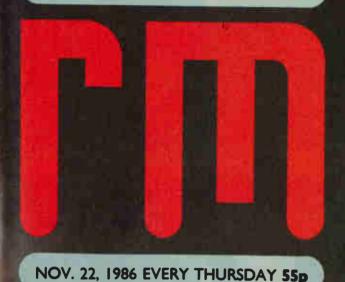
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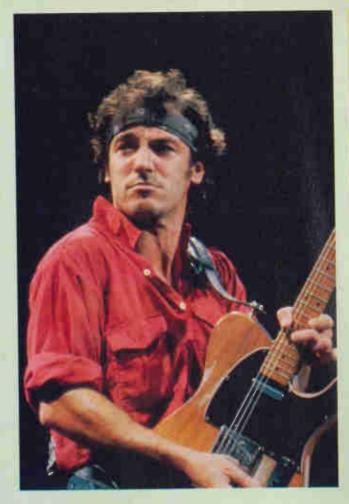
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t's in the mix, yell DJs the length of the land, and two champion mixers prove their point on the double album 'Ultimate Trax'. What you get here is one record of American singles, big imports and hot UK tracks: such as Raze 'Jack The Groove', Harleqiun Fours 'Set It Off' and Sybil 'Falling In Love'. Then there's the bonus 12 inch featuring a 'Battle Of The DJs'; world mixing

champion DJ Cheese scratches and cuts one side, while UK champ Chad Jackson takes on the same songs for his own 10 minute mix on the flip.

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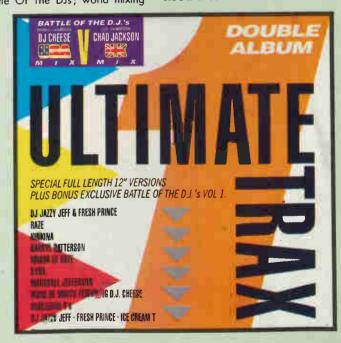
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2) What are nothing but trouble for DJ Jazzy Jeff: a) cars, b) girls, c) bank managers?

3) The 'House Music Anthem' was recorded by: a) Darryl Pandy, b) Oran 'Juice' Jones, c) Marshall Jefferson?

Send your answers on a postcard, with your name and address, to 'rm Ultimate Trax Competition', Greater London House, Hampstead Road, London NW1 7QZ. Entries must arrive by Monday, December 1. Dan't be surprised if **Sharp**'s first single, 'Entertain Me', reminds you af that milestane in late Seventies/early Eighties pap history — The Jam. Two thirds af that essential ensemble are present here: Bruce Foxtan on bass and vacals, Rick Buckler an drums and Jimmy Edwards as lead singer, guitar and keybaards. The band was farmed ofter Jimmy and Rick's previous autfit Time UK fizzled aut after the excellent single 'Playgraunds Of Privilege', with Bruce helping aut in between his own sala commitments. Not as immediate as same other works their names have been associated with, but one to watch all the same.

Bruce Springsteen, the man who could belch into a microphone and still make a fortune, releases his single 'War (What Is It Good For)' this week. It's a live version of the old Edwin Starr classic, and it's taken from the 40 track Bruce Springsteen And The E Street Band Live 1975-1985' boxed set. The flip side is a live version of 'Merry Christmas Baby', while the 12 inch also features 'Incident On 57th Street', resulting in over 20 minutes of music. I think I need a stiff drink.



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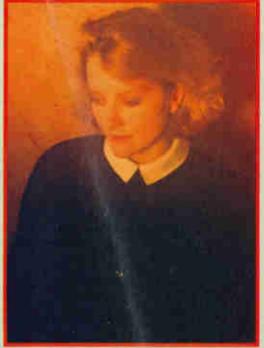


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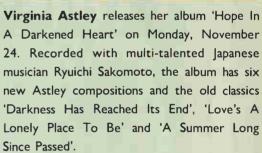
Bristol's **Brilliant Corners** are back with more punchy tunes, ringing chords and bouncy, bouncy bass lines. The talented quintet release their mini LP 'What's In A Word' this week, and fine stuff it is too. Index is still creased up at 'Brian Rix' — a touch of the Fire Engines we think, and 'Sweet Brendan' that out brides the June Brides. If there's any justice in this sad old world, the Brilliant Corners will be warming your lug holes with great regularity in 1987. Watch out for a definitive rm feature soon.

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SPANDAU BALLET'S album 'Through The Barricades' will be released this week. It's the band's first studio album for two years, and all songs were written by Gary Kemp, clever boy. The nine tracks include 'Fight For Ourselves', 'Swept' and 'Virgin'.

The band are currently on the first leg of their world tour, which began in Italy last week.



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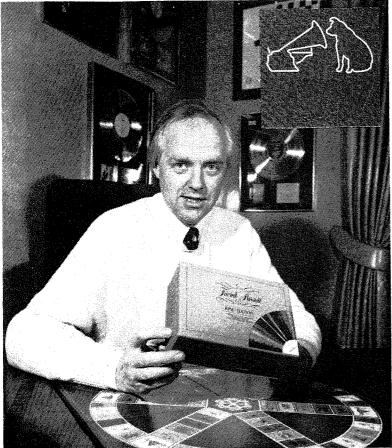
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- 2) How many pianos normally figure in a piano quartet: a) four, b) one, c) three?
- 3) How many times does Boy George spit out 'Karma' before getting down to 'Chameleon': a) six, b) five, c) seven?

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'Town To Town' Microdisney (Virgin new year 45)

'Brian Rix' Brilliant Corners (Revolver mini LP track)

'Shelter' Lone Justice (Geffen LP track)

Eleanor Levy

'A Gentle Sound' the Railway Children (Factory) 'Infected' the The (Epic LP)

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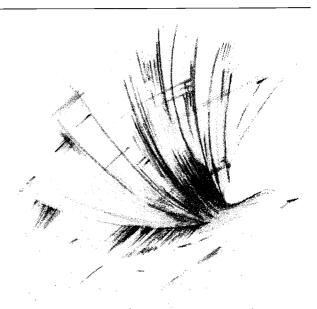
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If a thing's worth selling once, it's worth selling twice - especially if there's an 'EastEnders' connection in there. Back in 1962, Wendy Richard (Pauline Fowler to you telly addicts), got together with Mike Same to record 'Come Outside' and watched it scoot to number one. She's back, a little older, a little fuller in the figure and now, along with Mike Berry, 'Come Outside' is set to do battle with

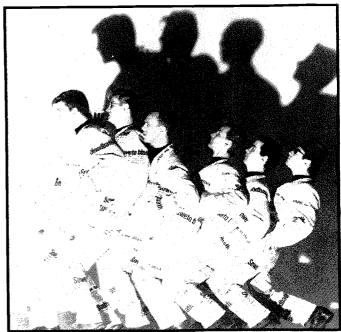
other 'EastEnders' discs (an old Sixties

term for record). Isn't it time someone

told Arfur about all this?







MADNESS wave goodbye with their compilation album 'Utter Madness' out on Monday, November 24. The 13 track album includes such classics as 'Our House', 'Driving In My Car', 'Michael Caine' and 'Wings Of A Dove'. The compact disc version of the album will contain the additional track 'Seven Year Scratch', a scratch mix of many of Madness' finest moments.

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Tot often we get anything of interest from Scandinavia washed up over here, but Gangway could change all that with their pleasing single 'My Girl And Me'. Reminiscent of mid-period Madness, it's a simple but effective ode to romantic traumas. Big in Denmark, the four lads sing in English and are hoping to take their appeal elsewhere. Back home they've had two successful LPs, and they look set to make their mark over here.



OPEN WIDER

Excuse us! We overlooked one of the year's finer indie EPs recently and were reminded of such by a swift phone call from the Dentists themselves. 'Down And Out In Paris And Chatham' was released a couple of months back now, and a delicious mixture of tuneful guitar Smithery and harmony vocals it is too. A touch of the Sixties sure, but they rise above any such obvious tags, especially with titles such as 'She Dazzled Me With Basil' and 'Chainsaw The Horse'. Somewhere between the Beatles and the Undertones, these sons of Gillingham have recently returned from a successful European tour, and are set to make a bigger splash this side of the Channel.

RADIO STARS

The long awaited new batch of vintage John Peel sessions from the Strange Fruit label are now upon us. And an appetising selection it is too. Prime interest rests with the 1979 Madness session, which includes in its four tracks 'The Prince' and 'Bed And Breakfast Man' and is pretty skanking fab. More vintage sessions come from The Gang Of Four, including their classic 'At Home He's A Tourist'. Of more recent interest is the session from the spring of this year by the Wedding Present, including a great version of Orange Juice's 'Felicity'. A 1983 session from TWA Toots completes this month's releases. Ignore the boring packaging and enjoy some real moments of musical class.



