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3	2	FLOAT ON, Floaters	ABC
4	12	OXYGENE, Jean Michel Jarre	Polydor
5	14	DOWN DEEP INSIDE, Donna Summer	GTO
6	3	ANGELO, Brotherhood of Man	Pye
7	6	NIGHTS ON BROADWAY, Candi Staton	Warner Bros
- 8	10	SILVER LADY, David Soul	Private Stock
9	8	THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR, Deniece Williams	CBS
10	9	NOBODY DOES IT BETTER, Carly Simon	Elektra
11	24	DO ANYTHING YOU WANNA DO, Rods	Island
12	4	YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES, Showaddywaddy	Arista
13	7	THE CRUNCH, Rah Band	RCA
14	15	DANCIN' IN THE MOONLIGHT, Thin Lizzy	Vertigo
15	13	TULANE, Steve Gibbons Band	Polydor
16	26	TELEPHONE MAN, Meri Wilson	Pye
17	28	LOOKING AFTER NUMBER ONE, Boomtown Rats	Ensign
18	16	WE'RE ALL ALONE, Rita Coolidge	AS M
19	27	GARY GILMORE'S EYES, The Adverts	Anchor
20	21	SPANISH STROLL, Mink Deville	Capitol
21	25	SUNSHINE AFTER THE RAIN, Elkie Brooks	AS M
22	23	THINK I'M GONNA FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU, Dooleys	GTO
23	29	I CAN'T GET YOU OUTA MY MIND, Yvonne Elliman	RSO
24	19	MA BAKER, Boney M	Attantic
25	30	DREAMER, Jacksons	Epic
26	11	I FEEL LOVE, Donna Summer	GTO
27	_	BEST OF MY LOVE, Emotions	CBS
28	17	SOMETHING BETTER CHANGE/STRAIGHTEN OUT, Stran	glers UA
29	37	GIMME DAT BANANA, Black Gorilla	Response
30	_	BLACK IS BLACK, La Belle Epoque	Harvest
31	_	ANOTHER STAR, Slevie Wonder	Motown
32	22	ROADRUNNER, Jonathan Richman	Beserkeley
33	36	PIPELINE, Bruce Johnston	CBS
34	38	LET'S CLEAN UP THE GHETTO, Philadelphia Int All Stars	Phil Int.
35	34	DOWN THE HALL, Four Seasons	Warner Bros
36	18	ALL AROUND THE WORLD, Jam	Polydor
37		BLACK BETTY, Ram Jam	Epic
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46 43 CRYING IN THE CHAPEL, Elvis Presley

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50 42 AMERICAN GIRL, Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers

45 41 ALL SHOOK UP. Elvis Presley

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3	HIGHER AND HIGHER, Rita Coolidge	M SA
2	I JUST WANT TO BE YOUR EVERYTHING, Andy GIbb	RSO
5	HANDY MAN, James Taylor	Columbia
6	FLOAT ON, Floaters	ABC
8	DON'T STOP, Fleetwood Mac	Warner Bros
4	EASY, Commodores	Motown
9	STRAWBERRY LETTER 23, Brothers Johnson	A& M
10	TELEPHONE LINE, Electric Light Orchestra	United Artists / Jet
12	SMOKE FROM A DISTANT FIRE, Sanford-Townsend	Warner Bros
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THE GREATEST LOVE OF ALL. George Benson
DAYTIME FRIENDS, Kenny Rogers
WHATCHA GONNA DO? Pablo Cruise

CAT SCRATCH FEVER, Ted Nugent
YOU MADE ME BELIEVE IN MAGIC, Bay City Rollers
I BELIEVE YOU, Dorothy Moore
JUST REMEMBER I LOVE YOU, Firefall

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THEME FROM "STAR WARS", Meco
I FEEL LOVE, Donna Summer
JE TAIME, Saint - Tropez
COCOMOTION, El Coco
CHOSING YOU, Lenny Williams
EROTIC SOUL, Larry Page Orchestra
MAGIC FLY (Journey Into Love), Rebekelektrik
CARRY ON, TURN ME ON, Space
COSMIC WIND, Mike Theodore Orchestra
IT'S ECSTASY, Barry White
MUSIC, Montreel Sound
HEY YOU SHOULD BE DANCING, Gene Farrow
DOWN DOWN DOWN Sylvester
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**UK Soul Top 20** 

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3 LET'S CLEAN UP THIS GHETTO, Philadelphia All Stars
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STRAWBERRY LETTER 23, Brothers Johnson
KEEPIT COMIN' LOVE K. C. and The Sunshine Band
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BEST OF MY LOVE. Emotions
WE NEVER DANCED TO A LOVE SONG, Manhattans
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GOODNIGHT MY LOVE (Pleasant Dreams), Tavaras



BOOMTOWN RATS' Bob Geldon IN MY LIFE STRAY CAT BLUES

NO WOMAN NO CRY (Ilve version)
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Star Breakers

DAYTIME FRIENDS, Kenny Rogers
WOODEN HEART, Elvis Presley
ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT, Elvis Presley
I NEED YOU, Joe Dollan
THE WONDER OF YOU, Elvis Presley
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5	5	MOODY BLUE, Elvis Presley	RCA
6	6	COMMODORES	Motown
7	7	REJOICE, Emotions	Columbia
8	10	SHAUN CASSIDY	Warner / Curb
9	8	I'M IN YOU, Peter Frampton	A S. M
10	11	FOREIGNER	Atlantic
11	13	GOING FOR THE ONE, Yes	Attentio
12	14	FLOATERS	ABC
13	16	ANYTIME ANYWHERE, Rita Coolidge	A& M
14	15	RIGHT ON TIME, Brothers Johnson	A& M
15	12	SUPERMAN, Barbra Streisand	Columbia
16	9 .	BOOK OF DREAMS, Steve Miller Band	Capito
17	18	HERE AT LAST LIVE, Bee Gees	RSO
18	22	I ROBOT, Alan Parson's Project	Arista
19	17	LITTLE QUEEN, Heart	Portral
20	20	EXODUS, Bob Marley & The Wallers	Island
21	25	SIMPLE THINGS, Carole King	Capito
22	19	LIVE, Barry Maniton	Arista
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28		STAR WARS & OTHER GALACTIC FUNK, Meco	Milennium
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34	40	LUNA SEA, Firefail	Atlantic
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36	36	MAKING A GOOD THING BETTER, Olivia Newton-John	
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TOO HOT TO HANDLE, Heatwave 29 EVEN IN THE QUIETEST MOMENTS. Sup

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CHANGES IN LATITUDES, Jimmy Buffett

48 SILK DEGREES, Boz Scaggs
ONE OF THE BOYS, Roger Daltrey
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## Abba girls in seduction scene

STOP THOSE CAMERAS! SEND FOR THE FILM CENSOR! THE SWEDES ARE AT IT AGAIN! Not content with flooding our very wonderful British cinemas with miles and miles of soft porn films the Swedes are about to launch a film about Abba.

Come with me now to a cutting rooms somewhere deep in the forests of Scandinavia where director, husky handsome Lasse Hallstrom, is sifting through thousands of metres of footage... It has everything of footage . . It has everything from picnics in beautiful outdoor settings to hard -nosed poker games in smoke filled dressing rooms in Australia.

Australia.

The movie tells the tale of Australian DJ Robert Hughes' Struggle for an exclusive interview with Abba. Not easily discouraged, the persevering Robert dreams of reaching his goal — which is where the picnic scene comes in. Agnetha and Anni - Frid tempt him with wine and berries. and berries.

In another dream Robert is the only reporter who succeeds in getting aboard Abba's yacht. In the end, my sweets, Robert - lucky sod - is seduced by the two ladies. Great entertainment for all the family! family!

family!

Also included are scenes from Abba's tour of Australia, both concert appearances and backstage scenes. The film will have its Scandinavian and Australian premieres at Christmas and will make this country early in the new year. Four songs from the band's new album will feature in the film. The Album should be out before Christmas and you can expect a single release from it any day.

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Now to keep you up to date on the reproduction stakes: Agnetha of Abba expects her second happy event in November, Marsha, wife of Neil Diamond, and Harriet, Bruce Johnston's wife are both expecting, while Carmella Scaggs, Boz's old lady, gave birth recently to a son.

Onto of the week from a lawer.

Quote of the week from a lawyer involved in the Rod and Britt split: "Rod didn't seem to be able to stomach the idea of signing away money to Britt."

And some good news on the return of a prodigal son: Michel Schenker, German guitarist with UFO, who disappeared in June in mysterious disappeared in June in mysterious circumstances, was located in Munich last week when a traffic cop-stopped him for speeding on his motorbike and recognised him as a listed missing person. It appears young Schenker was suffering from neryous exhausting and designed. Schenker was suffering from us exhaustion and decided to

opt out for a while. All's well now though, as he joins UFO for the remainder of their American dates this month.

Meanwhile my young friends 999 ran into problems at the Lafayette Club in Wolverhampton over the weekend when they were forced offstage after trouble among the audience. According to bassist John Watson: "There was fighting in the audience even before the band went on stage. There were no bouncers around and a couple of people started throwing punches at singer Nick Cash. Eventually the stage was invaded and somebody started swinging a mike stand at Nick, smashing the bass drum in the process."

■ Fun and games were to be had around the swimming pool at the Chelsea Hotel where a party was thrown for the Dooble Brothers. the Dooble Brothers. Guests included Frankie Miller, Elton John, Susan Hampshire, Nicky Henson, Thin Lizzy and Clover I tell you, darlings, I only narrowly escaped taking the plunge myself.

So the Elvis roadshow rolls on.
Roger Scott of Capital Radio tells me he will be working his way through every single Presley ever released in chronological order, one a day, both sides. It should take about four months to play them all. Still with Capital. I hear Nicky Horne's wife has given birth to a 5ib loz daughter to be called Olinkha and cop this, sweetles. DJ Mike Allen promised a dedication for anyone cuddling in cars between 11 pm and 2 am and was deluged with hundreds and hundreds of requests from canoodling couples. canoodling couples.

canoodling couples.

More excellent news: after four sell out performances in July and due to overwhelming public demand Alberto y Lost Trios Paranoiss, the rock scene's most unpredictable and outrageous satirists, will be returning to London's Royal Court Theatre with their musical 'Sleak' from next Monday for three weeks, nightly at 8.30 pm. 'Sleak', written by cuddly CP Lee, introduces the cult of snuff rock. Don't miss it.

Names more names the Little River Band, Motorhead's Lemmy and Edward Heath(') are among those who have seen XTC in the past seven days. No, grocer Heath didn't go to the Nashville, Hope and Anchor or the Red Cow. He was in an adjoining studio at EMI's Abbey Road, making a Christmas record. He called on XTC More excellent news after four

WINGS MAY have lost Jimmy McCulloch but with new recruits that look like this, who cares

while they were mixing their 12in Virgin EP due for release on September 30. The former Prime Minister even admitted to XTC that he had listened to the Sex Pistols' 'God Save The Queen' 'You can't hear the words,' he complained. 'Yet part of the justification of punk is the words.' Right on, Ted. Talking of the Sex Pistols, Paul Cook tells me their new album will have different titles for Woelles and WH Smiths. Over a drink in Plymouth Steve Jones added: 'It's being mixed now and should be out by the end of the month. There'll be 10 tracks on it.' And cult hero Johnny Rotten commented: 'I've by the end of the month. There il be to tracks on it." And cult hero Johnny Rotten commented: "I've seen the cover but I'm not going to tell RECORD MIRROR anything about it. We like to keep some suspense about the LP." And about the planned film, J Arthur Rotten quipped: "We don't believe in scripts."

Scripts."
Distressing news from my old friend Manfred Mann. His much treasured Morris Minor 1000 Traveller, registration number JWV

858F, was nicked fromthe Old Kent Road area last weekend. It's pale green with brown woodwork. Manfred's offering a £30 reward to anyone who can locate the missing limo. Info to Simon Porter on 01-287 4499 please. And Heatwave tell me they had their PA, keyboards and stage clothes stolen. If you can help write to 17 Barlow Place, Bruton-Street, London, W1.

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Over on the other side, a campaign to clean up America's big city ghettos has been launched by Philadelphia International. Net profits from their album 'Let's Clean Up The Ghetto' will go towards community development. The disc which includes tracks by Lou Rawls, The O'Jays, the Three Degrees and Billy Paul is also available over here More hot news on page 30.

Stand by for a shock inflation days in the album business. 'Consequences', a triple - album set from Loi Creme and Kevin Godley, will retail for a mere fill. It's only rock 'n' roll . See y'all. Byeeeeeeeeee.

#### FREEBIE OF THE WEEK NO 8

WINNERS OF the Thin Lizzy T - shirts (Freebie Of The Week No 6): P. McDermott, Bear Park, Durham; Lorraine Turner, Rayleigh, Essex; G. Timms, Darlington; Jill Smith, West Derby, Liverpool. The goodles are on

This week we're giving away a Little Feat T - shirt and a Doobies Brothers T - shirt. All you have to do is give us the full line - up of each band. First out of the hat wins all. Entries to Freebies (8) Record Mirror, 40 Long Acre, London WC2.

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## Donna to play Britain

DONNA SUMMER'S follow up single to 'I Feel Love will be an efficient version of 'I Remember Yesterday' Utle track of her latest album. Both this and 'I Fee have now gone gold and are GTO's first British

Love have now gone gone and are 0.10 s nest pritten gold records.

Dunna visits this country in October and is set to play Manchester — probably the Apollo — on October 22 and a major London venue on October 23 and 24.

Further details should be available next week.

#### Police chief removed after Wright complaint

THE POLICE chief in Lindos
on the Greek island of
Rhodes, has been removed
from office pending the
outcome of complaints by
Pink Floyd's Rick Wright.
Wright, his wife Juliet and
their children's tutor,
Michael Smith, have brought
charges of 'llegal detention and 'causing bodily
injuries' against the 24
rear -old policemen, loannis
Demetriades.

#### Four for Royce

ROSE ROYCE are to play four Brillish dates: Manches-ter Apollo September 30, Odeon Birmingham October 1, Liverpool Empire 2, London Rainbow 3. Ticket prices: £2.50, £2 and £1.50, except for the Rainbow which are at £3, £2.25 and £1.56.

#### Lone Star tour confirmed

LONE STAR'S tour details have now been confirmed: Cardiff Capitol October 2, Bristol Colston Hall 3, Newcastle City Hall 4, Liverpool Empire 5, Cambridge Corn Exchange 7, Elrmingham Hippodrome 8, Manchester Free Trade Hall 16, Sheffield City Hall 11, London Rainbow 12. Tickets are available from the respective theaire offices. Prices for the Rainbow are 12, 11, 50, and 11, 25. Elsewhere they cost 61, 73, 61, 49 and 11, 10.

#### Enz album

AUSTRALIAN BAND Split Ent release an album Dirrythmia' on September 30. Produced by Jeff Emerick of Wings fame, the album features some Phil Judd material—who retired from Hew work with the band to concentrate on writing.

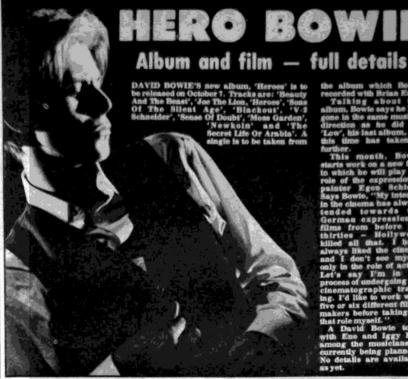
to concentrate on writing. The band are currently touring Australia and New Zeelsand and release a single My Mistake' blw 'Crosswords' here on September 23. The first 10,000 will be 12in discs and will include the bonus track' Woman Who Loves You (The Spoon Song)', one of the band's best loved stage numbers. They are planning a UK tour for late October.

#### Spedding around the country

CHRIS SPEDDING starts a major Brilish tour on September 10, which colicides with the release of his album 'Hurt' a week earlier. Line - up of his hand is: Spedding, guitar and vocals, Steve Curry bass, Mick Oliver rhythm guitar and Dave Lutton drums.

Dates: West Runton Pavillion September 30, Bath Pavillion October 1, Notingham University 4, Durham University 5, Briddington Spa

ham University 4, Durham University 5, Briddington Spa Royal Hall 7, York University 12, Coventry Locarno 13, Cambridge Corn Exchange 14, Southend Kursaal 15, Sheffield Poly 20, Newcastle Mayfair 21, Glasgow Strathelyde University 22, St Andrew's University 23, Hull Ifflany's 24, Brighton Sussex University 26, Oxford Poly



BOWIE: impressionist painter

27. Liverpool Poly 28. Co Loughborough University 29. 10. Hemei Hempstead Pavillon 30. Cardiff Top Rank November 1, Keele University 2. London Lyceum 4. Croydon Greybound 6. A support band is yet to be announced. Price for London Lyceum is 62.

#### Polydor sign Jolt

THE JOLT, a three - piece Scotlish outfit, have signed to Polydor. The band-Robert Collins, Jim Doak and Iain Shedden have been together only air months and began to attract record company attention when they supported the Jam on a scries of Scotlish dates earlier this year. Their first single 'All i Can Do' is released on September 30.

Jolt London dates: Red

Cow September 9, Nashville 10, Southside Club 12, Vortex 13, Rock Garden 19.

#### Cooder tour off

RY COODER has cancelled his British tour. RM understands the cancellation follows a disagreement with his band. Basically, they wanted more money which wasn't forthcoming. The band, which Cooder took two years to get together, are understood to "have gone off on their own". If you bought tickets refunds are available at point of purchase.

#### **Ecstatic Barry**

BARRY WHITE'S next album 'Barry White Sings For Someone You Love' is set for release in late October. A single, 'It's Ecstasy When You Lay Down' is released on Friday.

#### Caravan rolling again

CARAVAN, whose latest album is the Tony Visconit produced 'Better By Far', sick off a headilining Brillish tour at Relatol Colston Hall on September 19. Special guests will be Nova — whose latest album is called 'Wings' of Love'.

There's a special incentive for the bour — tickets are at it for all venues except towards both bands' albums.

Venues: Bristol Colston Hall September 19, Braingham Odeon 29, Leicester Le Montfort 22, New exister 121, June 122, New Leicester 123, September 13, Braingham Colston 123, September 14, Braingham Colston 124, New Assaches 124, New September 13, Braingham Colston 124, New Leicester Colston 125, New

## Gary single

COINCIDING WITH the announcement of an autumn Gary Gitter tour is a new single Oh What A Fool I've Been, set for release on Friday It's taken from the album Silver Star which hits the shops on September to

An early Glitter single was recently released by his old record company, GTO. Gary commented: "I was a bit disappointed when one of my earliest when one of my earliest recordings came out on another label. I feel this is cheating my fans. The track was made for my very first LP. I suppose it was quite nice as an album track, but we wouldn't have considered it for a single even then, let alone now nearly five years later. I hope people realise all my new recordings are on arista."

### TOURS...TOURS

album, Bowie says he has gone in the same musical direction as he did for 'Low', his last album, but this time has taken it

rts work on a new film which he will play the

Brecknock, 27, Liverpool Polystechnic (supporting Darts); 30.

