murray	Capitol
7	8	LOVE IS IN THE AIR, John Paul Young	Scotts Bros
8	10	WHENEVER I CALL YOU "FRIEND" Kenny Loggin	
9	5	SUMMER NIGHTS, John Travolta Olivia Newton Jo	
10	7	HOPELESSLY DEVOTED TO YOU, Olivia Newton-J.	
11	21	MAC ARTHUR PARK, Oonna Summer	Casablanca
12	12	HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS Bob Seger	Capitol
13	14	RIGHT DOWN THE LINE, Gerry Rafferty	United Artists
14	16	HOW MUCH I FEEL Ambrosia	Warner Bros
15	17	GET OFF, Foxy	Dash
16	18	BACK IN THE USA, Linda Ronstadt	Asylum
17	19	SHE'S ALWAYS A WOMAN, Billy Joel	Columbia
18	20	YOU NEVER DONE IT LIKE THAT, Captain & Tennill	
19	22	WHO ARE YOU, Who	MCA
120	26	DOUBLE VISION, Foreigner	Atlantic
21	11	THREE TIMES A LADY, Commodores	Motown
-22	24	I LOVE THE NIGHT LIFE. Alicia Bridges	Polydor
23	25		United Artists
24	27		Rolling Stones
25	30	IT'S A LAUGH, Daryl Hall & John Oates	RCA
26	29	JDSIE. Steely Dan	ABC
27	28	5-7-0-6, City Boy	Mercury
28	13	AN EVERLASTING LOVE, Andy Gibb	RSO
29	43	I JUST WANNA STOP, Gino Varinelli	A&M
30	34	DANCE, DISCO HEAT Sylvesier	Fantasy
31	39	READY TO TAKE A CHANCE AGAIN, Barry Manilov	
32	35	I WILL STILL LOVE YOU, Stonebolt	Parachule
33	33	ALMOST LIKE BEING IN LOVE, Michael Johnson	
34	15	OH DARLIN', Robin Gibb	RSO
35	23	COME TOGETHER, Aerosmith	Columbia
36	38	TOOK THE LAST TRAIN, David Gates	Elektra
37	48	SHARING THE NIGHT TOGETHER, Or Hook	
38			Capitol
39		SWEET LIFE, Paul Davis	Bang
	42	LONOON TOWN, Wings HEARTBREAKER Dolly Parton	Capitol
40	37 46		RCA lelennium 620
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42	44	EASE ON DOWN THE ROAD, Olana Ross & Michael BLUE COLLAR MAN, Siyx	Jackson MCA A&M
44	31	YOU AND I, Rick James	Gordy
45	57	DON'T WANT TO LIVE WITHOUT IT, Pablo Cruise	A&M
46	50	PRISONER OF YOUR LOVE, Player	RSO
47	55	CHANGE OF HEART, Eric Carmen	
	200	EVERYBODY NEEDS LOVE, Stephen Bishop	Arista
48	52 49		ABC
49		'HOLDIN' ON, Ltd	200
50	75	TIME PASSAGES, AI Stewart	Artsta
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# **US** ALBUMS

2	1	DON'T LOOK BACK, Boston	Epic
3	3	DOUBLE VISION, Foreigner	Atlantic
4	4	WHO ARE YOU, The Who	MCA
5	5		Rolling Stones
6	100	A TASTE OF HONEY	Capitol
7	7	NIGHTWATCH Kenny Loggins	Cohimbia
8	10	TWIN SONS, Fogetberg & Weisberg	Epic
9	12	LIVE AND MORE, Donna Summer	Casablanca
10	30	LIVINGIN THE USA, Linda Ronstadt	Asylum
11	11	THE STRANGER, Billy Joel	Columbia
12	13	NATURAL HIGH, Commodores	Motown
13	14	STRANGER IN TOWN, Bob Seger	Capitol
14	15	GET OFF, Foxy	Oash
15	19	PIECES OF EIGHT, Stys	ASM
16	19	MIXED EMOTIONS, Exile	Warner Curb
17	18	COME GET IT. Rick James	Gordy
		SKYNYRD'S FIRST AND LAST, Lynrd Skyned	
18	20	SLEEPER CATCHER, Little River Band	Capital
19		SGT PEPPER'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB Sounding	
20	8	IS IT STILL GOOF FOR YA Ashford & Simpson	Warner Bros
21	24	CHILDREN OF SANCHEZ, Chuck Mangione	A6M
22	22		RSO
23	23	SATUROAY NIGHT FEVER, Soundtrack	A&M
24	9	BLAM, Brothers Johnson	Elektra
25	25	THECARS	Alston
26	29	LiVE, Betty Wright	Alston
27	27	HEARTSREAKER, Dolly Parton	
28	28	STRIKES AGAIN Rose Royce	Whitfield
29	39	ONE NATION UNDER A GROOVE, Funkadelic	Warner Bros
30	34	STEP II, Sylvester	Fantasy
31	31	CITY TO CITY, Gerry Rallerty	United Artists
32	32	BAT OUT OF HELL, Meat Loaf	Epic/Cleveland
33	50	OOG AND BUTTERFLY Heart	Portrait
34	16	WORLDS AWAY, Palvio Cruise	AGM
35	38	ALONG THE RED LEDGE, Daryl Hall & John Oates	
36	41	LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY, Anne Murray	Capitol
37	58	TIME PASSAGES AI Stewart	Arista
38	40	CARAVAN TO MIDNIGHT, Robin Trower	Chrysalis
39	35	LIFE IS A SONG, Teddy Pendergrass	Philadelphia
40	26	SMOOTH TALK, Evelyn "Champagne" King	RCA
41	42	AJA Steely Oan	ABC
42	-	TORMATO, Yes	Atlantic
43	49	MACHO MAN, Village People	Casablanca
44	46	COSMIC MESSENGER, Jen-Luc Ponty	Atlantic
45	47	BISH, Stephen Bishop	ABC AA-1082
46	52	SONGS ABOUT BUILDINGS AND FOOD, Talking	Heads Sire
47	37	SGT PEPPER'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB, Beatles	Capitol
48	48	YOU SENO ME Roy Ayers,	Polydor
49	57	DANGER ZONE, Player	ASO
50	36	WHO DO YOU LOVE, K.C. & The Synshine Band	TK

# 115 DISCO

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1	2	INSTANT REPLAY, Dan Hariman	Blue Sky
2	4	MAC ARTHUR PARK SUITE, Donna Sumner	Casablanca
3	3	BEAUTIFUL BEND, Bons Midney	Marlin
4	-1	KEEP ON JUMPIN' Musique	Prelude
5	10	I LOVE THE NIGHTLIFE (DISCO ROUND), Alicia Bri	dges Polydor
6	5	YOU MAKE ME FEEL Sylvester	Fantasy
7	6	VICTIM, Candi Staton	Warner Bros
8	7	I'M A MAN, Macho	Prehide
9	8	STAR CRUISER, Gregg Diamond	Marlin
10	9	SUPERSTARIGO FOR THE MONEY, Bob McGilpin	Butterfly
11	11	BURNIN' Carol Douglas	Midsong
12	12	MR DJ The Glass Family	JOC Records
13	21	AIN'T THAT ENOUGH FOR YOU John Davis	SAN
14	14	DANCING IN MY FEET, Laura Taylor	TK
15	17	QUEEN OF THE NIGHT, Loisatta Holloway	Gold Mind
16	19	No 1 DEE JAY Goody Goody	Atlantic
17	13	THINK IT OVER Cissy Houston	Private Stock
18	20	STANDING IN THE SHADOWS, Ochorah Washingt	ion Arioli
19	15	LET'S START THE DANCE, Bohannon	Mercun
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1	1	ONE NATION UNDER A GROOVE Funkadelic	Wainer Bros.
2	2	GOT TO GET YOU INTO MY LIFE, Earth, Wind & Fir	e Columbia
3	4	IT SEEMS TO HANG ON, Ashford & Simpson	Warner Bros.
4	7	BLAME IT ON THE BOOGIE, Jacksons	Epic
5	5	I'M IN LOVE, Rose Royce	Whitfield
6	6	DANCE Sylvester	Fantasy
2	3	HOLDING ON, L.T.D.	ABM
8	8	WHAT YOU WAITIN' FOR, Stargard	MCA
9	9	GET OFF, Foxy	Dash
10	11	LET'S START THE DANCE, Hamilton Bohannon	Mercury
11	13	THERE'LL NEVER BE, Switch	Gordy
12	10	TAKE ME I'M YOURS, Michael Henderson	Buddah
13	12	SOFT AND WET, Prince	Warner Bros.
14	14	SMILE Emotions	Columbia
15	15	ONLY YOU, Loidetta Holloway & Bunny Sigler	Gold Mind
16	16	STANDUP, Atlantic Starr	ABM
17	20	YOU WERE MEANT FOR ME Donny Hathaway	Atco
18	18	IT'S A BETTER THAN GOOD TIME. Gladys Knight	Buddah
19	19	DON'T STOP, GET OFF, Sylvers	Casablanca
20	17	YOU, McCrarys	Portrait
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# JUICY LUICY

I DO so admire girls who can just ignore their age and get on with the job of living, don't you? I refer of course, to the irrepressible Britt Ekland, a fighter if ever I saw one. I think she's been so brave to overcome all the publicity over her ex boyfriend Rod the Mod and show that she doesn't care that he has a new (and seemingly long lasting) love in Alana Hamilton — another blonde of larger proportions (such a WIDE

proportions (such a WIDE smile, my dears).

ANYWAY, BRITT has been showing that she can have a good time too in the music biz. Of course, she's always been fond of the razamataz of the rock world, so it was no surprise that she turned up in LA at a party held for Yes (and aren't THEY wearing well, too?). True to form, Britt made the effort and arrived at the party in a totally stunning outfit which I'll try to describe to you; she wore a very unusual pair of trousers which started at the waistband, then had only strap-like affairs attaching it started at the wastband, then had only strap-like affairs attaching it to the leg below the thigh. This enabled other guests to catch a tantalising gilmpse of her thighs, which were accentuated by see thru' white tights. Not everyone's choice, of course, but then Britt isn't everybody

I'M PLEASED I'M PLEASED to say she wore something a little cosier when she flew into London (minus her lastest beau, record producer Ron Levinson) this week to begin work in her first stage play, 'Mates' (so appropriate, appropriate don't you agree?) It's a comedy, which surprised me. and she plays the part

of a divorcee trying to marry a young man. Britt says the play is not autobiographical, but I don't think she'll have any difficulty

with the role

AND ANOTHER heartwarming story; American star Cher is spreading some of her publicity around and sharing the limelight for a change) with her dear old mum, Georgia has decided to go into showbiz, and made her singing debut in Los Angeles this month Georgia has the same expansive smile as her daughter, but hasn't gone to extremes with her hair which is pleasantly blonde. Cher is currently, er, frizzy. I wonder if they both use the same dressmaker? I've heard that the salim Cher has clever padding in her gorgeous atage dresses. Such a talented girl.\*

NOW I have an admission to

NOW I have an admission to make: there was a party and I wasn't there. However, it WAS in Venice and I've been much too busy to pop over there. I hear it was quite a bash though, it followed the recording of a TV spectacular, which starred our

very own Ian Dury, the Average White Band, Plastic Bertrand, Shella B Devotion, Kraftwerk and Sylvester (who, I hear, is getting quite chubby, bless him). It just happened to be Hamish Stuart's birthday (you know, that fair, frizzy one in the AWB). The champagne flowed, as usual, and he was presented with a birthday eake — in the face. Despite all thehigh jinks, nobody fell in the canal. And tocap it all, the party was in the same hotel as Roger Moore was in, but he didn't join the celebrations. I don't suppose he'd look so unfiappable wearing marzipan loing.

note so unflappable wearing marzipan lcing.

WE BID goodbye this week to dear Bev Briggs, who decided to go out with a bang and did a hatchet job on 999's latest album. Young Bev wasn't at all impressed with it. and not being one to mince words, said so. She met the lads to discuss and not being one to mince words, said so. She met the lads to discuss the review, but contrary to our fears, they didn't match hatchet with hatchet. Said the baffled Nick Cash: "I think that's the worst review I've ever read!" He also added that our reporter wasn't as he'd imagined. I might explain that Bev goes in for practical clothing, workmen's dungares and stout boots. "When we read your review," said Cash, "we were sure you'd be the permed hair tweed Jacket and skirt type." I'm pleased to report that the differences were patched up. The two kissed and made up. ... and kissed and made up. ... and kissed and made up. up and Bev has left us forever, to pursue a less dangerous occupation, pondering on the meaning of life and 999's lyrics.

A CASE of having your A CASE of having your cake and not eating it: Rose Royce were presented with a two foot long cake made in the shape of the luxurious Rolls Royce car, vintage model. The group loved the cake, but decided to pass it on to a children's home.

I THOUGHT I was safe forever from Jethro Tuil, but it appears not. Ian Anderson arranged for the



BEV AND NICK: are they arm wrestling, or just holding hands?

IT WAS bound to happen: Her Majesty and Queen, sharing a regal title, probably don't get each other's letters ALL the time (though it's an interesting though it's an interesting though it's an interesting though it's an interesting though it is a letter from America. When they opened it (it was addressed Queen, London) they discovered the contents were intended for lithe star Freddie. Without batting an eyelid, an efficient lady in waiting forwarded the letter to its true destination.

MY CONGRATULATIONS suave, sophisticated Bill Nelson, recently of Be Bop Deluxe. He and his wife Jan have a new baby daughter. which they've christened Elle Gabrielle. An unusual name for their part of the country, darlings, but very pretty.

I NEVER knew any of Judas Priest had the kind of wild emotion that Rob Halford demonstrated when he found he'd won £25 on the horses. He was 125 on the horses. He was so overcome, he jumped up and down — banging his head and causing a wound that required five stitches. I wonder what they do when they get their royalty cheques? I presume they DO get some?

HIS STORY and he's sticking to it dept: Andy Ward of Camel is apparently a well known sleep walker (well, that's what he said). He decided to take a nocturnal stroll in his hotel the other evening and woke up to find himself stark naked outside his door, which was locked. The barefaced (did I say barefaced? I meant to say red

faced) Andy had to fetch a porter to let him back into his room. I believe you, really I do, Andy

to let him back into his room. I believe you, really I do, Andy.

WELL, THE Barry Manilow party at the Dorchester Hotel should have been the bash of the week, but I'm sorry to have to tell you this darlings, it wasn't that hot. The reason? There just hot the reason? There just weren't enough STARS to be interesting. I did have a chat to Brucle and his lovely wife Anthea Redfern, but that's hardly enough to keep a girl going for the night, it it? Especially as they were a little surprised that they should be spoken to by little old me (don't take that literally, dears). Anthea's smile was a bit frozen — and I wouldn't have been surprised if the rest of her felt that same in that daring low cut gown, but she did look ravishing. I only hope she didn't stand too close to the ice statue of Barry Manilow, though. The Dochester was done up like a disco, with flashing lights, but the grandeur of the place didn't prevent one young couple from indulging in a VERY intimate dance, well, more of a writhing actually, on the floor I wasn't terribly impressed.

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POOR, POOR dear Marianne POOR, POOR dear Marianne Faithfull. Her first London show in I don't know how long a n d he r equipment goes wrong. Well, not exactly HER equipment, but he r b a s player's. He didn't manage to get plugged in for simply ages.

didn't manage to get plugged in for simply ages. I did feel for them. Marianne struggled to keep the show alive, wiggling her body in that AWFULLY interesting little black, strapless corset top if tell you, it 'moved independently of her body darlings) and her black leather mini skirt. But even she couldn't keep it up and had to leave the stage for a while. It must have been terribly embarrassing for her. When she did manage to get going, I noticed her voice was much huskier than it used to be I wonder if it had anything to do with the fact the DJ persisted in playing Rolling Stones' songs prior to her entrance. I thought it was a little tactless of him under the circumstances. But then, not everyone can be as considerate as I am.

AND NOW last, and probably least too — there was a disap-

I am.

AND NOW last, and probably least too — there was a disappointing little "do" for friend of the famous, Roddy Llewellyn, at Tramp. Curly ham sandwiches are not my idea of a good time, but others seemed to enjoy themselves. In fact, you could hardly see joily little Roddy for the crush of photographers around him, and with all those flashbulbs going off in his eyes, I expect he'll be seeing stars for weeks. Poor thing.

I'll be seeing stars all week, as usual, see you soon. Byeece.



BETTE MIDLER and her Haglettes: I'm all for being uninhibited, as Ms Midler surely is, but the hirsute armpit of exhuberant Harlette isn't the sort of freedom I had in mind.



OF COURSE we all know about your op. Wayne, but we really didn't care to study the new you in such vivid detail. If you're going to be a LADY, you'll have to give up wearing laddered tights. It's just not on.

# OLIVIA **GOES ON** WORLD **TOUR**

GREASE SUPERSTAR Olivia Newton - John will be playing London's Rainbow Theatre on November 28 and 29 and the Manchester Apollo on November 30 and December I

20 and 20 and the Manchester Apolio of November 30 and Docember 1.

The concerts are part of a world tour and mark a triumphant homecoming for Olivia since she left Britain five years ago. One of her last appearances over here was as a guest on a BBC television special with Leo Sayer and Elton John in 1977. Despite a string of hit singles Olivia haan't really achieved widespread fame in Britain until the arrival of 'Grease'. But she'il be throwing off much of the cute image she achieved in the film during her performances and the emphasis will be on rock 'n' roll. However she will be performing songs from 'Grease' as well as past hits and a selection of four songs from her forthcoming album 'Totally Hot'.

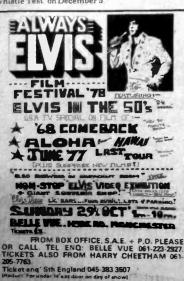
Olivia's backing band includes Jim Sullivan on guitar, Jean Roussel on keyboards and three back up singers.

Tickets go on sale now priced £6. £5, £4, £3 at the Rainbow and £5, £4 and £3 at the Manchester Apollo.

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# **DEVO MOBILISE**

DEVO ARE to begin a British tour in November as part of a full scale European trek.
Dates are: Edinburgh Odeon November 26, Glasgow Apollo 27, Newcastle City Hall 29, Sheffield City Hall 30, Birmingham Odeon December 1, Hammersmith Odeon 2, 3, Manchester Free Trade Hall 4, Liverpool Empire 6, Bristol Colston Hall 7. Ticketa priced £3, £2.50, £2 and £1 at all venues go on selectible greek Dovo will also be appearing on 'The Old Grey
Whistle Test' on December 5





# **JAM TOUR** + ALBUM

THE JAM are to release a new album, in conjunction with a major UK tour.

This precedes their headlining appearances at the Great British Music Festival at Wembley on November 29.

'All Mod Cons' will be the band's third album and is scheduled for release at the end of October. Supporting the Jam on tour will be American band the Dickles and poet Patrik Fitzgerald.

Tour dates are: Liverpool Empire November 1, Leicester De Montfort Hali 2, Bradford St Georges Hall 3, Newcastle City Hall 4, Glasgow Apollo 5, Aberdeen Capital Theatre 6, St Andrews University 7, Sheffield Polytechnic 10, Leeds University 12, Manchester Apollo 13, Birmingham Odeon 14, Coventry Theatre 15, Cambridge Corn Exchange 17, Great Yarmouth ABC Cinema 18, Cardiff University 20, Brighton Dome 21, Canterbury Odeon 22, Portsmouth Guildhall 24, Bristol Colston Hall 26.



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# SANTANA BAC

SANTANA return to Britain at the end of this month for six concerts.

They will play Wembley Empire Pool on October 30, 31 and November 1, Bingley Hail, Stafford on November 3 and Manchester Apollo on November 4 and 5. There will be no support band.

To coincide with the tour, CBS release the band's new album 'Inner Secrets' on October 20, Produced by Dennis Lambert and Brian Potter the album features the same band who are touring Britain. The album was recorded in Los Angeles

Ticket details: Tickets for Wembley priced 55 and 64 are available from the Santana Box Office, Empire Pool Wembley, Middlesex (tel 01-902-1234), Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to Wembley Stadium Ltd Tickets for Bingley priced (14.50 are available from Bingley Hail Box Office (1765 47111): Cyclops Sound, Birmingham (021 643 21961): Sundown Records Wolverhampton (0802 772370); and all Mike Lloyd Music Shops in Stoke on Trent. Manchester tickets priced 65 and 64 are available from the Apollo Box Office, Hyde Road, Manchester (061 273 1112).

# **FUNKY TIMES**

TOP US soul bands Parliament and Funkadelic will be touring Britain together in December.

Billed as the Parliament / Funkadelic Revue they'll be playing Belle Vue King's Hall on December 10 before playing the Hammersmith Odeon on December 11, 12, 13. Tickets for both venues priced 14, 1350, 13 and 12,30 go on sale this week.

Special stage effects will include flutar reverses

venues priced 14, 13.50, 13 and 12.50 go on sale this week.

Spectal stage effects will include flying saucers and assorted sci-fi equipment. At Hammersmith a special 80ft x 50ft stage will cover the orchestra pit to accommodate all the props and equipment, while the Belle Vue stage is large enough to accommodate all the effects. Included in the Revue will be the Horry Horns, the Brides of Funkenstein girl duo and Parlet, a trio of backing vocalist.

Coinciding with the visit, WEA release Funkadellc's new album 'One Nation Under A Groove' on December 1 with the title track released as a single on November 17. The Brides of Funkenstein Funk Or Walk' is released by Atlantic on December 1.