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If you think that's a fine old mixture, you'd be right. But then the Shamen are not a very easy band to categorise Story: Eleanor Levy. Photography: Patrick Quigly

Essence of Shamen is a hard thing to pin down. Reviews of the Aberdonian four piece's recent delve into the world of London's Alice In Wonderland club, spent more words describing that august establishment than the band. The Shamen, you see, are difficult to describe on paper. You have to hear them, plain and simple.

That could be their highly acclaimed debut EP, 'They May Be Right.

But They're Certainly Wrong'. Or it could be the full, throbbing follow up, 'Young 'Till Yesterday'. Either way, you'll discover a band that will intrigue, surprise and ultimately thrill you.

Some musicians physically personify the sound they make. John Lydon, Joe Strummer, Morrissey and Madonna all spring to mind. The Shamen don't. The subtle chimes, spine buzzing reverb and Eastern swirl of the Shamen sound is as far away from the quietly spoken man in front of me as you could get. Colin Angus used to be a psychiatric nurse and now plays bass and sings in (as rm quite rightly pointed out in May) the best new band in Scotland. Make that one of the five best new bands in the whole, wide world and your nose would still not grow an inch.

WorldRadioHistory Beside him, newest band member

Pete Stephenson is more outgoing, but he is obviously still finding his feet among the wanderings of the Shamen minds. Words like 'mysticism' and 'spiritualism' fall readily from this group's lips. Brothers Derek and Keith McKenzie make up the other half of the band.

Musically, the Shamen are as loud, colourful and mind expanding — man — as the psychedelic label they've been landed with would suggest. But, with not a frilly blouse or love bead in sight, their image on stage is as stark and subdued as the music is not. The Electric Prunes meet Russian Futurism. And Colin, for one, refuses to shy away from admitting that the Shamen do have a touch of the psychedelias about them.

"One review called us 'psychedelic rubbish', he says. "If we're going to be rubbish, I'd rather we were psychedelic rubbish than any other sort

"Lots of bands have got a psychedelic sound, but are still 'modern'. Bands like the Cure, Wire, the Only Ones, the Banshees, Joy Division. They've all had psychedelic touches, but they've not necessarily been recognised as such."

It's just that the Shamen wear their

influences so much more visibly on



their sleeves.

The Banshees, particularly," Colin continues. "I think they've always dressed psychedelic, and their videos have always been Sixties looking. For some reason it took people a long time to cotton on to it. Most people still think of them as a punk band.

Listen to any Shamen lyric and you'll find more than your stereotyped 'love and peace, maaaan message. A Shamen song is a comment on life in its many forms, and a call to more positive thinking, formed with as much allure as the sound that accompanies it. Songs like 'Happy Days' or 'I Don't Like The Way The World Is Turning' (the track featured on the second rm cassette) or the latest 'Young 'Till Yesterday' or 'Strange Day's Dream', smack heavily of discontent with much of today's world, together with an attempt at looking inside people for an answer. And before anyone points an accusatory finger and cries 'hippy!', let Colin explain.

"That's one of the problems with the Christian church today. They don't provide that basic need — to be able to experience reality in a different way. It's just too

formulated.

"One thing I like about Buddhism," Pete continues, "is that most formal religions say there's a God and we should serve God. We are totally inferior; we're nothing. Buddhism, although it does say there is a Godand I'm not sure I agree with that is much more concerned with what the human being can achieve. And the idea that what people commonly call God is actually inside you. It looks to the human mind for divinity.

The Shamen are one of the few bands who have successfully merged ideas and sound into a whole that is undisputedly them, and them alone. The big record labels have cottoned on, but the Shamen aren't about to be swayed by cheque books and capped tooth smiles yet. It's a case of once bitten, twice shy for Colin, Derek and Keith who were once signed with Polydor as Alone Again Or.

"As we always say," says Colin. "We want to make some good records before we get signed up, because it always seems to be that when you get a deal with a big company - that's the end of it.'

In as much as anything in music is ever original, this group, with its borrowing of Sixties musical styles and ancient thought, has created a sound that is totally and essentially about today.

WENDY RICHARD



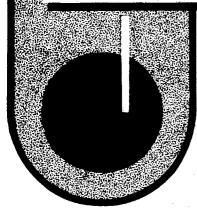
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THE AGE OF CHANCE 'Kiss'

(Fon) Which ever way I start this column, whether it be alphabetically, through lack of regard for conventions, the amount of arrogance, or pure genius, Age Of Chance sit squarely on the top of the pile. "You don't have to be Prince if you want to dance. You just have to get down with the Age Of Chance." I need say no more, but I

will. Forget any Afrika Bambaataa/ John Lydon collaborations, this is world destruction. An unholy alliance between jerking three chord guitars and hip hop, the Minneapolis royalty is treated with unabounded disrespect. An aural delight to the nth degree.

THE BEST

PETE SHELLEY 'I Surrender' (Phonogram) At last the Mancunian maestro returns to what seems a long gone top form. He's not sounded so clear, so purposeful and so fresh since the 'Homosapians' period. And what's more, there's even a Buzzcockian type guitar throughout. Has he perhaps kidnapped Steve Dibble for this work of wonder?

'(Your Love Has Lifted Me)
Higher And Higher' (CBS) As
they abandon the tail end of their
name (Of The Pentecostal First Born

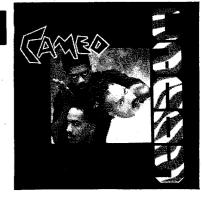


Church Of The Living God), their raison d'être seems to have fallen overboard with it. Just like that transit van in Madness' Wings Of A Dove' video, the hit on which the Inspirational Choir made their debut. Their spiritual gospel tones have taken more of a back seat position, as the musical impetus rages up front through this reworking of the Jackie Wilson classic. Splendid nevertheless.

CAMEO 'Candy' (Phonogram/ Club) It's officially declared; Larry Blackmon is a wonder man. He's got the midas touch. More 'She's Strange' than 'Word Up', 'Candy' (lifted from the 'Word Up' LP) drives a wedge of forceful funk through a soft, mid-tempo rock/soul liaison. Excellent.

THE COMMUNARDS 'So Cold The Night' (London) Clandestine meetings and hi-NRG Balkan folk music engage for this Somerville/Coles composition. Their cover versions have always maintained an ambiguity, whereas their own songs place you right in the picture regarding their sexual/political stance. I imagine the commercial viability of this single will be placed in the hands of the moral majority.

CRASH 'Almost' (The Remorse Label) Just like the Daintees before Martin Stephenson discovered his



country roots. Never has a more English sounding piece of vinyl passed my way. Ironic that; Crash hail from New York, that futuristic place where guitars appear in the museums alongside chamber pots. A harrowing, thoughtful ditty in the vein of the great British pop/folk tradition. Keep up the good work.

WIRE 'Snakedrill' (Mute) Possibly inspired by last year's greatest hits compilation, Wire have shaped-up. Abandoning the ambient tendencies, they've incorporated a heavier sound than was never heard on their late Seventies post punk classics. Approaching the territory of 'Map Reference', the revamped Wire are once again a force to be reckoned

DWIGHT YOAKAM 'Guitars, Cadillacs' (WEA) "And hillbilly music." The title track taken from his highly acclaimed debut LP emphasises

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BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN 'War'

(CBS) Brucie mania will probably reach fever pitch proportions, again, with the release of the 'Live/1975-85' album set. If his rendition of this Sixties classic is any indication, his immortal status is well deserved. Far from being a Stars And Stripes toting devotee, Bruce lays his views on the line in the intro: "In 1985 blind faith in your leaders or anything will get you killed." An exemplary record that proves rock still hits hard.

THE REST

JOHN OTWAY 'The New Jerusalem' (WEA) My local hero, the quackiest Aylesbury duck of all, returns with this old school hymn, the one about England's pastures green and all that. And what a cunning old bugger he is too. In order to aim this little testament fair and square at the Christmas market, he's somehow wangled his way onto a major label. He forged said company's labels and presented them with the finished product. Here we have the proof that such gumption works.

THE DAVE HOWARD SINGERS 'Rock On' (Hallelujah) Remember David Essex? The Dave Howard

Singers do. He had a couple of reasonable-ish hits. The Dave Howard Singers thought so too. 'Rock On' especially. Treated with the same respect that the Age Of Chance have bestowed on Prince, the DHS use electronic gadgetry instead of guitars to recreate their hip hop alliance. Produced by JJ Burnel, if that means anything.



WENDY RICHARD AND MIKE BERRY 'Come Outside' (WEA)/ OSCAR JAMES 'Love Riding High' (10) 'EastEnders' a go go. We've had Angie, Wicksy, Lofty and the Banned. Now it's the turn of Pauline and Tony. Wendy Richard actually sang on the original of this,

Pauline and Tony. Wendy Richard actually sang on the original of this, then partnered by Mike Sarne. Now given a 1986 rework with Mike Berry taking on the role of the hapless chap trying to get his wicked way with our Pauline.

Oscar James, on the other hand, sees himself as something of a serious

singer. Pity really, for this soul ballad that he wraps his coarse vocals around is pretty mediocre stuff.

