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The Thompson Twins, p22

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"WHAM BAM I am a man? Course I'm a man ferchrissakes. I'm David Cassidy and I used to be in this real mother of a bitchin' HM band, the Partridge Family. Christ, we used to burn it up on the road — me, mom, little sis, whole bucket load of cherry pie, and the massed ranks of the Baton Rouge girl scouts penny whistle orchestra. Jeez we had some fun."... "Hmm, you think you're tough, I'm George Michael of Wham! and I wear leather jackets and blow raspberries

jackets and blow raspberries at my mum and dad." Rock 'n' Roll, babyfood for bad boys . . .

Alan Davidson/Alpha

OH MY dear, the stars are out tonight, aren't they? Why do I speak in this stupid accent, wear stupid clothes and eat 500 cream doughnuts a day? There's money in it dear, plenty of lovely, lovely, lovely greenbacks. Russell Grant waves his hand, Captain Sensible and Suzi Quatro twinkle and Venus collides with Mars...

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# **by JIMMY REID**

HIS WEEK Private Files gets it out, has it away and brings you the rudest, the lewdest, the sauciest and the crudest.

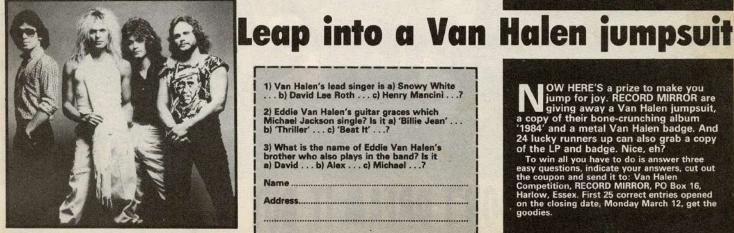
You want 'em big? You want 'em juicy? You want exposure from the Dardanelles to the Dolomites? Well, hold your maiden aunt, bite on the pillow and wait for stories of smut and degradation, as we reveal: What Robin Smith wears in bed! What major pop star takes his teddy / bear to the toilet with him! Drug crazed groupies in Thames Ditton! How Mills And Boon books shaped the minds of the current chart generation! . . . All this and much more, in . . . 'Carry On Up The Gossip Column' . . .

... Ok you lot, get 'em off, the preconceptions I mean. This is gonna be good clean family entertainment (see The Sun) And first, a right case of hop off you frogs

Clean living Northern lass, **Carmel**, was invited over to Paris the other week to play a special gig for Frog magazine Actuel at the Folies Bergere. Sounds super you might think.

And so it was, but as creme Carmel sat backstage doing her knitting, wicked Gallic doings were going on outfront. Get an Eiffel of this folks: a dress competition is taking place, the two winners are a man made up as a camera and a girl painted blue, they go up to collect their awards and then . . . start making love on stage, other people join in and a drunken French orgy ensues. Luckily sweet Carmel's minces never set on this debauchery .

... But what if they had. De





Gaulle of it, this in-seine, sacrecafe-bleu ... ooh la laughed etc etc. .

... And more virtuous English gals at risk in the land of massed retreat and raised white flags. Did you know that Bananarama's 'Cruel Summer' single has sold half-a-million copies in France . . .? Does this mean Jacques the lad is in pursuit of our fair damsels or that the record sounds much better in French? Any Banana suitors will have to search out their new NW London de-luxe pads, whilst fans of their croonin' will have to wait till April for their next elpee

Folks, this week I've just got no merci. To Paris again, where we find the upright **Clash** waiting at the gig sans equipment. Yep they're just another victim of those lovable French lorry drivers

Can the world stand an artistic liaison between Pete - Maxell

EH IT were a right packed do, the Jack Bruce Bass Players Appreciation Association. Strong men stood in couples demonstrating their technique on the four string, jokes were made about how stupid drummers were, and the annual 'Paul Simonon Mean Pose' award, was given to Nick Beggs. Seen here discussing the finer points of plucking: Culture Club's Mikey Craig and Spandau's Martin Kemp ...

- Murphy and Mick - you need hands - Karn? Mick will be playing bass on future Murphy projects, which might include a dance tour of the sand pits of Britain. Mr Murphy is now managed by Simon Napier Bell. Whatever will he do next ...?

. And to be nice for a change the male sprog delivered to Mr and Mrs Tony Hadley last week has been named Thomas....

. And whilst we're getting all lovey dovey, I'll spin ya a tale of young love and hot kisses. It involves our own streetwise newshound Andy - cardboard box — Strickland and Respond's loveliest, Ms Tracie Young. There was Andy, resplendent in

cord jacket and Wrangler jeans, drinking a fast pint at the **Questions'** Lyceum gig, when Tracie runs up and plants a smacker on his lips. Was this (a) The price of a five star review for her forthcoming LP? (b) True love? (c) A case of mistaken identity? Keep tuned to these pages

to the old and ugly. Did you know that stoopid Yank metallurgists Manowar (a) Hold their costumes together with safety pins? ... and (gasp) (b) Cover themselves with baby oil before they do photo sessions? Boys, paper bags are much cheaper.

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<ol> <li>Van Halen's lead singer is a) Snowy White         <ul> <li>b) David Lee Roth c) Henry Mancini?</li> <li>Eddie Van Halen's guitar graces which Michael Jackson single? Is it a) 'Billie Jean' b) 'Thriller' c) 'Beat It'?</li> </ul> </li> <li>What is the name of Eddie Van Halen's brother who also plays in the band? Is it a) David b) Alex c) Michael?</li> </ol>	N OW HERE'S a prize to make you jump for joy. RECORD MIRROR are giving away a Van Halen jumpsuit, a copy of their bone-crunching album '1984' and a metal Van Halen badge. And 24 lucky runners up can also grab a copy of the LP and badge. Nice, eh? To win all you have to do is answer three easy questions, indicate your answers, cut out the coupon and send it to: Van Halen
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... Have any of you noticed how the Beeb's silly banning of 'Relax' has screwed TOTP something rotten? Last week Nik Kershaw, Kool And The Gang and Rockwell were featured twice on the programme, once as a normal slot and once in the video round up. Incidentally, did anyone notice part of the original 'Relax' video on 'Panorama'?

... And more trouble at the Beeb? Could it be that Mike — God — Read and Mike — C&A — Smith are no longer on speaking terms with Simon Bates? Apparently the corpulent one (Simon, not Mike R, you fools) has angered his pals with his biting on the air comments about them. Gosh 't seems the Mikes are so miffed they won't talk to Simes in the links between the beginning and the end of his show. Sounds like a tale for his dreadful 'Our Tune' spot ...

... RM hack in theft shock! There was our very own bronzed Adonis, **Simon** — hey where's my stash maaan? — **Hills**, doing a job of work interviewing the **Thompson Twins** when kapow, four grand goes walkies. For as the Twins were pouring out their hearts to our man their £4,000 tour float was being half inched from another dressing room. The



OH, DAVID: there I was telling everyone how David Wakeling was the most ideologically correct pop star and he goes and fights his way onto Private Files filthy pages with the easiest trick in the book: ie, posing with Steve Strange down the Palace. David, I confine you to the Crown, Birmingham, for a whole week, where you will drink nothing but Brew XI...

CID were called immediately, but we here find it very suspicious that Mr Hills filed his TT feature from the island of Mustique the next day ...

Musical Youth. The boys were in Los Angeles last weekend to pick up their Grammy award, and spend their school holiday in style. LA is also home of the Youth's fave fire eater, 'Mad' Mike Jackson. Indeed, MY's Michael Grant was the tenth person (just after Paul McCartney) to phone Mr Jackson after his recent accident. Don't be surprised if this

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friendship leads to a vinyl collaboration . . .

collaboration ... ... Thanks to the good offices of Capital Radio **Blancmange's Neil Arthur** is going to meet one of his all-time heroes, artist **Peter Blake.** The two lads will be taking part in a chat show together after Neil mentioned that he was a big fan of Mr Blake's ...

... Ducking the bullets in Bangkok this week, America's smoothest, **Hall and Oates**, who found themselves in a hotel situated slap bang in the middle of a raging battle 'tween guerillas and military. Motto: abroad is horrible....

... A rather apologetic little item on't Tube last week about Hi-NRG, we thought, with a Record Shack chappie patronising poor dear **Jools**, who at least whipped out a copy of your fab **RM**, even if it was only to explain beats per minute and not to show off yer **Uncle James'** esteemed Boystown Chart...

... Talking of TV, worra wonderful start to Central's 'Spitting Image' puppet satire series. The spoof 'Thriller' sketch, complete with **Norman Tebbit** as a zombie, was spiff, and what they suggested about the origins of **Jacko's** nose was the sort of thing us family pop papers would love to publish but dare not...

... And last and by all means most persistent: **Pete Burns** has replaced the boa constrictor in the video for **DOA**'s 'That's The Way' single with one live swimmer, **Sharron Davies**, and one dead footballer, Arsenal's **Charlie Nicholes**...

**HEAR** A JEWISH BOY RAP As Hitler

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CINEMA DETAILS CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS



DEAD OR ALIVE release a version of the KC And The Sunshine Band hit That's The Way (I Like It)' next week. The single is backed with 'Keep That Body (That's The Way)'. It is from an album 'Sophisticated Boom Boom',

album 'Sophisticated Boom Boom', which is due in April. Meanwhile the group have postponed their date at London ULU on March 2 because of a television appearance. It will be rescheduled. They have added dates at Keele University on March 9, Liverpool Royal Court 10 and Reading University 13.

TOP PRODUCER Steve Levine

● TOP PRODUCER Steve Levine releases his own single at the end of the month. It is called "Believin' It All' and is co-written by Boy George — who Levine normally produces. The producer has signed a deal with Chrysalis Records and he will bring out an album later on in the year. David Grant and Rita Marley are to guest on the LP.



# Love is a wonderful collar that has to be confirmed. It will follow their 'Love Cats' hit. An album is due in April, but the title has

THE CURE set out on the road in April . . . to play their first tour for two years. It's the first time the group have appeared in Britain since they played the Elephant Fayre in Cornwall last year.

Robert Smith and Laurence Tolhurst will be joined on stage by drummer Andy Anderson, bassist Phil Thornally and Paul Thompson on keyboards.

They are also due to bring out a single in March. Sources close to the band say it will be an R&B number called 'Shake Dog, Shake Dog', although

A NEW John Lennon single 'Borrowed Time' comes out on March 9. It is from the 'Milk And Honey' album and is backed with Yoko Ono's Sleepless Night'.



RE-FLEX bring out their debut album next week. The LP carries the same name as their current hit 'The Politics Of Dancing' and comes out on March 5. And the band, who have just finished touring America with the Police, play a one-off date at the London Lyceum on April 3.

# Extra TTs

THE THOMPSON Twins have altered two dates on their current tour. Their show at the London Hammersmith Odeon on March 1 now takes place on March 6, which means the concert at the Southampton Gaumont on that date has been moved to March 7. Tickets are valid for new dates, but

to be confirmed.

people who want refunds must take their tickets back to the point of purchase by March 3 for London and March 6 for Southampton.

ORANGE JUICE take to the road again at the end of the month. The group play seven dates to follow up the release of their new album 'Texas Fever' which comes out this week.

But the duo of Edwyn Collins and Zeke Manyika still haven't decided on the musicians who will join them. Malcolm Ross and bassist David McClymoni left the group last year, although they are featured on the album album.

Tour dates start at Sheffield University on March 23. Then Leeds Polytechnic 25, Glasgow Pavilion 26, Leicester Polytechnic 28, Liverpool Royal Court 29, Manchester Hacienda 30 and Birmingham Polytechnic 31.



GLORIA GAYNOR brings out a new album this week. The record is simply called 'I Am Gloris Gaynor' and features her recent hit single, 'I Am What I Am'. It also includes a new single 'Strive' which comes out on March 16. It is backed with another album track 'I've Been Watching You'. There are plans for her to come to Britain for live dates.

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# **Zee Zee Top**

PINK FLOYD keyboard player Rick Wright has teamed up with ex-Fashion lead singer Daye (Dee) Harris to form a

They bring out their first single 'Confusion' on March 12 while an album 'Identity' comes out on April 9.

Zee will be a permanent project, rather than a one-off venture.

# The bright one

MATT BIANCO bassist Kito has quit the group because he's decided to go back and live in his native Brazil. But the group — in the charts with 'Get Out Of Your Lazy Bed' — will continue as a three-piece, with Danny plaving bass.

"Kito wanted to return to be near his family," said a spokeswoman for the group this week.

# Moore, more, more

GARY MOORE brings out a new single 'Shapes Of Things To Come' on March 19

The track comes from his chart album 'Victims Of The Future' and features Noddy Holder of Slade on backing vocals.

A 12-inch version has an interview with Alan Freeman on the B-side.

# **Dennis dates**

**REGGAE SINGER Dennis Brown comes** over to Britain for a short tour in April. The singer, who had a hit with his 'Save A Little Love For Me' single,

plays the London Brixton Academy on April 20, 21, Birmingham plays April 20, 21, Birmingham Hummingbird 22 and 23, Nottingham Palais 24 and Brighton Top Rank 25.



MICHAEL JACKSON'S 'Thriller' video is going to be available to the public at last.

The hour-long video is called 'Making Michael Jackson's

The hour-long video is called 'Making Michael Jackson's Thriller' and is released on March 30. Not only does it include the 14-minute 'Thriller' video, but there are also interviews with Jackson, director John Landis, make-up artist Rick Baker plus footage of Jackson being transformed into the werewolf. To add to the attraction, there are also segments from the 'Beat It' video and Michael Jackson performing 'Billie Jean' in the Motown 25th Anniversary Special. 'The Making Of Michael Jackson's Thriller' — already the number one video in America — should sell for just under 620.

£20.

# In a Quando-ry

QUANDO QUANGO, who are in the disco charts with 'Love Tempo', go out on the road for a short tour next Wee

And the group bring out a new single 'Atom Rock'/'Triangle' at the same time.

Live dates start at North London Polytechnic on March 6. Then Leeds University 13, Preston Clouds 16, Kingston Polytechnic 22, London City University 23 and Liverpool Polytechnic 24.



# **Doctor**, **Doctor**

VETERAN R&B pianist Doctor John has made a dance single, 'Jet Set', which comes out this week.

Which comes out this week. The number is produced by Ed Fletcher, who produced 'The Message' by Grandmaster Flash, and was originally available on import on Arthur Baker's Streetwise label.

**ORCHESTRAL MANOEUVRES In the** Dark have moved their Birmingham Odeon show on June 2 to May 30. And they've added a concert to the tour at Leeds University on June 2.







TONI BASIL is back in action this month with a new single 'Do You Wanna Dance'.

The Barry Blue song is included on an album titled 'Toni Basil' which comes out later on in March. Toni Basil is best known for her video album 'Word Of Mouth' and single 'Mickey' 'Mickey'

DANSE SOCIETY bring out a version of the Stones song '2,000 Light Years From Home' as a single on March 9.
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on March 9. The track is taken from their 'Heaven Is Waiting' album and is backed with 'Seen The Light'. A double-pack seven inch

features two extra numbers, 'The Sway' and 'Endless' while a 12-inch has a dub mix of 'Angel' as its extra number.

SPECIAL AKA bring out their

SPECIAL AKA bring out their new single next week — and it will feature Elvis Costello, Lynval Golding, Ranking Roger and Dave Wakeling. The single is called 'Nelson Mandela' and comes out on March 9. It is about Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, the leader of the banned South African liberation movement African National Congress. The 65-National Congress. The 65-year-old has been in prison since 1962 serving a life sentence.

'Nelson Mandela' is produced by Costello and is produced by Costello and is written by group leader Jerry Dammers. As well as the stars who are doing backing vocals, the Special AKA line-up of Dammers, John Shipley, Gary McManus, John Bradbury and Rhoda Daka is augmented by a brass section plus flute and penny whistle! On the B-side is a dance

track, 'Break Down The Door'.

YES FOLLOW up their 'Owner Of A Lonely Heart' hit with a new single, 'Leave It', on March 9.

The record is taken from their '90125' album, although it has been remixed. On the B-side is an acappella version while a 12-inch carries another two versions. A cassette version also has two mixes of their previous single.

**IMAGINATION HAVE three tracks** featured on a soundtrack album called 'Over Brooklyn Bridge' which comes



out on March 9.

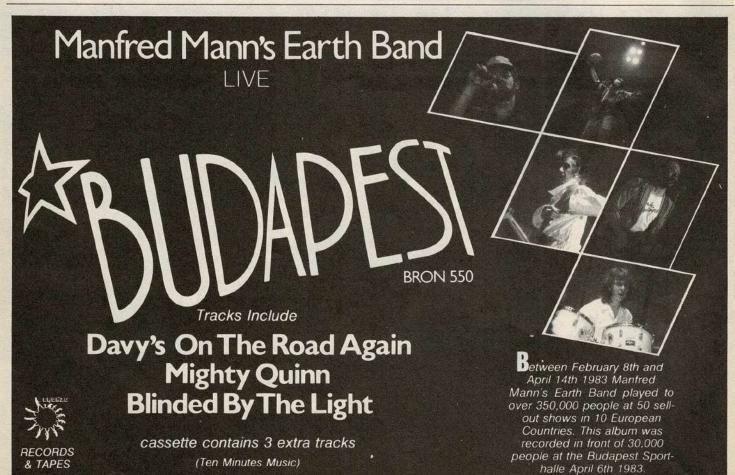
Their tracks are 'Changes', 'In The Heat Of The Night' and 'Over A Bridge' — which is the main theme from the film, starring Elliot Gould and Shelley Winters. The film gets its West End premiere on March 16.