BUSTER CRABBE: Following London dates: Hope And Anchor, September 8, 22, 29, Dingwalls, 28, Rock Garden, 27, Chelsea College, 28, Nashville, October 4, 11, High Wycombe Nag's Head, September 23

THE CHIEFTAINS: Embark on a 20-date British tour in November It's the climax to a seven-country tour and includes two appearances at the Rainbow Dates are: Norwich Theatre Royal, November 6, Portsmouth Guildhall, 7, Croydon Fairfield Hall, 8, Swansea Brangwyn Hall, 9, Bristol Colston Hall, 19, Aberystwyth University, 11, Liverpool Empire, 12, Manchester Free Trade Hall, 14, Coventry Theatre, 15, Leeds Town Hall, 16, London-Rainbow, 17 and 18, Oxford New Theatre, 20, Leicester De Montfort Hall, 21, Sedfield City Hall, 22, Newcastle City Hall, 23, Edinburgh Usher Hall, 24, Aberdeen Music Hall, 25, Glasgow Apollo, 28, Birmingham Hippodrome, 27

THE MÖVIES: Following London dates: Music Machine, September 10, Nashville, 22 and 27, Newcastle Polystechnic, 23

Technology, 17.

THE LURKERS: Accrington Lakeland Lounge, September
18. Wigan Casino, 29. Cambridge Blimps, October 4.

Birmingham Rebeccas, 10. Barrow Maximes, 23. Paisley
Silver Thread, 25. Bradford University, 26.

BETHNAL: Wolverhampton Lafayette, September 7.

Bradford Princeville Club, 3. Dudley JBs, 10. Plymouth
Woods, 13. Petersfield Mercury, 14.

## DANNY MIRROR

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JOAN ARMATRADING starts a major British concept tour in October and releases the follow up to ber Joan Armatrading album on Friday.

This new album is called. Show Some Emotion. It was produced by Glyn Johns and contains 10 original Armatrading compositions. It will have simultaneous world wide release. Tracks are: Woncha Come On Home: Show Some Emotion: Warm Love: Peace In Mind: Never is Too Late: Opportunity: Marma Mercy: Get Up: Willow and Klasin: And A Hoggin.

Mercy Get Up Willow and Kissin And A Huggin A single from the album. Willow is released on September 23.

Joan is currently in Los Angeles rehearsing a new band. She returns for her 17 date British tour, which starts at Dublin Stadium on October 12. It continues at Ipswich Gaumont October 14. Wolverhampton Civic 15. Bournemonth Winter Gardens 17. Coventry Theatre 18. Brighton Dome 20. Bristol Coliston Hall 21. Oxford New Theatre 22. Manchester Belle Vue 23. Preston Gulddhall 25. Edinburgh Usher Hall 27. Glasgow Apollo 28. Newcastle City Hall 29. Liverpool Empire 30. Leicester. De Montfort 31. London Hammersmith Odeon November 3 and 4. Tickets are now on sale and cost from £1 to £3 in the provinces and from £1 to £3. So in London.

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THE JAM'S new allums is due to be released in this country in November. Two London dates - Nashville September 10 and 100 Club September 11 - are to be recorded live for possible inclusion on the album. Following these two appearances the hand will tour Seandinavia, Germany, Belgium, Holland and France.

The Jam will be the first attraction at the 1500 - capacity Roxy Theatre at Harlesden, London, which holds its first Saturday morning gig Tor kids on September 17.

Arranged by Superfly Productions, the glg also features cock Sparrer and Rouge. Admission will be \$1.

## November Gigantic Stranglers tour and single



THE STRANGLERS, whose album Rattus Norvegicus is still in the album charts after 18 weeks, undertake a major autumn tour. Supporting them will be nine other bands, including the Dictators on 12 dates, To coincide with the tour the

bands, including the bands, include with the tour the Stranglers release a new single 'No More Heroes', the title track from their forthcoming album, on September 16.

Dates are: Cambridge Corn Exchange (with Only Ones) September 23, Bracknell Sports Centre (with Only Ones) 24, Canterbury Odeon (with Only Ones) 27, Brunel Sports Centre (with Wire) 39, Southend Kursaal (with Johnny Curlous) October 1, Dunstable Queensway (with Johnny Curlous) October 1, Dunstable Queensway (with Steel Pulse) 3, Coventry Locarmo (with Steel Pulse) 4, Carmarthan St Peters Hall (with Krypton Tunes) 5, Maivern Winter Gardens (with Drones) 6, Bangor University (with Drones) 8, Plymouth Flesta (with pop group) 9, Exeter University (with Pones) 8, Plymouth Flesta (with pop group) 10, Newcastle City Hall (with Penetration) 12, Manchester The

Elizabethan (with Drones) 13, and 14, Leeds Queens Hail (with Drones) 15, Glasgow Apollo (with Berillos) 18, Carlisle The Market (with Rezillos) 17, Shoffleid Top Rank (with Drones) 18, Birmingham Mayfair Suite (with Steel Pulse) 20, Hanley Victoria Hail (with Steel Pulse) 21, Cardiff Top Rank (with Dictators) 23, Swanses Top Rank (with Dictators) 24, Brighton Top Rank (with Dictators) 24, Bournemouth Village Bowl (with Dictators) 25, Surrey University (with Bowl (with Dictators) 27, Surrey University (with Dictators) 28, Hastings Pier Pavilion (with Dictators) 29, Reading Top Rank (with Dictators) 30, Southampton Top Rank (with Dictators) 31, London Roundhouse (with Dictators) November 3, 4, 5 and 6, Belfast Usher Hall (with Radio Stars) 8, Coleraine University of Ulster (with Radio Stars) 9, Galway Radio Stars) 9, Galway University of Ulster (with Radio Stars) 9, Galway Leisure Lands (with Radio Stars) 11, Dublin The Stadium (with Radio Stars) 12, Cork City Hall (with Radio Stars) 13. Tickets at most of the gigs are £1.80 in advance or £1.80 on the door. Tickets at Leicester, Glasgow and Newcastle are £1.25, and £1.75 while tickets at the Roundhouse are £2.

## Punk fest at Chelmsford

CHELMSFORD IN Essex is the venue for this summer's major punk -new wave festival. Appearing at the City new wave festival appearing at the City Pootball Stadium on Saturday, September 17, will be the Rods, the Lew Lewis Band, Chelsea, Siaughter and The Dogs, aswad, Fruit Eating Bears and Solid Waste.

DJ will be John Peel and the PA will be Pink Floyd's.

Floyd's.
Music will play from 12
noon untill 9 pm, doors
opening at 10 am.
Tickets are £3 in
advance from Harlequin
Record Stores, Parrot
Records, Downtown
Records, Ecstacy, Robin's Records, and Andy's

Records or from London Theatre Bookings. Ad-mission on the door will cost £3.50. Postal applications —

Postal applications -SAE and postal orders, no SAE and postal orders, no cheques — should be sent to Festival Office, Chelmsford City Football Stadium, New Writtle Street, Chelmsford, Essex, before next Tuesday

#### Wishbone tour and LP

WISHBONE ASH are to appear in concert at London's Empire Pool on October 31. This will be appear in concert at London's Empire Pool on October 31. This will be the last appearance Wishbone will make in Britain for at least 18 months.

months.
Immediately after Wembley, the band leave for America to start a long tour that will take them through to Issue through to January. Wishbone have spent the tour.

Ticket prices for Wembley are £3.50 and £2.75. Postal applications are being accepted now. The remaining 10 dates are scaled at £2.80,£2.40, and £1.75. Tickets can be Tickets can be d through box f1.75. Tickets ca obtained through

offices and usual agents.
Tour ltinerary: Newcastle City Hall, October
16. Glasgow Apollo 17,
Sheffield City Hall 18,
Birmingham Odeon 20,
Liverpool Empire 21,
Manchester Belle Vue 22,
Leicester De Montfort 24,
Coventry Theatre 25,
Cardiff Capitol 26, Southampion Gaumont 27,
Empire Pool, Wembley
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## Free Crickets for Holly week

BUDDY HOLLY week is here again. The decision to make the week an annual event follows the phenomenal success of phenomenal success of the first one last year.

This year Holly's original group the Crick-ets will take part in the celebrations and will be Holly's

doing a private free concert for Holly's British concert for Holly's British fans at the Gaumont State Theatre in Kilburn on September 14. Supporting will be Mike Berry and the Outlaws. The Gau-mont has a capacity of 1300 and tickets are available only from the

MCA have released a Buddy Holly and the Crickets maxi single to coincide with the week featuring 'Maybe Baby', 'Think II Over', 'That'll Be The Day' and 'It's So

## Two bands Step Forward

STEP FORWARD have signed two new bands, and each releases a single this

week.
Sham 69 - Jimmy Pursey, Albie Silder, Dave Parsons and Mark Caine - come from Surrey. They release a maxi - single, featuring three original band compositions, 'I Don't Wanna', 'Ulster' and 'Red London', produced by John Cale. A total of 12,000 12in, copies will be available.

Sham's dates: Brighton Buccaneer September 9, London Vertex 13, Swindon Affair 26, London Roxy 30, London 100 Club October 4, Plymouth Top Rank 7.

Menace release 'Insane Society' b/w 'Screwed Up' again produced by John Cale.

## Jimmy quits Wings

JIMMY McCULLOCH has split from Wings and joined the Small Faces. The surprise announcement came from Wings' office last Thursday. McCulioch had played lead guitar with Paul McCartney's hand for the last four years.

McCartney's band for the bast four years. Said McCartney: "Jim-my's been playing great gutar recently and it's a pily he's leaving. But problems have been building up for son?" time now. We're happy to

Jimmy commented: "I enjoyed playing with Wings and learned a lot. But I feel it's time for a change. The Small Faces are all old friends of mine."

mine."
The news came out of the blue, even to publicist Tony Brainsby who handles both the Small Faces and Wings.
But perhaps Jimmy McCulloch had not been we have a purity with the Wings set up for some time. In

April he told RM: "It's very much Paul McCartney's Wings. He's got a definite policy and is very much in control... Paul knows what he wants. Ninety nine per cent of the time he's great... in my spare time I like doing my own thing — blowing. my spare time I like doing my own thing - blowing. I've always been in blowing bands before and Wings lisn't one. Wings are very together, but we've also got time and room to do our own things."

#### NEW HEART, recent signing to CBS, play four London dates, as follows: Roxy Covent Garden September 10, 100 Club 11, Vortex 12, Dingwalls 20. **NEWS** IN Kingfish are to play support on all 42 dates of Rainbow's upcoming European tour. BRIEF

Yes have added another night at Bing-ley, November 4, to their The News, a four -piece London band have tour. Tickets are on sale signed to GTO Records.

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Johnny DuCann, recent signing to Arista
and former member of
Atomic Rooster is to
play a major 'autumn
tour support spot'.
meanwhile he plays
Fulham's Golden Lion
on Santamber 8. on September 8.

Alan Bilyard, 38, has been appointed head of

BBC Records, taking up his new post immediately New

New single from Noosha Fox is a Kenny Young song, 'Georgina Bailey' set for Septem-ber 16 release.

ber 16 release.

Two young punk rock bands, Rlot Squad and Tube Way Army, are the latest signings for London's new Roxy Saturday Morning Theatre Club on September 10. Fiver and Little Bo Bitch appear at the venue on September 14, and promoter Terry Collins is currently finalising details of a series of weekend series of weekend concerts featuring top rock stars of the sixties

Fairport Convention, currently filming a

comedy — 'In One End And Out The Other' — with shooting taking place in a brewery — play Croydon Fairfield Halls October 30, Basildon Town Gate Theatre November 11 and Uxbridge Brunel University 12.

Bunny Waller's new single 'Get Up, Stand Up' is released on September 9. A limited cedition of 5,000 12-inch copies will be available. The song, written by Bob Marley and Peter Tosh, originally appeared on the Wallers' 'Burnin' album.

Racing Cars add two-dates to their tour: Nottingham Albert Hall October 3 and Corby Festival Hall October 12



Giorgio Moroder, pro-ducer of Donna Sum-mer's 'I Feel Love' releases his own album

of synthesised music

'From Here To Eternity' on September 16 The title track has been

released as a single this

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BOOMTOWN RATS: the start of something big

Rosalind Russell talks to the Boomtown Rats' Bob Geldof who says the band are ...

# Spreading like the plague

"IF I was to meet Joe Strummer and he went on to me about white riot I think I'd puke in his face.

Boomtown Rats' singer Bob Geldof has a way of putting things that leaves you in no doubt how he feels.

"We don't do any huge political / social message. Other bands try to put across this trite political thing but when you consider the money they're making they can't possibly be living it. How can you live a contradiction like that? I don't think people believe in it that much, but such hypocracy should be thrown out the window.

"The Stranglers are calling their

"The Stranglers are calling their new album 'No More Heroes' and that's just not true. I don't believe The Stranglers and Johnny Rotten when they say they don't want to be heroes. If they really believe that they should

stop playing music right now.

"I was reading the Bryan Ferry interview in RECORD MIRROR last interview in RECORD MIRROR last week where he's going on about Los Angeles and how there's nothing happening in Britain. Well, LA is the place he should stay if that's what he thinks. I nearly puked. I never regretted coming over here. The only reason we started in Ireland, at the same time as the Pistols, although we didn't know it, was because there were no more rock and roll dreams, rock and roll fantasies, and we need them.

"I remember going to school dances and watching the band. The guitarist up there might be a bank clerk during the day, but for two hours in the evening he was a star and that's what I wanted to do "

The Rats' determination brought The Rats' determination brought them through a great deal of opposition in their home country. The promoters in Ireland weren't keen to book an act that wasn't country and western or showband. That may even be an understatement. There has even been mention of an Irish Mafia. The minder . boggles. Sorry to be so cliched, but how else can you describe such an organisation? The Hals' persistence got them on the Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers'

tour, where their unorthodox advertising campaigns did not make them the darlings of the headlining act. In fact, they were probably unpopular with everyone except the fans. But though their reception was good even then, it didn't prepare them for the hysteria they're meeting now. With their single 'Looking After No 1' in the charts, the fans who were only moderately enthusiastic before have accepted the power of TV and radio as the credibility seal of the Rats.

#### Hysterical

"The power of Top Of The Pops is ludicrous," says Bob. "The gig at Cardiff was hysterical, but it feels very strange. It's as if the audience has been primed to act in a certain way, but I enjoy it." Apart from the personal enjoyment

the band gets from their own concerts, Geldof hopes that they'll be able to influence fans to get up and do things for themselves.

I'll be happy, if because of us, a "I'll be happy, if because of us, a bunch of kids go out and buy guitars and play, even if the guitars are crappy and their playing is hopeless. That's not the point. It means they are SOMEBODY. There's nothing worse than being one of the herd, one of the common lot. That's despicable. You should seek to stand out and be noticed. I can't stand being a nonentity. "Did you go to the Reading festival?

"Did you go to the Reading festival?
All I could see when I looked out was a sea of denim and pink faces. I respect the people who wore something else and stood out."

and stood out."
Geldof certainly stands out in a crowd, with his striped T-shirt, pink jacket and Max Wall trousers. And keyboards player Johnny Fingers ian't likely to fade into the wallpaper either, unless you have striped decorations at home.
"Eyerybody thought Johnny was a common than the common that the common than the common than the common than the common that the common than the common than the common than the common that the common than the common than the common than the common that the common than the common than the common than the common that the common than the common than the common than the common that the common than the common than the common than the common that the common t

"Everybody thought Johnny was a loony because he wore pyjamas all the time, even to school. The teacher called his parents down to the school and threatened to throw himout. "But our parents are all really proud of us now. We were all failures before. I falled every exam I ever sat and we were all thrown out when we

were about 17 years old. Yes, I suppose they will think we're making thousands now because of the single, but I stuck my old man for a tenner when we were back in Dublin and I think that kind of took the sheen off it for him!

The festival at Dalymount Park in Dublin was the biggest event the Rats have played so far, and they were worried about losing contact with the

"We had been intending to do a lot of new songs, but we threw them out and concentrated on the familiar ones. We want to make it as much an event for the audience as well as the band. I'm not interested in separation from the

"How can the Pistols avoid Earls "How can the Pistols avoid Earls Court? They're playing again in clubs and that's great, but how long can they keep it up? There must be a way, and we'll find it. You should be able to bring everyone closer together, even at a big event. Being in a band is the reality of being a fan. And if I'm anything, I'm a fan. I hope that people who are our friends would come up to sand say who do you think you are if anything, I'm a fan. I hope that people who are our friends would come up to us and say who do you think you are, if they thought we were getting away from that. Look at The Jam, someone should have said to them not to play Hammersmith Odeon. It's easy to become isolated, travelling in a van, staying in hotels. Also a lot of bands just won't go down and talk to the fans. That's the whole trick.

"When we did Top Of The Pops, I went out half an hour before to talk to the audience. None of the other bands would talk to people. The Rods would talk to people. The Rods would talk to people. The Rods wouldn't even give autographs.

"The people there wanted to use canned applause, but when we got them making a noise and pointing, the producer freaked. He said they could point but they couldn't make a noise. They virtually drew marks on the stage where we were to stand. We couldn't move about a lot because the camera couldn't follow us.

"But it's the first time we've done TV, so I went to the kids in the audience and said 'look it's the first time for you and us. 'We had fun doing it. If it ever got to the stage where I had to be isolated, I'd want to stop."

But this is just the start, they've got

a single that's climbing and an album just released.

"Can you understand how exciting it all is? We sold 12,000 copies of the single on Monday — that's more than Elvis, or Thin Lizzy. It's an experience I woundn't have missed for anything."

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The Rats may find it difficult to keep as close to their fans as they'd like, purely for security reasons. While at the moment they enjoy having people come up on stage and join in, the scenes have become wilder. The scenes have become wilder. The cardiff concert was an example.

"There were people hanging out of the balconies, it was frightening", said Bob. "You think you're not going to get out of it alive. There had been tables all round the edge of the stage and they all got broken up. The house lights were put on twice and the bouncers walked off the job. But you can't tell the crowd to cool it, because it's not that kind of atmosphere. It wasn't a violent thing at all. It's just that the girls push up to the front of the stage and then they faint.

#### Volatile

'I'm not comparing us to the Stones or anything, but I think they handled it wrong at Altamont. You have to remember you ARE the event. Even at the height of the insanity in Cardiff I still brought people onto the stage. I didn't want the event to take me over. I hope that's always possible. There still have to be dreams and fantasy in rock and roll. rock and roll.

rock and roll.

"When I was young I wanted to be a combination of Mick Jagger. John Lennon and Ray Davies. Now I just want to be me."

Being Bob Geldof is going to be an interesting experience for him. He's undoubtedly the most extrovert of the Rats — he's currently taming a young white rat so that it can become part of the show. and the most votable I. white rat so that it can become part of the show — and the most volatile. I think the band is going to end up as big as Thin Lizzy, before the end of next year. So the Irish Mafia can eat its heart out for being so short · sighted and the rest of Ireland can celebrate another victory for its sons. It's our gain.



## Dooleus in harmony

PUNK THEY'RE definitely not.

Mancunian Brotherhood of Man. The sort of band you may love to hate but who continually prove the musical rule that there'll always be a place for middle of the road music, witness their new single I Think I'm Gonna Fall In Love With You.

Jim Dooley, his brothers Frank and sisters Kathy and Anne, Alan Bognan and Bob Waish have been around for a number of years. They've been on the cabaret circuit, in pubs and clubs.

"It must be the toughest training in the world," says Jim Dooley. "Other bands may look down on playing cabaret but when an audience has come along to smoke and drink it's very hard to win them over.

"We were pelted with beer mats at one place," says Alan. "We ran off stage thinking it was abuse but later found out it was their way of showing they liked you. We've played in places where farmers would come in for a pint carrying a brace of rabbits."

#### Steady

Jim Dooley is the founder of the group. "In the beginning we were heavily influenced by the Everly Brothers. We used to be semi-professional but since 1973 we've been earning a steady living. "I think we cover just about every style, from

"I think we cover just about every style, from folk to heavy rock," says Frank. We once did a tour of Russia after a Soviet committee saw us at a festival in Yugoslavia. They were after a nice, sate group. The people are very genuine over there but the Government is so the Government is so oppressive,' says Anne.