THE SHAMEN 'Young Till Yesterday' (Moksha) Hailed as the bright new hopes for 1987, they've tried to expound and expand upon technicolour dream sequences with the use of electronics. Basically these Aberdonians have done nothing more than experiment with the meaning of psychedelic aural imagery. Whilst they maintain a melodic pop element, the effect of their challenge appears watered down.

GO WEST 'True Colours' (Chrysalis) A cut above the usual drivel emitted from pop's pin-up fodder, 'True Colours' forges forward in a fairly rocking style. With their perpetual brass embellishment formula mixing in with the laboured grit, Go West will probably do just that. Stateside is waiting.

BIG COUNTRY 'Hold the Heart' (Phonogram). In the absence of chest thumping, medieval imagery and vomit provoking gallantry, Stuart Adamson and co don't sound too bad. A mellow anthem depicting lost love (what else?), that retains its Celtic identity without wallowing in its grossest qualities.

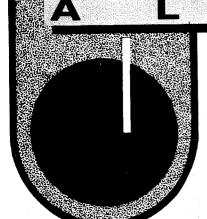
EURYTHMICS 'The Miracle Of Love' (**RCA**) Once upon a time, the
Eurythmics were the great white hope,
the saviours of British pop. Pop? Pomp
more like. Their decisive electro-pop
outings have gradually been replaced

by rockist tendencies, as they veer dangerously near old has-been status. Although a ballad by nature, this single's emphasis lies more in the orchestration of the instruments than Annie's sweet vocal tones.

TIME CODE 'Louie, Louie' (Jive) It looks like Richard Berry's seven year court battle to regain the rights to the song he first recorded in 1956 has been won just in time. Just about everyone has covered this in their time. Even Motorhead had a stab at it back in 1978. Now it's the turn of Time Code to drag the old skeleton from the cupboard. Given an Eighties electronic treatment, this sounds nothing more than a fusion between the dreadful Sly Fox and the Art Of Noise.







BRANFORD MARSALIS 'Royal Garden Blues' (CBS 450151 1)

Branford Marsalis entered the rock arena as a member of Sting's entourage, but he is perhaps better known as a jazz musician in his own right. 'Royal Garden Blues' is not fusion music, it's straight jazz. Funny how the casuals/jazz-funkers have pirated the word 'jazz' to mean boring fusion muzak, but there you are.

What you don't need to know, however, is the complete history of jazz in order to appreciate Branford's album as a work of great taste and sophistication. The title track is a trad classic, revamped and remodelled, combining wit with wisdom. The rest of the tracks on offer are of an equally high standard. Musicians featured include stars like Herbie Hancock and Ron Carter, but the music, however complex, never becomes mannered.

Branford seems more relaxed than he did on his previous LP 'Scenes From The City', and in these times of media interest in jazz, this album is well worth a listen.

Adam Isaacs

VARIOUS ARTISTS 'Streetwave — The First Three Years' (Streetwave MKLD7)

'Streetwave — The First Three Years' is a collection of tracks released by Morgan Khan's enterprising label since its inception. It's a record that varies enormously both in style and in quality. On the one hand you have the excellent, like Hashim's 'Al-Naafiysh' ('The Soul'), and on the other the banal, like C.O.D.'s atrocious cover of Gil Scott-Heron's 'The Bottle'. Somewhere in between you have the average quality dance tracks.

To its credit, Streetwave has been responsible for making available the latest dance tracks on cheap LPs and 12 inch records, the alternative being costly imports. I will quote Morgan (briefly) from the sleeve of this LP: "This album is more than the history of a record company. It's the history of a revolution, a revolution made by you..." Spare us the speeches, Morgan, they don't make the music sound any better.

Adam Isaacs

SPANDAU BALLET 'Through The Barricades' (CBS 450259 1)

The sound of thunder, footsteps, a crash of lighting, a swell of violins... and, kerrang!... Electric guitar! From the moment those rock chords jump in on side one's 'Introduction' to 'Barricades', you're left in no doubt that this is a BATTLING Spandau album.

It's their first for CBS, their first for

over a year and a half, and it's trying to prove something. This is the sound of a one time teen-band, fighting for themselves (it's a free market, boys!). Real go-getter music.

Apart from the ballads 'How Many Lies' and 'Swept', they're all punchy, 'up, up and away' songs, which lean more on the rock side than before, but are ultimately neutered by the self-conscious classiness of it all. Designer saxophone breaks, et cetera.

So even the title song's beautifully crafted, doubtlessly sincere lament for Northern Ireland, ends up sounding bogus. Highly polished, then, but the clue lies in the 'special thanks' to G Lineker and I Botham, ie: songs for sports stars and popstars in sports cars.

Roger Morton



DEBBIE HARRY 'Rockbird' (Chrysalis CHR 1540)

A rock bird? Nah, mother hen more like. Debbie Harry coming out of retirement is rather like a middle aged housewife getting a new hairdo and trying to go on a Club 18-30 holiday.

Of course, there's a lot of curiosity value on 'Rockbird' to see if pop's Bet Lynch can still cut it. After all, Debs was the original Madonna with the sexy voice. But much of the album, particularly the title track and 'Secret Life', seems to be a weak pastiche of her old glories. She's also lost her sense of economy and allows herself to wander too much on tracks like 'Buckle Up' and 'You Got Me In Trouble'. But put those knives away for the moment Harry fans, because I drooled over 'French Kissin' ' and 'In Love With Love'. More of this next time, please.

'Rockbird' is an adequate album to bridge the gap, but it's not really special enough for a full blown comeback.

Robin Smith

THE THE 'Infected' (Epic EPC 26770)

With all the ballyhoo surrounding the return of Matt Johnson, and the grand claims that are made about his artistic standing, coming to any judgement about this new record is quite daunting. What quickly becomes clear however, is that we are dealing with something special.

Its predecessor, the much-praised 'Soul Mining', established Matt as a highly observant, original composer. The writer of 'This Is The Day' could earn a comfortable living in the pop businessed in the way. All goes well until the unnecessary aural assault from old age crooner, Willie Nelson on Bob Seger's dire 'Star Tonight'. Never fear, dashing comfortable living in the pop businessed in the way. All goes well until the unnecessary aural assault from old age crooner, Willie Nelson on Bob Seger's dire 'Star Tonight'. Never fear, dashing comfortable living in the pop businessed in the way. All goes well until the unnecessary aural assault from old age crooner, Willie Nelson on Bob Seger's direction of the way.

but, with his second album, he has submerged himself even more into the darker world of personal and global horrors. The singles ('Heartland', 'Infected') and the excellent 'Sweet Bird Of Truth' demonstrate the man's working pattern; taking sparse, repetitive frameworks, often based on blues or jazz, over which he narrates some unsavoury detail. The brothel experience in 'Out Of The Blue' and the grim movie scenario of 'Twilight Of A Champion' also make for outstanding moments.

Two sides of this intense brooding can be a bit much to take though, and the lyrics are at times self-consciously poetic, but these are minor complaints. 'Infected' might not be a particularly optimistic record, but it is rather a good

one.

Stuart Bailie



GRACE JONES 'Inside Story' (Manhattan MTL 1007)

Long before Madonna came along, a jamaican model named Grace Jones proved that a career in music could be carved out of little musical talent and a lot of style; with the aid of the right people. Jones The Image worked wonders in those heady, recently re-released Island days when producers Alex Sadkin and Chris Blackwell created long instrumental pieces on which Jones superimposed her image through voice and attitude.

Nile Rodgers' production of 10 perfectly crafted pop songs, written by Jones and Bruce Wooley, leaves Grace no space to breath, save on the single 'I'm Not Perfect' and 'Victor Should Have Been A Jazz Musician'. The whole thing relies too much on Grace's striking, but weak, singing voice for full effect. The result is not exactly a fall from Grace, but an unsatisfactory album that neither moves the feet nor the soul.

Edwin J Bernard

DON JOHNSON 'Heartbeat' (Epic 4501031)

Oh no, not another singing actor I hear you cry, but hold on, give the guy a chance. Our main man in Miami can actually sing more convincingly than he acts, and rocks through the 10 tracks of his debut album with comparative ease.

During the throbbing of 'Heartbeat' we're propelled along through such catchy toe-tapping tunes as 'Voice On A Hot Line' and 'Lost In Your Eyes', enlisting many a famous name, including Stevie Ray Vaughan and Ron Wood, on the way. All goes well until the unnecessary aural assault from old age crooner, Willie Nelson on Bob Seger's dire 'Star Tonight'. Never fear, dashing Don saves the day with one of his own

a heady brew a a leady brew a a leady sharp a leady sharp a completely flat a the dregs

sensitive compositions, 'Can't Take Your Memory'. Is there no end to this man's talent?

Ony Madden

HEAVEN 17 'Pleasure One' (Virgin V2400)

Three years ago, blond Glen Gregory and black Carol Kenyon mixed his bass tonations and her power vocals into their flesh provoking single 'Temptation'. Then they dropped her and H17 went all dirge-like on 'Come Live With Me', before they themselves dropped out of sight.