# **SOUL MAN**

VETERAN soul man James Brown is to make his-first British appearances in nearly a year. Brown will be playing two shows at the Ham-mersmith Odeon on November 24 and two shows at the Manchester Apollo on the 25. He will bring over his full American stage show and Polydor will be issuing a new single to tie in with the visit.

# **QUO LYRICS THEFT**

STATUS QUO'S newest member, keyboards player Bob Young, had the lyrics of the group's new album stolen from his BMW car in London last week.

The lyrics were in a brown leather bag. Thieves apparently broke into their car which was parked outside Quo's management office in Wardour Street

A spokesman for the group said that any information leading to recovery of the lyrics would be most welcome ... and maybe even a reward for the lucky finder.

# THIRD WORLD

FOR THE first time in three years, Third World will be touring Britain this month. The hand whose single 'Now That We've Found Love' is high in the charts, last came over as guests on a Bob Marley

tour

Dates are: Oxford Polytechnic October 25.
Warwick University 26, Nottingham University 28,
Strathclyde University 29, Edinburgh Tiffanys 30.
Sheffield University 31, Leeds University
November 1, Leicester University 7, Cardiff Top
Rank 8, Slough Community Centre 10, Dunstable
California Ballroom 11, Lancaster University 12,
Bristol Romeo and Juliets 13, Brighton Top Rank 14.
Leicester Square Empire Ballroom 19.

More dates will be added later.

# NO SPLIT

RUMOURS that David Bowle will be splitting from his RCA record company of long standing have been denled — by the man himself. The rumours started after the delay in release of Bowle's 'Stage' album and the fact that he might consider switching to Warner Bros to tie in with his developing film career.

But in a statement issued this week Bowle said: "In answer to the numerous rumours concerning my recording activities, I wish to clear the air and set the record straight. At the present and in the forseeable future, I'm under contract to RCA Records and at no time have I engaged in any negotiations aimed to alter that status. My relationship with RCA has been a long and rewarding one — and any rumours that I am signing with another label are completely false and erroneous."



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JOHN OTWAY: has announced changes and additions to his tour. He now plays Dundee University instead of Hamilton Football Cub on October 14 and the Panel Club Belfast instead of Jordan Town Polytechnic on October 17. His gig at Cambridge University is cancelled, replaced by Shelton Cauldron College on October 31. Additional dates are Oxford College of Further Education October 29, Hull College November 3.

ROSETTA STONE: Hove King Alfred October 20, Shoreham Community Centre 21, Little Hampton Windmill Theatre 27.

SPECIAL CLINIC: Leicester Polytechnic October 13, Birmingham Mercat Cross 14, Sollhuil Golden Lion 18, Birmingham Mercat Cross 21, Birmingham College Of Food 24, Birmingham New Talbot 28

KIDDA BAND: Hatton Doveside Club October 13, Birmingham Bogarts 14, Nuneaton Cherry Tree 23, Leeds Victoria Hotel November 1, Ipswitch Royal William 3, Birmingham Crown And Cushion 6, Sheffield Tiffanys 7

NICOL AND MARSH: Following London dates; Dingwalls October 14, Rock Garden 18, Golden Lion 19, Music Machine 23, Canning Town Bridge House 24, Windsor Castle 26.

WICKED LADY: Fareham Collingwood Club October 12, Llanelli Glen Ballroom 13, Cinderford RFC 14, Torpoint Raleigh Club 15.

DOCTORS OF MADNESS: Play their final date before splitting up at the London Music Machine October 26.

BETHNAL: who release a new single 'Nothing New' next week have announced changes and additional dates on their forthcoming tour. Their gig at Aberdeen University on October 21 has been changed to Glasgow University and their Reading University gig on November 1 has been cancelled. They now play plymouth Metro on November 3 instead of Cardiff University and they've cancelled concerts at Folkestone Leas Cliff Hall on November 11 and Glasgow Pavilion 20. Instead of playing the Rainbow on October 26 they play the Hammersmith Odeon the day before. Added dates are Nottingham University December 1, Warwick University December 2. NW.10: Chellenham Plough October 12, Milton Keynes College 19, Leighton Buzzard Hunt Hotel 20, Hilchin Red Hart 24, Canterbury University 25, Wolverhampton Lafayette 27, Hungerford Plume 28, Newport Stowaways 30, Cambridge University 31, Norwich University November 1, Wantage Swan 2, Guildford Royal Hotel 3, High Wycombe College 11. Oxford Oranges And Lemons 18.

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AFTER THE FIRE: who are going into the studios to record their first single 'One Rule For You, One Rule For Me' this week, play the following dates; Bishops Stortford Triad Club November 8, London Goldsmiths College 10, Swindon Brunel Rooms December

MATCHBOX: additional dates; Rayleigh Crocks Club October 23, Blackpool Mardi Gras November 2, Dyfed Cross Hands Club 4, Southali White Hart 29, Birmingham Mayfair Ballroom 30.

JENNY DARREN: additional date: Reading University November 29.

THE LATE SHOW: Stoke On Trent Polytechnic October 13. London Music Machine 14. Bradford College 17, Hatfield Polytechnic 20.

SPOOKEY: Huddersfield Storthes Hall Hospital Club October 20, Manchester Set End Inn 21, Liverpool Wookey Hollow Club 22-28, Doncaster Whitehart Hotel 29.

THE PLEASERS: play two special dates for under 18's at Darlaston Town Hall October 18 and Walsall Town Hall 24. The gigs will run from 7pm to 9pm and admission will be 35p.

FABULOUS POODLES: additional dates: London Music Machine October 12. Liverpool Polytechnic 13, Newcastle Polytechnic 14, North Staffs Polytechnic 18. Hull University 19, Bexley Black Prince 21, Lelcester University 25, Southampton University November 1, Sunderland Polytechnic 4, Bishops Stortford Trilad Leisure Centre 8, Sheffield Polytechnic 10, Manchester University 11, Edinburgh Clouds Disco 16, Aberdeen University 17, Strathclyde University 18, St Andrews University 19, Strathclyde University 20, Wales University 29, Sheffield Polytechnic December 1, London University Hall Hospital 15.

MATUMBI: London Lyceum October 29, Colchester University November 4.

# JUST RELEASED

CHILD follow up 'It's Only Make Believe' with a new single 'Still The One' released on October 20. THE THREE Degree release a new album 'New Dimensions' on October 20. WEATHER REPORT release a new single 'River People' this week. It's taken from their forthcoming album

WACKY Dutch band Gruppo Sportivo release a new sangle 'Hey Girl' this week. Their new album 'Back To '78' will be released on November 6.



# **BUS BOY**

CAPTURING the best moments of their most recent world tour, Bob

Marley and the Wallers release a live double album next month.

'Babylon By Bus' is scheduled for release on November 10 and Bauyion By Bus' is scheduled for release on November 10 and features concert highlights recorded in America and Europe. Tracks are — Side One: 'Positive Vibration', 'Punky Reggae Party', 'Exodus'. Side Two: 'Stir It Up', 'Rat Race', 'Concrete Jungle', 'Kinky Reggae'. Side Three: 'Lively Up Yourself', 'Rebel Music (3 O'clock Road Block)', 'War / No More Trouble'. Side Four: 'Is This Love'. 'Heathen', 'Jamming'.

'Heathen', 'Jamming'.

A limited edition of 12 inch single featuring 'War / No More Trouble', and 'Exodus' will be released on October 20.

# IN BRIEF

BARRY MANILOW will be recording a BBC television spectacular in front of an invited audience at the Royal Albert Hall on October 23. Manilow's debut London Palladium concerts have been sell outs.

BRADFORD Anti Nazi league are organisms a multi-ractal festival this saturday. After a parade through the town at 12.30 there will be a concert featuring Jab Jab. Dawn we aver. Shadowfolk and other bands at the university For further information ring Trish or Jet on Bradford 308447.

LONDON based Doll by Doll have been signed to Automatic Records The band will start recording their debut album (scheduled for New Year release) at the end of this month.

PERE UBU have been signed to Chrysalis Records for a long term deal. They'll be playing the London Electric Baliroom on December 1

ELTON JOHN will be special guest at the Record Industry Dinner And Ball on November 2. He'll be playing a solo set in aid of the Variety Club and Music Therapy

LINDA McCARTNEY'S three minute animated film 'Oriental Nightish' is doing the rounds with 'The Driver'. Her book 'Linda's Pictures' is now available in softback £4.25.

# Robin MOUSE



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# 'I'm trying to find more ways to fall in love and eliminate the things that go wrong'



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# KITCHE AND BACK ONTO THE ROAD AGAIN

LIAM MACKEY talks to Pete Shelley in Ireland

AST ON the release of their second album 'Love Bites' and the issuing of a new 45
— the heady 'Ever Fallen In Love With Someone You Shouldn't've' - the Buzzcocks, Manchester's origina! contribution to the small but undeniably catalytic New Wave vanguard of some three years ago, have just embarked on a lengthy tour of Britain and Ireland commencing with a date at their first port of call, Dingo's Rock Palace in Dublin

This is where I initially came on the case, my mission being to travel with the band

to Relfast the following to Belfast the following morning, where they were set to play the city's Ulster Hall on the final date of their Irish jaunt. My specific orders were to soak orders were to soak
myself in the atmosphere
of the trip. In so doing it
was also hoped to
achieve a perspective on
the subjects themselves. which might prove considerably different to the one invariably yielded up by the formal sit-down-and-roll-the

tape
interview situation.
This then is the plot,
now roll credits as
follows: On The Road follows: On The Road With The Buzzcocks, Starring Pete Shelley and Steve Diggle. And With A Supporting Cast of Thousands. Fade credits over a panoramic view of Dublin city and cut immediately to close-up of the band on-stage with accommying

HE MOST striking aspect of the Buzzcocks' Dublin gig, as far as I'm concerned, was the

immeasurable improvement it represented on their last such outing late last year. Then, through a combination of an atrocious sound system and a painfully obvious stage inexperience, the Buzzocks had floundered.

dered to such a degree that they made the abysmal support band The Worst seem substantially more appealing than in retrospect, they actually were. I was left vainly searching for clues in the Buzzcocks' display which might somehow lend substance to the heavy critical praise being casually tossed about in Britain

at the time
At a half-full but
sauna-hot Dingos last
week it ali fell into place however, the band -following initial teething

problems when Steve Diggle bust a guitar Diggie bust a guitar string — warming over all but the terminally prejudiced with a display of bracing, melodic and subtly imaginative hard rock, touching on a range of near-subliminal sources as diverse as Arthur Lee's Love, Marc Bolan and Bo Diddley, but relying essentially on their own idiosyncratic melodies and intensely addictive sound — and addictive sound — and one which defines the Buzzcocks as a highly individual force in the contemporary scheme of things

Next morning, on the 11 am train to Belfast, I met up for the first time with two of the band, guitarist/vocalist/ songwriter Pete Shelley and lead guitarist Steve Diggle. Initially Steve comes

across as the archetypal shy-guy, barely raising the level of his voice at all, so that at times he was virtually inaudible above the noisily rhythmic monotony of the train scudding through the rainswept countryside. Once the conversation grows more fluid and relaxed however, one realises that it's not some deep-rooted, lamentable inferiority complex which accounts for his low-key demeanour but merely a refreshing eschewing on his part of the loud-mouth bravado which is so often which is so often accepted unquestioningly as part 'n' parcel of the traditional rock 'n' roll persona Steve, thankfully is totally at odds with such fabricated roles, being nothing more or less nothing more or less

than a thoughtful, friendly and humorous sort — the kind of guy you'd be pleased to call a friend.

Still living with his family in Manchester — although he's currently awalting the completion of work on a modest corporation house he's just bought with a couple of mates — his talk is dotted with anecdotes about life in his native sod.

As to how his parents

As to how his parents As to how his parents view Steve's sudden ascension to fame (if not fortune), he feels they're quite happy about all the fuss but not to the avient (he not to the extent (he says with no small relief) that his old man is ever likely to emulate the

actively managerial role assumed by Paul Weller's Dad in the Jam. Of course all this accessibility and level-headedness could arguably be a calculated front erected solely for observation by the press, but I doubt it. Indeed both on and off stage, as near complete a rejection of the whole. sorry "you're-payin'-five-bucks-and-I'mmakin'-ten-thousand-so screw-ya'' rock 'n' roll dictum, as is conveniently possible, would appear to constitute a major portion of band 'policy', such as it exists. Hence. such as it exists. Hence, you had the great, audience-performer rapport which characterised the Dublin gig — and likewise at the Ulster Hall where Steve Diggle spent most of the

between song hiatuses bending down from the stage and furiously shaking outstretched hands like some bone-fide presidential candidate. And after both gigs the fans seeking autographs were granted complete access, the latter's enthusiasm for chat being equalled by that of the band members themselves. The notable exception here however is

here however is drummer John Maher. At eighteen, the youngest member of the Buzzcocks, John seems introverted to the point introverted to the point of a near-total laciturnity. After the Ulster Hall gig for example, while the remaining trio were elsewhere busily signing autographs in a purposely selected room. John was to be found silting and the property of the point of t John was to be found sitting apart, pensive and stoney-faced in the main dressing-room, as if trying his hardest to wilfully merge into the muted decor and disappear. Feeling amost self-consclously rude I sat beside him and mentioned that he and mentioned that he obviously didn't relish the multitudinous trappings associated with the rock 'n' roll lifestyle. "No".

with the rock 'n' roll lifestyle, "No".

Do you feel happy actually playing then."
"Yes, but I'd rather just go onstage, do my Job and leave it at that."
Well, how do you think you'll cope with the

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# OUT OF THE KITCHEN

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increasing pressures as the band inevitably moves up another rung — like, say, going to the U.S? "I don't know really" Apart from some

Apart from some gratuitous small-talk, that really was the sum of our conversation over the 48 hours or so I spent in the company of the band. I wonder the hand. I wonder apprehensively just how long he'll hold out in the whacky world of . But maybe my worries are unfounded. Pete Shelley says that John shouts a long the shell which their limits and the shell was the shell when their limits and the shell was the shell Maybe that's the - and anyway: we all know that sticks-men are a breed set apart don't we?

FTER A lengthy delay at Dundalk and for the customary security check at Portadown, the train winds its way into Belfast close on 2,30 in the afternoon. The the afternoon. The journey takes us through a predominantly upper class area of the city, so we're confronted by few of the ravages rew of the ravages wrought by the mindless violence of the last nine years; the blackened, bricked-up houses laid out in neal, macabre terraces the skeletons of once-thriving pubs and factories, the graffiti signifying rigid demarcation lines rather than division one leaders – all the familiar images of Northern Ireland which the media have filtered through to us in recent years and upon which those of us not affected by the havoc, are wont terraces the skeletons by the havoc, are wont to pronounce solemn, informed and cosy judgements. Still, there was the

Still, there was the intangible feeling gnawing temporarily in the pit of the stomach when the cab was occasionally overtaken by a dull-green armoured car with some armoured car with some professionals by the standing s unfortunate kid standing at the rear brandishing a loaded machine-gun with orders to kill if But the Buzzcocks are

here to play rock 'n' roli for the kids, not to contribute significant sociological theses from a safe distance, the former being a decidedly more
efficacious line of action
for reasons which
should be obvious.
The afternoon is spent

ensconced in the plush. streamlined Conway streamlined Conway Hotel (the kind of place where your cigarette packet is handed to you unwrapped and with two smokes protruding Just so) some seven miles from the city centre, and once you've become accustomed to the avenusiomed to the surrounding Stalag-like 20 feet high barbed-whre fence and wooden security hut, well you could be anywhere in the world.



# 'I feel more comfortable writing about relationships'

DELAY IN getting the P.A. from Dublin to Belfast precluded the Buzzcocks taking a sound-check, their first experience of the Ulster Hall being when they actually bounded on-stage for the gig itself. Not that they need have worried, for this concert was classified 'triumph' chastited triumph from the very first chord, the band being pushed to their limits by an audience reaction which continually bordered on the ecstatic. Early peaks were reached on 'I Don't Mind', '16', the stuttering 'Fiction Romance' and in particular an insurgent

particular an insurgent
Autonomy' boasting
that heavily mesmeric
descending guitar molif
from Steve Diggle.
The Diddleyesque
'Moving Away From',
showcasing John Maher's
rolling-box drumming
and Steve Garvey's
pulsating bass, 'Noise
Annows', and '16 Again' and Steve Garvey's pulsating bass, 'Noise Annoys', and '16 Again' all maintained the dynamic momentum before they slipped into the brilliantly encapsulated singles segment, kicking off with the soon-to-be-released 'Promises' and also including such personal favourites as personal favourites as 'Ever Failen In Love With Someone You Shouldn't've' and 'Love You More'. 'E.S P' from 'Love Bites' was the final number of the set, though I felt that the

clever closing tactics
— with Steve Diggle in
spurious guitar-hero
fashion, single-handedly
supplying the full-stop
after the others had left one by one - were somehow less effective somehow less effective than in Dublin, the Belfast crowd for once falling to respond in the manner desired. But no matter, the encore double-blow of Boredom' and 'Oh Shit' ended the night on an unimpeachable high, the crowd satlate and happy, the band if anything

the band if anything

even more so.

Backstage 'Event'
was the most-favoured
descriptive term and
well-wishers were
already enquiring as to when the boys would next be back in town.

ACK AT THE hotel it's after one in the

fi sarter ofte three morning when I finally roll the tape with Pete Shelley, a less than propitious hour since the band are due to catch the nine o'clock flight back to Manchester on the following morning.
We gratefully agree to
keep it short Shelley as
you doubtless know by
now is the chief creative force within the force within the Buzzcocks, and as such is the instigator (or inheritor) of the oft-quoted "New Wave Romantic" tag. He doesn't, however, feel that the father cumbersome label could become a milistone. become a milistone

around the band's neck.
"It's not a
manufactured pre-occupation I can write songs about other things — but usually I things — but usually I don't, I feel more comfortable writing about all the facets of

about all the facets of relationships."
Shelley's lyrics — as if by fate following the precedent set by the band's ambivalent moriker — are genderless and open to interpretation. He's happy about that too, as he asserts: 'As long as people see something there then that's what

matters'. On the possibility that people might dangerously misinterpret his songs he relents a little, citing a specific example. "People sometimes think 'Love you More' is a love you More' is a love song. Well I wrote it as a love song but I mean looking back on It now it's a terrible kind of love song, and I'm now trying to get out of that phase in my life where I was using emotional blackmail and I was writing 'until the razor cuts' and meaning it. I used to be really intense - worse than a Russian novel"

he quips.

Being involved in rock
'n' roll hasn't radically
altered his views on love and sex either, he maintains, since he admits largely eschewing the traditional liberties of the lifestyle. 'I don't bother with groupies. I mean every now and again I meet somebody after a gig. we get talking and they come back and stop off at the hotel.

Sex may or may not happen. It doesn't really matter — I'll usually see them again." He nutshells his feelings on the subject with a the subject with a seemingly pre-meditated precis that indicates he's understandably more than a little weary with covering well-trodden ground il'm ill-fated enough

"I'm ill-fated enough to fall in love. I've found out there are ways to fall in love and ways not to fall in love. I'm trying to find ways to fall in love and eliminate the things that

ellminate the things tha go wrong." Moving on to other subjects I mention a colleague's theory that there exists for many New Wave bands a glaring disparity between live gigs and studio product, simply because under the guidance of an astute producer they can be made to sound incomparably better than in reality they often are. Pete: "I think Martin

(Rushent, producer) helped us get a certain

'sound' but he hasn't 'made' us. Like given ideal conditions we can reproduce it on-stage. In some ways it's a different medium altogether." He offers a altogether." He offers a measured analogy: "If you can imagine the songs go like a book, the live gigs are stage shows and the albums are like films. And you get a difference between the film of the book and the film of the stage-show. It's a difficult medium. In the studio if you get a song studio if you get a song wrong, you go back and do it again. When you're doing it live you've got to be constantly thinking and it's a split-second and it's a split-second thing at some points. All of a sudden you hear something going wrong and the band must react as a unit to re-adjust and re-align itself. "I'm having trouble remembering the words on some of the new songs." He free-associates. "There's just so many

"There's just so many
of them. I don't know
why I do it sometimes
— I just go on and on
and sometimes on stage

I get lost. Like tonight I

I get lost. Like tonight I could only remember little bits at times." Returning to the theme of reducing band audience barriers Pete, although operating from the same praiseworthy impulse, harbours manifestly different feelings on the subject to Steve Diggle. If anything he's confused by the adulation. "Thate it when they reach out. It's something I'm not able to cope with and I've not yet worked out what to do If I ignore them It's not very fair on them but I can't obviously spend all the time shaking hands. If I tease them It's a pose. It just lan't the way I relate to them.

the time shaking hands. If I tease them it's a pose. It just lan't the way I relate to them 'cos I can't relate to people by putting myself on a pedestal I can only talk to them as individuals. It was good having that room tonight after the gig.

INALLY regarding the intensive scrutiny under which New Wave bands are being placed and the danger that as a result the Buzzcocks—like the Damned, Pistols and many more of their lesser known ground-breaking contemporaries—might suddenly go to the wall. Pete reckons:
'It's something that I remember. I was being intervlewedfor a local paper by a guy who used to work for Melody Maker and he was saying us new bands should feel lucky he was saying us new bands should feel lucky because it wasn't so long ago that it was long ago that it was only people who had records in the chartss who got interviewed. But the group never set out to be "the best" Just as long as people want to buy our records we'll keep on making them and as long as people want to see use we'll keep on playing live."