How are the Dooleys going to fair against punk?

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"Is it really sweeping the country?" says Alan. Discos are still alive and that's still where a lot of music happens. But people have become far more musically aware. It's not a case any more of loving one band and hating all others. I'd like to think we appeal to everybody."

The Dooleys are helping to build a split-level house near Manchester. They used to live in London but moved out because of the pressure.

"We're very close. We like doing things together," says Jim. The single has been selling 18,000 a day but we don't want success to dominate us. We wan't to enjoy it. Flough people have gone the way of

enicy it. Frough people have gone the way of Elvis Presley." ROBIN SMITH

WONDER If anyone else has had similar problems to me in the past few weeks separating fact from fiction? There's so much weirdness around me I find it hard to work out which is reality and fentasy.

On the box it gets even stranger as you switch around. problems in Rhodesia. SWITCH to Paul McCartney's Wing turning into a Small Face. SWITCH to more deaths in Northern Ireland. SWITCH to Elvis and goobye Hillbilly Cat. Elvis and goobye Hillbilly Cat. SWITCH to me leaping about like a loonie on my show with a tongue in each cheek as I invite viewers to 'keep a little Marc in your heart.' A rock and roll Batman am I. 'Zep', 'Kapow', 'Wham'. But where are we? Then I opened the News Of The World last week to find I'd turned into a teenage Front House

turned into a teenage Errol Flynn someone's mind and in RECORD MIRROR Elton John is ripping into Generation X's first great single 'Your Generation' calling it "deplorable garbage". That's what happens when you get into football . . . your sense of hearing goes. Billy Idol's gotta cosmic lip so eat your heart out all you Wetford supporters and watch out for the boys on my show later this month with Eddie and the Hot Rods and Jim Bowie or whatever his name is . . . David Bowie I mean. How soon they force! they forget!

#### CHAMELEON

A friend of mine recently suggested Devid was 'the great should have who never will now.' All I have to say is he never wented to be in the first never wanted to be in the first place. After the Beatles it could have been Bowie for God, inferred my friend. But Devid is too versatile for type-casting and all he did was drop out in America for a while until the hump of Ziggy rolled off his back like the Hunchback of Notre Doom. Devid's a poet, actor and chameleon and far too quick to be dropped into one bag quick to be dropped into one bag as the next anything.

Just in case it seems strange I should be ranting and raving about David perhaps I should explain I've known him for a great many years. We often discussed the possibility of We often forming a group together in the early days before our own separate identities took off. Recently we've been doing some recording together again. Walking down London's Kings

Road the other day I literally bumped into another old friend of the sixtles, Andy Elison who played in my very first group, John's Children. He now has a neat new band together, Radio Stars, and you can see them on my TV show later this month.

We really had a lot of fun on the recent show and as Mr. Rotten pointed out at great length fun is what it's all about. That must have sent a few of the more politically orientated punk groups into near hysterics!
"Fun? What does he meen,

fun? We've been trying to blow up the Houses of Parliament via the recording studio!" Back to the drawing board, boys, and you'll find more of the same unheavy political irrelevant fun on my show next week when Bob Calvert of Hawkwind makes his first appearance with his ex rist rist appearance with his sovel felcon. Bob hit on this novel look for his TV appearance to promote the band's new single 'Quark' (go and buy a copy — it's good) when he adopted a guise from an old silent movie by Fritz Lang called 'The Cabinet Of Doctor Caligari' in which the character has a pet falcon on his

We sent out from Granadi for a felcon and back came this battered looking parrot which Bob hooded with a little cap. "To prevent it attacking innocent prey," he said. "To stop people seeing it had only one eye," I said.

Another highlight for me was having The Jam play live on the show. If I was Pate Townshend and I saw this little trio I would be staggered by how much they're like the early Who and how much tighter they are at this early stage of their career.
Don't expect this new wave group to fade away in the night because they're built to last.

because they re built to last. It also gave me a lot of set is faction to see the Boomtown Rats take off after I'd tipped them months ago and had them on the show. It was also nice to have the Steve Gibbons Band on and see them get just reward for all the hard graft they've put in over the past 10 years — especially Steve and Trevor Burton. Maybe 'Tulane' ain't his song but at least it should draw attention to what a fine songwriter he is and give a sheer effort alone. New wave, old wave — who cares as long as it rock and rolls good?

And so to the saddest new the month - the death of Elvis. Often badly promoted, badly advised and obscenely produced in his lest years — or so it seemed to me — he was led down the drain by whoever stuck him on the treadmill of those terrible Hollywood film musicals and tried to turn him into a sort of male Jayne Mansfield.

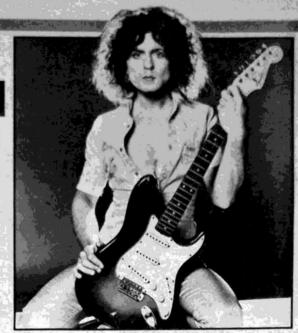
#### SPECIAL

It's sad that he's gone but probably better that he went before he turned into the Bing Crosby of rock and roll. When he came out of the army and made 'It's Now Or Never' it was probably the end of the King Of Rock And Roll and the beginning of his career in which he often mocked his early self to return to the music of his youth. Yet I like his current single 'Way Down' simply because the man can sing. Rock and roll it ain't and hasn't been for a long time. He was special but not for all the reasons some critics think.

I understand this week is Buddy Holly week. For me and most other singer - songwriter -guiterists he was a much more important influence because he was first in his field. His voice was really just developing when he died and he was years ahead of his time which is why the records kept on selling and still

do.

Finally on an up note I saw the movie 'Star Wars' at a special screening recently and it's as good as everyone's saying. Alec Guinness is superb but the whole sci-fi thing has been put together so well with so much skillful ettention to detail that it's skilful attention to detail that it's a classic. It's already broken all box office records in America and proves finally that we don't have to resort to mush like 'The Sound Of Music or Jaws to get a great film. Now perhaps people will pay more attention to the science fiction field where so many great poets, writers and musicians are lurking unsung. What makes it extra good is that so much of the film was made in England by English technicians.



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reviewed by SHEILA PROPHET

# **Alberto**

ALBERTO Y LOST TRIOS PARANOIAS: The Sunff Rock EP' (Stift LAST 2). There's no doubt about it — death has definitely become this year's big thing. And don't let Elvis fool ya, either. The Albertos got there long before he did with 'Sleak', their snuff rock musical. These are four killer tracks from the show.— Snuffin' Like four killer tracks from the show - "Snuffin' Like That', "Snuffin' In A Babylon' (a reggae tune), "Kill' and 'Gobbin' On Life, a deadly accurate Pistois' take off right down to the Rrrrotten phrasitting EP Of The Week and the Albertos' first hit.

999: Tm Alive' (Labr-Itals LAB 999). Single Of The Week. 999 and bands like them prove that punk is already into its second wave — it's advanced a lot since the early days when it was just down to energy. Not that 999 lack energy, Not that 900 lack energy, but they also have the sort of inventiveness and pop-star looks that would have guaranteed them success among the old wave.

PHIL MANZANERA 501: 'Flight 19' (Polydor 2001 733). Two of Ferry's 2001 733). Two of Ferry's star sidemen have brought out solo singles this week and, pre-dictably, they're very different. Phil's past records have tended to be on the esoteric side but this time he's come right this time he's come right out and made a really catchy, commercial single — very locc ish in places. Could be a big hit if it gets played enough.

CHRIS SPEDDING: 'Get Outa My Pagoda' (RAK 201). Chris on the other hand isn't sounding too different from the 'Mo-torbikin' 'days. As usual the guitar is great but somehow the song just doesn't quite make it. Still. 'Hurt'. the almodoesn't quite make it. Still, 'Hurt', the album which this has been lifted from, should be interest

ROGER TAYLOR: 'I Wanna Testify' (EMI 2679). Yet another solo effort from a famous

there's just a bit too much of the old Royal Flash for me. Lots of Brian May soundalikes and Mercurial harmonies in the backing. Good try backing.

KRAFTWERK: 'Show-room Dummies' (Capitol CLX 104). Krazed krauts kram more komputer keyboards into our kraniums. Kinda kute.

MEAL TICKET: 'Yester MEAL TICKET: 'Yester-day's Music' (EMI INT 539). Meal Ticket's anthem live on record for the first time. They're a group who've had prob-lems conveying the infectiousness of their live show onto record – you have to hear the audience singalong of this one to appreciate it properly. Still, it's a good song and it might just be strong enough to catch on. Hope so — they deserve it.

STEVE HARLEY: 'Best Years Of Our Lives' (EMI 2673). Note — Cockney Rebel have now vanished forever. This one is live and it's a cracker Just listen to the way he iisten to the way controls the audience mazing. It's easily 'Face amazing. It's easily the best track on 'Face To Face' and though I don't know how valid it is as a single, it's a worthwhile buy for any hard · up fans who can't afford the fancy double album package.

BOB SEGER: 'Rock And Roll Never Forgets' (Capitol CL 15938). The third (or is it fourth) to be pulled off 'Night Moves', just in time for Bob's British visit. Singles one and two dign't make it but and two didn't make it but I've a feeling this one just might — the charts are so much more open now than they were a year ago. Give it a listen anyway. Come to mention it — give the whole album a listen.

JOHNNY CASH: 'Lady' JOHNNY CASH: 'Lady' (CBS S CBS 5564). Why on earth does Johnny bother? This is unbelie-vably dreary — just has to be his most soporific single ever

JOHNNY NASH: 'Half-way To Paradise' (Epic S

AFTER THE traditional quiet aummer, things are hotting up again for the autumn. The big names are coming back from their hola, getting back to work and making singles. Bo are the not - so - big names. And the never - to - be names. EVERYONE'S making at wasting any more time, let's get st

ALBERTO: killer tracks

EPC 3575). CBS do their best to confuse us with these two. They can't foot us though — Mr Ca sorry Nash is much the prettler of the two. He gives his usual distinctive super - smooth vocal treatment to this mouldy oldie, which if you are wondering, was original-ly recorded by Tony Orlando and Billy Fury.

DEAD END KIDS: 'Glad All Over' (8 CBS 5569). It was obvious the Dead End Kids would get round to recording this one. To their credit they haven't done a carbon copy -they've even left out the old stomping chorus.

SAILOR: 'Down By The Docks' (Epic 8 EPC 5566). This is awful — Sailor going disco if you can imagine it and in the process losing all their old charm and eccentricity.
Now they just sound like
another band off the
assembly line. And I wish
someone would give the
felias their bus fare into town. These seaside sorties were fun first time around but three albums later it's about time they found something new to write about.

GEORGE BENSON GEORGE BENSON:
The Greatest Love Of All'
(Arista 133). The theme
from the new film about
Muhammad All and it
sounds like a film theme. George fights his way through the yukky back-ing and ends up winning by a head.

CHEBRY VANILLA:
'The Punk' (RCA PB
5053). Surprisingly this
single isn't too bad in
spite of the silly lyrics.
Quite a tough little rocker
and Cherry tries hard
vocally. Not exactly good
but not too bad.

THE MOTORS: 'Dancing The Night Away (Virgin VS 186). Rather low gear single from Nick Garvey and Co. Chugs along OK and has a catchy hook but it never really revs up out SENSATIONAL ALEX HARVEY BAND: 'Mrs Blackhouse' (Mountain Top 32). Some might say over the top — Alex's lyrics do tend to lack a lyrics do tend to lack a certain subtlety. Still, they get their point across—no doubt about that. All about Mrs you know who and done as a jolly, singalong number—just the thing for encores at SAHB gigs. And just think of the fun and games there'll be if it makes the charts!

MARILYN McCOO AND BILLY DAVIS JNR: Look What You've Done To My Heart' (ABC 4191). Tony Blackburn's record of the week Need I say more?



ROGER TAYLOR: good try

HELLO: 'Heart Get Ready For Love' (Arista 130). Redundant pop ditto from two - hit wonders from the past. Well enough played, nicely produced, but these days that inst isn't enough that just isn't enough thank goodness.

NAZARETH: 'Hot Tracks' (Mountain NAZ 001). Nazareth are of course horribly unfashio-nable in 1977 but I must admit to a sneaking affection for those grind-ing old rockers. I don't care what anyone says I care what anyone says, I like their version of 'This Flight Tonight'. This is 999: guaranteed success

included here, as in Love Hurta', 'Broken Down Angel' and 'Hair Of The Dog' – all tracks you already know, so what more can I say but if you like em, get em.

GEORGE HAMILTON GEORGE HAMILTON
IV: 'Everlasting Everlasting Love' (Aschor
Anc 1042), Yee haw!
Dreadful stuff I prefer
the flipside — entitled
'May The Wind Be
Always At Your Back'
(whatever that's supposed to mean)

posed to mean)
VINCENT PRICE: 'Monster Mash' (EMI 2859).
This piece of nonsense has
already made the charts,
performed, I'm reliably
informed, by Boris
Pickett and the Crypt
Kickers. This time
Vincent, fresh from his
triumphal guest spot on
the Muppet Show, has a
go at it and camps it up
with his usual style. I
can't really see it beating
the Strangiers up the the Stranglers up the

LEE KRISTOFFERSON: 'Dinner With Drac'
(Thrust RUFF 1). Now
this reality is monstrous—
a truly tasteless curiosity
piece from the vaults.
Apparently it made the
US charts a few years ago
— God knows why! Great cover, though.

FOSTER BROTHERS: "Make Bellevin" (Rocket ROKN 530). Dullish Anglo funk. Will it make it? Frankly, I don't give a damn

OHIO PLAYERS: 'O-H-I-O' (Mercury 9100 037). In contrast, this is the real thing — good, solid, meaty American funk

THE DOCTORS OF MADNESS: 'Bulletin'. (Polydor 2383 378). Polydor are obviously trying to disguise these old - wavers by dropping the Madness bit from the cover and putting them in cover and putting them in a punkish sleeve. And it might just work — this

track could pass for real in the Vortex on a dark night. Worth a listen. LONDON: Summer Of Love (MCA 13 MCA 319). The first track is a bit heavy and laboured — I prefer the poppler sounds of No Time' and Friday On My Mind'. Interesting first single. first single.

STAR LADIES: Star
Ladies' (Anchor ANC
1944). Supposedly a willy
answer to the Floaters
abomination, in fact it's
just as naff as the
original Lots of silly
pokes about men with big
eyes. I mean, why
stoop to their level?
Pointless and unfanny.

STEVE MILLER:
'Jungle Love' (Mercury
6078 812). Steve's voice is
one of my favourites
distinctive and always
appealing. A track off
'Book Of Dreams', this
works just fine as a
single Should make it.

single. Should make it.

V.E.N.U.S. AND. THE
RAZORBLADES: PunkA. Rama' (SPARK SRL.
1156). "Burn down the
school if I could, Blow up
the neighbourhood" sing
a bunch of Californians
who've probably never
caused trouble in their
lives. Phoney.

ALI BABA BAND:
'Abdullah's Wedding'
(Contempo CS 2128). One
for the homestck Arab
tourists in our midst.

DAN FOGELBERG:

DAN FOGELBERG 'Netherlands' (Epic EPC 5483). A song which ranges from simple ranges from simple acoustic passages to full-blown orchestral chorus. Must have been a difficult one to sing but Dan manages it well. Some nice touches but a bit over the top in places.

MAYNARD FERGU-SON: 'Main Title (Star Wars Theme)' (CBS 5583); GRAFFITI OR-CHESTRA: 'Star Wars Theme' (Prodigal PROD 5). Two versions of

GLADYS KNIGHT AND
THE PIPS: 'Home Is
Where The Heart is' (Fye
BIDS 480). Gladys Knight
has the knack of churning
out singles which all
sound exactly the same
and which all make the
charts. This is another of
the same. Production line
pop at its most efficient,
MINGO JERRY (Pro-

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MUNGO JERRY (Pye
BD 114). A selection of
tracks from four hit
wonder of the early
seventies. Unfortunately,
hearing them all together
tends to illustrate why
they had only four hits. In
case you're interested the
tracks are 'In The
Summertime', Lady
Rose', Baby Jump' and
'Mighty Man'.

Mighty Man'
PETULA CLARK (Pye
BD 115). More of the
same. This time the
tracks are Downtown.
'Don't Sleep In The
Subway.' The Other
Man's Grass Is Always
Greener' and 'Colour My
World'.

TOMMY JAMES AND THE SHONDELLS: (Pye TOMS.
THE SHONDELLS: (Fye BD 117). And another this band has become quite trendy again recently, so this one is well timed. Tracks. Mony Mony 'Hanky. agair recently, so this one is well - timed. Tracks, 'Mony Mony', 'Hanky Panky', 'Crystal Blue Persuasion' and 'Crimson And Clover'.

And Clover.

THE LOVIN' SPOONFUL: (Pye BD 118). And 
now, last but not least, a 
nice plece of nostalgia 
from the band that was 
led by the man with the 
dyed underpants, John 
Sebastian. The tracks: dyed underpants, Sebastian. The tr 'Summer In The 'Nashville Cast', dream' and 'Do Believe In Magic?' The City







Robin Smith finds that Sex, Singles and Success brings the . . .



## **FLOATERS** bouyant as ever

ARTHUR HELD Marcia close breathing the exciting headiness of the expensive perfume he'd brought back from Torremolinos

The pulsating rhythm of the Golden Lion disco-touched their bodies, generating the primeval excitement of dance. Around them other young couples moved in bodily intoxication.

After four years and 10 months he was trying to communicate his true feelings. How he longed to marry her and settle in Swindon. His taxidermist job brought him good money, especially with the elephant from the zoo last week. Mind you the trunk had been a hell of a problem.

#### Sobbing

Arthur had met Marcia at the Golden Lion and

Arthur had met Marcia at the Golden Lion and every Saturday night they'd celebrate their bliss over fish and chips on the way home.

Marcia had tried to express her feelings too. She wanted to escape the rigours of working in Harvey's Meat Processing factory, continually washing blood from her hands. She yearned to escape from her tyrannical father, an out of work boxer turned Baptist preacher who insisted she read the Bible every night and held meetings in the front parlour whenever Marcia brought Arthur home. Every night she lay in bed sobbing and dreaming of escape.

Arthur home. Every night she lay in bed sobbing and dreaming of escape.

When would be the right moment to propose? Then from across the speakers drifted 'Float On'. Her senses swooned as Arthur pressed her warm, pliant body closer to his. They didn't need words. Marcia's soft, wet, blue eyes said it all. Their mouths trembled slightly before opening to let the words tumble out. 'Darling will you rearry. marry

#### Bahamas

Meanwhile, on a sun-kissed beach somewhere in the Bahamas, Floaters founder Larry Cunningham relaxes from the rigours of the road, sipping Martini and watching the girls go

"Whatever we're doing we always like to take two weeks off a year", he says. "We always tour very hard and deserve whatever rest we can

yery hard and design of the Floaters have made it huge after 13 years. The Floaters have made it huge after 13 years. The album's gone platinum in the States and the single is taking bif world-wide.

"Success has amazed us", says Larry. "The strange thing is, it was never planned as a single in the first place. We thought of using the track to introduce parts of the album but James Mitchell

of the Detroit Emeralds had this dream where we should ad lib the vocals. The astrology thing came out of that and we realised we had a good

'I don't know if it was in the stars for the single "I don't know if it was in the stars for the single to take off — we haven't studied astrology closely. Maybe it took off because of something you can listen to wherever you are. You could be on a beach with your griffriend or at a party late at night. It brings out romantic feelings regardless of their age".

Plans for a follow-up?
"It'll be another cut off the album. I don't think we're going to get type-cast because there's such a lot of variety on it. One day we'd like to write our own material but at the moment we're very happy with the stuff that's done for us.