Three years later they're back, he fronts, she supports, but it rarely gels. Besides the single potential of the funky 'Trouble' and the lavish ballad 'Look At Me', there's too much of Glen's monotonous ramblings, too many reworked ideas that are three years too late, even for pop's present malaise. A great pity, when this band has more talent in their little fingers than most of their white soul competitors could ever muster.

Martin Shaw

CUTTING CREW 'Broadcast' (Siren LP7)

Cutting Crew had one very good idea '(I Just) Died In Your Arms' had the sensuality and implied passion-play to make it a tasteful teaser and seductive introduction to the band. The follow up, 'I've Been In Love Before', was, quite frankly, wet. What happened to the sauce, the double entendre? The offer of stolen kisses, steamy nights and dreamy days melted into another suburban semi with 2.4 kids, a crazy paved patio and the reality of nine to five drudgery.

Yup, Cutting Crew are about as safe as they come. The opening chords of 'Any Colour' introduce us to a sub-standard Ultravox, with true passion replaced by the clinical appeal of family planning. 'Fear Of Falling' owes an enormous debt to the Pointer Sisters' 'Automatic', with fragments of Huey Lewis, Boston and any other white AOR American act you care to name thrown in.

Banal lyrics put to boring accompaniment. It's a shame really, after such an inspired start, that this first album should prove that Cutting Crew really don't have anything new to offer. ■ 1/2

Di Cross

LIMAHL 'Colour All My Days' (EMI 3510)

What becomes of the broken careerist? Limahl has been Stateside in search of a fake American accent and a musical prop, and has come back with Giorgio Moroder and a bumper sized bottle of Bleach Blonde. The resulting pap wavers between Spandau soundalike and unrelenting Europop, with Limahl's attempts at meaningful, 'adult' lyrics merely provoking a response I can only describe politely as queasy.

Strangely, there's no attempt at a 'Careless Whisper' approach, despite the mascared stubble which Limahl (oh for Heaven's sake — which Peter Hamill) displays on the cover. At least that may have been more bearable than the forgettable funk facsimile we're forced to endure here.

Er... 'Ooh To Be Ah', anyone?■

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IS THIS THE BEST FUNK BAND IN BRITAIN

No, it's not as stupid a question as it seems. A Certain Ratio prefaced that whole early Eighties boom in white boy funk, by at least two years, popularised the severely short haircut and made a lot of good records, still do in fact. So why doesn't everybody know about them?

Story: Jane Wilkes
Photography: Steve
Wright

USELESS INFORMATION CONCERNING A CERTAIN RATIO: PART ONE...

1. None of them could play a note when they first started: "Because punk was about we could just develop it from there, and that's how we learnt."

2. Bands that have supported ACR include: Madonna, Big Country, the Psychedelic Furs, the Communards, Echo And The Bunnymen and the Housemartins.

3. Singer and bass player Jeremy Kerr could have been a Manchester United player. Well, he was in the boys' team anyway. The rest seem well into football as well. And the odd skirmish or two: "We can wop anyone in a five-a-side match. We can wop 'em musically. And if they want a fight... We're willing to take on any band in Britain!"

4. 'A Certain Haircut For 90 Pence A Go', the head-lines read in 1979. Yes, ACR fashioned a rather nifty line in the revival of the short back and sides. Whether it be with their baggy suits and white shirts of the late Seventies, or the later pioneering look of khaki shorts, it was the novelty of their crew cuts that gained them a reputation for being a little odd. And drove a generation of angry young men (and women) back into the harber's chair.

5. ACR revolves around Jerry's teeth: "Every time we do an interview, one of his teeth drops out. Even recording has had to be cancelled because of his teeth. We have of the agreement of the months in advance before we do anything."

A Certain Ratio, purveyors of a certain fiery blend of funk, have been releasing records since 1978. Yet they've hardly cultivated what you might call a 'high profile' image. Could you name all four members of the band? Would you recognise their mugshots within the pages of 'Jackie'? The chances are 'no', on both counts.

"Part of our problem is that we've been too far ahead of ourselves for our own good," they say. "We've always strived to be better, and have been so

far ahead that no one's caught up."

Back in '79, ACR incorporated funk into their post punk thrash — a couple of years before the likes of Haircut 100 gained commercial success with just that same thing. In 1981, their enthusiasm for jazz led to the development of a Latin influenced pop. It took the musical 'Absolute Beginners' for the public to accept this genre. Even then, I'm sure that Donald, Jeremy, Martin and Tony wouldn't have wanted anything other than cult status for ACR.

"We don't set out to make accessible music, to get in the charts. We produce a product first and then sell

it."

Their limited appeal was often due to their experimental nature. They even admit that, back in the beginning, they actively encouraged people to dislike them. Now it seems they've discovered SONGS!

"Before, we used to hate melodies. We'd have a bass line and a drum beat, and put lots of noisy guitar on top. That was our idea of a song. The new album, 'Force', is still experimental, but in different ways. We're experimenting with melodies for the first time, using them as an enticing way for people to get into the music."

True to form, Jerry is suffering today from the mysterious loss of a tooth from the night before. Not that this has in any way interfered with the use of his tongue. Missing tooth or no missing tooth, Jeremy Kerr is more than vociferous concerning the whys and wherefores of ACR.

"We've got to be just about the best band in Britain today," he says.

"No Jerry. That's not good enough. We are the best band in Britain!" replies Donald.

Why's that Donald?

"What we are doing now is about 1986. It's about power. We've got our own internal power and we're using it... Funk is not about labels. It's about hardships, coming up from nowhere. We spend the least we possibly can and still come away with the best product."

In the Seventies, ACR listened to the likes of George Clinton and Cameo. Yet there is more to these Mancunians than their funk roots. There're a lot of influences apart from music. There's the Tory Government. Though ACR don't need to spout political messages.

"People know where you stand when they see you

Where do you stand?

"Jerry stands on the middle, me on the right, Tony on the left...

"No, it's a feeling you get. The hardest funk music is always played in the poorest clubs. Like go-go music is at its best when it's heard in a dingy club in Washington DC."

Northern patriotism and the Protestant Work Ethic; that's something else ACR are about.

"In the North, there's more loyalty to an idea than you could ever have in the South, because of the attitude down there," they state. "We've been together for eight years because we all think 'let's make this work'. Because we've got ideas.

"That's what is wrong with so called independent bands today. They're offering nothing new. They either play regressive stuff from the Sixties — all psychedelia. Or they go out and buy a load of electronic equipment, press a button and think they're making music.

"In the North, you get what you deserve. I think with this album, we've earned respect. It's only now that people are waking up to our music. Why? Does that mean we're behind, or they're ahead, or vice

A unanimous vice versa is declared.

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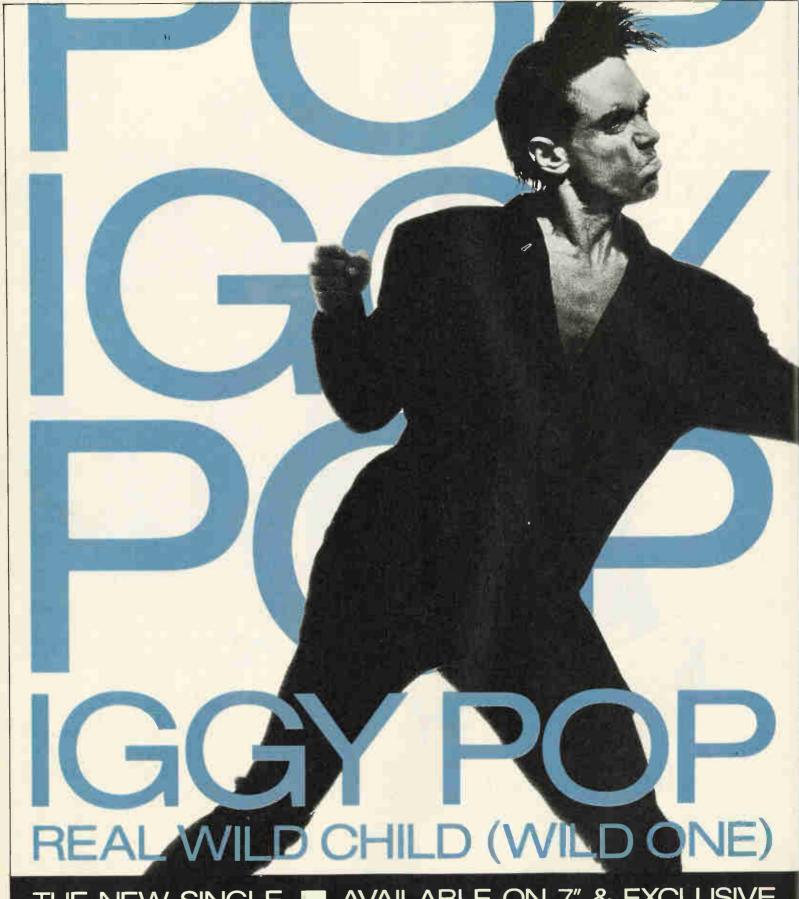
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■ That's it then, my secret's out. No longer can I hide from the terrible truth. I realise I am one of them — a cutie. What am I to do? Go around ringing a bell and shouting "unclean"? Or should I shave off my luscious locks and vow never to walk the streets until my anorak has become too small for me?