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"SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE DANCE" "THE GIRL HEXT DOOR

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# Rosetta Stone Ston

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# ELTON'S TOPPER

ELTON JOHN: 'Part Time Love' (Rocket XPRES 1). At last Elton John is back with a single that's deservedly destined to do as well as any of his previous hits. Taken from the forthcoming album, it's written by EJ, without Bernie Taupin however, and is extremely commercial. With the profits from this one he could snap up Johan Cruyff for Watford.

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN:
'Promised Land' (CBS S CBS
6720). One who adds a touch of
class to this week's releases is
Springsteen, with a track from his
'Darkness On The Edge of Town'
LP. There are strong hints of
Dylan present, with use of mouth
organ, but Bruce's distinct voice
dominates, standing out in the
'wilderness' of rock.

RADIO STARS: 'Radio Stars' (Chirwick CFIIS 102). On the 'Holiday Album' this occurs in a delightful one-minute version, which is far superior to the 45 release. Veering strongly towards headbanging territory, it sadly loses that snappiness and much of the impact achieved on the LP.

WHIRLWIND: 'I Only Wish'
(Chiswick CHIS 103). A slower
song and not really one to
move to, from rockabilly boys.
Whirlwind It makes me wonder
why they aren't more successful.
At least they continue to do well
and should do even better in
the future.

WARREN ZEVON: "Excitable Boy" (Asylum K13140). The title track from his platter, which is neither as good nor as appealing as 'Werewolves Of London'. Even so, it's above average quality, featuring neat sax, and backing vocals reminiscent of Mink Deville's 'Spanish Stroll'.

GRUPPO SPORTTVO: 'Hey Girl' (Epic 6767). One of the week's choice cuts comes from Dutch outfit Gruppo Sportivo and it has instant appeal. The sound is fresh on this short, vivacious number produced by Robert Jan Stips, late of Golden Earring, Definite chart possibilities here.

HAWKLORDS: 'PSI Power' (Charisma HL001). Coinciding with their seli-out tour, Messrs. Calvert, Brock and co. have come out with a remixed edition of a number from their new album, which is more commercial than anything they've done before. However I'm sure that its chances have been lessened by UA's re-release of 'Silver Machine'.

URIAH HEEP: 'Come Back To Me' (Bronze BRO 62), Only a masochist would answer this plea from Heep vocalist John Lawlon, because it's painful to listen to nusic as laboured as this. Slow, with standard heavy backing vocals, it really is awful.

BERNIE TORME BAND: 'I'm Not Ready' (Jet Records). 'I'm Not Ready' is one of the most exciting debut releases I've heard for quite some time. The appeal should attract both HM and new wave enthusiasts alike, being a fast, furious and energized little number, with fine guitar from Bernie himself.



SHAM 69: 'Hurry Up, Harry' (Polydor POSP7). As subtle as a sledgehammer, this should keep our spikey haired friends happy. Pursey's gritty vocals are well suited to the song, and it's particularly amusing when he sings "Urry Up, Arry". It's a drinking man's song, complete with pub plano, from a drinking man's band. Time gentlemen, please

JOHN PAUL YOUNG: "The Day My Heart Caught Fire' (Arlola ARO 134). This isn't as good as his 'Love Is In The Air' hit, which I didn't consider to be the world's greatest ever record, and is another ordinary, non-spectacular disco product from JPY.

ALSTEWART: 'Time Passages' (RCAS PB 5121). The title track from Al's five star album, which I don't feel has the same appeal that 'Year Of The Cat' had as a 45, but it's of sufficient quality to make it.

SLADE: 'Rock 'n' Roll Bolero' (Barn 2014 127). A more mellow Slade here; gone are the raucous Noddy Holder vocals and the crashing guitars. The fact remains that they're in dire need of a hit and this could be the one.



TREVOR RABIN: 'Getting To Know You Better' (Chrysalis CHS 2248). This guy is certainly worth getting to know, as is clearly evident from this heavy pop disc, presently going down like thunder at the Bandwagon, HM disco. Culled from Trev's debut album, it starts with a hot riff, maintaining a strong pace all the way.

CRAWLER: 'How Will You Break My Heart?' (Epic S EPC 6671). A neat single from a band who have recently returned to these shores, after scoring success in the US. Terry Slessor's vocals are good on an almost funky song, featuring some fine guitar work from Geoff Whitehorn.

WAVES: 'Dolphin Dive' (Epic S EPC 6722). This quickly sinks to the bottom of the disco sea, with its monotonous beat and hideous vocals. Possibly worse than Brotherhood of Man.

RICK JAMES: 'Mary Jane' (Motown TMG 1121). It astounds me that Motown should stoop so low in releasing such a pathetic effort. There was a time when they brought out one good single after another — those days have sadly passed.

THE WELTONS: 'Call Me If You Feel The Need' (Decca FR 13800). Who needs ya, bables' Nobody with a discerning ear. This is unbelievably bad, from three lads and a girl who handles the organ (and she's only 13!!'). Bet Mum and Dad are proud.

DARYL HALL AND JOHN
OATES: 'Serious Music' (RCA
PB 9324). Not too serious to
enjoy fortunately. This commences
in a heavy mood, moving into
a stronger MOR chorus passage,
Well played, sung and produced,
thus a good overall single.

STEVE HACKETT: 'Namia' (Charisma SH 001). It baffles me why the album version of 'Namia', featuring the superb vocals of Kansas' Steve Walsh, wasn't released in preference to this one, which is sung by John Perry. However, provided that such an arrestingly textured number from the ex-Genesis guitarist obtains sufficient airplay, then it has great potential.

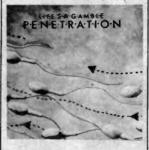
DAVID ESSEX: 'Brave New World' (CBS CBS 6705). Yet another track from Jeff Wayne's musical adaptation of 'War of The Worlds' This one is better on the shorter version, which cuts out the horrendous spoken introduction. Again the production is somewhat excessive, but it will probably do equally well as the other singles from the album. 'Bout time David did something of his own, lest we forget how cute and loveable he was before Che beard and sci-fi dramatics.

THE MOODY BLUES: 'Driftwood' (Decca F13909). The recent success of 'Forever Autumn' should give considerable ald to the sales of this Justin Hayward written's ung number. If the truth be known however, it's a total non event and a long way from being a Moody Blues' classic.

MAGNUM: 'Universe' (Jet 8 JET 128). Here is a pomp rock ballad, from Birmingham group Magnum, which is by far the worst track on their album; indeed a telephone directory reads better than the atroclous lyrics. Why wasn't the filp side 'Invasion', first choice? It moves a lot faster and demonstrates their capabilities.

ROBIN TROWER: 'It's For You' (Chrysalia CHS 2256), Another release with a stronger B-side is Trower's latest, featuring him in a funky vein. 'My Love (Burning Love)' is much, much more dynamic and as commercial as 'It's For You' and would have easily been a hit, However I'm not so sure how this one will fare.

DAVIE JONES AND THE KING BEES: 'Liza Jane' (Decca F13807). The man who is now sharing credits with La Dietrich should have used some of his loot to have this embarrassment suppressed. Yes, here is Mr. Bowie, at the tender age of 17, with a number sounding like so many must have done in 1964—the year of its original release. A mixture of the Beatles and early Keith Richard guitar: this is terrible and for collectors only.



PENETRATION: 'Life's A
Gamble' (Virgin VS 226).
Surpassing all of Penetration's
past releases, this has a strong
chance of charting. In the tine of
female vocal successes like
Slouxsie and Blondle, Pauline
follows admirably on 'Life's A
Gamble', a top quality number
packed with vitality.

BOSTON: 'Don't Look Back' (Epic EPC12 8633). The pick of a rather indifferent selection of numbers on the group's recent LP. It could well reach the lower end of the Top 30.

GENE COTTON AND KIM
CARNES: 'You're A Part Of Me'
(Ariola ARO 137). Here's Gene
Cotton of 'Me And The Elephant'
fame alongside Kim Carnes, who
wrote the song. At least this
lan't as vomit-inducing as the
above one, but it's gutless all the
same.

MARK MIDDLER: 'Sad Song' (Warner Brothers K17230). This is too similar to Bonnie Tyler's 'It's A Heartache' for words, coming from a guy who sounds like a cross between Rod Stewart and Goldle's vocalist. A lousy pop tune, which will doubtless appeal to the masses and sell thousands.



BARRY MANILOW: "Even Now" (Arista ARIST 220). This reminds me of those old Carpenters ballads and is too bland and predictable to rock the boat with excitement, it will doubless have massive sales figures though.

MATUMBI: 'Empire Road' (Harvest HAR 5169). Although this is one of the week's better reggae discs, it list't a killer. This band don't work as well on record as Steel Pulse, but they are getting progressively better. Is it still hip to like reggae?

YVONNÉ KEELY AND STEVE FLANAGAN: 'We Got Love' (Ariola ARO 133). Pure garbage—I really hate this, where monsieur sings in an ultra-masculine voice and madame performs as nauseatingly as she did on her duet with Scott Fitzgerald. Nought out of 10.

KRAFTWERK: "Neon Lights'
(Capitol 12CL 15998). As German
as lederhosen or liverwurst, this is
a record where instruments come
first and vocals are of secondary
importance. I find it hard to
either like or dislike Kraftwerk,
but this luminous twelve incher
heads in a favourable direction.

MARSHA HUNT: "The Other Side Of Midnight' (Magnet MAG 130). A deplorable disco cut, repetitive to the nth degree, from Marsha Hunt who made her name in 'Hair' and with Michael Philip J.

THE KINKS: 'Black Messiah' (Arista ARIST 210). A poor number from Mr. Ray Davies and his band, and one best forgotten in the history of the Kinks. As Ray states "Everybody's got the right to speak their mind" and I must admit, this is very bad.

JOE COCKER: 'Fun Time'
(Asylum K13138), Joe Cocker
could do with more than a little
help from his friends if he intends
bringing out further disastrous
45's like this. There's no scope for
his gruff vocals to shine on this
soul effort; it's something left well
alone

EDDIE RABBITT: 'You Don't Love Me Anymore' (Elektra K12319). It's one of those "darling, they're playing our song" numbers, typical of the genre, nothing sensational but very pleasant plano and vocals.

DONNA SUMMER: 'MacArthur Park' (Casablanca CAN 121). Although they'll 'mever have the recipe again' to match film star Richard Harris' version of this Jimmy Webb classic. Donna Summer has made a reasonable effort and one which should secure her a Top 20 position. The heavily edited cut, commences in a slow fashion before breaking out into a speedy disco rendition, which is harmless in itself.



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# RAR find a home for winter gigs

groups who now have a rare opportunity to perform at what is likely to become an established town centre venue instead of

The credit for masterminding this small operation, which will probably influence regional RAR groups all over the country, must go to the Manchester Branch as a whole, but especially Bernie Wilcox and "Militant" Frank Manley.

Both in their early

Alexandra Park Festival which attracted 40,000 people on the same day as Blackbushe, they

twentles and key figures behind the

restricting their appearances to obscure

places out in the

the large summer carnivals may be fading, but Rock Against Racism won't be spending the next six months in hibernation . they'll just be promoting gigs under a roof

instead of outdoors.

In Manchester, the ocal RAR organisers ave already taken the initiative by finding a new rock venue where they intend to stage

weekly events.
A number of bands
have been booked to
play on Thursdays at
Kelly's, a weekend di Kelly's, a weekend disco cellar ideally situated in Amber Street in the heart of the city These are mainly local

spent most of the summer tralpsing around Manchester looking for suitable premises.

'We tried about 40 "We tried about 40 different nightspots" Bernie told me, "from really posh discos to gay clubs and drinking dens. Eventually we managed to get the owner of Kelly's to agree — which is perfect since it is in a nagestate of the state of the owner of Kelly's to agree — which is perfect since it is in a nage of the owner owner of the owner o an accessible part of town, not five minutes walk away from the all night buses run."

Although, with the capacity of under 300, Kelly's is unlikely to ever become a cuit venue on the lines of such illustrious predecessors as Rafters and the Electric Circus, it will nevertheless provide a vital service to a city which remains starved of choice rock clubs.

Financially there appear to be few problems. After the PA hire, bouncer, DJ and publicity costs have been accounted for, the been accounted for, the door receipts will be split evenly between the name band, the support act and RAR. Even the owner of Kelly's has entered the democratic scheme of things by letting out the club on Thursdays free of charge content just of charge, content just to benefit from increased bar takings

And the bands being staged? The first night got off to a good start when a full house was entertained by The Fall and The Distractions.

The Distractions have been together for over a year now and are building up a loyal following. While their relentless rhythms and

metallic guitar sound are more than Velvet-sque, all the material is self-penned and their forthcoming EP is eagerly awaited by many around town.

The Fall were their usual uncompromising self, except as time goes by they become tougher, tighter and technically more proficient. It was interesting to see guitarist Martin Bramah take a greater share of the vocals than normal as he and singer/songwriter Mark Smith went through some new numbers some new numbers including the stacatto 'Two Steps Back' and old standards like 'Repetition' and 'Rebellious Duke Box'. Whether they like it or not. The Fall are on the threshold of entering the big league of late 70's experimental unit.

Over the next few weeks at Kelly's, RAR will be presenting more Manchester based bands.

On October 12, Joy On October 12, Joy Division will be supported by The Risk, while Exodus play on October 19 followed by Frantic Elevators and Not Sensible on the 26th.

Some November dates have also been booked but are as yet to be confirmed.

Stop Press: RAR have Stop Press: RAR have announced another venue, the University owned Squat in Beavas Street. Due to its greater capacity it is greater capacity it is expected that bigger, name bands from London and elsewhere will and elsewhere will appear alongside local bands on the first Friday of every month.

MIKE NICHOLLS



BROTHERHOOD OF Man make their triumphant return to the Swine scene this week. Pearls come courtesy of Philip Chisem, Norton, Cleveland, Swine from Graham Miller, Hampton, Middlesex.

'Sultans of Swing' — Dire Stralis
Radio One prohably ignored this group because
of their name. The vocals are out of this world
and there's a brilliant guitar riff after each line.

'Dust In The Wind' — Kansas
The most underrated band of all time — in
Britain, anyway. Excellent lyrics with a sweeping
violin break in the middle.

'God Save The Queen' — Sex Platols
At last someone who spoke out. Shut Mary
Whitehouse up and embarrassed Radio One. If only,
they hadn't split...

'Hot Blooded' — Foreigner
I don't care what people say about Foreigner,
this is the single of the year. Already a smash
in the US charts. Brilliant gultar work all the way
through — Mick Jones at his best.

'Sweet Love' — Commodores
Sadly, it's been released twice and failed both
times. Its whole sound outclasses 'Easy' and
'Three Times A Lady'. Still, after their success,
they might put it out again.

### SWINE

'Angelo' — Brotherhood of Man Listen to the first 30 seconds and you've heard it all. More repetitive than BBC TV.

'Seasons In The Sun' — Terry Jack Absolutely unbearable. Brought me out in a cold

Charles Aznavour I could be arrested for telling you what I thought

of this one

Love Is In The Air' — John Paul Young
I couldn't find anyone else who agreed with me
that this was the worst record ever to reach.
the Top 10. Is it just me?

'Native New Yorker' — Oddysey
This brought disco music to an all-time low.
Stuff like this keeps Tony Blackburn in a job —
which must be a bad idea!



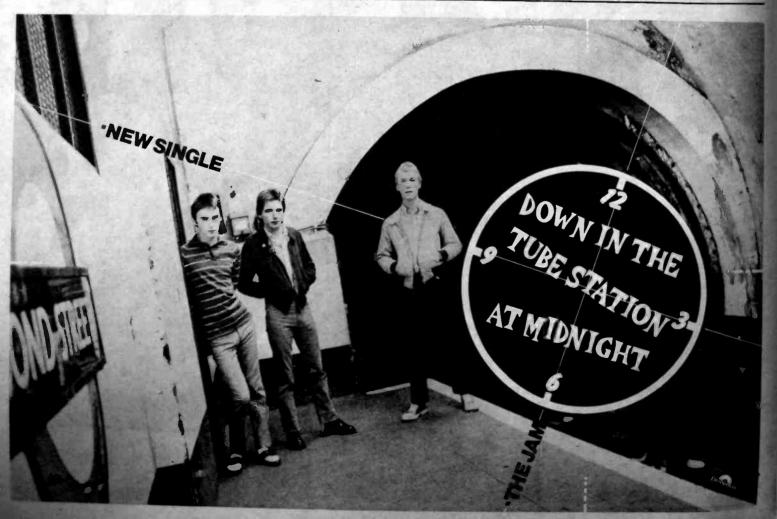
BRITISH RECOR CHARTS' — Published! MacDonald and Jane's Compiled by Tony Jaspe RECORD

LAST TIME round it was called '20 YEARS OF BRITISH RECORD CHARTS'. It was in paperback, and it cost a mere 75p. This time, it's gone up to 23 years, it's got a hard cover, and it'll set you back f4.95.

Seems a bit unfair tha Seems a bit unfair that you have to fork out all that extra cash for just three years' extra information (specially if you already have the earlier edition) but I deresay all you check earlier edition) but I daresay all you chart fanatics and useless in-formation lovers out there will consider It orth it.

As before, the book features small forewords at the beginning of each year, detailing what the author considers the important events of the year, but these are so shallow and superficial that their only real purpose is to give your eyes some relief from the endless lists of titles and figures.

So if you've ever suffered sleepless nights wondering exactly where 'They're Coming To Take Me Away Ha-Haa!' by Naopleon XIV got to in the charts in August '66, worry no more cos help is at hand! SHEILA PROPHET





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Smith's ability to revert
to childhood and lose her
inhibitions and other
irresome restrictions
involved in growing up.
But she doesn't lose her
innocence only her
guilt. I'm not even sure if
that's entirely true. I
can't tell how much she's
putting us on. It's possible
she believes all this stuff
herself, and will quite
Ilkely believe that I am a
Phillistine and a cynic
because of my opinion of
her book of poetry and
prose.

Quite honestly, I think most of it is. rubbish. If it was written by a layear-old. I'd say it was about average for the course as far as poetry goes. That's when you get hit by thoughts about the meaning of life and what's at the end of infinity. She's obviously taken with the mechanics of words, what you can do with them and how you can shuffle them around to make pleasing patterns. It's a satisfying occupation to dream by. And a lot of-her material seems to come from dreams: those elusive half visions you up. They don't make sense to me now. Her dreams aren't my dreams.

In the loss of innocence, she makes statements about shit, and other bodily functions which I don't find as fascinating and preoccupying as she does: perhaps she's just pushing people to see how much they'll accept as "liberated" Likewise her referring to "niggers". It's still an offensive description, it still causes hurt, and I don't see that it's liberating at all. It's forcing black people not to care about the term, and why should they be forced into this false position?

In contrast, several of her prose pieces were evocative, interesting, and well painted. I liked the section she wrote on

her father ner father it was sen-sitive and caring. I un-ceretand it, and surely she wants to com-municate and be un-derstood or why eise publish the book?

publish the book?

There's no point in castigating me saying I'm too stupid or duli to appreciate this art". If it's for everyone, then I'm part of that and so are you. I won't be fooled into accepting it just to look good ROSALIND RUSSELL



FUTURE SHOCK Roundhouse, London FUTURE SHOCK — a living magazine. An innovative idea which falls flat on its unconvincing dialogue and punishing two hour length. A sixtles idea of what a seventies overview of the sixtles would be like. As entertaining as reading predictions which haven't come true.

A magazine come to life (laugh if you must) complete with agony columnist, love serial, quiz, the works. A tenuous set-up which leaves no stirring emotions or questiong of media and society (which I'm sure MUST have been one of its original aims) rather a feeling of indifference and total disinterest in what was portrayed.

It scores as a rock mustcal of course, with a competent band Cirkus, situated permanentiy on, stage, taking their cues.

competent band Cirkus, situated permanently on stage, taking their cues, playing, remaining stationery, with breath taking efficiency, and appearing only the teenlest bit bored. (More

teenlest bit bored (More than I can say for myself!) An only slightly incongruous inclusion of films and slides creams off the whole affair.

A polgnant critique of the media?? I think not. A veneer of hip sneers at a lot of sixtles ideals hanging on a framework of emply posturing and bland songs. Competence without style, and not without style, and not nearly fast enough to succeed as a pretentious cabaret. A living magazine huh? Think I prefer it dead and in print BEV BRIGGS

# Johnny's nage on the

THE MUCH heralded world debut of Public Image, John Lydon's new band, happened at the weekend, on LWT's 'Saturday Night People.' But if you were expecting to see the Pistols, Mark Two, then you'd have been disappointed. I wasn't, and I was still disappointed.

The fact is that John's bizarre personality, charisma, call it what you will, was only half his attraction. The rest lay in the words of the songs he sneered across so well: there's no point in having teeth if you've nothing to cut them on.

The one song they performed. 'Public Image', didn't have the piranha-like qualities I was looking for. The words were flashed up on the screen (but no bouncing ball to help you sing along) but predictable enough to be understood without help.

enough to be understood without help.

'I will not be treated as public property'' — I can understand Lydon's attitude towards Malcolm McLaren and to the public in general, and maybe he does feel he was used. But he put himself in the position of pillory: he didn't set up to be Mr Clean. 'Public image you got what you wanted' — yeah, and we got what you wanted to give us. However, this was just on the showing of one song, a bit of a waste of a debut I thought. A couple of songs would have given a clearer idea of what he's going to do — and an interview at least. But no, there was just an apres — song chat among Russell Harty. Janet Street Porter and Clive James. I'm sorry Ms Street Porter didn't interview Lyndon — I loved the last one she did with him.

she did with him.