#### Ambitions

"There's a great brotherly feeling in the act. We don't come offstage and end our involvement there. We're each responsible for some part of the organisation. I'm the group's spokesman.

"We also do shows for different people. We do one for kids where we sing nursery thymes and adapt our own material as well as telling a few jokes. We're tied up with charity work in Detroit and we want to do some thank-you concerts for free. We owe such a lot to our fans and we'd like to treat every one of them as a friend. We hope to be coming over to Britain either before or shortly after Christmas."

The Floaters hail from Detroit and Larry formed the original band in the early sixties.

"You could say the original members met at school", he says. "We're all from pretty large families and we had a lot of faith that kept us together when times got hard. I'm sure God has been guiding our destinies and wanted our success to happen. I believe everything in this world happens for a reason.

"I couldn't really say what ambitions we have at the moment. We're still trying to believe what's happened. One thing's for sure though—on stage or off the Floaters will be giving 200 per cent."

'We owe such a lot to our fans and we'd like to treat.

every one of them as a friend?



## Where to flog a dead horse and get a good price

YOU'VE SAVED, sweated, blistered. prayed and agonised, waiting for the new album by your idols, your gods, your perfect band, the combo you've followed around the country, seen 18 times, and worshipped breathlessly. The album hits the shops. It stinks What do you'do?

You

(a) realise it stinks and flog it.

(b) wait a while, pretend only you can understand it. then realise it stinks and flog it.

and flog it.

Either way you've got to go through
that painful, almost degrading
process of selling your hard earned
album. Not only painful conscience
wise but pocket, wise as well.

With album prices steeply
escalating album exchange shops are
springing up all over the place. All

secarating aroun exchange shops are springing up all over the place. All are conspicuously equipped with endless racks of other people's rejects and a mandatory disdain ful - looking bearded gentleman lurking behind the counter.

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They practise that look, I swear—that sordid grimace that mutters 'I dunno about that guy, we've got the ahop full of these already and look there's a mark on the final groove I'll give you 90p exchange, 50p cash. All right."

Don't let them demolish you. Call his bluff. Know the value of what you're florging and take it to the right shop.

To find out exactly where the right shop is I went on a trek of seven London record shops. I had six albums and my best 'give us a break' pout.

pout.
The sample comprised two Top 20 albums — Elvis Costello's My Alm Is True' and The Stranglers' Rattus Norvegicus — two recently - released albums that got nowhere near the Top 50, Gariand Jefferies' Ghost Writer' and the Count Bishops' debut album and two old, unsuccessful but reasonably hip albums, Frank Zappa's 'Apostrophe' and Niis Lofgren's 'Grin'. All were in good-to-

perfect nick.
First on the schedule was Honest First on the schedule was Honest
Jon's, Golborne Road, North
Kensington The bloke behind the
counter was a miserable nurd but he
made a fair offer. "Don't give a damn
whether they're chart albums or not,"
he grunted, glaring suspiciously at
'Rattus Norvegicus'. "This ain't in

anything like good nick." Eventually he offered 16.35 for the lot — Elvis. Grin, Zappa and Count Bishops 11.25 each, 75p for Gariand Jefferies — and 60p for the Stranglers!

Around the corner to the Record And Tape Exchange in Pembridge Road, Notting Hill Gate. Prices here proved to be loustest of all. The Stranglers got a better offer, 11, but the rest were all valued well below Honest Jon — 11.20 for Elvis, 11.10 for Count Bishops, only 80p for Zappa. 70p Count Bishops, only 80p for Zappa, 70p for Grin and a paltry 50p for Garland Jefferles, a total of £5.30. Miserly, to say the least.

Jefferies, a total of 15.30. Miserly, to say the least.
Record And Tape Exchange have another branch about 200 yards away. To test just how arbitrary the system was. I tried around the corner. "Nice album." said the very pleasant lady buyer, as if she were evaluating some antique china. She knocked Elvis down to 11.10 because the cover was a bit dodgy but apart from that all the prices she quoted were higher than the brother shop in the next street. She offered 16.90 for the lot—the best offer so far.

She offered £6.90 for the lot — the best offer so far

Next stop was in central London —
Cheapo Cheapo records in Rupert Street, off Piccadilly. They were too busy even to look at my albums. But the sign on the door said a maximum of £1 each which seems to make it a place worth avoiding.

Just up the road is Berwick Street market. I could find only one record stall there — manned by another bloke with a beard who insisted I told him how much I wanted before he'd make an offer. I went high, £8, and without inspecting them, he offered £1.20 for each — a total of £7.20.

I reckoned it was unlikely anyone

each — a total of 17.20.

I reckoned it was unlikely anyone would top that offer and I was right. Another branch of Honest Jon's in Camden High Street, came close with an offer of each for all of them except Garland Jefferies and Grin, for which I was offered 11 each - 17 in all.

The other also - ran was Miller's in Soho market where a seedy - looking young man offered me a quid each. Big deal.

One thing I didn't try was happing.

Big deal.
One thing I didn't try was haggling.
But take my word, it can work. I very rarely accept a record shop's initial offer for albums unless 'it seems genuinely reasonable.

## STATUS GO



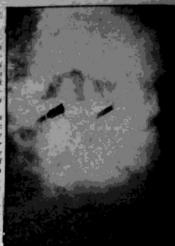
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announced Linitentic the northern cabaclubs as

magician. Rossi has been enthusiastic member of the Magic Circle for some years. The some years. The rest of the band will remain with

him as props.

Pictured here is Pictured here is an exclusive pre-view of the finale of Rossi's act, the legendary "dis-appearing denim" trick. —MERLE INNE.



IT'S GOOD business, but I

### THE TRUTH'S OUT

I HAVE after extensive investigation, discovered the existence of a deplorable cover - up job by Stiff

It is commonly believed, largely because of sources It is commonly believed, largely because of sources stemming from the Stiff Records offices, that Elvis Costello, the bespectacled superstar currently in the album Top 20 with 'My Aim Is True', was formerly a computer operator called D. P. Costello.

I now have irrefutable proof that Costello was a small-time TV actor employed by Independent Television whose odd, vinyl-like complexion led to his playing in the series. Thunderfuel.

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Mr Costello is apparently reluctant to admit the existence of this shadowy phase of his life because it is, in his opinion, "uncool" to have played an over-intelligent puppet with a speech defect.

Mr Jeff Tracy Costello's erstwhile mentor was unavailable for comment as Record Mirror went to



ELVIS COSTELLO: "I deny it all

### **ELVIS**

## IT'S GOOD business, but sordid too. The Elvis kick-the-bucket backlash. It's reaching proportions of a vile epidemic. The slag that's been creamed from his death doesn't just stop at selling an extra few million records. The opportunities for hearsewagon jumping are endless. The more obvious cash-ins are flooding the small ads columns already — T. signed originals' 'limited edition'

Torchworth Limited has marketed a "limited edition" (natch) commemorative watch (17-jewel Swiss movement, but quality guv. none of yer glmmicky junk) which features some person with sideburns who looks vaguely like a rock and roll singer. His arms move like a cripple's, through 24 hours.

Inevitably, there's a stack of commemorative medals, usually "limited edition" as well the editions are usually limited to about twice the demand they're ever likely to get for them A few silver medallons have been advertised in the nationals (£17 without chain, £24 with).

ins are flooding the small ads columns already — Tshirts from £2.31, old Elvis magazines, Elvis films, even photos purporting to be of Elvis's last concert are on sale.

The big heave for Elvis has also meant the frantic hacks who met someone.

But the more inventive entrepreneurs have excelled themselves for crassness this time. The Direct Discount Club of London NW6 offers "a remarkable opportunity to obtain an individually drawn full-colour portrait of Elvis. "This recognised artist will draw only a limited

has also meant the frantic hacks who met someone who looked like Elvis once in a lavatory in Wigan are in a race to hit the market with "The Elvis I Knew"

rags. But the more inventive

chain, £24 with).

But the real laughs come in the sales blurbs. offers "a remarkable opportunity to obtain an individually drawn full-colour portrait of Elvis. 
"This recognised artist will draw only a limited number of portraits, all signed and guaranteed original, like Elvis himself."

The word ELVIS is printed in bold black capitals. They always put the sales pitch in capitals.

Some bright boy at But the real laughs come in the sales blurbs. Get this one from Call Howard of Edgware who come in the sales pitch in capitals.

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### Hitsmackin' nervewrenchingoverkill Brutus ad. It hasn't been

They're everywhere.
The one that started it all was that twee but hugely successful Coke advert, T'd Like To Teach The World To Sing' by the New Seekers.

Since 1971 things haven't improved much.
Last year there was far - have to say this

David Dundas' 'Jeans On', the Brutus ad, and now Martini are in the charts with 'Dancin' Easy', Danny Williams' bastardisation of the ad.

even though Bronze did give us a Wimpy radio to promote it — is the hamburger ad adapt-ation, Victy Silver's "All Summer Long". The advert's OK but the single is dreadful. Roger Chapman had a pretty good effort with his soundtrack for another

Rollin' from the Pepsi ad

realised as a single yet but it's bound to be and is good enough to be a hit.

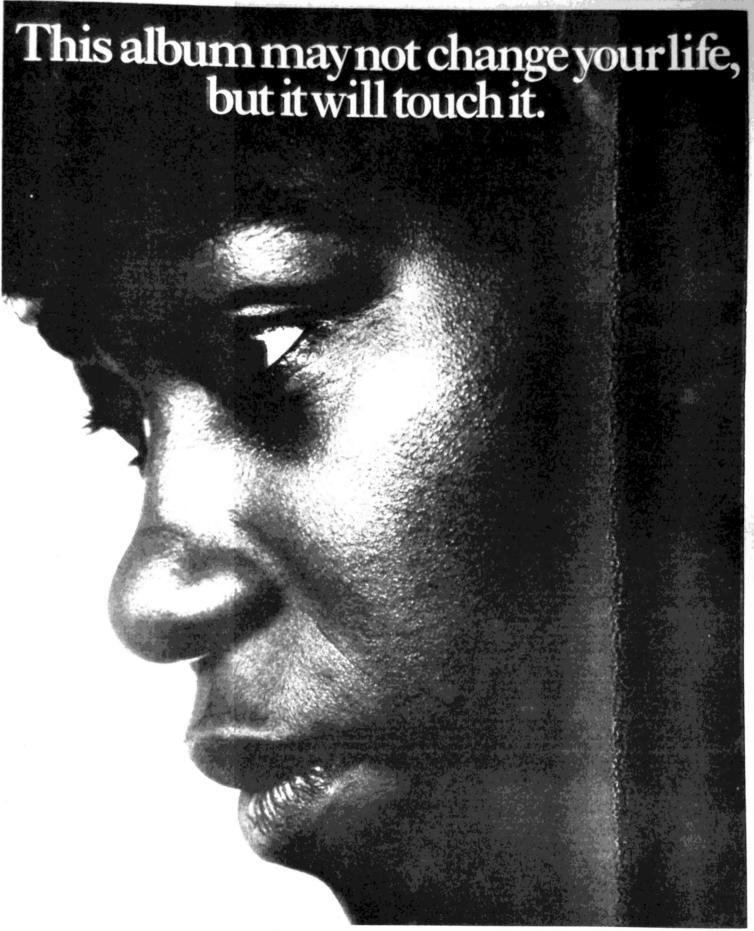
The Darts produced a pretty good rock 'n' roll opus for a Carling Black Label ad. On the other hand Peter Blake's 'Lipsmackin' Rock 'N'

O SIP AUTOR STAN

LIVES PRINCED UNIX DESIGNATIONS

ELVIS: someone out there must be buying all his records. Take a look at page 2





'Show Some Emotion'. This year's album from Joan Armatrading.

#### Sugar but no spice

Which One's Cliff? Cliff Richard (Hodder and Stroughton, Iz. 85).

A CLIFF Richard autobiography? Of course we'll have to bear it to shreds. He is Mr Superclean who never puts a foot wrong and has a smile for everybody. This book reads like an intimate little chat over tea and cucumber sandwishes on the lawn. Cliff

tea and cucumber sand-wishes on the lawn. Cliff traces his life from childhood in India. His success seems to have happened remarkably quickly. No rip-offs and no periods of near starvation. People just loved him. If it really happened that way, comprainitations.

Richard fams will love the folicy way the book is

the folksy way the book is written and the interest-ing bits and pieces about his family. It's amusing ing but and pre-his family. It's amusing to read that the Press thought he would be a had influence on young girls. Is This Boy Too Sexy For Television? the headlines

Television? the headlines screamed.

Cliff talks at length about his conversion to Christianity. He even reckons his life may be a reflection of Christ's. But he apologises for it if he sounds too plous. There's an explanation of why he never married. He thinks it may be God's purpose to keep him single and points out that he's had girifriends.

The book is very readable, although excessively sugary on occasions. Love Cliff or hate him, you've got to admit that his philosophies and faith have kept him on an even keel for many years. In Britain his popularity may outlive Presley's.

Robin Smith The book is ver

Rod Stewart: A Life On The Town', Peter Burton (New English Library, 13.50),

13. 50).
BOOKS ON rock stars are usually self-indulgent or sketchy. A writer's attempts at dissecting a musical parvenu rall into either the praise gushing category tortuously describing a phenomenon where none exists or are so doctor's waiting room lightweight that the reader gains no insight whatsoever.

Peter Burton's book does the impossible — it manages to combine BOTH evils, OK, so maybe it was never intended to be a detailed documentary of Stewart's career and character with its soft - cover, glossy picture approach.

picture approach.
But comparing it to
something like Roy Carr
and Tony Tyler's excellent The Beatles: An
Hiustrated Record',
which came wrapped in
the same luscious package, 'A Life' looks almost
tatty. A medicore, watered down series of events
which tell us no more which tell us no more about Stewart than a Sunday newspaper ar-ticle detailing his love life.

life.

The photographs, nearly all black and white, are in the main weak and clumsily put together. We glance at contemporary pictures of Stewart while reading about the formative years which are achingly annoying. Photos in a book with this format are all important and in this case they fall abysmally.

and in this case they lair abysmally.

And then we get comments like this, describing Rod's in-volvement with the ban the bomb movement of the early sixties. "For several years one of those keen marching beatniks was Rod Stewart – none

The First 20,000 in Special Bags at 49p 4

## BOOKS



## NO LIFE IN

too keen on the actual marching and there as much for the chances of a good bunk up on the way as for any political motivations."

I thought that term went out with the ark.

Or then there's the gush: "Rod can seem to be like a lonely little boy desperately seeking as-

desperately seeking as-surance that he is doing the right thing and that he is doing the right thing

well. He can seem like a little boy lost seeking confirmation that he is loved." You could have fooled me. A few million quid would be all the confirmation I'd need.

confirmation I'd need.
The only advantages of
this book to the Stewart
fan are parts two and
three – a comprehensive
discography and lyrics to
almost 50 songs.
And for 13, 50 that ain't
much. Barry Cain.

Elvis Presiey', Todd Slaughter (published by Wyndham, 60p). AS TODD SLAUGHTER wrote this book before Elvis's death it can't be included in the grisly catalogue of cash. In memorabilia currently being heaved up. It was due for publication in October anyway, so the publishers merely brought the date forward. Later editions will carry an appendix about the star's death. Slaughter is the fan club president in Britain and is in a position beknow more than most about Elvis. However, I feel the book doesn't really get close in telling

know more than most about Elvis. However, I feel the book doesn't really get close to telling us what he was like as a man. It has obviously been thoroughly researched as far as his career goes and that's an extensive operation if you consider the number of films Elvis made. But anecdotes from the film set were too brief, the knowledge too superficial to give you any insight into his character.

The publishers could have gone further in sorting out the actual writing style—Slaughter veers from British colloquialism to American, making the overall picture jumpy. But the worst excesses come in his references to El's home life — schmaltey his ex- wife.

his references to El'a
home life — schmaltzy
hits about his ex - wife
Priscilla and their daugh
ter Lisa Marie. Predictably, a lot of space is
given to the number of
times El said he was
going to come to Britain
but never did. The closest
he got was a brief stop at
Prestwick airport on his
way back from Germany
to the States.

There's one consolation: the book gets
better as it goes on. But I
read on page six:

## The good, the bad and ...



"Happily, nine months later Priscilla gave birth to Lisa Marie Presley. We were all overjoyed, We were all overjoyed, and in the minds of Elvis fans it was an immacutate conception. Why it had to be! Elvis wouldn't

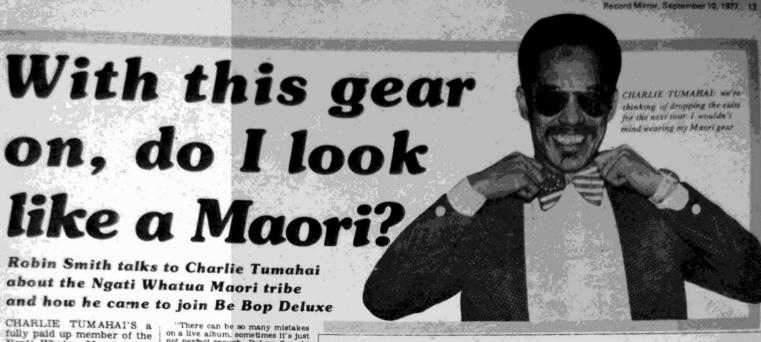
do anything like that - of

That is taking adulation

the same saving grace—
at least Slaughter's book
was written out of a
regard for Elvis. This
will make money out of
the death of one of the
world's most popular
entertainers and will
make money out of you, if
you're daft enough to buy
it just because it's part of
the souvenir sell. If
you've been an Elvis fan,
you'll already know
everything here. Ther's
nothing new . except
perhaps the writer's
curious standpoint that
Elvis was at the best part
of his career when he was
with Sun Records. That's
despite the fact he had all
his hits with RCA. Of
course there are always
people who enjoy praising
the obscure. I suppose
they think it's more in to
be part of a cult
following. This specify
produced booklet is a
straight history, nothing
more, and with very few
pictures. It's not worth
45p and even if there was
any moral value in
bringing out such a piece
of blatant cash—in
product I couldn't recommend it because there's
been lots of better stuff
written in other books—
like the Rolling Stone
fillustrated History for
instance. This is sickening Rosalind Russell.

## Teenbeat Lives

Grab a copy of The Rubinoos first record "I Think We're Alone Now" One of the world's classic pop singles. If you're double quick buy it at 49p P.S. The album's on its way Rubhoos The Rubinoos like Girls, Making Music, and You buying their records. 2 cserkle BZZ3



Ngati Whatua Maori tribe. His ancestors fought against the British and Charlie's had more than his fair share of excitement.

excitement.

Gigging in Vietnam (yes Vietnam) he was behind an exploding jeep and he was shot at by the Vietcong. But the old days have gone. He's now happily married and plays bass with the ultra-civilised Be Bop Deluxe.

"Nobody really knows where the Maoris came from." he says. "They travelled to the coast of New Zealand in long boats from somewhere but nobody's ever been able to trace.

in long boats from somewhere but nobody's ever been able to trace their full origins. One day I'd like to try and find out. Another ambition is to do something about their land problems. The white settlers moved the Maoris off their land and never gave it back. It's worth thousands and has been in Maori families for generations. It's like the American Indian situation, I feel a great deal of sympathy for them."

Charlie used to play in cabaret.

Charlie used to play in cabaret -type bands and travelled the South

When I was younger we used to have competitions to see who could pull the ugliest woman," he says. "Sometimes I won!

"It's not the easiest thing to play rock music around the islands. What I'd like to do is convert an oil tanker and take it on a tour. You could play on the deck and I'm sure there are plenty of oil tankers rotting in the Suez canal."