And it's spreading. My college friends now hold secret chocolate button conventions and I've even found a pair of Snoopy specs in my friend's nappy bag. This epidemic must be stopped.

A Hollow Girl, Somewhere in China

■ You have offended me. I'm referring to this anti-shamblers thing, and in particular to Robin Smith's article. I suppose I am a shambler. I must be if I took so much offence. All I want to say is so what if I wear a black anorak, collect Rupert annuals, read Hesse and Burroughs and go to a polytechnic? So what if I like bands like the Soup Dragons, the Shop Assistants and the Railway Children? It's the most pure style of music. But I would never ogle a girl's breasts and I intend to stay pure in all senses.

Stephen W

- The Government has just announced it will be spending at least £50 in a campaign to stop the spread of shambling and cutiness. They'll be distributing leaflets and putting up at least three posters at a railway station in Skegness. As an initial cure doctors recommend you should lock yourself in a darkened room and play Iron Maiden records for at least 24 hours
- Das Psych-oh Rangers? Come again rm, you really can't expect us to go for contrived outrage like that, can you? I thought we'd seen the end of clever clever ZTT manipulation, but apparently you've fallen for it again.

G Howard, London W3

- Fallen for what exactly? We thought Roger Morton's piece asked questions about the 'who Psycho scam?', rather than praise it. Whatever, they're an interesting group, watch out for them
- Surely Kim Wilde's current single is a joke? Surely, she's going to appear on 'Top Of The Pops' in a clown hat and big red nose? Surely I'll wake up in a minute and it will all have been a horrible nightmare? Surely...

Tim Black, Crawley, West Sussex I'm heartbroken. Last night I went to see Ultravox play at Wembley Arena and I was very disappointed. The sound was diabolical and the backing vocalists might just as well not have bothered. I know it's brave to rearrange a song for a live performance, but too many of the tracks were unrecognisable. They seemed to have shrunk ond were just thrown away. The customary blinding light was over used, and the whole stage set was not suited to the size of the stage. Before, I've always seen Ultravox at the Hammersmith Odeon, which seems much better suited for them.

Terry Smart, Beckenham

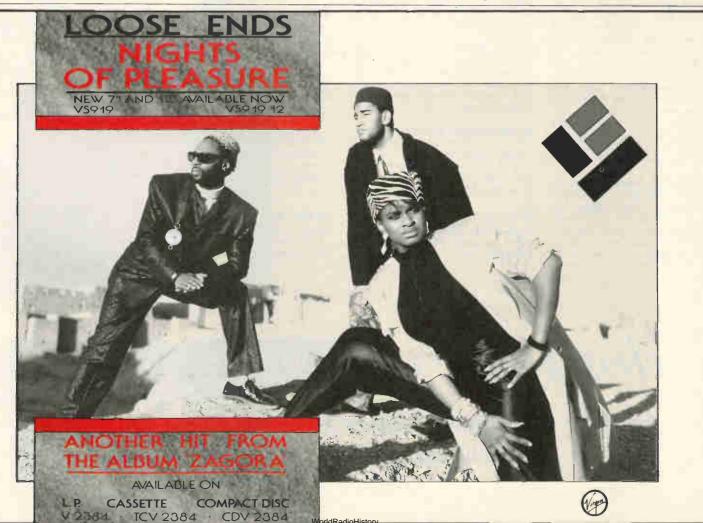
• Fair enough, Tel old chum, but would they make as much money?

- "Fraid not Tim. But what did you expect? Just watch out for the new Wendy Richard single, the singing weatherman and a barbershop effort from all those penguins who used to be in that choc bar advert
- So Gary Kemp knows all the solutions to the Northern Ireland crisis does he? Do me a favour, it's about time pop stars stopped airing their ill

thought out ideas and got on with some straight ahead entertainment. Does anybody really believe that pop stars know much about anything, except how to be a pop star?

John Thompson, Derby

• Well, maybe they don't John, but do we really want to muzzle our musicians until all they ever write songs about is life on the road or their mum?





- Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones have added some dates to their tour. They'll be playing Aberdeen Capitol December 14, Crawley Leisure Centre 19, Gloucester Leisure Centre 20, Sheffield City Hall 21.
- Tracy Pew, bass guitarist with the Birthday Party, died in Melbourne last week after suffering an epileptic fit. He was 28. Tracy, who made a guest appearance on Nick Cave's 'Kicking Against The Pricks' album, had virtually given up music to study politics and philosophy. He began to suffer from epilepsy 18 months ago.
- Iggy Pop, the rock 'n' roll pensioner, releases his single 'Real Wild Child' on Friday, November 21. The flip side is 'Little Miss Emperor', written by Iggy and his pal David Bowie.
- The Godfathers, those mean and moody boys from South London, hit the road at the end of this month. They'll be playing Sheffield Leadmill Saturday, November 29, London The Cage 30, Birmingham Burberries December 2, London Town And Country Club 3, Portsmouth Basin Dance Hall 4, London City University 5, Peterborough Tropicana 10, Glasgow Fury Murrays 11, Edinburgh Hoochie Coochie 12, Aberdeen Venue 13, Dundee Dance Factory 14, Newcastle Riverside 15, Leeds Ritzy 16.
- New Model Army will now be playing Newcastle Riverside on Monday, December 1. Their original concert on October 28 had to be cancelled after bass player Jason Harris injured his hand. Tickets for the original show will be valid for the new date.



FURS POSTPONE

■ The Psychedelic Furs have postponed their tour until February next year. The Furs were due to be playing dates in December, but they've cancelled them due to recording commitments on their album 'Midnight To Midnight'. Tickets already bought will be valid for the new shows and the schedule runs: Newcastle City Hall February 4, Aberdeen Capitol 6, Glasgow Barrowlands 7, Edinburgh Playhouse 9, Nottingham Royal Centre 11, Birmingham Odeon 12, Liverpool Royal Court 13, Manchester Apollo 15, Bristol Colston Hall 16, Brighton Centre 17, Hammersmith Odeon 19, 20, 21, Poole Arts Centre 22, Newport Centre 23, Sheffield City Hall 25, Bradford St George's Hall 26.

Hammersmith Odeon ticket holders please note that your December 7 tickets will be valid for February 19 while your December 8 tickets will be valid for February 20. The Hammersmith Odeon show on February 21, is an additional

- Red Box release their debut album 'The Circle And The Square' on Monday, November 24. The 12 action packed tracks include 'Heart Of The Sun' and their cover of Buffy Sainte Marie's 'Saskatchewan'.
- Paul Simon follows up his top five hit You Can Call Me Al' with 'The Boy In The Bubble' out on Monday, November 24. The flip side is 'Hearts And Flowers', the title track of his album released in 1983.
- Rod Stewart growls back into action with his single 'In My Life' out on Monday, November 24. It's Rod's version of the Lennon and McCartney classic, and it's taken from his album 'Every Beat Of My Heart'.
- Fuzzbox have added a couple of dates to their tour. They'll be playing Bolton Technical College December 6, Birmingham Diamond Suite 9.

- China Crisis release their fourth album 'What Price Paradise' on Monday, November 24.
- A-ha release their single 'Cry Wolf' on Monday, November 24. Taken from their album 'Scoundrel Days', the flip side is 'Maybe Maybe'.
- Samantha Fox releases her single 'I'm All You Need' on Monday, December 1. The first 20,000 copies will include a free Sammy calender.
- Kenny G releases his single 'Champagne' this week. Taken from his 'Duotones' album, the flip side of this bubbly experience is What Does It Take (To Win Your Love)'.
- The Spitting Image team release their wacky Christmas single 'Santa Claus Is On The Dole' on Monday, November 24.