PALLAS TAKE to the road later this month following the release of their debut album 'The Sentinel', which comes out this week. They play Aberdeen Capitol on

March 24, Glasgow Pavilion 25, Birmingham Odeon 26, London Hammersmith Odeon 27, Hanley Victoria Hall 29 and Manchester Apollo 30

A single from the album, 'Shock Treatment', will be released to coincide with the tour.

HEY! ELASTICA bring out their debut album on March 5, entitled 'In On The Off Beat'.



# Sounding out

THE ALARM have fixed up four live dates for May after they finish their American tour with the Pretenders.

They play Leeds University on May 14, Birmingham Odeon 15 and the London Lyceum 16 and 17.



# **Quiet riot**

SILENT RUNNING play their own tour at the end of the month following their support dates with Simple Minds.

Minds. And the group, who've just brought out a single 'Emotional Warfare', have an album 'Shades Of Liberty' released on April 2. Their live deter are at the

on April 2. Their live dates are at the Birmingham Tin Can Club on March 24, Brighton Pavilion 25, Bournemouth Upstairs At Eric's 26, Leeds Warehouse 28 and Glasgow Night Moves 29.

• ZZ TOP bring out a new single 'TV Dinners' on March 9, from their 'Eliminator' album. A 12-inch version features a free record with 'Legs' and 'A Ecol Era Yaur Stachings' 'A Fool For Your Stockings'

ALBINO REGGAE DJ Yellowman has signed to CBS Records, who release a single 'Strong Me Strong' on March 5. He'll be playing live dates, starting at Glasgow Barrowlands on April 14. Then Nottingham Marcus Garvey Centre 15 and 16, Bristol Studio 17, Brighton Top Rank 18, Birmingham Hummingbird 19 and 21 and London Brixton Academy 22 and 23.



# OZZY OSBOURNE: got it in the neck

# in hospital drama Ozzy

OZZY OSBOURNE was rushed to hospital by a waiting ambulance after his Concorde flight to New York last week because of a throat injury. The injury happened after splinters of glass got into his throat while he smashed a mirror as part of a scene for a video. "He had to fly straight out to America and was in absolute agony on the plane," said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal singer. "The plane," said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal singer. "The plane," said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal singer. "The plane, " said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal singer. The plane, " said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal singer. The plane, " said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal singer. The plane, " said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal singer. The plane, " said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal singer. The plane, " said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal singer. The plane, " said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal singer. The plane, " said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal singer. The plane, " said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal singer. The plane, " said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal singer. The plane, " said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal singer. The plane, " said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal singer. The plane, " said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal singer. The plane, " said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal singer. The plane, " said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal plane, " the plane," said a spokesmen for the wild heavy metal be able to sing again soon. Meanwhile Ozzy brings out a new single 'So Tired' on March 12, becked by 'Waiting For Darkness'.

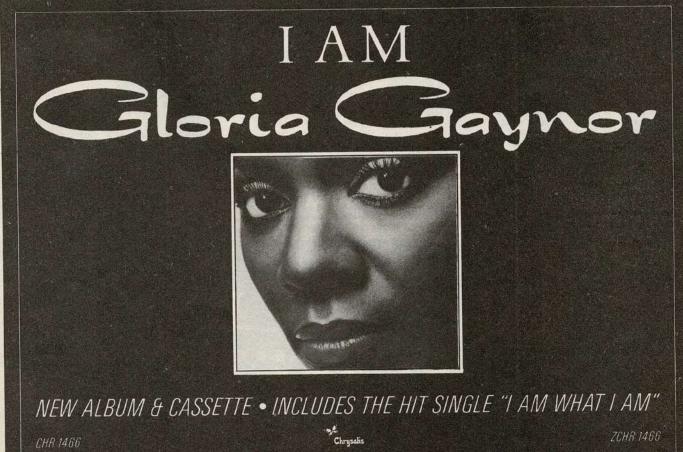


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FRIDAY'S 'Tube' (C4, 5.30pm) features Bananarama, Thomas Dolby, Scott Walker, Tom Waits and Virgin Dance. The other Friday regulars 'ORS' (BBC2, 7.05pm) and Whistle Test' (BBC2, 11.35pm) have Dead Or Alive gracing the former and Nena and Fiat Lux doirig their bit on the latter.

SATURDAY starts off with the good, the bad and the ugly on 'Saturday Superstore' (BBCT, 9.00am) with Bananarama, Dr Hook and Shakin' Stevens promoting 9.00am) with Bahaharama, Dr Hook and Shakin' Stevens promoting themselves. Decide for yourselves who fits into which category. The rival 'Saturday Show (ITV, 10.30am) has the more interesting General Public. 'Hitsville USA' (Radio One, 1.00pm) is called 'Living in The City' but it concentrates mainly on Lionel Richie and the Commodores. 'The Other Side Of The Tracks' (C4, 6.30pm) could be a bit more interesting than usual with Spandau Ballet. Mark Knopfler of Dire Straits is the other subject. 'In Concert' (Radio One, 6.20pm) starts with Rock Goddess before linking up with BBC2 at 6.40pm to feature Nena on stage. Nena on stage

SUNDAY'S 'The Great Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Quiz' (Radio One, 4.00pm) has the Bananarama girls doing battle against each other. Sarah Dallin teams up with Suzi Quatro and Steve Fellows of the Comsat Angels to pit her wits against Siobhan Fahey who has Dave Lee Travis and Mick Head of the Pale Fountains on her side.



T'S BEEN in the sidings for a while, but the Man Tran train's back on the tracks — and it's picked up a new passenger called Stevie Wonder.

That's it, the man who puts the spice in 'Spice Of Life', the Tran's highest-hitting UK single in six years (hell, their first 45style appearance at all in four) is none other than the Former 12 Year Old Genius. And Tim Hauser — the Trannie with less than a full mop up top and a vocal quarter of their chainmail-linked vocal sound — makes it sound as though getting Stephen the Wonder onto their album was a hell of a lot easier than getting him to finish his own.

"Our producer Dick Rudolph used to be married to Minnie Riperton, and they used to live in Chicago," Tim recounts. "Anyway they met Stevie along the way and after Minnie died, he remained a close friend of the family. So Dick called him up and asked him to do the

# Where is my Man Tran?

harmonica solo in 'Spice Of Life', and he just got up and came over, at about two days' notice. It was wonderful to watch him doing it."

Someone else very important in transferring the Transfer back to our bestsellers is Rod Temperton, who's scraped a few bob together in the past writing for some Jackson fella or other, as well as working with a producer who claimed to be quite famous. Quincy something, I think he said his name was. Hauser fills us in on the facts of that little get-together too.

"Dick called him up out of the blue. Rod said he had always wanted to write for a four-part harmony group, and Janis (Siegel, another Tran quarter), being a Michael Jackson fan — we all are — had remarked that 'Rock With You' was a four-part harmony. So he wrote some songs and we picked 'Spice Of Life' and 'Mystery' (their new US single).

HE ENRICHING 'Bodies And Soul' album is the quartet's first since 'Mecca For Moderns' in 1981, and they've been away from these parts just as long. Mainly because, Tim explains,

BlueAngel





they started adding many noughts to their record sales in other far-flung locales.

"We cooled off here, but in Japan 'Bodies And Soul' is WEA's biggest-selling album ever, more than Led Zeppelin, more than anything." And he counts off their achievements with great glee and accuracy. "After we played here, we got six Grammys, we won the Playboy Jazz Poll, the Downbeat Poll, we had a Top Seven record in the States with 'Boy From New York City'. We cracked the States, which we always wanted.

"Whatever impression we had here was a mums and dads thing, especially after we did the Two Ronnies. So the kids didn't even bother to listen. Then when we changed our sound, the older audience wouldn't listen, so we got caught in a kind of nether world." Hauser's had it, too, with a lot of current music. "Records are getting too slick, they're so synthesised, so state-ofthe-art, there's no soul left. If it continued, I'd have to say that I'm out of touch, because it's Orwellian. But I don't think it will."

And he's doing his best to bring back the good times: he, Janis and fellow Trannies Alan Paul and Cheryl Bentyne are about to record an album of music by "the jazz masters — Clifford Brown, Count Basie, Miles Davis". They're thinking about a Broadway version of their stage show; Tim's hep-cat stage persona L.Dorado Kaddy has compiled a wonderful album of 50s r 'n' b groups and he's doing his own elpee too. They're hip to the nostalgia trip and hitting the 80s beat as well — all part of the spice of life. **Paul Sexton** 



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ADCAP FILM producer Mel Brooks likes to relax with Frankie Goes To Hollywood. The man behind 'The Hitler Rap' can't understand why their single has caused such a

Their single has caused such a fuss. "I really like their song," he says. "To me those lines aren't dirty but a beautiful expression of love and passion. There's nothing evil about the song at all — it's just stupid old people who don't like it. When evening act old and like it. When people get old and can't do sex properly they get jealous of people who can. "In the old days they got upset when the artist Manet painted a picture of a nude woman. Stupid

petty censorship has been going on for years.

on for years. "There are very few things I would ban but I hate violence on television. Sex is positive but violence is negative. I hate all that fantasy violence which is being fed to kids day after day. It gives them a false impression of life."

Mr Brooks might have seen the best side of 40, but he still keeps up with the charts. He likes everything, from Boy George, Michael Jackson and Diana Ross to Def Leppard.

'I've talked to Michael and he's a sincere person. He's a very humble man who lets his art speak for him. I can réally appreciate that. Boy George has a wonderful voice and Diana Ross is a real queen of music. I heard her shows in London were fantastic.

'Def Leppard are very positive about what they're doing and they have a fine hard hitting style. I also love the Beatles, old stuff such as the 'White' album and Atlantic soul."

. Mel's no slouch when it comes to his own music. He even did a

to his own music. He even aid a spot of body popping and athletic flips for his 'Hitler Rap' video. "That street stuff is great. What kids are doing out there right now is terrifically stimulating, a natural art form. I can do some of the basic moves myself, but I have to leave the other moves to

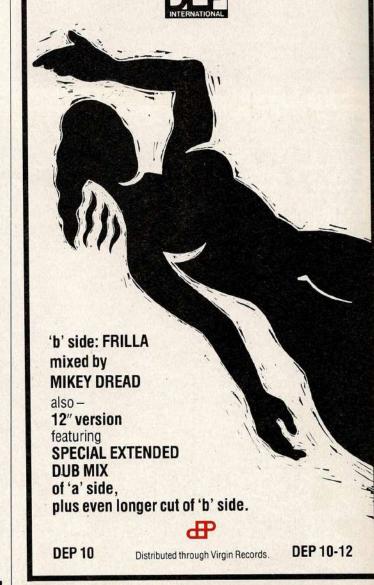
"Back home I have a "Back home I have a skateboard. It's great going down hills on it, but at my age it's hell getting back up again." 'The Hitler Rap' is featured on the soundtrack of Mel's latest

comedy film 'To Be Or Not To Be'. He stars with his wife Anne Bancroft in a tale about a Polish acting troupe who try to thwart the Nazis in World War Two. During the film Mel also does an outrageous Hitler impression.

outrageous Hitler impression. Despite this, he wants the film to be released in Germany. "At the moment I don't know how the Germans will react, but I'm going over there to a press conference in Hamburg shortly. The last time I was in Germany I wore a tin hat and carried a rifle." 'To Be Or Not To Be' is another classic from the man who made such great films as The

classic from the man who made such great films as 'The Producers' and 'Blazing Saddles'. But Mel claims that there's a lot more to his films than just a good laugh. "By sending up Hitler I hope I'm able to show the follies of fascism and prejudice. In 'Blazing Saddles' I had a black man becoming a sheriff of a town. I could take a swipe at the silly attitudes of so called solid citizens." citizens.

**Robin Smith** 

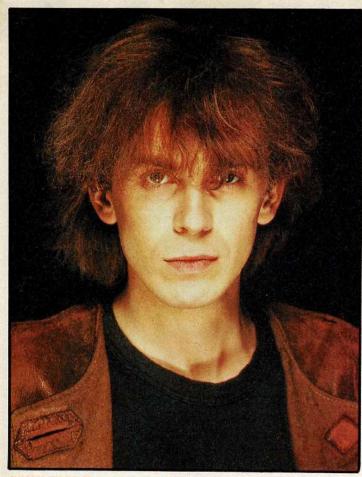


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JULIAN COPE: The madcap returns

# Still crazy after

JULIAN COPE is the sort of nutter that I like! Let's face it, most people you meet these days are so dull, aren't they? The last time I met Julian, he was slightly aghast that you record buyers had failed to put the excellent 'Sunshine Playroom' higher than the top 60.

than the top 60. He's back again now with the fab 'Greatness & Perfection' single taken from the even groovier album, 'World Shut Your Mouth', and we got together over a cup of herbal tea to discuss his return to the scene and just about everything else under the sun.

### Q: What have you been up to for the last couple of years?

A: "I've been watching videos and writing songs basically. I'm living in Tamworth and I've got a groovy domestic scene going with my girlfriend so that's cool. Nothing happens in Tamworth which is cool because Liverpool and London were doing my head in."

### Q: What led to your 'weirding out' and your absence from the music scene?

A: "I was suffering from an excess of zeal and I hit a peak. It

was a combination of not being able to handle my success, and too many drugs. One of them had to go so I gave up being successful. My body was OK but my mind was pretty gone. When I read interviews from that period I can tell it was all rather dodgy."

### Q: As a current outsider, what do you think of the music scene at the moment?

A: "I think it's crap. Mind you, I would do even if it was good. It's like old people hating punk because they're outside it. I'm not really part of the current scene so I'm not very impressed. I was pissed off when The Undertones split up though because they could still be doing great stuff."

# Q: How did you come up with your new image?

A: "I was getting bored with wearing trousers and I hated the way everybody was looking. You either dressed like a fag or you had to be a true man and I wanted to be in between. I got into a Sherwood Forest sort of thing and started wearing red tights with my flying jacket. It's an extreme outfit which doesn't make sense, but I like it."

# Q: Do you see yourself as an eccentric Englishman?

A: "Well, people keep telling me



# all these years

that I am. My girlfriend is convinced that when I'm fifty I'll have long white hair and rush around carrying a stick. Maybe I will 'cos I think I'm probably going to go senile quite early actually. I'm certainly very English, I do like English. I think we need a bit of English at the moment because everyone's pulverising us at the moment."

### Q: What do you think of the current fad for all things Liverpudlian?

A: "I do love Liverpool, it's got great associations, but it's funny how everything seems to come from Liverpool these days because when we started, Liverpool was a bit of a joke. I remember reading a review that said 'The Teardrop Explodes are proof of a new dawning on the Liverpool horizon'. It was true in a way because the Bunnymen were doing things and there was Orchestral Manoeuvres. Mind you, we didn't count Orchestral Manoeuvres, they were just Leo Sayer with synthesisers."

# Q: What do you think of the state of the nation?

A: "It's a real mess, isn't it? I hate America and I hate Britain. I've always hated the white west. We're the most screwed up race ever, which is why I find it so hard to comment. We've fallen so far in the state of grace that the only thing to do is to celebrate it in a way."

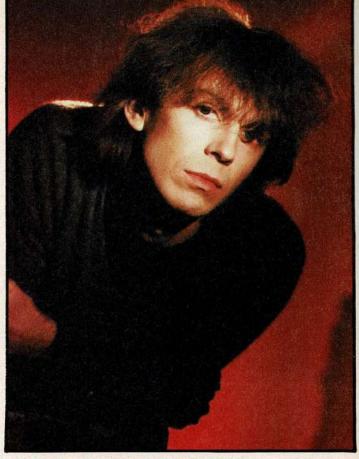
### Q: Do you fear for the future?

A: "I used to, but I must admit I don't really care anymore. I worry about what my children will do but I also believe there's a certain amount of real good surrounding the planet. People are so far off that it's difficult to be bothered anymore. I think America should go back to its isolationist policies and leave everyone else alone."

# Q: Is being successful again important to you?

A: "Well, I aimed for the first single 'Sunshine Playroom' to be number two in the charts so I do get pissed off sometimes. I get these awesome ideas about what's going to happen to me so it's a bit of a shock when they don't work out as planned. I never learn from experience and that's what I find scary. I'm really comfortable when I've no pressure on me but I'm worried about what might happen if I'm successful again. It's like I've got this self-destruct button which stops me from being successful — I just go over the top."

ANDY STRIKE



"OMD were just Leo Sayer with synthesisers"







UST HOW does one go about spotting a member of Wang Chung, I wonder as I tread the deep pile carpet of their record company offices? Remember 'China', the single that summed up the band in 1982? I'm flummoxed, not a kimono in sight, no Geishas offering miniscule cups of tea on sawn-off tables — not even the whiff of a number 47 with egg fried rice.

With egg med rice. "We've done away with that image," explains bass player Nick Feldman over a cup of English rosy. "The Chinese bit is interesting but now we're completely away from that, we don't want anything to do with it."

it." And jolly successful this new straightforward approach is proving, with the new single 'Dance Hall Days' giving the

band their highest chart placing so far. Life in Wang Chung has not been a barrel of laughs over the years, the band never exactly being darlings of the press or public.