One auspicious day Charlie was offered the chance of playing in

#### WORRIED

'That was the time when the war

"That was the time when the war was probably at its highest. I was a bit worried but it was all experience, so we went over. We also spent some time in Singapore and the ladies there are incredible.

"It was really strange to be in a war situation and yet not be part of the fighting yourself. The Americans lost because their soul want't in it. Also they were too pampered, a Vietcong could survive for days on a few handfuls of grain but the Americans loved their luxuries too much.

Americans loved their lixities as much.

"We were in Salgon when the jeep exploded — I don't think there were any survivors when it went up. Then we got shot at and bullets actually passed through the canvas of the lorry."

All good things must pass and after further adventures Charlie wound up in Britain.

"Music was really taking off then — It was all peace and love so I was a hairy hippy. I came over with the band who were later known as the Little River Band and stayed. Later I suditioned for Bill Nelson's band and got the job."

The British authorities have tried.

nd got the job."

The British authorities have tried
by get rid of Charlie but after
umerous appeals he's now allowed
by stay. The band have recently
eleased an album 'Live! In The Air

"I don't really like the idea of live albums. I prefer working in the studio," says Charlie.

"There can be so many mistakes on a live album, sometimes it's just not perfect enough. But we thought we'd make a statement of what we were doing before moving on to

were doing before moving on to something new.

"Bill's appendicitis put our working schedule back He didn't come down to dinner one night and we thought he had stomach upset, but it was a lot more serious. We have recorded a new album in the south of France and it's a change in style for a start. On our next tour maybe we'll be changing our stage clothes. I wouldn't mind wearing a wouldn't mind wearing a work of the wear had been a considered think it's about time we broke away from the suits."

Also along for a chat is Be Bop's whizzo drummer Simon Fox, a guy totally unlike the reclusive Bill Nelson.

Nelson.
"You could call Bill the Greta
Garbo of rock," he says (for those of
you not old enough to remember she
was the actress who said 'I want to
be alone'). "He lives up in Yorkshire
with his wife. He's very content with

#### HAPPY

"Maybe we're all so happy because we have him at the top. Don't get the impression we're a bunch of superstars, we're certainly not in the Rolls Royce bracket. It's been a gradual build-up with us and it's still happening.

it's still happening.
"I started drumming because a
girl I fancied was really into
drummers. She'd look at them
starry-eyed. So I thought right, I'll
show her and took up the sticks.
Trouble was that I fell in love with
them and lost her. I'm no Yehudi
Manukin of the drum; but'f have rof. Menuhin of the drums but I have got

a successful technique.
"I was at Stourbridge Art College, a lot of bands are nurtured in art

a lot of bands are nurtured in arcolleges because you realise music is the only way you're going to be able to express yourself."

Be Bop have decided to express themselves on the new album in France. Why record there instead of Britain?

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"It was because of tax reasons. Apparently they can't tax the royalties so much if an album is recorded abroad. The songs on this album are direct and easy to assimilate. Maybe the French atmosphere had something to do with that.

"Music is communication and if you start using long words the audience begins to lose touch. So maybe in the past we've been making music just to please ourselves. So we brought out the live album to say 'look this is what we've done, examine it and pass your own judgements. judgements.

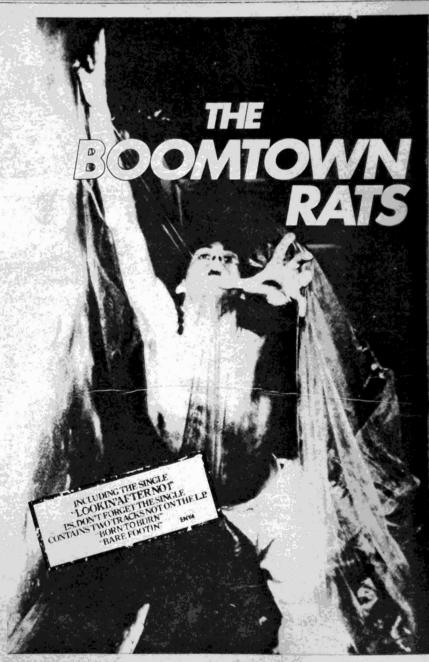
judgements.

"We use a lot of science fiction films in our stage act but maybe on the next British tour we'll be cutting down on those and use some of the films Bill took of us in France."

Simon possesses a herd of cats and feels that a black beast by the name

feels that a black beast by the name of Benjamin brings him luck.

"But Be Bop have been unlucky recently — for instance Bill's father died. Then there was the time when Bill and Andrew were beaten up by some hitch-hikers they gave a lift to. "I want to make a million pounds from the new album so that I can give it to Battersea Cats' Home."



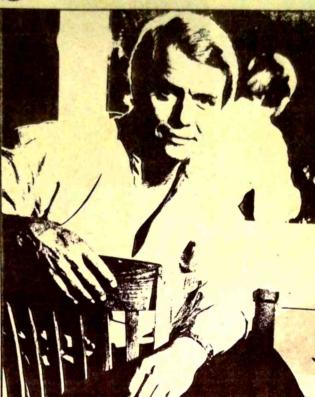
**ALBUM OUT NOW-BUY IT** Produced by Robert John Lange.

## **TEC** WRECKS FAIRER SEX

DAVID SOUL: 'Playing To An Audience Of One' (Private Stock PVLP 1026).

As a singer and stage performer, David Soul is not great — some would say not even good. And with justification — his vocal range is limited, his stage presence is clumsy and uncomfortable. And yet these fallings are irrelevant — because the fact is David Soul is a star. Something about him — and his records — has caught the public imagination. It's easy to put it down to pure image but that's not really important. All successful performers start with image. It's what you add to that basic appeal that counts — and David Soul has added a lot. Like bassist and musical director Andy Kulberg. Like violinist Richard Greene. Like pianist Jac Murphy. In other words, a rock solid, talented band to back him up, hold down the music, make up for his deficiencies. And to make the most of his material, which is at best wafer - thin. You have a choice of two styles — the slow dramatic ballad ('Don't Give Up On Us', 'Going In With My Eyes Open', 'Tomorrow Child') of the slightly rockier country numbers ('By The Devil I Was Tempted', Ry Cooder's 'Tattler', 'Silver Lady'). In David Soul's terms these could be an advancement. In anyone else's terms they're simple, easy on — the ear, undermanding. This album is not great. But it is very listenable, it's an improvement on the last one it will be successful. Ad you can't say fairer than that. + + + Shella Prophet





DAVID SOUL: Undemanding

THE MOTORS: 'Ti Motors I' (Virgin V2008)

The review that follows will contain no puns. Honest, I wouldn't particularly care if I didn't hear it again after playing it twice.

It says in the press handout 'high - energy big beat - ballads' and when they start saying things like that you know what to expect - high energy beat ballad splayed in a high energy big beat ballad way like every high energy big beat ballad you've ever heard. The nucleus of The Motors is Ducks Deluxe double act Nick Garvey and Andy McMaster. After leaving the band a few years back they formed Snakes, a less than successful outfit, and The Motors materialised with Bram Tchalkovsky joining Garvey on guitar and Ricky Slaughter on drums. Funny, once you start talking about band personnel and history it usually means you've of nothing constructive to say about the black circle in front of your eyes. Very true. There's absolutely nothing innovatory about this album. Tracks like 'Phoney Heaven' are culled straight from the Status Quo book of redundant riffs. The single 'Dancing The Night Away' is the best cut — a cake str build-up which grows thicker by the moment. Recipe reviews are always the best. Summary: as original as the title. ++ Barry Caln

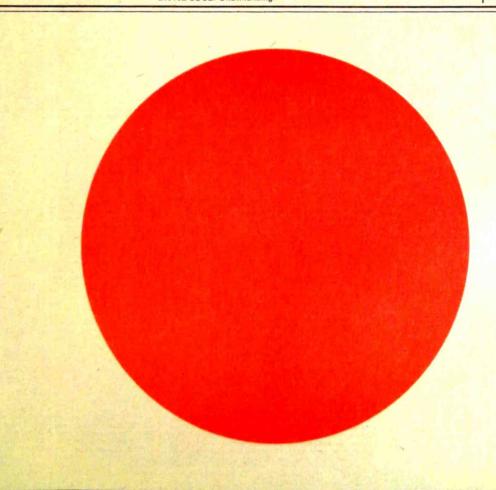
GOLDEN EARRING: 'Live' (Polydor 2625 034)

Apart from the truly wonderful 12-minute ver-

their one British hit and their songs don't come over any better live. Hack guitar work and remarkably similar ideas. The recording quality on this live epic could have been better in parts. Barry Hay's voice sometimes sounds distant and the instruments muddy. 'Radar Love' along with the other strongest song 'Just Like Vince Taylor' is featured on side four and good as they are is. 99 is a lot of money to pay for them alone. Why not release the tracks as an EP? Robin Smith

CAMOE: 'Cardisc Ar-rest' (Casablanca CAL2015)

Cameo take some of their Cameo take some of their inspiration from the zany school of funk antics pioneered by Parlia-ment's George Clinton. There is the same James Brown - derived choked chicken scratch guitar chicken scratch guitar driving the rhythm along. Effective chant-like vocals over a skintight bass make sure Cameo can deliver the disco goods. Two cuts 'Post Morten' and 'Rigor Mortis' have been sizeable US successes. Both are up tempo movers that will fill any dance floor. But the rest of the album is a long way from floor. But the rest of the album is a long way from filler. There is some of the humour that so successfully fills Parliament albums on 'Funk, Funk' and the softer side sees Tomi Jenkins displaying sensitivity on 'Smile' and 'Good Times'. ++++ Geoff Travis





## **EMOTION! EMOTION!**

Am I showing it says Tim Lott. You bet he is

JOAN ARMATRADING: 'Show Some Emotion' (A&M AMIJH 68433)

They just drift, those rhythms, through her black, black lips. "Show some emotion." she sings. And. "Put some expression in your eyes." How can you refuse? The vinyl commands it, the vinyl controls it. Joan, she creates if. The question barres resolutely. What follows: commands it, the vinyl controls it.
Joan, she creates it. The question
hangs resolutely. What follows 'Love
And Affection'? Judgement in the
aftermath of impiration is nothing if
not harsh. Only one follow-up fails to
look tawdry or lacking in that light
inspiration again, but no cheap
rehash. Joan walks it, breezes it,
breathes it. She got the blooze, then
she communicates it - listen to 'Come
On Home', perfect and poignant.
She's on an up, she owns up, sings
sweat from the body euphoric - grin
to 'Get in The Sun'. So where does the
magic lie? Not in the lyric, the words
in between chords, bar-filler. She in between chords, bar-filler. She advises, she narrates, her work is for herself and about herself. But the images are basic, the ideas obvious, the expression well-worn. No, the magic is in the thin hi now low, waif-

growl voice that cuts to the heart and the production's so right, by Glyn Johns again, naturally. Did you hear 'Get in The Sun' and 'Kissin' and Huggin' on the last JA tour before Johns got hold of them? Shod-eeee! But now both are trimmed and drilled clean — no wastage. To pin down "progression" from 'Joan Armatrading' to 'Show Some Emotion' is as irrelevant as is it difficult. 'Joan Armatrading' left nothing to progress from, only different channels to explore. Defining that channel on 'Show Some Emotion' is tricky because it's so subtle. But there's certainly a more embellished approach and Joan's voice has a new, up-register feel. And the song structures are a shade more complex. In case you're wondering. there isn't another 'Love And Affection' on 'Show Some Emotion', simply because classics aren't conveyor-belt stuff. It was a sublime fluke, supernatural one-off genius. But cuts like 'Woncha Come On Home' and 'Opportunity' come as near as dammit. It's priceless. Play it to death, +++++



Posta. Then he released 'It's All Over Now Baby Blue' and ... he still only had two claims to fame. The song received a lot of airplay and nothing more. Hard on the heels of that comes his debut album. Recount. One, two, er ... sorry Graham. Oh sure, the guy can sing, right up high he goes. Stylish production and a bunch of ace session men too. But two sides of cover versions ain't gonna impress anybody. Will

impress anybody. Will You Love Me Tomor-row?', I'm So Tired and Rock Island Line are all done very well but surely Bonnet could have contri-

buted more than one original 'Wino Song' which is treated totally

which is treated totally the wrong way anyway — a boppy score behind his sax solo is no substitute for substance — and this album is weefully lacking in that department. A shame because Bonnet has an undoubted talent.

Instead of plumping for a safe bet he should have

taken a gamble. He needs to. + + Barry Cain

## Rats get the message across

BOOMTOWN RATS (Ensign ENVY 001)

NO WAY can this album be classed new wave. It's in a field of its own, a field of energy, excitement and pure innovative ideas. I should add that the copy being blasted from my floor standers is a white label copy — devoid of sleeve notes. Anyway, who needs all that? The music is the message and boy, what a message. Side one opens up with "Lookin" After Number One' which is high on my list as single of the year so far The following tunes are all so fresh you pluck them from the album to play again. Track three sounds like Mink Deville meets Bruce Springsteen meets Thin Lizzy meets Southside Johnny and has the classic title 'Joey's On The Street Again'. The the classic title 'Joey's On The Street Again'. The final track 'Mary Of the Fourth Form' is a killer. No idea what they're singing but it's got a honky-tonk plano and on so corny sixtles doo-wop backing. Side two begins where the previous side left off. Another stunner, a driving song called iert off. Another stunner, a driving song called (She's Gonna) Do You In' contains a walling harmonica and is an obvious choice for the next single. There's even a ballad — gasp! — a a ballad — gasp! — a beautiful tune, 'I Can Make It If You Can', which puts Bob Geldof among my fave song-writers. Yes, this album

writers. Yes, this album reeks tuh? - Ed). It reeks of style, presentation to the utmost degree and worthwhile production, unlike some similar recent releases. Take heed, my friends, pop down to your local reckte shop and buy a copy before they sell out. They will cosit's gonna be big. + + + + + Steve Gibbs

FLOATERS (ABC 5229)

value. The tracks are all from the Bang Records catalogue and were released following the success of Brown Eyed Girl'. Unfortunately Morrison just hadn't developed completely by then and still relied heavily on a succession of the success of the albums often have spo uninspiring reworks, which 'This Is Where I Came In' inevitably reflects. + + + Tim Lott albums often have spo-ken, mush-hush intros to the songs. Thus: "Baby, you know I can't believe that you're not here. B-but it's so lonely without you. Everybody should have someone to cuddle have someone to cuddle up close to them and hold them tight. I-I-I've got to find you. Wherever you are I want you to come back. Ah-ah-ah I need you baby. Ah-ah-ah want you baby. Ha ha ha aha. I het love holding you I've holding you in

I just love holding you in my arms. If you come back you don't have to say You don't have to say you love me. Just come back to me. Please PLEASE. Just listen. The cry of desperate youth. Desperate stuttering youth. If you like the single Float On' you'll like the album. Starless and bible black? Na. I'm a Gemini so I'll

Na. I'm a Gemini so I'll give it + + Barry Cain

VAN MORRISON: 'This Is Where I Came In' (Bang 6467 625)

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Van Morrison is much rated as one of the most important singers of the last decade and sure enough — his imitators are legion. But then as a solo artist — Morrison was and is inconsistent — nearly all his albums have included at least a couple of well-duff cuts. A compilation could have distilled the inspiration into lean perfection. This one doesn't. Naturally 'This Is Where I Came In' has its moments. 'Brown Eyed Girl' is and always will be one of the firest

just love holding you in

DELROY WASHING-TON: 'Rasta' (Virgin V2088)

British reggae from the heart and soul and Ladbroke Grove. Del-roy's second album from Virgin (the last was the highly - acclaimed 'I Sus') is, as in the tite, Sus') is, as in the tite, invocation and indication of faith. 'Chant' and 'Chant II' open and close the album — canonical recitations on the first (''Jah . Rastafart'') give way to gentle flute, guitar and lightly melodic vocals on the second, setting the tone throughout as peaceful, devotedly vocals on the second, setting the tone throughout as peaceful, devotedly observational and passing from declaration to celebration. Rasta is for real. All the songs are his and he's produced himself allowing a rich, complex backdrop—musicians include Rico, Angus Gaye and Bunny McKenzie — to coax and enhance the heartfelt vocals. Brothers In Trouble', There Must Be A Way or Mystic Revelation are the inside looking out observations of a committed man. Real 'Rasta', real situations of a committed man. tions of a committed man. Real 'Rasta', real situ-ations. That said, 'Rasta' is musically almost faultiess, carried less by bass and rims than by interwoven guitars and horns to give it a dreamy lyricism that fits the mood serfectly. In the end too. Eyed Girl' is and always will be one of the finest love songs ever written. Madame George' from the classic 'Astral Weeks' is Morrison at his poetic best and the bizarre imagery of "TB Sheets', all 9.44 minutes of it, almost makes up the sizeable stock of fairly indifferent material on the album. The cuts are all pre-1970 and with both sides lasting about 30 minutes at least it's good perfectly in the end too, he's preaching hope. The combination is one that deserves to grab the previously daunted ... this is fine music indeed ... + + + John Shearlaw.

GRAHAM BONNET (Ring O'Records 2320 103)

Until a few months ago Graham Bonnet had two claims to fame - a

successful sixtles single
'Only One Woman' as one
part of the Marbles due
and a broken marriage to
TV personality Adrienne
Posta. Then he released
'It's All Over Now Baby NICK GLIDER: 'You Know How You Are' (Chrysalis CHR 1147) ;

I spent the first track waiting for Nick Glider to come in over the girly backing. Then I realised the girly backing was Nick Glider. Was he wearing very tight trousers? Give 'All Across The Nation' a miss—especially if you're a Who fan. You'll have heard the riffs before and played a lot better at that. who ian. You'll have heard the riffs before and played a lot better at that. He's a bit like Roger Daltrey without the guts on that track. As for the others I found it very difficult to adjust to the fact that I was hearing a man although it sounded like female voices. He could turn out to be a teeny heart - throb and I wou'ldn't be at a ll surprised. But a hero who sounds like the Crystals? The only song I like at all is 'Rated X', and that's only because the guitar sounds like a boogleing Bolan. + Rosalind Russell

ROSE ROYCE: 'In Full Bloom' (Whitfield K 56394)

This one is a hot machine

### LAUGH — I could have died

WING AND A PRAYER FIFE AND DRUM CORPS: 'Babyface Strikes Back' (Wing And A Prayer K

heard about the musical equivalent of slipping on a banana skin? The audio alternative to mother · in · law jokes? The vinyl variation on whoopee cushions? The disco derivation of Mick and Paddy, Van der Merwe, West Friesians and Polaks? No? It's the FUN record. Like WAAPFADC's latest FUN-filled vinyl Merwe, West Friesians and Polasts? No? It's the FUN-record. Like WAAFFADC's latest FUN-filled vinyl feast. So FUNny that like the aforementioned you'd grow a beard waiting for the first laugh. That's what. FUN right down to the zany title, the hoot of a sleeve with King Kong in a false nose and the loony notes printed diagonally so you have to turn the record sideways to read them! FUN with machine-like orchestras disinterring and massacring 'Popeye The Sallor Man' (toot toot), 'Yes! We Have No Bananas' and 'Good Ship Lollipop' among others in the way they treated 'Babyface' last year. The FUNniest thing about it all is it sells by the lorryload. If you'lke this lot you must be Benny Hill's landlady or I'm Elvis Costello. Arranged and conducted by David Horowitz, produced, conceived and recorded by Stephen Y. Scheater, it says here. Rotten eggs and tomatoes were removed by a firm of haulage contractors. You have to laugh. + + + + + John Shearlaw

Wash' and are speeding along on discodrive—and they've still got a smooth soul - cruisin' gear to complete the luxury package. Veteran producer and dance setter Norman Whitfield a very much at the is very much at the wheel He's written six of the eight songs but there's a lot more to Rose Royce than the diamond - hard disco he's masterminded. disco he's masterminded. For instance both sides of 'In Full Bloom' take a slow, feeling ful start. Wishing On A Star gives lady lead Rose Norvalt plenty of room to stretch. She makes the swaying, soulful ballad all her own. On the filipside 'You're My World Girl' is sweet and clear But 'Car Wash' fans won't be disappointed as they soon click into a disco groove with soild thumpers like 'Funk Factory' (very similar to their first hit) and 'It Makes You Feel Like Dancin'.' Or midtempo disco with a difference on 'You Can't Please Everybody'. Rose Royce spells rich class—it's amazing to think this is their first full album, and it's worth the price. For instance both sides of and it's worth the price.