- Let the tears fall on your Doc Martens, King have officially confirmed that they're splitting up. The break up is said to be amicable, with the members leaving to pursue their separate interests. The band was formed in 1983 and had hits with songs like 'Love And Pride' and 'Won't You Hold My Hand Now'.
- Paul King is now working with Dan Hartman, and his solo album is scheduled for release next April.
- The Saints have decided to play another London date. They'll be appearing at the Town And Country Club on Wednesday, December 3.
- It seems that Pink Floyd might not cease to exist after all. Although bass player Roger Waters has started legal proceedings to dissolve the band, the other members, Dave Gilmour, Nick Mason and Rick Wright, say they will continue as a three piece without him. They're currently recording an album with producer Bob Ezrin, due for release next year. Wow man.
- Big Country release their hour long video 'The Seer — Live In New York' this week. The video was filmed during Big Country's concert at the Pier, and tracks include 'Fields Of Fire', 'Just A Shadow' and 'Steeltown'.
- Zodiac Mindwarp and the Love Reaction will be playing a couple of dates to warm up for their support slot on the Alice Cooper tour. See 'em at Camden Palace November 20, Uxbridge Brunel University 21. A single should be out in the New Year.
- Alison Moyet, a woman who seems to grow more beautiful every year, releases her single 'Is This Love?' this week. Recorded during the summer, the song is taken from Alison's album, which will be released early next year.
- Elton John releases his single 'Slow Rivers' this week. Written by Bernie Taupin, the single features Elton in a duet with Cliff Richard. The flip side is the previously unrecorded track 'Billy And The Kids'. Elt is currently in Australia playing shows with his 13 piece band and the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

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Big words: Di Cross

Today's motto is think big — big bodies, big sound, big fun. Whatever else you think of the large (but perfectly formed) Blubbery Hellbellies, they're hard to miss, and are becoming increasingly difficult to ignore.

The Blubs were formed over two years ago by lead singer Arthur Billingsley, who had previously served with the Lurkers, indie faves Pinpoint and the Lucky Saddles. A fairly flexible affair initially, early members included accordion player Slim, who also appeared in another West London classic combo the Boothill Foot Tappers, which also featured Arthur's sister, and new 'Tube' presenter, Wendy May.

But for the last year, which has seen them play over 100 dates, there's been a stable line-up. The Blubs now consist of Arthur, Big Billy (bass), Rockin' Ray (drums) and the miniscule Lee Minors (the six-pence man — geddit?) on guitar.

But in today's pop emporium does an expanding waistline really deflate your credibility rating? Behind the slapstick, are they the ultimate piss-take of an industry that survives on pomp, glamour, egotism and superficiality? Over to Arthur.

"It's a pity there aren't a few more people around in the pop business like us. It's all hard stares, rippling muscles, fit, competing image all the time, down to everyone wearing training shoes even if they're gasping on cigarettes and haven't run or been to a gym for three years. If they're thin nobody cares whether they are fit or not. They're probably injecting themselves in the eye with heroin.

"There are a lot of people who say they're non-sexist, non-racist, but they're all baldist, ageist and sizeist. We've got an image, a silly image. I think image is good, but there are too many clones. One thing the Blubs are is very individual, by the very nature of their size, let alone the stage costumes we wear. People see us as a whole spectacle, they never forget us.

us.
"If we had enough money we'd look like Earth Wind & Fire and people like that. We'd have really spectacular stage shows. It's really unfortunate that we're a small band with limited resources."

The Blubs' recorded output has been as entertaining and inspired as their live appearances. First up was 'At Large', a five track mini album, followed by the LP 'Flabbergasted', the six track 'Cafe Blur — the release of which coincided with a similarly titled Style Council album — and now there's the 'Plastic Pony' EP. With the line 'Eat ya heart out Zodiac' on the sleeve, are they rivalling the Mindwarps for the biking crown!



"It's a good natured dig at him. He calls it bikeadelia, we're ciderdelia; music induced by lots of funny apple juice from Somerset. It's just a good fun scrunge metal biking song. Instead of being about an iron horse or a hog of the road it's about a small Honda 50cc bike which I did used to have. It used to look quite strange, an 18½ stone bloke, with the wheels kind of sticking out of this mound of lard going down the street.

"It's nothing like we've done before. Everyone expects us to do country stuff, but the Blubs have never really just been about that sort of thing. We've always done lots of different styles: a bit of ska, rock 'n' roll, psychobilly and songs about small plastic animals given away with cornflakes."

Their numerous live appearances haven't been without problems though. Arthur broke his arm a year ago when the tour minibus crashed in Norway, and before that their collective bulk went through the stage at Diorama in London.

"In our contract, in the rider, it says

that stages must be able to withstand 350lbs per square inch pressure. It's just done as a joke, but a lot of people tick it or say 'oh sorry, our stage can't do that'.

"Anyway, we played Aberdeen the other week and Lee jumped off the PA and went straight through the stage. He only weighs 8½ stone, he's the lightest member of the band.

"We used to have in the rider, instead of the usual sandwiches, two roast ox, a barrel of strong ale, 40 ring doughnuts and a can of Diet Coke. But we'd get social secretaries ringing up saying 'there's no way we can do this'.

"We're never going to be the new Wham! and sell lorryloads of records, because we're not trying to compete in that sort of field. That's what I think is good about the Blubs, we are completely outside of everything. It might be suicidal financially to be like that, because people like to pigeonhole you, but if we play to people who are primarily into funk, heavy metal or Malaccan nose flute music, they'll still like us because it's really accessible. We'll just carry on being a good entertaining band."

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Come again? Well, that up there is only for starters. At a King Kurt gig practically anything can happen... and usually does

Kurt in the act: Stuart — 'willy waver' - Bailie Photos: Steve Double

Up on stage, they're playing doctors and nurses. The King Kurt boys have their surgical coats on, they've set up an operating table, and a bucket of alcohol-based anaesthetic stands at the ready. Some ladies from the audience have offered their nursing skills, so all that's needed now, is a willing patient.

Number one lurches forward, a picture of grace with his gunge-encrusted head. He gets guided to the table, but when the nurses make trouser-removing motions, he loses his nerve and bolts for safety.

"Pooftah!" shouts Smeg.
A second volunteer is less bashful though, and to the delight of a thousand onlookers, his willy is first examined and then plastered up with gaffa tape. A tube from the anaesthetic bucket gets rammed in his mouth, and within seconds there's whooshing vomit everywhere. "Chunder!" shouts Smeg

You have to smile, even a little. Breast-groping at a Sigue Sigue Sputnik concert is considered headline material, and George Michael only has to walk out with his zipper half-down to send the tabloids into a tizzy. Yet nudity at a King Kurt gig is commonplace, and on this tour there've been reports of everything: from onstage shagging to gay blow jobs. Drummer Rory figures that this hospital pantomime routine will silence all those who accuse the band of being chauvinistic

What's been happening is that we've had all these naked women on stage, so we thought we'd redress the balance a bit. So we get these blokes up, and then we get the nurses to remove their trousers. And if their bits look a bit ill, we get a nurse to put a plaster

Smeg: "All these blokes get up on stage, and their

willies suddenly get stage fright."
Rory: "We've discovered an amazing fact, that there are a lot of people in this world with inverted groins."

The show continues, with exploding dustbins, nurses getting disrobed and both guitarists flying Madnessstyle above the audience. We get a horrific version of the Bay City Rollers' 'Bye Bye Baby' and an adaption of Status Quo's 'Sweet Caroline' that says some fairly uncomplimentary things about that same group. As the excitement increases, someone climbs out to the edge of the balcony. "JUMP! JUMP!" they chant. Splish! And this daring young man makes a perfect swallow dive into the crowd below.

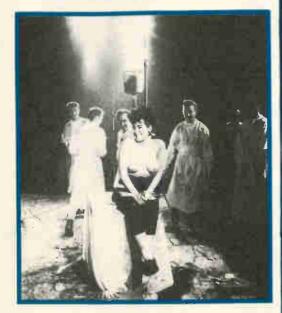
Then again, you might find all this a little distasteful. Suffice to say, King Kurt are enormously popular, with a free fan club that has over 6,000 members. Rockabilly offspring throughout the land are named after the band members ("Mummy, why am I called Maggot?"), and in return for such honours, the boys ensure that their followers get a fair deal. Ticket prices and the excellent rat T-shirts are the cheapest in town, and after their recent London concert, they forked out £400 of their own money for an after gig party. Because, for all the rowdiness and the adolescent capers, King Kurt actually care a lot when it comes to their supporters.

Now and again, outside parties come around with the idea of turning this grass roots appeal into an organised money spinner. But the King Kurt line is adamant; they want to party it up, play some rock and roll, and if success doesn't come their way, then

Rory: "People are always trying to make us bigger, and we don't want that. We've got this thing now, where every town we go there'll be a crowd turning out to see us. We'd rather everyone else just left us alone.



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"We like to entertain, and it's something we work very hard at. The thing about us is we actually know we're good and that people enjoy us. I've been to other gigs where the people don't enjoy it. They still go, and the bands only do it for the money. With us, everyone enjoys it, even the bouncers."

Maggot: "Someone even brought their mum and

dad along in Aberdeen.

Since the release of their 'Big Cock' album early this year, King Kurt have been keeping a relatively low profile in the UK. But now they're back, with a new record label and a single, 'America'. It's taken from the musical West Side Story', but by the time it has been harnessed to the raucous Zulu beat and Smeg sticks on his distinctive vocal stylings, it fits snugly alongside the rest of the band's repertoire.