"Our music's never been particularly concerned with what's fashionable," says Nick. "That's meant that we've been going against the grain. The only time we made any concession to fashion was when we gave in to pressures from various people in the business to come up with an image. That was a real mistake, all that dressing up as Chinamen. It was good in a way though as it showed us what not to do."

Some of you will remember Wang Chung as Huang Chung, a tricky little mouthful if ever as one. Nick blames the old spelling of the name for the band's lack of record success. "I think people were actually

intimidated from going into a intimidated from going into a record shop and asking for our records," he says. "They expected to be laughed at or something. We changed it from Huang to Wang because of that — people just couldn't pronounce it. The best one was when someone called us Wayne Chandler on the radio, that was Chandler on the radio, that was

Huang or Wang — what does it mean anyway? I wish I hadn't asked. "It's Chinese cosmic groove really," laughs Nick. The court musicians to the Ming emperors used to have to achieve this spiritual state which is 'Huang Chung'," Wow! But wait there's more. "Once they achieved this harmony, it spread throughout the land," says Nick. "Mind you, that's all by the by — we didn't discover what it meant till later on." The success of 'Dance Hall Days' as the Wangers has broken them in America — Ming emperors used state achieve this spiritual state Wow!

more their sort of audience in my opinion — and the band will be touring there in April. Just

be touring there in April, Just how big are they there? "The single's at number 50 with a buillet and the album's a breaker," he says. "I don't quite understand what these things mean but I'm told it's your mean but I'm told it's very good." Indeed it is Nick, and a tribute to Wang Chung's new straightforward approach to their music.

It's not my particular cup of tea, as I explain to Nick, but it's always pleasing to see a band always pleasing to see a band stick two fingers up at the manipulators of the biz. "We're going for it now," Nick assures me. "We know what we're after, there's no pretensions anymore. What we're doing is much more expected much more concise, straight down the line."

The video's not bad either. - sorry lads, couldn't Sayonara resist that one. ANDY STRIKE







reviewed by Galaxy's PHIL FEARON

### PHIL'S FANCY

UB40 'Cherry Oh Baby' (Dep Int) I think that's a big hit. A great tune. The thing about reggae is because it's a specialist area it all depends on the airplay factor. Because it's UB40 it'll get played. It's a nice electronic reggae — the most obvious hit I've heard. Yes the - Single Of The Week!

### ALSO RANS ....

**KAJAGOOGOO 'The Lion's** Mouth' (EMI) / would never have guessed it was Kajagoogoo but

now you mention it it's obvious . a very familiar voice. The song doesn't grab me at all. I liked their first stuff with Limahl but the song isn't really melodic enough. It's a great big production, but that just covers up the song. The best bit is the pretty middle section but they don't make enough use of it.

**FICTION FACTORY 'Ghost Of** Love' (CBS) That sounds quite nice — it's almost there. On first hearing that's got something about it. Didn't grab me totally, there's something missing but it may well be a grower. Sounds like early ABC . . . both this and Kajagoogoo, they've both got that type of production . . . the ABC Grand Production. ! wouldn't be surprised if I heard it again and loved it.

AFRIKA BAMBAATAA 'Renegades Of Funk' (Polydor) I can imagine this pumping through really heavy speakers in the right environment and it'll go down a storm — I personally down a storm — I personally don't really understand 90% of electronic music. Some of it I like ... like 'Planet Rock', but most of it I don't get into. This is too unfeeling, too electronic. I doubt if it could be a pop hit.

GALAXY 'What Do I Do' (Ensign) Yes ... I think I might have heard this before! A hit? Well, I'd like it to be — I've tried to put all the qualities of 'Dancing Tight' into this — danceable and poppy. It stands a chancel

JOHN ROCCA 'I Want it To Be Real' (Beggars Banquet) It's Freeezl . . . Oh John Rocca, and

Arthur Baker, that is Freeez. Sounds very good. Rhythmically it's right in the pocket, really really good. The trouble is I think they could have done a much better mix — it's all in the grooves, I can hear it happening, I just don't think that all the right parts have been brought out. A disco smash . . . a very nice track . . . hit written all over it.

ICICLE WORKS 'Birds Fly (Whisper To A Scream) (Beggars Banquet) / think that's a great pop tune . . . the chorus is lovely. Very nice. It's a bit hyperactive but I don't think that's a bad thing. Hit. I haven't heard an absolute freak out one yet but that and John Rocca are very near.

INDEEP 'The Record Keeps Spinning' (PRT) No, it's not really there. This doesn't sound quite so well produced as 'Last Night...' That one sounded unfinished but it had something nice about it — this is the same but just doesn't quite come off. It's all on the same level, it just sounds a bit empty ...

CHINA CRISIS 'Hanna Hanna' (Virgin) This sounds like The

(Virgin) This sounds like The Cure, the voice is really like Robert Smith. I'd never have guessed it was China Crisis. It's not bad at all, it's nice ... weird. I really enjoyed listening to it. It's a bit flat, I was just beginning to get a bit bored when the middle wight a with the source of t eight came in which is quite melodic and picked it up. Hit potential . . . another grower.

DEE C LEE 'Selina Wow Wow' (CBS) Who's this? ... Oh, the girl from Wham! That's ... alright. It stays on the same angm. It stays on the same level, there's no light and shade ... it doesn't seem to quite take off. It's a very powerful chorus but it isn't very pretty, it doesn't swing. Could be a continental hit but I don't think it's what the UK wants to bear. Best of luck with wants to hear. Best of luck with it, though!

HALL & OATES 'Adult Education' (RCA) Sounds alright on first listening — I'm 90% certain it'll grow on me. Is it Hall And Oates? Their records I usually go berserk over after two bearing. Sounds place out an hearings. Sounds nice, not an obvious single, though

THE QUICK 'International Thing' (CBS) Not bad. I don't see that in the UK charts — it's got that continental thing about it again. It's not a very pretty melody, hasn't any bite. The song is lacking — almost there but not auite.

QUIET RIOT 'Bad Boy' (Epic) Definitely not my cup of tea. Too loud . . too loud, loud, loud! Is it Slade? Quiet Riot . . . it still sounds very Sladey — that voice. I wouldn't be surprised to see it in the charts but I don't think there's a song there at all. It doesn't grab me.



TWO SISTERS 'Destiny' (Streetwave) This one doesn't grab me, either. It doesn't seem to go anywhere, didn't seem to get there. I'm not even sure it'll be a good club record.

**KINGDOMS 'Heartland'** (Regard) Nice odd bits. Bits they production bashing away and very little song.

ACADEMY 'On The Beach' (RCA) If that was in the charts it wouldn't surprise me, sounds like a lot of things that are already there. It sounds like everyone! It's totally unoriginal. Exactly the same as everyone else. The verse isn't bad but the chorus isn't uplifting at all — it's alright. Commercial . . . but only about 65% there.

RIKKI PATRICK 'Night Moves' (CBS) Touch of the Michael Jacksons in there! I like that, it sounds very nice. I could have heard one more change in it before going back to the groove. It's a very good groove — that'll be a club hit. A very, very good start

**SCOOTER 'Minute By Minute'** (Streetwave) Quite pleasant, but a bit too specialist for the pop charts. The groove's alright, a nice sound, but I don't think it's a UK chart thing. Another listen may grab me; a likely club hit.

**KEVIN HEWICK & THE SOUND** 'Plenty' (Cherry Red) / do not like that one. It's the least likeable one I've heard. Doesn't do anything for me at all. Is that really a single?

STRANGE RELATIONS 'Party' (Phonogram) Not bad - but nothing special. No, it didn't really do much. It's not a bad record, there's just nothing strong in the song. Not enough pleasantness.

PETER METRO & YELLOWMAN 'The Girl Is Mine' (CSA) Not a chart record at all. With a lot of reggae stuff it depends on a top DJ playing it to pieces. Apart from that it is purely a specialist music. I don't even think it's a really strong song - with Paul McCartney and Michael Jackson they can get away with it.





**IK KERSHAW'S hit** singles saved him girlfriend Sheri. Before the success of 'I Won't Let The Sun Go Down On Me' and current spinner 'Wouldn't It Be Good', he used to mope around at home.

"She was seeing too much of my face around the place," confesses Nik. "I used to sit in front of the fire for hours staring into space and moaning. Our relationship was at breaking point and we were close to splitting up.

"I was becoming a boring person and I was getting caught up in a downward spiral of not having any confidence in my own abilities. In the end Sheri told me that I should be getting out there and doing

something. "She restored my faith in myself when it was needed. I'll always be grateful to her and we got married in the summer. I can recommend it to anybody. It's made us both a lot stronger." Nik hired a friend's

recording studio before hawking his wares around record companies and getting himself a manager.

"I quickly discovered that there was really no point in posting tapes off. The personal touch always worked best. I generally found I could get appointments by being pleasant to people and not acting Jack the lad and coming over too flash."

Hasn't his approach worked wonders! Within a year he's notched up a mega hit and his fine debut album 'Human Racing' is out this week. Despite all this, isn't he MCA's answer to Howard Jones?

"I know his album is called 'Human's Lib' and mine is 'Human Racing' but that's just a coincidence. We just happen to be solo artists and that's all there is to it. I had a brief chat with him recently, he's a lovely fellah."

**IK SAYS that his almost** overnight success has been a real shock to his system, and he finds it difficult to come to terms

with. "After the rock and pop awards I got into a car and there were all these screaming girls outside. I thought can this really be me, all these people waiting to get at me? At the moment it's like a dream really. It's like I'm somebody else viewing what is happening to me. I find it

hard to believe that it's all real. "Actually I have no idea why

they invited me along to the rock and pop awards to accept the Duran Duran trophy. We just got this mysterious phone call on the Friday before the show asking if I could do it. Maybe they thought I was Nick Rhodes or something. I've never met Duran Duran and I don't like their music. They're a bit too wimpy for me. But you've always got to expect the unexpected I suppose. I don't think I'm going to crack under it all, but at the moment my feet just don't touch the ground. The really worrying thing is that people will start treating me differently. I don't want my family or friends to start

viewing me in a different way just because I've been on 'Top Of The Pops' a couple of times.

"I come from Ipswich and I'm becoming a bit of a celebrity down there. I reckon I can't go shopping on a Saturday afternoon there without getting stared at. Imagine that. I have no plans to leave the area though. We have a little cottage down there - I'm not one for propping up the bar at the Camden Palace, I like to commute home every day."

**RIVING HOME helps** Nik's songwriting. He says he frequently gets ideas sitting behind the steering wheel. Later he jots them down in a book he calls

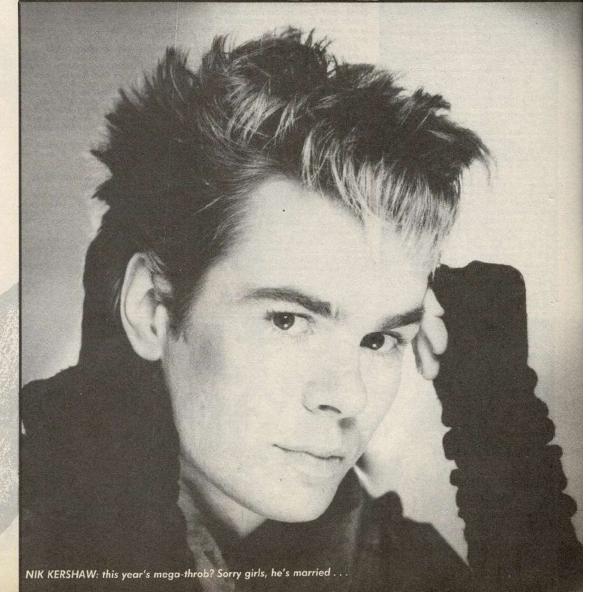
his Hook Book before developing a song. "'Wouldn't It Be Good' is

about people who think

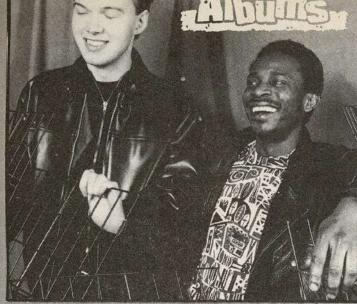
that the grass is always greener on the other side" he says. Nik's next single is likely to be 'Dancing Days', taken from 'Human Racing', and it's pretty heavy stuff as woll heavy stuff as well.

"It's really about a bloke on a downward trend and the dancing girls could represent the drugs he turns to to give himself false comfort. No, I didn't get caught up with that kind of thing myself. With most of my songs I just take topic and fantasise about it.

"There's quite a lot of the child left in me. A lot of kids seem to grow up fast, but I didn't.'



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**ORANGE JUICE'S Edwyn and Zeke comtemplate their navels** 

# Nik-Kers

NIK KERSHAW 'Human Racing' (MCA MCF 3197)

NIR KERSHAW Human Hacing (MCA MCF 3197) NIK HAS struck a chord with Wouldn't It Be Good', but the songs here are like those shiny chrome things that turn to a dull green after a week or two's handling. Nik is basically a singer/songwriter of the old school where people used to strum away at guitars, except that his tunes benefit from the embellish-ment of modern technology. There's no doubt that the single has a strong hook, but most of the other songs are all wrapping and no centre. The lyrics are too impersonal for this sort of music, which relies heavily on a very personal approach, while the melodies don't have the verve of, say, Gary Numan's early arrangements to carry them through.

carry them through. His most adventurous track is prob-ably 'Drum Talk', with the emphasis on a pounding drum arrangement, fol-lowed by 'Bogart', a ponderous num-ber about how it would be good to have the charm of the 40s actor. But even those songs fall into very ob-vious synthesizer tricks, and lack the pacing and spirit that is co pageageage.

vious synthesizer tricks, and lack the pacing and spirit that is so necessary for quality pop. On the other side you get the only song of real worth, which is the gen-tle title track, that seems to be about competition in general. It boasts the lines "They fill your heads with clever verses, and then disappear." How true, Nik, how true.

Simon Hills

MANHATTAN TRANSFER Bodies And Soul' (Atlantic 78-0104-1) DON'T BE misled! This album is neither in the style of the hit single 'Spice Of Life', nor does it have any of the famous Man Tran doo wop. The single, written by Michael Jack-son writer Rod Temperton, kicks off the LP, but from then on it degener-ates into that awful realm of Adult Orientated Rock, as the Americans would have it, with the emphasis firm-ly on pleasant sounds, lush production and pretty vacuous songs.

and pretty vacuous songs. As far as the old 'Tuxedo Junction' style goes, there's one number 'Down South Camp Meetin'' which lets the south Camp Meetin" which lets the vocal group get down to some good of harmonising, but the rest of the material doesn't do justice to their highly attuned larynxes. The exception is the other Rod Temperton number, 'Mystery', a beautiful floating ballad with uplifting vocals from the female section of the group.

with uplifting vocas from section of the group. The rest is as significant to pop as Lemmy is to classical music. ++ Simon Hills

TANIA MARIA 'Love Explosion' (Concord Picante CJP 230) WEDGEHEADS AND Uncle James Hamilton fans will be well aware of

Ms Maria's talents, but I wasn't until I spun this disc. Now I'm hooked. 'Love Explosion' is an enticing pack-age; from the jerky latin jazz of 'Funky Tamborim' through the Take Six' on the beach looseness of 'Bela Be Bele' to the effortlessly flowing piano of 'Pour Toi'.

Tania Maria weaves a seductive song 'n' dance pattern full of heady lyricism and simply irresistible floor

# Squeezing the pips

ORANGE JUICE 'Texas Fever' (Polydor OJMLP1) DON'T GET too excited folks, this is only a mini album consist-ing of six songs. Not only that, but if, like me, you're a fan of 'The Juice', there's a good chance you'll already have three of the tracks elsewhere.

Included here are the current single 'Bridge', the B-side of the 'Rip It Up' 12-inch 'Sad Lament', and 'The Dey I Went Down To Texas' which appeared on a free flexidisc last year. To be fair, the record does come at a special low price — whatever that may be — and that leaves us with three new

songs rescued from the fraught sessions which led to half the

band quitting. 'Craziest Feeling' is typical Orange Juice fare beeled up by Edwyn's new crazy guitar style which races all over it — great stuff!

stuff! 'Punch Drunk' sees the man giving a fair impression of Phil Oakey, but the real gem on the album is 'A Place In My Heart'. Here Edwyn once more tells the tale of a less than perfect love with the aid of one of his catchiest ever choruses and the now compulsory 'Isley Brothers on acid' guitar. Edwyn told me recently that this is only a stop gap record as a prelude to the real Orange Juice '84 campaign which swings into action in the spring. As such, Texas Fever' is an interesting record but my thirst is such that I need a bit more of 'The Juice' than this +++

than this. +++

Andy Strike

shakin' seduction. As she says on the sleeve notes: "Musicians, poets, melodies, harmony, rhythm, improvisation, trees, plants, flowers, children, countries, sounds and colours are some of the elements that drive me always to that kind of orgasm that I call LOVE EXPLOSION." Don't knock it, join it. +++++

Jim Reid

PALLAS 'The Sentinel' (Harvest SHSP 2400121) FRESH YOUNG hippies Pallas have never been my favourite cup of patchouli oil. Always one step behind Marillion, these boys take their mate-rial so seriously that they've been smitten with a serious case of musical constipation. Turgid songs like 'Eyes In The Night', 'Cut And Run' and 'Shock Treatment' are fleshed out with re-constituted vintage Yes and Genesis ideas you must have heard a zillion times before. Excuse me while I stifle a yawn. +

Excuse me while I stifle a yawn. + **Robin Smith** 

PAT BENATAR 'Live From Earth' (Chrysalis CHR 1451) PAT BENATAR luuurvs playing live. She says so in all her interviews and here she is doing just that and lucurv-ing every minute of it. "Come on," she screams at the audience, and "How you doin' out there tonight?". I'm sure you know the kind of thing I mean.