The "official" verdicts? Janet S-P: "It'll be in the top five in a matter of days, but not having the song banned this time might go against him. Besides, he's eating in ritzy restaurants these days."

Russell Harty: "He looks like a Natwest trainee bank manaeer."

bank manager.

Russell Harty: "He looks like a Natwest trainee bank manager."
Clive James: "Repulsive."
I felt inclined to agree with Ms Street Porter, on the whole. Harty's comment was fatuous: no trainee bank manager trots around in a powder blue drape jacket. And I expected better of the witty Clive James.
But the band itself? Well, the playing was all right, but nothing spectacular, no bite. And that's much the same as I feel about the song, though it'ill be a hit. It wouldn't mean a light coming from anyone other than an ex Sex Pistol.

Anyway, you can judge for yourself, if you happen to be in London on Xmas Day. Public Image is playing at the Rainbow, tickets 13.50 each, on sale from either the Rainbow box office or from the Record Shop, Beaufort Market, London.

There's the possibility of a matinee in addition to the gig on Boxing Day and the support bands have yet to be announced. Whatever you do, make sure you arrange your own transport, as the public variety is non existent on Xmas day. ROSALIND RUSSELL







ROSALIND RUSSELL takes the Rolls down to Berkshire for tea and cakes with the guy Magnet Records wanted to rename Benny Santini



WE GREETED Chris Rea with the rivetting news that he'd just charted in New Zealand. He

wasn't impressed.

But then he's not the sort to let fame run away with him. "Fame doesn't interest me," he told me firmly. "And if I was only interested in the money, I'd do something else that would make eise that would make money faster. I'm pleased that the single 'Fool' is doing well, but money shouldn't be the reason for doing this. It sounds a bit cut and dried, but I just want enough to continue my enough to continue my

enough to continue my career as a songwriter."

If fame and fortune do come his way, he's no intention of quitting Middlesbrough for the sinful pleasures of London either — an attitude typical of many northern artists who prefer the down to earth, no nonsense approach. However, he's

temporarily absconded to Cookham, in

to Cookham, in Berkshire, where producer Gus Dudgeon has his sumptuous recording studios. If only I was rich. D'you want to know how the other half live? The studio is a beautiful building with lots of oak beams, there's a boat moored in the river and moored in the river and from the sitting room you can hear the water rushing through a little water mill. The studio itself has jush carpeting and a little minstreis' gallery running round the back.

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The setting is complete with a graceful swan cruising about in the river — well, I hope he's still cruising, after I fed him bits of Battenburg cake.

"The only problem is," said Chris, "that round here, you tend to forget what you're supposed to be doing. It's like a really nice hote!"

In fact, the place fits in well with the olde worlde atmosphere of the village which looks as though it's peopled with the huntin', shootin', fishin' set. Very county and quite different from a flat

# What rhymes with Rea?

opposite Middleshrough football ground where Chrls usually lives. But he still wouldn't swop

places.
In fact, the only thing In fact, the only thing his hit single has done for him so far, is prove to his family that he wasn't wasting his time all those years when he persisted in writing songs instead of doing "A proper tob"

'A proper job".
"It must be difficult "It must be difficult for parents to identify with what you're doing," said Chris, "especially when your mother can't get into your bedroom for the ampliffers." Chris has had a long time out in the cold on the dole workingth.

the dole, working in offices and on a building site. But he could have made it earlier if he'd been prepared to sacrifice some principles and turn himself into a David Cassidy figure, which is

Cassldy figure. which is what some record company people wanted him to do. He thought he'd struck the same situation again after signing to his present company. Magnet. Someone there thought he'd never get anywhere with his own name, they thought people couldn't pronounce his Italian surname (Rea rhymes with Tia). with Tia)

"If you must have an Italian name, why don't you call yourself Santini. Benny Santini," they

said Chris' heart sank, not

again. He saw himself kissing goodbye to his contract and getting the next train home to Middlesbrough. He phoned the office the next day and said, now look, about this Benny Santini

Santini.
"Yeah, whatever
happened to Benny
Santini?" said the man,
throwing in the towel.
Chris sighed with
relief: but the song was
born (as they say in all
the best muscoole.

the best musicals).

The phrase,
'Whatever Happened To
Benny Santini' became
not only the title of a

song, but the name of his first album too. "I'd have ditched everything, rather than go through with the go through with the name change," said Chris. "Now I'm annoying the record company about my album sleeve. I want to do the one for this new album, which will probably be called 'Letters From Amsterdam'. I think as much time should be spent on the sleeve as doing the album and it should be delivered together, like a plece of impressionist art—not Da Vinet or anything, though "Tenny of Tenny or Steny or Steny of Tenny or Steny or Ste

Da Vinct or anyung; though."
The reviews of 'Benny Santint' and of the single, were mixed, but then not a lot is known about Chris Rea. But he's supporting Lindisfarne on their upcoming UK tour and will be able to put over

the complete concept of

the complete concept, of his songs there. They finish up at Newcastle City Hall on December 23rd — a night he's viewing with mixed feelings.
"I don't know what it'l be like for us. You know that it's like going out as a support — and those Lindistarne Christmas gigs at home are more like railles than concerts. I'l just have to throw aside all have to throw aside all

the more serious songs for the night." He'd also like to put right the impression

right the Impression some people might have got from the reviews of his last album. "I know that if I'd put in a couple of new wavish type songs, the album wouldn't have been slagged by some writers, the way it was Some song writers did that but I wouldn't I don't often talk about It, but I support the Anti don't often talk about it, but I support the Anti Nazi League — though I think that when rock groups take part it makes the whole thing into a rock and roll circus. It clouds the issue, because kids only go along to hear the music, not because of the cause. I also stood in Trafalgar Souare that

the cause. I also stood in Trafalgar Square that freezing day in January to demonstrate against Mary Whitehouse during the Gay News Blasphemy trial.

"I'm not saying it's wrong for the bands to get involved, but I don't think it's wise. The whole thing becomes a craze, then gets forgotten. Once the cocktail party get into the act, it's bad for the cause.

the act, it's bad for the cause."
And the cocktail party set is the same the world over: that's why Chris didn't think much of Los Angeles either He'd been keen to go, because the West Coast was where he got all his early influences. "When I started in 1972, the West Coast was the thing: the Eagles, the Amazing Rhythm Aces. Joe Walsh But when I went there, it was different. They were all talking about snow! The only snow they know about in Middlesbrough, is what lies about in January."

# Presenting the Des D'Connors rock

IF YOU'RE stuck with the appellation "The Des O'Connors Of Pop' there ain't much hope for a reprieve

In fact, there's only two courses open to you — accept the tag and drown in a dic a dum dum sea of commerciality; OR — sacrifice the safety

factor and be hailed as marvels or martyrs.

Smokie are currently vaccillating between the two. Only time will tell

Only time will tell
Their singles are trite,
monosyllabic gestures calculated
to appeal to that susceptible
region of the brain prone to
costume jewellery tears which
periodically floods on the signal
of a pretty chord in an
unassuming, meandering
melody. The impressive list of
hits is merely a lesson in
alphabetical assuagement.
For Smokie are the undisputed For Smokie are the undisputed masters of mellifuence.

They succeed because the They succeed because the ugly, out of tune public craves for pretty, in tune opiates. They enable them to work better, to relax better, to love better. A ditty a day, helps you work, rest and play; so keep those blues at bay, play Smokie, be gay. And fey

fey.
Their insidious sophistry is difficult for us 'critics' to swallow, especially when given the opportunity to see the band perform live. Smokle are so much more capable of producing worth hile music without resorting to such artless artifices. But it sure pays the

The band are aware, albeit tacitly, of their 45 rpm restrictions. But they accept them gracefully, secure in the knowledge that their 33 rpm's nullify the vitriol the singles

But it appears Smokle are taking steps to change all that. Their new single, although simply another pound in the vault, is the first hit they've written. The Chinn and Chapman chain is chipmed.

chain is chipped.
''It's true, our singles do
tend to resemble each other but the problem lies with my voice," says Chris Norman in Mickie Most's lap of luxury his RAK office.

"The Beatles had the same trouble" on their earlier songs They all sound the same to me now. The fact is, we played music on our own terms for eight years and it got us absolutely nowhere.

"For the last three years we've had all these hits. Now we've out another three years."

we've had all these hits. Now
we've got another three years
to attempt something different."
The rest of the band, bassist
Terry Utiley, guitarist Alan
Silson and drummer Pete
Spencer clink their glasses in
approval. "We don't intend to
remain the Des O'Connors of
the pop world," Pete adds
You would expect, from their

the pop world," Pete adds
You would expect, from their
cloyingly coy TOTP TV
appearances full of insipid
smiles and frivolous galety, that
they would be clockwise guys
perpetually revolving in
pre-conceived circles.

Wrong. They are garrulous with a garlic earthiness. Nice

with a garlic earthiness. Nice northerners who like a drink. Maybe overmuch. Alan has just been ordered to lay off the booze by a Harley Street specialist. "I was drinking a bottle of scotch a day and getting dangerously near to becoming an alcoholic. He told me if I didn't stop I wouldn't be around much longer." When did all this happen? "A week ago." He proceeds to crack up before taking another swig of orange juice.

before taking another swig of orange juice.

Are my ears deceiving me. Smokie? Booze?? "We had as much fun as most bands on the road," says Chris. "The fact is we've been around a long time now. The band's average age is 28. We simply can't be bothered to go over the top because we've done it all."

It's difficult to imagine just how successful Smokie are. In Germany for example it's nothing if they attract 12,000 hysterical krauts to a concert. In other continental countries their records sell more than

In other continental countries their records sell more than Abba. "Yet we are still virtually ignored by the British press," continues Chris. "We are considered harmless.

An insignificant band with a tendency to make hit singles. And that sort of act doesn't get mentioned. What people forget is we have the most distinctive

we have the most distinctive sound of any British band since The Hollies."
"So people aren't prepared to listen to our albums," Terry, adding his bit. "We've had characters like Tom Petty approaching us and saying how they liked the last album. Still, maybe that will change."

The ones that do buy their records, that do attend their

concerts, who are they?
"That's easy," says Pete.
"We've got this theory. At our
concerts the ones nearest the front are young kids, behind them are the student types, behind them are the mums and dads, and behind them they're dead!

"The one thing that amazed me recently was when the band played the Isle of Man. This piayed the Isle of Man. This long haired guy approached us and said he had two favourite bands — Led Zeppelin and us. Would you credit that?"

The current state of play — they'ye all hought hay house.

they've all bought new houses to keep their loved ones happy while they're away. "We had to do something with the money." says Pete. And they're in the middle of a tour which will take them up to Christmas. Apart from the UK they'll be Apart from the UK they il be visiting reliable Germany and unreliable Yugoslavia.

"We're more established than ever," states Chris.

An illidentable foot Park hote.

An undeniable fact. But being stablished can create established can create frustrations cos you gotta come across with the expected goods every time you breathe. Smokle have adhered to that particular principle up until now but for their own sakes they've got to

After all, look what happened to Des O'Connor.

BARRY CAIN



SMOKIE: trying a song of their own



# **510UXS**I STAMPEDE

SIOUXSIE AND THE BANSHEES: 'The Scream' (Polydor)

AND AFTER the misdirected swastika flaunts, the "sign Slouxsie" jaunts, the periods of 'apparent' record company disinterest after the sign up hassies, Polydor's victory, after the single. The Album. The Banshees Album.

The Banshees Album.
The months have not diluted the energy and vitality of this music; nor have they blumted the obvious enthusiasm. All that has been retained, and the band have been allowed to develop as musicians: they are now a finely honed unit, they could stand ground with ANYONE. ANYONE

ANYONE.

And Siouxsie. One of the more individual girl singers of the new age, she establishes herself as the premier female vocalist this decade, no trouble.

just the tip of a gargan-tuan creative iceberg, there are 10 porky - prime - cuts from an irrepressible S and B's repertotre, landed with the perfect production. The overall feel is clean, lively, electric, professional. So: Siouxsle and the

professional
So: Siouxsie and the
Banshees and the songs
and the sound. Insuperable formula, great
album. For a debut — a
murderer. A trendsetter
— maybe not, but it attains new standards. It is
an important record of an important record, that there's little doubt

Of the goods, there's at least one fully - fledged least one fully - fledged masterstroke, plus a whole troupe of fine and vital rock and roll moments, all delivered within the highly distinctive and stylistic framework that IS Slouxsle and The Banthese shees

ngers of the new age, shees.

ne establishes herself as into the maeistrom: Pure is the curtain raiser, a succinct bow to ouble.

The material Probably strumental - at



mospherics. Siouxsie's considerable voice is utilised not as a lyrical mouthpiece but as part of the musical subsoil. Also, the musical subsoil. Also, it tends to reflect the downer overtones present elsewhere on the album, as evidenced by 'Suburban Relapse', the mock sadism of 'Carcass', and the always ominous 'Helter Skeiter'. This opening cut gives way to a chugging and insistent bass and drum rumble, and as McKay's guitar joins in the action, the Banshees lurch full till tinto a desperate, holocaustic 'Jigsaw Feeling' and

holocaustic 'Jigsaw Feeling' and proceedings are un-derway 'One day I feel in total ' The next I split in two / My eyes are doing somersaults / Staring at my show

my show ...
Lyrically, this is a scene setter, and the whole album's preoccupation with spiritual, mental and physical breakdown is so intense, it could well be viewed as a loose concept or project album.

a loose concept or project album.

The theme is developed by 'Nicotine Stain', which views the dreaded weed from two contrasting — and thoughtfully conceived — angles: as an aid to mental stability (never soother). and as the procurer of health-disease.

'It's just a habit / When I

disease
"It's just a habit / When I reach to the packet for my last cigarette / Till the day breaks / Then my hand shakes..."
The violent repercussions of this downer concept are examined in 'Carcass' (which, I suspect, is tongue in cheek) and 'Helter Skeiter'. The latter clambers from a discordant axe slash intro to a rampant, stampeding creature which recaptures the frenzled essence of the original Beatles memories of the Manson campaign are still painfully vivid.
The final excesses of claus trophobic depression are on 'Suburban Relapse' and then to the album's melsterwork, 'Switch'.
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meisterwork, 'Switch'
Unlike so many of her
contemporaries, Sioux
has a voice which she
USES. On 'The Scream'
she excels herself. and
she wipes the floor with
all competitors.

Also, The Banshees are
working to the hilt: the
arrangement on this
finale is, at the very least,
breathtaking, as it drifts
through a legion of phases
and tempos without ever
sounding fragmented.
The album's lyrical
frame of mind is perfectly reflected in the
work of McKay, Severin
and Morris: constantly
shifting, restless, controlled aggression, they
are as essential as
Siouxsie. are as Siouxsie.

'Switch' is an acute and bitter observation of the final process.

This is side - swiping, polgnant social comment. Even taken at its most basic level, 'The Scream' is stirring rock and roll which draws from the past but points to the future, REAL music for the new age, it's a mature and polished work. It is vital, it's moving, it's a landmark.

But - hell - for a while here it seemed The es were in hit vinyl. Banshees nevel

Banshees were never gonna hit vinyl, and suddenly Hey ho, the album Vinyl salvation. So buy it, nick it, borrow it, tape it, HEAR it, Christ, what else could you do with that four quid? Save it for a rainy day?

Don't make me laugh.



'Janis Lan' JANIS LAN: (CBS 82700) AT TIMES, Janis' wistful

AT TIMES. Janis' wistful voice and strong use of plano make this album very reminiscent of Blue' a record which will always be guaranteed a place on my desert island. I wouldn't put Janis lan in the same league as Joni Mitchell — only a very few supreme talents reach that point — but it's very pleasing, listenable album nonetheless, with touches of fragile emotion which make it easy to touches of fragile emotion which make it easy to forgive the slip-ups: the times her melodles blur at the edges into mushy MOR, the occasions when she falls back on cliche. (She even has a song about being on the road too long.)

about being on the road too long).

In the biography, she describes the final track, 'Hopper Painting' as everything she's been working towards — and it is a fine number, with her vo cals—so u n d in gunusually soulful and dramatic over solo piano. The rest of the numbers may not convey quite that

The rest of the numbers may not convey quite that depth of feeling, but that's OK — the album as a whole blends easily into a soothing sympathetic sound, just the thing for the proverbial quiet evening at home. + + SHEILA PROPHET



BARCLAY JAMES HARVEST: 'X11' (Polydor POLD 5006)

LISTENING to Barclay James Harvest is like watching Julie Andrews prancing around in the 'Sound Of Music'. Pure clean and Gibbs SR

white.
But don't knock it too
much. There's nothing
wrong with a bit of knight
in shining armour fantasy
once in a while. and it's
made BJH stay quietly
successful for more years
stan I care to remember.
The last album I found
crass in the extreme,
songs too limpid for even
the most die hard of blue
eyed romantics. This

eyed romantics. This album is much stronger from the tunnel into a shout. Taken the opening track 'Loving Is Easy (Fantasy)' laden with bold striding keyboards. The only description my brain conjures up on a cold Monday morning, is Free meeting the Royal Philharmonic. The track has that same attractive bass plod of 'Airight Now' or 'Wishing Weil' 'Berlin' is a hippy anthem, Patchouli olied flavoured lyrics about ships in the night with ponderous keyboards and swelling drumming. But what stands out about this album is BJH's more basic approach as on 'A Tale Of Two Sixtles (Classics)' with its' non elaborate backing. The elaborate backing. The struming in Cycles' a 'Turning i album is much stronger,

definite contender for the next single.

However BJH don't let such revolutionary new ideas dominate. In Search Of England and 'Nova Lepidoptera (Sincere Fiction) are commic wonders. The arvest remains evergreen. Don't fear the reapers.



'BO' HMMY

(TK: TKR \$233)

IF YOU don't know by now that KC of the Sunshine Band fame knows how to mastermind a dance riff then you have to ask yourself where you have been for the last few years. KC is the driving force behind this album, The clipped Miami style guitar and the beat are typical. The effect is totally hypnotic. George McCraerocked to fame on this rhythm and Jimmy totally hypnotic. George McCraerocked to fame on this rhythm and Jimmy Bo' Horne is certain to do the same. The cover shows a black and white dance floor stretching way back to the troptcal trees. Concett is that the whole world is a dance floor. Jimmy gives the whole of his good self to maintaining this good self to waintaining this good self to the waintaining this good self to the waintaining this good self to the waintaining this good self to waintaining this good self to the waintaining this good self to w



# MADDY PRIOR: 'Changing Winds (Chrysalis CHR 1203)

Changing Winds (Chrysalis CHR 1203)

MADDY'S certainly wasting no time trying to establish herself as a sold singer: this is her second all burn since the dissolution of Steeleye Soan earlier this year. It's pleasing to see that she believes in her own songwriting—she wrote eight of the songs here—and her self-trust is not displaced. She's written some good melodies, many of them in the folk vein for which she known, but not exclusively so. In Fighting is very much a Span sorti, but "To Have And To Hold" and to a leaser extent "The Sovereign Prince' are in the style of Renalssance, with a sense of understated majesty and eleganes about them. Then agains she can be irreverent without being silly, with "Pity The Poor Night" Porter', which concerns Span's post-gig hotelexploits, the apily hazy and disty 'Another Drink, a sofig which really sounds as though it's got a hangover, and 'Accapelia Stella'

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SALLY OLDFIELD: 'Water Bearer' (Bronze BRON 511)

YOU'RE wondering about the name, aren't you? Weil, yes, she is Mike's stster, but that's fairly irrelevant to her music. Sally is a university dropout with a background of folk music. In fact parts of this album were written about two years ago aand held back until now.

years ago aand held back until now.

To describe the music is quite a challenge, because although it has a suggestion of folk about it, it's often mysterious, with distant and quixotic themes. There is a group of "Songs From The Quend!" and their titles should give you an idea of what I mean: 'Night The me'. 'Wa mp um Song', 'Nenya' and 'Land Of The Sun'.

The lyrics are straight out of Tolkien; literally in parts because she quotes

parts because she quotes from 'Lord Of The Rings' from 'Lord Of The Rings' and 'The Silmarlillon'. The song 'Weaver' begins 'Weaver' begins 'Weaver' with your lover's loom / I have seen you by the light of the moon! / Winking those eyes of green and gold / Dancing, dancing, dancing, 'Like her brother, Sally plays any number of instruments: she speaks fluent mandolin, harpsichord, glockenspiel and pipe dolin, harpsichord, glockenspiel and pipe organ, for instance.

I find it all a little high-

I find it all a little mgn-brow, a sort of ex-ploration of intellectual fantasies. The flowing 'Water Bearer' Itself is the most successful piece for me. But it you're Tolkien freak, and there are millions of them. are millions of them you'll probably enjoy it it's Tolkien in record

form, SEXTON



RICHARD AND LINDA MPSON: 'First (Chrysalis CHR

A VERY pleasing album, this the Thompsons' first together for three years — it comes as a reassurance of their musical well being and unity. They've long been much respected in folk circles. They manage to be traditional and content to make the composition of the manage to be traditional and content to the manage to be traditional and content to the manage to be traditional and refined. The steeps they was a composition of the manage to be traditional and refined. Restless Highway with Richard taking the lead vocal, is one of the "idler" pleces, as is the little life. The Choice

"older" pleces, as is the little jig The Choice Wife', which runs into 'Died For Love', with Linda's attractive and clear tones. "Sweet Surrender' is sad and mellow, 'Strange Affair' and 'Pavanne' are pensive, but every track is very well - bred and that gives the album great coherence. You almost fail to notice the big names who helped great coherence. You almost fail to notice the big names who helped with backing vocals. They included Julie Covington. Andy Fairweather Low Ian Matthews and Mady Prior. Not that their contributions are negligible, it's simply that you feel you don't have to take so much notice when the meat of the album, by the Thompsons themselves, is so classy. It makes a change to hear some people who let their music do the talking. + + + PAUL SEXTON.



heavier ballad than the rest; a very delicate, frowning and echo-laden rendition of Harry Belafonte's 'Troubles'; and a modern classic of blues 'n heartaches, 'It's All Over' with a haunting, daunting chorus, Major Lance is supreme at handling these emotionally fragile lyrics, but I wish Motown's a&r department could admit as much. + + SUSAN KLUTH much. KLUTH



SWITCH: 'Swit (Motown STML 12096) Switch

HEREIN THE debut of Switch, a six-plece band who, so the story goes, got in the Motown door after meeting Jermaine Jackson in a lift.