Chances are though, that 'America' won't be a big commercial success. Outside of their cult following, people either haven't heard of them, or have a longstanding prejudice against the Dirty Half Dozen. But just why aren't King Kurt more widely appreciated

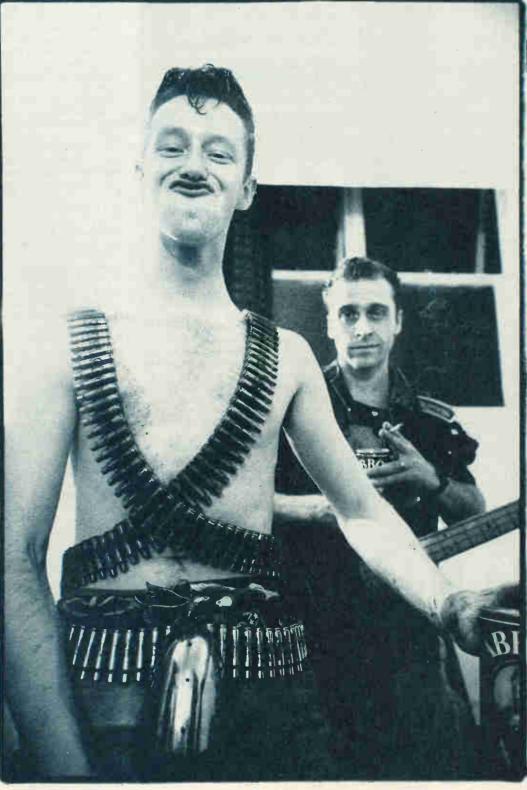
Rory?

"We don't think about the right things to be successful, that's the trouble. We shouldn't be complaining about why we're given shitty beer to drink, we should really be thinking," (outraged liberal voice), "Why has the land been decimated to plant the hops that grow the shitty beer when it could have been the home for insects and gerbils?

'We've actually begun to think though; we rang up our hotel reception in Aberdeen to ask how much a television cost to throw out the window. They said £1,000, including the window. And one of the sets wasn't even working!

We've had over three years of this kind of stuff from these South London boys, starting with the snakebite competitions and the bits of dead animal getting chucked around in their live shows. There was the celebrated tour when everyone refused to wash, and a less savoury incident recently when a 17 year old was hospitalised for a week following an onstage tequilla binge. Many bands might boast of having exuberant audiences, but I've yet to witness such a kamikazi spirit elsewhere.

Lord knows where it's going to go from here. The



King Kurt show isn't designed to offend in any cynical kind of a way, but they do take great pleasure in getting up the noses of intellectuals and socialist types. And they're getting better at it all the time. It makes for a difficult interview though, as any 'serious' queries on my part are met with belches and talk about wanking. But they're all charming lads really

But why, oh why, a song by the Bay City Rollers? Rory: "Everyone's doing covers, so we thought we'd do the worst one ever. All the music papers hate King Kurt, so we thought, who else do they dislike? So we came up with the Bay City Rollers — the most hated band in the world. And then we got their most hated record, 'Bye Bye Baby', which we thought might drive some music journalists to suicide.

"We've discovered that deep in the heart of King Kurt fans, they really like the Bay City Rollers. 'Cause all the people at the front know all the words, all these blokes with 'I am hard and Made in England' tattoos, they're all going 'BYEE BYEE BAY-BEE..."





● Hup two three four! Excuse me while I just practise a few arm pull-overs with the telephone directories. . A girl has to do something to keep the old midriff from creeping up unawares, and one look at any number of wobbly bits on pop star promo photos is enough to send any self-respecting person hurtling off to the gym in search of ever tauter pectorals.

Now, enough of all this bluster... on to this week's pearls of inadequacy. I was so sorry to hear that young **Johnny Marr** was involved in a car crash last week, sustaining injuries serious enough to make the feasibility of him playing onstage with the lads

for the RAH Artistes Against Apartheid gig totally impossible. The date will be rescheduled at some point in the not too distant future, but ticket holders are advised to take their tickets back for a refund. Get well soon Johnny sweetheart, the rest of the music world needs you!

Now this next story seems almost too impossible to be true, but I have been informed by **Yello**'s manager that on the next album from possibly one of my favourite groups in the cosmos, **Shirley Bassey** or maybe even **Nana Mouskouri** will be making a vocal appearance! Strange I know, but apparently **Dieter Meier** was in London only the other week to discuss the possibility with the aweinspiring Miss Bassey. What I want to know is will she wear a special frock for the occasion?

Another unlikely pairing up (and who am I to speculate on the precise nature of this), I hear (and from an extremely good source, I might add), is none other than Jon Bon Jovi and Corinne from Swing Out Sister. The two met up at a recent 'TOTP' and got on like a house on fire. More than that I am not prepared to divulge...

Whoops! A Certain Ratio are minus a guitarist again after only just finding one. Seems that Anthony blotted his copy book a bit at a gig the other week, and ended up thumping a fan, so he got shown the door... And while we're on the subject of ACR, congratulations are in order for guitarist Martin, who became a dad the other Tuesday to a little boy.

More rumours of yet more lovely happy couples (and aren't we all

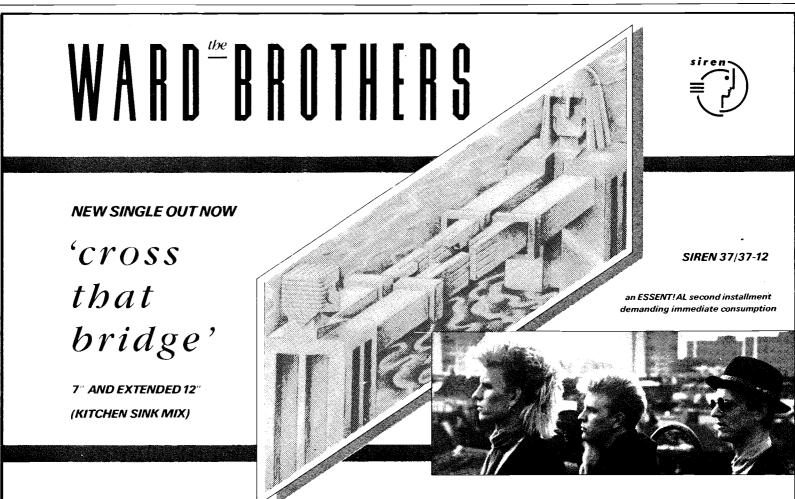
jealous eh girls?). It seems that **Billy Bragg** has taken to stepping out with **Wendy May**, the new 'Tube' presenter and famous chicken lover. So is she, or is she not, the new brunette that old Bill greets on his current waxing?

But oh dearie me, did you all read that hideous load of old cobb-wobs in the Sunday papers last week about Eddie Kidd and Stacey Smith and Paul Young? I nearly died laughing, Bizarre Love Triangle indeed.

The Icicle Works are about to record a version of the old Neil Young classic 'Needle And The Damage Done' for the Anti Smack campaign. This is, apparently, the first time that Mr Young has ever consented to anyone doing a cover version of any of his songs. And of course, it's all in a good cause...

Ah! It's party time and all courtesy of Mr Mute, Daniel Miller! Yes folks, unless this is a totally vicious rumour perpetrated by rivals, I hear that there is going to be a jolly big knees up sometime next week and that a limited amount of tickets for this auspicious event will be on sale at the Rough Trade shop in Talbot Road, W11. Get down there quick if you want to see Daniel dressed as Father Christmas. and witness first hand half the Mute artists making codpieces of themselves... Up and coming band Big Black will be playing a set to boot, and I for one have got my name down already!

Siouxsie And The Banshees are about to become the first British band to tour South America since the



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Falklands crisis. The band are due to leave England this week for a few dates, and Lip sincerely hopes that they all get back in one piece in time for Christmas. In fact, I saw Mr Carruthers at a party the other night with ex-Armoury Show-er and current PiL-er John McGeoch. John's face has healed very nicely now, after being cut by a flying bottle thrown stagewards, and he told me rather a nice story concerning his boss John Lydon. When the band were in Chicago earlier this year, John actually made it to one of those awful ligs that American record companies inevitably put on for visiting deities such as himself. As the evening wore on and his patience wore progressively thinner, with all the autograph hunters pestering him, he hit on the spiffing wheeze of charging them a dollar a signature and made himself \$70 in the process! Now that's business acumen for you!

While we're talking of semi-related subjects, it would appear that the poor old Armoury Show have been unceremoniously dropped from EMI-America, which is a vast shame methinks.

The curse of **Di Cross** is hitting **WASP** with a vengeance it would seem, for not only did **Blackie Lawless**'s exploding codpiece get a bit frisky the other week and burst into flames onstage, singeing his bare essentials to within a fraction of complete disaster, but also this week, I hear that guitarist **Chris** had an unfortunate little accident with his latex trews. Apparently he climbed on top of a lighting gantry to perform one of his

eloquent guitar solos and found himself bursting into flames. I am told that he now has a special tour nurse on the road to tend to his wounds, and if that isn't this week's most unlikely excuse, I want to know what is!