Pat's never been a great success in Britain and the reason is obvious. Most heavy rock fans over here are in their mid-teens and they don't want to go and see someone who looks like their mum wearing a mini skirt strut-

the basis of them, and how some south The music's not really good enough either. Sure, Pat can sing/shout with the basis of them, and hubby guitarist Neil Geraldo is a reasonable exponent of the Van Halen/'Beat It' school of guitar playing. Pat's songs have rock & roll, hard

lowin' bitch written all over them, with titles like 'Hit Me With Your Best Shot' and 'Promises In The Dark'. The sad truth is that Pat Benatar is all mouth. She's the sort of woman who'd ask for your phone number and never bother to ring.  $+\frac{1}{2}$ Andy Strike

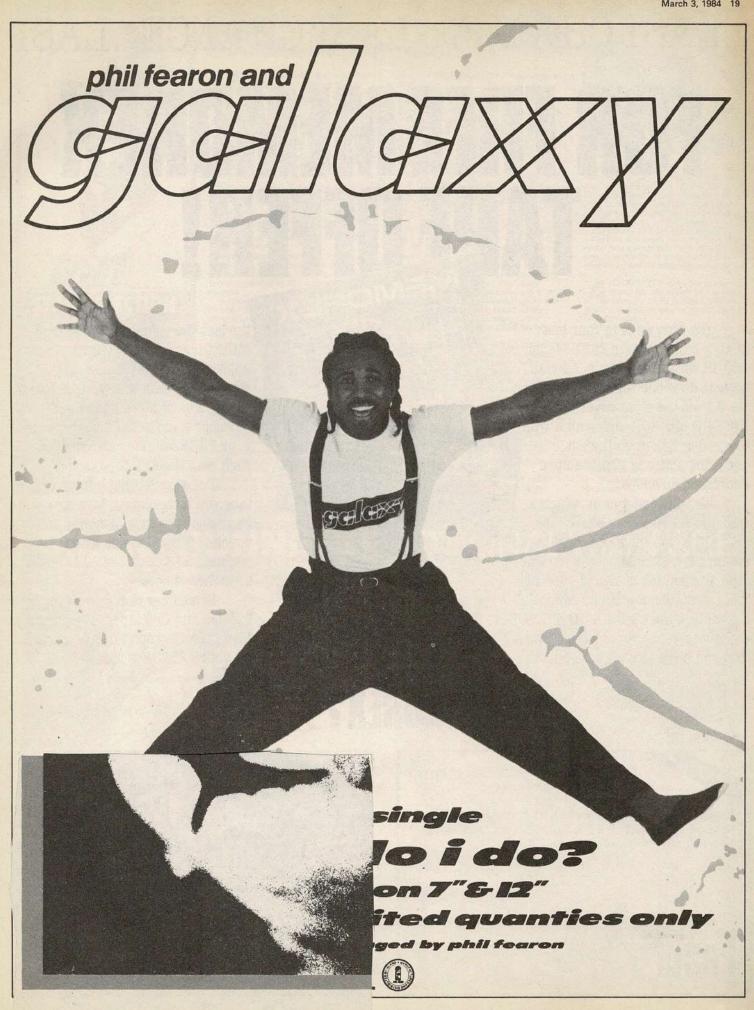
THE PALE FOUNTAINS 'Pacific Street' (Virgin V2274) IT'S TAKEN a long time for this album to arrive but it's been well worth the wait. Pacific Street' isn't the most ori-ginal album you'll ever hear, everyone from the Beatles to the Bluebells gets a musical namecheck, but then as

everyone keeps telling me, there's no-Veryone Reaps terms in the third new anymore. Ringing open chords and ridiculous-ly catchy melodies abound on this re-cord, but the Pale Fountains aren't as shallow as some of their fresh faced

shallow as some of their fresh faced contemporaries. I get the feeling this chap M Head can write damn fine songs — just lis-ten to 'Abergele Next Time' and 'Southbound Excursion'. If The Pale Fountains have a fault (and of course, they do) then it's that they seem to take themselves a bit too seriously, probably in an attempt not to be compared with other bright not to be compared with other bright pop bands

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# ary Crowley

### gets star struck

EROES: MANY a word has been written about them and many a song has been sung as well. We all have heroes one way or another, and not only those who cut records or grace our silver screens. It can be literally anyone around you.

To some, they're absolute demigods who can do no wrong; to others, merely people of distinction to be admired.

I can remember my first schoolboy hero very well. He was a man who did things with a football that have never since been equalled; a dark brown-eyed handsome lrishman named George Best, undoubtedly the first ean seatballa. pop footballer.

I for my sins never actually saw him in action — my exposure to this genius at work was the occasional televised game or the newspaper reports.

Forever the media dahling, he was dubbed the fifth Beatle during the swinging sixties.

swinging sixties. He was brilliant both on and off the ball, dating both Miss World champions and running trendy discotheques and boutiques, while excelling for the mighty Manchester United and Northern Ireland teams. He was the MAN for me. I distinctly recall owning a George Best poster, football kit annuel boats football kit annuel

football kit, annual, boots, football, in fact the complete works. Never for

fact the complete works. Never for the life of me would I dare miss an edition of his "play football the George Best way" TV show. At our school the boys' haroes were mainly soccer stars while the older more mature types (you know, the ones with the bumfluff doubling as a moustachel) plumped for 'rock' music and aroune with vilu sevening and aroune with and groups with silly sounding names, like Led Zeppelin, Uriah Heep, Jethro Tull, etc.

My appreciation of music at the time didn't surpass the likes of oi time didn't surpass the likes of or herberts Slade (subtle on the ear they weren't), while the girls were mad as hell on pin-up popster David Cassidy, those boys with the gleaning teeth and the ring of confidence, The Osmonds, and weedy Hovis boy, Gilbert O'Sullivan.

All this and religiously buying mags like 'Popswap', 'Disco 45' and 'Fan' and never missing an edition of 'Lift Off With Ayshea' or 'Top Of The Pops'. Aah sweet memories.

OWADAYS THERE'S still many cats around I rate and admire, (too many to mention in fact). But I'm also one of those people who'd be frightened if I met one of those special people and was bitterly disappointed. Ever felt like that? It was brilliant for me the other day

though, when I was invited up to the happy sounding, wunnerful Radio Two, to observe legendary radio/ television broadcaster Brian Matthew in action.

in action. If you don't know anything about him, he presents a weekday late nite radio show, called 'Round Midnight'. I stumbled upon it in the wee small hours of the morning while fiddling with the dial and travelling up and down the waveband. He was interviewing pop character/little big man, lan Dury, and riveting listening it was as well. was as well.

On later shows I've caught him chatting to song and dance man Kevin Rowland and crooner Elvis Costello, all of them wanting to talk to him and sounding very natural. The night I called in he had studio

interviews with cool bop swingers



Manhattan Transfer, a guy who has devoted his life to saving the swan, and a mother of two. The latter wrote into the show telling of her rather interesting sideline, that of a clown, strong-woman and her knack of doing a headstand on broken glass! All this mixed in with a varied

All this mixed in with a varied selection of music. 'Stunny how the radio and voices can help you build up preconceptions of people, but Mr Matthew was nothing like I expected!

NYWAY, IT'S time for me to A reach for the scroll and in my capacity as RECORD MIRROR pop crier, inform you of the Crowley Cracker award.

pop crief, minor you of the Crowley Cracker award. This week it's won by Coventry hotshots, The Special AKA. They're back on the chart trail with a vengeance. Their new 45 is the hardest hitting thing they've done since the classic 'Ghost Town', entitled 'Nelson Mandela'. It's about the jailed South African liberation movement leader, the message simply being free Mandela! Produced by King Elvis and featuring a pop orchestra that includes Afrodiziak, General Public's Dave Wakeling and Ranking Roger and former Specials geetar man, Lynval Golding, it's an infectious concoction of highlife and soca and deserves to be blasted out loud from the nation's be blasted out loud from the nation's trannies.

# SILENT RUNNING EMOTIONAL WARFARE





HE THOMPSON Twins have enjoyed a meteoric rise to stardom over the past couple of years ... their album 'Into The Gap' careered straight to the number one spot last week and their single 'Doctor! Doctor!' hit the top three.

They've done it by working as a close-knit trio. Alannah looks after the videos, Tom Bailey is the musical arranger and Joe Leeway designs their impressive stage sets — the latest of which is being hauled round the land for their tour as you read this.
Offstage, they're not the pompous megastars that people so often take them for. Tom Bailey is intense, but not to the point of being highbrow or blase, and is easy with the fans who have come backstage after the Oxford Apollo show. Alannah is still shaking with nervous energy, a little more withdrawn at first, but smiling, and obviously pleased with the performance.

Joe Leeway has already met up with some friends - long-time fans - and is chatting away as if the show happened hours ago.

They troop up dutifully to a dressing room which is decorated in lurid pink, and fitted out with four rickety chairs and a broken mirror plus a dim bare bulb. The interview begins . .

# OW DO you feel about the 'Into The Gap' album now it's finished? Alannah: When I heard it the

night after the final mix I cried and cried and cried. I was so depressed. I got over it soon afterwards and I really love some of the tracks on it. You're so close to the album, it's very hard to judge it.

Joe: The bricks and mortar of the tracks are put down in England, then they go to Nassau to be recorded properly, and we fill in the colour in London. There's a studio in North London we like to use which have a creat studio in North London we like to use which has a great atmosphere. Nassau is very much a family affair. There are lots of stars there and Chris Blackwell (owner of the studio and Island Records boss) knows everyone

personally. When you're tired after a session you can walk out of the studio and there's this whole

rhythm going on.

Alannah: On one side of the island it's like a Club

Mediterranean scene, so we kept to our side of the island. It's not much to look at, there's nothing

much to look at, there is nothing there, but we went scuba diving and stuff when we had time. Making an album is something like having babies. You start with the ideas and for six months they grow and grow and grow. I think some of it is wonderful, although some doesn't come up to your expectations because the end expectations because the end result isn't what's happening in your head. They're just like growing things, though. **Tom: (who's just walked in)** We met a lot of people in Nassau. Grace Jones was there and she thought I was a porter. She dumped her bags and suitcases by me and the next thing I knew

by me and the next thing I knew was that I was carrying them for her. She looks really intimidating, but although she is quite tough, there's a very sensitive side to her.

S THE new album a bit similar to the last? Tom: If one thing irritated us last year it was people starting to bag us. In the States especially they said we were a dance band. Now we are maturing as songwriters.

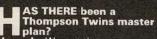
Alannah: We know we can make really good dance records and once we know we can do

something we want to move on to something else. This time we wanted to concentrate more on the melodies and then hit the groove.

### Is Alex Sadkin an integral part of the team?

**Tom:** Alex is a brilliant producer. I've got a lot of respect for him because it doesn't seem as if he's doing anything yet he will take you into areas you never dreamed of

or. Joe: He'll get a totally different angle on a song, even when you think you've got a number one hit. And he really is committed. He wants to get the best sound out of you.



Alannah: We got the new manifesto together the other day! When we first started and we were working on the first album for Arista, the record company people were saving it would happen and we were sitting there shaking — we weren't sure if we could do it. We wanted to be successful, but we didn't know we were going to be this big. Let's say we wanted to be averagely successful! Joe: I think we needed to be

successful or we would have all split and done other things. There was a sense of organisation. A lot of people found it hard to take, but it was crucial to us. Alannah: But that doesn't mean

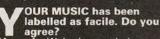
that it's all calculated. Joe: There's a hell of a lot of feeling behind it. And there's been a great response which comes back to you. Alannah: The means are calculating, as we design everything from the record covers

to the merchandising. But the record itself goes through a lot of hard, heart-felt shit, it don't just happen. We don't sit down and write perfect pop songs — they have to be things we find vital and important and important.

Tom: The long and short of it is that we're real people talking about what we want to do. Some groups are respected publicly for their sense of control when the opposite is the case. We aren't in that position.

# Is the image different to the

real people? Joe: The crucial factor is that we did it our way and we decide how we're going to appear. **Tom:** The whole Top Of The Pops thing gives a false impression because it's three people doing an album track in isolation. The intention behind the thing is the difference between say a good difference between, say, a good nude picture or porngraphy — it's that people intend to do that nude rather than making it for the money



Alannah: We're human beings for God's sake, even if we are successful.

Tom: I think pop washes right over some people whereas there are some who are totally moved by it. I know some people whose lives have been changed by one song. And we're not the only group in the world. We're only one group, there's lots to choose from.

Alannah: The other big thing is that if no one listens to you, how do you get anything across to people? Like 'Sister Of Mercy' (a track from the new album) for example for me is a very important song. You've got to keep the music in terms that everybody understands.

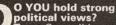
# You've said your records are

good dance music. Is that enough for a song? Tom: It's very dangerous to think of yourself as a discerning consumer, because you set yourself up as one of the few papelo who com approximate it people who can appreciate it ... therefore, if it's popular, it's shit. I think even if some journalists really loved the album, they couldn't say it.

Joe: It's horses for courses. In some places our ideas are taken as being really avant garde — like in America we're prophets of a new music, and here we're seen

as a good pop group. Alannah: The other accusation the bastards put to us is that we have a token woman and a token black, and we've been working together for a long time. How can they say that? If I was a record company

person looking for three people to join a group I'd have got better looking ones and younger ones. People who wouldn't argue and give them a hard time like we do. Not us three, who are going to take the carpet from under their feet



Tom: Our politics are still unchanged, basically. We still support CND, we went on the last CND march as the Thompson Twins, because if it got them three more minutes of publicity then that's to the good. Alannah: All three of us have different politics and we are interested in different things. used to be quite interested in the woman's movement. Because I don't go leafletting or anything doesn't mean that my sympathies have changed, but I want to enjoy myself as well. The best you can do is not to put anything in the songs that puts down women.

What we're trying to do is write about human issues, not just black issues, or women's issues, but everybody's.

# How do you approach your live shows now? You used to lay great emphasis on audience participation. Tom: It's a special relationship you have with the audience. In the old days we gave out

you have with the audience. In the old days we gave out instruments, and everybody said it's a great party. But it's like you can't hold a great party every night. We had to stop it because people would come down and get pissed and break things. We got a lot of instruments ripped off as well well.

Alannah: It's funny, because we haven't played in front of a large audience for a while, and I didn't know how to communicate with the people in the balcony. In the end I waved, it was the best I could do.

# S THERE a lot of pressure at

the top? Tom: The thing you lose is the right to say f\*\*\* off, that's what lan Dury said, and I think that is the main pressure

Alannah: I don't agree. I don't feel like public property. Sometimes I don't feel like giving autographs and people understand that, I think. I've got to have a private life, that's important. Sometimes these creeps come along and get really personal with you, when they wouldn't treat anyone else like that. People don't have any right to vou.



N THE beginning, I wasn't convinced. With a name like that they just had to be jokers, or terminally dour, or both, and cursory (I stress cursory) snatches of the first two singles did nothing to prompt any further investigation.

Bigwigs, however, just kept on ablowin' their trumpets and applauding, lauding these north country strangers — dropping that name, swollen with first-come pride.

So I went and took a look. And even then, I wasn't convinced.

The Kitchenware night at London's 'art space' the ICA was essentially a music biz fat-cat get together, the 'checkin' 'em out' crew out in force, the crowd stunned into silence at its own immaculate taste. Hurrah strummed, the Daintees crooned, and Prefab Sprout bombed. There was a lot of muttering and shaking of heads that night — the bubble was set to burst... But then I heard 'Swoon', their debut long player. And finally, I

was convinced.

Now how can I discuss 'Swoon' without sounding a spluttering, gibbering idiot in the sole pay of Kitchenware's Keith Armstrong? Not easy. Suffice to say 'Swoon' is... slightly magnificent, a touch glorious, a little bit heavenly. In the age of the hit single and cash-in album of fillers, 'Swoon' simply soars. 'Swoon' is the best record since 'Imperial Bedroom' and it is the bouncing baby of one Patrick McAloon.

Paddy, you're not making things easy for yourself, are you? Bad gigs... 'difficult' songs... literary allusions. Come on, explain yourself.

"I just like to do things that aren't obvious... things you might not get away with."

People might say you haven't

got away with them... "Yes, I know. Like at the ICA. I knew we'd been bad... that everyone had rumbled us and that hurt more than any personal attack in the press because live performance is vital to us. I never go to gigs myself, it doesn't

interest me, but we do it because when it sounds right it's great — to cut it as a three piece is brilliant! When we used to play at the local hotel years back we were a really good live unit, playing two hour sets, but at the playing two hour sets, but at the ICA we weren't really like a band at all."

Why not augment the sound, then? Try to emulate that easy melodicism with piano and synth, like on the LP?

