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1	1	I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT, Rod Stewart	Riva
2	4	LUCILLE, Kenny Rogers	United Artists
3	2		CBS
4	3	A STAR IS BORN / EVERGEEN, Barbra Streisand	CBS
5	6	THE SHUFFLE, Van McCoy	H& L
6	5	GOOD MORNING JUDGE, 10cc	Philips
7	9	GOT TO GIVE IT UP. Marvin Gaye	H& C
8	24	HALFWAY DOWN THE STAIRS, Muppets	Pye
9	. 8	***************************************	United Artists
10	13	OK, Rock Follies	Polydor
11	_	GOD SAVE THE QUEEN, Sex Pistols	Virgin
12	10	HOTEL CALIFORNIA, Eagles	WEA
13	17	LIDO SHUFFLE, Boz Scaggs	CBS
14	41	SPOT THE PIGEON, Genesis	Charisma
15	23	TOO HOT TO HANDLE / SLIP YOUR DISC TO THIS, Heatway	
16	15	WE CAN DO IT, Liverpool Football Team	State
17	45	YOU'RE MOVING OUT TODAY, Carole Bayer Sager	Elektra
18	28	TELEPHONE LINE, Electric Light Orchestra	Jet
19	7	FREE, Deniece Williams	CBS
20	12	WHODUNIT, Tavares	Capitol
1	14	SOLSBURY HILL Peter Gabriel	Charisma
22	33	BABY DON'T CHANGE YOUR MIND, Gladys Knight & the Pip	
23	_	SHOW YOU THE WAY TO GO. The Jacksons	Epic
24	16	IT'S A GAME, Bay City Rollers	Arista
25	18	DISCO INFERNO, Trammps	Atlantic
26	20	TOKYO JOE. Bryan Ferry	Polydor
27	36		United Artists
28	19	GONNA CAPTURE YOUR HEART, Blue	Rocket
29	22	SHEENA IS A PUNK ROCKA. Ramones	Sire
30	26	NAUGHTY NAUGHTY NAUGHTY, Joy Sarney	Alaska
31	43	JOIN THE PARTY, Honkey	Creole
32	30	UPTOWN FESTIVAL. Shalamar	RCA
33	11	SIR DUKE. Stevie Wonder	Motown
34	37	CALANDAR SONG, Trinidad Oil Company	Harvest
35	42	FEEL LIKE CALLING HOME, Mr Big	EMI
36	-	GOOD OLD FASHIONED LOVERBOY, Queen	EMI
37	27	RENDEZVOUS Tina Charles	CBS
38	50	DON'T LET GO, Manhattan Transfer	Atlantic
30	31	HELLO STRANGER. Yvonne Elliman	RSO
40	47	IN THE CITY, The Jam	Polydor
41	*/	BE GOOD TO YOURSELF. Frankle Miller	Chrysalis
42	3		Warner Bros
75	-	NATURE BOY, George Benson	
43	46	L'OISEAU ET L'ENFANT, Marie Myriam	Polydor
4	48	THE WHOLE TOWN'S LAUGHING AT ME, Teddy Pendergrass	CBS
15	-	THE FACES EP, The Faces	Riva
46	-	YOU'RE GONNA GET NEXT TO ME, Bob Kirkland / Ruth Davis	EMIInt



FRANKIE MILLER: in at No 41

# US SINGLES

1	1	SIR DUKE, Stavie Wonder	Tamla
2	3	I'M YOUR BOOGIE MAN, KC & The Sunshine Band	TK
3	4	DREAMS, Fleetwood Mac	Warner Bros
4	5	GOT TO GIVE IT UP, Pt. 1, Marvin Gaye	Tamia
5	6	GONNA FLY NOW (Theme From "Rocky"), Bill Conti	United Artists
6	7	COULDN'T GET IT RIGHT, Climax Blues Band	Sire
7	8	LUCILLE, Kenny Rogers	United Artists
8	9		
	100.50	LONELY BOY, Andrew Gold	Asylum
9	10	FEELS LIKE THE FIRST TIME, Foreigner	Atlantic
10	2	WHEN I NEED YOU, Leo Sayer	Warner Bros
11	14	UNDERCOVER ANGEL, Alan O'Day	Pacific
12	13	ANGEL IN YOUR ARMS, Hot	BigTree
13	11	HOTEL CALIFORNIA, Eagles	Asylum
14	16	AIN'T GONNA BUMP NO MORE, Joe Tex	Epic
15	17	HEARD IT IN A LOVE SONG, Marshall Tucker Band	Capricom
16	20	JET AIRLINER, Steve Miller Band	Capitol
17	15	HELLO STRANGER, Yvonne Elliman	RSO
18	12	SOUTHERN NIGHTS, Glen Campbell	Capitol
19	28	LIFE IN THE FAST LANE, Eagles	Asylum
20	33	LOOKSLIKE WE MADE IT, Barry Manilow	Arista
21	24	MARGARITAVILLE, Jimmy Buffett	ABC
22	23	WHODUNIT, Tavares	Capitol
23	27	SLOW DANCIN' DON'T TURN ME ON, Addrisi Brothers	Buddah
24	25	MAINSTREET, Bob Seger	Capitol
25	26	UPTOWN FESTIVAL, Shalamar	Soul Train
26	30	DO YOU WANNA MAKE LOVE, Peter McCann	20th Century
27	29	HIGH SCHOOL DANCE, Sylvers	Capitol
28	31	LOVE'S GROWN DEEP, Kenny Nolan	20th Century
29	32	ARIEL, Dean Friedman	Lifesong
. 30	40	MY HEART BELONGS TO ME, Barbra Streisand	Columbia
31	34	BACK TOGETHER AGAIN, Daryl Hall & John Oates	RCA
32	37	I JUST WANT TO BE YOUR EVERYTHING, Andy GIbb	RSO
33	_	DA DOO RON RON, Shaun Cassidy	Warner / Curb
34	35	GONNA FLY NOW (Theme from "Rocky"), Maynard Ferguso	n Columbia
35	36	SLOWDOWN, John Miles	London
36	18	LIDO SHUFFLE. Box Scarges	Columbia
37	44	HOLLYWOOD, Rufus featuring Chaka Khan	ABC
38		KNOWING ME. KNOWING YOU, Abba	Atlantic
39	41	THIS IS THE WAY THAT I FEEL, Marie Osmond	Kolob
40	43	SPIRIT IN THE NIGHT, Manfred Mann's Earth Band	Warner Bros
41	45	WHATCHA GONNA DOT Pablo Cruise	AS M
42	49	LUCKENBACH, TEXAS, Wayton Jennings	RCA
43	43	HIGHER AND HIGHER, Rits Coolidge	AL M
44	₹.	IT'S SAD TO BELONG, England Dan & John Ford Coley	BigTree
1	-		Epic
45	70	PEACE OF MIND, Boston	Warner Bros
46	-	YOU AND ME, Alice Cooper	Capitol
47.		YOU'RE MY WORLD, Helen Reddy	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR
48	48	DO WHAT YOU WANNA DO, T Connection	Dash
49	-	I'M IN YOU, Peter Frampton	AL M
50	-	YOU'RE MOVIN' OUT TODAY, Bette Midler	Atlantic

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8	5 Years Ago (3 June, 1972)	
ŝ	1 Martin At Citizen	T Rex
1	2 ROCKET MAN, 3 DOWN AT THE CLUB, 4 OH BABE WHAT WOULD YOU SAY,	Elton John
1	3 DOWN AT THE CLUB,	The Drifters
8	4 OH BABE WHAT WOULD YOU SAY.	Hurricane Smith
1	5 VINCENT	Don MacLean
3	6 LADY ELEANOR,	Lindisfarne
d	7 COULD IT BE FOREVER.	David Cassidy
1	6 LADY ELEANOR, 7 COULD IT BE FOREVER, 8 AMAZING GRACE, Royal Scots	
3	9 A THING CALLED LOVE.	Johnny Cash
ı	10 COME WHAT MAY.	Vicky Leandros
8	8 AMAZING GRACE, Royal Scots 9 A THING CALLED LOVE, 10 COME WHAT MAY, 10 Years Go (3 June, 1967) 1 SILENCE IS GOLDEN	
8		The Tremeloes
9	2 WATERLOOSUNSET.	The Kinks
ă	3 DEDICATED TO ONE I LOVE, M.	amas and Panas
i	4 A WHITER SHADE OF PALE	Procol Harum
8	5 THEN I KISSED HER.	Beach Boys
g	5 THEN I KISSED HER, 6 THE WIND CRIES MARY, 7 THERE GOES MY EVERYTHIN	Jimi Hendrix
8	7 THERE GOES MY EVERYTHIN	G. Humperdinck
4	a THE HAPPENING.	The Supremes
3	9 PICTURES OF LILY.	The Who
4	9 PICTURES OF LILY, 10 SEVEN DRUNKEN NIGHTS,	The Dubliners
1	15 Years Ago (2 June 1962)	
9	1 GOOD LUCK CHARM.	Elvis Presley
4	1 GOOD LUCK CHARM, 2 I'M LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW, 3 NUT ROCKER, 4 LAST NIGHT WAS MADE FOR LOVE	Cliff Richard
d		
8	4 LAST NIGHT WAS MADE FOR LOVE	Billy Fury
8	5 AS YOU LIKE IT.	Adam Faith
8	6 COME OUTSIDE,	Mike Sarne
4	7 LOVE LETTERS,	Kitty Lester
J	5 AS YOU LIKE IT, 6 COME OUTSIDE, 7 LOVE LETTERS, 8 I DON'T KNOW WHY,	Eden Kane
1	9 WONDERFUL LAND,	The Shadows
1	10 GINNY COME LATELY,	Brian Hyland

ı	J	k Disco Top	
1	2	UPTOWN FESTIVAL, Shalamar	RCA
2	1	AINT GONNA BUMP NO MORE, Joe Tex	CBS
3	5	THE SHUFFLE, Van McCoy	H& L
4	4	GOT TO GIVE IT UP, Marvin Gaye	H& L
5	3	SIR DUKE, Stevie Wonder	Motown
6	12	DISCO INFERNO, Trammps	Atlantic
7	8	WHODUNNIT, Tavares	Capitol
8	10	FREE, Denlece Williams	CBS
8	14	I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT, Rod Stewart	Riva
10	6	I CAN PROVE IT, Tony Etoria	GTO
11	_	LIDO SHUFFLE, Box Scaggs	CBS
11	-	BABY DON'T CHANGE YOUR MIND, Gladys Knig	tht Buddah
13	13	GONNA CAPTURE YOUR HEART, Blue	Private Stock
13	-	THE CRUNCH, Rah Band	Good Faith
15	9	TOO HOT TO HANDLE, Heatwave	GTO
15	4	SLOW DOWN, John Miles	Decca
15	_	SOUL SISTER, Ronnie Jones	Mercury
18	19	TOKYO JOE, Bryan Ferry	Polydor
18	15		State
20	7	DON'T STOP, Fleetwood Mac	Warner Bros

US Disco Top	20
1 DEVIL'SGUN, CJ & Company	Westbound
2 COULD HEAVEN EVER BE LIKE THIS, Idris Muhamma	d CTI
3 GOT TO GIVE IT UP, Marvin Gaye	Tamla
4 I NEED A MAN, Grace Jones	Beam Junction
5 MAGIC BIRD OF FIRE, Salsoul Orchestra	Salsout
6 DISCOMANIA (Parts 1 & 2), The Lovers	TK
7 I FEEL LOVE / I REMEMBER YESTERDAY, Donna Sum	mer Oasis
8 DR LOVE, First Choice	Gold Mine
9 DO YOU WANNA GET FUNKY WITH ME, Peter Brown	TK
10 I GOTTA KEEP DANCING, Carrie Lucas	Soultrain
11 WHY MUST A GIRL LIKE ME, Claudja Barry	Salsoul
12 SUPERMAN / ONE LOVE, Celi Bee & the Buzzy Bunch	TK
13 YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM YOURSELF, Teddy Pendergra	ss Phil Int
14 I CAUGHT YOUR ACT, Hues Corp	Warner / Curb
15 UPTOWN FESTIVAL Shalamar	Soul Train
16 DO WHAT YOU WANNA DO, T Connection	TK
17 THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE, Dells	Mercury
18 HIT & RUN, Loleatta Holloway	Gold Mind
19 FEEL THE NEED, Detroit Emeralds	Westbound
20 I'M A SUPERSTAR, Brenda & The Tabulations	Chocolate City

-	1	NE CARCEL HAPPEN	
4	- 1	GOT TO GIVE IT UP, Marvin Gaye	Motown
3 2	2	AIN'T GONNA BUMP, Joe Tex	Epic
3	_ 3	DISCO INFERNO, Trammps	Atlantic
4	4	UPTOWN FESTIVAL, Shalemar	Soul Train
1 5	5	THE PRIDE, Isley Brothers	Epic
6	7	FREE, Deniece Williams	CBS
7	6	THE SHUFFLE, Van McCoy	H& L
8	12	SIR DUKE, Stevie Wonder	Motown
9	10	THE WHOLE TOWN'S LAUGHING, Teddy Pendergra	ss Phil int
10	20	BABY DON'T CHANGE YOUR MIND, Gladys Knight	Buddah
11	8	SUPERBAND, Kool And The Gang	Contempo
12	11	TOO HOT TO HANDLE, Heatwave	GTO
113	17	TRYING TO LOVE TWO, William Bell	Mercury
14	15	DANCIN', Crown Heights Affair	Contempo
15	-	YOU'RE GONNA GET NEXT TO ME. Bo Kirkland, Rutt	Davies FMI
16	13	WHODUNIT, Tavares	Capitol
17	14	ATMOSPHERE STRUTT, Cloud One	Contempo
18	-	SING A SONG, Earth, Wind And Fire	CBS
19	18	WAKE UP AND BE SOMEBODY, Brainstorm	RCA
20	19		Warner Bros

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3	3	HOLLYWOOD, Rufus Featuring Chaka Khan	ABC
4	4	WHODUNIT, Tavares	Capito
5	9	BREAK IT TO ME GENTLY, Aretha Franklin	Atlantic
6	7	HIGH SCHOOL DANCE, Sylvers	Capito
7	6	SHOW YOU THE WAY TO GO, Jacksons	Epic
8	8	IT FEELS SO GOOD Manhattans	Columbia
9	14	I DON'T LOVE YOU ANYMORE, Teddy Pendergrass	Phil Int
10	12	I CAN'T GET OVER YOU, Dramatics	ABC
11	13	GOOD THING MAN, Frank Lucas	Ica
12	10	UPTOWN FESTIVAL Shalamar	Soul Train
13	5	THE PRIDE (Part 1), Isley Brothers	T-Neck
14	11	I'M YOUR BOOGIE MAN, K. C. & The Sunshine Band	
15	18	DO WHAT YOU WANNA DO, T-Connection	Dash
16	16	AIN'T GONNA BUMP NO MORE, Joe Tex	Epic
17	15	YOUR LOVE, Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis Jr	ABC
18	_	HATS OFF TO MAMA, Philipe Wynne	Cotillion
19	17	I WANNA DO IT TO YOU, Jerry Butter	Motown
20	20	BARY II OVE VOLID WAY Walter Jackson	Chi Cound

## STAR CHOICE



0.0	MARCBULA
1	PLEASE CRAWL OUT OF MY WINDOW.
2	BREAKING GLASS,
3	DESDEMONA.
4	SHEENA IS A PUNK ROCKA.
5	THIRD STONE FROM THE SUN.
6	PSYCHOTIC REACTION.
7	SISTER MIDNIGHT.
8	HEARTBEAT,
9	WHITE CHRISTMAS.
10	GET IT ON,

## Otore Proportone

Mar breakers				
EVERYBODY HAVE A GOOD TIME, Archie Bell & The Drells	CBS			
REMOTE CONTROL. The Clash	CBS			
WHAT IT IS, Garret Minnis & Truckin' Co	Arista			
SNEAKING SUSPICION. Dr Feelgood	United Artists			
THE PRIDE, Isley Bros.	Epic			
CHINESE ROCKS, Johnny Thunders and the Heartbreakers	Track			
OH LORI, Alessi	A& M			
COME WITH ME, Jesse Green	EMI			
RHAPSODY, Four Seasons	Warner Bros			
YOUR SONG / ROCKET MAN, Elton John	DJM			

## UK ALBUMSZ

			47
1	1	ARRIVAL, Abba	Epic
2	2	HOTEL CALIFORNIA, Eagles	Asylum
3	4	DECEPTIVE BENDS, 10cc	Mercury
4	5	A STAR IS BORN, Soundtrack	CBS
5	3	THE BEATLES AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL	Parlophone
6	_	SHEER MAGIC, Acker Bilk	Warwick
7	6	STRANGLERS IV	United Artists
8	10	RUMOURS, Fleetwood Mac	Warner Bros
9	8	TIME LOVES A HERO, Little Feat	Warner Bros
10	13	ALL TO YOURSELF, Jack Jones	RCA
11	26	A NEW WORLD RECORD, Electric Light Orchestra	Jet
12	11	20 GOLDEN GREATS, The Shedows	EMI
13	_	BOOK OF DREAMS, Steve Miller Band	Mercury
14	7	ENDLESS FLIGHT, Leo Sayer	Chrysalls
15	14	GREATEST HITS, Abba	Epic
16	9	GREATEST HITS, Smokie	RAK
17	12	THEIR GREATEST HITS 71-75, Eagles	Asylum
18	21	THE CLASH	CBS
19	25	ANIMALS, Pink Floyd	Harvest
20	15	HIT ACTION, Various	K-Tel
21	18	SONGS IN THE KEY OF LIFE, Stevie Wonder	Molown
22	27	EVEN IN THE QUIETEST MOMENTS, Supertramp	A& M
23	17	PETER GABRIEL	Charisma
24	32	IZITSO, Cat Stevens	Island
25		TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS	Island
26	43	IN THE CITY, Jam	Polydor
27	28		Warner Bros
28	23	SIN AFTER SIN, Judas Priest	CBS
29	22	PORTRAI OF SINATRA Frank Sinatra	Sell Line Trail
30	30	THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON, Pink Floyd	Réprise
31	35	THIS IS NIECY, Deniece Williams	Harvest
32	19	A NIGHT ON THE TOWN, Rod Stewart	CBS
33	29	SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE SONGS, Val Doonican	Riva
34	31	LIVING LEGENDS, Everly Brothers	Philips
35	20	VISION, Don Williams	Warwick
36	24	THE BEST OF THE FACES	ABC
37	48	NEW ALBUM, Bryan Ferry	Riva
38	37	LIVE, Status Quo	Polydor
39	3/		Vertigo
40	6	MOROCCAN ROLL, Brand X	Charlema
41	42	CAME TO DANCE, Nile Lotgren	AS M
41		A PERIOD OF TRANSITION, Van Morrison	Warner Bros
0.7	44	WISH YOU WERE HERE, Pink Floyd	Harvest
43		LOW, David Bowle	RCA
44	T	RAW POWER, Iggy and the Stooges	Embessy
45	5	ONE OF THE BOYS, Roger Daltrey	Polydor
46	33	LACE AND WHISKEY, Alice Cooper	Warner Bros
47	36	BOSTON	Epic
48	34	SHE'S JUST AN OLD LOVE TURNED MEMORY, Charley Pride	RCA
49	40	LOVE AT THE GREEK, Nell Diamond	CBS



STEVE MILLER: in at No 13

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1	1	RUMOURS, Fleetwood Mac	Warner Bros
2	2	HOTEL CALIFORNIA, Eagles	Asylum
3	5	THE BEATLES AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL.	Capitol
4	4	ROCKY / ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK	United Artists
5	3	MARVIN GAYE LIVE AT THE LONDON PALLADIUM	Tamla
6	17	COMMODORES	Motown
7	6	GO FOR YOUR GUNS, Isley Brothers	T-Neck
8	8	SONGS IN THE KEY OF LIFE, Stevie Wonder	Tamla
9	10	LIVE, Barry Manilow	Arista
10	11	ENDLESS FLIGHT, Leo Sayer	Warner Bros
11	20	BOOK OF DREAMS, Steve Miller Band	Capitol
12	13	BARBRA STREISAND & KRIS KRISTOFFERSON, A Star	is Born Columbia
13	32	IZITSO, Cat Stevens	A& M
14	19	FOREIGNER	Atlantic
15	12	WORKS VOLUME 1, Emerson Lake & Palmer	Atlantic
16	9	BOSTON	Epic
17	17		iphia International
18	14	A ROCK AND ROLL ALTERNATIVE, Atlanta Rhythm Secti	ion Polydor
19	15	SILK DEGREES, Boz Scaggs	Columbia
20	18	COME IN FROM THE RAIN, Captain & Tennille	AS M
21	16	NIGHT MOVES, Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band	Capitol
22		HERE AT LAST LIVE, Bee Gees	RSO
23	27	RIGHT ON TIME, Brothers Johnson	AS M
24	26	SONGS FROM THE WOOD, Jethro Tull	Chrysalis
25	25		Warner Bros
26	29	A REAL MOTHER FOR YA, Johnny Guitar Watson	DJM
27	-	LITTLE QUEEN, Heart	Portrait / CBS
28	21	EVEN IN THE QUIETEST MOMENTS, Supertramp	AS M
29	37	CONQUISTADOR, Maynard Ferguson	Columbia
30	28	LEFTOVERTURE, Kansas	Krishner
31	38	OL'WAYLON, Waylon Jennings	RCA
32	36	CHANGES IN LATITUDES - CHANGES IN ATTITUDES, J	limmy BuffettABC
33	33	UNPREDICTABLE, Natalie Cole	Capitol
34	24	PART 3, KC& The Sunshine Band	TK
35	23	CAROLINA DREAMS, Marshall Tucker Band	Capricorn
36	40	DECEPTIVE BENDS, 10cc	Mercury
37	39	LET IT FLOW, Dave Mason	Columbia
38	42	TIME LOVES A HERO, Little Feat	Warner Bros
39	_	PARLIAMENT LIVE - P FUNK EARTH TOUR	Casablanca
40	46	IN FLIGHT, George Benson	Warner Bros
41	49	GOLD PLATED, Climax Blues Band	Sire
42	45	ANIMALS, Pink Floyd	Columbia
43	43	A NEW WORLD RECORD, Electric Light Orchestra L	Inited Artists / Jet
44	31	DICKEY BETTS & GREAT SOUTHERN.	Arista
45	1	CELEBRATE ME HOME, Kenny Loggins	Columbia
46	-	FRIENDS & STRANGERS, Ronnie Laws	Blue Note
47	1	KENNY ROGERS	United Artists
48	-	A PERIOD OF TRANSITION, Van Morrison	Warner Bros
49	130	BURNIN' SKY, Bad Company	Swan Song
50	50	YEAR OF THE CAT. AI Stewart	Janus Janus
100	-	THE ONLY IN COUNTY	Janus.