A case of so far, so good. This is a smart. good. This is a smart, classy, party album with lotsa horn riffs and, actually, some very cleanly-written songs . . but as you and I and everyone thoreis there's a perfect the song state. you and I and everyone knows, there's an awful lot of this about at the moment and we'll really have to wait till the second or third offering to size them up properly. Meanwhile, 'There'll Never Be', taken off as a

MAJOR LANCE: 'Now Arriving' (Motown STML 12004)

Arriving (Motown STML 12004)

MAJOR LANCE was, is and always will be an exceptional singer: pure, clear and very soulful. He's been a noted name on the Northern Soul scene for years now, and should be known to sixtles buffs for his rendition of 'Um Um Um Um', later a UK hit for Wayne Fontana.

'Now Arriving' is therefore especially frustrating. Most of the material (most of side one, for starters) is pretty dreary, and after some embarrassingly hick arrangements (culprit: one James Mack) the resulting impression of a tired old man trying desperately to be with-it (as I think you young folks say) is insulting all round. Really there are only a handful of redemptions: 'Love Pains', a slightly fuller, heavier ballad than the rest; a very delicate, frowning and echo-laden



satin sieeves. SUSSA KLUTH

12-incher, is clambering up the US Soul charts, passing stablemate Rick James on the way down incidentally. It's, for my taste, one of the lenst arresting of the batch, a slowish ballad carried almost entirely on high vocals and a low-alung drum lick, all rather obvious which la presumably why it selfs well. The single's filpside, also on the album, is very much an EW&F disguise, but an old-school high at heart, called a propropriately 'You Pulled a Switch'. Meanwhile the neat and natty singalong 'Somebody's Watching You' suggests they have plenty more singlesworthy material up their satin sleeves. + + + SUSSA KLUTH

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THE ABYSSINIANS always were rather front line: classics like 'Satta Massa Gana' and 'Declaration Of Rights', say no more. Indeed you may choose to look back on those heady days and decide that Bernard Collins and the Brothers Manning are currently selling out.

It depends, however, on what you value. For one thing, with the exception of 'Forward To Zion' — itself including several re-cuts — this is the first

time the group have been able to stretch out on LPA Joe Gibbs / Channel One operation this time. It's true that the vocals, good as they are, aren't quite as assentive as sometimes previously. But it also happens that this is a far more outward-looking album and if it's a shade on the pop side ('Wicked Man') that will only help it to gain a wider audience.

There's only one overtly political track, a some what confused 'South African Enlistment'. The Rastafertan message is kept in check, and the implications of This Land Is For Everyone' and 'Jah Loves' is strictly universal. Some pretty sophisticated instrumental mixes brighten the horizons ('Mightlest Of All') but in the long run however the album as a whole is just not quite as substantial as a lot of their following would probably like. \* + SUSAN KLUTH



ANDREW CRONSHAW: Wade in The Flood' (Transatiantic LTRA 508)

HE'D BEEN around before, but it was last year that Andrew Cronshaw quietly but firmly launched himself upon the world with an enticing and heady album titled Earthed in Cloud Valley. Wade in The Flood made again with

big uncle to the folkies, Bill Leader, is the logical and equally heady successor to that one. A folkie perhaps, but not one of yer hearties caked in cow dung. Mr Cronshaw's approach is lyrical, tranquit, measured, but never state, and he brings in such eminances grises as Rick Kemp on bass, Ric Sanders on electric violin and his partner in

Rick Remp on bass, Ric Sanders on electric violin and his partner in crime Holly Tannen on appalachian dulcimer for a pretty rich (and pretty) variety of natural and processed sounds. It's maybe a slightly tougher, tigher approach overall than the previous LP, and Table Mountain Road' carries an overt jazzy slant, but Wade in The Flood' has to be one of the sanest, most idiosyncratic and generally charming albums of this year. ++ ++ SUSAN KLUTH

# JOE COCKER: 'Lanury You Can Afford' (Asylum K53087)

(Anylum K53087)

SO HE'S resurfaced: this is Joe's first album for well over two years, since 'Stingray' in fact, and while it's pleasing to know that he's still in business, it is disappointing to find that he's gone so American.

'Luxury You Can Afford' is produced by Allen Toussaint and includes no Cocker compositions at all — so either he doesn't believe in him self as a songwriter any more of he's just plain lazy.

You'll probably cringe when I tell you he covers 'A Whiter Shade Of Pale', 'I Heard it Through The Grapevine' and Dylan's Watching The River Flow, And while the results are less dire

than they might have been, the renditions are generally turgid. Pale' becomes duil and difeless and 'Grapevine' although more successful, is over-orchestrated. Toussaint's 'Fun Time', the new single, comes near to justifying its title, and 'Oocker is undoubtedly happier on upbeat songs like this Flis voice is not really suited to slower, bland numbers like Fletcher and Flett's 'Lady Put The Light Out'. It's a "safe" album. \*++
PAULSEXTON

ERIC CARMEN:

# ERIC CARMEN: 'Change Of Heart' (Arista SPART 1068)

SPART 1088)

AS THE needle touches down on side one, soft litting strings strike up a sweet serenade to entice one into the album. Just as you rush to find your tuxedo and tiara, the music fades, and suddenly — DISCO!

Ex-Raspberry Eric Carmen has turned to disco — and unluckly for him has not made the transformation very well. Disposable is a particularly apt word to use on the liquid tracks on the liquid tracks on the liquid tracks featured throughout, begging white soul and lucid funk. Not for the whole album you wonderstand, but for enough to merit the cry 'Sellingout."

The rest of the disc

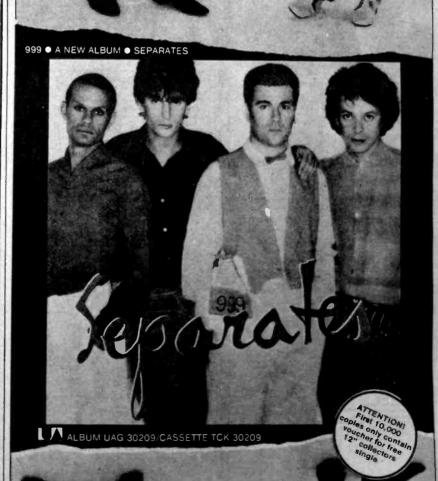
to merit the cry 'selling-out'."

The rest of the discounting out of the comprises equally inconsequential material, although this time in the weepy ballad mode. 'All By Myself is the best ballad Carmen has produced, and that didn't set the world alight, but these tracks haven't half the strength or commerciality possessed of that ditty.

'Change Of Heart'?

More cardiac arrest. + 1/5

KELLY PIKE



# PENETRATION SCORE A ULLSEY

PENETRATION: 'Moving Targets' (Virgin V2109)

PRE-DESTINED to review this

PRE-DESTINED to review this album thanks to someone's astute (if negative) observations that a) my hair is shorter than anyone else's here at RM. and b) I. too, come from Newcastle. Thank God for circumstance, it does carry platinum linings.

Hmm, blink back, one previous eye to stage witnessing of Penetration, many, many months ago at Newcastle Mayfair (when they supported a band they have since overshadowed) left a strong taste of non anticipation for the album. Still, events, voices, beliefs DO change.

Penetration, the album, the beginnings of conversion and the death of all hackneyed first impressions of the band. 'Moving Targets', a movement of excellence.

A mosaic of Pauline sounding like Patti, Pauline sounding like Poly Styrene, Pauline sounding like Nico, and more exact than any, Pauline being Pauline. A deft collection of voice and instrument, blood and mercury, sand and soil.

Tracks reach crescendos in preference to premature washouts, consumer endurables of selfpenned numbers, a generously donated Peter Shelley song 
('Nostalgia'), and a superbly performed Smith / Kaye composition 
'Freemoney'

formed Smith / Kaye composition 'Freemoney'
'Too Many Friends' reeks of eeriness, a hushed waxworks feel, a tuning down. An overall beauty of more than skin deep melancholia throughout the whole album, and a few sharpened hooks to skewer the party converted.

Penetration coming on in style — a superior album from a convincing band. Like I say, excellent ... and thanks Pauline, for letting me leave on a high, +++++ BEV BRIGGS



ASH: Without Fire Smoke Without MCA MCG 3528)

DEAR OLD Wishbone Our love affair has endured all these years, despite the near irretrievable breakdown of Wishbone 4' and 'Locked In!'

Locked In!"
No Smoke Without Fire was recorded in Britain, at the band's old stamping ground De Lane Lea Studios. This is Ash with the Miami sun tan stripped away, for all but the vocal style that seems to get stronger with each album. 'You See Red has some passages of loping guitar and an ear nestling quieter section. quieter section.

quieter section.

'Baby The Angels Are Here' is one of those evocative Martin Turner songs. Counterbalancing is Ships in The Sky', a slice of heavyweight romance. 'Stand And Deliver' is the one track I wasn't happy with. It has a powerful intro, but the band overstress the ideas and chorus too much. and chorus too much. This used to be a common fault back in the early days and one I thought they'd finally ironed out. 'Like A Child' is a chocolate box track, complete with super sweet lyrics "Where Are You Now My Love Lost In Your Wreckless Dreams."

The Way Of The World' and chorus too much,

The Way Of The World' could be the band's second Phoenix' It's a slow reflective ballad before an approximately before an apocalyptic frenzy of duelling guitars — either spinning off or joining with each other in close harmony. Enjoy it.



BEACH BOYS: MILL Album' (Reprise K 54102) SHOULD YOU

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wondering about the title of the album, MIU stands for Maharishi In-ternational University and that's where this album was recorded—at the MIU in lowa, Apart the MIU in lowa Apart from perhaps their own spiritual well being, the influence doesn't come across in the songs, which are of the usual sun—surf—sand variety the Beach Boys have collared for their own.

The album s a bit light The album's a bit light weight, but none the less enjoyable — after all, they're knocking on a bit now, so the sound can't be expected to sound as fresh as it did 15 years ago. When they've already scored such a hit with their all time classics, it's difficult to see how they can live up to their reputation

I loved 'Pitter Patter' I loved Pitter Patter'

— lead vocals by Mike
Love and Al Jardine

— which has that soothing
love in a mist glow,
peculiar to California.

They always make me
feel as Ihough I'm
missing something by not
living in the Orange
County (though I know
full well I'd hate it cos it's
all a myth I'm sure they full well I'd hate it cos it's all a myth). I'm sure they supply an endless amount of dreams to the fans they've grown older with, and there's so many of them, they don't really need to go looking for an ew generation. Even their disco song has that never never feel about it— 'She's Got Rhythm'— and proves you can have disco without the abrasive screams and yelps that we're suffering from so many other acts.

It's a dreamy album

It's a dreamy album, ut a sound I can live ROSALIND RUSSELL



DEAN FRIEDMAN: 'Well, Well, Said The Rocking Chair' (Lifesong LSLP6019)

OH NO, not another singer songwriter Yep, Dean Friedman is another one, but he does deserve your attention If

Chiswick.



THE NEW look Neil Young

# At last! The Neil Young album

NEIL YOUNG: 'Comes A Time'
(Reprise K54099)

THE FIGURE on the cover is a healthy looking chap, with a contented grin on his face: very different from the bleak, wasted visage Nell Young presented to the world a few albums back.

few albums back.

The music here reflects that change the songs are in the main still bittersweet, still hovering somewhere between happiness and depression, but then I suppose if you're Neil Young, anything less than the contemplation of suicide seems like true ecstasy. Whatever, the mood seems to have lifted: there's only the occasional drift there's only the occasional drift. the mood seems to have litted: there's only the occasional drift back to gloom and introspection, as on the poigmant 'Already One'.

"We're already one already one of the song's, notably 'Lotta Love' (one of the two songs presumably recorded at an earlier date with Crazy Horse backing) and 'Motorcycle Mama' sound almost jolly — the latter even including a touch of that old stabbing guitar sound, noticeably missing fand missed) on the rest of the album.

Now, there's only one snag with all this new found contentment: I know

it's an old cliche, but I think it's partly true that the Nell Youngs of this world need to suffer to produce their best work. Only rarely on this record do you find flashes of the tenderness, the fragility, the sheer emotion of earlier masterpieces. The lack of guitar is perhaps a sympton of this: Neil seems to be moving further and further towards country music (his roots?) and further and further away from rock in roll. On most of the tracks he's employed country fiddle, a Dolly Parton soundalike on harmony vocals, a whole army of acoustic guitars and even a string orchestra. The result is homely, shambling and kind of sloppy — all quite enjoyable, but hardly an earth — shattering advance.

but hardly an earm advance.
So it's another patchy, inconsistent effort: the credits record that it was made in bits and pleces all over the place, and it shows. As usual, his fans will put up with it he good parts are worth a little perseverance — but my patience with him is beginning to wear thin. I'd like to see Neil Young get himself organised for once, do things organised for once, do things properly and produce the truly great album he's perfectly capable of producing — should he so desire. + + + SHEILA PROPHET

you've heard and been impressed by his curiously touching single Lucky Stars', then you should like this album, which has everything going for it Cleverlyrics, excellent melodles and Friedman's unusual voice, which I suppose you'll elther love or hate. sounds like 'GO 2'

squeaky adolescent as he sings about his en-c o u n t e r s w t h sadomasochists, as well as other similarly original amorous encounters. Friedman is not into LA hipness, but is a perceptive, somewhat bitter New Yorker.

Listen to 'The Dell Song (Corned Beef on Wry)' with it's short exchanges of withy dialogue, or the moving 'I've Had Enough'; every song tells a story without ever sounding contrived Friedman is a refreshing new lalent etc. etc You've heard it all before but, believe me, this lime the hype is worth it. ++

PHILIP HALL



AFTER THE promise offered by 'White Music' and numerous live gigs, I found XTC's latest album and numerous live gigs, it found XTC's latest album
"GO 2' something of a disappointing anticlimax. Perhaps I had expected rather too much. Certainly, there are several very worthwhile numbers; for example, the first song 'Meccanik Dancing' and the gem-like 'The Rhythm' On the other hand some lack positive direction; 'Buzzcity Talking' and 'Crowded Room' immediately spring to mind. Thus tis a platter of contrasting variety of the contrasting the second side of the contrasting that the

possesses greater overall drive, with a classic opener in 'Beatown' Here the Rats meet the Stranglers, meet Elvis Costello. The pace slackens for 'Life Is Good In The Greenhouse', but increases for 'Jumping In Gomorrah' — a lively cut, 'Super-Tuff', a Bob An-Super-Tuff, a Bob Andrews' composition, is another effective number, and throughout XTC's music can be viewed as simplicity in itself, elegantly decorated with the electronic sounds of tomorrow.

been to confuse everyone (probably Including themselves); Indeed working out a track list involves much groundwork. A parallel (conscious?) with XTC's music, something which involves in depth study for complete understanding.

Therefore 'GO 2' is at least above average, with 'GO +' going one giant step ahead - a definite case of technical XTC, +

STEVE GETT



TREVOR RABIN Trevor Rab (Chrysalis CHR 1196)

IT'S ROCK and roll, for sure, but structured layers of sound, put together with a zest and freshness that entogether with a zest and reshness that encapsulates the energy of an era." The words come from Chrysalis, and it's a HYPE. A glance at the poseur press photographs confirms that. Comments

confirms that. Comments such as that above don't give Trevor Rabin a lot to live up to — but they give the poor guy a lot to live down. He tries hard but succeeds only partially. For all the pomposity and falseness of that blurb, they've got some of the facts right: this is an album of 1978 rock and roll, featuring, as they so quaintly put it, a great deal of "electric eclecticism." Not one single track is outstanding.

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Rabin's skill is as a fairly heavy gularist; the opening riff of his single "Getting To Know You Better' is as hard as you'il find these days and he continues to use the axe as the focal point of the album without ever quite sounding original. At various points he reminds me of Deep Purple, Led Zeppelin, Queen and on the verse of Live A Bit', he is dangerously near Pink Floyd territory.

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I hope he survives the publicity deal, because with a bit more originality harnessed to his guitar flair, he could be in business, +++ PAUL.SEXTON



WORLD 'Journey To Addis'

I THOUGHT they made

I THOUGHT they made toothbrushes?

Well, m'dears, after dallying with "The Foreigner Of Reggae" last week or so, here we are with yer actual genuine "CSN&Y" of the same parish. All I can say is, that's a very unfair condemnation because Third World are not a Reggae Band, full stop, but a band who play good, mixed music with reggae rhythms frequently featured upfront. Ok. they have mishaps like the derivative and strangulated "African Woman' but for the most part they're a pretty mobile lot. "Journey To Addis' does no more, and no less, thun re-confirm the directions that were coming out on earlier PHILIP HALL.

occasions such as 96 Degrees in The Shade' Cool Meditation' is the West Coastian one, with sunbleached vocals and a slithering harmonics, and joins in body and apirit the bouncy Now That We Founda Love' as simply very beautiful ballards Cold Sweat' does just what it says really accurate rendition of a lyric, while the title track makes good explorative use of the possibilities of a long instrumental piece with Tho's keyboards in the forefront. Too clever by half for some, no doubt, but I like it. + \*\* + \* + \* SUSAN KLUTH



IAN GOMM: 'S Holiday' (Albion 100)

TAN GOMM'S name is one that many people think they ought to know because of his past with the Brinsleys. Truth is, when they were together, not many people could be bothered with his name, Nick Lowe's or anybody else's in the band He's reaping more reward now from being a member than he ever did when the band was alive.

Gomm is, on this evidence, a writer of good, uncomplicated pop songs — easy to knock and easy to enjoy,

but generally speaking it works as a pop album. As long as you accept it that way. 'Summer Hollday' is something to write home about. 4



KENNY ROGERS; 'Love Or Something Like It' (United Artists VAS30194)



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# GUESS WHAT?



# That's what top ten hitmakers Rose Royce want YOU to keep saying

KENNY Copeland, lead vocalist with Rose Royce, reclines in the lounge of a London hotel in a buoyant mood. He's eager to get on with the interview.

Bongo player Terral Santiel is in a rather more fragile, and consequently less enthusiastic state having partied well into the early hours the night before

the night before.

The band are on their third visit to London.
The first, minus lead singer Gwen Dickey, was as backing band to Edwin Starr, many moons ago The second, as the complete Rose Royce, was shortly after the film 'Carwash' took off, making them household names, and providing a clutch of instant hits.

This, their third, tooks to be the most spectacular yet, as they have a single, 'Love Doesn't Live Here Any More' at the top, and an album 'Rose Royce

Strikes Again' poised to leap into the charts. With a string of top 10 hits behind them they have become one of the nave become one of the most successful soul acts in Britain today. Why do they succeed where so many other bands fail?

"I think that the

"I think that the music speaks for itself," explains Kenny, "We're not a straight disco group or soul act, we've got a lot of variety. A lot of people can relate to our music, whatever the style because it conveys such a good feeling."

the style because it conveys such a good feeling."
"Most of our singles have been ballads," continues Terral, "because they tend to sell more records. The only trouble is that people want to hear the ballads when we play live, and we're more of a high energy group. It means that we have to keep slowing down the pace, and then work to build it up again. "Playing live is so much more of an experience than recording. In the studio you're confined, you really have to concentrate on what you're doing to get everything perfect. It's

only live that you can really let go "
"I guess ballads jump out and sell a lot more because folks of

out and sell a lot more because folks of all ages can relate to them, rather than the disco numbers which only appeal to the younger people." adds Kenny.
"It's strange though because 'Carwash', which is a far more uptempo number was our first, and so far biggest hit, selling two million. At the time though it was the only product by us available, whereas now lots of people are buying the album and not bothering about the single."

It was 'Carwash' and your collaboration with producer and songwriter

your collaboration with producer and songwriter Norman Whitfield which launched Rose Royce. Did it ever worry you that you may not be able to follow that initial success?

"Oh no." answers Kenny sounding somewhat surprised by this suggestion, "we're very positive thinking in this band. With Norman's skills, and our playing abilities we had total confidence all the way.

"You see It wasn't

as if we had formed specially for the film score, most of us had been together for five years, so it was like playing with your family "Gwen was the last person to join, and there were no great differences when she arrived. We chose a girl rather than another guy to join because it meant that there would be far more scope to develop. I don't think we could have got where we are so soon without Norman. We could have done if but the could have

so soon without
Norman. We could have
done it but it would
have taken far longer.
Do you think that
you'll stick to this
winning formula?
"I don't know, we
can't predict the
future," laughs Terrai.
"So far our
relationship is really
tight, but I think most
of us would like to have tight, but I think most of us would like to have a try at producing at some time in the future, not specifically ourselves, but we can't go on as a band forever, we're gonna have to branch out at some time. If you don't develop some other kind of talent you're gonna be stuck when it's over for Rose Royce. "I can't see any rift between us for a while yet though," adds Kenny. "We're getting into doing a little more writing on our own, and we'll probably do most for the next album, but under Norman's direction. To me, our partnership is like a marriage, if you've got a good strong combination going, why break it?