Yes. . . sometimes I think, 'My God, we shouldn't go out like this' Certainly something is lost. But when we're good we can make up for that with a certain... excitement. It's a fear of working with others I suppose.

"The other reason we play live is because when you go into the studio it shows — there's nothing worse than that Steely Dan (who we've been compared with) syndrome when the band is only together for the two months of making the album."

But while the 'to play or not to Pic by Paul Cox

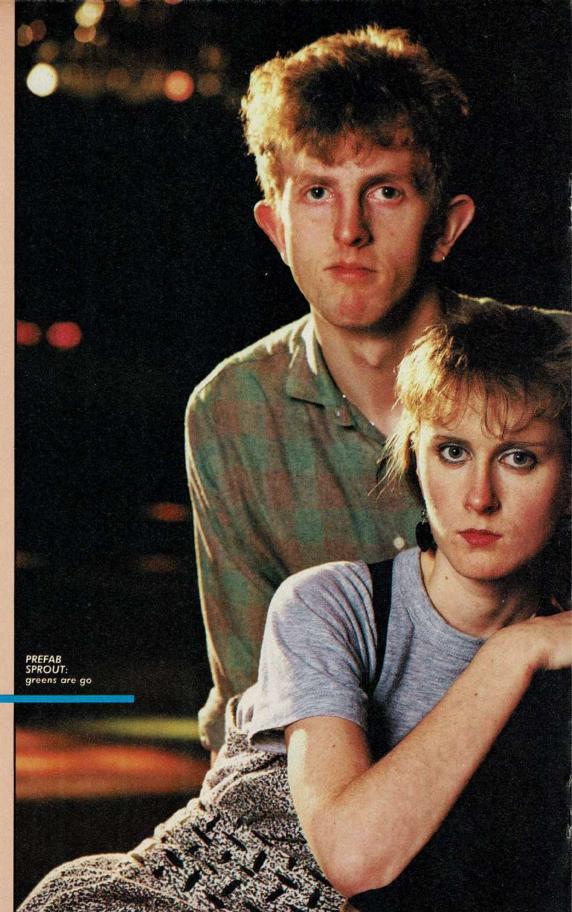
play' question might be considered merely one of style, the accusation of deliberate obtuseness in the form of the songwriting is an attack that McAloon is obviously frustrated at having to fend off.

"This completely passes me by! I know why people look funnily at

they're just not familiar with the songs. If you listen to them three or four times they make perfect sense. It is true l've a phobia about using obvious chord progressions and rhythms. If I could write something with C, F and G7 and make it a telling sort of melody and ally that to a

good lyric I'd do it. I'm just not very good at that so I have to seek a more elaborate way."

addy McAloon, a good Catholic boy, was sent to a County Durham seminary at the age of eleven, with the aim of becoming a priest.



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**PREFAB SPROUT** by Graham K

**TEPHEN SONDHEIM'S name** has often cropped up when Sprouts spout... tell me more.

"About six years ago I saw a TV programme with Andre Previn talking to Sondhiem. They had piano players and a couple of singers and he just talked his way through his songs. And I was just so immensely impressed by someone who would tackle emotions that are really very complex."

Are there any contemporary songwriters of that calibre?

"I just don't detect the melodic inventiveness now that there was in the past, and a lot of it's down to laziness. People are suspicious of the craft... 'craftsman' is used in a derogatory sense. Bands like the Alarm can't wait to be elevated beyond having to write songs — they'd rather be at the front of an army of followers. You shouldn't have to have heroes in that sense — don't get hooked on the myth. There really aren't any writers now — the nearest one is probably Roddy Frame — he's good, a natural talent." Not Costello?

"Well. . . it's embarrassing haven't really been a fan. I admire him but I've listened to a lot of the people he's listened to a lot of rather go straight to them. The great writers are people like Bacharach, Hal David and Richard Rogers — the last two may have had a businessible striket had a businesslike attitude to songwriting but they still produced much more worthwhile stuff than things by Weller."

Prefab Sprout are: the McAloon brothers, Patrick and Martin (bass), joint vocalist Wendy Smith, and Aztec Camera drummer Dave Ruffy.

Paddy McAloon had done a few Paddy McAloon had done a few telling things. He started this group. He didn't become a priest, although he's still devout. He went to university and got a degree in English and History. He tried to write a novel but 'wasn't up to it'. And now he's written some songs and given them to you by way of an LP called Swoon'

Listen to 'Swoon'. It's convincing.



"It was a boarding school and I was very taken by the image...I thought it must be great to have a tuck box!"

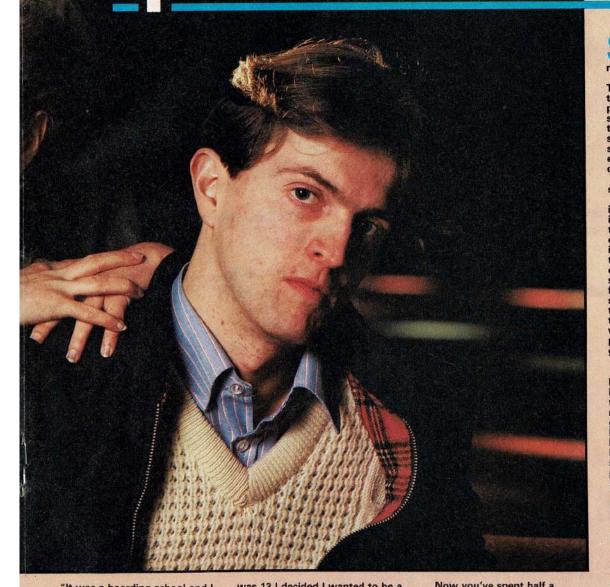
But then the priests taught him to play the guitar... "Yes... the best thing about

the place was that they fostered this musical idea — So when I

was 13 I decided I wanted to be a songwriter. All the people I admired wrote their own songs so that was what I had to do. I used to cut a piece of paper in the shape of an LP and write 'poetry' which was really gibberish on this disc and I'd imagine that was my LP!"

Now you've spent half a lifetime learning your trade are you still prepared to steal from your heroes? "I'd never steal a melody...

but what I would steal is an attitude. I like a lot of classical music — Stravinsky, Ravel, Debussy - they're me favourites!



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# The Bop never stops

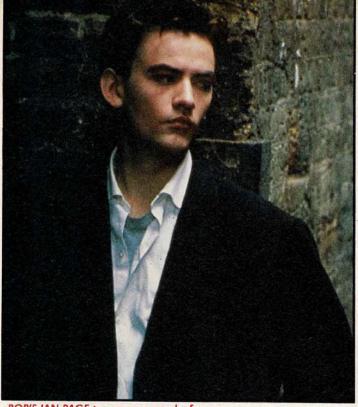
HEN THE chips were down and the chart roulette wheel stopped spinning, former Secret Affair front man lan Page took a job as a croupier.

I was so desperate for work that I went on a training course at a casino," he explains. "I learned how to cut chips and wheel'n'deal. It was a pretty fascinating experience.

I also worked as a window cleaner but I was dreadful at it. I always left smears all over the place.

But lan's bounded back with his new band Bop and single 'Too Young To Know'

"I got a demo tape together and carried it around to a lot of record companies who didn't want to know," continues lan. Then at last I struck lucky with EG Management. They have some of my favourite acts like Roxy Music, Brian Eno and Robert Fripp. "Before I got my latest deal it



**BOP'S IAN PAGE turns over a new leaf** 

was quite a sleepless period for me. After all, I'd had chart success and then I was on my uppers. It was a worry whether could ever pull it off. I'd tasted success and I was hungry for more, but it seemed to be

slipping out of my grasp. "Secret Affair just seemed to take a gradual slide into oblivion. We had a couple of hits but we just couldn't follow them up. We never seemed to be able to corner the album market either.

In the end we just had to call it a

day." Bop have their first album Children Of The City' released in May and eventually lan would like to tour with a 13-piece line up including a brass section. Among the members he's recruited so far are drummer Charlie Charles and sax man Dave Baptiste who's played with Beggar and Co and Light Of The World.

HE ALBUM revolves around two kids coming to a city, says lan. It's not one of

those dreadful concept type albums though, but a romantic story about people who have big dreams and hopes for the future.

The dreams people have are sometimes more important than the reality. If your dreams don't work out then at least you have some good memories.

"The sort of music I'm doing now is modern R&B. I want to do things in a sincere way with lots of spirit. I want my music to have the same classic feel that music by Glenn Miller did. You listen to it and it has an immediately recognisable feel and sound.

Live shows are terribly important to me as well. I've done a video but it hasn't cost a fortune. The trouble with videos these days is that they're like adverts to sell the band.

"It's bad that somebody's creativity and skill should be sold like so many pints of milk or packets of fish fingers."

**ROBIN SMITH** 





# Write to Mailman, **Record Mirror**, 40 Long Acre, London WC2

I WOULD like to know why people are continually slagging off Modern Romance. It seems to me that everything Modern Romance do or say or wear someone has to say something to put them down. Okay, so maybe they are not to everyone's taste but in the last year it's become a ritual.

A lot of people look at Modern Romance as 'the party group'. Reviewers became quite upset when the knees-up band put away their party streamers and took to 'Walking In The Rain'. I mean parties don't go on for ever, don't they have the right to be different once in a while?

So all those people and reviewers etc, just lay off Modern Romance for a change. **Annoyed Modern Romance** 

Fan, Éssex

Modern Romance. . . now where have I heard that name before . . .

JUST wanted to say how disgusted I was this week when I read my usually excellent RECORD MIRROR to see the two letters slagging Auntie Beeb for not playing 'that' record at number one. You normally print letters putting both sides, but not this time, doesn't anyone else think 'Relax' is crap; doesn't anyone else think???

The only mistake made by the Beeb was in not banning it *before* it entered the charts. Just because Frankie doesn't use f\*\*\* in the title doesn't mean it shouldn't be banned, and the same applies to other over-suggestive records.

don't know what everyone's





# Where's your hearing aid?

WHAT IS happening? Has the Great British Public lost all sense of good musical taste? I watched 'TOTP' recently, only to find a totally untalented bunch of wallies. Not one band on the show had managed to write a decent song between the lot of them. It's quite obvious that DJs in the mould of Peter Powell and Kid Jensen are conning the public into liking inferior records, rather like the swindler in the story 'The Emperor's

complaining about - it is number

one anyway, and that isn't because it's a good record! I hope Frankie Goes To Hollywood and never comes back.

Music Lover, Walsall 'Comes' back? Well, I never!

IT'S NOT often fans of a particular group object to good reviews but Jim Reid's is undeserved. Simple Minds have apparently settled for sub-standard songs and think they can be disguised with crashing drums and a 'big'

production on their new album. Occasionally it works, 'Upon The Catwalk' and 'Speed Your Love' being the two best examples, but on the whole, the effect is most disappointing. The lyrics sound contrived and Jim Kerr's vocal performance only serve to highlight the poor quality

of the songs. Compare 'Sparkle In The Rain' to 'Sons And Fascination' or the perfect pop of 'New Gold Dream'. 'Sparkle In The Rain' is merely a raucous mess. Stop resting on your laurels Jim, and don't spend

New Clothes'. Am I to be the only young boy to stand up and say I can't see what all the fuss is about? I am not going to give whole lists of bands I like as I am a music lover. But I can find nothing musical or talented in bands like the Smiths, China Crisis, Swans Way, Simple Minds, etc. Mark Phillips, Burnt Oak, Middx • What has talent and music got to do with netting on 'TOTP'? getting on 'TOTP'?

so much time listening to U2 records.

Stephen, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire I agree. There's nothing worse than squashed laurels

THE FACT that 'Hyperactive' and other slightly less banal Thomas Dolby songs lack even the slightest degree of aberration is totally irrelevant. I refer of course to the recent interview with Thomas Dolby in RECORD MIRROR. Perhaps the real reason why Mr Dolby hasn't achieved true star-status is because he lacks the precipitancy of less prosaic solo performers (eg Cyndi Lauper & Nik Kershaw). His main musical objective seems to be to dispel the over-protective attitude that the scrupulous media have towards him. Having achieved this it only remains for him to release sluggish, slimy singles for fear of losing whatever ingenuity he may or may not possess. If 'Hyperactive' is anything to go by this could ultimately lead to selfdestruction

Martin Truksa, Harrow, Middlesex We can only hope

I'VE ALWAYS believed that everyone is entitled to their own opinion. However, the Truth's Dennis Greaves seems to have abused this privilege in his interview dated Feb 18. The way he slagged off heavy metal and Queen in particular, was outrageous. He's probably never spoken to Freddie Mercury, and yet he claims he's idiotic. This is a completely unprovoked attack upon a fellow musician. I've been reading RM for years, and I've never

I am not a Queen fan, but can appreciate the good work that they've put in over the years. I just wish Dennis Greaves would put as much aggression into his music as he does his mouth! Ex-Truth fan, Birmingham Don't worry, Freddie Mercury's Dad (left) will sort him out

seen any members of Queen slagging anyone off.

LAST NIGHT I saw 'The Other Side Of The Tracks' on Channel Four in which Paul Gambaccini held a lengthy interview with Depeche Mode. I was absolutely disgusted to find out about one of their videos. The video for 'Everything Counts' showed one of them playing an instrument similar to an oboe. When Paul Gambaccini asked him about it, he said it was an old instrument, but he'd now broken it, Firstly I thought he must have been very careless with it,

because apparently it's quite a valuable and rare instrument, but when I found out this wasn't the instrument played on the record, I was VERY annoyed. As David Gahan explained, it was used "to make the video more interesting". I know Depeche Mode are a

nice bunch of lads etc, etc, but when it comes to the stage of deceiving people to make you buy the record — and let's face it videos do enough damage as it is — there is something drastically

And then you get all these people saying "we want our music to be *honest*". It gets to be a joke after a while. The nearest Depeche got to being honest was by saying it *was* a synthesiser. I know you won't print this because you'll be inundated with letters from Depeche Mode fans talking about the "aims of video" and the like.

Now where did I put that videoless, synthesiser-less Smiths record . . .?

Lucy Vines (annoyed), Thames Ditton, Surrey Hopefully where you can't find it!

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HERE CAN I get a fact sheet on AIDS? I know you've published this information before, but I lost it

Chas, Sussex Chas, Sussex For a free information leaflet outlining the symptoms of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, thought to be passed from person to person by a blood-borne virus, write, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope to Terrance Higgins Trust, PO Box BM Aids, London WC1N 3XX.

Latest Department Of Health figures indicate that 37 cases of AIDS, which destroys the body's defences against infection, have been discovered in the UK so far. Of these, 20 people have died.

died. In the USA, where over 3,064 cases have been recorded, mainly among gay men, as well as intravenous drug users and haemophiliacs, over 1,292 people have died. UK victims include two heterosexual men, not known to be in any of the three risk groups, and three women.

Symptoms of AIDS include ongoing fatigue, which has no obvious cause, but continues for several weaks; rapid weight loss of more than 10lb in a two month period; severe night sweats and fever, lasting for weeks; swollen glands in the neck and armpits; a dry cough or shortness of breath which doesn't originate from smoking and isn't temporarily caused by flu; persistent diarrhoea with no obvious cause and thrush, (a whitish coating on the tongue or throat).

If you have some of these symptoms, the Gay Medical symptoms, the Gay Medical Association advises you to go to either your own GP, or your nearest VD clinic. Tell the doctor that you are gay, but, if, for any reason, you lack faith in his/her diagnosis, see your nearest VD clinic anyway. For more info ring Gay Switchboard on 01-837 7324, 24-hour number.

# Say hello wave goodbye

REALLY would like to ask out a girl who lives on the same road as me, but, with moving house looming on the horizon it seems impossible. I used to know her well when we were smaller, but

that's some years ago now. We often just walk past each other in the street without saying a word and I don't even know any of her friends either, so I can't contact her through them.

It's getting to the stage where she's one hundred per cent on my mind. She's 14 and I'm 17. Paul, Bradford

With a change of address on your horizon, it sounds as if time is getting short. So it's really up to you to speak now or forever be silent. And, if you don't break the ice pretty soon, by simply smiling and saying hello, no-one else is going to do it for you. Looking on the positive side, the girl in your life could be waiting for you to do just that. There's only one way to find out. Or perhaps you prefer the idea of adoring someone (anyone) from afar,

as it's a lot easier to fantasise than to take action. Don't be so lazy and indecisive.

Meanwhile, frustrated fans who

want to keep up to date with the latest information on Judie and her

band, can simply send a stamped addressed envelope to John Shelley,

19 Grafton Crescent, Charford, Bromsgrove, Worcs B60 3HW.

JUDIE TZUKE: sorted out

GES AGO, a friend of mine tried A to find out about joining a Judie Tzuke fan club, but has met with no success, despite writing to other music papers. Perhaps you can give me an address? Jean, Strathclyde

Jean, Strathclyde **E** Even better, we can reveal that Judie Tzuke fans throughout the UK are about to be presented with a brave new service. Earlier this year, Judie's friend John Shelley from Bromsgrove collected all the fan club records and a vast amount of unarswered correspondence from the unanswered correspondence from the merchandise company who'd previously organised the appreciation society.

"It seems to have built up over the last twelve months or so," comments John. "As a friend and fan of Judie's for some years, I offered to try and sort out the mess. Until I've contacted all previous members and offered them an explanation I can't advertise myself as an official club.