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# Record PISTOL **PACKIN'** MAMM

best friend is his mum. Johnny Rotten's mum had more than a little to say about critics in an intervie

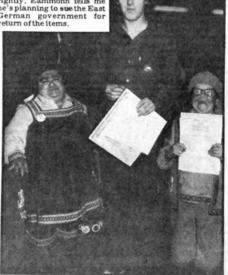
about critics in an interview with her local paper, the Islington Gazette.

OK," said the Irish born mother of four, "so Johnny will sometimes say things straight from the shoulder, but he's not the violent type at all." And in answer to the vicar who paraded outside a Pistol's concert, she said "There are more nutters outside than in, if you ask me." Succinctly put, Mrs Rotten. me. '' Rotten

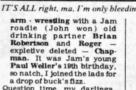
me." Succinctly put, Mrs Rotten.
What happens, my sweets, when a bunch of Irishmen cross the Berlin Wall? Strange things, in the case of my old friends from the Emerald Isle, Horsilps. Young Eammonn Carr tells me that the East German police pounced on him—with fury not seen since the days of Atilia the Hun—and selzed his camera and passport and grilled him for some three hours. Quite rightly, Eammonn tells me he's planning to sue the East German government for return of the Items.



to, down to the Speakeasy, that well - known haunt of rocksters, to witness Frank-ie Miller putting the world to rights via a few broken glasses, John Entwhistle



THERE'S no truth in the rumour that Dave Brown's a fairy



a drop of buck's fizz.

Question time, my darlings.

What's all this about pseudo

country singer Olivia

Newton John being offered
the lead role in a new film? I
don't think Susan George

the lead role in a new film? I don't think Susan George need worry.

Talking of media matters, I've no doubt you all noted that Bill Grundy's (of Sex Pistols fame) TV programme, 'Today' is being given the well - deserved chop. Stop sniggering at the back, Rotten Junior.

Last week's was an entertaining 'Top of the Pops', you'il all agree. Not only was there Frankie Miller, but what about those naughty Stranglers? Jean Jacques was playing lead on a two-string uitar and Hugh Cornwell was on bass, the lead falling in the air. JJ tells me he was most amused to notice that Liverpool Express took five takes to get their number together.

Congratulations to Kenney Jones' wife Jan on the birth of an Sib 100z baby boy perhaps that'il keep the blood - lusting Kenney off fox-hunting.

Talking of matters marital — and who isn't these balmy

summer days — my congrats to Rob Rawlinson of Ian Hunter's Overnight Angels on getting spliced to young Faye at Kensington Registry Office t'other day. All the band were there, plus Les — mine's a pint — Gray of Mud and Miller Anderson. Best man was Huw Langston of Widow-maker.

Huw Langston of Widowmaker.
Talent-spotting (yawn): Wilke
Johnson spotted at
London's Hope And Anchor
checking out new new wave
band 999. Talent unspotting: Steve Parr of
Burlesque got himself
locked in the gents while he
was meant to be on stage in
Newbridge, Wales. Did I
suggest he'd been over
indulging on the alcohol
stakes?
Spotted all the slogans for the
up-coming album 'King of

stakes?
Spotted all the slogans for the up · coming album 'Kling of Elfland's Daughter'? An effort by Peter Knight and Bob Johnson of Steeleye Span . I hear the gasboard have refused the publicity people permission to daub their gas · holders. Quite right too. But I also hear that a number of elves (such characters feature in the album) made their way to a certain watering hole in Fleet Street where the assembled hacks mistook them for Lord Gnome's working party on the Press. And now an urgent message from Welsh band Sassafras. They wish to dispel certain

rumours currently in circu-lation. Lead vocalist Terry Bennett has not quit and the band have not folded. They will be gigging constantly until July when they will be taking time off to write and rehearse new material.

rehearsenew material.

Such distressing news money can't buy everything. Young Elton (I do so like balding men. don't you?) is having difficulty getting the board of Watford Football Club (of which he is the director) to accept his choice of new manager for the boys. He wants Bobby Moore (and who doesn't?) but the other chaps aren't too keen. The former England captain was to have met the board last week, presumably to charm them with his dazzling smile and expertise, but Elt was ill and the meeting had to be postponed. We await the outcome.

outcome.

Hot from the presses — Roger
Daltrey, who has the
country's best know back
view, set fire to Tony
Meehan's briefcase the
other day. Definitely the
best known arsonist
and still on the subject of
that curl tossed Adonis, on
the American version of his
album, the single Written
On the Wind' (which didn't
exactly whirl to the top of the
charts) has been taken off
and replaced by 'Say It Ain't
So, Joe.'





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## Sex Pistols straight in singles chart at Number 11



SEX PISTOLS: "gross bad taste"

# **BBC** place TV and radio ban on new single

banned the Sex Pistols, as the God Save The Queen', jumped straight in this week's singles chart at Number 11.

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The BBC say: "The group will not be appearing on Top of the Pops' or radio. Despite the arrival of the Sex Pistols in the charts, the record is in gross bad taste."

Al Clark press officer for the Pistols record company Virgin said:
"The BBC's objections revolve principally around the phrase 'facility around the phrase 'facility isn't one, then one of the first principals of democracy is that the band should be free to sing that line on radio and television.
"The best rock groups

"The best rock groups in the last 10 years have

always been politically and socially outspoken. As it happens the single As it happens the single has gone straight into the chart at Number 11 without the assistance of the BBC, Boots or W. H. Smiths. It shows indications of being next week's Number One."

Rumours that the Sex Pistols would be playing the Rainbow on June 17 have been discounted by a spokesman.

## Aerosmith top Reading

bill - toppers for Reading Festival on August 28

The band will be doing European dates with Ted Nugent and Nugent, who appeared at last year's Reading festival, will be making an as yet unconfirmed festival date in the UK in August, but not Reading

Nugent's new LP 'Catscratch Fever' is released on une 10, and Aerosmith have a new album out in

### **NEWS** IN BRIEF

The Little River Band nave a three track Max single out on EMI this week, comprising 'Help Is On Its Way', 'Changed And Differ-ent' and 'LA In The

Sunshine'. Rick Hirsch has quit the Wet Willie group to join Gregg Allman's new band.

Change on the Ian Hunter Cardiff Top Rank and not Brunel University. the Vibrators' debut album 'Pure Mania'

album 'Pure Mania' issued on Friday. NEMS oldies catalogue being made available again on RCA including the Black Sabbath first four albums and double compilation and Small Faces' 'Ogdens Nut Gone Flake', in its original circular

original
sleeve.
Tony Allen has returned
to Radio Caroline,
along with new DJ
David Brown (no

David Brown (no relation).

RAK release a 'Best Of CCS' album featuring their hits including 'Whole Lotta Love' and 'Tap Turns On The Water'.

Water'.
Neil Innes new single
'Silver Jubilee (A
Tribute)' was recorded
on Thursday May 26 and out on June 3, is this a record?

a record?
Forthcoming dates at
London Dingwalls include The Fabulous
Poodles and Metropolis
on June 11, Chelses on
the 14th and Australian
new wavers The Saints
on the 16th.

#### TOURS...TOURS.

CARAVAN: Farnborough Leisure Centre June 4, Sheffield Top Rank 5, West Runton Pavilion 8, Bradford University 11, Redcar Coatham Bowl 12, London Roundhouse 19, Keele University 24, Birmingham University 25, Guildford Civic Hall 26.

BURLESQUE: Bishops Stortford Hockerell College June 10, Retford Porter House, 11, York Cats Whiskers 14, Ltncoln Technical College 17.

999: Added dates Canterbury University of Kent June 5, London Rock Garden 28.

THE HEARTBREAKERS: Middlesbrough Rock Garden, July 4, Barrow Maximes 10, Dunstable California Ballroom 16, Malvern Winter Gardens 23.

SKREWDRIVER: Added dates Gwent Roundabout June 1, Manchester Oaks Hotel 2, London Marquee 4, Peterborough Grenadier 11, London Music Machine 20, Putney Rallway Hotel 21.

JOHNNY MOPED: London Rock Garden June 3, High Wycombe Nags Head 9, London Roxy 16, London Marquee 18, London Ronnie Scott's Club 21, Putney Rallway Hotel 28

Rallway Hotel 28.

BETHNAL: London Roxy Club June 3, Coventry City Centre Club 4, Chingford Queen Elizabeth 6, Hants Brockenhurst College 9, London Roxy Club 16, Thatcham Hamilton Club 11, London Roxy Club 17, Scunthorpe Priory Hotel 18, London Roxy Club 17, Scunthorpe Priory Hotel 18, London Roxy Club 24, Newtown Elephant and Castle Hotel 25, Wrexham Yale Sixth Form College July 4, Camden Town Brechnoch 6, London Rock Garden 7, Redditch Tracey's 9, London Rochester Castle 18, Ramsgate Van Gogh 20, Chatham Pembroke Hotel 21, Dunstable California Balliroom 23, Nottingham Grey Topper 24, Chester Quaintways 25, Bristol Granary August 13, Leeds Ffords Green Hotel 19, Manchester Electricus 20, Ulverston Penny Farthing 26, Egremont Tow Bar Inn 27, Lancaster No 12 Club 28 and 29, Corby Nags Head 31.

Nags Head 31.

DEAD END KIDS: Rugby Emmaline Club June 1, Bridlington Spa Ballroom 3, Halifax Paladium Theatre 4, Ayr Darlington Hotel 9, Turriss Town Hall 10, Kintore Town Hall 11, Banff South Lodge Hotel 12, Dundee Samanthas 13, Aberdeen Music Hall 14, Southport Floral Hall 16, Llandridnod Wells Grand Pavillon 17, Fishguard Frenchmans motel 18, St Austell Classic Cinema 23, Isle of Man Palace Lido 28, Milford Haven FED Centre 28.

KURSAAL FLYERS: Croydon Greyhound June 12, Blackburn King George's Hall 18. Further dates to be

THE TABLE: London Marquee June 9, London Rat

TRAPEZE: Coventry Mr George Club June 2, Dudley Technical College 4, Wolverhampton Lafayette Club 10, Middlesbrough Rock Garden 11, London Roundhouse 12, Plymouth Top Rank 13, Leicester El Rondo 15, Wigan Casino 18, Barrow Maxims 19, Camden Musle Machine 23, Camarthen Trinity College 24, Cleethorpes Winter Gardens 20, Broadstairs Grand Pavilion July 1.

MUNGO JERRY: added dates London Marquee June 5. Cleethorpes South Humberside Bunnies Place 9. Biggleswade Bedford Shuttleworth College 19. Cambridge St. John's College 14. Leicester College of Education 17, Oxford Corpus Christi College 24, Herts Gordon Craig Theatre 26.

BRANDY: Doncaster College of Education June 17, Colchester Windmill 20, Ilford Kings 22.

FRUIT EATING BEARS: Finsbury Park Sir George Robey June 4, Bethnal Green Victoria Park 8, Croydon Scamps 7, Croydon Red Deer 11, Croydon Scamps 14, Reading The Target 16, Croydon Spillers 24, Croydon Scamps 28, Skipton Town Hall 30.

XTC: Reading Target, June 4, Wolverhampton Polytechnic 9, London Rochester Castle 14 and 28, Polytechnic 9, London Rochester Castle 14 and 28, Llandridnod Wells Grand Pavilion 25, (with Johnny Thunder's Heartbreakers) London Rock Garden 27, Birmingham Rebecca's July 14. They also start a Wednesday residency at the Fulham Greyhound starting on July 13.





# ROXY ALBUM

THE ROXY, London WCD (January March 1877)\* Ilve album is released by EMI's Harvest label on June 10. Tracks include Slaughter and the Dogs: 'Runaway' and 'Boston Bables', The Unwanted 'Freedom', Wire 'Lowdown' and 1.2X.U.', Johnny Moped Hard Loving Man', Eater Don't Need It' and 15', X-Ray Specs 'Oh Bo n d a g e ! U K P YOURS!', and Buzzcocks 'Breakdown' and 'Love Battery. Battery

Also included are sequed recordings be-tween the tracks made with hidden microphones in the entrance, and bar at the club. toilets

Forthcoming dates at the Roxy, now back to a new wave programme, are: Models June 2, 999 3, are: Models June 2, 999 3, Meanstreet 4 and 11. Skrewdriver 9, Police 10, Johnny Moped 16, Slaugh-ter and the Dogs 17, The Boys 18, Electric Chairs 23 and 24, Chelsea 25.

#### **Boomtown Rats** join Petty tour

TOM PETTY And the Heartbreakers are being joined by Irish band The Boomtown Rats for their UK tour

UK tour.

Dates confirmed so far are Manchester Free Trade Hall on June 12. Birmingham Town Hall 16. Cardiff University 17. Aylesbury Friars 18. London Rainbow 19. Exeter University 24. Hull University 25. Exeter University 25.

Hull University 25.

The Boomtown Rats
also appear at London
Marquee June 3, Canterbury Odeon (with The
Ramones and Talking
Heads) 4, London Nash-

#### Kinks musical without Kinks

WITHOUT AIRKS

RAY DAVIES' musical
'Preservation' is to be
presented in London's
West End later this year

but without The Kinks.
Ray will be involved
with the production and is
with potential backers.
He is also interested in
making a film of making a film of 'Preservation', which he wrote in 1973. A new Kinks single 'Juke Box Music' is released this week off the 'Sleepwalker' album.





London Weekend

LONDON WEEKEND
Television have formed
their own record label,
Weekend Records, to
record artists and music
from their programmes.
Their first single is by
Telephone Bill and the

Smooth Operators out on July 1, and their first album is music from the series 'Love For Lydia', released in the autumn.

PAUL NICHOLAS has his

debut solo album released

on June 17 called simply

hosts a new

**Paul Nicholas** 

debut album

Paul Nicholas

British tour.

number.

form label

ows will be at 7. 30 pm and tickets will be £4,

Granada TV series 'The Blue Jeans Set' in July,

## and he returns to the big screen in the autumn as Billy Shears in Robert Stigwood's 'Sgt Pepper' Window sign

to Riva BRITISH ROCK band Window have signed to Riva Records on a long term worldwide deal.

The five piece band are presently rehearsing and writing before recording commences next month.

#### **Phil Pickett** quits Sailor

**Ex-Clash hits London** 

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MCA RECORDS have signed London, currently supporting The Stranglers on their They have a single rush released on Friday 'Everyone's A Winner'.
The band comprise ex - Clash drummer John Moss, Dave White on guitar, Steve Voice on bass and Riff Regan vocals.

PHIL PICKETT, founder member of Sailor, has quit the band. He says he has needed a change of musical environment and has independent projects

#### **Dolly Parton** being sued

US COUNTRY singer Dolly Parton is being sued by promoter Mervyn Conn in the High Court, claiming she broke an exclusive 15 month contract by appearing on tour for another promo-

#### Diamond drug charge dropped

NEIL DIAMOND, who last June was arrested and charged on posses-sion of under an ounce of

marijuana, has had charges against him dropped on the conclusion of his "drum diversion programme." Instead of being put on trial he was placed on the programme for first time, minor drug offenders.

#### Noel takes it to court

NOEL REDDING and two members of his band, David Clarke and Leslie

David Clarke and Leslie Sampson, are taking High Court action over a record and management deal.

They are claiming damages and relief from Jonathan Brewer and Robert Patterson, directors of Anastasia Promotions Ltd. The three musicians claim they signed a deal with the two men for a company called signed a deal with the two men for a company called Diamond Records in June 1975. They want a declaration that the contracts are vold and all

master tapes returned as well as damages.
Diamond Records defence is that it was a mistake, and that they meant to sign them to Daydrive Records.

A NEWSPAPER report that Moody Blues drummer Graeme Edge was caught up in a drugs swoop has been emphatically denied by Jidge and his record company. The story told of a drugs raid on the yacht Della in Hallfax, Nova Scotla, and say £8 million worth of cannabis was found on board — about six tons worth.

worth.

A press statement from Decca. Records however claims that Edge is now living in the South of France as a tex exile, and that the Delia was once owned by Edge's girl-friend Susan Maldment, but was sold in March 1976 in Antigua.

# CELEBRATE

#### Four nights at Marquee with 5,000 free singles

TO CELEBRATE a year of performances The Damned are to play four nights at London's Mar-quee Club from July 3 to

An exclusive Damned single, 'Sick Of Being Sick' / 'Stretcher Case Baby' will be given away to Marquee patrons on these nights. 5,000 copies will be printed and it will not be on sale in record not be on sale in record

Their present tour has Their present tour has had several cancellations including West Runton Pavilion, June 3, Lincoln Drill hall changed from June 7 to 14, Cheltenham Town Hall 16th cancelled. Town Hall 16th cancelled, and Southend Kursaai Ballroom on the 18th is presently being rearranged for an alternate venue. One addition is Dunstable California Ballroom on June 29. The Damned's official new single is out in early July.



DAMNED: year of performances

#### Seaside rock

THE CANVEY Island based groups Dr Feelgood, Eddle and the Hot Rods, Lew Lewis Band, The Gypsy Rock Squad and Savage are appearing in concert at the Island's 750 seat The Paddock on June 10.

The acts will be recorded for a 'Live At Oil City' album to be released by United Artists in August. Tickets are available only in the Canvey area and cost £1.80. Doors open 6 pm.

## Dee Generate avits Eater

EATER'S 15 - year - old drummer Dee Generate has left the band because of "musical differences."

But Dee is to form a new band and is auditioning



DEE GENERATE: forming new band

### **EDGE** DENIES DRUG SWOOP



The music of now is NOISE!

I like three or four loud, proud dudes erupting in three chord frenzies

I can't see how anvone made a penny out of The Clash tour

Loudness and energy is a great asset in the States

The time is now right for Iggy

Rock becomes like the Hollywood star system

\* Brand new bleached jeans ain't a new look

LOVE the raw-edged energy and freshness new wave has brought to the British rock scene. The music of now is NOISE, be it music of now is NOISE, be it beautiful, elaborate, complex, clean or bestial, primitive, political or rew. It's a wild mixture of the whole lot — such cute noise from those Gibson and Fender toys!