VARIOUS ARTISTS: 'The Blues Came Down From Memphis' (Charly CR30125); 'Sun — The Roots of Rock Volume II: Memphis Blues Sounds' (Charly CR 30126)

Copies of early, now legendary rock albums Copies of early, now legendary rock albums recorded on the Sun label change hands at fantastic prices. Here, with these two LPs on the Charly label, we have the rerelease of some of that early material. A very justified re-release at that; Sam Phillips set up his Sun Studio to record the likes of Joe Hill Louis, Howling Wolf and BB King. In '53 the Sun label was launched and among the artists recorded were was launched and among the artists recorded were Little Milton Campbell, James Cotton and Dr. Ross. In '54 one Elvis Presley walked into the studio and signed up. The rest is history. 'The Blues Came Down From Memphis' has tracks from Dr. Ross. James Cotton, Willie Nix. Rufus Thomas, Jimmy DeBerry, Sammy Lewis and

ERS & QUIVER: 'Down To Earth' (CBS 82255)

The first thing that strikes me about this album is that it's a splendid collection of singles — you could take almost any and have a hit with it. The second thing is how much they owe to other attist to make this possible. Looking beyond its immediate appeal, it comes out as a hotchpotch of borrowed ideas. The yocals and the phrasing of the songs bear a striking resemblence to much of Eliton John's earlier albums. They're particularly noticeable on "Where Lies Your Sou!" It's a lovely song with a big dramatic build up from the string section, but it leans heavily towards Elit's style. The other source of inspiration appears to be the Beatles. The guitar run in 'Dark Ship' could have come from George Harrison on 'Here Comes TheSun'. It didn't though, it was Ray Flacke. The three guitarists — the other two are Tim Renwick and Mick Grabham — have some how managed to keep their styles remarkably alike and they all sound similar to the Beatles. Play 'Harbour Light' and then the Beatles' 'I Feel Fine'. The guitar run is almost identical. While I think 'Harbour Light' would make the best single — I love the song — it's mostly because someone has been there before them and proved the The neare — played the song of the proper of them and proved the come of them and proved them and proved the come of them and proved them and proved the come of them and proved them and proved the come of them and proved them and proved the come of them and proved them and proved them and proved the come of them and proved the come of them and proved them and proved the come of them and proved them and prov it The piano — played by Crawler's Rabbit — is superb throughout and perhaps should have been perhaps should have been brought up to the front a bit more. It's a lot like Nicky Hopkins' style but compilments it rather than borrowing from it. The other really strong number is a reggae based track. 'Oh Woman', another contender for a another contender for a singles' chart placing. The weakest song is Rock 'n' Roll People' Apart from the hack lyrics, the from the hack lyrics, the vocals are a bit pale pink. Mind you, that isn't bad against a whole album of good songs but I would have expected the producer. Bruce Welch, if not the artists, to pull up on the Beatles' breaks. Having said all that I think the album is worth having; the songs are excellent, ditto the rhythm section. rhythm section. Rosalind Russell

KINGFISH: 'Live And Kickin' (United Artists UAG 30080)

The album was recorded live at the Roxy in Los live at the Roxy in Los Angeles, but they'd do well to come to the London Roxy and find out what atmosphere and exictement are really all about. The sleeve notes promise a number of experiences, none of this weedy bunch of pale pink country / rock / blues musicians manage to deliver. I've rarely heard deliver. I've rarely heard such an uninspired collection of songs on one LP + Rosalind Russell



## Just like the Write to Mailman, Record Mirror, 40 Long Acre, London WC2E 9JT.

other suckers

NOW SEE here, Robbie Vincent, off you go like all the other suckers somebody feeds you something, you place it in your brain and away it goes getting bigger and bigger every time an incident gets headlines in the press.

ask you these

a) Has anybody said that punk will overtake soul as disco music? b) Does the large number

of drug convictions among soul clubs put you off listening and dancing

c) Do you really think a DJ should play only soul music?

I do a punk show in Wakefield and kids I know who are punks are just ordinary kids from down the road who have tagged onto a new craze.
They don't vomit over
each other or throw beer
and glasses at each other.
In fact if you've never seen anyone pour beer over someone else in your

pre-punk lifetime you must have led a very sheltered life.

As you are a component of the media, being on As you are a component of the media, being on Radio One, your breath would be better spent giving information about the music you and your audience enjoy. Steer clear of knocking other people's tastes.

Soul music will always remain predominant in discos as dance music. But there's still room for

people who would rather have something else. I have a separate floor on which I play punk. The soulles should be content to stay upstairs with their music but they venture down and the trouble starts — usually because someone fancies seeing what it's like to thump a

what it's like to thump a punk.

It will help the soulies to remember the roots of black music — depression, poverty and a racist society. That's what punk is about, those same things. Don't forget a good few punks like reggae as well.

One last thing — Record Mirror is not a disco paper. Its job as a

component of the media is to cover the full spectrum of the musical rainbow and I think I voice the majority of readers' opinions when I say they do that job admirably. Stuart The Hat, Raquel's, Wakefield.

#### Such refined young chaps

young chaps

WE ARE two musical appreciators of refined taste and broadmindedness. We believe everyone is entitled to their point of view and there's a place in society today for all kinds of music ranging from classical topunk.

Being so open-minded ourselves, we tend to get upset when some jumpedup bleeding little toad called Barry Cain has the clotheadedness to mention the late Elvis Presley and some paralytic idlot

and some paralytic idlot called Johnny Rotten in the same sentence. We thought it only fair to point out that, should he by some chance find it fit

by some chance find it fit to leave the mental establishment where he is at present staying and venture down to our neck of the woods, he would probably find himself suspended on a rope by the testicles with his safety pins and razor blades rammed up his backside. backside

backside.

RV and PW, Cambridgeshire.

Actually, that's one of his favourite spare-time

pursuits . . .

#### Has anyone seen Swindon?

JUST LIKE to say a big "ret lost" to that ignorant bitch who interviewed XTC last week, Mary Ann Ellis. What do you think we're like here? All walking around looking like country yokels or



NANA MOUSKOURI: she's got lovely big . .

### OUR FAVE RAVE

YOUR MAGAZINE is crap in its present form! Cut out all this god-damn punk and fill it all with Dana Gillespie. Oh my God, I'm more turned on by her than any chick I've had the pleasure to see in a dozen X-rated films. She is totally fantastie! The ultimate woman! Print more pictures of Dana Gillespie! Please! Before I end up in a mental hospital or my blood becomes so steamed up it'll start evaporating away. I'm deeply in love with her, I want Dana Gillespie and not ugly cretinous punk monsters. Andy I Kilbardovianastric, Mars.

+ Unfortunately Alf Martin's taken the Dana Gillespie photo file to the tollet. Instead we've decided to print a picture of one of our favourite singers, Nana Mouskouri.

something? You ought to come here and see that there's a growing new wave scene and we're getting all the good bands too — The Clash, The Damned, Ramones, Stranglers, Vibrators, Ultravox, Generation X, Saints etc. So it's not the dead, hysterical place you seem to think it is, Ms Ellis. Keep quiet until you know what you're talking about. Thanks for the XTC interview though—we're proud of 'em! Carol—a Swindon fan ewhy have you written your letter with a pitchfork? desperate situation I have to go through to see his new programme 'Marc'. I don't finish work until 5.30 pm sol have to sneak out of work at 4.15 and rush around the town looking for a television shop that has his programme showing. Please, Marc, show your

programme on Saturday for the sake of my job! A frustrated Bolan fan, Middlesbrough

#### Marc, you're finished

WHO THE hell does Marc Bolan think he is? (Snooze - Ed). Does he think he can fob us off with recordings of his singing (which, incidentally he doesn't do too well)? I mean, even I could see he was crap! The highlight of his show was when The Jam appeared. Fantastic! Showaddywaddy have been better but Marc, sorry. I've only two words to say to you: you're finished! Lynn Kirk WHO THE hell does Marc

Lynn Kirk

#### Does this make sense?

make sense?

I READ a letter in your mag last week from a feller in the armed forces. I couldn't believe my eyes. What's all this about "glorlous Queen" for a start? Let me tell you, when me and the Venus Loons form our band. The Crap, and we tour the army camps we're going to blast your brains to pieces. Get it? Make your ears BLEED. Your adrenalin flow. You will want to be converted. To throw up all down your field marshalls and spit all over their faces. To cover your faces in tomato ketchup and lie writhing, face down on the floor in agony. This tornup country is about to be taken over by Bolanites Because Bolan rules!

Jason B. Looney, Mansrules!

Jason B. Looney, Mans-

field, Notts

Anybody making sense of this letter should see their psychiatrist.

#### Knuckles — a charming fella

KNUCKLES AN' me are still ver-ee worried about the shall we say, outstanding business be-tween us We feel sure that we did

We feel sure that we did the vanishing business with the fat boy airight cause you got 'im in the paper that week In-cidentally, I fink you got his name wrong. Knuck-les is sure you sald his name was Elton Per-

seley. An' anyway, if he was just some impersona-tor grease monkey, why were all them papers writin' about 'im'? He didn't 'aif have a big gaff

didn't 'aif have a big gan an all.

Still schtum, eh?
All Knuckles an me is worried about is the current. Instalment. We appreciates your efforts to get the greenles by selling the office typewriters and suchlike, but business is business, as they say.

typewriters and suchlike, but business is business, as they say.

The boys would also like to have a chat with you about all this cashing in that's goin' on. We feel sure you could use a little help, organising it. I mean, we wouldn't want Dalston Police to know that you were 'aving Perseley memorial medaillons struck three weeks before 'e snuffed it, would we?

'Ope to see you in the usual place next Tuesday, this time wiv the goods, or Knuckles might just shall we say, push a yard of barbed wire down yer throat.

throat.
All the best,
"Mother". XXX.

Oh my God, how did this get mixed up with . . . AAAAAAARGH.

#### Lieutenant wants privates out

THIS HAS got to stop.
Right minded citizens Right minded citizens everywhere must have had doubts about the purity of Record Mirror's moral approach following their filthy — and I mean filthy — picture of Blonde On Blonde on the cover.

Those doubts can only have been confirmed by the inclusion in a later issue of the Page Three girls. NIPPLES could be plainly seen.

Now I'm a reasonable man, and no-one could call me a PRUDE. Gosh,

call me a PRUDE. Gosh, I like a pretty girl as much as the next Lieut. Major (ret). But you have to draw the line somewhere, y'know And I think we should draw the line at PRIVATE PARTS. Besides, it's costing me a fortune in trouser zips and Kleenex.

and Kleenex.
Yours Sincerely,
Lieut. Major Peter Niss (ret)

Leave

alone

I THINK Britt Ekland is

being a bitch. Why can't she leave Rod alone and let him do what he wants with his life? I know they

• This letter has been forwarded to our 'Help' column.



#### Strained his brain

pitchfork?

I JUST had to write to you

I JUST had to write to you after reading that so-called letter about Paul Weller last week Firstly, what Paul said is the truth nowadays — all groups are in it for the money and they all want to be stars and make a fortune. As for Paul's views being pathetic — Les from Hartiepool must be posh or something because Paul was straight and honest. I suggest Les lies down for a little while — all those big flash words must have strained his brain. He should try to realise it's 1977 and a free country. I hope you never get married because I pity your missus. And I hope Paul Weller hates you too. And I hope a bird craps on your head PS Long live The Jam and

## iscword

The bufo narinus toad - Barry Cain - can grow to a

foot long and has a record of poisoning cats and dogs

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# DO?

have had sexual intercourse with girls and women quite a few times and I think I'm a normal heterosexual. But recently I've started But recently I vestarted to notice men in the street. Incidentally I used to go around with two very nice guys but they told me they're homosexual and now they often go to gay clubs. Although I've since broken off my friendship with them I think they have in-fluenced me towards mosexual tendencies homosexual tendencies.

I feel many people may
have the same problem
and would be very
grateful if you could
publish this. By the way
I'm 24. What should I

Fred, Haywards Heath

olt's a fact of life that some people are at-tracted to the opposite sex and others are homosexual – attracted homosexual – attracted both emotionally and physically to their own sex. But often things aren't quite so clear-cut. So far you've had considerable sexual ex-perience with girls, have said goodbye to a friendly relationship with two gay guys and



have since started to modes" men in the street. Homosexuality isn't contagious and although your exfriends may have broadened your outlook there's no way the evidence adds up to the fact that you're gay. But that doesn't mean you won't have more growing to do before you're totally aware of your own sexuality.

You can rack your brains and coldly consult books on the subject but ultimately

you're the only person who can decide whether

you're potentially homo-sexual or bisexual.

sexual or bisexual.

Talking over your
feelings with people
who've been through the
same situation will help
you sort out your head.
If you happen to see
your cast-off friends

your cast-off friends once again they could be a good starting point. You can get further advice and earspace from Icebreakers (01-274 9590, 7.30 · 10.30 every night) or ring Friend (01-688 1079, 7.30 · 9.30 Monday and Friday). Or drop a line to the Campaign for Homosexual Equality, PO Box 427, 33 King

PO Box 427, 33 King Street, Manchester M60 2El. The information they offer may help you.

Edited by SUSANNE GARRETT. Send your problems to Help, Record Mirror, 40 Long Acre, London WC2E 91T.

## Can I treat VD myself?

I THINK I've got VD but I'm not sure. something from the chemist and treat it myself?
As I'm only 15 I cannot bring myself to go to a VD
clinic. I'm very shy. Anyway the person I
caught it from is in Italy so they won't be able to contact her. Steven, Bolton

O If you suspect you've contracted VD there's only one way to find out for sure; you MUST take specialist medical advice and make an appointment with the nearest clinic. Your age is no problem so don't get uptight. The Bolton clinic treats people younger than you. You've got nothing to lose as all treatment is free, painless and quick and your visit will be in complete confidence. You may discover you don't have VD at all. Certain minor infections of the genitals have similar symptoms.

at all. Certain minor infections of the genitals have similar symptoms.

But if you don't have a check-up you're seriously risking your own health and that of anyone you may have sexual relations with in the future. Nothing you can buy from a chemist will make VD go away. If you start experimenting with antibiotics the situation could get worse and may set back any treatment for months. Get yourself together and DO IT. Bolton Clinic is in Queen Street, behind the Town Hall. The phone number is Bolton 22311 (ext 308;.

e John of Bolton, if you want to give blood, ring your local hospital, (check-out the number in the phone-book), or write to the National Blood Transfusion Service, (City Centre), Moor House, London Wall, London EC2 for further details.

### Don't keep it

a secret

MY BOYFRIEND and I have been going out for about a year. But when my parents found out a couple of weeks ago they toid me to stop seeing him even though I'm deeply in love with him. The biggest problem is that my parents are Jehovah's Witnessee and I believe in Jehovah too, but my boyfriend does not. The Bible says "Honour thy father and thy mother" and I don't want to cause trouble in the family. I'm 14. Can you give me some advice? MY BOYFRIEND and I

Diane, Plymouth

◆If you are sincere in your feelings towards your boyfriend you must try to show your parents that the guy in your life isn't just some yobo who doesn't share their belief in God. He's your boyfriend and is sure to have some points in his favour which your parents could appre-ciate.

Your romance is still going on, so don't try to keep it a secret. They won't trust your judg-ement at all if they think you have things to hide. Your parents need to know you're not just playing games, so invite your boyfriend over. Your family needs to know that, you're capable of choosing your friends and having honest, mature feelings.



FEEDBACK answers your questions. Send your letters to: Record Mirror, 40 Long Acre, London WCZE 9JT. Please don't send a stamped addressed envelope as we can't answer your letters individually.

#### Dennis Waterman

DOES Dennis Waterman have a fan club? I'd also like a list of his albums and singles. Dennis fanatic, Orphagion.

• Write to 127 Croydon Road, Penge, London 8E20 7TT. Albums: 'Down Wind Of Angels' (DJM DJS 2043); 'Waterman' (DJM DJS 2013 available October). Singles: 'For Their Pleasure' (DJM DJS 0049); 'I' Will Glide' (DJM DJS 10715); 'Hooray For Curly Woolf' (DJM DJS 10740); 'It Aint Easy' (DJM DJS 1081 available September 30).

#### Pussycat

CAN YOU give me Pussycat's fan club address?
Jermaine, Newcastle upon-Tyne.

• Write to Volendam Artists, Nordeinde 17,
Volendam, Holland.

#### John Miles

CAN YOU give me the address of the John Miles fan club? This is my last resort before ordering 15 million copies of 'So You Win Again' and making it number one for all eterativ.

K. Marrow, Portadown.

Write to John Miles fan club c/o 3-4 New Compton Street, London WC2.

#### Generation X/Damned

ARE Tony James of Generation X and Brian James of the Damned related?
Two Damned disciples.

No.

#### Status Quo

their release dates?

N. Kenworthy, Horbury.

• Pictures Of Matchstick Men' February 1968; 'Ice In The Sun' September 1968; 'Down The Dustpley' June 1970; 'Paper Plane' October 1972; 'Mean Girl' May 1973; 'Caroline' September 1973; 'Break The Rules' April 1974; 'Down Down' December 1974; 'Roll Over Lay Down' May 1975; 'Rain' February 1976; 'Mytery Song' July 1976; 'Wild Side Of Life' December 1976.



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#### SEPTEMBER?

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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 given where possible.

ROCK HITS the Palace with a vengeance this weekend. Southside Johnny. And The Asbury Jukes. Brand X and Crawler join Santana, here on a flying visit, and Eivis Costello for the Crystal Palace Garden Party (Saturday) from midday until 8 pm. If you don't have tickets you can get them on the day from London Theatre Bookings, Premier Box Office or Harlequin Records' branches. And there's more open - air action on Sunday when Darts open their new 30' dater tour (better believe it!) with a beadline appearance at the Radio London Honky Tonk Show on Clapham Common, somewhere in the vicinity of the bandstand (behind the Wellington pub).

The Jam make two special London club appearances at the Nashville (Saturday), and the 100 Club (Sanday). Both gigs will be recorded for possible use on their forthcoming second album. Much more from Adverts, Generation X and Slouzsk and The Banshees too Catch 'emit you can.



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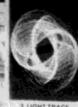
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## Stranger than fiction

Hammersmith Odeon, London

ASTRIDE THE long critical pedestal, adopt-ing the mantle of public ing the mantle of public ASTRIDE THE lofty ublic taste taste - rectifying and improving aturally repelled by the att accompa; the battle on, the bound fait acco

Such with Stranger largely feted and lately foisted upon a public not eager to accept the eager to accept the melled sentinels that we must inevitably, become as critics.