"We are going to be expanding upon our sound in the future, using more effects, adds Terral. "On the current single le lectrity my bongos by putting them through a small synthesizer (producing then only like the soundtrack to having one is teeth extracted). "I'm really interested in the ways you can vary the sounds made by one simple instrument."

"We're happy that people guessing, to keep a buzz going, There's really no telling what we're gonna come up with next."

Edited by SUSANNE GARRETT. Send your problems to Help. Records Mirror, 40 Long Acre, London WCZE

# Her parents are forcing us apart over her pregnancy

BOTH MY girlfriend and are 16, and she's just wer two months remant. She was on the il (without her parents' nt) so this came as a melete shock to use the number of the mily Planning Clinic with her two weeks ago, ar test proved positive.

I helped her break the news to her parents, turally, they were very ked and upset.

While I've always got well with them, they now refuse to let us see uch other at all and even one her mail I've tried nt) so this came as a

her mail. I've tried ing to see her parents, one, and with my ther, but they refuse to

My girlfriend wants an sportion, and, as her ments agree she'll be ing one in two or three beeks' time. She needs eks time. She needs my love and support. Though we don't like to eccive her parents, we still meet in secret till meet in secret

whenever possible.
To crown it all, her father says she must have the school which we nother one — to avoid being me. He has also ald he'll get me expelled rom school, where I hope to do my 'A' levels next year.

I understand how they beel, but my girlfriend and I did wait until she was 16 before making love. Although we went together to the Family Planning Clinic, her mother and father insist that I am Irresponsible and a bad influence over their fauther. their daughter.

and we can't go on like this forever, but her father does not seem to have any intention of letting us see each other again. Please help us. Keith, Birmingham

Trying to deny your existence may not be the most healthy attitude for them to take under the circumstances, but you must accept that until you are 18 your griffriend's parents and your own are still responsible for your welfare. If her parents don't want her to see you again, they have every right to enforce their point of view and send her to another school. There's not much you can do to stop them.

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parents.

If not, for further help and constructive advice contact the Brook Avisory Centre (021 - 455 0491) and ask to speak to one of their counsellors — they're waiting for your cail, you need them. Be prepared to wait awhile for things to cool down before the situation is fully resolved.

NOTE: According to the Family Planning Association, the Pill is "99 per cent plus" effective. But it won't be totally effective if (a) you don't follow instructions, you forget to take it, and leave it too late; (b) if you've been sick or have diarrhoea within two hours of taking it.— If so you must take another: (c) if you've been taking certain antibiotics or are on a prescribed course of certain drugs. Whenever on a prescribed course of or a prescribed course or certain drugs Whenever antibolitics or drugs are prescribed, always tell your doctor you're taking the pill.

# Schoolboy crush

I'M STILL at school and about to do 'A' levels next year. There's a boy in my year I'm in love with, although I've never spoken to him, and wouldn't know where to begin anyway I don't know if he is also gay, but I'm going crazy I think of him all day, and sometimes find myself dreaming about him during lessons.

Sometimes I feel like telling him the way I feel,

Continuing to meet in secret may not be the best expression of love and support you can give your girlfriend right now—the at mosphere must be tense enough for her at home already, and if yet another argument breaks out, as it's bound to, her parents will find out anyway. When that happens they'll trust you even less and she'll be subject to even more emotional stress. She has a traumatic enough time ahead of her, so, try not to make it harder for her. Don't worry too much about the threat of expulsion from school. Nothing illegal has hap pen ed. Your girlfriend was 18 when you first made love and you both behaved responsibly by checking out the most reliable form of contraception (see footnote). At 16, your parents' consent is not required for a sexual relationship.

Ask your parents to try to talk things over with her parents. If both families are enlightened enough to do this and to listen to what you both say too, then it seems fair for you to agree to what they decide.

Perhaps there's a teacher at your school, who you relate to, who you relate to wholly.

Ton't automatically and affection for people of the same sax is perfectly natural and spontaneous they do could act as a mediator with the headmaster, if need be, and both sets of parents.

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# Old wives' tales

PLEASE WOULD you print a reply to my question, as it's worrying me intensely. I started masturbating about three years ago, I'm 19 now, and it gives me great pleasure and rellef. I am worried that if I carry on with such regularity, it will ruln my future sex life. Is this true?

Steve, Aberdeen

Forget the old wives' tales about masturbation causing physical or mental sickness they're just not true.
Researchers into sexual
matters have studied this
extensively and think that
masturbation is harmless and has the advantage of offering a speedy way of relieving built - up ten-

sion.

There is only one potential area of risk. As masturbation is generally a solitary activity, aci companied by sexual fantasies, some people who carry on with this habit exclude all other sexual activity, using it is as a substitute for demolional and sexual contacts involving other people.



# FEEDBACK

# Getting on Top 20 wavelengths

PETER JOHNES from Salisbury, Rhodesia writes to ask if we could tell him the wavelengths for picking up the Top 20 on the BBC World Service. He finds it hard to keep up with the charts what with RM arriving 13 weeks late in Rhodesia and reception on his tranny fading away before he gets the complete

The charts are transmitted on Wednesdays at 18,30 the charts are transmitted on wednesdays at 18.30 enembleh Meantime on 15.40 mbz and 15.07 mbz in 2.19 meter band, 11.26 mbz and 11.75 mbz in the 25 eter band, 9.41 mbz in the 31 meter band and 7.12 in the 41 meter band Thursdays at 12.15 GMT on 7 mbz and 21.66 in the 13 meter band, and 17.885 in the 18 meter band, and 17.885 in the 18 meter band, and 17.885

this in the 16 meter band.

Reception is not good in the particular area but Reception is not good in the particular area but with that little lot you should be able to switch wavelengths when it fades out Other overseas ders may be interested to know that the BBC World Service publish a monthly booklet called London Calling which gives detailed information on frequencies and programme details. It costs £6 for a yearly subscription and for a copy send a cheque or postal order to the BBC External Publicity Department, Bush House, The Strand, London WC2

### Thin Lizzy's fat discography

DAVE GRAY would like a list of all the singles and albums by Thin Lizzy Before Lizzy signed to Phonogram in July 1074 they were with Decca. Their albums on that label were 'Thin Lizzy', 'Shades Of A Blue Orphanage', 'Vagabonds Of The Western World' and 'Remembering Part I'. The singles with Decca were 'Whisky in The Jar', 'Randolphs Tango', 'The Jorker' and 'Little Parling'.

and Remembering Part I. The singles with Decca were 'Whisky in The Jar.' Randolphs Tango', 'The Rocker' and 'Little Darling'. With Phonogram and on the Vertigo label their albums are Night Life'. 'Fighting'. 'Jailbreak', 'Johnny The Fox, 'Bad Reputation', and 'Live And Dangerous'. The singles are 'Philomena', 'Rosalie', 'Wild One', 'The Boys Are Back in Town', 'Jailbreak', 'Don't Beleve A Word', 'Dancing In The Moonlight', and the re-release 'Rosalie'

# It's simply a star's choice

NEIL PATRICK of Heathfield, Sussex is puzzled poor Neil). He's been puzzled since April as to just how we compile our 'Star Choice' chart. The answer is simple, dear Neil. The 'star' is asked to choose his/her io favourite records in order of preference, and we print them!

# Vendetta? WHAT Vendetta? Oh, THAT vendetta



# Mirror/Mirror non-connection

I HAVE just bought a copy of the Daily Mirror official annual 1979. Am I mad? (Looks likely — Mailman). For £1.50 you don't get as much into as you would in one week of R M (Flatterer — Mailman). The pin ups are quite a feature too — orrible one of Rick Parfitt and the Tom Robinson Band. Vile one of Leo Sayer and The Jam look poxy. Have you got anything to do with the Daily Mirror — Daily Mirror — Record Mirror — Daily Mirror — I suppose you're hand in glove.

ove and kisses, raver of

Love and kisses, raver of the year.
PS Do I get paid for this?

• You expect to get paid for THIS? You have to be joking. And another thing, our hand isn't in anyone else's glove.

# **Protesting** against protest

I AM writing to protest against Rock Against Ractsm. Why should groups like the Jam or Sham 69 take part? I am not a fan of the NF, but The Jam and Sham should put their talents to better tree.

A devoted Amir Nottingham. PS I am not a racist. •Congratulations. Your Oscar is on the way.

WELL, I was beginning to think WELL, I was beginning to thim that your paper had a vendetta against Bob Seger. During his visit here a year ago, yours was the only paper who gave him less than a rave review, and when his new LP was released, all the other papers said it was his best so far, and you said it wasn't. In fact it was quite an insulting review. I know it's all opinions, but surely when you were the odd one out, and indeed were stating the opposite to the other papers, I couldn't help wondering. Especially when his record

company don't advertise in your paper — does this have any bearing on the case? Come on now, own up — it surely must sway you sub-consciously, if not

sway you sub-consciously, if not consciously. Now, having said all that, I must say a big thank you for printing Jim Farber's review of Seger's New York concert. He confirmed what I know to be true, as I went to see him at Manchester, that

Seger is dynamite.

Now I know you don't have a vendetta against Seger, it must be that your staff have different

tastes from me - except for Jim Farber of course.

Eileen Simmons, Manchester.

Always nice to get a grovelling letter. Seriously though, in answer to your question, nobody on the editorial staff gives a damn one way or the other about adverts — as far as we're concerned it's a necessary evil. We'd never alter our opinion of an artist because of his record commany's action. And his record company's action. And anyway as far as we know, Capitol do advertise with us.

# Speaking of positions . . .

SHEILA PROPHET, the great, big, fat hypocriteal bitch wants hanging by her suspenders from the post office tower. (No she doesn't, thanks all the

post office lower. (No she doesn't, thanks all the same – SP).
How she's got the bloody audacity to make smide comments about the Bay City Rollers in the Sham 69 interview I do not know! It was only a year or so ago she herself was purriag round them.
What the hell is wrong with being a commercial pop group? I mean, just look where they are these days, a far cry from some of this everyday hunch of berks we're now landed with.

A staunch BCR admirer (aged 18, also 36-24-34).

Side comments? If you look again, you'll find all comments about the Rollers came from Jimmy Pursey, not me. In fact Jim and I were agreeing that we liked the Rollers. Oh and incidentally, talking about

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everyday biokes, the BCR's are about the most everyday bunch of blokes I've ever interviewed — which is one thing I liked about them.

### Hail to the 7 inch record!

7 inch record.

DID YOU know these amazing facts about the apparently borling, uninteresting 7' record?

(a) The total area (excluding the hole in the middle) is 38.478 square inches!

(b) The total playing area is (on average) 19 inches?

(c) The circumference of the disc is 21.991 inches which means that the actual perimeter travels at 0.93712 mph when spinning at 45 pm.

(d) The first 7' record was made from solid lead and was 20 feet thick. This idea never got off the

ground.

(e) They're too bloody expensive.

The Super Civil Servant. Southend, Essex.

• You're right — the 7's record is boring and uninteresting.

# Heaven can't wait

I MUST praise Steve Gett for his fantastic A to Z of heavy metal. I am not a church goer, but when I go again, I'il reserve a place in heaven for him. And you thought 'Stairway To Heaven' was only R o b ert Plant's imagination. Who the hell is this Steve Gett anyhow? Carl Marx.

PS I like Sheila Prophet. Recommend any good brain surgeons?

• Steve says he's making his own ecclesiastical arrangements, thanks very much, and they we nothing to do with heli. Shella will rearrange your brain for a small fee.

## Grum ble merchant

I'VE WRITTEN to complain because on September 30, my letter was a long one but you cut it down to a short one and you changed it so it meant something different.
Nige, Woodford Green, Essex.

• It was probably even more boring than this one. Next.

# Cliff's 20 years in the limelight

WELL YOU didn't WELL YOU didn't exactly get overjoyed in celebrating 20 years of fantastic success by Cliff Richard in the music business. I do think you could have made a better spread for a fellow who has been a great influence on the British music scene and the world.

world.

Kathy Cloud, Ipswich.

The world? Aw c'mon
Kath, Cliff hasn't strayed
that far from the home
base. What more d'you
want? Blood?

# Travolta are we worthy?

I WAS delighted to hear

I WAS delighted to hear that you were going to have interviews with the multi talented John Travolta.

What I don't understand is how you can do the interview (and hence sell more copies of your gotty magazine) and at the same time call him John Travolting and criticise everything he does. Surely if you don't think he is no good at what he does he shouldn't qualify to be in your comic. (Eh? Would you

like to repeat that? —
Maliman).

Or perhaps you are willing to change your views when you can make some money out of him. To John Travolta I would suggest that he finds a decent magazine where his singing and acting abilities will be rightly appreciated and to stop lowering himself with Record Mirror.

Jeremy Nye, Henfield, Sussex.

Right little dictator,

Sussex
O Right little dictator, aren't you? Magazine staffs are made of people possessing different musical tastes. I can't think of one single act that everyone here likes. We're all entitled to our own opinions . . . just as you are. We don't tell you what you have to like, do we?



# Dungy-dungy -dungy . . .

LISTEN, ABOUT Shella Prophet's Off-Centre article about the likes of Zep, Sabbath, Purple and heavy metal disco scene. Can DJ Neal Kay really be serious in describing the likes of Zep, Sabb, Purple and Nugent as 'progressive'? If so, I suggest he consults a dictionary before using the word again.

Enjoyable they may be, but they ceased to be progressive on the day Roxy Music released 'Virginia Plain'. Since that day even reggae has progressed more than HM. Back in the sixtles the HM bands started going 'dungy dungy'. Now whilst all other forms of rock have moved in different innovative directions, HM bands still maintain the status quo (sic) of 'dungy dungy'. Talk English, Neal!

Neal!
Paul Thompson, Southport, Merseyside.

DUNGY-DUNGYDUNGY: And you tell
other people to talk
English?

# Is this really necessary.

HERE'S a letter from the

HERE'S a letter from the recent past, so to speak. Remember me, the self-proclaimed Messiah of new wave and all that Jazz' (Nope — Mailman). Me that used to plague the RM offices with a giut of letters, articles, bumf and goodness knows what else... The Allen.

Well of course it's been some time since I've appeared in print. Partly due to your refusal to cooperate, for which I can hardly blame you, I mean I get sick of myself too sometimes! But once I get down to Bristol sometimes! But once I get down to Bristol sometimes! But once I get down to Bristol sometime next year) I hope to once again pick up my pen and write, this time with more meaning. So when this time comes I hope you will be lenient to a young old fool.

Until the next time then.

then.
Kristyan Raven, (nee
Christopher Barron).
Oswestry, Shropshire.
Oh gawd no, not the
Allen again — that's all
we need.

# **ACROSS**

ACRUSS

1 1976 Chicago No 1 (2.3.5.2.3)
8 The conclusion the Ruties came to (1.4.2.2.4)
9 Stones single, about Mrs Bowie perhaps (5)
11 See 23 Across
12 Deadly Alice Cooper album (6)
15 Bobby Darrin hit (6)
17 Wet Status Quo single (4)
18 Had hit single with Bowie's Man Who Sold The World (4)
19 A question from Bob Marley (2.4.4)
23 And 11 Across Early Moody Blues No 1 (2.3)
4 A compliment from Rod (3.4.2.4)
28 1970 Creedence Clearwater Revival hit (2.6.3.4)

# DOWN

The result of Yvonne Elliman catching Saturday Night Fever (2.1,4,4.3)

Gary Puckett and the Union Gap hit (5,4)
He told us about Me You And A Dog Named Boo (4)
Elvis Costello's lost Love (8)
Where Jonaihan King tone (4)
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Multi-Coloured DJ (4)
Sam Cooke original that was a hit for Herman's Hermits (9,5)
Had 1971 Tamis Motown hit with "Heaven Must Have Sent You' (6)
Green or Stewart (2)
Adier or Reed (3)
American comic strip group (4)
The band that brought, us the Crunch (3)
Status Quo were On The ... (5)
Refreshment for the Tillerman (3)
Bowle album leasuring 25 Down (3)
Nell Young LP (4)
Former Roxy musician (3)
Je Jo Gunne hit (3)
Alvin or Brends (3)

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# LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Dreadlock Holiday. 8 Nell Young. 11 Tull. 13 Rio. 13 Jos. 16 Colin Blunstone. 16 Smith. 17 In The City. 18 Rea. 21 Lerunon. 22 Art. 26 Abba. 28 Stayln' Alive. 28 Sense From The Wood.

DOWN: 1 Denlece Williams. 2 Eric Ciapton. 2 Daylors Demon. 4 Can. 8 Out Of Time. 8 Idle. 7 You've Got A Friend Bulk. 10 Grant. 13 Jethro. 16 Limit. 18 Yes. 20 Great, 3 Star. 24 Riot. 25 Lido. 27 Ben.

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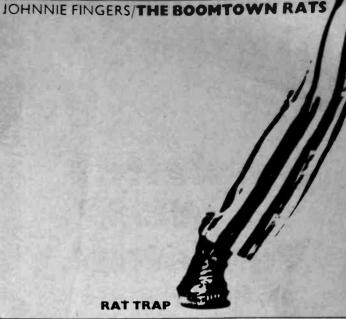
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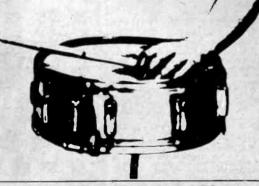


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AYLESBURY, Friars
(88948), Tom Robinson
Band/StiffLittle Fingers
BARNSTAPLE, Chequera
(71794), 999

(7) 781, 999
BASILDON, Double Six (20)1401. The Young Bucks ATH. Pavilion (28028). Sigusate and the Banshees BATLEY, Crumptels, The Movies / Street Band
BELFAST, Ulster Hall (21341), Radio Stars / Reaction

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BELFAST, University
(42124). The Cimarons
BIRMINGHAM. Barrel
Organ (621-622) 1553; Ricky
Cool and the Ieebergs
BIRMINGHAM. Odeon (621-645 801). Smokle
BIRMINGHAM. Railway
(621-369 3491). Opphan
BIRMINGHAM. The Gig
(621-365 3774). Split Enu
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(1848). Concluder End
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(2024). Nicky and the Dots
BRISTOL. Colston Hall
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Roy Hill Band COLCHESTER, Woods Wire COVENTRY, Robin Hood

(21878), Rascai COVENTRY, Warwick University (20858), Climax Blues Band / Dave Lewis Rand

Band
DUBLIN, Top Hat, The Clash
DUNFERMLINE, Glen
Lounge, Sitting on the

Fence
DUNFERMLINE, Kinema
(21902), Ultravox / Doll By
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Arms (\$3310), Staa Marx
EDINBURGH, Astoria (\$31-661 1662), Ignate AStrocco
EDINBURGH, Nicky Tams
Tattam Barndon Tavern, Paradox EDINBURGH, Usher Half (031-229 7607), Ray Charles

GRANTHAM, Guildhall. This Heat / The Distributors

Sucker LONDON, Bridgehouse, Canning Town (01-467

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Canoing Town (01-467
2888) Warmets
LONDON Electric
Ballroom, Camden (01-485
9006). The Pop Group /
Nico / Lynton Kwesi
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Nico / Lynton Kwesi
Johnson / Cabaret Voltaire
(Amnesty International
Benefit)
LONDON, Green Man,
Marylebone Road, UK Subs
LONDON, Hammersmith
Odeon (01-748 4081),
Weather Report
LONDON, Hope and Anchor.
Istington (01-359 4510),
Tonight / Debble Bishop
and Rough Edge
LONDON, 100 Club, Oxford
Street (01-636 9933), Prince
Far

Band
LONDON, North East
London Polytechnic (01-607
2789), Autographs
LONDON, Palladium (01-437
7573), Barry Manilow

The CLASH will play at the Roxy, Harlesden on Saturday after returning from Ireland where they play Dublin Top Hat on Thursday.

The POP GROUP, NICO, LINTON KWESI JOHNSON and CABARET VOLTAIRE are appearing at the Electric Ballroom, Camden on Thursday at a benefit for Annesty International Prisoners Of Conscience week.

BUDGIE, back to being a three piece for their latest tour starting at Liverpool Empire. (Thursday), Cambridge Corn Exchange (Friday), Croydon Greyhound (Sunday), Southampton Gaumont (Tuesday) and Plymouth Metro (Wednesday).

Following the success of his 'Midnight Bellever' album legendary blues man BB KING is set for a series of dates. He plays Birmingham Odeon (Friday), London Hammersmith Odeon (Saturday and Sunday) and Manchester Free Trade Hall

(Monday).
SIOU SIE AND THE BANSHEES has added some dates this week at Cardiff Top Rank (Sunday), Plymouth Flesta (Monday) and Bristol Locarno (Tarsetay).

Plymouth Fleata (Monday) and Britton Decarto (Tuesday).

ANDY DESMOND starts his first headlining tour this Wednesday at Dundee Technical College
Some at the best gigs around London this week—
the FABULOUS POODLES and the SCREENS at the Music Machine, Camden (Thursday). A Radar Special featuring RED CRAYOLA at the Hope and Anchor, Islington (Friday and Saturday) everyone gets a free EP both nights. LEO SAYER at the Palladium, and MARSHALL HAIN at the Theatre Royal (Sunday) KOKOMO play Dingwalls, Camden (Tuesday) and ex-Bonzo Dogger VIV STANSHALL will be appearing at the Collegiate Theatre (Wednesday).