I can understand some people being uncertain as to its place in the history of rock, but when I think back to the R&B when I think back to the had boom — The Stones, Kinks, Beatles, The Who and many other such groups, they seemed very savage at the

Then you had the heavy metal boom, with groups like Led Zeppelin which appeared to be a whole new revolution in sounc with skyscraping Marshall stacks.

#### Frenzies

And then there was glam And then there was glam rock. That was me, Bowie, Alice Cooper and a couple of other people. In fact, it's got very similar roots to punk rock, if you look back.

Firstly, let's kick out one thing — the word punk to me is a totally irrelevant name for a very important stance of freshness, image plus its rock roots. I like the idea of three or four proud, loud dudes erupting in three chord frenzies and the explorative trip from C to A

Can you imagine what it does to young new wave heads when they find out that there



are symphonies in rock 'n' roll too

To me, it will always be the teenage dream personified. In this stale time for rock and roll maybe we'll get freedom through punk. Let's hope they try and do what I tried in the beginning and get the prices of

tickets and records down and all that.

This terrible thing exists about instant wealth. People think that just because you fill a couple of concerts and get an album in the charts, you're automatically rich. The implication is that if a group is successful they can no longer be punk. And if a group plays at the Rainbow like the Clash

they also had FIVE groups on the bill with them, so I can't see how anyone made a penny. Half the place was ripped to pieces and that has to

be paid for. Clash may have an album in the charts — fine — but even in my Tyrannosaurus Rex days when I had had four hit albums. by the end of that time I was super skint — and I'd made about 10 grand!

That sort of success didn't change my life. I still lived in Notting Hill Gate, and so will these guys. You don't instantly get showered in platinum albums and millions of Rolls Royces. That's a fantasy. You work twice as hard, do twice as many gigs, get twice as many roadies and end up with twice as many headaches. But hopefully, make music that's twice as good.

#### Beer belly

Sometimes you lose the music completely, because the only thing you get given you is lots of booze. It's automatically made available and you practically became an alcoholic. Take Rat Scabies . . was on my tour for three days and got a beer belly. And he worked it off!

The long-term effects of punk rock will be exactly the same as those of glam rock. Major figures will emerge and will last as long as this planet does, like the Stones - who seem to last for ever

And, there are a lot of groups who will never make it. Recently I mentioned that I would like to produce a new

I got about a million tapes sent to me, most of which are rubbish. But I would still love rubbish. But I would still love to produce a good new wave band and give them freedom. If you can play three chords really fast doesn't make you good, but I think that's aire been established.

It will probably take a year for the British new wave to be marketable in America simply because nearly all those groups are loud and have a lot of energy — that's a great asset in the States.

And there are others - take Igy Pop for example. He's just broken big in America. His album went straight into the charts at Number 50. He is amazing!

The time is now right for Iggy. He's a very mature artist, great on stage and by far out Jaggers Jagger. He is a much bigger talent on stage and for once he has a record company behind him.

The Clash success has a lot to do with the CBS people, they did a very good job. The only reason that The Damned's album didn't go Top 10 was because it was the first.

So where does new wave leave me and my friends? It's not going to affect the sales of Led Zeppelin's records, nor is it going to stop Abba selling. New wave is a whole different section of a new market.

Led Zeppelin are currently Led Zeppelin are currenty doing a very successful tour of the States. They'll go on to become the musical equivalents of Paul Newman, Steve McQueen and Robert Redford—then you have Al Pacino and James Cean and under them you have the new stars like Richard Dreyfus. Rock be-comes like the Hollywood star system.

#### Bleach

It follows the same pattern It follows the same pattern of maturity and success. It does change — Led Zeppelin matured, T Rex are in the middle. Give me two more years and I'll be mature. I'm not a punk and I don't profess to be one. I'm not 18 and living on a council estate, I've done that, that's why I can understand it but I have no category because I'm a classless person.

The punk fashion scene is also interesting. I was the first person to have Levis and then, they were a very important thing to own. I used to put a brand new pair of jeans into a bowl of bleach to get all the holes in them, so that ain't a

I wore leather jackets then. I always had a zip - up leather jacket. It was part of the look. But there was two looks — you had one for one day and the next you'd wear suits like The Jam. I just had to vary the styles a bit . . I had imagination.

In the same way that I can now talk about the new sound I can go home and listen to 'My Baby Left Me' by Elvis Presley and get just as much satisfaction. In fact, I've got a song called 'Mona' from the new Beach Boys' album which I think is phenomenal. I played Recently I mentioned that I it 25 times this morning and would like to produce a new they're supposed to be a wave band in an interview and dinosaur group!



Sex Pistols' God Save The Queen. It won't be on the new album and it may not be out at all for very long. So get it while you can. Sex Pistols' God Save The Queen. Available only as a single from Saturday May 28th at shops with the sign.

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# HOT CAKES SEL

How can you knock Rock Follies' when it's a big success? Sheila Prophet talks to its writer, Howard Schuman and one of the stars of the show, Rula Lenska



## RULA: Too old to be a pop star



RULA LENSKA: becomes close to her character

UZI QUATRO on 'Rock Follies': "Most of the things that are written about girls in rock are shit. I got so mad watching it that I almost kicked the television set in."

Rula Lenska on 'Rock Follies': "Before the first Rula Lenska on 'Rock Follles': "Before the first series, I had absolutely no experience of the music business. But now I've recorded my own single, I find it's coming true in many ways."

Rula plays the most 'showbizzy' character in the group, the one who has a constant nagging feeling that she's in the wrong business. Speaking over the phone from her flat in Fulham, Rula sounds even less like a potential pop star.

pop star.
"I was approached by the record company after the first series," she explains. "I was incred-ibly flattered, because although I'm confident on backing vocals, I know I don't have the world's

don't have the world's best solo singing voice."
But they persuaded her it didn't matter too much. "They told me my sort of voice — you know, deep and husky — was suited to some songs."
So Rula went ahead and took her first steps in the rock world.

And she found things were not too different from 'Follies'. "We had difficulties with contracts

from 'Follies'. "We had difficulties with contracts and things, which was all in the series. And when I went into the studio, it was the same scene. I was terrified, suddenly finding myself locked away in my own little world with headphones on, listening to my own voice.

#### Technical

"In the series, I was

"In the series, I was very aware of my complete lack of technical knowledge. Julle knew a lot more than I did. So I just toed the line and followed people who did."

In fact, it's not quite true to say Rula knew nothing, because it transpires that she has already been a pop star once — in Poland!

"My sister and I used to record current hits in Polish," she says. "We had a Number One over there with 'Puppet On A String'. We were called the Beat Sisters. We recorded 'Bonnie And Clyde', 'Ruby Tuesday' and other hits of the time. So, I have had a bit of experience, but it was nothing like now. We just recorded them live in the studio with an orchestra."

Se does Rula fancy

so does Ruis fancy concentrating more on her singing career?
"The series put me off gigging and touring," she says. "And anyway, I'm too old to be a pop star now. I'm getting married next week, so, I'll

probably put my family in front of my career."

To be honest, Rula's venture into the pop world hasn't so far been a huge success. "The single hasn't done very good business," she admits. "Everyone who heard it seemed to like it, and it's got on some radio

seemed to like it, and it's got on some radio playlists, but it hasn't really sold.

"What I'd like to do is make an album. But that all depends on the single. I think you have to do about three singles before they let you make an album."

Ironically, she's in much the same position as the Little Ladies in the current series of 'Rock Follies'...

#### Challenge

Rula admits she's become close to her character in the show. "Howard is one of those people who writes for the person playing the part," she says.

people who writes for the person playing the part."

"And in the second series, I'm much closer to the character. It's frightening sometimes, because you can start thinking you're not acting.

"This series has been more of a challenge. The singing is more difficult – the group are supposed to be better now, so they're singing tighter, more complicated harmonies. And there's more dancing – it's a problem getting three women – of very different sizes – looking good together.

"This time round, it's more dancing – it's a problem getting three women – of very different sizes – looking good together.

"This time round, it's more spectacular – the story line isn't quite so important. The first series was three girls against the world, but this time, it's about their interaction – the jealousies that crop up."

#### Young

When talking about the show, Rula doesn't seem to have the bubbling enthusiasm that's so obvious in Howard. He was talking about it being young and exciting to work on . . . "Young?" she says. "Well, we're all the wrong side of 25 - I don't know if you'd call that young." How does she rate the show?

now does she rate the show? "It's drama, and a lot of people are caricatured," she says. "Some people have said it's absolute rubbish, but that's maybe because it hurt them

because it nurt them — there are some cruelties in the script. "Follies' is different, and because of that, it couldn't be ignored."

OWARD SCHUMAN is one of those annoying people you expect to hate, but who turns out to be very nice.

cory nice.

Consider his success story. Silek American scriptwriter comes to Britain and writes a Tyseries parodying the rock business. It's called Rock Follies', and is a big success. It features songs performed by a fictional group, the Little Ladies. They're put on an album, which sells like hot cakes, and the scriptwriter cleansup.

The slick scriptwriter lives in one of those incredibly expensive Upstairs Downstairs' SW1 squares. Standing on the doorstep, I hate him already.

doorstep, I hate him already. The intercom crackles, a voice says 'Come on in, and he's on the doorstep, smiling and introducing himself.

We go downstairs, past a 'Rock Follies 'I' logo, and into a cool elegant sitting room, all brown paint a nd bare floorboards, with a window opening onto a beautiful little garden. It's TV advert land.

#### Reviews

Howard introduces me to Jane Mackay, wife of Andy and associate producer of the album.

producer of the album.
He pours some wine,
and sits on the floor
smilling. "And now you're
going to grill me."
The prospect doesn't
seem to worry him too
much. I try to look
determined. Now, Howard, about the reviews of
'Rock Follies' 77".
"We've had 90 per cent

"We've had 90 per cent rave reviews from the straight press, which is a surprise. We expected a backlash after the first

It's strange how the establishment have accepted 'Rock Follies'. Not cepted 'Rock Follies'. Not only do the national press love it, it was also voted Best TV Show of The Year' by the television industry. But within the rock business, opinions are more divided. "It's about 50/50 now," says Howard. "Half of them say it's absolute rubbish, and the rest maintain it's true."

#### Misunderstood

So why do the business still hate the show? Howard thinks it's been misunderstood. "People have been watching it carelessly. Like Suzi Quatro — she brought up two separate points about the show, both of which were innacurate."

Some people see it as a put-down of rock.

"It's not. If they watched it more carefully, people would see we're pro the music, and sattrical at the expense of the businessman, the industry parasites.

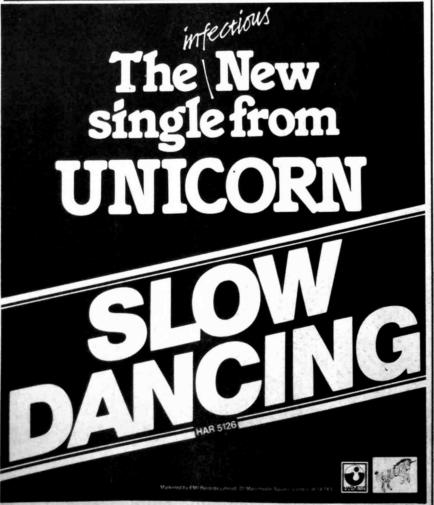
"But we are sympathetic towards the artist—that's why Andy responded."

He reckons that in America, they've had a much fairer hearing.

"There seems to be a wide spectrum of people who like it. The worst review I read was in 'Village Voice', but at least the tone was coolit's the blind fury of the British critics that's hurtful. I mean, how can you watch 'Rock Follies' and find nothing to look at?

"Even the technical"

"Even the technical side . . . the show was low budget for the first



## SCHUMAN: His head is on the line

series, and medium the second, but it had the best sets I've ever seen." "That's the exciting thing," says Jane.

"That's the exciting thing," says Jane, "Nobody involved in the show was over 40. The designers were so upset when it finished.

designers were so upset when it finished. Think one effect of the show was that it opened the TV people's eyes. There's 50 per cent more rock on TV since the series started. We didn't set out to do that — but it's happened."

"I don't want to sound to romantic," says Howard, "but maybe because I'm American, I believe there's a great waste of talent in this country. In TV, movies, on the factory floor more collaborative spirit is needed. We had that in the studio. The spirit had to be seen to be believed. Everyone involved was really chuffed."

The basic viewing audience is apparently 14 to 18 year olds.

"The middle aged people aren't watching, says Jane. "The poople who watch 'Rock Folles', smoke dope, are mostly single and they share Dee's radical views."

What was Howard's basic alim in writing the

What was Howard's basic aim in writing the

show?
"Well, for a start, it wasn't a documentary," he says. "It's stylised, a he says. "It's stylised a seventies comedy of manners. I wrote a play about a group, not the group — or even the epitome of a group. It's about three girls being manipulated by a man, and being manufactured into a rock group. Rock has betrayed the ideals of the sixties — It's now a the sixties - it's now a ruthless, high - powered

#### Merchandising

Howard defends the album by saying it seemed sensible to release it

lease it.

But what about the rest of the merchandising? I remember this really tacky board game.

"Yes, there was a board game, which the TV company rushed out before I could stop it," he says. "As it was, it sold to about 100 people. It bombed.

"But I've stopped all other merchandising —

other merchandising — and I've turned down other offers . I've turned down the chance to make it into a novel, to make a film, to make an American version of it.

"We've had some shirts and sweatshirts made, because people like those, but that's all. A friend of mine was at the friend of mine was at the Muppets' party, and he said there was Muppet soaps, posters, and all that stuff. I don't want that — I think we've had the least spin-offs of any successful venture."

Musically, he reckons the show is getting better:

Musically, he reckons the show is getting better: "You see, when the Little Ladies started, we didn't say they were a great group, or that they should make it. In the first series, the best they could achieve was on the traditional level of pub

rock.

'This time, they're on to bigger things, and that much more capable. The

and more complicated, and we've added a fourth girl. Sue Jones-Davies, who's one of the best girl

who's one of the best girl rock singers around.

"What we're trying to do is capture the energy of rock — you can't reproduce the sound on television. So in the dancing, and in the pacing of the scenes, we've tried to draw a parallel with rock music."

stc."

The last episode of 'Follies' (at the time of writing, the strike preventing the shows going out was still on) features the girls' first encounter with punk. And it's a rather sad one, with a ludicrous group called Zero, who bear little resemblance to current new wavers.

Zero, who bear little resemblance to current new wavers.
"You've got to remember that episode was written last autumn, when the media's love affair with punk was at its height," says Howard. "I think some punk groups do comment on deprivation, but a part of it is mindlessly violent, and I was trying to satirise the middle class journalist trying to get off on feelings which they know nothing about. Like the girl journalist, Penny Borden. She was from Hampstead Garden Suburb—she didn't have a urb - she didn't have a clue."

It's just unfortunate that some people's first impressions of new wave rock should be so

'Well, what's so bad about it?'' says Howard. ''Musically, they were as good as anything that had converged previously. Remember, this was last October.'' Point taken. It seems

they pay much closer attention to detail than I

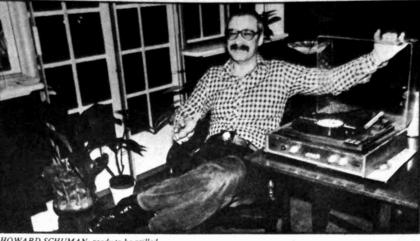
attention to detail than I had imagined.

"We have made a couple of mistakes," says Howard, "but we do have an 'honest to God' rock musician writing the music, and he knows what is accurate and what isn't. And we've had people like Vicki Wickham working withus, who manages Labelle and a girl group called Isis, who've agreed with it, and said it is an accurate portrait of women in rock."

rock."
"I find it very true to life," says Jane. "Life isn't all roses, and there are some fine people being ripped off every day."

being ripped off every day."
"We're hoping it will be a beginning," says Howard. "Having music written by a rock musician was a TV first. Now, if someone comes up with a good idea for a

The people who watch Rock Follies', smoke dope and are mostly single



HOWARD SCHUMAN: ready to be grilled

television rock show it will get listened to. And if it's good — it will

So how would he sum up

the show?

"'The New York Times'," he says, "de-scribed it as satirical and celebratory. And that's

exactly the balance I've tried to achieve. Satiris-ing the music business, but celebration

"I know I've put my head on the line, but it's my head. I'm a satirist, and satirists always have this reaction."

One effect of the show was that it opened the TV people's eves. There's 50 per cent more rock on TV since the series started'



# From a company that's infamous for albums here's some famous singles



Last year only one record company had a better ratio for hit singles to releases than we at A&M (Music Week Singles Survey May 1977)

Now take a look/listen at this magnificent list of built-to-last singles:

Nils Lofgren "I Came to Dance" Alessi "Oh, Lori" Carpenters "All You Get From Love is a Love Song"

Supertramp "Give a Little Bit" Rita Coolidge "We're All Alone"

Elkie Brooks "Saved" Garland Jeffreys "35 Millimetre Dream" Peter Frampton "I'm In You"

Not bad for a label that's only supposed to be successful with albums



# Quizzing the k

BRIAN KOTZ. 16, of Southgate, London N14, is Radio One's 'Quiz Kid' 77'. To gain the title he came through a regional round and semi-final, before romping away with the final of the pop quiz hosted by Alan Freeman.

Brian, has a wide knowledge of popular music and brian, has a wide knowledge of popular music and hopes to go into the record business or radio after he leaves school in two weeks time. His record collection numbers 941 singles and 60 albums. His favourite music: Sixties rock. His favourite groups: 10CC, ELO, and the Rolling Stones. Over to Brian . . . who also like may warm to the second to the se also likes new wave.

#### JOINT SINGLES |

TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS: 'Anything That's Rock 'n' Roll' (Shelter WIP 6396). Nest one that. Be nice if it's a hit. It would be great if the Top 50 were all records like this — but goodness knows when that will happen

IAN HUNTER'S OVER-NIGHT ANGELS: 'Jus-tice Of The Peace' (CBS tice Of The Peace' (CBS 5299). I hope the public haven't forgotten Ian Hunter. Just because he hasn't been in the limelight, he hasn't lost his touch. This single has a great hook line and if it gets on the playlists, it should sell a few.

#### THE REST

EATER: 'Thinkin' Of The EATER: 'Thinkin' Of The USA' (The Label TLR 905). Just because it's 'new wave' it doesn't mean it's a fresh sound. It's a minute too long. They could have done something else with the time they bumped off school. Not ahit.

MEAL TICKET: 'Out of The Blue' (EMI INT 533). For a while I thought it was going to get off the ground, but it didn't and I gave up hope

RITA COOLIDGE: 'We're All Alone' (A&M AMS 7295). There have been too many versions of this number. The others weren't hits, so why should this one be?

GLEN CAMPBELL: 'Sunflower' (Capitol CL 15926). This is the sort of stuff that when I hear it on the radio I change channels immediately.

THE MIKE CONTEH BAND: 'Jump The Gun' (Contempo CS 2121). If Contempo think he's going to emulate his going to emulate his brother's success, they're in for a shock. Yet another cliche disco

DAVE MASON: 'So High (Rock Me Baby And Roll Me Away) (CBS 5140). A tolerable enough ballad, but I can't imagine people sprinting out to buy it.

GILBERT O'SULLIVAN: 'My Love And I' (MAM 165). He seems set in a rut

DAVID McWILLIAMS: 'Love Walked In' (EMI 2617). I preferred his last one, 'By The Lights Of Cyrean'.



QUANTUM JUMP: '(Oh My Lord) Don't Look Now' (Electric WOT 15). The press blurb says this will grab you by the whatnots. Well, it didn't grab mine. 10cc rip - off.

DEMIS ROUSSOS: 'Kyrila' (Philips DEMIS 902). His voice always grabs me by the teeth, absolutely terrible, sorry Roussos' fans.

STRAWBS: 'Back In The Old Routine' (Polydor 2066 818). The same can be said about hearing this

ARTHUR PRYSOCK:
'All My Life' (Polydor
2121 323). If I had a name like his, I'd change it.

PAUL NICHOLAS:
'Heaven On The 7th
Floor' (RSO 2090 249).
Not as inane as his other
hits, should make the Top
50 on the strength of his name alone.