"As soon as all the letters of complaint I've inherited have been answered, new subscriptions can be canvassed with a clear conscience."

# **Jackson fans' refund**

ALL READERS who have tried to join the Michael Jackson UK-based fan club, tentatively launched last autumn, without official clearance from the Jackson family, by the self-styled International Association Of Fan Clubs based in London's Fulham Road, will be pleased to know that your membership fees will have been refunded in full, by the time you read this column.

you read this column. "The process of refunding is underway and will be completed by the end of the month," I.A.F.C. founder David Tomes tells me. Despite the efforts of ex-teacher Tomes to kick-off a club catering specifically for the enormous number of Michael Jackson fans this side of the Atlantic, his endeavours to get the go-ahead or even the courtesy of a reply from either Jackson's official merchandising company-cum-Stateside fan club EMMC, or his lawyer's office in Los Angeles wara imported

Angeles, were ignored. Not before time, the project has now been abandoned as I.A.F.C. was "unable to obtain the vital help and co-operation needed to make the venture a success.



Problems? Need some ideas or information fast? Or would it help to talk things over? Write to Susanne Garrett 'Help', Record Mirror, 40 Long Acre, London WC2 Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope to ensure a personal reply Alternatively, ring our Helpline, office hours, Monday to Friday on 01 836 1147

URING THE summer, I worked at a supermarket and, as I'm a student, I reckon I'm owed student, I reckon rm owed f89.90 in tax which I would like to claim back. I have all my pay slips and my P45 and National Insurance number. But what do I do next? Martin, London Simply ring or call in personally at your nearest PAYE Enquiry Office, (look under Inland Revenue in the telephone back). Once equipped with

telephone book). Once equipped with your details, they'll get in touch with the employer and set the refund machinery in motion. Alternatively, you can contact the supermarket wages office yourself for details of your employers' PAYE tax office, and forward your P45, a certificate of pay received and tax deducted, direct to this office, along with a covering letter.

HERE CAN I find a Paul Young fan club? I think he's amazing. V Sally, Laxey

• For details write, with a stamped addressed envelope, to Sally Harmer, Paul Young Fan Club, PO Box 140, London WC2H 8PB.

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UNEMPLOYED? Lonely? If so, you may have a lot in common with Val (18), from Glasgow, who's into Flesh For Lulu, Alien Sex Fiend and Specimen; or if you're in and around the Staines area and want to get out and about to some gigs, *Ernest* (23), who likes a spectrum of sounds, ranging from Culture Club and Paul Young to golden oldies including the Beatles and T Rex, wants to hear from you. People living in the Surrey area too who'd like to make contact with amateur deejay *Kevin* (19), from *West Ewell*, a guy with cosmopolitan musical tastes, also drop a line, why dontcha? YFRS's is a free service, and as good a way to contact new people as most. All letters will be forwarded.



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# Non-stop Eestatic Holliday

### CINDY 'N' RICK: misericorde in Mansfield

Mansfield everyone talk about pop music. . . . Hang about, when has Mansfield ever been anything more than the home of a dodgy fourth division soccer team and a motorway service station? When Cindy Ecstasy and Rick Holliday formed Six Sed Red, that's when.

"We rehearsed and demoed up there for about a year," says Cindy. "There was nothing else to do. We were staying in Rick's parents' house, a 400 year old

and the

farmhouse. There was no central heating. Coming from New York I'm used to places being really hot in the winter. I was sick the whole winter in Mansfield."

Funny place to get a group together though, especially as Ms Ecstasy, she of Soft Cell's 'Torch' fame, is more used to the nightlife of New York and London.

"We just wanted to write together," says Cindy. "We didn't take any trips to London, we didn't tell anyone what we were getting up to. Nobody knew we were alive or doing anything. We just followed our own instincts and got on with it."

To that end ex B Movie star, Rick, had to graft during the day. "I was working as an insurance rep for four months," he says, "trying to earn a crust during the day so that we could go out and hire a tape recorder and drum machine for the weekend."

Well, it worked. SSR's debut single, 'Shake It Right' — a rumbling, haunting piece of breathy dance perversity being proof positive. But there must have been times that our Anglo/American twosome brushed with futility.

"It was terribly frustrating," says Cindy. "It was a really isolated feeling for so long. The only thing that kept us together was that we were moving towards something that was so important to us. It wasn't 'goody, now we'll be popstars' or anything — it was much more serious than that — 'we've got something to say, something to record, let's do it'. And if it didn't work, as long as we could eat fine and carry on what we were doing, we'd be happy."

Rick AND Cindy had first met back in 1982 through the agency of entrepreneur and musical catalyst, Stevo. "He asked me to write a bluesy piano number for a girl," says Rick. That girl turned out be be Ms Cindy, and after an abortive eighteen hours in the studio together the twosome got back to their own projects, but kept each other in mind. Five months later, with Rick's group B Movie on the wane and

Five months later, with Rick's group B Movie on the wane and Cindy no longer working with Soft Cell, the duo decided to give it another try. Enter Mansfield... After plenty of work down on

After plenty of work down on the farm, the group entered a Manchester studio with Sheffield funsters Cabaret Voltaire. And yes, there is a touch of the Cabs about 'Shake It Right's wicked dance mutation...

"The influence is definitely there," says Cindy, "which is why we wanted to work with them, but it's not as if they just stepped in and put their stamp on it, the song is almost identical to the way we did it as a demo. Still, they were really helpful and gutsy in terms of production."

gutsy in terms of production." 'Shake It Right' is a gentle, if oblique introduction to Six Sed Red. In the future they promise more commercial sounds and perhaps some collaboration with New York rappers. A very promising new group, say I....

**Jim Reid** 

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VEN WHEN she recorded her Hi-NRG anthem 'Searchin' (I Gotta Find A Man)', Hazell Dean had no idea what the boystown chart was! She says she had no idea about the gay disco scene and the way that records were

the way that records were breaking out of gay clubs into the national charts. "When 'Searchin'' got into the boystown chart, I asked what it was," she says. "I didn't know it was being played in Hi-NRG places. It's simply that I like singing powerful songs — I'm that

simply that I like singing powerful songs — I'm that kind of singer. "I love doing the gay clubs. They enjoy good singers, and that's why I like to do a proper show. They're a good audience and they enjoy everything you do. If the song's good, people will want to buy it because they know it will keep growing on them. Hi-NRG songs are usually good, which at the end of the day is what it's about.

it's about. "I must admit, I've loved all the big lady singers. I loved Cilla Black, Dusty Springfield and Barbra Streisand. I was brought up on jazz in my childhood and I used to be in a jazz band — playing guitar. I was a Beatles fanatic, which is what made me start

strumming in the first place." Her love for girl singers has helped Hazell into the charts this time round with a cover version of Streisand's 'Evergreen', coupled with her



HAZELL DEAN: thought boystown was something to do with scouts

# evergreen goddess

own number 'Jealous Love' as a double A side. But her overall career has been shaped by a love for music she's had since she was a mere tot. "At school I was always in a band playing guitar or piano,

remembers Hazell. "I knew I wanted to be involved in music. I joined a jazz band and started to sing, then I went to an evening school studying music until I got my first professional job. I was singing

### in a Mecca in Stoke."

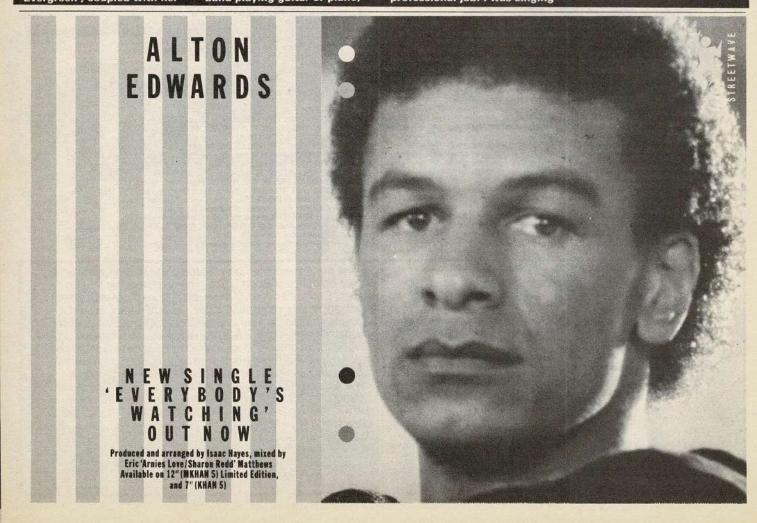
N SPITE of that musical background, Hazell is now concentrating on singing and songwriting rather than playing any instruments. But she does get confused by the electronic equipment that's used to put together Hi-NRG music. Using tape machines for her live shows can cause a few problems if the sound goes wrong, or there's something that stops her from singing properly. "Although the nice thing

about singing with tapes is that

about singing with tapes is that you don't have to worry about other musicians when you make a mistake there's no one to cover for you," she says. "One night we were doing a club and a fight started right in front of me. I was so worried, I forgot where I was. In situations like that you have to collect yourself and make a silly aside.

"We did a roller disco in Queens, New York, and the sound was so bad I heard my voice from a speaker right over the other side of the building. Now I carry my own microphone so at least there's microphone so at least there s one thing you can depend on. I'm useless with machines. They're not just synthesizers any more, but Z3TQs, or something, and I don't really concern myself with them — just singing!"

Simon Hills





# **ODDS 'N' BODS**

CBS RECORDS' club promotion department has been suspended, Steve Ripley moving up to join Loraine Trent in the marketing, so (for a while anyway) don't expect anything in the mail ... I wonder whether CBS will suddenly find March releases (by Michael Jackson, Luther Vandross, Shalamar, Patti LaBelle, The Jacksons) selling better than usual as all the DIs buy them? — this has been Morgan Khan's experience since stopping his Streetwave mailing list... Total Experience (home of the Gap Band) is another label moving here to RCA ... MCA picked up Charles Earland (too late?), while surprisingly Malcolm X is up for grabs here ... Lionel Richie follows with 'Hello' flipped on 12in by the instrumentals of 'All Night Long' and 'Running With The Night'... Jive, desperate to sell anything by Whodini, now have a '5 Track EP' 12in (JIVE T 61) of predictable stuff ... The Academy is on RCA, not Virgin (as misinformed by Rush Release) .... George Kranz has been ruined by yet another UK-only remix, but Cyndi Lauper in a marathon scratch version remixed by Arthur Baker could be interesting on imminent import 12in **CBS RECORDS'** club promotion

Lauper in a marathon scratch version remixed by Arthur Baker could be interesting on imminent import 12in ... Gary Crowley is running his own GLOBE & Whiz Kld-inspired megamix, competition on his Saturday evening Magic Box show — send cassettes (sae for return) to him at Capital Radio, PO Box 194, London NW1 3DR ... Mastermind have their own far superior remix of Shannon 'Let The Music Play' with barking cut in on the beat (off Man Parrish?), and on Radio Invicta last Wednesday night Herbie kicked off the hip hop mixes early, just after midnight, while later Max (hi to you tool) played an incredible long tape of the whole roadshow in impressive scratching live gig action, plus some solo mixes of his own — the best Dave could manage were some off-air KISS-fm remix medleys, but all are worth Londoners staying some off-air KISS-fm remix medleys, but all are worth Londoners staying awake midnight-6 am Thursdays (Friday morning Trevor Jay OD's on slow deep soull, in clear mono 103.5FM (though you may need to switch your AFC to "off")...Skyline's Friday breakfast jock is Oscar J. Jennings, who presumably forgot his real name en route from St Martin's Lanel ... Peter Anthony (London Stringfeilows), a regular breakfast companion at Maylair's Rockafellas, joined me in commiserating with Jeffrey Daniel over his somewhat joined me in commiserating with Jeffrey Daniel over his somewhat inappropriate solo debut, the 50<sup>2</sup>/sbpm 'AC/DC' from his starring role (on roller skates) in the Andrew Lloyd Webber/Richard Stilgoe musical 'Starlight Express' — neither disco nor particularly pop, it's in 7ths time but may be a brave new move . . . Miquel Brown on the Tube's Hi-NRG special may not have sparkled, but she'd just had a pacemaker fitted to her heart may not have sparkled, but she'd just had a pacemaker fitted to her heart following her car crash, and was straight out of hospital ... British Airways' cabin crew strike stopped lan Levine reaching Newcastle for the broadcast — his flawlessly exciting mixes on 'Street Sounds Hi-Energy', and those of Mastermind on 'Street Sounds Crucial Electro', put other better ballyhooed efforts in the shade

— and point up the stupidity of trying to mix incompatible material purely as a marketing ploy... Greg Wilson evidently under-ran his given timing on 'Dance Mix — Dance Hits III', so someone else just tacked on the last track each side ... 'Street Sounds Edition 8' has Kenny G 'Hi' and Luther Vandross 'I Wanted Your Love', amongst others, alreadyl ... Thursday (1) Break Machine & Second Image join John 'Nick' Osborne at Rayleigh's Pink Toothbrush (seriously?), Edwin Starr stars at Haringey Bolts' Motown night, Cleveland Anderson funks Kensington Cromwell Road's Le Club Cabana weekly (where there's lotsa girls but few guys — presumably thav'rea U in Maringey Clity Kensington Cromwell Road's Le Club Cabana weekly (where there's lotsa girls but few guys — presumably they're all in Haringeyl) and Steel City G funks from James Brown thru Paz to Afrika Bambaataa weekly at Sheffield Mona Lisa's The Hothouse ... Gary Crowley & Steve '200 MPH' Lewis do Southgate Pink Elephant on Fridays now with star PAs — this week Animal Nightlife & The Questions (get there early) ... Chris Hill is this Friday's guest at Dartford Flicks, where young Dave Williams is the Tuesday Teen Scene's new host ... New Blackbeat's Steve Guarnori & Tony Stevens start a weekly '60sl'70s soul afficionados night at Peterborough city centre's Grapevine pub this Saturday (3), when Chris Sharpe & Clive Anthony anticipate mucho breaking at Draycott (Derby) Tudor Court's 1984 'Richard' Disco Dancing final, Kev Ashman funks an MCA-promoting "white" night (£1 discount if you wear white) at Charing King Arthur's Court, Trevor Redeye' Hughes starts at Telford's revamped (and re-named?) Town House ... Mastermind Roadshow are in full scretching force at Birmingham Dale End's Hummingbird al/dayer on Sunday (4), along with Paz live and a break dancing exhibition by national crews ... Chadwell Heath's Regency Suite becomes the hip hopping Dodge Club with Spence, Deblus, Ralph & Debble funking with fluorescent break dancers every Saturday, which is when Key Hill now souls Harlow's Whispers (revamped ex-Tiffarys) despite the loss of his current vinyl and an old

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# NIGHTCLUB

POP JOX are playing: 1 (1) Frankie GTH, 2 (2) Madonna, 3 (5) Rockwell, 4 (3) Matthew Wilder, 5 (8) Shannon, 6 (4) Break Machine, 7 (6) Cyndi Lauper, 8 (12) Gloria Gaynor, 9 (9) Man Tran, 10 (16) Kool 'Joanna', 11 (15) World Premiere, 12 (11) Kool 'SA', 13 (13) Michael Jackson, 14 (23) Eartha Kitt, 15 (14) Elbow Bones, 16 (7) Queen, 17 (10) Lionel Richie, 18 (29) Thompson Twins, 19 (21) Hazell Dean, 20 (18) Bobby Nunn, 21 (--), Miguel Brown 'He's A Saint', 22 (re) David Joseph, 23 (30) The Smiths, 24 (17) Sharon Redd, 25 (--) Julia & Co, 26 (-) Swans Way, 27 (--), JB's All Stars, 28 (28) Jimmy Cliff, 29 (22) Melle Mel, 30 (re) Dayton, 31 (19) George Kranz, 32 (--) Tony Cook, 33 (20) Re-Flex, 34 (--) Bryan Loren, 35 (--) Wang Chung, 36 (--) Was (Not Was), 37 (--) Millie Jackson, 38 (--) Big Country, 39 (--) Nena, 40 (--) Sleeping Lions. This takes up less room, yet gives you a 40, OK?



PHIL FEARON & GALAXY: 'What Do I Do' (Ensign 12ENY 510) Another frothily infectious pop-aimed bouncy 1131/bpm 12in swinger with a kicking backbeat (M&M mixed), Phil's most commercial since 'Dancing Tight' (inst flip). To be ludicrously accurate for The Tube to quote, it's actually 113%bpm, and sounds even brighter when speeded up!