BRIGHTON. Top Rank
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BRISTOL, Colston Hall
(291788), Weather Report
BRISTOL, Trinity Church,
Stranded/Stargazer
BURNTISLAND, Half Circle
(873882), Brody
BURTON ON TRENT, 75
Club (61037), Roy Hill Band
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Tools
DUBLIN, University
(751752), The Cimarons
DUDLEY, JB's (53597).

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DUNDEE, College of
Technology (27225), The

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Camel/Michael Chapman
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(596), Skeets Bollver
KIRCALDY, Dutch
(67612), Necromancer
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(26462), The Dooleys
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4590), Misty / The Mem-bers / The Crack
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Camden (01-485 3073),
Urchin
LONDON, Bridgehouse,
Canning Town (01-487
2889), Jackie Lynton
LONDON, City Polytechnic
(01-247 1441), The Rich Kids
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Chiswick 101-994 00621.
Benny and the Jets
LONDON, Marquee.
Wardour Street (01-437 6903).
Spud
LONDON, Music Machine.
Camden (01-387 0428).
FM/HIF!
LONDON, Nashville, Kenstington (01-603 8071).
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Band
LONDON, North East
LONDON, Pegasus, Stoke
Newington (01-607
2789). Supercharge
LONDON, Pelladdum (01-437
3731). Barry Manilow
LONDON, Pegasus, Stoke
Newington (01-226 5930).
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(01-589 8212). Ray Charles
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East Ham (01-42 0377).

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Dog Watch
LONDON Southbank
Polytechnic (021-261 1535),
Steel Pulse/China Street
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Canning Town (01-478
7791), VIP's
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SATURDAY

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(88948), Ultravox / Doll By
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BANBURY, Winter Gardens
(2920), Scratch
BELFAST, Pound (29900),
The Valves
BIRMINGHAM, Odeon (0214629433 Leany Decades

BIRMINGHAM, Odeon (021-d43 9413), Jenny Darren BIRMINGHAM. Odeon (021-843 6101). Weather Report BLACKBURN. Baileys (662662). Slade BOGNOR. Sussex Hotel (5426). Staa Marx BOLTON. Technical College (29981), The Pleasers BRADFORD. University, Jab Jab/90 degrees In-clusive

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Pavilion (7825), Barbara
Dickson
BRISTOL. Crown Cellar Har.
Wild Beasts
BRISTOL, Granary (28267),
The Young Bucks
CAMBERLEY, Ragamuffins
(24420), Bageal

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(693244). Tom Robinson
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(16165), Funky Feam EDINBURGH, Nicky Tams Tavern, Paradox EDINBURGH, University (031-687 1290), Stm-pleminds GLASGOW, Strathclyde University (041-552 1270), Aswad

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Juggernaut LIVERPOOL, Universit (051-709 4744), Clima Blues Band/Dave Low

LONDON. Action Space
Tottenham Court Read
The Realists
LONDON. Blise Coart Boy.
Angel (6)-948 9547), VIP's,
LONDON. Bridgehouse,
Canning Town (6)-967
2859), Zaine Grtff
LONDON. Chelsen Ag.
College (0)-352 6421)
Landscape

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LONDON, Dingwells
Camden (01-267 4967),
Nichoi and Marsh/Tennis

Nichol and Manager Shoes
LONDON, Electric
Ballroom, Camden (01485
9006), Mick Farren/Larry
Wallis and the Good Guys
LONDON, Golden Lion,
Fulham (01-385-3942), Little

Fulham to Acre
Acre
LONDON, Hammersmith
Odeon (01-748 4031), B B.
King/Son Seals Band
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Hampstead (01-677 1473),
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Edge LONDON, Duke of Lan-caster, New Barnet (01-449 0467), The Young Bucks

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TEDDY PENDERGRASS

New 12" single ONLY YOU'/ CLOSE THE DOOR

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Camden (01.387, 0428),
Autographs / Slow Motion
LONDON Nashville, Kensington (01-088 6071), The
Bishops / Kahns Villains
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Kentish Town (01-007 2789),
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LONDON, Pegasus, Stoke
Newington (01.228 5930),
Dead Ringer

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Hearts

Only You and Teddy Pendergrass... know what you want ...that's why 'ONLY YOU' from Teddy Pendergrass is being released as a 12"single! 'ONLY YOU' is pulling in so many disco requests that it's being released as a specially extended 7-min 58-sec version. And it's backed with another choice cut from the album 'Life Is A Song Worth Singing' called 'Close The Door' which runs to 5-min 27-sec. Which makes over 13 minutes of sensuous, soulful sounds from Teddy Pendergrass.

# YOUNG **SMILES**

# (SHOCK HORROR)

NEIL YOUNG.

AT FIRST it seemed more like an Earth Wind And Fire "theatrical event" than the usual Neil Young wrist: slitting session. Giddy. Broadway - type theatrica permeated the show, as roadles, dressed like druids from Star Wars, bounced around with unaccountable glee. The intro music was Hentrix's version of "The Star Spangled Banner" and The Beatles' "A Day In The Life" to set the mood for what at first seemed like an all - too-obvious "period piece".

Our first sight of "the

obvious "period piece".

Our first sight of "the star" of this weird display was when the druids lifted a box off a cocooned object which turned out to be Neil Young catching a few zzzz's The only logical extension of this weirdly joyous death dance seemed to be to pass out overdose levels of sleeping pills to the crowd, and Young quickly lived up to his downer persona by starting with that great end-of-the-sixtlessong "Sugar Mountain". Neil started alone with a sole brittle acoustic gultar started alone with a sole brittle acoustic guitar and a cordless mike, allowing him to roam the stage for that perfect pained "wanderer" efbrittle

Throughout this first

was the clearest I've ever heard in a major stadium. You could hear every word of "Comes A Time" and the ironic unreleased "Out Of The Blue And Into The Black".

Some problems started with the electric set, though as the four piece crazy Horse came on stage, various actors, dressed as loony bin doctors crowded the stage and began walking around at odd intervals acting out brief lines of the songs, as glant lights came on telling us which year the song was from. The overall effect was so obviously trite and The overall effect was so obviously trite and repuisive (in a Robert Altman 'Nashville' sort of way) that it seems impossible to believe a man of Neil Young's intelligence could have added it for any reason other than to parody the ELO-style shows of today. Still, this is the same man who gave us the on-screen horror of 'Journey Through The Past (the only move I've 'Journey Through The Past (the only movie I've seen to match the seen to match the pretensiousness of Dylan's 'Renaldo And Clara') so one never knows

Despite all this, the electric set proved a mong the most moving live spectacles I have ever witnessed. It's about time we all realized that Neil Young is among rock's finest guitarists. He has such a command of

dissonance and the 'darker side' of the fretboard, that even his fretboard, that even his longest solos prove chillingly captivating. It continues to amaze me how anyone who has lived in California all this time could come up with such a consistently raw, uncommercial sort of sound. Young avoided the obvious at every turn not playing too many oddies and (thankfully) not encoring with such expectables as 'Down By The River'. Instead we got 'Tonight's The Night in its most haunting version yet.

JOHN

Like all great rock 'n' roll artists, though, Nell Young is a tough one to figure. We'll never know how much of the theatrics were tongue in cheek, but what we can know is the direct' bite of Young's guitar (which only Tom Verlaine has adequately Im mitated) Perhaps even above his songs, I felt at least on this night, that it was one of the most version vet. that it was one of the most e loquent and frighteningly truthful instruments I have vet instruments I have yet heard JIM FARBER

### THE HAWKLORDS, Manchester Apollo

DESPITE DIF-FICULTIES with the sound, this second date of their massive UK trek was a total success in terms of entertainment. In the words of some Mancunian fans after the

Mancunian fans after the show, "It was great."
Yet, although the audience was satisfied, there were several problems in need of immediate attention: the primary one being to sort out the film, projected on a screen behind the band, the a wore relevant a screen behind the band, into a more relevant aspect of the proceedings. Last weekend it was somewhat disjointed and hard to follow, particularly as the images were frequently velled by the shadows of those on stage.

the shadows of those on stage.

However, tours generally commence with setbacks in some form, and I'm sure that The Hawklords will soon be into gear. For, like the denim brigade which filled the Apollo, I thoroughly enjoyed their performance and it was especially impressive to see the way in which the newly joined musicians have swiftly adapted; also interesting was the apparent re-vitalisation of old hands Bob Calvert and Dave Brock.

The set revolved.

The set revolved.

and Dave Brock.

The set revolved around the latest album and such numbers as Filying Doctor', '(Only) The Dead Dreams Of The Cold War Kid' and the current single, 'PSI-Power' emerged with tremendous force. A spectacular lighting display and the extensive talents of three dancers

L. Shankhar, stood by from the Shakti days and came up with the odd spot of superiative trenetic violin — plus a rather fine discourse on tambourine with drummer Tony Smith. Completing the outfit were Fernando Saunders on bass and Stu Goldberg on keyboards, both of them usually McLAUGHLIN London Rainbow JOHNNY McLaughlin, Electric Guitarist, returned to the stage a changed man. No more Eastern follies: just plain axe. One memorable talent,

'Rock 'N' Roll star' big Sympho rock production.
At last they played 'Mocking Bird' and an illuminated butterfly rose at the back of the stage. In streams of cosmic consciousness our hearts soared on the wings of

# BARRY MANILOW

ALTOGETHER now, follow the bouncing ball 'Showbiz that screw everyone you know biz. that Barry Manilow biz that's really showbiz. Frankly Barry Manilow leaves me cold, but I've set to had to

Manilow leaves me cold, but I've got to hand it to him ... in spite of all his drawbacks he outglitters the Talk Of The Town while running a very tight ship on stage. He comes across a quartz digital performer: you have to

makes him a likeable, though forgettable, character.

I'm sure Manilow is able to crack a 'dirty' joke as well as his fairly godmother Bette Midler can. But he prefers to keep the lights of Las Vegas always on his horizon and only for night Vegas always on his horizon and opts for night club tease instead of bar room sleaze.

rather lost to the all -McLaughlin's guitar. Material ranged from

Material ranged from 'Friendship off the last album (the one that sounds as if it wants to turn into Focus' 'Sylvia') to 'Sanctuary' from way back: all received with unbounded enthusiasm

by the audience The pity of it was, that most of them sounded the same with apparently no thought put into any arrangements. John McLaughlin could just as well have stepped forward and played alone throughout — he's certainly got the technique to

throughout — he's tainly got the technique do it. SUSAN KLUTH

BERNIE TORME RAND London Marquee

London Marquee

WITH THE Ramones in
town and it being a
Monday night, the
Marquee was only half
full for the Bernie Torme
Band; a far cry from the
packed house they played
to a couple of weeks
previously. Nevertheless,
the second gig in Wardour
Street was as good, if not
better, than the first,
confirming in my mind
that this 24 - year - old
Irishman is a very excitting, up and coming
axeman.

After a poor start, in

axeman.

After a poor start, in terms of sound quality, the situation soon improved, and throughout it was L-O-U-D. There was was LO-U-D. There was plenty of riffing. licking and atomic soloing from Bernle — sheer delight for headbangers — and although the material is of a new wave nature, its appeal is more HM due to Torme's guitar work. Armed with a white stratocaster. he lies somewhere between Hendrix and Blackmore, delighting in plenty of feedback, in the Nugent style. He makes use of all the tricks in the book, rubbing the strings against a mike stand, playing with his teeth, together with an overdose of heavy rock posing.

Best numbers of the set are 'I'm Not Ready', their new single. 'Anyway, Anywhow, Anywhere' (If my memory serves me correctly) and the only slower one, entitled 'Don't Look Back' Bernle steals the limelight and only occasionally did I find myself admiring the efficiency of the drummer and the bassist. The latter is a droll character, who stares at the audience from time to time, in a ridiculously aghast manner. Back to BT, however, who, at the end of the sel proper, slammed his axe into the stack of Marshall amps behind him, totally summing up the aggression he exuded all night Despite the poor attendance, there was sufficient response to encourage two encores. Only time will tell whether Bernle Torme is going to make it or not. but this gig was decidedly encouraging. STEVE

worth checking out and upon're lucky, as we were on Saturday, they'll treat you to those classic cuts 'Master Of The Universe' and 'Silver Machine'. All good stuff, that, STEVE GETT. BARCLAY JAMES

HARVEST Hammersmith Odeon

added to the whole rock/theatre combination, though I never felt either attraction placed the music into a

was

secondary position.

concert

The concert was a pleasure to watch, and that heavy live approach was ever present, as well as the commercial element which featured strongly on the new LP. The Hawklords are well worth checking out and if

worth checking out and if

DRY ICE blew out over the audience The revolving crystal ball dazzled. I was happy. This was new

dazzled. I was happy.
This was new revitalised Barclay James Harvest. This was Barclay James Harvest playing to a crowd fervently clapping along and stamping their feet. This was Barclay James Harvest where for once I didn't sink leaden into my seat after the first hour. Thank God they've escaped the clutches of their last album and headed for pastures new. headed for pastures new. Stripping themselves down to more basic melodies (I think).

melodies (I think).

BJH are like a clever dinosaur who found a way of not becoming extinct. An oasis of peace and love amongst the crash and bang I can't help it, I'm a sucker for melody and I'm a sucker for their high pitched vocal style. So mehow it always strikes a chord deep down with me — especially on 'Berlin', where the band looked like a collection of wandering minstrels

looked like a collection of wandering minstrels from a costume drama. 'In Search of England' also had me dribbling as Woolly Wolstenholme tenderly bit off the top ohls microphone to get the lyrics across. I was also reduced to a quiver by 'Child Of The Universe' utterly idiotic lyrics but BHJ always have the talent to make them beem serious and deeply serious and deeply meaningfui-man. The band struck out, with 'Loving Is Easy' and well! All those platinum the States prove he's no

love (sheer poetry, e what?). ROBIN SMITH

# London Palladium

performer: you have to keep prodding yourself awake to register. He claims to have been born 30 years too late, so strong is his affection for the music of the forties. But his real forte lies in accentuating his less than average talents as a dancer, raconteur and humorist. Curiously this makes him a likeable.

the States prodummy.
His forties-inspired material was a furiously paced medley of tongue twisting lyrics and snappy arrangements snappy arrangements which showed off his talents to best advantage and provided ample evidence of his ability to write top selling jingle material as well as

material as well as straight songs.
But the bulk of these can be likened to a box of borbons. They are all nicely wrapped, basically sweet, easily digested. Some are a slow chew, others are a very slow chew. You all know what happens when you eat too many.

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The only noticeable mood change came with 'Copacabana' which he gave the full treatment with help from his trio of women dancers and singers Lady Flash and a special backdrop.

That happy moment over, Manilow returned to his ludicrously high plano stool for a monstrous overkill of the Donna Summer hit 'Could it Be Magic' with only candyfloss cloud effects on the back screen to distract the irritable among the audience (There were not many of us).

Then we got 'Mandy' with an unwanted coda of 'Could It Be Magic'. This was enough for me but two encores were yet to

Some people just can't get enough of showbiz. JOHN WISHART



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THE CARS, NEW YORK

THE MAJOR identifiable trademarks of a successful American midwest band — besides the obvious prerequisite that they must have 1.Q.'s of under 83 — is that they have to develop a great love for guitar cadenzas that should be confined to tune-ups. faceless singing, and clumsy rhinostomp riffing. The fact that Chicagoans Cheap Trick on album, sidestep all of these horrifying cliches and offer so much personality and musical catchiness made them at once a fascinating aggregation. Yet all this only made it more painful to watch their New York headline return at The Palladium. Chief Trickster, Rick Nielsen has become quite an obnoxious figure of late. Though his appearance is off-beat (by midwest standards anyway) it's hardly amusing, and his dorky stance soon entrenches itself firmly in yawnsville.

But the real culprit is his blaring guitar work. To make up for the sparse three - piece set up. Rick turns up the volume and iets out a thrashing mutated sound that smudges up the rest of the band's more subtle strokes. Bun E. Carlos is a powerful drummer and Tom Petersson's 12 - string bass is certainly full bodled, but like Tom Scholz, Rick feels the need to draw attention to himself at all times. This indulgence often himself at all times.
This indulgence often eclipse Robin Zander's wonderfully cute vocals and renders the sound more like Kiss or Foghat than the bands Trick emulates, such as The Move.

Move.
Though so much of the group's top notch material was lost in the material was lost in the gultar mire, pop tarts like "California Man," Southern Girls' and Surrender' still managed to push forth their tasty melodies. A new song was a lowpoint, though. 'I Need You', which was tightly delivered at the band's last New York gig, was this time awarded a three day jam session and

sundry guitar jerk offs from Rick.
Perhaps all this padding and pseudo pyrotechnics is Cheap Trick's way of salling out, but I only hope they go back soon and listen to their own albums to their own albums to remind themselves of what really great steelenforced pop should sound like.

More successful here were the openers. The Cars. The Bean Town band is now the big hope of the new wave, as they look to be the only potential massive sellers in the U.S. With hits like 'You're Just What I Needed', which jumps around with all the twitchy nervousness of a love affair between Bruce Dern and Fay Dunaway, these Cars have the goods to go far. Their slightly frigid stage manner marries the Nietschean threat of Roxy Music to the camp of The Ramones. Most importantly the band provide the first non-offensive moog solos since early Roxy (circa "Editions Of You").

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CHEAP TRICK: IQ's of over 83?

than Cheap Trick. To:

than Cheap Trick, The
Cars could have stolen
the show even if the
headliners were in full
form. Now I just hope the
midwest (and the rest of
the world) is really as
ready for The Cars as
their first album sales
suggest. If so, we're in for
a lot of great music to
come JIM FARBER.

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THE ELDERS always spoken of 'The Ritual' in tones of strict reverence. Now it was the time. I was dressed in the ceremonial robes com-plete with an Acme

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oration for the sound check.

Then came the solemn part of the ritual, the part passed down from generation to generation. "Do you feel airight?"

"Yeah!" It can't hear you. I said do you feel ALRIGHT?"

"YEAH!" the acolytes screamed, pointing their arms in the air and crying out "Hoo, Hoo", clapping their hands and whistling. The beat was hard, the brass sliky smooth, and there was no escape from that bass. Then came the measured climax of Dancin' and 'Galaxy Of Love'.

At the end I felt tired, sweaty but happy, and now I too can speak of 'The Ritual' with the same tones of reverence.

MIKE GARDNER

BLACK SLATE Russell Club, Manchester

of over 83?

I Thunderer whistle dangling from my neck, and sent, with the other acolytes, to the meeting place.

The lights went down. The air filled with the shrill screech of whistles and the high priests and the high priests and the high priests. Theme', a quick snatch of the 'hit' and we were one.

The high priests were all of the same robes and stood in an orderly row holding different implements. There was the obligatory Kojak cut, the twirling trumpet, the insanely extrovert bass man and the proclamation of starsigns.

They played and moved in unison with the silck

Manchester

Opening for Black Slate were the Ded Byrds, a case who them hearty pralse from the headliners. With a singer dressed won them hearty pralse from the headliners. With a singer dressed with a sale and chucking out sweets to the audience, not to mention the shapely wench stage right blasting away on sax, the Ded Byrds are as lively a gang as you'll see holigatory Kojak cut, the twirling trumpet, the insanely extrovert bass man and the proclamation of starsigns.

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the music produced by the band as a whole would seem to lend itself to this persuasion, with constant lyrical references to peace, love, freedom, Jahetc.

Being Jamaicans who formed the band in Britain, their songs are certainly more steeped in the Rasta spirit than those of, say, more commercially acclaimed outfits like Steel Pulse who were born in this country. This could account for the greater success currently being enjoyed by the latter, since many young blacks may find them more readily identifiable, but judging by Black State's performance, there's no reason why they shouldn't make up for lost time.

As with most of the

performance, there's no reason why they shouldn't make up for lost time.

As with most of the numbers, 'Would You Like To Be Free?' was delivered with humour, fire and panache, underscored by the dub rhythms beamed out by twin guitarists Chris Hanson and Cledwin Rogers and drummer Desond Mahoney Above the general exuberance. Anthony Brightleys, keyboards, rippled effervescently while the whole effect was heightened by the judicious use of strobe lighting — employed I imagine with rather more sensitivity than was mustered by the bombastic Hawklords who were simultaneously blinding their devotees into submission down the road at the Apollo.

The sound mix, always an essential factor with reggae, was also well up to scratch, and taking into account the growing popularity of this kind of music, anyway. Black Slate's fortunes should be on the rise. MIKE NICHOLLS.

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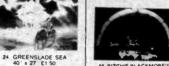
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Carole King and Gerry Gof-fin's eighteen - year old baby sitter, who, as Little Eva, became the overnight sensation of 1962 (and the overnight has-been of 1963) with the hit single "The Loco-Motion', is the stuff of which pop legends are made.

But the legend of Little Eva has been eclipsed by the success story of the disco smash 'Shame' and Evelyn 'Champagne' King, discovered when a producer overhead her singing Sam Cooke's 'A Change Is Gonna Come', as she was scrubbing a bathroom.

The bathroom was in.