BRIAN KOTZ: Quiz Kid '77

OUR KID: 'Let's Go Steady Again' (Polydor 2058 885). The beginning of this record makes me feel sick, the last time I felt like this was when I went to the zoo in 1969

GRAHAM BONNET:
'It's All Over Now, Baby
Blue' (Ringo 2017 105). At
least he doesn't murder
Bob Dylan's original. In
fact it's a pretty
competent version. I
doubt if it'll see the light
of day in the charts, but it of day in the charts, but it deserves to.

ROD HART: 'C.B. Savage' (Charly CS 1025). Rlpoff of 'Convoy'. Bent trucker hits the alrwaves. Hearing it once is OK, but hear it too much and it could become

ARCHIE BELL & THE ARCHIE BELL & THE DRELLS: 'Everybody Have A Good Time' (Philadelphia S PIR 5179). Sounds like 'I Love Music' by the O'Jays. The first 10 seconds remind me of (censored).

THE OK CHORALE: 'Britannia Rules OK'
(Sonet SON 2095). Sounds
like a football team.
Changed lyrics to a European hit of two years ago. Gunk.

NEW RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE: 'Love Has Strange Ways' (MCA 229). More of an LP cut than a single. It should have stayed on the album 'Who Are Those Guys?'

THE NEW EDITION:
'Get A Little Sand
Between Your Toes'
(Epic EPC 5236). It has a
chance of selling because
it's the theme to BBC TV's
Saturday night'. Saturday night 'Seaside Special' and it's the sort of thing they jig about to on those programmes.

BROWNSVILLE STA-TION: 'Lady' (Private Stock PVT 107). A hit for Big John's Rock 'N' Roll Circus three years ago. This record's three years out of date.

MAGNA CARTA: 'Air-port Song' (Philips 6006 570). Airy fairy folk song from seven years ago. Goes nowhere fast.

RICKY KING: 'Le Reve'
(Epic EPC 4688). A
guitar solo that's been a
hit in Germany but hit in Germany but doesn't stand a chance over here.

NOLAN SISTERS: 'Love Transformation' (Target TGT 132). It's the ad jingle for Dulux paint. Over glossy single.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE: 'If You Gonna Do It' (Philadelphia 8 PIR 5287). More vinyl wasted on another piece of disco

UNICORN: 'Slow Dancing' (Harvest HAR 5126).
Lorna Wright's done this as well, a drifting ballad, but I prefer this version.

DANNY KIRWAN: 'Hot Summer's Day' (DJM DJS 10783). The record DJS 10783). The record company's got a cheek On the cover of this single, the blurb starts, 'Since the demise of Fleetwood Mac . ' I wonder how Fleetwood Mac got to Number One in the American album charts then? How can they say Fleetwood Mac's demise and then turn out such a dull ballad by an ex-member?



TOM PETTY: "neat, nice if it's a hit



# IT'S MAGIC

But I'm only the promotional guy, officer, it's this complacent dude on my left who knicked the ashtray



Jim Evans changes his mind about 10cc - now, after seeing the band in Glasgow, he eats humble pie

TEN HOURS with Glasgow 10cc night to rememher

A night of enjoyment A night of enjoyment for many reasons — not least the music; but also a night of relief. Relief because the re - styled, re - born 10cc proved themselves to be a gutsy, driving band, whilst still retaining the polish, wit and inventiveness of the old format. format.

The gig at Glasgow's The gig at Glasgow's Apollo was only the second night of their British tour. By the time they hit London they'll be unstoppable and they'll go down the proverbial bomb in America, which must becken. beckon.

I have to admit that when I first heard their new album, 'Deceptive Bends,' I was not over impressed, thinking impressed, thinking it classy, but verging towards an ever - clean, over - produced studio sound. I take back what I said and thought then and eat humble pie

Lol Creme and Kevin Godley may have split

to do their own thing, but perhaps that's just what Eric Stewart and Graham Gouldman needed, for 10cc — you can forget all references to 5cc and such similar quips — are now a revitalised, refreshed, hard blowin' six - piece quips

hard blowin' six - pue-band.

The additions to the line-up - Rick Fenn on guitar (suitably de-scribed by Eric as "the electric demon"), for-mer Kokomo member Tony O'Malley on keyboards and Paul Burgess and "Scot-Burgess and "Scot-land's own" Stuart Tosh land's own" Stuart rosn in the percussion de-partment, while con-tributing much them-selves, they seem to have refired Stewart and Gouldman.

#### Impatient

And so to the concert
They seemed a long time coming on stage;
Glasgow audiences, while being among the most appreciative, can also tend towards the impatient if the goods aren't served on time. Sporadic slow - hand clapping broke out until

clapping broke out until
the house lights dimmed
and the applause and
cheers echoed.
Stage lights on .
Gouldman, Stewart and
Fenn to the front.
O'Malley behind in the
middle and the two
drummers bringing up
the rear. A quick boogle
from O'Malley and it's
straight into 'Second
Sitting At The Last
Supper' and building up
to a wall of sound that
would have even made
Phil Spector look again.
By the third number.
'Honeymoon With Beet-

'Honeymoon With Beet-root,' taken from 'De-ceptive Bends', both band and audience were well away.

'Now we'd like to do "Now we'd like to do an old favourite of ours, and, we hope, of yours too." Mucho appreclation for "Wall Street Shuffle' which stuttered slightly in the middle, but came out OK in the end.

Back up to date for

Back up to date for their next single, 'People In Love' — gentle love song featur-ing guitar break from

Rick Fenn — should chart, no problems introduce the band ... "One of the older tracks" — Stewart's vocals supreme on 'Art For Art's Sake' and the bearded O'Mally, hips gyrating, all but sexually assaults his keyboards ... "You gotta be nice to Vincent Price" ... Darkness ... neon signs either side of the aloof stage, 'No Smoking', 'Fasten seat belts' You guessed. I'm Mandy, Fly Me', the kids didn't take off, but were content to but were content to wave their flourescent thingles in the air.

#### Screaming

Marriage Bureau
Rendezvous' Gouldman
on lead vocals for
another dose of 'Decep-tive Bends' before 'Good
Morning Judge' where
he plays the part of the
American police department Circular
slides a la nouveau
album cover on back
drop for 'Feel The
Benefit,' Stewart

switches from key-boards to guitar for screaming break... The first song they ever recorded — 'Waterfall', less intricate but builds

less intricate but builds to a cascading finale.

"Now we're going to take you up to date with the 10cc saga with the first hit of the reformed band — "The Things We Do For Love"

"How d'ya like the new band?" Posotive response. "Thank God for that. Thank you Glasgow, as usual you're the most amazing audience. We'd like to leave you with this one..."

It had to be, the

It had to be, the classic from 'Original Soundtrack', 'I'm Not In Love', performed al-most perfectly Goodnight.

Goodnight.

Would they do 'Rubber Bullets for the encore, I mean that's the one they always used to do? No chance. Rock 'n' roll time with 'She's Gone', powerful boggle with clever changes of pace – fast to rapid and back to

fast 10cc are reborn and back with a

and back with a vengeance.
10.30 pm through the still light Glasgow streets to the hotel where the boys in the band are happily signing autographs. In the car making for Charlle Parker's night spot, Stuart Tosh joking happilly, but slightly spot, Stuart Tosh Joking happily, but slightly concerned for his wife who's expecting twins any time now — he resolves to take an early plane to see her on Sunday morning. Food and drink flow as the apres gig celebrations get under way.

#### Cabaret

Early cabaret provided by a tap dancer in top hat and tails. Later cabaret by the band and friends, tapping spoons on tables, bottles, glasses, anything that comes to hand, to the beat of the reggae / soul music — another wall of sound, amusing the

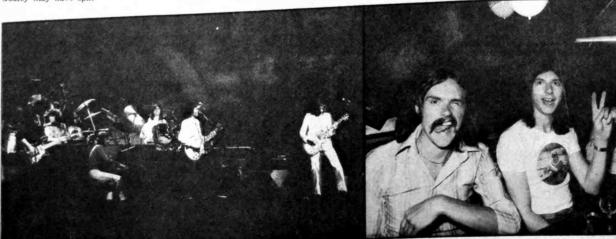
following diners and the police who arrived, not to see fair play, but to enquire of Eric as to how

to see fair play, but to enquire of Eric as to how the gig went.

Tony O'Malley lights and relights his corncob pipe eleventeen times, the reason it keeps going out is because he's using it as a drumstick.

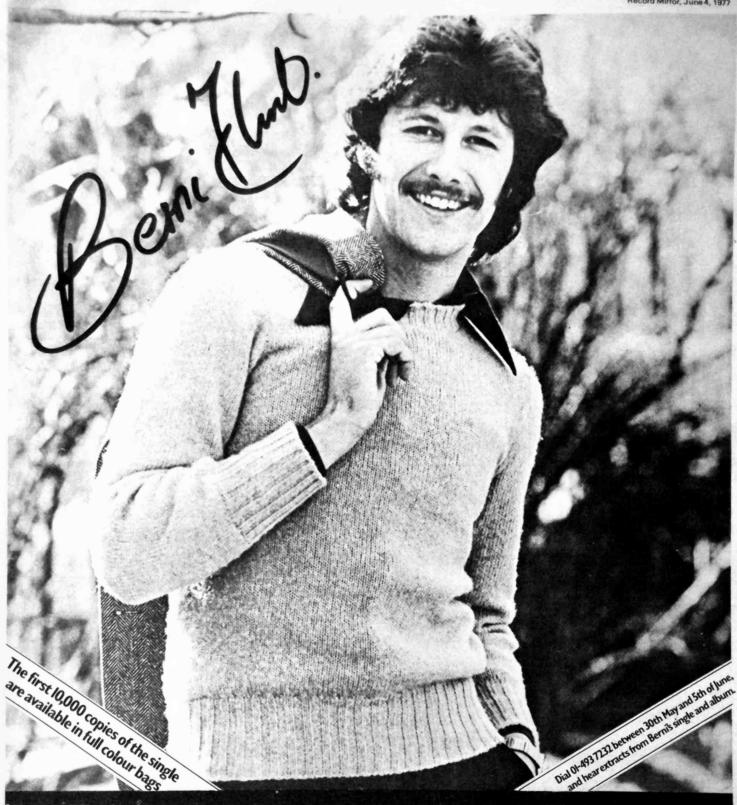
Discuss the concert with him. Make overtures as to it having been an excellent gig. "I wish you'd seen it last night, we were better, the audience were better. It was magic," And I was going to use that description for tonight. Still, time to celebrate with a Sloe Comfortable Screw — sloe gin, southern comfort, vodka.

3. 30 am. "Great e vening Rick." "There's a long way to goyet..." Move on to 'screaming yellow zon-kers'... another drunken night in the city, but one to remember.



A band called 10cc. Guitars: Gouldman, Stewart, Fenn. Keyboards: O'Malley. Drums: Tosh

Don't let the bottle of Coke fool you, the hard stuff's out of camera. Tongue courtesy of Rick Fenn, fingers to the drummers and balloons to the rest of you. The things we do for publicity.

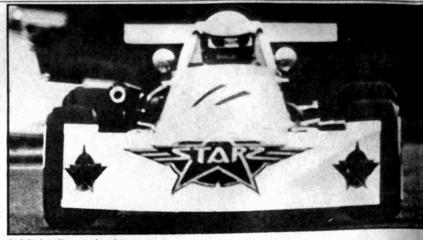


Berni Flint's sensational first album "I Don't Want To Put A Hold On You" is available now. It features his chart topping hit of the same title plus his latest single "Southern Comfort," along with beautiful versions of "Vincent", "Streets Of London", "Homeward Bound" and "Moonshadow." Also available is Berni's latest single "Southern Comfort", which is a follow-up to the smash hit chart success "I Don't Want To Put A Hold On You".

# 'I DON'T WANT TO PUT A HOLD ON YOU' SOUTHERN COMFORT'

EMI 2621





And they're off . . . to the pits

## No joy to the world

ON THE week of the latest American black music film opening in London, comes a chance to see the first all British effort.

Judging by Black Joy', we've got a long way to go et. The story deals with a Guyanese "country oy" arriving in Brixton and how he copes with the people and happenings he encounters.

For a start the title seems most inappropriate

For a start the title seems most inappropriate since he meets with little joy throughout the tale, and as far as being representative of immigrant life in south London it is just one step up from the comedy programme 'The Fosters', which incidentally is where one of the film's stars Norman Beaton, comes from.

The language and action seems to follow the premise of giving the people what they'd expect rather than a realistic picture of what it is really like. The end result is little more than a black 'Carry On', with the only bit of life being a precoclous little lad, a character fast becoming obligatory in contemporary films.

One of the saving graces is the soundtrack, with some ace reggae from the likes of The Heptones, Junior Murvin and Toots and the Maytals, whereas the cameo appearances of the Real Thing and the Cimarrons are hardly worth bothering with

For the genuine article, the first Jamaican movie The Harder They Come', reviewed in OFF CENTRE April 23, is a better bet, and doing better business on this, its second outing.

One thing to look out for in 'Black Joy' is the brief appearance of Viv Stanshall as a bewildering dog collared warden at a hostel.

Contrasting with Black Joy' is the US soul movie 'Car Wash', which has already made a name for itself via the hit singles from the soundtrack by Rose

Apart from the musical bonus, the film offers pure entertainment as opposed to a trite story with great social meaning. The action revolves around a day in the life of a downtown car wash, staffed by an amazing bunch of characters.

It may be a typical day or a good cross centre of US garage personnel, but it is great fun. Some of the scenes seem lifelike enough, whereas others, such as the arrival of the ubiquitious Richard Pryor and the Pointer Sisters, dips well into the realms of

fantasy But the main difference with this and the British counterpart is in the film's pacing, 'Car Wash' is as lively as the music it uses so there is never a dull ent either in sound or vision.

And despite being a very American movie, its humour is more or less universal.

## Will the Queen be saved?

AFTER ALL the fuss about the Sex Pistols' last single 'Anarchy In The UK', their newie, 'God Save The Queen', is racing ahead despite initial teething problems.

For starters London Weekend Television wouldn't take Virgin Records advertisement, then one music paper's printers refused to publish the illustration with the full page ad in their edition last week.

Four ILR stations refused an advert consisting of a segued national anthem and part of the single, lasting 30 seconds but then took a slightly more conventional ad. Boots and Weelworth them conventional ad. Boots and Woolworths then said they would not stock the record. London's Capital Radio have been playing the single and it is high in one of their charts.

A Radio One spokes-man said of the single: "We have already played it John Peel played it as a newspin on his programme. At the moment there are no plans to play it on the daytime programmes, which doesn't mean to say we won't.

"If it becomes a hit we'll look at it again, but we don't see any point in playing it other than on John Peel's programme at present."

Virgin are consoled by the fact that they received advance orders of 25,000 copies

## Brrrrmmm — phut, phut

"WELCOME RACING fans to today's meeting here at Brands Hatch circuit in Kent, where the Capitol Records / Starz formula three car is participating

Meanwhile in the Capitol / Starz hired Grovewood Suite the liggers dive into the sandwiches, cans of beer and soft drinks.

"Back at the starting line the cars are now lining up for this exciting race, and there is Brett Riley in the driving seat of the black Starz car with the groups'

logo emblazoned on the front and sides."

In the Grovewood Suite, afternoon tea is being served and the voyeurs are filling up with free

"And now the cars are ready for the pre-race practice lap, and yes, the flag is raised and off they go

Brrrrmmm grrn.

look as if she weighs more look as if she weighs more than seven stone soaking wet, but very attractive in her calf length cream pleated skirt, red silk blouse and high strappy

pleated skirt, red slip
blouse and high strappy
shoes (fashion note!).
Livvy is over for a few
days to do some TV shows
and appear at the Jubilee
thing at Windsor with Elt
and co. She does not,
however, have any
intention of coming back
to live. Who would, if they
owned a place at Malibu,
in California? And unless
she has a hit single here,
she won't tour here
either. Livvy didn't
really get out of the girl
singer syndrome in the
UK, but has gained
tremendous popularity in
the States.

the States.

"I wouldn't say I was disappointed I haven't had a hit single here for a while," she said with a slight Aussie accent. "I wids!"

didn't have time, I've been too busy. It would be lovely of course to have a hit here, but my whole way of life has changed

"But wait a minute the Starz car has failed to start, oh dear it has engine trouble and they've pushed it into the pits. What a shame..."

into the pits. What a sname.

There are a few red faces in the Grovewood Suite, and Michael Lee Smith lead singer of Starz, who has flown over to see the race, says it could have happened to anyone. The hosts smile and shrug their shoulders, the guests try not to titter and head for the tables laden with the buffet tea and vino.

Brrrrmmm munch, munch, chicken legs and salad

Britmini minica, mainter, emicear legs and saind disappear at maximum speed.

Better luck next time Capitol, and better luck to Capital Radio's Nicky Horne, Gerald Harper, Mike Allen, Bryan Wolfe and David Briggs who will be competing at Brands this Sunday in the Capital Challenge Race.

"And with that I hand you back to the studios.

SEARCY'S IN London is a posh place to have parties. It's a year ago this month since Rod Stewart had his bash there — you remember, the one he nearly didn't the one he nearly didn't turn up for after his row with Britt. Anyway, on this hot sunny Thursday it was the prodigal Olivia Newton John on show. She's so thin she doesn't

> NEWTON OLIVIA

# BUSY

completely since I went to live in America.'' Livvy didn't have it all easy. When she won a easy. When she won a country music award a few years ago, a few of the Nashville artists were a bit peeved because they hadn't retained the privilege of keeping it all in the family.

"I took a bit of a bashing then," said Olivia, "but it's all blown over now."

Well, why not come home to dirty old London and leave the California

and leave the California beaches behind?

"I'm determined to wait until I have a hit," she said firmly. "And you might be a long time waiting!"

THINAND FLA T

THE STORY of Thin Lizzy is of a prolonged journey with many diversions, a few pitfalls but eventually achieving their well deserved success.

their well deserved.

Their fans are among the most loyal, and have shown interest in a blography of their heroes' dramatic history. And an official book on the band is shortly forthcoming, but it is not 'Thin Lizzy' by Larry Price, published by Star Books at 60p.

It is a flat, often misleading account of the band's rise to fame with a few pics thrown in.

Thin Lizzy are not too

raise to name with a few pics thrown in.

Thin Lizzy are not too happy about this book and would prefer their fans to wait for the book they've approved, which is nearing completion.

In the meantime, you can save yourselves a few pence by investing in a copy of the June 18 issue of RECORD MIRROR which includes the full Thin Lizzy story as told by Phil Lynott himself. Don't miss it.