An Important concert Stranger, "young men in haste to be renowned", were inspired last week by management, money or possibly just massive confidence, to perform their debut concert at the Hammersmith Odeon. move that bore out all the implications of their title achieved less than the anticipated exposure, and yet accompanied a modicum of artistic success. They came, they played and they survived and they returned for

Idle rumour specula-ting that Stranger were the Sex Pistols could have done little for their cause Earlier manager Simon Gaul had been happy to grin: "Lunacy? I know it's sheer lunacy!" But it's sheer lunacy!" But with negligible ticket sales until the day this had been replaced by a grim and perhaps dish-evelled determination to

an encore

see it through.
The balcony of course was shut, but the auditorium could boast at least as many mortal ghostly, invisible guests. After the nervous start, Overture' no leas, they progressed to please with melodious rock - more competent than original perhaps, but with a fresh

OCKGARDEN IN STEVENS AWAY TYLA GANG GLORIA MUND MAHVANE

and heavy leaning that may mark them in future as something more than a as something more than a band that nobody has ever heard of. 'Pain And Pleasure' and 'Insanity' led them to a well received 'Sunset'. Dinosaurs have babies too and a mating of Genesis and Rush has produced an eddly attractive off-

After an encoure 'Fools In The Sand' deed was done. The Stranger thing had hap-pened. And the first fans gladly gathered. Not to criticise but to be there at the beginning — the mushrooming of accept-ance which will take as long as it will for any JOHN SHEARLAW.

ED BANGER AND THE NOSE-

Rafters, Manches-

WITH THE impending demise of the Electric Circus, Rafters seems to be taking over as Manchester's leading and possibly only new wave venue. Local band The Nosebleeds recently had a single released on Rabid Records, 'Ain't Bin To No Music School' and it's not at all bad.

They went straight into 'Music School' followed by a rapid version of Iggy's 'Raw Power'. Guitarist Vinny is the quiet member of the band and looks a little out of place, oblivious of the wild antics of the young

wild antics of the young master Banger.

The Nosebleeds, like most new wave bands, owe a great deal to the original Stooges but nowhere is it as obvious as here. Anarchic chords and express-paced drums are OK at first but get boring at times. Titles like 'Fascist Pig' and 'Middle Class Suburban Creep' are typical new wave cliches. Lyrics apart they're great fun'to dance to. Hope next time they play 'Music School' only once. Three times is a bit much lads. a bit much la

#### GLORIA MUNDI Marquee, London

"FOR WHAT you are about to receive, may you suffer.

Those were the first words Gloria Mundi said when they took to the Marquee stage. And suffer I did.

I say I because the rest of the audience seemed to enjoy them. A bit of music, a bit of theatre, a music, a bit of theatre, a bit of mime. Jacks-of-all-trades, masters of none. If a band doesn't

If a band doesn't announce their numbers and you haven't got a clue what they're singing about it's a dead loss right from the off.

They haven't been blessed with a recording contract yet and I can see

why — no strong, memorable material. Perhaps they should change their name to Gloria Mundane. ALF MARTIN

DOOBIE BROTH-Rainbow, London

ILLUSION PARTLY shattered: the Doobie shattered: the Dooble Brothers satisfied their fans at the Rainbow but even the band must have been a little disappointed with the set which fell slightly short of the perfection you normally associate with them. 'China Grove' and Grovel'

associate with them.

'China Grove' and
Taking It To The Streets'
Immediately showed that
the band had sound
problems. Vocals were
muddy, Michael McDonald's plano wasn't
coming through and there
seemed to be no audible
reason for having a
percussionist as well as
two drummers. o drummers. Watching the Doobles is

watching the Locoles is like having a bag of liquorice allsorts in front of you — you don't know what they'll pull out next.

of you — you don't know what they'll pull out next. Soft rock, instantly memorable pop, soul, funk, jazz, blues — the Doobles Brothers try them all with equal amounts of success. They don't seem sure which direction they're heading but then again that's why they appeal to all tastes. Typically of American bands the Doobles are into visuals, possibly to the detriment of their sound. Even Jeff 'Skunk' Baxter played a few bummers early on before the band really hit it off. 'South City Midnight Lady' though got the Doobles on the right track and for once the lush, rich harmonies came over properly. 'Little Darling (I Need

richarmonies came over properly.

'Little Darling (I Need You)' was not up to Marvin Gaye's original but then it was all downhill. McDonald's silken yet throaty vocals peaked, Baxter cut loose and the band's full sound was incredibly tight and

adventurous.

A brilliant ending after a mediocre start. A pity they couldn't sustain a little bit more consistency. STEVE ORME

#### COUNT BISHOPS Dingwalls, London

ASK Elvis Costello and he'll tell you straight: Dingwalls is the pits. It's got an audience that's so jaded, so used to being spoon-fed that to get their undivided attention you have to do something like commit a very nasty-ritual murder onstage. I don't know how they managed it but Count Bishops snapped out a sparkling set in front of this excuse for an audience. I suppose they took the only possible course — ignored them

took the only possible course — ignored them and just carried on ripping out their rivvum an' blooze like Jimmy Reed and Chuck Berry weren't dead and had only nipped out to the launderette.

I don't believe music is timeless — here today, gone tomorrow is the essence of rock 'n' roll but the sweet bite of the Bishops could almost

Only almost though, Only almost though, because, as good as the band are (Johnny Guitar's solos being particularly notable) they still don't have enough confidence in the strength of their own material, like their great single, 'Train' Train'. Their new singer, Dave 'Tice, comes over like a reasonable vocalist in search of a role.

But that's nitpicking really 'cos the Bishops are a classic bar band. NICK CHARLES

Readshows NOT CHAPIN UP VERY WELL

Rainbow, London.

SUNDAY NIGHT at the London Palladium? No, Saturday night at the London Rainbow. Well, at least I think it was. Whatever, wherever, the opening night of Harry Chapin's first ever British concert tour was . . I dunno, an experience.

Harry sat in the middle, surrounded by a cello player, two guitarists and a drummer. And the audience, including a substantial quantity of Americans, were with Harry from the start. They knew every number, clapped along, sangalong and had a ball.

had a ball.

Songs were interspersed with a continual patter, frequently of a most wonderful, deep and meaningful nature. Like, Mr Chapin and his band played 130 benefit concerts last year. This year they aim to raise 700,000 dollars for charity. All the profits from sales of

700,000 dollars for charity. All the profits from sales of his T-shirts and books of poems go to good causes. He sang what is probably his best · known number, 'I Am The Morning DJ', he sang a song for his wife 'I Wanna Learn A Love Song' and one for his daughter 'Song For Jamie (Tangled Up Puppet)'. Now, these songs, I thought, showed him in his best style — sort of love - song or ballad category, not too heavy. The same can be said for 'Cat's in The Cradle'. Enjoyable and not complex.

same can be said for 'Cat's In The Cradle'. Enjoyable and not complex.

But his heavier, louder numbers tended to grate. There were technical problems, but 'Saiper', a song reflecting the increase of collective violence in society, only occasionally became aggressive and then disappeared into aimost metallic oblivion. It was preceeded by a rambling lecture mentioning Robert De Nero, the Bremmer Diaries, George Wallace, James Earl Ray... EXEXEXEXEX.

HARTY's brother Steve on piano, gave an admirable performance of one of his own compositions 'Let Time

Harry's brother Steve on plano, gave an admirable performance of one of his own compositions 'Let Time Go Lightly' before the evening degenerated into pantomime. Some crasy song about 30,000 pounds of bananas. . all join in. Then closing with 'All My Life's A Circle' . . "All you up there in the cheap seats sing now. Now the men down here. Now the women over here. Why do women always lack balls on these occasions?" All it needed was for Widow Twanky to enter stage left and for Jack to fall off the beanstalk. Ughhhhhhhh. But all the punters loved it and that's what it's all about. Oh, I almost forgot to mention his latest song 'Dance Band On The Titanic'.

After the show, Harry spent around 45 minutes out

After the show, Harry spent around 45 minutes out front signing books, T-shirts and sundry articles. Touching that. And I mean this most sincerely folks. JIM EVANS

#### BUZZCOCKS Rafters, Manches-

BUZZCOCKS - a Manchester miasma causing GBH to the nostrils? Or one of the best damned bands the rainy city has ever produced

ever produced?
Of course it's unthinkable that two such theories could couple, producing the ultimate in miscegenation. Then

again ... Adrift in a sweaty sea on a Rafters. Beams criss-crossing almiably above your head, glee photos of Vince Hill dotted around the bar, chips up the back, nerve ends down the front and a pingpogo palsy firmly em-bedded in the minds of every Buzzcocks' trouble-shooter.

shooter.

Thursday night and it's raining. Rafters, now well into its Thursday night is punk-night season, presents the city's current saviours headed by one Pete Shelley (no relation), an unobtrusive little channic with a

little chappie with a nursery - book voice. The band also boasts Steve Diggle guitar, John Maher drums and Garth, who bears a quaint resemblance to the comic

resemblance to the comic striphero, bass.

The Buzzcocks are no whizz track newcomers.
Their songs have taken a time battering which has only enhanced the overall effect of the band's performance. Strange Shelley vocals sliding through a lattice work of riffs. Each number riffs. Each number branded with a simple complexity – 'Boredom', 'Love Battery', 'Break-down'.

It's not a London sound anymore. STOP PRESS: The Buzzcocks have just

signed a record deal with United Artists. Poor Sods. BARRY CAIN

#### ROOGALA-TOR/YACHTS Nashville

This lead singer, John Joe James Campbell, looks ridiculous. Not because ridiculous. Not because he's got green pubes or anything, he just moves funny onstage and grins all the time. JJJ Campbell is in The

JJJ Campbell is in The Yachts, a band out of the Isle of Wight, who've just signed for a single with Stiff Records. And Stiff's incredible ear for quality

incredible ear for quality is on target again — The Yachts are the best fun I've had for ages.

They're lightweight, simple, rhythmic, almost silly — all Stiff acts are almost silly — and real fresh fresh

They don't play rock 'n' roll so much as . . . um

avant garde or indescrib-able or anything like that, it just sounds so new. Every song is distinct and breezy, takes you along on the swell.

on the swell.

They were nothing at all like Roogalator who were dreadful. A while back when I guess they must have been good record companies were sign them. Now Virgin have got them and, I reckon, a lame duck. Their material is quite, quite uninspired, rough R and B and even Love And The Single Girl' which is an OK single sounded duff

As Danny Adler, their once talented Jewish American leader ought to be saying, Roogalator Schmoogalator. Who needs 'em? TIM LOTT



HARRY CHAPIN: an experience

#### THE MOVIES Rock Garden, Lon-

don IN THE dense, atmosphere of the Rock Garden The Movies were like a gust of fresh air. They hauled the audience to life and injected them

They hauled the audience to life and injected them with their own good - time fever until even the surliest Euro - punters started to jig in a fashion that provided instant comic relief.

The Movies played a superb set, lifting most of the songs from their recent album 'Double A'. The outstanding numbers were 'Boogaloo', which was used in the set, and again as the encore, 'Yo-Yo' and 'Playground Heroes'. The playing was tight, timing precise and arrang ements classy throughout. Their sound is both distinctive and original, incorporating all is both distinctive and original, incorporating all types of music and blending them together until the result is akin to Osibisa jamming with the Doobles.

The rhythms are instantly catchy and the lyrics, wonder of won-ders, comprehensible, On ders, comprehensible, On the slawer numbers the sound was sultry with Jon Cole providing bluesy vocals, a sharp com-parison to the faster instrumental breaks which set the crowd alight with Caribbean — Latin rhythms and heavy percussion

As the set progressed it became apparent Movies depended on movies depended on audience response. Things really started hotting up when a couple began jiving(?) directly in front of the stage.

KELLY PIKE

#### SHAM 69 Roxy, London

SHAZAM 77! The antediluvian ideals of the pig-gutted swirl are in the process of a distortion that any bleach - eyed that any bleach chameleon would be proud of. Like we ain't getting what our readies craved for in those blanched out days before RCD (that's record company deal, honey).

Then a geezer like

Then a gezer like Jimmy Pursey comes along. Worldly naive, full of wide eyed assurance "there's no way I'm gonna be affected by

uncontrollable aplomb'

– a shelter in a bombed
out town.

And the funny thing is And the namy thing is Jimmy is totally sincere, having a devout faith in his existentialist stance. But he's in no more control of his future than control of his future than a wet - cheeked puppy in the pet shop window. Sham 69 are gonna be big. Take my word. Deservedly so? Natch. Sincerity should always overhaul success. And Wimpey's are always overhauling success.

overhauling success.
Sham pumped plasma
into London's Roxy club,
the one that's been in a
coma since around
February, with all the
finesse of a bucking
cannon. New bands (new cannon. New bands (new band definition — nine -month tultion in the art of seduction, bread

seduction, bread line bondage) haven't had such a reaction since The Pistols and Clash caved in the 100 Club.

But the rot is aiready setting in. A deal with WEA will lift the band out of the pram - pushing stakes and straight into Motherare security. stakes and straight into Mothercare security. Songs like 'Ulster Boy'. 'Borstal Breaker', 'Rich Kid', 'F--All' will be chanted in council - flat terraces by stone - stair kids swamped by incred-ulous graffit! And Jimmy and Co will he worlds apart Sot tall

And Jimmy and Co will-be worlds apart. So it all, smacks of pessimism on a tired old writer's part. So what? Sham mean well, that's a fact. But it's leading every-one up the garden path where the only gnomes that fish in make - believe ponds come from Zurich

ponds come from Zurich

Good luck Jim. don't need it.
BARRY CAIN

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enly)
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LONDON, Young Vic. The Cut (01-2033), Jericha MANCHESTER, Electric Circus (081-205 9411), Models, Stiletto

NEWCASTLE, City Hall (2007), Harry Chapin REDCAR, Coatham Bowl (3226), Count Bishops ST AGNES, Talk of the West, Marmalade

Monday

SEPTEMBER 12

BIRKENHEAD, Hamilton Club (051-647 8093), The Realistics DONCASTER, Outlook Club

(64434), Boomtown Rata E DINBURGH, Tiffanys (031-556 6292), Count

(031-556 6292). Count Bishops EXETER, Cavern, Slouxsie & The Banshees LONDON, Dingwalls, Cam-den Lock (01-297 4987). Special Brew LONDON, Greyhound, Ful-ham (01-0528), Bethnal LONDON, Hope and Anchor (01-4519). Fruit Eating Bears

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LONDON, The Kenaington,
Russell Gardens (01-3245),
Landscape
LONDON, Pinder of
Wakefteld, Grays Inn
Road (01-837 1753), Sore

Road (01-837 1753), Sore Throat LONDON, Music Machine (01-387 0428), Camden, 90 Deg Inclusive LONDON, Nashville, Ken-sington (01-6071), Shakin' Stevens and The Sunsets

LONDON, Rock Garden, Covent Garden (01-240 3961), Darts / Amazorblades
LONDON, Royal Court
Theatre (01-730 1745),
SLEAK / Alberto Y Lost
Trios Paranolas



SMALL FACES: with new member, Jimmy McCulloch, Birmingham Hippodrome, Tuesday

LONDON, Southside City, West Hampstead, X Ray / Spex / The Jolt LONDON, Upstairs at Ronnies, Frith Street (01-0747), Ph.Ups LONDON, Vortex, Crackers, Wardour Street (01-734 4916), Penetration / New Hearts / Unwanted / The

Meat
MERTHYR TYDFIL, Tiffanys (5621), The 'O' Band
RUGBY, Emilys, Jenny
Darren

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BIRMINGHAM, Barbarellas (021-643 9413), Slouxale & The Banshees
BIRMINGHAM, Hippodrome (021-622 2576), The Small Faces
CARDLEF, Top Rank (26538) Pirates
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LONDON, Dingwalls, Camden Lock (01-287 4967), Head Over Heels
LONDON, Hope and Anchor (01-3594510), 899
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Mare (4.16 - 4.45): Bolan's guests mig

currently touring.

BBC 2 - Tammy (7, 10 - 7, 40): Stand by for Nashville's top
country lady Tammy Wynette, joined this week by country
country Richard Harding and Johny McEvoy.

Top of the Pops (7, 10 - 7, 40): Will Elvis knock the from the top slot? Switch on and find out.

BBC: 1 - Floaters (rom the top slot! Switch on Floaters (rom the top slot! Switch on BBC: 2 - Rhythm On (9 00 9 30): The series ends with a dose of Morris on and hick humour from the Albion Dance Band, the Yetties and Five in a Bar

done of Morris on and hick humour from the Alban Paster Band, the Yetties and Five in a Bar Saturday
LWT — Our Show (9.00 - 11.30). Five young Londeners, including Elvis Payne (18) from Clapham and Mellisas Wilke (9) from Isington play television interviewer and grill big names from the world of showbiz 'n' sport. This week's victims include Britain's Evel Knieve! — Edde Kild LWT — Happy Days (11.30 - 12.00). Fonsie (Henry Winkler) gets a new time slot and also develops a none toohealthy interest in personal hygiene.

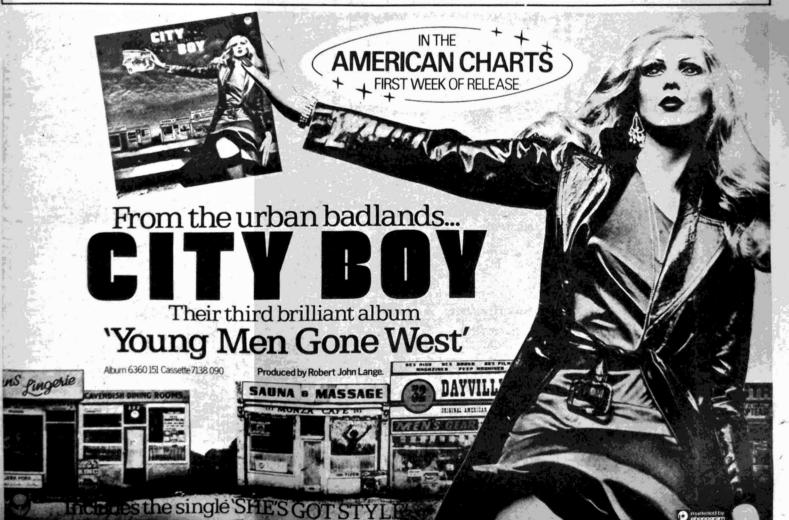
Tuesday
BBC 1 — David Essex - 8.30. The second of six progs featuring David, offers extra interest in the shape of ex-Ronettes gal Ronnie Spector.

hear it

Wednesday
Radio Clyde — Hear Me Talking (8, 00 - 9, 00): Bill Black's
guests this week zap-in from the world of country rock — the
Flying Burrito Brothers
Radio Clyde — Hear Me Talking (9, 00 - 10, 00): British
guitarist Gordon Giltrap raps about his latest album,
inspired by the poems of William Blake.
Radio Luxembourg — Tony Prince (11, 00 - 12, 00): Another
burst of the 'Best of Rod Stewart' album, including chartbreakers' Maggie May' and 'You War It Well'.
Friday
Capital Radio — The Late Show - 2, 00): Features Fairport
Convention and Paul Brett in concert

Saturday
Radio One — In Concert (6.30 · 7.30): Rock populers Blue
and up 'n' coming Radio Stars tread the boards.
Radio Haliam — Chubbing (9.00 · 12.00): Hot trax from Led
Zeppelin, Elvis Costello and Jonathan Richman.