Philadelphia International of-fices of Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff, and the sharp - eared producer was T. (for Theodore) Lafe, who knocked on the door and asked King to come out. But let "Bubbles" (as King was let "Bubbles" (as King was originally nicknamed because, she says, "I used to blow spit bubbles at all the people") tell the tale: "He said, 'You can sing, right?" He probably

couldn't figure that I was a cleaning girl. He wanted me to keep hitting those notes or whatever I was doing. Then he told me. 'One day I'm going to make you a star, young lady.' I make you a star, young lady.' I said, 'Yeah, I've heard that before.' But he took me in for a rehearsal and then we made the

A year after its release, Smooth Talk has gone gold, thanks to "Shame" and to King's voice, a startling com-bination of teenage vulnerability

bination of teenage vulnerability and gritty womanliness. Her vocal range extends from kittenish soprano to a fog - horn barltone, and King adds, "I like to sing men's way. I can imitate Isaac Hayes, Barry White."

King may have learned to sing "men's way" from her father, who used to fill in for alling members of R&B vocal groups like the Orioles, and who occasionally took her to Harlem's Apollo Theatre before the family moved to Philadelphia King moved to Philadelphia King and her six siblings made music almost from infancy. "We used to sit up and have amateur hour every single day. I'd be playing

congas. We'd take tin cans and I congas. We'd take tin cans and bang on them, beer bottles, ashtrays, whatever we could find around the house Somebody would be a comedian. My brothers would make a dance group. I used to be tap dance group. I used to be tap-dancing, going crazy in the house. They'd tape it, or we'd have on some records and sing with them. People used to think we was having parties in Philly, so they'd come along and join right in with us."

Although she is usually ac-companied by her father.

mother or older sister when she goes on the road (she recently toured with Heatwave and the O'Jays), King, now eighteen, misses the old sense of family togetherness. "Sometimes I get confused. Like I'm still young, and I'm not used to being pushed so much. It's when I go on the road that I be mad and I be

Evolyn King and Little Eva were both discovered

weeping a lot because I want to go home." She may be back home all too

She may be back home all too soon. In the fickle world of disco, most female singers are queen for a day and not one minute longer. Well aware of this, King says her next album will include other sorts of material. "I'm trying to go into, like, where the rhythm & blues are. It's going to be all mixed — well, like the way my voice changes." I didn't have the heart to ask if she knew what had happened to Little Eva?



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MUSIQUE: 'In The Bush' (LP 'Keep On Jumpin' CBS 83178). Out here at last, the mindlessly metronome import smash is a dead simple 8:20 girlle group at the group of the group o

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dip's a 3:10 version). CARRIE LUCAS: The Toc' / 'Street Corner Symphomy' (RCA FC 1310). Dreamy Dr Buzzard - 1sh 5:00 12th conga kicker with Copacabaha appeal may be easier at first than the zingy remixed 6:57 A - side medley of great doo - wop oldles, which takes time to "shoobedoowah" into rhytunic overdrive. D O N N A S U M M E R: 'WacArthur Park Suite' (LP 'Live And More' Caaablanca CALD 5006). Long siow start to a gaily romping 17:34 side-iong segue through several typical tracks which comprise the studio - recorded Suite, thankfully edited down to 3:59 of the one song for the

htt single.

OLYMPIC RUNNERS: 'G

ft While You Can' (Polyd

RUN 012). Logical success
to their other disco biggie
but rather disappointing. U

over - frantic messy leaper
got everything bar the k

chen sink on 5:15 12in or 3:

7in.

ALLEN TOUSSAINT:
'Motion' / 'Night People'
(Island IPR 2031). Gorgeous
6:01 amoocher and sinister
silnky 4:16 alow thudder,
remixed for Island 12in from
his Warner Bros LP in a deal
that's possibly unique

Burning Spear: "Social Living" / Civilised Reggae' (Island IPR 2077). Green ethnic reggae 12in, both powerful 7 minute - plus sides end up as dubs. Worth checking if you can use real

end up as dubs. Worth checking if you can use real reggae.

PULSE: "The Warrior (Ipi Tombi II'PI IS, via PO Box & London NWB). Quite exciting fast new 8:28 12m disease with the common control of the common control of the common control of the common control of the common com

guitar led fip If only Hose Gossip had danced to this on TV!

COLORADO: 'California Dreaming' (Pinnacle Firebird Pin 67 12). Santa Esmeraida copying "Ilamisco" ("dismenco") Europop massacre of the Marmas & Papas classic, really ruined by the awful phonetic vocale more than the music, on 4:48 blue viny 12 in or 3:30 black film QUINCY JONES: Love I Never Had it So Good' (Funis AkMerica AMSP 7385), Lustind AkMerica AMSP 7385), Lustind Good Had it So Good' (Funis AkMerica AMSP 7385), Lustind Good Heat', on 12 in or Tin GARY BARTZ: 'Shake Your Body' (Capitol Tower 12CL 1999). Good but unfashionable (in the South heavy slow Bootsy style funk [liggler now on 6:15 12m could click around Mer seyside! JOHNNY GUITAR WAT

GRAHAM CANTER (Mayfair Guillivers) did a great taneous segue sequence last Thursday that worked so just had to jot it dwn: Manu Dibango 'Sun Exp (Decca 12in), Wilbert Longmire 'Black is The Color Tappan Zee LP), Chan Longmire 'Black is The Color Tappan Zee LP), Chan Can Tell' (US Arriota LP), Howard 'Save Some For The Children' (US Warrer Eres LP) Ayers 'Running Away' (US Polydor 12in), You'll have the mixing points for yourselves, but basically do it stinct, like Graham did.

CHART CONTRIBUTORS, please incluyour home address on your chart form eaweek, as you could be missing out on a various mailing lists which I sometim manage to get contributors onto! Howeve you'll have to be a very regular contribute and playing more than just the hits to qualify, and I can't guarantee anything.

# DISCO NEWS

MANU DIBANGO 'Sun Explosion' is due on Decca

¿zin any day (GFR 13510), while La Blonda 'One

You One For Me' is finally on full - length 12in now

(Mercury 1998989). following last week's wall,

Curtis Mayfield 'No Goodbyes' probably will be out

here after all! . Grey & Hanka 'You Fooled Me' is

GRCA Tin next week . . rumours confirmed, Radio

Luxembourg is indeed broadcasting a disco format

aiready, with Tony Prince's Disco Top 30 going out on

Sundays from 9-11 pm and forming the playlist base

although other musical syles get plenty of slots too

Pinnacle Records need new disco · type acts to

record, so send audition tapes to Paul Lynton at

Pinnacle, 62 Grosvenor Street, London Wi (that's

musical acts, not DJs, dummy!) . Roger Squire's

London Disco Centre at 176 Junction Road, Turnell

Park is running a big clearance sale on certain

equipment lines, so call Nigel Morris on 01-272 8463

for up to date details . Disco power of Newport,

South Wales, are expanding into Larger factory

premises so that their sound and lighting lines can be

distributed in bulk by a national dealer network,

rather than just selling locally in their own South

Wales DJ Assn application form is even more

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Mariin Starr of Bristol has teamed up with fellow

marins for a local soul club to open soon and also

the need of a venue for a soul all - dayer — any of
fers? . . . I told you Crown Heights Affair would be

good, and at Hammersmith their 'Say A Prayer For

Two' was the most gospel - wailing, soul - searing

thing I've heard for ages — but from that point on

their energy

# GET IN HESWI

CBS RECORDS' new Disco Pool is not yet closed and all DJs are invited to apply! The mailing list will be open to all professional jocks regardless of the number of the nights they work. According to disco promotion manager Greg Lynn, 'What matters is the DJ's attitude towards what he's doing ... and whether I feel he will help us sell records.' The first step is to send a postcard with your name and home address to Greg's assistant, who will then forward you an application form, so write now to Loraine Trent, Disco Pool, CBS Records, 17-19 Soho Square, London WIV 6HE. Remember, that special continuously segued Disco Pool LP could still be yours after all!

### Just stand up . it's a newie

PAUL SHARPE (first name Gordon, but he doesn't use it much nowadays!) runs the Paul 'O' Disco from Brighouse, and has a good way of fitting newles into his fitting

"At youth club-type gigs it's difficult to play brand new promos without clearing the dancefloor, but I still keep trying to do a Juke Box Jury type thing. I ask those who like a new single to get out on the dancefloor, and just stand there if they don't particularly want to dance to it. Then by those who are dancing or just standing. I can judge the audience reaction. There are lots of good records which people like but don't necessarily want to dance

to, and these teenybopper types think it's fun just to stand on the dancefloor to stand on the dancessor to show that they like something. However, unless a record is getting well promoted or is by a big-name artist and on the radio, they won't buy it and learn how to dance to it—meaning that I don't get dancessor reaction for some time. In fact, often I have to drop a record and then it hits the chart and suddenly all the kids want it again."

Yeah, that's the trouble Yeah, that's the trouble with those provincial gigs! No wonder the South-Eastern funk jocks can fill the disco chart with Imports when everywhere else the DJs are having to play the same limited range of established hits. same limited established hits.



# Theo, you're thweet

HERE'S PROOF of what went on at Uford Room At The Top's recent HERE'S PROOF of what went on at liford Room At The Top's recent fancy dress 8th anniversary party, when Polydor's disco plugger Theo Loyla turned up in full drag! Theo, also chairman of the DJF, had only just shocked the nation by cropping his hair and shaving off his eyebrows to appear convincingly feminine. . . an effect further achieved by the shaving of his legs up to the knees! Euchh! Anyway, that's Phonogram's disco plugger John Waller fondling Theo's hazelnut nipple, while Alison (who's all girl) pretends she's at another table. We all know that Theo's been trying to steer the DJ Federation into an alliance with a union, but what sort of union does he have in mind ...!?!

# DISCO DATES

THURSDAY (12) Crown Heights Affair frazzle Norwich Cromwells, Tony Evans funks Harrow Kings Head Hotel weekly, Craig Royale funks Wickford Brighton Run on the Southend Arterial Road weekly, Froggy funks Paddington Fangs weekly, Caroline Roadshow rocks Grays Thurrock Clvic Hall; FRIDAY (13) Chris Brown, Froggy & Jeff Young funk Southgate Royalty, Pete Tong funks Tunbridge Wells Elizabethan Barm, John DeSade funks Minster Beach Hotel. Steve Dee hits Naphill Village Hall, Stuart Robinson hits Wakefield Steak House weekly, Roy Gould hits Roehampton Queen Marys Hospital charity hop for the hospital radio fund, Caroline Roadshow rocks Colehester Institute; SATURDAY (14) Sean French & Froggy funk Southgate Royalty, Chris Brown & Owen Washington funk Canvey Goldmine, Wild Walt Brown wows Bournemouth Village (see him to belleve him!), Greg Davies has a Tarts Night at Stevenage Bo Jangles Jim Kershaw has a South Yorkshire Funkers Ball at Sheffield Triple Echo on Primrose Hill, Ashley Woods funks Sleaford Quarrington Hall, Steve Dee hits Downley Village Hall, DJ Donald rocks Coldstream Town Hall, Caroline Roadshow rocks Bishops Stortord Rhodes Hall; MoNDAY (16) Owen Washington & Pete Tong funk West Kingsdown Kings Lodge, John DeSade funks Otham Orchard Spot near Maidstone, Disco Dave Singleton starts a weekly Northern Soul night at Eccles Rainbow with Russ Winstanley. Desade tunks Otham Orchard Spot near Maidstone, Disco Dave Singleton starts a weekly Northern Soul night at Eccles Rainbow with Russ Winstanley, Richard Searling: Mike Costello (free before 10 pm); TUESDAY (17) Froggy funks Bexley Black Prince: WEDNESDAY (18) Mike Allen drips aftershave at Southgate Royalty.

# DJ TOP 10

JOHN ROBERTS works as "Big John" at Birkenhead Rascals and mobile on 051-645 0430; playing at his residency a lot of solid funk, although mobile he's into some interesting party - type things (more another time), In amongst the funk he always includes some of the club's 'lavouriter Motown "magic". ... cos he's a big wheel?!

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DJ HOTLINE

BUBBLING UNDER the Top 80 are Jonathan King 'One For You One For Me' (GTO)/Izin', Voyage 'Point Zero' (GTO), Goody Goody Superjock' (US Atlantic LP), Kool & The Gang Everybody's Dancin' (US De-Lite LP), Ray Barretto 'Can You Feel It' (US Atlantic LP), Willie Hutch 'And All Hell Broke Loose'/Easy Does It'/etc (US Whittleid LP), Joe Farrell 'Night Dancing' (US Warner Bros LP/12in promo). Lord Kitchener 'Sugar Bum Bum' (Ice 12in). Ashford & Simpson 'Get Up And Do Something' (US Warner Bros LP) (Cloud One 'Happy Music' (US Queen Constance 12in). Ashford Simpson 'Get Up And Do Something' (US Warner Bros LP) (Cloud One 'Happy Music' (US Queen Constance 12in). Ashford Soli Bobo 'Aiways There' /Keep od 'Soul Power' (US March 12in). Cloud One' Happy Music' (US Polydor LP), Len Boone 'Love Won'! Be Denied' (Chrysalis 12in), Robert Painner 'Best Of Both World's '(Island/12in). Lut 'You Madly Orch 'Rocket Rock' (US Salsoul 12in), El Coco 'Dancling In Paradise'/Love in Your Life' (Pye/12in), Jeff Wayne 'Eve Of 'The War' (CBS), Prime Time 'Good Times'/'Soul Train' (US Motown 12in promo), DC Laikue 'Let Them Dance' (Pye/12in), Wayne Henderson 'Hot Stuff' (Folydor), Gerri (US Motown 12in promo), DC Laikue 'Let Them Dance' (Pye/12in), Wayne Henderson 'Hot Stuff' (Folydor), Gerri (US Motown 12in promo), DC Laikue 'Let Them Dance' (Pye/12in), Wayne Henderson 'Hot Stuff' (Folydor), Gerri (US Motown 12in promo), DC Laikue 'Let Go' (Elektra/12in), Kebekelektrik 'War Dance' (Epic), Continuing by geographic order, chart contributing DJs Include Lawson Mair (Nuneaton Club '71), Graham Wood (Kenliwarth 13i2), Ketth Blackwell (Warvick), Shaun Bryce (Blrkmingham Doposite Lock), Paul Anthony (Brimingham Rum Runner), Don Young (Birmingham Locarno), Steve Curtia (Birmingham Rebeccas), Caeo (Wolverhampton Ship & Rainbow), Doctor John (Telford Disco-Tech), Trevor John Watscelped Swallow), Doctor John (Rollord Disco-Tech), Trevor John Watscelped Swallow), Doetor John Roberts (Balackwell (Warvick), Manu Bryce (Birkenhead Cabin), Blg John Roberts

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OTHER IMPORT breakers include Metropolis 'New York Is My Kinda Town' (Salsout LP), My Kinda Town' (Salsout LP), Aquarlan Dream 'You're A Star (Slektra LP), Jorge Santan LP), Chanson 'Don't Hold Back (Ariola LP), Chankaka Khan 'I'm Every Woman' (Warner Bros/LP)/210 promo), Love Symphony Orchestra 'Let Me Be Your Fantasy' (Penthouse LP), MFSB 'Dance With Ma Tonight'/ To Be in Love 'Alet's Party Down' Town't Let's Party Down' Town't Let's Party Down' Town't Let's Party Down't Love 'Let's Party Down't Head' (Phil Int/LP), Claudja Barry/Ronnie Jones 'I'I Takes Two' (Salsoul 12in), Leon Haywood 'Party' (MCA), Rodney Franklin't Like The Music Make ti Hot' 'O'n The 'Path' (CBS LP). Melba Moore 'You Stepped Into My Life' (pip Lith'LP), Melba Moore 'You Stepped Into My Life' (Phy Law) (CBS LP), Phyrework 'Phi Your Hands Up' 'My Funk' Mercury LP), Quazar 'Funk 'N Roll' (Arisla), Ritchie Fa mi jy 'Am eric an Generation' (Marlin LP), Che Baba 'Stomp Your Peet' (Tok Marlin LP), Che Baba 'Stomp Your Peet' (Tok Marlin LP), Chealath Holloway'l May Not Be There When You Want Me' (Gold Mind 12in/LP), Laura Taylor 'Dancing In My Feet' (TK 12in), Willage People 'YMCA' (Casabianca).





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They love to play on people in order to incense them — taking delight in setting the cat amongst

Usually it works, but sometimes they do go a little over the top.
Like having half a dozen strippers.

Like having half a dozen strippers at Battersea a few weeks back. In spite of, or perhaps because of their behaviour, the individual members of The Stranglers make interesting subjects for interviews. Probably it was the academic atmosphere of Lancaster University, where they recently played, that set Jean Jacques burnel and myself talking about his time at school, and life in general. Quite obviously, schooldays were not the happiest ones of his life.

Quite obviously, schooldays we not the happiest ones of his life, and most of what J.J. has learnt has been assimilated since then "My childhood was an endless succession of fights. School was the same for me; even more punch-ups. The best thing I got out of school was finding a few mates when I left. It seems to me mates when I left. It seems to me that you're thrust upon each other at school and are only lucky once or twice to find good friends. Most of the British kids started going out when they were 13 or 14, but because my parents were in catering I had to help with dishwashing and waiting, until I was 17. Then when I got my bike it was different; everything changed."

Jean's adolescence didn't simply revolve around two wheels. In his late teens he took up karate. On

revolve around two wheels. In his late teens he took up karate. On the way home from training one day he gave a lift to someone who turned out to be a friend of Hugh Cornwell, which led to the meeting

of the two musicians.

"Karate is a good sport and I was getting into too many fights. It's a very good aesthetic discipline. There's a lot of Zen involved, and the seeking of perfection is something which can keep on going 'ad infinitum' or ad nauseam'. I've been at it for seven years and still practise every day, so it's about time I got my black belt."

If he does achieve this during

If he does achieve this during his future visit to Japan, Jean will be able to teach the martial arts to

be able to teach the martial arts to others.

Quite clearly karate is an outlet for his own aggressive nature. He is an extremely physical person, almost excessively so.

"I'm trying to convince this young lady that she should stay in Morecambe with me tonight," he confided.

Was he going to succeed?

confided.

Was he going to succeed?

"No she's got to work tomorrow
and she's not adventurous enough
to take up the offer."

ister? STEVE GETT (who wrote this) wouldn't

Mind you, the Lancastrian nubite had said that if J.J. invited her

The Stranglers share reaps unlikely dividends, however, for there is always a high percentage of women at their gigs. Surely they can't all be masochists?

There are plenty of people like J. J., and always someone ready to satisfy their needs. Sex just becomes more accessible when

But it does make me wonder whether the nubiles he attracts whether the nubles he attracts aren't just after Jean Jacques the star, or Jean Jacques the person. But he does encourage them and certainly his dwelling place depends upon the lady of the

'piss-off' when they realise we're the best band in the world. I feel

that many people cover up bad journalism and a lack of intellect by bragging and being basically dishonest,"

dishonest."
And in America, The Stranglers found a lot of cerebral thickness from which they developed a "small brains theory". In other words, only the lucky few, with a higher level of awareness.

appreciate their music.
A live Stranglers' album is
coming soon and some new group
material has also been written.
"Yes it's very weird. I don't

know if we're going to release it within the next three years. We aren't sure whether we want people to catch up with our level of consciousness, or whether we will release stuff and it'll go over people's heads. If our music does go over your heads folks, all I suggest you do is pogo!"

So it definitely appears that the Stranglers have a higher level of consciousness than most?

"Yes — but I can't explain it."

The Stranglers' arrogance does aggravate people, at least those who take them too seriously — far better to take certain things with a pinch of salt.

An equally bizarre prospect is Jean Jacques' solo abum. When we discussed it several months ago he felt that people wouldn't be ready for it until the 1980's and still maintains that viewpoint.

"How would I describe it? You can't describe music, that's why a lot of critics are redundant." he grins cockilly

For a better indication of its nature, 'In The Shadows' on the 'Black and White' album certainly helps. Most of it has been recorded, and Brian James is on one track and Lew Lewis on a couple.

Jean is also writing a book.
"It's about a group of teenagers in an area of North London." Finchley? "It could well be Finchley. and it deals with the hassles they encounter."

He has an abundance of tasks to complete, having already achleved quite a lot in the past few years. How has the person changed though?

"I've got three or four years older. No, it makes you a bit

though?
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older. No, it makes you a bit
tougher and more cynical, but it
also makes you more aware to
degree. However there is the
danger of believing all the rubbish danger of believing all the rubbish people throw at you; when you're on an upper people want to know you, but when you're on a downer, well it's a different matter. I know what it's like, because for two years we were the Stranglers, and no-one else had funny, names, short hair, and we had plenty of punch-ups — there weren't many allles in those days!"

The Stranglers are very much on an upper at present and their bassist's life is all go, but is he happy?

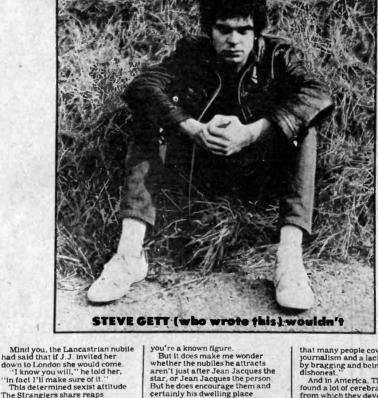
bassist's life is all go, but is he happy?
"No I've never been happy, in the way that most people would call being happy. I think seeking happiness is a red herring. Too many people are obsessed with it and they're blind to other things. In America, for instance, the pursuit of happiness is institutionalised."
Would be ever marry?

"I am married. I'm married to the martial arts and The Stranglers. My aim in life is to force my body to be my weapon and my statement."



deal of the victims we've been one of the more honest bands but we still get a lot of bad press.

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