KISS: blood curdling comics

### Seeing blood red

THOSE VAMPIRES heavy metal rock. Kiss have taken their lust for

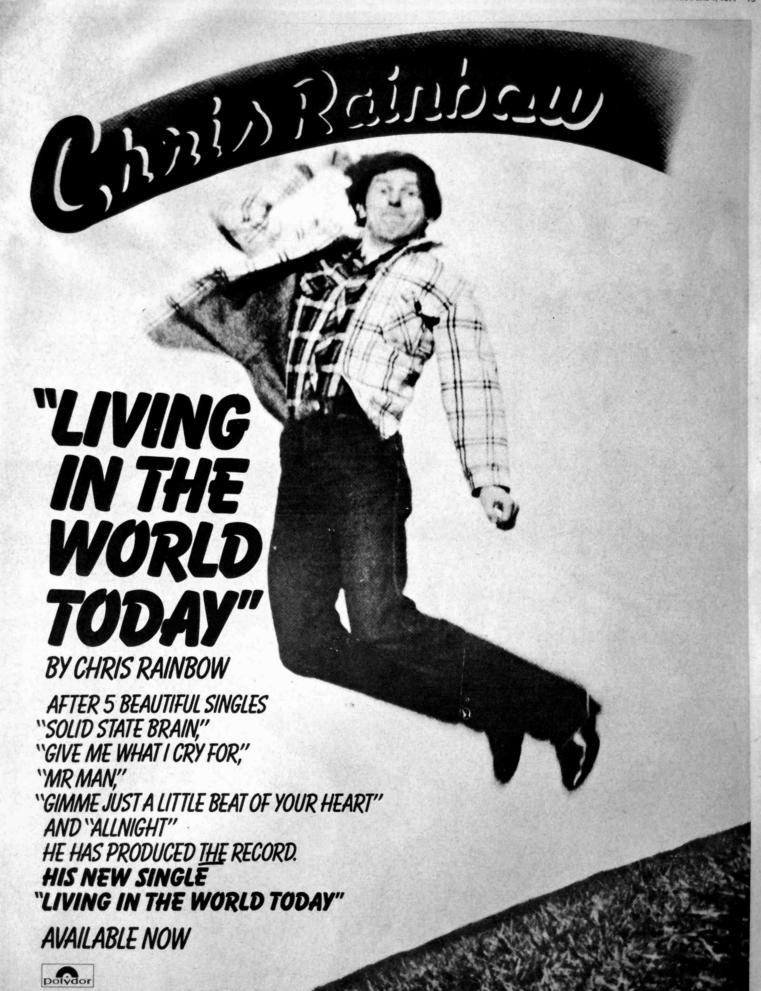
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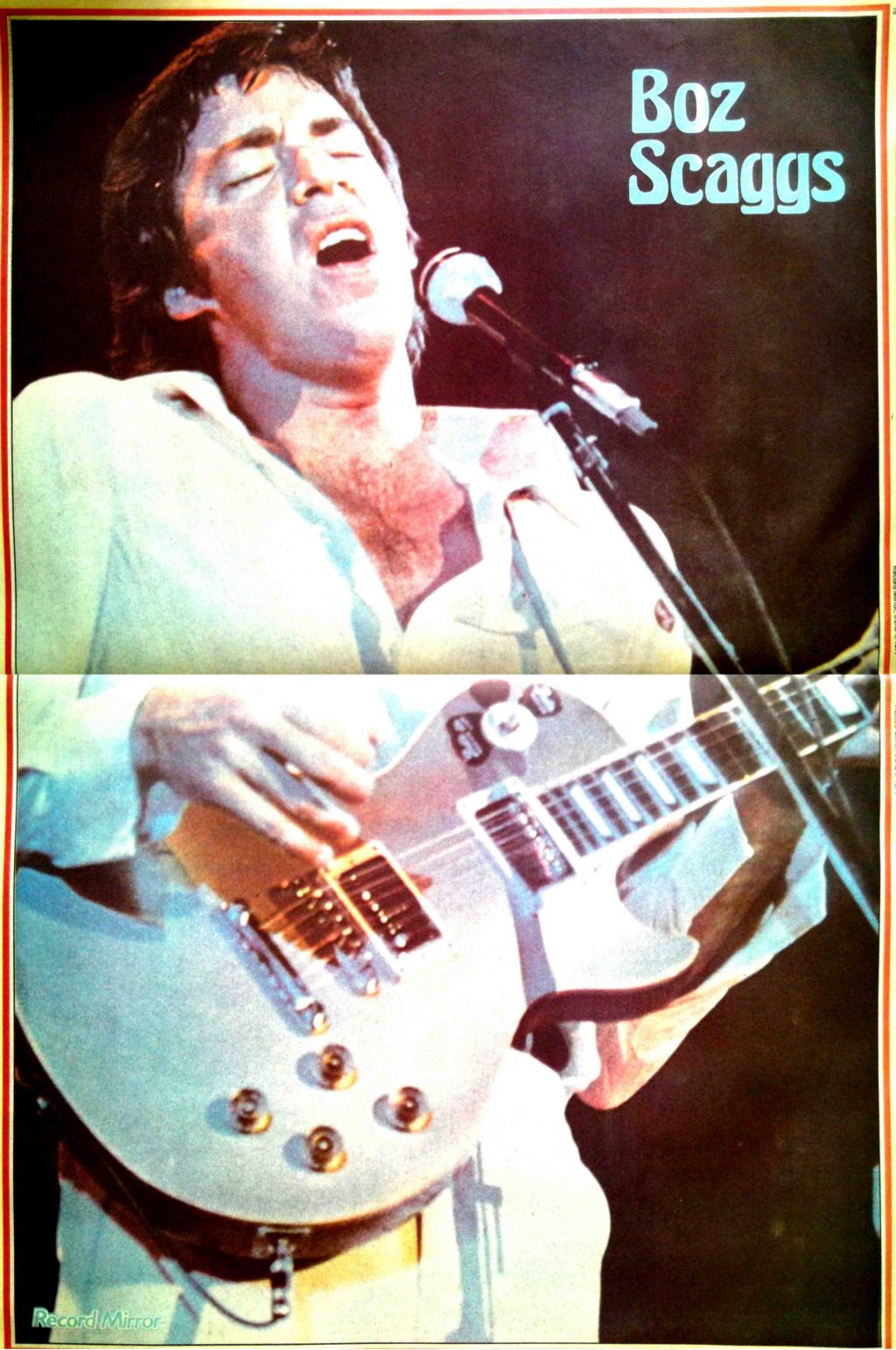
This June sees the publication of the first Kiss comics, and they decided to make their own very different contribution. tion

They decided it would be novel if each member gave a phial of their blood gave a pmal of their blood to be mixed in with the printers ink, and this ghastly task has now been completed.

So, don't be too surprised if your Kiss comic is ghastly red, and what ever you do, don't tear the pages they might bleed!







FLKIE BROOKS: scents of whisky and smoke

## A PEARL OF LATTE

ELKIE BROOKS: 'Two Days Away

Hot on the heels of the hit single comes the major offering from which 'Pearl's A Singer' was the sampler. Here you

A Singer' was the sampler. Here you are, then, 10 from Elkle.
Your track - by - track guide to an album that grows on you with each successive playing. 'Love Potion No 9': Up for starters is the Leiber Stoller number given the throaty, bluesy, sleezy, slinky treatment by Elkle and band.

sleezy, slinky treatment by Elkie and band.

'Spiritiand' is as near as she — or at least the band — get away from the jazz blues influences prevalent throughout. Co-written by Elkie and Pete Gage. (who's featured on guitar), it builds up to a powerful finale, a catchy chorus helping it on the way.

'Honey, Can I Put On Your Clothes': Mediocre, but saved by the rippling harp from Corky Hale which with Elkie's laid back vocals (almost so far back they approach the state of rigor mortis) ripple out into the smoke-filled, whisky — scented night club atmosphere.

'Sunshine After The Rain': Sweet backing harmonies offset Elkie's driving, forceful lead. Nice one.

backing harmonies offset Elkie's driving, forceful lead. Nice one. 'Pearl's A Singer': You know all about this — You must have heard it

MARIE OSMOND: 'This Is The Way That I Feel' (Polydor 23971 270)

Dare I say that Ms Osmond is sounding

ch times. Time though, to mention enough times. Time though, to mention Mike Stoller on keyboards and Eric Weissberg (a fine old British name) on mournful steel guitar. 'Pearl' was a superior chart topper. 'Pearl', the song tells us, was a singer in a nightclub. Elkie has pald her dues in the nightclub circuit and has moved into the big time. Keep taking it slowly, darlin', it's been a long time coming — but you deserved it. deserved it.

deserved it.

'Mojo Hannah': Faster funk, leaning towards a big production soul number with excellent aid from the muscle Shoals Horns, but still retaining essences of gospel / jazz / blues. Would be a good choice for single release — it's so different and contrasting to 'Pearl'. While 'Do Right Woman, Do Right Man' smacks of 'Pearl' until the piano

Man' smacks of 'Pearl' until the plano of Jean Roussel — excellent throughout the album — and the gospel style lady backing vocalists evoke memories of the Edwin Hawkins' Singers.

'You Did Somthing For Me': Strong, intricate production, but can be classified as a superior filler track, into which category the repetitive 'Night Bird' must fall.

And so to the last and ultimate track, 'Saved' which does indeed resuscitate the second side — fast, boogle plano, backing vocals. Elke at her best, the gutsiest track on a most agreeable album. + + + + + Jim Evans

sweeter than sugar sound of the Osmonds and the opening track, 'This Is The Way That I Feel', reveals some superior vocal phrasing. But don't vocal phrasing. But don't hold your hopes too high, 'Play The Music Loud' is typical Osmond slush with over - elaborate arrangements. 'Didn't I Love You Boy' goes back to the mature style, before the dreadful 'Please Tell Him That I Said Hello'. Her voice could sound 10 times better without all the spice with which the Osmonds continually surround themselves. Still some tracks prove she's

direction.

SILVER CONVENTION: 'Greatest Hits' (Magnet MAG 6001)

Even if you're not a great fan of disco music — and I'm not — you can't help but appreciate this album, by this three giri group. Listening through, it's easy to see why their albums and singles have sold in millions since their formation in 1974 and their first single 'Save Me' in '75. Their music is superior disco, not run - of their first single Save Me' in '75. Their music is superior disco, not run of the mill funky fodder of which we hear so much Roll out the clichea Silver Convention — as well as being a most glamourous trio — are professional in their approach, together and stylish. They have strong voices, and out of the strength comes sweetness. Arrangements and production are almost faultless. A precise and made — to — measure collection of songs. Outstanding tracks are 'Save Me' and the former American Number One American Number One Fly. Robin, Fly. Recently, they did 'Telegram' as the German entry in the Eurovisian Song Contest — hardly their field. This should add substantially to their horde of gold and silver discs. For what it is, it's the best. +++ Jim Evans

#### MOON: 'Turning The Tides' (EPIC 82084)

Two years ago Moon emerged from the pub/club rock circuit as one of the less typical units, working in danceable funk. Basically they were just a swinging rhythm section with a good singer, young Noel McCalla had the journalists looking for soul comparisons, and often plumping for a teenage Otis Redding. Now they are still playing the clubs

and colleges and judging by this, their second album, not heading anywhere in particular. A degree of maturity has set in though, particularly with guitarists Graham Collyer and Loz Netto showing the influence of jazz musician Wes Montgomery, putting in some showing the influence of jazz musician Wes Montgomery, putting in some freer runs instead of the early sub - Shaft riffs. The overall feel is a smoother soul sound, very listenable, but not strong enough to grab you. Pick of the bunch is probably 'This Is Your Life' which like the title track from 'Too Close For Comfort' is reminiscent of War - harp and all. According to the record company blurb: "If they ever gave platinum records for sheer, bloody hard work them the energetic lads of Moon would have enough to start a gallery' Unfortunately, they give them for record sales. + David Brown

### YELLOW DOG: 'Yellow Dog' (Virgin V2083)

Fox are a wily band. Yellow Dog are Kenny Young and Herbie Armst-Yellow Dog are Kenny Young and Herbie Armstrong who have slipped away to indulge themselves with other musicians. It's an album ful of possible hits and come late summer they will all be happily bopping away to 'Stood Up' which is on a par with the best American funk. Next up is 'Gypsy Soul' starting like a chant before a strong chorus and then some genuine gypsy violin. Kenny Young is a guy who has written streams of hits and his strength remains undiminished here. But Yellow Dog let themselves down with 'For Whatever It's Worth'. It sounds like a cheap rip - off of America's 'Horse With No Name'. Still, the rest of the tracks make up for it Name' Still, the rest of the tracks make up for it. Make 'Stood Up' the next single. ++++ Robin

## I'm for Frampton

PETER FRAMPTON: 'I'm In You' (A&M AMLK 64704)

The first studio album in two years from the golden haired wonder boy. He's set himself a near impossible task of trying to top the worldwide success of 'Frampton Comes Alive', but he looks like succeeding. This is Frampton with all the rough edges smoothed away. On the last studio album signs of strain set in midway, but here he The first studio album in

album signs of strain set in midway, but here he comes as near to perfection as anybody's ever likely to get.

The title track may sound clumsy on preliminary listenings but it builds up majestically. Frampton's voice has an appealing spacy quality backed by a constantly rising and falling musical wave. Towards the end rising and falling musical wave. Towards the end the track moves into rock with Frampton's guitar opening up. But the solo is tight and precise and the track returns to the main theme with some light drumming towards the end. The record leads into the pulsing '(Putting My) Heart On The Line' with its intriguing hook lines and Frampton on voice box.

In the middle the chorus gets a little complicated, but the strong drumming bringing up the rear holds it together. With the keyboards opening up the track salls along. 'St Thomas (Don't You Know How I Feel)' is a light song – Frampton's laxy vocals and guitar eventually rising to the top. The guitar dominates at the end and the tune develops along 'Show Me The Way' lines. 'Won't You Be My Friend' is straight funk, a powerhouse of drums and bass before becoming



more mellow towards the end. Frampton's voice sounds threatening, an interesting contrast to the 'little-boy-lost' vocals he so often adopts.

'You Don't Have To Worry' opens with weeping guitar and Frampton sounding mournful as he indulges in telling a melancholy tale. It's a track that doesn't fully work, he sounds uncomortable. The album gets straight back on the right path with 'Tried To Love' a fine rocker but the keyboards could have been brought a shade higher in the mix. 'Rocky's Hot Club' is a song dedicated to Frampton's faithful hound. It's a harmless piece of musical fun that maybe would have benefited from being at the end of the record.

For finishers there's two old standards '(I'm A) Road Road Runner' and 'Signed Sealed Delivered (I'm Yours)'. Frampton handles both superbly, managing to keep the old Motown feel while adding fresh ideas of his own.

The Frampton success story opens at another chapter; he's come alive once again. This kid



ELIZABETH II's year of succession to the throne, was an unsettling year for popular music in Britain

Music publishers and song pluggers could rejoice that Vera Lynn's 'Auf Wiederseh'n Sweetheart' was the first British disc ever to top the US charts - for nine weeks! But at home, the sales of the previously all - Important sheet music sank to a new low as the influence of dance band broadcasts grew less and solo singers — often from dance bands — increased in

often from dance bands — increased in stature.

When, in November, the first record-chart was instituted as a supplement to the sheet music chart, it showed that American discs dominated in Britain.

Among the new American stars were: Frankie Laine (hero of a tumultous tour in '52), sobbing Johnnie Ray (whose 'Cry' was so southil he was first thought to be black), the heart - throbbing Guy Mitchell (whose 'Feet Up (Pat Him on The Po-Po)' had to be censored here!), semi-operatic Mario Lanza (whose 'Because You're Mine' film was the first Royal Command Performance for the young Queen), Eddie Fisher (temporarily in the US Army), and Al Martino—'Here In My Heart' topped our first chart at the year's end.

Other popular Yanks included Nat King Cole, Billy Eckstine, Billy Daniels, sax — playing Earl Bostic of 'Flamingo' fame, and gultarist Les Paul. His revolutionary overdubbing techniquue was the first pioneering development of the truly electric gultar.

#### Female

Yankee gals included Kay Starr (her Wheel Of Fortune' was a huge hit). Joe Stafford, Rosemary Clooney and Doris Day. Voted Britain's 'most popular female vocalist', Lita Roza sang (as did fellow solo stars, Dickle Valentine and Dennis Lotis) with the Ted Heath Band. Her cover of Ella Mae Morse's 'Blacksmith Blues' was the hit version here, and indeed, it was to the US charts that many British singers looked for material.

British singers looked for material.

As song pluggers were still schooled in the belief that the more recordings they could obtain of a tune the more sheet music the more sheet music they'd sell, there were often many different versions of the same tune.

versions of the same tune.
Despite strong opposition from US hit versions
by Leroy Anderson, Hugo
Winterhalter, Guy Lombardo and Les Baxter,
Britain's Ray Martin
managed to score the
instrumental smash of the year with 'Blue Tango

year with 'Blue Tango.'
Surprisingly, another
instrumental hit was
planist Winifred Atwell's
Jubilee Rag', while the
theme of the play 'Meet
Mr Callaghan' inspired a
'Callaghan Dance', which
even caught on in the
States as 'Callaghan even caught on in the States as a 'California Schottische'!

Paradoxically, Amer-ica's Vaughn Monroe was volcing the hope that if only a new Lindy or Big Apple dance craze would come along, maybe kids would flock back to the would flock back to the ballrooms. The new dance music that was then fermenting 'underground' as black R&B, would soon explode around the world as rock 'n' roll . That didn't exactly bring back the blg bands.!

bands.! While the 'POP' music of Britain was performed by such artists as Jimmy Young, Donald Peers, Anne Shelton, Mantovani, Max Bygraves, Cyril Stapleton, Stanley Black, Joe Loss and a host of bland bandleaders, the 'underground' music was

jazz.
Today's manager of the
Real Thing, Tony Hall,
was the king of kool in his
role as spokesman for
modern jazz — played by
Ronnie Scott and Johnny
Dankworth. But it was
traditionalist jazz (NOT

## A look back at the coronation crooners BY JAMES HAMILTON

RECORD MIRROR'S TWENTY SINGLES CHART

1 BLUE TANGO WHEEL OF FORTUNE. 3 CRY 4 YOU BELONG TO ME. 5 AUF WIEDERSEH'N SWEETHEART 6 I WENT TO YOUR WEDDING. HALF AS MUCH 8 WISH YOU WERE HERE HERE IN MY HEART. 10 DELICADO 12 ANY TIME.

13 TELL ME WHY, 14 BLACKSMITH BLUES. JAMBALAYA BOTCH-A-ME, 17 AGUY IS AGUY

18 LITTLE WHITE CLOUD THAT CRIED. 19 HIGH NOON

Kay Stan Johnnie Ray Jo Stafford Patti Page Rosemary Clooney **Eddie Fisher** Al Martino Percy Faith Georgia Gibbs Eddie Fisher Four Aces Jo Stafford Doris Day

Johnnie Ray Frankie Laine Eddie Fisher



PERCY FAITH: wins award for the hairiest man on the wireless

'Trad') which drew the fans to dance in sweaty clubs to Humphrey Lytelton, George Melly, and Mick Mulligan's Magnolia Jazz Band.

Magnolia Jazz Band.
The hip jazz chicks were sleevesless jumpers with polo necks or cap sleeves, teamed with tapered black jeans and wide tight elastic belts.
Their short boyish hairstyles were high-lighted with a powdery spray! The more normal look however, was that of hill skirts, off the shoulder necklines and swept-back curly hair. swept - back curly hair.

Blokes wore baggy jackets, but tapered trousers and thick crepe soles were starting to creep in — and even the 'Goon Show's' Peter Sellers was spotted in a light fawn suit with dark brown velvet collar and

uffs!

If the jazz fashlons sound surprisingly modern, so does a Monday noon music programme

"Top Of The Pops", produced by Johnny Stewart! The 1962 version was on steam radio, and was on steam radio, and was very much a plug

show.

It featured people like
David Hughes and Diana
Coupland (now better
known as an actress)
cramming excerpts from
15 songs into 25 minutes.
Also on the BBC was
Bedtime With Braden'.

Even more surprising still was the announce-ment in March of plans to use the new experimental



EDDIE FISHER: holds up Yana, the one with the big. er. hips

VHF waveband for the introduction of commercial radio! Commercial TV was yet to

Radio Luxembourg was Radio Luxembourg was the only alternative—and not much of a one at that. A typical Sunday's listening on 208 was: 7.30 Dick Haymes, 7.46 Winifred Atwell, 8.00 Teddy Johnson and Pearl Carr, 9.00 Caroll Gibbons and Savoy Hotel Orchestra, 9.15 Liltin' Martha Tilton, 10.00 Jo Stafford, 10.30 Bing Sings, 11.00 Top Twenty, 12.00 Music At Midnight.

At Midnight.

The big innovation in Britain in 1952 was the introduction by EMI in October of 45 rpm seven inch singles, to be sold alongside the normal 78 rpm 10 light records that alongside the normal 78 rpm 10 inch records that had also recently been challenged by Decca's 331/3 rpm long players. Called 'doughnuts' because of their large centre hole, these 45s were greeted with a mixed response (Even better reproduction then 75s.

response (Even better reproduction than 78s, enthused one critic). But the brand - new Philips label decided that while LPs were useful for classical repertoires, 48s were unlikely to be a commercial proposition

for many years. Record dealers now had three styles to stock, and equipment manufac-turers had new models to

turers had new models to design.
One of the touring excitements of the year was the 'Big Rhythm Show Of 1952', headlined by the 'Hi - Di - Ho' man, flamboyant black bandleader of the thirties, Cab

Other visitors who lent

Britain was so starved of good home - grown music that practically anyone who made the trip over from America was halled as a great. Peru's Yma Sumac deserved her acclaim though - she stunned everyone with an

Calloway, also appearing here in the first UK staging of 'Porgy and Bess'.

colour to the scene and laid roots for the later skiffle and blues booms were Josh White, Big Bill were Josh white, Big Bill Broonzy, Lonnie Johnson, and gospel singer Ma-halia Jackson - while white Burl Ives was inaccurately halled as America's greatest folk singer when he came

#### Starved

JOHNNIE RAY: and friend, wearing just the sexiest strides you ever did see, the hotpants of 1952

Ball' and Doris Day's 'A
Guy Is A Guy'.
However, and confusion
exists here, the hits which
coincided with the Coronation on June 2nd, 1953,
exactly 24 years ago,
included both Billy
Cotton's and Dickie
Valentine's 'In A Golden
Coach', Winifred Alwell's
'Coronation Rag', Vera
Lynn's 'Windsor Waitz',
Frankie Laine's 'I Be-



ROSEMARY CLOONEY: And now a word from our sponsor, Colgate



was a poodle until I discovered



VERA LYNN: Sod white cliffs of Dover, this girdle is killing me

eve', Frank cksfield's 'Limelight', Chacksneid's Limeignt.
Eddie Fisher's 'Downhearted', Muriel Smith's
'Hold Me, Kiss Me, Thrill
Me', Nat King Cole's
'Pretend' and Mantovani's 'Moulth Rouge'.
Find those if you can!