Sunday
Radio London - Honky Tonk & Reggae Time (12 midday - 3.00) Live broadcast from London's Clapham Common including music from the Darts and reggae band Rico Capital Radio - Huilabaloo (4.00 - 6.00) Maggie talks to recent hitmaker Chris De Burgh, and discusses a new biography of Rod Stewart.
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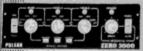
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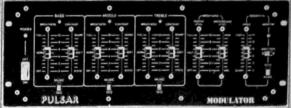
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ALI BAB 'Abdullah's Wedding (Contempo CS 2128). Silly 'Mustapha' - type mock with

'Mustapha' - type mock Arabic chanter with funky fast rhythm, 12 -Inched promotionally. DOROTHY MOORE: 'I Believe You' (Epic EPC 5573). Meandering soul smoocher with grow on you appeal. MARILYN McCOO & BILLY DAVIS JNR: 'look What You've Done To My Heart (ABC 4191). Pleasant enough jittery

To My Heart (ABC 4191). Pleasant enough jittery swayer, pressed in bright red vinyi (first 10,000). HERB REED & SWEET RIVER: 'What's Your Name, What's Your Number?' (PVK 007, via President). The Flamingos' Nate Nelson and this original Platter get 12

this original Platter get 12 - inched for a slinky slow lurcher with today's soul

baue

YOUNGHEARTS: 'Num-ber One Attraction' (ABC 4192). Good northern stormer with '60s Impres-

sions / Temptations

FLAVOR: 'Don't Freeze Up' (Motown TMG 1079). Tricky falsetto soul' swinger with some DJ

support.
DOOBIE BROTHERS:
"Little Darling (I Need.
You)' (Warner Bros K.
16988). Marvin Gaye's
old romper sounds bright
if insubstantial.

if inaubstantial
DEAD END KIDS: 'Glad
All Over' (CBS 5569).
Dave Clark's classic
stamper, weakened by
added party atmosphere.
MODELS: 'Freeze' (Step
Porward 3), Hey dese
punks is good!
THE MOTORS: 'Dancing
The Night Away' (Virgin

BAND:

ALI BABA

MECCO: 'Star Wars Theme / Cantina Band' (RCA XB 1008). Here it (RCA XB 1028). Here it is, the sensational smash hit disco treatment of the big US sci...fi movie theme! Full of freaky effects and great stereo, it bridges into more music from the flick before ending on the catchy ineme again. EDDIE HENDERSON:

'Say You Will' (Capitol Cl. 1887). Driving fast jazz - funk trumpet twirler, madly infectious and already a dancefloor

PIONEERS: 'My Good Friend James' (Mercury 6067147). Terrific sophisticated swinger in Lou Rawls / Natalie Cole style which deserves to hit . . . and I'm not biased by the

SMOKEY ROBINSON: 'Theme From Big Time'
(LP 'Big Time' Motown
STML 12068). Slow intro
before the 9:31 leaper hits a happy Philly All Stars / Marvin Gaye rhythm lick that goes through some

inat goes urough some Brick type breaks. GIORGIO: 'From Here To Eternity'/Too Hot To Handle' (Oasis 1, via GTO). Confusion reigns. but now these fast electronic thudders are definitely the single, out this week Pity really, as the original 'Utopia' oice was more Donna

SOUNDTRACK: The Deep' LP (Casablanca CAL 2018). Both fast and slow versions of Donna's siow versions of Donna's Down Deep Inside', but Beckett's 'Disco Calypso' rhythm rattler's the reason for getting the LP. MILLIE JACKSON: 'H' You're Not Back in Love By Monday' (Spring 2066 -843). Great sultry deep soul smoother, good slip too.

FOSTER BROTHERS: 'Make Bellevin'' (Rocket ROKN 550), Attractive blue - eyed soft rock

BO KIRKLAND & RUTH DAVIS: 'Easy Loving' (EMI INT 536). Freddie country slowle doesn't keep on doin' what they did but could STEVE MILLER BAND;

'Jungle Love' (Mercury 8078212). Great freaky atereo intro to a messily exciting chunky rocker.
DOOLEY SILVERSPOON: 'Goser To Loving
You' (Seville SEV 102512) Sparse sounding soul
galloper from Sonny



more rock than punk.
KISS: Then She Kissed
Me' (Casabianca CANL.
110). Considering the
label's other artists, what
a pity this laboured
heaviness has to be its
first (beautifully packaged) UK 12-lncher.
HANK THE KNIFE &
THE JETS: Guitar King?
(Sonet SON 2006). Lively
pop : rocker from 75,
about Duane and not
Elvis.

Elvis.

PETER BLAKE: 'Lipsmackin' Rock 'N Rollin''
(UA UP 36295). The 'lipsmackin' Pepsi - Cola'
jingle for pop fun.

GEORGE FAITH: 'All
The Leve I've Got' (Black
swan BS 5, via Island).
Good beaty reggae
throbber, on limited 12 inch. likewise, his laidback reggaefications of
the soul classics 'Midnight Hour'.'Turn Back
The Hands Of Time' (BS

4).
RICO: 'Dial Africa'
(Island IPR 2002). Live
reggae trombone throbber on limited 12 - inch. KRAFTWERK: 'Show-room Dummies' (Capital 12 CLX 104). Euro -synthetics of the wrong (non - disco) sort, but 12-inched regardless. BE BOP DELUXE:

inched regardless.

BE BOP DELUXE:
'Japan' (Harvest HAR
5135). 'Fame' - era Bowle
- style slow thumper,
short and inconclusive.
LLOYD RYAN'S EXPRESS: 'Hammer Head'
(PVK 904). Exotic jungle

DANIEL JACKSON EX-DANIEL JACKSON EX-PLOSION: 'Cinderella (Queen Of The Dance)' Contempo CS 2129). Bouncy pounder, 12-inched promotionally. JACKSON FIVE: 'Sky-writer/ I Want You Back' / 'The Love You Save' (EP 'Jukebox Gems' Motown TMG 1081). Badly dated dancers, 12-inched promotionally.

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THEO VANESS: 'I Got
You, You Got Me' (EMI
2675). Dutch disco dross, 12 - inched promotionally.
MARTYN FORD: 'Going To A Disco' (Mountain TOP 30). Disappointingly ponderous slow chugger. CATHERINE CHAPLIN:

You Made Me Love You'
(EMI 2878). Judy Garland's 'Mr Gable' becomes Kermit in a
straight slow re - make for
gay crowds!
NANCY WILSON: 'I've NANCY WILSON: 'I've Never Been To Me' (Capitol CL 15936). Disturbingly distraught classy soul smoocher.



KEITH TYLER is resident at Sunderland Mecca's Mayfair Suite, where at private functions of the wedding variety he obviously spins MoR oldies. However, his chart is a lot different from the usual obvious old hits.

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& Lee

Philips & Lee Phil Incidentally, Keith and other MoR jocks should try find Helen Reddy's version of 'The Old Fashion Way' (Capitol), as it's by far the best!

ONCE AGAIN, here's a continuation of the Disco Top 20

#### UK DISCO TOP 50

ROADRUNNER, Jonathan Richman Beserkley IT AIN'T REGGAE (BUT IT'S FUNKY), Instant Space
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BITE YOUR GRANNY, Morning Noon & Night UA
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1 29 TULANE, Steve Gibbons Band
22 26 WAY DOWN, Elvis Presley
23 18 O-R-I-0, Ohlo Players
24 11 ANOTHER STAR, Stevie Wonder
25 21 I'VE GOT TO SING, JALN Band
26 25 DISCOMANIA, Lovers
27 22 JAILHOUSE ROCK, Elvis Presley
28 21 DEVIL'S GUN, CJ & Co
29 29 SPANISH STROLL, Mink De Ville
29 29 SPANISH STROLL, Mink De Ville
20 30 37 SWEET DYNAMITE, Claudja Barry
21 28 DO WHAT YOU WANNA DO, T-Connection TL 12Inch TI AIN'T REGGAE (BUT IT'S FUNKY), Instant Funk
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EVER BE LIKE THIS, Idris Muhammad VITAMIN U, Smokey Robinson
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WINGS OF FIRE/FREE SPIRIT, Dennis Goffey
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48 50 POST MORTEM/RIGOR MORTIS, Camedo
Casabianos 49 34 RETURN TO SENDER, Elvis Presley 50 43 STARDANCE, John Forde

BREAKERS

1 IF IT RELAXES YOUR MIND, Muscles
2 STAR WARS THEME / CANTINA BAND, Meco RCA
3 BEE STING, Camouflage
4 THUNDER IN MY HEART, Leo Sayer
5 RED HOT, Robert Gordon Chrysallers
6 BELFAST, Boney M AITING IN VAIN, Bob Marley & Walters
9 BRICK HOUSE, Commodores Laland Motown LP
10 GO AWAY LITTLE BOY, Marlena Shaw CBS

#### **FAME AT LAST**

LARRY PAGE, doyen of Britain's pop business and failed rock 'n roll singer of the fifties, has finally got himself a hit under his own name . . . in the US disco charts! Billed as the Larry Page Orchestra, 'Erotic Soul' (London Disco 12-inch) is storm-

ing ever higher. Penn ing ever higher. Penned by Charles Blackwell, the totally instrumental Page production (which came out here last year as a track on his 'Rampage' LP, on Penny Farthing) is a fairly basic drum thumper that may sound a bit unadventurous when heard cold but

really works on disco dance floors. It's been quite a while since the days of 'Big Blon' Baby,' huh? In fact, Baby,' huh? In fact, though, MoR jocks should seek Larry Page Orchestra's old in-strumental version of 'Witchita Lineman,' which still works well at

Discotek'77 BADEM'S BIG disco equipment exhibition is at Bloomsbury's Centre Hotel in London next week. Monday (12) will be for retailers, exporters and that type of trade visitor, but Tuesday and Wednesday are for DJs, managers and the general public (admission 50p), from mid - day until 9.00 pm.

The rock 'n rolling Wild The rock is folding with wax show will be on from 12.95 to 1.00 on both days, after which DJM's Andy Stinton (voted top promotion person last year) will be compering the whole show. RECORD MIRbe compering the whole show. RECORD MIRROR'S James Hamilton (6 foot 8 and bearded!) will be lurking about to meet DJS ... and win also be starring at London's Sundown disco on Tuesday evening at a private party to which all Discotek 77 visitors are automatically invited (tickets are free with the exhibition catalogue). If you want to hear some funky but clumsy mixes (the Sundown's pre-amp is awful!), come along.

Remember, even if you

Remember, even if you aren't interested in equipment, it's who you meet and talk to at this type of event that matters.

#### New mag

COLIN H. has started a small local magazine for mainly mobile jocks in the Midlands area. Quite fun, Midlands area, Quite run, interesting and — above all — well printed, the monthly Dee - Jay & Disco News costs 20p (£2.40 for a year), Disco News costs 20p
(f2.40 for a year),
including postage, from
118 Frensham Close,
Birmingham B37 7JZ. Oh
yes, punk jock Vic Vomit
has a column . and a
new regular punk gig
every week at the Bulls
Head in Coventry Road!



THURSDAY (8) Flying Saucers and the Wild Wax Show bop on at Southgate Royalty, North London; F R I D A Y ( 9 ) Luxembourg's Mark Wes-ley and Mick Ames play Douglas Villa Marina, Isle of Man, and Jason West hits Wilburton St Isle of Man, and Jason West hits Wilburton St Peters Hall; SATURDAY (10) Radio London's Robbie Vincent is star guest with Chris Hill at Ilford's Lacy Lady, Seven Kings, Keith 'Mix master' Black is at New Cubblington's Rusph Tay. master Black is at New Cubbington's Rugby Tav-ern, Leamington Spa (during the afternoon), Showaddywaddy Join Chris Gentry at East-Chris Gentry at Eas bourne's Kings Countr Club, and Real Thing h Country hit Southgate Royalty; SUN-DAY (11) busy Robbie Vincent joins John De-Sade at Larkfield's Hunting Lodge, Maid-

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MECO Star Wars (RCA) starts for Jon Taylor (Norwich Crom-wells). Bill McLaren wells), Bill McLaren (Murrayfield Rink), Gregory (London Sun-down), many more Bob Marley Walting In Vain' (Island) has Pete Miles (Redditch Tracys).

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(Ensign) rocks Alan
Christo (Aberaynon).
Mick Ames (Bedford).
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Can Boogle' (RCA) has
Craig Dawson
(Edinburgh Napier College). Alan Donald
(Rothesay Royal). more
Scots. Allen Morgan
(Canterbury Coach &
Horses) and Trevor John
(Wolverhampton) flip for
John Barry 'The Deep'
(Casablanca). Dennis Coffey 'Wings Of Fire'
(Atlantic LP) adds Peter
Craig (Hastings Lazybones), Johnny Daylight
(Swindon Affair) and
more, but his 'Free Spirit'

ybones), Johnny Daylight (Swindon Affair) and more, but his 'Free Spirit' 45 now gets Dougle Law (Falkirk Maniqui), Greg Davies (Watford New Penny), more Robert Gordon 'Red Hot' (Private Stock) bops Larry Foster (Hackney), Tommy Terreli (Birmingham), more David Tommy Terrell (Birming-ham), more David Ruffin 'I Can't Stop The Rain' (Motown) has Steve Wiggins (Barry Rugby Club), Alan Kerr (Kilmarnock) Mob Tove Connection' (Private Stock) adds Mr George (Liverpool Tiffanys), John Flynn (Birkenhead Deerstalker)

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Peacock 'Rose
Marle' (UA) grabs Liz
Balley (Leicester
Society), Tricky Dicky
(London Spats)
Jerry Butler 'Chalk It Up'
(Motown) adds Alan
Hughes (Severn Riverboats), Feds (Carliste
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(TK LP) has Dwight
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(Edinburgh Rutland),
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Still Together' (MCA tops for Dave Simmon (Preston Scamps).

#### New address

CHART CON TRIBUTORS with Top Tens – and all DJs with Disco Dates and the like – should now send all material for this page to James Hamilton at Record Mirror, 40 Long Acre, London WC2. Sorry to muck you about, but we've just moved!

## HOT VINYL

CHRIS HILL (Hord Lacy Lady) — whose funky fans evidently upset the Northern contingent on Bank Holiday at Reading Top Rank! — import tips Sylvetti 'Primitive Man' (Salsoul LP), Odyssey 'Native New Yorker' (RCA LP), El Coco 'Cocomotion' (AVI LP), Lenny Williams 'Choosing You' / 'Shoo Shoo Fu Fu Ooh' (ABC LP), Brother To Brother 'Dancing Singin' / 'We Love To Party' (Turbo LP), and UK tips Eddie Henderson 'Say You Will' / 'Funk Surgeon' (Capitol), in Crowd 'We Like Reggae' (Cactus), Pioneers 'My Good Friend James' (Mercury), Nina Simone 'My Baby Just Cares For Me' (Bethlehem LP). CHRIS HILL (Hford Lacy Lady) -

KEITH BLACK (Warwick 48485) has another sizzling mix! Trammps 'Dark Side Of The Moon' (Atlantic) to last instrumental break, seguing on brass into 'Trammps Disco Theme' (Phila int), mixing into 'Love Epidemic' (Phila int – last two by Trammps), mixing during the last "we gotta spread"s into hythm of Carrie Lucas 'I Gotta Keep Dancing' (Soul Train), gradually mixing near end into Olympic Runners 'Keep It Up' (RCA), seguing in last instrumental break to main beat of Biddu Orchestra 'Summer Of '42' (Epic), seguing from last staccato bit into Donna Summer 'Love's Unkind' (GTO LF). Like I said, Keith, don't move South . . . that's my style! KEITH BLACK (Warwick 48465) has another sizzling



TOM and the Heartbreakers in the Whisky

IT SEEMED an innocent enough start. An easy way to start the conversation.

A standard question: When can we expect the next album?

next album?
But for Tom Petty, it's a question with deeper implications.
Because the simple answer is, he doesn't

know.
"I want to make an album," he says. "But until all this is sorted out, I can't even step inside a recording studio."

"All this is a reference to Tom's current prob-lems with record com-panies. It's a confused situation, one that only the lawyers and the businessmen really understand.

"I don't know nuthin' about that," he says, "I'm a guitar piayer, not a businessman."

ot a businessman."
But against his will,

he's been dragged deeper and deeper into that side of things until now, be can't even play now, he his guitar.

"I try to stay optimistic," he says, "and I'm hoping the deal will be sorted out

In Britain, Tom Petty and the Hearthreakers are on Island. "We've got no complaints about them." he saw.

got no complaints about them,"he says.

But in America, the situation is very different. At the moment they're on Shelter. But they're in the process of moving to ABC, and that's where the lawyers and the contracts and the business double talk come in. come in.

The basic problem is "The basic problem is that you get young naive musicians wandering into town, wanting to be stars," says Tom. "So they sign contracts with record companies who're just out to take advantage of their naivity. naivity.

"It happens every day
and it happened to us.
Yeah, we got a lawyer to
look at the contract
before we signed it, but
what you really need is
a heavy muste business
lawyer who understands all the ins and

stands all the ins and outs.

"Anyway, when you're broke, you wanna make money, and you wanna make records, what can you do?"

True. But 18 months on, Tom Petty is no longer broke. Or naive. And he's decided it's time he 'compensated financially.'

"They never did much for us," he says of the record company. "They never advertised the album, or either of the singles. I never saw one advertisement for any of them. We found our-selves begging for peanuts."

"Afterwards, when

## Tom waits for

they realised their mistake and said sorry, but it was too late."
So now, Torn's finding around a table with eight lawyers' trying to find a way out of the mess.
But until they do, all he and his band can do is wait. "As long as I can find somewhere to playing as long — as I can find somewhere to play."
The alternative to that? Doing nothing — a prospect which doesn't appeal.
"When you're on the explains. "You have to watch your health — with the pace, and the cray few hours' sleep a night, it can really get to you. When you're touring, you just never stop — every hour of the day is filled.
"When I have three days of, it's horrible. I

"When I have three days off, it's horrible. I get twitchy, I can't sit down."

So the band just keep on playing .

Tonight, they're playing the Whisky, In Los Angeles' Sunset Strip. They'll be doing four shows here, two an light. It's their second visit in just a few weeks.

Los Angeles has become the Heart-breakers' adopted home. It might seem a strange choice for a bunch of southern

country boys, but Tom reckons, "As crazy and loony as it is, it's pretty hip here.
"When I first came out, I used to live in Leon Russell's house — I was the caretaker. Then I lived in hotels for years. But now I've bought myself a house, my own place. I ain't sponging off the chicks any more."

Ah yes. The chicks. A subject dear to Tom's heart. "The girls here are

"The girls here are very strange," says Tom. "They're all mildly successful actresses with a couple of films or TV shows to their name. It's a type of personality only Hollywood breeds."
And then there are the others. The poseurs. The hangers on. And the record company guests. "Did you see them?" says Tom afterwards. "Man, it was like playing to a board of directors. I hate all that that's why I won't play the Roxy. The kids

- that's why I won't play the Roxy. The kids can't even get in there!" By the second show, they've dispersed some-what, leaving the floor open to the real fans, the ones who really want to see the band. And It's 10 times better. Tom has a fancy new

Tom has a fancy new guitar with a radio pick up — no lead — which means he has complete

## no man

onstage.

"They're prototypes they wanted us to endorse," he explains. "They're really expensive. It felt a bit strange at first, being without a lead, but it was fun — I walked right out into the middle of the parking lot, and stood there, playing it!" The four shows at the Whisky are all packed out — proving that Tom's popularity is growing over here.

But there's still a long way to go before they catch up on Britain.

Tom's memories of the British tour are fond ones — despite its rather disastrous finale.

"That show at the Rainbow," he remembered, with a groan. "Man, I could hardly stand up that night. I was really Ill. In fact, both Ron and I were sick. We had serious cases of bronchitis. Ron was worse than I was.

"When we got back home, the doctor made me spend two weeks in bed, getting over it. It put our schedule back quite a bit.

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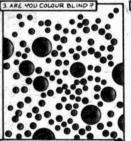
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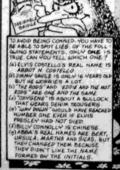
















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