Cortina Ghia RPK 882R ... Soho Gossips on Tuesdays becomes the Krush Groove with Bristol's Wild Bunch Cuts hip hopping their street scene thing ... Franklin Sinclair, now a fully qualified partner in a solicitors firm, nevertheless funks Fri/Sat at Radcliffe (Bury) Bennies! ... Darren Fogel (who evidently missed earlier mentions) still jazz-funks Kensington's Thackerays wine bar Fri/Sat (pub hours, free), and does Under-18s Sunday at Soho Bananas ... Ernie Priestman & Steve Naylor at Egremont's Old Hall, handy for Windscale and not far off the route to Scotland, are atter bands for PAs or gigs (fully lit stage) on 0946-820307 —

JAMES HAMILTON at the controls

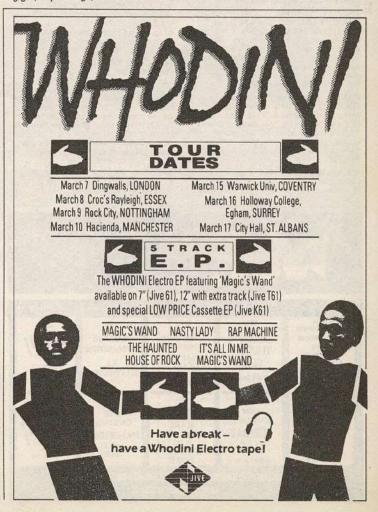
Chris Hill & I look like heading there soon ... Brian Mason (01-441 1322) is selling his trusty old 220 watt disco and lightshow ... Greek Adam Cheolakakis from Salonica don't breeked Erective proceed but is speaka de Eenglish very good but is hot enough at mixing to impress the DMC's Tony Prince and would love a London gig — better write, rather than call, to 474 Garratt Lane, Earlsfield, Wandsworth SW18 ... **The Malemen's** LP sleeve features a pile of fan mail but whose, as it's obviously not theirs? ... Omni for two albums running have given special thanks to West Phillips ... if you funk all night with scratch fever — STAY FRESH!

# HOT VINYL

THE RONNIE MCNEIR EXPERIENCE \*Come Be With Me' (US Capitol MLP-15015) On a 4-track "mini LP", this Rene & Angela-penned superb if specialist soul stormer is a subtly usbing 104/bbm increase full still still. specialist soul stormer is a subtly pushing 104½bpm jogger full of jiggly undertow and sinuous singing, the more sombrely joiting 101½bpm 'Keep Giving Me Love', punchily bumping 108bpm 'Light My Fire' (new song) and lovely deep slow 41bpm 'ls This What Happens To A Love?' adding to the excellent value. Hot!

THE FUNKMASTERS: 'Have You Got The Time' (Master-Funk MF 008) Less universally appealing than 'It's Over' but good 'n beety for the hard core floor, the Tony Williams-produced bumpily tugging 12in chugger has nice vibes and Benson-style scat, halfway

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on the 1131/2bpm vocal or from near the start of the more powerfully opened out 0-114bpm Disco Mix.

TOUT SWEET: 'Another Man is Twice As Nice' (US Buzz Records BZ1103) The name (toot suitel) echoes Barbara Mason's 'too sweet' and this indeed is the Len Barry-adapted 110½bpm answer version, in which the gay cheater simpers such funny lines as "hey, if you stay, you'd better not gain no weight, because now both of us are a perfect size 8" (dub/edit filp, no rap). Pinnacle are rushing it here on Buzz International, if you can wait!

International, if you can wait! WEST PHILLIPS: '(I'm Just A) Sucker For A Pretty Face' (Trans Q/S.O.U.N.D. BUBT-401) Deceptively powerful Prince/Rick James'/Another One Bites The Dust'-type hypnotic sparse hard driving 113bpm 12in bass line with muttering and yelping vocal, recently huge on import, the flip's instrumental now being joined by a clumsily reedited "alternate version" rather than the announced remix.

LEFTURNO: 'Out Of Sight' (MCA MCAT 874) Reputedly due here as a remix, though apart from now being faster at 1141/2bpm no difference is noticeable, this chick-sung good beefy bass pushed 12in jiggly canterer infectiously nicks many of its elements from other tunes without being a "mixer" as such (inst flip).

FAMILY BROWN: 'I'm Gonna Getcha' (US Buzz Records BZ1102) Gruff guyled good jauntily burbling jittery 115bpm chugger doing nothing we haven't heard before but in a style that British funk fans usually enjoy, on 4track 12in with edit/dub/sharper 116bpm L.A. Mix (by Nick Martinelli & David Todd).

STANLEY CLARKE: 'Are You Ready?' (US Epic 49-04972) Excellent exciting extremely stark, hard 'n heavy bass synth thudding 122bpm 12in instrumental lurcher, really vicious funk but possibly a bit too empty for some (frantic 141bpm thunder thumbs flip aptly called 'Speedball')

KASSO: 'I Love The Piano' (Banana FRUIT 9T) Extremely facile Shakatak piano tinkling over a 'Billie Jean' beat to create a blandly "pleasant" 115bpm 12in Eurodisco instrumental with an equally innocuous chugging 111bpm 'Dancing On The Beach' flip. Almost Hi-NRG.

MAJOR HARRIS: 'I Want Your Love' (Buzz International VIBE 1T, via Pinnacle) Major sounds soulful but the

# BREAKERS

BUBBLING UNDER the Disco 85 are The Deele 'Body Talk'/'Working (9 To 5)' (Euro Solar LP), Duces Wild 'Gimmick' (US Next Plateau), Shannon 'Give Me Tonight (Dub)' (US Emergency), Main Line 'Somebody's Watching Me' (US Master Mix), Mavis Staples 'Love Gone Bad'/'Beat Well Done' (US Phono), Davy DMX 'One For The Treble' (US Tuff City), Kadenza 'Livin' In A Back Street' (Calibre), Art Of Noise 'Beat Box' (ZTT), Stanley Clarke 'Are You Ready?' (US Epic), Shalamar 'Dancing In The Streets' (US Columbia), Double Vision 'Clock On The Wali' (US Profile), Takanaka 'Soul On Fire' (Japanese Kitty LP), Cameo 'She's Strange' (US Atlanta Artists 7in), Peek 'Rhumba My Sensations' (US Sutra), Newcleus 'Jam On It' (US Sunnyview).

HIT NUMBERS: Beats Per Minute for last week's Top 75 entries on 7in (f/r for fade/resonant ends) — Soft Cell 1681/3f, Tina Turner 0-311/2-621/2-Or, Sade 90f, Alexei Sayle 128-Or, World's Famous Supreme Team 941/3f, Gary Portnoy 0-45-94f, Orange Juice 108r, Torvill & Dean 'Bolero' 33/66-72-Or, Loose Ends 118f, George McCrae 160-161f.

rhythm and girlie group backing of this undeniably jaunty 120bpm 12in romper are blatantly pop-aimed — so maybe it's another Kool & The Gang? Over-"clever" confusing 0-120bpm Club Mix flip, different from the import.

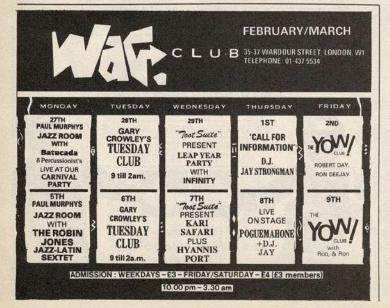
TIA MONAE: 'Don't Keep Me Waiting' (US First Take FTR 516) Already briefly reviewed after hearing just one version, this vibes-tinkled jerkily jittering 0-118bpm 12in jiggler has four different versions: the A-side Club Mix with cooing chix behind wailing Miss Monae, followed by its similar instrumental, the flip's much starker Dub Mix and its acappella-introed 118-Obpm instrumental (which strips down to bare percussion and mixes well out of David Joseph 'You Can't Hide').

TYRONE TAYLOR: 'Cottage In Negril' (MCA MCAT 875) Recent reggae smash remixed for crossover chances, a mind-nagging lazy 67-671/2-681/2-683/4bpm 12in rumbling swayer with tootling sax and superbly soulful hoarse vocal, kinda like Jackie Opel singing 'No Woman No Cry'. Check it!

ASWAD: 'Chasing For The Breeze' (Island 12ISX 160) Particularly nice mellow slowly drifting 81/40/2bpm reggae-soul smoocher, sold initially as a 12in twin-pack with a free dub plate of its 'Dub Chase' version (and the 85bpm 'Gave You My Love' flip's 'Have This Dub'), lovely listening.

"Have this Dub", lovely listening. POORSAH: 'Go Right Up In Day' (Trindisc TRIN 008, via 01-674 3419) Confusingly at 33½ arpm though labelled Disco 45 (and 'Day' should surely be 'Deh'?), an enthusiastic 'Hot-Hot-Hot' type 124bpm 12in soca jumpup, as also is the 124bpm CHEVI 'Mr DJ'/National Ride' (Sunburn SB-D 46, via Jetstar), though the thick-sung 105-106bpm HOT SYNDICATE 'Take Me Back' (Sunburn SB-D 45) is jolly but uncharacteristically slow.

SHIKANE: 'Change Your Mind' (Red Bus RBUSL 87) Lee Vanderbilt co-prod (and sung?) rather sneaky old



fashioned jiggly odd tempo semi-slow spurting 99¼abpm 12in shuffer (inst flip), interesting if not ideal for dancing.

MAIN LINE: 'Somebody's Watching Me' (US Master Mix MMR-002) Began Cekic-produced 127bpm 12in remake medley of Rockwell's hit with bits of 'Thriller' woven into it, which rather loses the point without Michael Jackson's own voice (Pt Il/inst flip).

OMNI: 'Omni' LP (US Mercury 422-818035-1) The funky trio's new set oddly duplicates four tracks from their year old 'All For The One' LP, its infectiously burbling 111bpm title track (still the best thing on it) though now shorter being exactly the same, as are the slow 'Leave It Up To Me' and 'Just' How Bad', although the jiggly 111bpm 'Warriors' is largely remade. Newies include the steadily pulsing slinky 100'Abpm 'Let Me Run It', bumpily hip hop 116bpm 'Roctron', and jerky 123'Abpm 'On & Off (Love Affair)', all underpinned — held back? — by electronic rhythms.

NEWCLEUS: 'Jam On It' (US Sunnyview SUN 411) Disappointing electro rap 0-116bpm 12in follow-up with the chipmunk/smurf voices reprising "wikki wikki" near the start but then making way too much for more normal voices (inst flip).

ROZ RYAN: 'Boy Where Have You Been' (Streetwave MKHAN 8) Loosely burbling 1201/2-119-121-122-121bpm 12in sideways shuffler (119-121-120-121bpm instrumental Club Mix), now out here.

MIRAGE: 'Let's Groove (Medley)' (Passion PASH 1220) Now it's Earth, Wind & Fire's turn for a less accurate 0-120-126-127-126-127bpm 12in medley, so weedy it could be the Bee Gees.

PAULA MOORE: 'Valparaiso' (Canadian Unidisc 12UNI-113) Pleasantly melodic bossa nova-ish piano played then slightly off-pitch Astrud Gilberto-type c177-118bpm 12in MoR swayer.

PASSION: 'You Can't Hide It' (US Prelude PRL D675) Latin percussion driven fast c135bpm 12in frisky canterer, very tuneful and nicely sung — shame about the tempo (inst flip).

PEEK: 'Rhumba My Sensations' (US Sutra SUD 020) Ultra frantic chix sung c130bpm 12in flier, selling more for the instrumental club mix flip's vibes break.

GEORGE WEBLEY: 'Tasty' (Simple 125IM 1, via IDS) Jaunty jangly if derivative 1241/4bpm pop song stretched on 12in dance mix into a jiggly backbeat stomper with long instrumental bits, brassy flourishes and dub effects between vocal bursts, rather infectious.

SCRITTI POLITTI: 'Wood Beez (Pray Like Aretha Franklin)' (Virgin VS 65712) Arif Mardin-produced somewhat current Yes-like disjointed beat box jolted 113bpm 12in white funk (version flip), from an unexpected source perhaps? Could be good with Dr John.





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STAR STYLE

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S HARP DUDSTERS have always been keen to suit themselves — recently we've seen the 30s, 40s and especially the 50s plundered in the hipsters' relentless search for the perfect crease. Well now it's time for the 60s. The classic three-button Roman 2-piece is back, but not as homage to those hasbeen Modernists, rather the ultimate answer to yesterday's vogue for downdressing. Allied to collarcrossing hair and shirts of a garish hue this is the 80s twist on dullard retro dressing. Peter Godwin, the synthesist's Mel Torme, steps out to exercise his style muscle!

Pic 1: Mohair Roman suit from the Cavern, £65; Patch work check shirt by Kitsch-In-Wear from Jones, £36.50

Pic 2: Prince Of Wales check suit from Review, £75; Blue print shirt from Stephen King, £35. Styled by Graham K. Photographed by Paul Cox Stockists: Crolla, 35 Dover Street, London W1; The Cavern, Carnaby Street, London W1; Jones, 129 Kings Road, London SW3; Stephen King, 315 Kings Road, London SW3; Review, Kings Road, London SW3.

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Thomas can't keep still (11)
- See 11 across 4
- 6 **Chocolate temperature (3)** What Freddie tunes in to 7 (5,2,2)
- Ultravox drummer (6) 11 & 4 across Place for George's religious celebrations
- (6,2,3,6,4) 12 Exclamation from Noddy
- (2, 2, 2)She is what she is (6,6)
- 13 17
- Everyday hurt for them (3,4) 18
- Kate's Haysi partner (6) Most famous of the 19
- **Eurovision Song Contest** winners (4) 22 Screen Me I'm Yours duo
- (3,3,3) Who Reg turned into (5) 1982 Haircut 100 hit (7,4) 23
- 25
- Symbol of romance for PiL (7) 27
- 31 See 30 down
- A hit for 38 across Talking heads had a ---- Of 33
- Music (4)
- Camera tribe (5) Love Is A Battlefield for her 36 (3.7)
- 37 **Rice/Weber musical (5)**
- 38 Racketeers leader (5,5)

#### DOWN

- 1 Weather forecast from the charts (4,5,3,4,5)
- 2 What Big Country had to take
- 3 Rod didn't take this hit too seriously (1,3,4,6) Donny's sister (5)
- She's involved in a heart play 5 (4,3)
- 8 Tom's burning when singing this (6,6)

#### 14 See 10 down

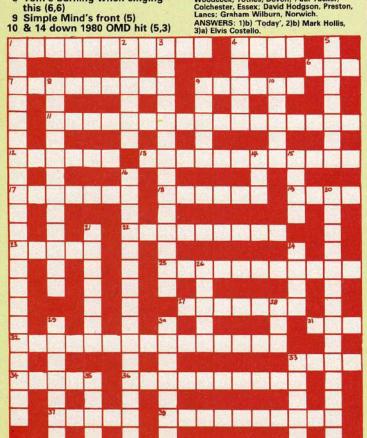
- Of the cat or of decision (4) 15 16 A request from Shannon
- (3,3,5,4)20 Animal Snowy's been singing about (4,2,8)
- **Civil war or settlement (7)** Group who spent 1982 24
- Wishing (1,1,1,1) 26
- **Dennis Greaves was once** Nine ----- Zero (5)
- 28
- Kim Wilde label (3) Youthful age (7) 29 30 & 31 across He's entered
- Barbara Mason's life (7,3) 33 Nancy's dad could be from
- Hollywood (5) 35 This mortal spiral (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION ACROSS: 1 'Wishful Thinking', 7 'Eyes That See In The Dark', 10 'Red Red Wine', 11 'Help', 13 Flying Pickets, 16 'Electric Avenue', 18 'Relax', 20 Toyah, 21 Toto, 22 Ivy, 24 Big, 25 Kris, 26 'Busy Body', 29 'Sarah', 30 Michael, 32 'Running With The Night'.

DOWN: 1 Where Were You Hiding, 2 Spear Of Destiny, 3 'Leave In Bilence', 4 I'm No, 5 Independence, 6 'Straight Ahead', 8 EMI, 9 Heels, 12 'Beauty Stab', 14 'Planet Earth', 15 Creatures, 17 Tom Robinson, 19 Whitesnake, 23 'Wow', 27 'Ju Ju', 28 Fish, 31 Ash.

#### Talk Talk comp winners

Talk Talk comp winners Steve Birrell, Liverpool 19; Colin Grant, Arbroath, Angus; Nigel Cresswell, Bromsgrove, Worcs; Steve Durbano, Jersey; J Wood, Newick, Sussex; David Hickey, Chelmsford, Essex; John Grech, Calne, Wilts; M B Vanner, Plaistow, London; Steve Jackson, Banbury, Oxon; Steve Williams, Croydon, Surrey; The Big A, Kington, Herefordshire; David Gray, Ayrshire, Scotland; P Hewitt, Nr Camberley, Surrey; Sharon Bourne, Brentwood, Essex; Mandy Bodecok; Jodias, Devon; Paul Tucker, Colchester, Essex; David Hodgson, Preston, Lancs; Graham Wilburn, Norvich. ANSWERS: 1Jb) Today', 2Jb) Mark Hollis,





## THIS WEEK'S quiz is about duos and the lady above has a couple of famous points in her favour. But enough of that, her most recent hit was 'Islands In The Stream'. Name her and her partner to start our double trouble teasers.