#### Gimmicks

amazing four octave vocal range!
Meanwhile, the cream of Britain's resident entertainers appeared before the Queen on November 3 at her first Royal Command Variety Performance – Vera Lynn, Gracie Fields, Beverley Sisters. Biliv

Lynn, Gracie Fields, Beverley Sisters, Billy Cotton, Jimmy Edwards, Deep River Boys, Wi-nifred Atwell and the blind Gerry Brereton, all

representing popular mu-

sic.

1952 was a year of chirping triteness, slushy ballads and gimmicks galore, which had become more important to listeners than the quality of the song Although the gruste.

song. Although the music had yet to change, 1952 can be thought of as the dawn of the modern era,

with the new emphasis on production and artifical

atmosphere.

Exactly 25 years ago today, the top selling singles in Britain were Vera Lynn's 'Auf Wederseh'n Sweetheart' (accompanied by 50 singing servicemen), Kay Starr's 'Wheel of Fortune' and Lita Roza's 'Blacksmith Blues' — both accompanied by gimmicky Blues' — both accom-panied by gimmicky sound effects.

sound effects.
For reference, other hits included Joe Stafford's 'Ay round The Corner', David Hughes' 'Never', Nat King Cole's 'Unforgettable', Johnnie Ray's 'Cry', 'The Little White Cloud That Cried' and 'Please Mr Sun,' Johnson Brothers' 'Be My Life's Companion', Guy Mitchell's 'There's A Pawnshop On The Corner', Eric Winstone's 'Slow Coach', Frankie Laine's 'Gandy Dancer's

# Record Mirror's weekly guide to Concerts, TV, Radio, Books and Films

ROLL UP, roll up for the battle of the giants' Pur dominated the gig circuit over the past few weeks starting now, the heavy metal boys are gonna fight Bush make their first - ever British tour a seven starting at Sheffield City Hall (Wednesday). And five Brilish rock band UFO, more successful so far on f shores, begin their most ambitious UK tour so far.

snores, begin their most ambitious UK tour so far.

Rasis king Bob Marles pays us a flying visit for the first
lime since last June, and brings with him a new super-fine
guitarman Junior Marvin. Big M does four torrid nights at
da London Rainhow Theatre (Wednesday thru' Saturday),
and they're all SOLD OUT.

on they're all SOLD OUT.
On spawned punkaiers The Saints are due to get y'll
umpin' at London's Roundhouse (Sunday & Monday) and,
rait for it, the incredible Jam, start their own Clash-free
british tour at Birmingham Barbarellas (Tuesday).

Include four at Birmingham Barbarellas (Tuesday).

Last, but not least, last Bunter returns to the land of his birth with new band The Overnight Angels, Earl Slick (lead guitar). Bob Rawlinson (bass), Peter Oxendale (keyboards), and Curly Smith, formerly with Jon Sebastian. All American alien boy Hunter plays Newcastle Mayfair (Friday), Doncaster Gaumont (Saturday) and Birmingham Town Hall (Tuesday).

And It's goodbye to Queen who knock-off at London's Earls Court (Monday & Tuesday). Check out the listings for the best of the rest.

### Wednesday

JUNE 1
BIRMINGHAM, Barbarellas
(021-643 b4137, Stranglers
BRIGHTON, Dome (852127),
Dory Frevin Blusion
DARLINGTON, Inn Cognitos
(80067), Vibrators
KEELE, The University
(371), Burlesque
LEICESTER, Balleys
(26462), Supremes
LONDON, Guillvers, Down
Street, The Daris

LONDON, Gullivers, Down Street, The Daris LONDON, Hope And Anchor, Upper Street (01-359 4510), The Boys LONDON, Marquee, Ward-our Street (01-437 6603).

JONDON, Marquee, Ward our Street (01-437 6603), Cade Belle LONDON, Music Machine, Camden High Street (01-287 0428), Jenny Haan's Lion / Scarecrow LONDON, Rainbow, Finsbu-ry Park (01-238 3148), Bob Marley and the Wai-lers/Rico LONDON, Rock Garden, Covent Garden (01-246 3961), Meteors/Soft Boys LUTON, Caesars (51357), Drifters

Drifters NEWCASTLE, City (2007), 10cc/David Mc

PLYMOUTH, Castaways
James and Bobby Purity
PLYMOUTH, Woods, Ramones / Talking Heads

THE information here THE information here was correct at the time of going to press but it may be subject to change so we advise you to check with the venue concerned before travelling to a gig. Telephone numbers are provided where possible.

SHEFFIELD, City Hall (27074), Rush/Stray

#### Thursday

JUNE 2
BIRMINGHAM, Barbarellas
(021-6439413), Stranglers
BIRMINGHAM, Town Hall
(021-236 2339), Eddle and
the Hot Rode/Radio Stars
BUCKLEY, Tivoli Ballroom,

CANTERBURY, University CANTERBURY, University
of Kent, Keynes College
(68224), Dammed/Adverts
DERBY, Balleys (363151),
James and Bobby Purify
EXETER, St Georges Hall,
Henry Cow Volta Hall (041334 1185), Barbra Dickson
HANLEY, The Place,
Hunter

LEICESTER, Balleys

LEICESTER, Balleys (2842), Supremes LIVERPOOL, Empire (051-709 1585), Queen LONDON, Greyhound, Fulmarn Palace Road (01-385 0528), Crasy Cavan 'n' the Rhythm Rockers LONDON, Marquee, Wardour Street (01-437 6603), George Hatcher Band LONDON, Rainbow, Finsbury Park (01-285 3148), Bob Marley and the Wallers/Rico LONDON, Sound Circus, Kingsway (01-405 8004), Burlesque

Drifters MANCHESTER, Free Trade Hall (061 834 0943)

Hall (061 834 0943), Rush/Stray NEWCASTLE, City Hall (20007), 10cc/David McWilliams PENZANCE, Winter Gar-dens (2475), Ra-mones/Talking Heads SH EFFIELD, Flests (70101), Sheer Elegance SOUTHAMPTON, Guldhall (32601), Dory Pre-vin/Illusion SWANSEA, Circles, Flying Aces

#### Friday

JUNE 3

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GUZ 643 9413), Mr Big

BIRMINGHAM, Odeon (021643 8101), Runh-Stray

BIRMINGHAM, Town Hall

(021-236 2339), Hawkwind

BRIDGE WATER, Town Hall

(2297), Shakin' Stevens

and the Sunsets

BRIGHTON, Bucanneer

(68906), Crany Cavan 'n'
the Rhythm Rockers

CAMBRIDGE, Corn Ex

change (3937), Stranglers

CHELMSPORD, Chancellor

Hall (65948), Real Thing

(01-688 9291), Ralph

McTell

McTell DERBY, Baileys (363151). James and Bobby Purify
DORCHESTER, Clay Pl
geon, Warden, Rock Island

geon, Warden, Rock Milling
GUILDFORD, Civic Hall
(67314), UFO
HANLEY, The Place,
Hunter

Hunter
LEEDS, Polytechnic
(41101), Heartbreakers
LEICESTER, Baileys
(2842), Supremes
LIVERPOOL, Empire (051709 1555), Queen
LIVERPOOL, Erics (051-227
6845), Chelses
LIVERPOOL, Polytechnic
(051-236 2481), Cado Belle
LONDON, Marque, Wardour
Street (01-437 6603),
Slouxsie and the Banshees
LONDON, Music Machine.
Camden High Street (01387 0428), Moon/Pekoa
Orange

Orange
LONDON, Nashville, North
End Road (01-603 8071),
Lew Lewis Band
LONDON, Rainbow, Finabury Park (01-263 3148), Bob
Marley and the Wailers/Rico

LONDON, Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore (01-584 5020), Wayne County's Electric Chair

LOOE, Globe Inn. Newton Street, JALN Band

MANCHESTER, Apollo, Ardwick (061-833 9333), Eddle and the Hot Rods/Radio Stars

MORECAMBE, Winter Gar dens (410024), Jimmy

EDDIE AND THE HOT RODS: Barrie Masters takes it lying down.

dens Helms
Helms
NEWCASTLE, Mayfair
(23109), ian Hunter and
the Overnight
Angels/Vibrators
SHEFFIELD, City Hall
(27074), loce/David
McWilliam

McWilliam SHEFFIELD, Fiesta (70101), Sheer Elegance WEST RUNTON, Pavilion (203), Damned / Adverts

#### Saturday

JUNE 4
BARNSTAPLE, Tempo Club,
Shakin' Stevens and the
Sunseta

Shakin' Stevens and the Sunsets BIRMINGHAM, Barbarellas (021-843 9413), Mr Big BOLTON, Institute of Tech-nology (29991), Stretch (24002), Jimmy Heim (24002), Jimmy Heim BRIGHTON, Polytechnic (698585), Wayne County's Electric Chair Johnny Moped/Alternative TV DON CASTER, Gaumont (4268), Lan Hunter and the Overnight Angels / Vibr-ators

ators
EBBW VALE, Leisure
Centre, FBI
GLASGOW, Apollo (041 3328055), Eddie and the Hot

SHEFFIELD, Top Rank (21927), Caravan/Count

BRIGHTON, Bucaneer (66906), Amazorblades COVENTRY, Tiffanys,

COVENTRY, Tiffanys, Stranglers
DUBLIN, National Stadium
(01.753371), Eric Clapton
EDINBURGH, Tiffanys
(031
556 5269). Cado Belle
GLASGOW, Apollo (041 332
6055). Heavy Metal
Kida/Motors
LONDON, Dingwalls, Camden Lock (01.267 4967),
Dammed/Advers.

den Lock (01-267 4687),
Dammed/Advers
LONDON, Earls Court,
Warwick Road (01-285 1200), Queen
LONDON, Marquee, Wardour Street (01-438 6603),
Meal Ticket
LONDON, Roundhouse,
Chalk Farm Road (01-267 2564), Ramones / Talking
Heads / Saints

Monday

6055), Eddie and the Hot Rods/Radio Stars FARNBOROUGH, Recreation Centre, Cara-van/Count Bishops GLASGOW, University of Strathelyde (041 552 1270),

Cado Belle
HIGH WYCOMBE, Nags
Head (21758), The Jam
HPSWICH, Corn Exchange
(55851), Real Thing
KINGSTON, Polytechnic,
Burlesque

KINGSTON, Polytechnic, Burlesque LEICESTER, Balleys (2642), Supremes LONDON, Hammersmith Odeon (01.748 4081), Rush/Stray LONDON, Lewisham Con-cert Hall (01.890 3431), Pasadena Roof Orchestra LONDON, Nashville, North End Road, Moon LONDON, New Victoria (01-834 0671), Barbara Dick-son

LONDON, Rainbow, Finsbu-ry Park (01-263 3148), Bob Marley and the Wailers /

Marley and the Wallers
Rice
LONDON, Rock Garden,
Covent Garden (01-240)
3981), Diversions
LONDON, Royalty Ballroom, Southgate (01-886
4112) JALN Band
LONDON, Speakeaay, Margaret Street (01-580-8810),
Movies
LUTON, Caesars (61857),
Drifters
OXFORD, Polytechnic
(61998), Falrport Convention

(81998), Fairport Convention
RETFORD, Porterhouse
(4981), Heavy Metal
Kids/Motors
SHEFFIELD, Flesta
(70101), Sheer Elegance
SOUTHEND, Kursaal Ballroom (82276), UFO
ST ALBANS, City Hall
(84511), Dammed/Adverta
WIGAN, Casino (43501),
Stranglers/London
Sunday

BIRMINGHAM, Town Hall (021 236 2339), UFO

CROYDON, Greyhound, HORNCHURCH, Queens

LONDON, Royal Festival Hall (01-928 3002/01-928 3141), Ralph McTell MALVERN, Winter Gardens (2700), Burlesque PLY MO UTH, Woods (266118), George Hatcher Band Theatre (43333), Pasadena Roof Orchestra LEICESTER, Beaumont Working Men's Club, Crazy Cavan 'n' The Rhythm Rockers LISMORE, Keaneland, Kra-

Latos
LIVERPOOL, Erics (061 227
5845), Darts
LONDON, 100 Club, Oxford
Street (01.638 0998), Breft
Marvin and the Thunderboits / Garent Watkins /
Tequila Brown Blues Band
/ Brewers Droop / Zoots
LONDON, Nashville, North
End Road (01.608 6071),
Plummer Abriles
LONDON, Nashville, North
End Road (01.608 6071),
Plummer Abriles
LONDON, Roundhouse,
Chalk Farm Road (01.287
2584), Ramones / Talking
Heads / The Saints
LONDON, Sound Circus,
Kingsway (01.406 8004),
JALN Band / Ozo
LONDON, Theatre Royal,
Drury Lane (01.836 8108),
Drury Lane (01.836 8108),
MANCHESTER, Electric
(061.205 9411), Stranglers
NEWCASTLE, City Hall
(20007), Eddie and the Hot
Rods/Radio Stars
OXFORD, New Theatre
(44544, Mr Big/Remus
Down Boulevard
PORTSMOUTH, Centre Hotel
SHEFFIELD, Top Rank LIVERPOOL, Erics (051 227

(266118), USUNGE Band PRESTON, Guildhe L (21721), Hawkwind SHEFFIELD, Top Ronk (21927), Shakin' Theveus and the Sunsets SKEGNESS, Sands, Driffs, a TOLWORTF Toby Jug (01-337 ".08), Fabulous Pond.as

Pood as WATPCRD, Baileys (39848)

Tuesday

BIRMINGHAM, Barbarellas (021 643 9413) The Jam

BIRMINGHAM, Town Hal (021 230) 2339), Ian Hunter and the Overnight Angels

Vibrators BRADFORD, St Georges Hall (22513), Hawkwind CARDIFF, Top Rank (26538), George Hatcher

(26358), George Hatcher Band
OHELTENHAM, Tramps
(41192), Muscles
HAMILTON, Bell Technical
College, Cado Belle
LINCOLN, Drill Hail
(24383), Dammed/Adverts
LONDON, Earls Court,
Warwick Road (01-385
1200), Queen
LONDON, Rock Garden,
Covent Garden (01-340
3061), Detroit Emersids
NEWCASTLE, City Hail
(20007), Heavy Metal
Kids/Meteors
TAUNTON, Odeon (2283),
Stranglers

## SEE IT!

SMILING Noel Edmunds introduces another thrilling look at the Top 20 in Thursday night's edition of 'Top Of The Pops' (BBC 1 7.20 pm). Country fans have another helping of 'Sing Country' later the same day (BBC 2 9.40 pm). Tonight the cameras focus on The Oak Ridge Mountain Boys, Carroll Baker, Nicky Newbury and Lloyd Green. Tony Palmer gets to the end of his masterpiece 'All You Need Is Love 'on Saturday night (LWT 10.30 pm). He has a look at the possible directions that music could take and to illustrate his point he includes film of Jack Bruce, Mike Oldfield, Electric Light Orchestra, Baker Gurvitz Army, Tangerine Dream and Manfred Mann's Earthband. The Old Grey Whistle Test' reaches the last programme in the present series on Tuesday night (BBC 2 8.30 pm). Bomber Bob Harris has lured the Eric Clapton Band in front of the television cameras for a very rare appearance — should be fun.

TURN the dial to Radio Clyde on Wednesday night for Brian Ford's 'Stick It In Your Ear' (8.00 pm). Tonight he's chatting with neo-classical folk rockers Gryphon and Time Brooke-Taylor (goodle, goodle?). He will also be giving the Clyde -wide gig guide and playing the latest sounds to get across the border.

Stay with Clyde on Friday night for another edition of Baroque 'N' Roll' introduced by Colin MacDonald (7.30 pm). He is playing material by Richard Thompson, Duncan MacKay and The New Philharmonic Orchestra.

Rory Gallagher feeds the appetite of blues fans on Saturday night when he appears on Radio One's 'In Concert' (6.30 pm) in living stereo.

If you prefer taped sounds Alan Yardley is playing the latest releases in his 'Cassette and Cartridge Show', Radio Manchester on Sunday afternoon (3.00 pm), Don't forget Uncle John Peel every night of the week on Radio Ote (10.00 pm), when he keeps you posted on the latest sounds

## HAMMERSMITH PALAIS

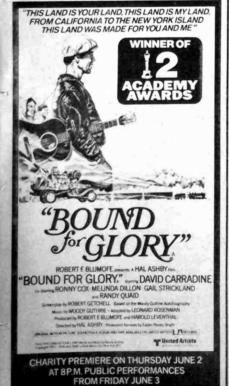
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DOLLY PARTON: ain't just a glittery country girl

## BIG BLONDE, **GETS BIGGER**

DOLLY WAS a knock out. Unequivocally.

And she must have been relieved to find that not all audiences were as restrained as the Royal restrained as the Royal ones, when she received a tremendous welcome from the Rainbow crowd. She sailed onstage, waving a goldust - dispensing wand, and wearing a floaty pink version of the suit she wore on the Russell Harty TV show the previous night. the previous night.

I don't think there were any out and out country fans there, because by now everyone must have got the message that Dolly is a country reak'.'s' wellon. country rock 'n' roller. She opened with 'Higher

And Higher' from the new album 'New Har-vest First Gathering' And Higher' from the new album 'New Harvest First Gathering' and demonstrated just how well she works with her band Gipsy Fever. From then on in she barely stopped to draw breath, running through a set of new songs and updating old ones.

She telescoped some of the old favourites like 'My Tennessee Mountain Home' and 'All I Can Do', but ran 'Jolene' to the full. The audience anticipated the numbers well.

Dolly ain't just a glittery country girl, she also puts a fair bit of humour into her show. She makes references to her wigs and joked when she got her bracelet tangled in the banjo strings. But the funniest

strings. But the funniest



was when she sang part of a song normally, then executed the same piece

of a song normally, then executed the same plece sung at 78 rpm. It was clever.

For her encore, Dolly sang 'You Are', her latest single. While it's a lovely song, it's not a hit single (at least not when you've only had one hit in the charts previously). I said at the time and I still think it's true, that the record company should have released 'Light Of A Clear Blue Morning', a tremendous song.

tremendous song.

Dolly sang to a packed house — and I hope it's not too long before she comes back to repeat her triumph. ROSAL-IND RUSSELL

#### TELEVISION BLONDIE London

AH, the Watusi.

Freckle fickle girls always used to do it in those implausable dis-cos found only on sets of cos found only on sets of long running American TV series like Peyton Place and carefree college campus movies. Sandra Dee used to Watnis, Deborah Harry does now. So she wears

Watuls, Deborsh Harry does now. So she wears black hot pants and black stockings and stings ina band. But she still bears all the still bears all the hallmarks of a thoroughbred mid - sixties all American blonde.

Dagwood would be proud of Blondle. They're a pop at - the hop band and only in that comtext do they become acceptable. At the Hammers mith Odeon on Saturday a week of tought Uk touring had so obviously peeled off the gloss.

When I saw them in Glasgow on their openin night Blondle were embarrassing and clumsy. Too much, Too soon. But six days, six rays of hope. Fey at first but now almost assured of a long run. Only almost though.

Only almost though. The world may not be

wake.
Ice sakters at the gates of dawn TElevision needed the Verlaine rink of confidence. They had more than their fair share of barracking by the Hammersmith back-room boys throughout their set which, with its

Hammersmith Backroom boys throughout
their set which, with its
my riad of painful
pauses is particularly
susceptible to the
turkeys.

Television don't ac
tually DO anything on
stage — but play.
There's an effective
frozen light show sure
but for the most part the
band are immobile,
letting the music do the
work.

Verlaine and Richard
Lloyd (sadly and unfairly smothered by TV's
booming black shadow)
together weave a complex pattern of chords
on the fine cloth
provided by Smith and
Ficca. Tortuously efficient. Dead eyes in
midnight sileays.

Television are the
most important (You
said that last week —
Ed). And at Hammersmith they showed
why. A malady in these
highly charged Brands
Hatch days. BARRY
CAIN.

#### OHEEN Southampton

FREDDIE MERCURY looks like the kind of guy who keeps a mirror over his dustbin so he can watch himself throwing

watch himself throwing the trash out.

As stage super egos go his must be one of the largest – but why not? He's got a great voice and he's one of the very best rock planists around.

His larger than life.

around.

His larger than life talents were on show with Queen at Southampton Gaumont for two nights last week and on the first, at least the band drew a rapturous reception from the capacity audience, who

to stand up for 'God Save The Queen' played by Queen themselves.

In fact the road to that reception wasn't all plain sailing. After kicking off with 'Tie Your Mother Down', Queen trod a little uncertainly at first with some dangerous lapses in the show's pace and mood. In fact the road to th

mood.
Happily, about two
thirds of the way
through the two hour
show they went into
'Bohemian Rhapsody'
and suddenly every
thing clicked.
From then on the
atmosphere was elec-

From then on the atmosphere was electric. The concert had crossed that invisible barrier that separates the good from the great and became the kind of evening no-one would forget for a long time.

Mercury changed from the close fitting green, red and white harlequin suit he had been wearing into a sequinned black number and pranced about the stage more energeti-

ber and pranced about the stage more energetically than ever.

He's an impressive front man but it has to be said that there remains a barrier between him and the audience which you can't help suspecting is caused by his own vanity.

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In complete contrast is guitarist Brian May. A brilliant musician with a shy stage presence, he showed off his guitar playing like a young lecturer giving an academic demonstration to his eager students.

stration to his eager students.

It was a stunning display matched later with a similar vocal exhibition by Mercury and demonstrated just how strong an axis the two men form between them — each highlighting the differences in the other.

They finished up with 'Liar' and then a rock and roll segment including Jailhouse Rock' before leaving the stage in a blaze of thunder flashes. A great night at the opera and enough to make anyone a monarchist — even in Jubilee year. STEVE Jubilee year. STEVE

#### STRANGLERS Brighton

Brighton

"WE SHALL fight on
the peaches..." Five
days after this gig Jean
Jaques Burnel leapt to
the rescue of a fan being
be a ten up in a
backstreet by cellbrate
Canterbury students
screaming for the
demise of punk. Queen
fans.

And at nearly every

demise of punk. Queen fans.

And at nearly every show girls (and boys) are plucked out of the front with the break screwed out of them.

The Stranglers have broken all the rules—and rule breaking is what it's all about, just ask the kids that rate the band as the best in the country. There's plenty of them about.

Right, so what did we get last week. A Top Rank. That's stained carpets skirting a Pledge polish floor.

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#### GEORGE BENSON

London

BREEZY listening was the order of the evening as George Benson played his first London concert since his rapid, startling crossover from a limited jazz following.

The New Victoria audience of fervent followers

The New Victoria audience of fervent followers sat patiently and appreciatively through two opening numbers by his backing band. The second, 'Look Inside' featured some remarkable drum and keyboard interplay.

And, yes, Benson did breeze on stage. Wearing a glittering white suit and matching smile, he moved straight into an instrumental from yes, 'Breezin'. From there a rare perfection continued without break. The faultiess and cascadent guitar notes, often accompanied by his improvised voice soles, only matched in pitch by the late James Marshall Hendrix, kept the extrasy level at a maximum.

'Wake Up', 'Everything Must Change' (''nothing stays the same') two breezy instrumentals and a complex, imaginative version of Harrison's 'Here Comes The Sun' kept the crowd almost gushingingly grateful.

'Take Five Years', 'Transfusion' and 'Gonna

grateful.

'Take Five Years', 'Transfusion' and 'Gonna Love You More' prefaced the sparling 'Nature Boy' — thought for a minute I was standing under the fountain in the park at the cosmos, dinni? The tranquil opening notes of 'This Masquerade' brought the expected jubilation, but it wasn't until GB and the boys had said their goodbyes, left the stage, come back and performed another number were the incessant requests to play that track answered. Yes, he closed with 'Breezin'. There was nothing left to shout for — we could only go home dreamin' of the breezin' boy. SEAMUS POTTER

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Dan't knock it. fashion parades.
Don't' knock it.
They've always served
a purpose, probably
more so in the boot
drough the glass door
days of the late sixties
when Deamond Dekker
compared West Indian
plights to those of the
early Israelites.
Now it's the turn of
the Stranglers to
compare British kids'
plights to those of uell, other British kids.
Their music is immacutate, luxurious even.

Their music is immacu-late, luxurious even. Arrangements severe coough to hurt / court fevered brows. Mr lascivious legs Hugh Cornwell wraps his broken bottle larynx

his broken bottle larynx around 'Sometimes' straightaway. 'I Feel Like A Wog' "about victimisation in this country", 'Dagenham Dave', "about a friend of ours who compilied Dave', "about a friend of ours who committed suicide in London", 'Peasant In The Big Shitty / Family Favour-ites', ''for all the schoolchildren every-where'', 'Peaches', schoolchildren every
where". 'Peaches'.
'aehhhhh aehhhh
sehhhhhhh', 'No More
Heroes', 'there ain't no
more heroes and you
should be your own one
anyway'', 'Hanging
Around', ', 'London
Lady', with Jean's
controlled rabid voice,
'Down in The Sewer'.
Encore. 'Something
Better Change', 'Go

Down In The Sewer'.
Encore. 'Something
Better Change', 'Go
Buddy Go', with Jimmy
Page Cornwell antics.
Encore. 'Ugly'.
And then someone
nicked the DJ's records.
BARRY CAIN RONNIE LANE'S

SLIM CHANCE Barnsley

IN WHICH sanity, after a two year rest, returned to the Civic Hall stage. It's almost two years since the last 'good' concert here -Stackridge - since then it's been Heavy Metal Rules OK at every

subsequent concert.
All the headshakers
stayed home tonight and
listened to their Nugent albums, and in doing so reduced the crowd to about a hundred. With a gap of 20 feet between tage and seated audthe gig would be a disaster, but when Lane walked on he soon brought them forward to

sit in front of the band.
It seems as thoughten the band intention in the band of gaining hit records or sell-out concerts, he just wants to have a good time, and for anyone who's bothered to turn up to have the same.

up to have the same.
His band are in total empathy with his good time / boozy amblence and piasy the part well with cigs hanging from lips, stubbly chins and tatty, but stylish, clothes. The ace in Lane's pack of seedy card sharps is Charlie Hart, whose violin and accordian added colour accordian added colour accordian added colour and a new dimension to the basic pub-rock sound. Definitely the man to watch though, was special guest 'Captain Delicious', bet-ter known as Ian Stewart, Mick 'n' Keef's mate, who supplied rolling piano and looked to be really enjoying himself.

At the start of the set At the start of the set an encore looked out of the question, but the small, vociferous aud-lence managed to get the lads back to do two more, finishing with 'Man Smart, Woman Smarter,

Smarter'.
More please, and
make it soon. BOB
WATSON

## Variety isn't the spice of life

Robin Smith reports from Windsor

LADEES and Gentle-men, the amazing Elton will attempt a double backward somersault in backward somersault in mid air while playing the piano. Lithe Leo Sayer will master vicious tigers armed only with a microphone and a powerful voice. Olivia Newton - John will ride on the back of an elephant.

will ride on the back of an elephant.

Well, they are appear-ing in the Beeb's 'Big Top Show' down in Windsor. The local gentry have forked out £10 upwards for the jubilee appeal to see our three heroes and other acts — including per-forming seals, elephants acts — including per-forming seals, elephants and acrobats. The big top cost thousands and behind lie plush cara-vans where the stars pace up and down in comfort before appear-ing in front of Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh.

#### Treadmill

Elton and Leo are being very clever. Let's face it, they're not exactly spring chicken anymore, so it's time to get off the old touring treadmill and show the mums and dads that you're not such bad fellows after all. Very well they go down too. But more of that later.

Opening the show is the very lovely Jasmine Smart putting the

the very lovely Jasmine
Smart putting the
horses through their
paces. They move
backwards and forwards, run round the
ring and look very bored
by the proceedings.
What a pity it is that we
humans seem to take
such delight in watching
animals perform stupid
tricks – whoops, sorry
this is a music paper.
Now over to Brucle
Forsyth. Before the
show the audience were
given strict instructions

given strict instructions to wave their jubilee mags when he gave the signal. Bruce is joined by the boys and gals of New Edition, dressed appropriately in red and

white.

"Actually this isn't a tent at all, it's one of Demis Roussos' old kaftans," Brucle quips.

Everybody in the audience laughs except a sequined lady who hisses "I'm fed up with all these jokes being made at Dem's expense. He'd do a lot better here than Elton John."

Next is Mike Yarwood, who makes a hash out of introducing acrobat Judy Murton. Amongst other things, Amongst other things, she hangs by her teeth in mid air. On through in mid air. On through Eric Sykes impersonating a magician and then it's the big moment.

"This guy must be feeling io feet tail at the moment," announces Brucie. "Yes it's Leo Sayer."

Leo rums up to a specially erected pedestal like an eager schoolboy going to accept a prize. He's

dressed in white tron sers and blue walstcoat and his voice cuts the air clear and strong on 'You Make Me Feel Like clear and strong on 'You Make Me Feel Like Dancing'. He's singing to a backing tape and to warm up an audience when you're alone in the middle of a circus ring isn't easy, but he succeeds straight away. Leo contorts his body into a number of impossible poses, maybe he should have been on the high wire. the backing track's a little turgid with girl singers sounding like they've just got out of bed.

Next is 'When I Need You', American touring has really sharpened Leo. He's slicker than oil, able to switch from exuberance to raw emotion at the drop of a hat. The Queen looks riveted as he holds out his hand towards the royal box. Philip looks less impressed, flipping through his souvenir programme. Next is 'When I Need

through his souvenir programme.

'The Show Must Go On' is given a country feeling before branching out into big brass backing. Leo gets the audience clapping and one dignitary nearly forgets himself. But that's your lot, the Effin waves goodbye. It's going to be a long time before we see Leo sgain, the following day he's due to fly back to America.

It's time for the

It's time for the elephants, who looked as bored as the horses.

Brucie introduces Dame Edna Everidge, who reads a poem. The following lines are printed for posterity

"Silver is what I wrap around the family

Silver is the dribble from a toddler's jowls."

#### Blonde

Right, that's enough of that. It's Olivia Newton John time. of that. It's Olivia Newton - John time. She's looking very lovely, blonde hair tumbling down to a glittery silver robe and silver shees. She flashes her large come to bed eyes as her voice trickles gently over the audience. Like Leo, she's allowed three songs but in such a short songs but in such a short space of time she sets up a lot of communication.

on her new single, 'Sam', she's caught under a solo spotlight before cocking her head on one side and wandering around the arena singing the lyrics as if she's lived every word.

"I'd like to say how delighted I am to be here," she says in soft Australian tones.

On again with the New Edition, this time in silvery suits. Another hackneyed dance routine to the dull "That's When The Music Takes Me', the sort of suiff you've seen and heard



OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN: come to bed eyes

so many times before.

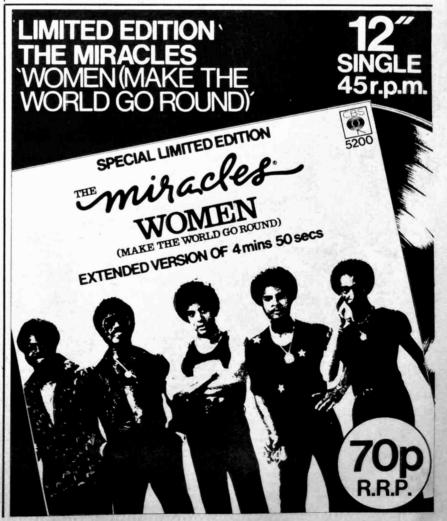
Where is Elton? They
must be saving him until
the end. Then a piano on
a trailer is driven on. a trailer is driven on.
Bruce says he's going to
sit down and play a
song, but out of the
curtains comes Reggie
wearing a suit similar to
his Rainbow appear-

"What division are you going to save this

year," quips Brucie as Elt settles at the plano. He launches into 'Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me' the Queen and Prince Philip lean forward thoughtuilly. Elton's lett foot gently taps and his voice is note spoils the continuity of the song by injecting a bit of rock and roll at the end. Still, the audience are captivated but one song is yer lot. Elton wanders off stage looking a little embarrassed that he's only allowed one offering. The audience is disappointed — Elton has had the best reaction so far and to only have him playing one song is disgusting. So that's it — a total of seven songs from



leading performers.
Why couldn't the Beeb have cut down on the number of circus acts? You can see these anytime anywhere. Better still, they shouldn't have let the audience and Royal Persons suffer through the embarrassingly bad impression of Prince Charles by Mike Yarwood.



DEE GENERATE

Me, too. And I don't intend to miss a single day on the beach.

That's my number one reason for

choosing Tampax tampons when I'm

menstrual period They're worn

having my

CRAZY
ABOUT
THE SUN?

# PUNK MUM ITS BACK

COULD YOU please give my address to Sandra Quick, the punk mum. I have a copy of RECORD MIRROR issue April 2 she can have. Being a punky mym myself I feel the same as her, and get spiteful remarks from

introduced my son to music, took him to concerts, brought his first music, took him to concerts, brought his first drum kit, put up with the neighbours' complaints, introduced him to Rat Scables, who in turn got him an audition with Eater. He is proud to be a member of a band and to be doing something with his life, and I am proud to have helped him.

Most of the people round where I live are so narrow minded that it's almost unbelievable. They think they are running their lives right and that gives them the right to criticise me. Elderly people who have never done anything with their lives, who have lived to conform, don't like to see young people who do better the to these.

to conform, don't like to see young people who do better than they did. Or people who are drowning in marital boredom and court summonses and debt and young people
who think it's big to go up
the local pub with their
fathers for darts' matches
and see how quickly they
can get as big a beer gut
as dad

I love the new interest my son has brought into my son has brought into my life. I used to love going to rock concerts, now I enjoy being involved behind the involved behind the scenes and meeting famous interesting people — musicians, photographers, people who write for music papers, A&R men, people who are into doing what they enjoy. They are much better than 'neighbours' who sit back and criticise because they have nothwho sit back and criticise because they have nothing better to do. I wouldn't swap my life for any of theirs. I hope Sandra, you do your thing and don't worry about anyone else, except the people you love.

Helen, Dee Generate's mum, Caterham, Surrey.

• Sandra has already received a copy of the Lou Reed issue, but thanx — you're a mother superior!

#### Charlie's faults

WHY ALL the fuss over Charlie's Angels? I work for a model agency and I see girls as good, if not better, to look at every day. Charlie's Angels have their faults like everyone else. Sabrina has bow legs, Jill has thick ankles and Kelly has her eyelashes dyed. They're attractive, Ok. but no more than a great but no more than a great number of chicks, if only your love - sick readers had the guts to find them. Les Warner, Tottenham, London.

e Course not everyone has the opportunities you have, you old con-noisseur.

#### Stuck up

WELL DONE Sheila Prophet for knocking Abba. But I think the new chart layout in RM is abysmal. And how about a centre spread on Stevie Nicks? Finally I must say Nicks? Finally I must say Charlie's Angles are stuck up bitches (and I'm not a girl!). Good on ya Linda Carroll. P'raps we should get together some time?

Olly, Shipston

• What d'ya think this is? A dating service?

#### Fresh follies

SO JIM EVANS thinks the Rock Follies' single 'OK' is "trash rock". Come on Evans, where is your sense of fun? This single is a breath of fresh air. I suppose if it had been recorded by the New Seekers you would call it a classic.

Derek, Roath Park, Cardiff.

You obviously didn't see what he said about the Seekers' album.

#### Mouthy

Mrotottety

T'D LIKE to thank Nigel
Morton for the excellent
report of Slade's London
gig. He must be the only
one who's not put Slade
down since they've been
back from America.
What's rent-a-mouth
Shelia Prophet got to say
about that?
Anon.

• We've rented it out, so we can't tell ya.

#### Jam on it

TOP OF The Pops' has finally done it! They have introduced new wave. Tea spurted from my mouth when Kid Jensen introduced The Jam. Keep it up TOTP! Was it a mirage? I'll not believe it until I see Captain Sensible jumping all over the stage. Surely the producer got out of the wrong side of bed. Do it more often, that's what I say.

say. Nicky Anderson, Ḥarlow, Essex.

#### Ted's role

THE NEW musical, Dean, based on the life of Dean, based on the life of the American cult hero James Dean, is a major topic of conversation among Teddy Boys. The n at 1 o n wide hunt is on to find an actor to play the star role and is being carefully watched. The Teds say the role should go to someone who is tough in real life — not a bearded mangy-maned unemployed hippy actor.

Big Dave, London SE11.

Big Dave, London SE11.

Bit like yourself I expect?



#### Free radio

MANY THANKS for the page on off-shore radio. Having read Record Mirror since 1962 (am I the oldest reader?). I've the oldest reader?). I've kept scrapbooks on off shore radio, so let's have some more. Last year I went out to see Mi Amigo (Caroline) and what a fantastic trip it was. I met some good free radio fans.

Jim Smith, Stratford, London E15.

#### Sell-out

HOW DARE Rosalind HOW DARE Rosalind Russell give the Shads such a disgusting review. The fact that the show was a sellout speaks for itself — the Shads are still loved and are here to stay. As for the emphasis being on "the old days" it has obviouely escaped Miss Russell's attention that this was the general idea.

idea. Jackie Williams, Anfield, Liverpool.

#### Mob rule

WOW! It looks like Record Mirror has done it again. Marc Bolan writing? What could be better! Will you give him my love, and my name and address. Please tell him I'm sorry I mobbed him when he was last in Manchester. Manchester.

Amanda Nicholls, Altrin cham, Cheshire.

• Must be difficult mob-bing on your own . . .

#### ACROSS

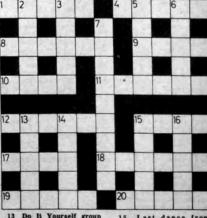
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Brothers sans of (5)
One of those in 35
millimetres? (5)
Jimmy sounds a real
gem (6)
Sort of gun that
brought happiness to
the Beatles (4)
She sang with Peter
and Paul (4)
An Englishman's home
for Roy (6)
Follow Hank Marvin,
for example (6)
Man who'd be found in
a jug band? (4)
Barbra's star co - star
(4)
Like Andrew Enla's

Barbra's star co - star (4) Like Andrew Gold's boy (6) Gary Puckett and The — Gap (5) Joe's Oriental home (5)

#### DOWN

- Tommy Steel naturally takes her in (5) Miss Williams, this is

## Piscword



inferno of a place!

Last dance Esperanto (5)

16 Paul's name (5)

#### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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## DAMN THOSE ADVERTS!

FTER THE Damned / Adverts concert at Sheffield

After THE Damned / Adverts concert at Sheffield Foly, I have been converted! I am no longer a punk. I saw both bands, both were lousy. They were boredom in the extreme. Shove punk, if that's what it's all about. Aggression, poseurs and tedium.

I got into punk 'cos I'm part of the teenage expression. Punk is supposed to be for us — the underprivileged dole seekers who need a lift. But falseness showed at the concert. The kids who were coing backstage, standing in the wings, were the poseurs — the beautiful children with their brand new punko togs, the perfect hairstyles — creeps!

And the bands were singing about bored teenagers and being on the dole — maybe they did know about it once. but now? To me it reeked of phoney commerciality. The end doesn't justify the means. In other words, they get highly paid for singing about no pay — work that one out! The bands didn't get a good reception. Abuse was hurdled, along with bottles, glasses, drink and flob. The band knew it, maybe they won't come back. God, how I hat the Damned and the Adverts! Ivor Dolecard, address supplied.

© You're doin' airight — if you're that perceptive you don't need to be on the dole. But HIGHLY paid?

the gum, anytime to make

a fortune playing for us talent starved Aussies.

Erky, perky, is she good! Norman Gunston, Glas-

Tie your kangaroo down, son before you get arrested.