- From which group did Godley and Creme originate? With whom did Elton John gain his only number one in
- 2 19767
- Who stumbled in with Suzi Quatro in 1978? 3
- Which twosome claimed to be your puppet? 4
- What was Hall and Oates first UK hit? 5
- Who sang about being young, gifted and black?
- 'A World Without Love' was a number one for which duo? Who said enough was enough in 1979?
- 8
- Which duo hit the charts with a cover version of Vera Lynn's 'White Cliffs Of Dover'?
- Eurovision entrants Lynsey De Paul and Mike Moran had a 10 hit with which song?
- 11 Sonny and Cher's first hit was a number one. Name it.
- 12 What was Soft Cell's follow up to 'Tainted Love'?
- 13 Dave Stewart and Annie Lennox originally hit the charts in the Tourists. What was their first hit?
- 14 From which film did Simon and Garfunkel's hit 'Mrs Robinson' come?
- 15 Which duo sang about the morning side of a mountain? 16 Name David Stewart and Barbara Gaskin's only number
- 17
- Which city limits did lke and Tina Turner sing about?
- Who sang about a monkey spanner in 19717 18 Who scored a number one with 'Welcome Home'? 19
- Which duo scored their first hit with 'Strummin''? 20
- 21 Which duo scored a number one with 'Whispering Grass'?
- Who had a hit with 'You're Gonna Get Next To Me'? 22
- 23 Who scored with a cover version of 'You're The One That I Want'?
- 24 'Cinderella Rockefella' was a number one for which duo? 25 Who suddenly had a hit with Cliff Richard in 1980?

ANSWERS

7 10cc, 2 Kiki Dee, 3 Chris Norman, 4 James & Bobby Purity, 5 'She's Gone', 6 Bob & Marcis, 7 Peter and Gordon, 8 Barbra Streisand & Donna Summer, 9 Righteous Brothers, 10 'Rock Bottom', 11 'Cot You Babe', 12' Bedstrat, 13 'Bind Among The Flowars', 14 'The Graduate', 15 Donny & Marie Dorn Varies', 17 Wurbush, 18 Dave & Anail Collins, 19 Peters & Lee, 20 Chas & Dave, 21 Windsor Davies & Don Estelle, 22 Bo Kirkland & Ruth Davis, 23 Hylda Baker & Arthur Mullard, 24 Esther & Abi Otarim, 25 Olivia Newton-John. PICTURE: Dolly Parton (in the picture) and Kenny Rogers.

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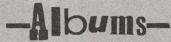
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	2	33		THE SMITHS, Smiths, Rough Trade ROUGH61
-	3	3	26	AN INNOCENT MAN, Billy Joel, CBS *
	4	5	15	TOUCH, Eurythmics, RCA *
	5	4		THRILLER, Michael Jackson, Epic *
	6	_	~	KEEP MOVING, Madness, Stiff SEEZ53
T	7	2	3	SPARKLE IN THE RAIN, Simple Minds, Virgin
	8	10		NO PARLEZI, Paul Young, CBS ±
	9	7	31	THE CROSSING, Big Country, Mercury *
	10	8	19	CAN'T SLOW DOWN, Lionel Richie, Motown *
	11	13	13	NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL MUSIC, Various, EMI/Virgin *
	12	12	14	UNDER A BLOOD RED SKY, U2, Island *
	13	11	5	THE VERY BEST OF MOTOWN LOVE SONGS, Various, Telstar
	14	9	7	SOMETIMES WHEN WE TOUCH, Various, Ronco
	15	6	2	DECLARATION, Alarm, IRS
	16	16	20	COLOUR BY NUMBERS, Culture Club, Virgin *
	17	25	14	SEVEN AND THE RAGGED TIGER, Duran Duran, EMI *
	18	24	17	QUICK STEP & SIDE KICK, Thompson Twins, Arista
	19	22	17	PIPES OF PEACE, Paul McCartney, Parlophone *
-	20	38	8	IN THE HEART, Kool & The Gang, De-Lite
-	21	33	4	SERENADE, Juan Martin, K-Tel
-	22	28	5	1984, Van Halen, Warner Bros
	23	21	21	GENESIS, Genesis, Charisma 🛠
-	24	40	35	FANTASTIC, Wham!, Innervision *
-	25	20	24	LABOUR OF LOVE, UB40, Dep International/Virgin *
	26	14	3	THE FLAT EARTH, Thomas Dolby, Parlophone
	27	13	3	VICTIMS OF THE FUTURE, Gary Moore, 10 Records
-	28		3	AMMONIA AVENUE, Alan Parsons Project, Arista 206100
-	29	19	18	STAGES, Elaine Paige, K-Tel *
	30	27	4	CRUSADER, Saxon, Carrere
	31	15	5	
		10		MILK AND HONEY — A HEART PLAY, John Lennon and Yoko Ono, Polydor
	32	18	7	LEARNING TO CRAWL, Pretenders, Real O
	33	30	3	THE TUBE, Various, K-Tel
-	34	49	32	QUEEN GREATEST HITS, Queen, EMI *
	35	26	5	ORIGINAL MUSIC FROM AUF WIEDERSEHEN PET, David
				Mackay, Towerbell
	36	29	3	HAUNTING MELODIES, Various, Nouveau Music
	37	39	15	THE BOP WON'T STOP, Shakin' Stevens, Epic
	38	34	8	WORKING WITH FIRE AND STEEL, China Crisis, Virgin O
	39	44	17	THE ESSENTIAL JEAN-MICHEL JARRE, Jean-Michel Jarre,
		100		Polystar D
-	40	-		WORLD SHUT YOUR MOUTH, Julian Cope, Mercury MERL37
	41	36	39	TOO LOW FOR ZERO, Elton John, Rocket &
	42	23	4	SLIDE IT IN, Whitesnake, Liberty
-	43	93	2	TOYAH TOYAH TOYAH, Toyah, K-Tel
	44	31	16	YENTL, Barbra Streisand, CBS
	45	52	15	YOU BROKE MY HEART IN 17 PLACES, Tracey Ullman, Stiff
	46	32	11	PORTRAIT, Diana Ross, Telstar
-	47	-		LIVE AT THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE BELFAST, Van Morrison,
				Mercury MERL36
	48	53	35	18 GREATEST HITS, Michael Jackson & Jackson 5, Telstar 🖈
	49	50	7	LIFE'S A RIOT WITH SPY VS SPY, Billy Bragg, Utility
	50	37	4	WHITE FLAMES, Snowy White, Towerbell
	51	35	2	IT'S MY LIFE, Talk Talk, EMI
-	52	83	2	SOMEBODY'S WATCHING ME, Rockwell, Motown
-	53	77	3	BODIES AND SOUL, Manhattan Transfer, Atlantic
	54	43	14	BACK TO BACK, Status Quo, Vertigo
٠	55	-		FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF NIGHT, Bonnie Tyler, CBS
				CBS25304
	56	63	19	ROCK 'N' SOUL PART ONE, Daryl Hall & John Oates, RCA
	57	51	4	LIVING IN OZ, Rick Springfield, RCA
	58	42	37	SYNCHRONICITY, Police, A & M &
	59	66	9	SWEET DREAMS (ARE MADE OF THIS), Eurythmics, RCA &
	60	55	2	MADONNA, Madonna, Warner Bros
*	61	79 67	2	THE AMAZING KAMIKAZE SYNDROME, Slade, RCA
	00		52	TRUE, Spandau Ballet, Chrysalis &
	62		44	
	62 63	65	11	JAPANESE WHISPERS: SINGLES NOV '82-NOV '83, Cure,
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MADNESS: human racing

	72	81	7	LIVE AND DIRECT, Aswad, Island
-	73	-		ELECTRO SHOCK VOLTAGE ONE, Various, Epic VOLT1
	74	69	10	WAR, U2, Island
	75	54	45	LET'S DANCE, David Bowie, EMI America *
	76	47	16	OFF THE WALL, Michael Jackson, Epic &
	77	41	2	SENTINEL, Pallas, Harvest
	78	71	17	HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN LOVE, Leo Sayer, Chrysalis
-	79	92	9	CHART TREK, Various, Ronco
	80	74	4	CHRISTINE McVIE, Christine McVie, Warner Bros
	81	85	8	MAKIN' MOVIES, Dire Straits, Vertigo *
	82	58	22	SNAP!, Jam, Polydor 🗆
	83	45	15	TRACK RECORD, Joan Armatrading, A & M
-	84	-		HEAD OVER HEELS, Cocteau Twins, 4AD CAD313
	85	87	16	UNDERCOVER, Rolling Stones, Rolling Stones
	86	72	3	SHE'S SO UNUSUAL, Cyndi Lauper, Portrait
	87	48	4	FLIGHTS OF FANCY, Paul Leoni, Nouveau Music O
	88	91	121	RIO, Duran Duran, EMI 🖈
	89	68	7	BUSY BODY, Luther Vandross, Epic
	90	84	2	LIONEL RICHIE, Lionel Richie, Motown
	91	57	5	THE COLLECTION, Gladys Knight And The Pips, Starblend
*	92	-		UH HUH, John Cougar Mellencamp, Riva RIVL1
	93	78	22	THE MUSIC OF RICHARD CLAYDERMAN, Richard Clayderman,
				Delphine 🗆
	94	73	12	GREEN VELVET, Various, Ronco 🗆 👘
٠	95	-		BOYS DON'T CRY, Cure, Fiction SPELP26
*	96	-		THE BRENDAN SHINE COLLECTION, Brendan Shine, Play PLAYTV1
	97	80	26	LOVE SONGS, Barbra Streisand, CBS *
	98	60	17	GREATEST HITS, Marvin Gaye, Telstar
-	99	-		TWICE AS KOOL, Kool & The Gang, Protv PROLP2
	100	86	20	IMAGINATIONS, Various, CBS

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	63	49	15 T WHAT IS LOVE?, Howard Jones, WEA O
	64	86	2 BREAKING POINT, Bourgie Bourgie, MCA
-	65		CHASING FOR THE BREEZE, Aswad, Island IS160
	66	40	6 THE KILLING MOON, Echo And The Bunnymen, Korova
	67	55	5 LIVING IN A WORLD (TURNED UPSIDE DOWN), Private Lives
			EMI
	68	45	9T A ROCKIN' GOOD WAY, Shaky and Bonnie, Epic
	69	51	12TR PIPES OF PEACE, Paul McCartney, Parlophone O
	70	60	16 THRILLER, Michael Jackson, Epic O
	71	69	4 THE OTHER WOMAN, THE OTHER MAN, Gerard Kenny, 'Impression
	72	68	3 HE'S A SAINT HE'S A SINNER, Miguel Brown, Record Shack
	73	65	3 EVERGREEN/JEALOUS LOVE, Hazell Dean, Proto
	74	67	4 BRIDGE, Orange Juice, Polydor
	75	44	8 T WISHFUL THINKING, China Crisis, Virgin
	76	_	WOOD BEEZ, Scritti Politti, Virgin VS657
-	77	110	TUESDAY SUNSHINE, Questions, Respond KOB707
_	78	74	3 TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT, Loose Ends, Virgin
	79	61	4 JOYS OF LIFE, David Joseph, Island
	80	97	2 SONG TO THE SIREN, This Mortal Coil, 4AD
-	81	88	5 DON'T TOUCH ME, Hazel O'Connor, RCA
	82	78	2 BE GOOD JOHNNY, Men At Work, Epic
	83	76	3 TONIGHT, Boomtown Rats, Mercury
		79	2 OUT OF SIGHT, Lefturno, MCA
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	85	70	3 EYE TALK, Fashion, Epic/De Stijl
	86	95	2 THIS CHARMING MAN, Smiths, Rough Trade
*	87	-	GENERAL PUBLIC, General Public, Virgin VS659
	88	96	8 T BLUE MONDAY, New Order, Factory
*		_	ADULT EDUCATION, Hall And Oates, RCA RCA396
	90	99	4 ORGANIZE/WRAP YOURSELF AROUND ME, David Grant,
			Chrysalis
•	91	-	I FEEL LIKE WALKING IN THE RAIN, Millie Jackson, Sire W9348
	92	90	3 ON THE FLOOR (ROCK IT), Tony Cook And The Party People, Half Moon
	93	-	WORK THAT BODY, Keith And Darrell, Motown TMG1332
-	94	85	2 HOT FOR ROCKING, West End, Sound
	95	81	2 T TELL HER ABOUT IT, Billy Joel, CBS O
	96	-	SECRET LOVE, Evan Rogers, RCA RCA392
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THE CHEERS TEAM: do they stock Norseman?

## Chartfile

T CAN'T possibly stay there much longer, groaned a distressed Radio One producer last week as Frankie Goes To Hollywood yet again failed to relax their grip at the top of the singles chart.

He's right, of course, and by now the network should once again be able to use its 'Britain's Number One' jingle in earnest as the 'pool perverts step down in favour of something altogether more wholesome.

The whole saga has, however, caused a lot of bad feeling at Broadcasting House — much of it directed at Mike Read.

One audio nasty over which Auntie won't be losing any sleep is the debut single by the splendidly named Indians In Moscow who've shrewdly set the same tune to two different lyrics.

In 'Miranda' the villain of the kissed my father, he's going away to jail" and so on. Nothing to get into a lather about there, but flip the record

over and you're confronted by 'Naughty Miranda' who confesses "I just killed my father, he died in his bed". The manic Miranda goes on to describe how "I slit his guts with my scissors and sucked out his brain with a straw."

The record has been kicking around the indie charts for weeks, and made the briefest excursion to the Gallup singles chart a fortnight ago, checking in at number 99...



#### TRACEY ULLMAN and all woman!

Congratulations to the Thompson Twins whose 'Into The Gap' LP last week debuted at Minds' 'Sparkle In The Rain' which had made its maiden chart appearance in an identical manner the previous week. Thirty-six albums have entered the chart at number one in the eighties, including one by an Irish band (**U2**), two by Sweden's

Alan Born produce Giorgio Moreder has near a sub effective tere and the sense of th

Abba, two by Americans (Meat Loaf and Barry Manilow), one by AC/DC (Anglo-Aussies) and 30 by Brits — presuming that the individualistic beauty Alannah Currie, a New Zealander inspired to come to Britain after hearing the Sex Pistols, doesn't mind being classified as an honorary Brit.

With Halifax-born Tom Bailey and Islington-born but Leicester reared Joe Leeway, Alannah has good reason to be proud of 'Into The Gap', the fourth and best album yet from the Thompson Twins.

Their first two, 'A Product Of...' (1981) and 'Set' (1982) were pleasant but unconvincing potpourris of musical styles recorded at a time when the band was constantly changing personnel, but never had less than six members.

'A Product Of ... ' didn't sell well at all, but 'Set' fared a little better, and managed to gain a toehold

on the chart, reaching number 48. Shortly after its release, Alannah, Tom and Joe ditched the other Thompsons and jetted off to Nassau with their new producer Alex Sadkin. They came back clutching the tapes for 'Quick Step And Side Kick' which was released exactly a year ago.

It had been preceded by the singles 'Lies' and 'Love On Your Side', the latter a massive hit which finally established the band. As a result, 'QSASK' made its chart debut at number two.

It never managed to reach number one, but it did spawn a further two hit singles in 'We Are Detective' and 'Watching', and one year on it's still in the chart having sold over 500,000 copies. 'Into The Gap' was also

preceded by two hit singles, 'Hold Me Now' and 'Doctor! Doctor!', Both have been massive hits. They and the other seven songs on 'Into The Gap' confirm the new maturity evident in the TT's work. And it's already sold over 300,000 copies.

#### **by ALAN JONES**

HAT A fortnight it's been for Trace W W Ullman (left)! The diminutive Stiff star spent a week in America as a guest presenter on the cable music station MTV which responded by playlisting 'They Don't Know'. As a result it rocketed into the US singles chart ahead of notable newies by such seasoned campaigners as Lionel Richie and Kool & The Gang.

Last Tuesday, Tracey was named as Best Female Vocalist in the Daily Mirror/ Radio One rock and pop awards, capturing nearly 50% of all votes cast for the most comfortable triumph by any artist in the history of the awards.

Now, her new single 'My Guy' has sprinted into the UK charts to become her fourth consecutive hit. It is, of course, an update of *Madness's* 1980 hit 'My Girl' with appropriate adjustments to the lyrics.

'My Girl' was penned by Madness' keyboards player Mike Barson who claims he got the idea for it from Elvis Costello's 'Watching The Detectives' — I don't see it

myself. Coincidentally Smokey Robinson ("America's greatest living poet" — Bob Dylan, circa 1965) has also written bits ontitled 'My Guy' and 'My hits entitled 'My Guy' and 'My Girl', though in his case they were two entirely different songs. Smokey wrote 'My Guy' for *Mary Wells* in 1964. It was a massive hit on both sides of the Atlantic, reaching number five in Britain and number one in America. The following year he came up with 'My Girl' for the *Temptations*. It also topped the US chart, but in Britain it spent only a single week in the charts. However, it was later a hit here for Oti Redding (twice) and the Whispe

In addition to being hits in their own right, 'My Guy' and 'My Girl' were forced into a shotgun marriage in 1980 by Amii Stewart and Johni Bristol, garnering the pair a top 40 hit here.



MARY WELLS

ERE WE see the Questions' Maureen Barry ducking down to show us how pop stars should spend their bread — feed it to the geese! Maureen's generosity is evidently the result of her confidence in result of her confidence in the marvellously infectious new Questions single 'Tuesday Sunshine'.

'Tuesday Sunshine'. Ms Barry was recruited into the band when brother Paul failed to hit the high notes on last year's dance floor scorcher 'Tear Soup', saving her from a life as a printing manageress and launching her into the heady heights of the Respond organisation. Maureen is keeping her feet firmly on the ground, though, acting as chaperon for the boisterous Scots. There's even a rumour that she is soon to replace guitarist John

even a rumour that she is soon to replace guitarist John Robinson as centre forward in the Questions' football team following RM's historic 9-3 victory recently. That'll be worth a gander. ANDY STRIKE