PLEASE can I have a list of all the singles and albums released by Elton John? Has he released singles from 'Madman Across The Water'. Empty Sky' or 'Tumbleweed Connection' — and when does his 'Greatest Hits Volume Two' come out? Paul Gillis, Musselburgh.

PS: Punk rock is crap.

#### Lena is so lovely

I WAS so amazed to see Lens Zavaroni has grown up. She was so beautiful in the Royal Variety Show in the Royal Variety Show that I have really fallen for her. I've taken down all my Suzi Quatro posters and put her between the Three De-grees and the Supremes. I didn't like her singing much, but her looks really turned me on. urned me on Steven Beach, Severn

Beach. oh's still jailbalt, dar-

#### Kid rock

THE NEW Seekers died five years ago — do you blame RM for knocking them! Their music is Out! Out! Out! So they make records, big fizz, but they don't get anywhere.
Their music is for kids.
Punk is IN, pop is OUT. I
bet RM doesn't print this
because it's too offensive
towards their simple New Seekers fans.

Al Capone, Belfast.

Tou can say what you like as long as it isn't libellous.

#### Black blues

I AM furious. Why can't the Old Grey Whistle Test' appear at 7.20 pm on Thursdays instead of Top of the Pops'. Last week, 90 per cent of the artists were coloured and their material sounded the same. I'm not colour prejudiced but I can't prejudiced but I can't stand all that soul and funk trash we are being brain washed with. Doesn't TOTP know what rock is? Even my mum's

sick of the programme.

Wendey, Sudbury, Suffolk.

#### Culture shock

WOW BANG Crash
Zowie. That's how Bahbara Dickson's album hit
me when I flew in from Oz
last week. That Shellah
has talent. After viewing
her on the Two Ronnies in
Australis I just had to get
her record. So here I am!
Jees, it was worth the
trip. When she plays
Glasgow and London I'll
be there. If she ever gets
sick of Pommieland she II
be welcome in the land of

## WORRIED SHE IS PREGNANT

I am nearly 15, and since my parents are very strict I feel that there is no one else to turn to. Seven weeks ago, I went to a party where both myself and my 13 - year - old girlfriend got very drunk. We went upstairs, and I think I went a bit far. She now thinks she is pregnant — she has some of the symptoms. Please help, as I am in a desperate state.

David Wembley

of if your cirifrend has missed her period three times, then you must accept that she may be pregnant, although a delayed period can sometimes be caused by worry, stress or illness and some girls do have irregular periods anyway.

But, under the circumstances, she should go along for a pregnancy test. Where can she go? If she doesn't want to visit her own doctor or the local Family Planning Clinic, centre based in London Road, Wimbledon (01 - 962 1021), she should make an appointment with the Brook Advisory Centre in central London which offers a special youth counseilling service.

central London which offers a special youth counselling service.

Your nearest Brook Centre is at 233, Tottenham Court road, London W1 (01 - 580 2991 / 01 - 532 1522). If the results are positive Brook will be able to offer good advice as to where you can go from there. Ring before you go along.

If she is pregnant she will have to break the news to her parents, however hard it may be.

Even if your gridriend's period has arrived by the time you read this reply, she should have a thorough check up, as it's possible to have a period and still be pregnant.

Other useful addresses are: The British Pregnancy Advisory Service, Austy Manor, Stratford Road, Wootton Wawn, Solihuli, Warwickshire (Henley in - Arden 3225), and possibly, the National Council for One Parent Families, 255 Kentish Town Road, London NW5 2LX.

Send your problems to: Help, Record Mirror, Spotlight House, 1 Benwell Road, London N7 7AX

## TOO BIG TO BUY FITTING **CLOTHES**

I have always be I have always been big for my age, (I'm 6 foot 6 inches tall), and also a bit overweight. I get very embarrassed when I try to buy clothes. Any I do buy, I have to get ready made. Is there anywhere where I can buy trendy clothes, which would also fit me as well? I cannot find anywhere cannot find anywhere locally.
Ben. Halifax 9

e Why not drop a line to the London based clothing retailer High and Mighty, 145 / 147 Edgware Road, London W2? They have a selection of suits and other clobber, especially designed to cater for the 'Desperate Dan' physique. For instance, their trousers go up to a 37 inch inside leg.

Mr Average has a 31 inch inside leg measurement), and waist sizes range from 36 inches right up to another good round

range from 36 inches right up to another good round figure — all of 46 inches. Send them an sae and they'll send you a mail order catalogue. Better still, pay them a visit when you're next in London.

### THE COLUMN THAT DEALS WITH YOUR PROBLEMS



Answered by Susanne Garrett

#### How do I lose my 6 I have got three tattooson my armand I tattoo?

tattooson my arm and I want to get rid of one. Does it leave a scar and, how much does it cost? I live in east London and would like to know where I can get it done. Fred, London

e If you are seriously considering getting the offending tattoo removed, you must take medical advice. Tattoo removal is a complex business involving either skin graft or the removal of the skin surface. Specialist plastic surgery under surface. Specialist plas-tic surgery under anaesthetic is usually necessary. Do not tangle with 'back street' tattooists.

Yes, it does leave a scar, but how bad depends on how deeply your skin has been punctured, and the size of the tattoo.

surgeon or the skin department of your nearest hospital. As tattoo elimination is a cosmetic job, you will probably have to pay for any treatment — unless you can prove it's causing you extreme psychological distress. If you've got a king size heart and arrow illus-trating your undying heart and arrow illustrating your undying passion for your last girlfriend and your latest lady doesn't like it, that isn't a big enough reason for the National Health. Cost of treatment varies — but can be expensive.

Yes, it does leave a scar, but how bad depends on how deeply your skin has been punctured, and the size of the tattoo.

For quick results, go to your doctor. He can operation, anaesthetieve you a letter of referral to a plastic

## Feedback



ELTON: complete breakdown

e Herewego:
SINGLES: Lady Samantha', Philips (BF
1759), January, 69, 175
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473), May, '76, 'Bhie
Moves' (Rocket ROSP
1), October, '73.
'Greatest Hits Volume
Two' will be released by
DJM on September 30
this year.
Elton haan't released
any singles from 'Madman Across The Water',
'Empty Sky' or 'Tumble weed Connection'
over here.

#### Ex-Coopers?

IS IT true that Steve Hunter and Dick Wag-ner have left Alice Cooper and joined the Peter Gabriel Band? Could you give me Alice's fan club ad-dress? Trever Allen, Barrow.

a No, it's not true. Alich hasn't got a fan chib, be for information write Deryk Glayden, 2t Broadwick Street, Lo



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# MIDLANDS

large enough population to influence record sales and the local disco DJs have in turn realised their own influence over the population.

Many of them are

members of a record pool, undertaking to promote certain singles in a co-ordinated 'power-play' ordinated 'power-play'
push in return for free
records from the companies involved. However, their influence
remains local, and not
national. Why you may
ask?

Well, for a start, you aight have noticed the ative absence of Midland's contributors to Midland's contributors to this page's DJ Hotline— and, consequently, to our Disco Chart. Unimpor-tant though these may seem to insular Midlands jocks, think of the

features could have if every week their 'power play' pick was made public. Other DJs, not to

mention record stores and radio stations, would then be encouraged to try the

disc too.

Already many record companies recognise our importance by asking DJ mailing list applicants if they contribute to our chart, and, the importance of the information gathered in this way is soon to increase. soon to increase.

The Midlands jocks The Midlands jocks purport to help record companies, but how whole-hearted is that help? Only by looking outside their own cosy circle can they make their influence known on the scale where it matters—nationally! scale wher nationally!









## MORE MEDLEYMA

'Uptown Festival', here comes disco medley! Very similar original Ritchie Family 'Best new one is in fact the

Town', this new one is in fact the creation of the same people, producer Jaques Morall and arranger Ritchie Rome, and is out in the States on the same Marlin label.

Called 'Discomania' by The Lovers, a male / female group, it bridges the disco hits with some original words before quoting from Thelima Houston's 'Don't Leave Me This Way', Trammps

Wales' for the Jubilee Party Upstairs at Swansea's Prince Of Wales on Tuesday (7). Mick Ames hits Melton Mowbray Corn Exchange on Monday (6) and Robert John plays to an open air barbeque at Hay-On-Wye on Tuesday (7). The Detroit Emeralds visit Norwich Cromwell's this Thursday (2). while part week

Thursday (2), while next week Birkenhead's Hamilton Club in Henry Street features Billy Ocean (7) Drifters (9) and Sheer Elegance (8/10/11).

HOT

BOB

VINYL

Jay's) import tips

Morning, Noon & Night 'Feeling

Night 'Feeling Strong' / 'Bite Your Granny' (Roadshow LP), Peter Brown

'Do You Wanna Get Funky With Me' (TK

Funky With M. Disco 12-inch), Le

Your Boom Boom (Around The Room

Room)' (AVI Disco 12-inch), Willie Bobo

'Kojak Theme' (Blue

Note), Claudja Bar-

Dyna-

Sweet

mite' (Salsoul LP).

JONES (Chelmsford Dee 'That's Where The Happy People Go', Ritchie Family's 'Life is Music' (1), KC And Sunshine Band's 'Shake Your Booty', Andrea True Connection's 'More, More, More', Vickie Suc Robinson's 'Turn The Beat Around', and a snatch from Boney M's 'Daddy Cool'. What's more, it's possibly the best constructed medley yet — it's pretty darred good!

## New Spins

JOHN MILES: 'Slow Down' (Decca F 18769).
Originally a blue · eyed soulster before he made
'Music', John's now huge in US discos with this frantic
ultra · fast funky galloper — 12 · inched commercially
here.

here. GARNET MIMMS AND TRUCKIN' COMPANY: 'What It Is' (Arista 12 ARISTA 109). The Brass What It Is' (Arista 12 ARISTA 199). The Brass Construction - backed smash has been delayed so that now this commercial 12 - inch can launch it hitwards!

CHUCK BERRY: 'Sweet Little 16' / 'Guitar Boogle' (Chess 6078707). Classic

58 rockers. JESSE WINCHESTER: 'Twigs And Seeds' (Bear-sville K 15535). Great MoR drug song, a

MoR drug song, a western swinger!
SARAH VAUGHAN AND BILLY ECKSTIN E:
'Passing Strangers'
(Philips 6168018). Smoochy mixer into 'Strangers
In The Night'!
ARTHUE PRYSOCK:

In The Night'!
ARTHUR PRYSOCK:
'All My Life' (Polydor
2121323). More butch
romanticism and rattling

OHIO PLAYERS: 'O-H-I-O' (LP 'Angel' Mercury 9100037). 'Freaky sounds intro a basic chant with good bouncy beat, while 'Merry Go Round' is a good bouncy beat, 'Merry Go Round jagged fast funker.

TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS: 'Anything That's Rock 'n Roll' (Shelter WIP 6396) Spikily spitting new wave

chugger.
ZOE: 'Don't Stop Me
(Dancing)' (EMI 2627).
Just bouncy bass and
breathy chick, but sur-

prisingly funky.

ROKOTTO: 'Get Up And

Dance Now' (State STAT

51). Commercial smooth
churner with socking

churrer with socking backbeat.

CHOSEN FEW: "Thank You, Pts 1/2" (Polydor 2058872). Kind of busy vocal group shuffler with lots of lead-swapping and

harmony work.
LONNIE YOUNG
BLOOD: 'Gonna Fly
Now' (All Platinum
6146523). Purpose-built
disco version of the
'Rocky' theme, good for

Rocky' theme, good for what it is. SANGANAS FIVE: 'Mama (Batutondele)' (EMI 2830). Re-issue of the lively Afroleaper. A UGUST AND DE-NEEN: 'We Go Together' REFLECTIONS: 'Like Adam And Eve' (ABC 4181). Strong vintage northern coupling.

Adam And Eve' (ABC
4181). Strong vintage
northern coupling.
QUANTIUM JUMP: '(Oh
My Lord) Don't Look
Now' (Electric WOT 15).
Johnny Guitar Watsonish jazzy beat skipper.
COMMODORES: 'Easy'
(Motown TMG 1073).
Lugubrious slowie ma.
xied with 'Machine Gun',
'I Feel Sanctified' and 12inched for jocks.
ROSE ROYCE: 'I'm
Going Down' (MCA 301).
Lurching slow smoocher.
SHIRLEY BASSEY:
'You Take My Heart
Away' (UA UP 36290).
The lovely Nelson Pigford
and DeEtta Little soul
slowie from 'Rocky'.
ELOISE LAWS: 'Love
Goes Deeper Than That'
(Invictus INV 5247). Pure
modern jumpy disco, zero
radio appeal.

modern jumpy disco, zero radio appeal.

PICTURED: above, Andres True Connection and Trammps. Below, Boney M and Thelma Houston.

## **27 Hotline**

John Miles 'Slow
Down' (Decca) grabs
Chris Archer (March
Cromwells), Roy Asten
(Scilly), Trevor John Cromwells), Roy Asten (Scilly), Trevor John (Wolverhampton), Tom Russell (Kirkintilloch). Russell (Kirkintilloch), by America 'Slow Down' (Warners) gets Dr John (Telford Disco - Tech), Greg Davies (Stevenage Bo Jangles) and Shabby Tiger 'Slow Down', (RCA) has Martin Bullock has Martin Bullock (Douglas), Craig Dawson (Edinburgh Napier Col-lege) — ulp, and they're all different songs! Brendon 'Rock Me'

Brendon 'Rock Me'
(Magnet) is top pop addon, for Colin McLean
(Glasgow Shuffles), Steve
Lloyd (Llanelli), Rob
Lally (Glasbury), Richard Bradshawe (Ruthin 7
Club), Chris Duke (BFPO
47) . Sunfighter 'Cafe
A-Go-Go' (EMI) hits
Andy Wint (Bognor),
Johnny King (Bristol Andy Wint (Bognor),
Johnny King (Bristol
Scamps), Strathclyde
DJs (Glasgow), more
Garnet Mimms
'What It Is' (Arista) adds

Andy Reeley (Sutton Coldfield), Roger Stanton (Barry Butlins), Mike Stewart (Glasgow), Mark Ryman (Swansea Cinderelias). Touch of Class 'I'm In Heaven' has Dave Dee (Bebington Copperfields), Tommy Terrell (Yardley Wood), Phil Dodd (Horsham), Stewart Hunter (Preston Jesse Green 'Come With Me' (EMI) culls Jon Taylor, (Norvich, Corpo rellas) Touch of

Taylor (Norwich Crom-wells), Steve Tong (Cot-tingham), Les Aron (Lancing Place), Graeme Hudson (Carlisle now Stuart The Hat (Wakefield Raquels) has gone new Wave and punk
be warned! . . . Cloud

phere Strutt has Dave (Preston) (Contempo) has Dave Simmons (Preston), Dwight Wizard (Southend Zhivagos), Alan Farmer (Penicuik) T-Con-Zhivagos), Alan Farmer (Penicuik) ... T-Connection 'Do What You Wanna Do' (US TK Disco) adds Richard Cooper (Lydney Peacock), Arthur Dyke (Exeter) ... Jacksons Show You The Way To Go' (Epic) gets Roy Hughes (Leeds Pentagon), Ray Robinson (Leicester Tiffanys), more ... Slave You And Me' (Cotillion LP) adds Terry Emm (Dunstable), Dave Royal (Southgate Royalty) ... Eddie Royalty) ... Eddie Royalty his Could Be A

Royalty) . . . Equi-Royalty) ... Eddle
Holman 'This Could Be A
Night To Remember'
(Salsoul) aptly adds
Steve 'Gonna whup yo
ass' Day (Edmonton
Globe) .. Ronnle Jones
'Soul Sister' (Mercury)
tops for Capuchino
(Bromley), Johnny Diamond (Hove Clifton ville)
Peoples Choice 'If
You're Gonna Do If
(Philly) adds Stuart
Swann (Nantwich Cheshire Cat), Jeff Thomas
(Swansea Penthouse)
... Kalyan 'Nice And
Slow' (MCALP) has Mike
Clark (Copford WindMILL Etcherd Win WindMILL Etcherd WindMILL Etcherd WindMILL Etcherd Wind-

Slow' (MCA LP) has Mike Clark (Copford Wind-mill), Richard Purcell (Chertsey Lock) Earl And The Steam Team 'Engine Of Love' (MCA) chuffs Jay Jay Sawers (Ayr Plough), Rod Schell (Carlisle Flopps), Dave Harding (Sunderland Genevieves)

Duane Clark 'Gettin'
It' (Spark) gets Morris
Jenkins (Stafford Top Of
The World), Sonny King
(Runcorn Neptune)
Hunter 'Rock On' (Penny
Farthing) pulls Pat
Sullivan (Carshalton)
Skeets Boliver
Streethouse Door' (Thunderbird) still tops for
Brian Massie (Dundee)
— attention, it's Filthy!
Tom Amigo (Barry)
counters with Simon May
'We'll Gather Lilacs'
(Pye)!
... Mac Kissoon
'Stone Walls' (State)
keeps Martin Corby
(Keighley Nikkers)
Soul Iberica Band 'Funky
Flamenco' (Spanish
Arlola) nabs Norman
Davies (Dublin Phoenix)
and La Belle Epoque
Black is Black' (Italian
EMI) adds Ian Meldrum
(Murrayfield Ice Rink)

## MIX MASTER

DAVE SILVER of both gests a Stevie Wonder segue -Wonder segue 'cos, as he says, he's still quite popular! His subtle mix goes: 'Living For The City', fading finally in the start of My Li 'Superstition' so town).

run together Hull Tiffanys sug- until the first guitar Then, sin.
'Higher larly into 'Higher Ground', then 'Sir Duke', 'I Was Made To Love Her', 'Isn't She Lovely' and finally 'For Once In My Life' (all Mo-

## Top Ten

CAPITAL RADIO'S Greg Edwards and Mike Alian start the Jubilee holiday with another 'Best Disco In Town' on Friday (3) at London's

Lyceum Larry Foster's Mad Hatter disco has a 'Jubilee Knees Up' at Wanstead Youth Club on Sunday and Tuesday (5/7), while Dave Silver awards 'silver-nirs' for silly

patriotic games at Hull Tiffanys on Mon / Tuesday (6/7) — the latter night for charity — and David Anthony looks for a 'Princess of

Disco Dates

STEVIE QUINN is resident jock at Disco Stamp in Mallorca's Puerto Alcudia down sunny Spain way—making it a must for funky holidays! He says the locals are pretty hip but he's playing mainly to British people anyway, creating the holiday hits that they then go home to buy.

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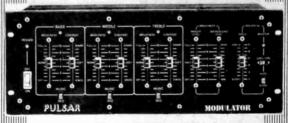
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you at the outset. I don't like jazz. Neither do commercialised jazz. So George Bensen's music didn't make a big impression on me So I was probably the wrong person to go along to interview him in claustrophobic hotel room on a hot, sunny



but puts it down to the fact and discovered Charlie she finally found the right Parker. Now he's sorry mombination of musicians to the record with.

"I had musicians with benefit of the greatest ability but not the right jazz artists most of whom ingredients," he said, snuffed it years ago.

with one eye on the TV.

"The music is now simple a lack of enthusiasm from and easy to understand."

But you get the feeling that this concession to go down, although there depopele's ability to under stand the music is a musicians. The system reluctant one. George demands people be like Auwanted to be a singer this. People play music to wuntil he was 19 years old

jam anymore. We're no longer dope addicts, the rents are HIGH. Uncle Sam is a partner. Once you fall behind, they kick you out. In New York they have no heart. You know the sentiment, there's no sentiment in business — that's dollars before fless.

business — that's dollars before flesh.
"I moved out of New York just in time. If I'd had 'Breezin' out before I'd moved out of New York . . well, I avoided the state tax and the city tax. Uncle Sam just wipes von out.

But he did move and he But he did move, and he doesn't have to cough up as much money as he would have done. And people stop him in the street and give him little gifts - like a caseful of Dom Perignon champagne. George cares obest his tops as much as short his tops as much as about his fans as much as about his fans as much as they apparently do about him. That's why he decided to avoid being branded as a commercial artist and only put six long tracks on 'in Flight'. "People who have patronised me for years don't like short cuts," he

don't like short cuts," he sald. "They like the long cuts. And really I'd rather sell one million albums than four million singles. Even when I stop making records, they'll be playing my albums when my kids are my age."

This is the kind of self confidence (arrogance?) you need if you're gonna make it. "I always thought I could pack those halls," he said. "Every day of my life for 15 years checking out their vibes. And they told me what I was doing wrong "

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