The music version of Trivial Pursuit — RPM — had its official launch last week with a game staged between a celebrity team, including Clive Jackson and Bruno Brookes, and a media team starring Index stalwart and Caretaker Race-er, Andy Strickland. Needless to say, the media team won hands down and were last seen lugging a very very big bottle of champagne out of HMV Oxford Street. The rm contingent, however, were most perturbed that there seemed to be no females on either team — do we detect a hint of male chauvinism here? Or were they all too scared in case us girls showed them

I know that the **Stranglers** have always attracted strange audiences, but did you hear the one about how one of their most devout fans, who is apparently a female Baptist Minister, took time off recently to run the merchandising stall on their UK tour? I am assured that this is true by one who knows, so I accept no liability whatsoever, **Jean Jacques**, if this is not so!

Right, that's yer lot for this week as I'm feeling a trifle mean and I've still got another 75 press-ups to do before home time, so pardon me while I don me leotard and pirouette off the edge of the page... See you next week, I hope!



■ Something of an old boys' reunion seems to be going on here ... Pictured is a hot contender for this year's award for having more rabbit than Sainsbury's, **Gary Crowley**, who I believe gets much of his inspiration from this very column ... Also talking over old times in High Holborn were two thirds of **Bananarama**, **Siobhan** and **Sarah**, and the rather odious **Vaughan Toulouse**. **Corinne** from **Swing Out Sister** looks suitably shocked to be in such company, and wonders if going out to the Wag on a Tuesday night is really the sort of thing a young gal with high hopes should be doing.

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THE RETURN OF THE ODDD COUPLE

Sparks have had at least two careers already. First as early Seventies glamsters, second as late Seventies disco weirdos. Now they're back again... with a song about dancing Story: Edwin J Bernard



Sparks have been part of our collective pop consciousness for a dozen years or so now. They were the slightly perverse voice of the glam rock generation with their quirky, witty tunes like 'This Town Ain't Big Enough For The Both Of Us' and 'Amateur Hour'. A pop generation later, they returned under the guise of technopop pioneers, working with Giorgio Moroder and amassing hits like 'Beat The Clock' and 'The Number One Song In Heaven'.

Six years on, brothers Ron (the elder, moustachioed one) and Russell Mael sit before me looking remarkably well preserved. The reason: 'Music That You Can Dance To' is their first single to make some noise in Britain since 'Tryouts For The Human Race'. Being of a

technopop, European flavour, it came to Britain via the gay clubs, where it has been a staple diet for six months or so, peaking at number one in the Eurobeat chart in June. Of course, Sparks have never been away; we've just not been aware of them. Russell explains.

"We moved back to Los Angeles after living in England for three years and made it big over there. We didn't intentionally leave the British music scene, it was just circumstances. One of the problems was that we were with an international record company who had no personal enthusiasm to champion Sparks in the LIK."

Whilst we were Sparkless for most of this decade, US audiences were being thrilled by their still innovative music like 'Cool Places' with Go-Gos girl Jane Wiedlin and the Was (Not Was)-like 'Change' and 'I Predict', which has entire audiences joining in. By the same token, US audiences chilled to their classics like Beat The Clock', while 'This Town...' may as well not have existed. "It's a case of total schizophrenia," says Ron.

Their latest single is nothing but blatant. Brechtian, even. "I like simple things," says Ron, who wrote the song. Are you serious?

"Well, it's a classy record," Russell interjects. "So it's musically serious. And although it has lighter elements in the lyrics, it is about music that we like. So you could say it has serious intent."

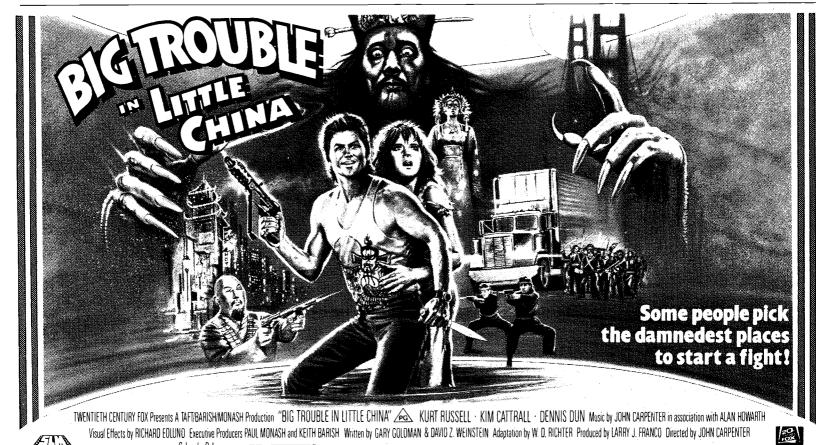
"It's got more depth than other records with that sort of sound," says Ron. "Compared to Bananarama's 'Venus', for example."

The album of the same name, out here soon, is one of the freshest I've heard all year. It's punk disco, but with melody. There's an underlying horror beneath the deadpan seriousness of it all. Songs about "the shopping mall of love", 'Modesty Blaise' and 'Rosebud' are double edged thrill. You can almost see them smirking behind their masks.

'Rosebud' is named, of course, after the sleigh in 'Citizen Kane'. It's a song about love, but also about the difference between life in the movies and reality.

Both Ron and Russell are movie addicts. Russell even studied film at the University of California in Los Angeles. "The one movie I made failed to impress my tutors because it looked like early Roman Polanski." That was the end of Russell's film career until now.

"As we were both real interested in



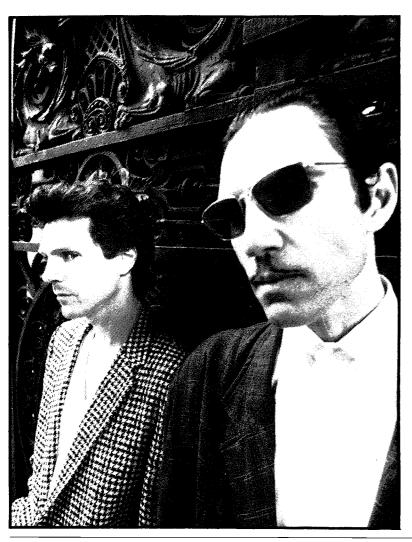
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films, the logical step was to make our own video for 'Music That You Can Dance To'. We took everything into our own hands. We financed it ourselves. We went and got the lighting. We're never in the same scene together; I shot the scenes that Ron's in, and he shot the ones I'm in. It was all done on a low budget, but we managed to get the look we wanted. I guess it was down to our good taste."

The video is as fresh as their music. Black and white with odd spots of colour, it plays around with simple images shot from different angles and includes the Mona Lisa and Venus de Milo dancing, too. I've had a constant stream of friends come and visit me just to see it. No kidding.

They've also been asked to do the music for a new film. This ain't no 'Top Gun'. It's going to be a fully integrated modern musical.

"We were approached by this guy, Tim Burt, who directed 'Pee Wee Herman's Big Adventure', a big hit in the US this summer. He's going to film this real popular play called 'Nightclub Confidential'. The original music is sort of Manhattan Transfer-style, so he wants us to write a totally new score."

"It'll be interesting to see if it works, what with the cynical audiences of today whose immediate reaction is to laugh at someone bursting into song," adds Ron.

Sparks have managed to survive three pop generations, and are still regarded with a fascination that eludes the majority of even the newer pop purveyors. Ron and Russell know what keeps them alive and together.

"Being brothers has given us the

stability that a lot of bands lack," says Russell. "We may bicker about the finer points, but we're totally agreed on all the major things. Also, we are a live band. All of a sudden we seem like we're just another studio dance band to those who don't know, but we play live all the time. We don't like that elitist, ivory tower attitude that studio bands have."

But what makes their longevity credible is the fact that they often change the framework for their music while still writing a constant style of song. "We always start off with the song and then hang it on whatever framework is around at the time," says Ron.

Back in 1979, Sparks was the first rock group to work with Giorgio Moroder. "That was a tough time because it was right after the disco period. It was like if you were working with Moroder you had the 'disco disease'. So we were critically slaughtered during that period for working with Donna Summer's producer. It was hearing 'I Feel Love' that gave us the idea. That incredible combination of a voice with a slight edge to it with a clinical background. We were looking for a new way to channel our songs and this seemed perfect."

"We loved the results," adds Russell. "And it did very well in the UK. But we got such bad reviews. Now it's hip to be working with him. And you know that album is the Bible for the whole techno thing that came after it. Depeche Mode, Duran Duran, Human League, every week it seems a band like that comes on this radio station in LA and says how our 'Number One In Heaven' album really influenced them. It's funny how in time labels used in a pejorative sense change their meaning."

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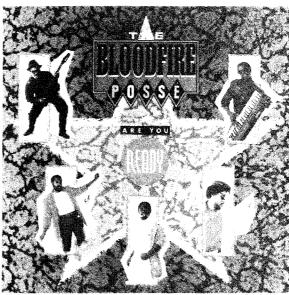
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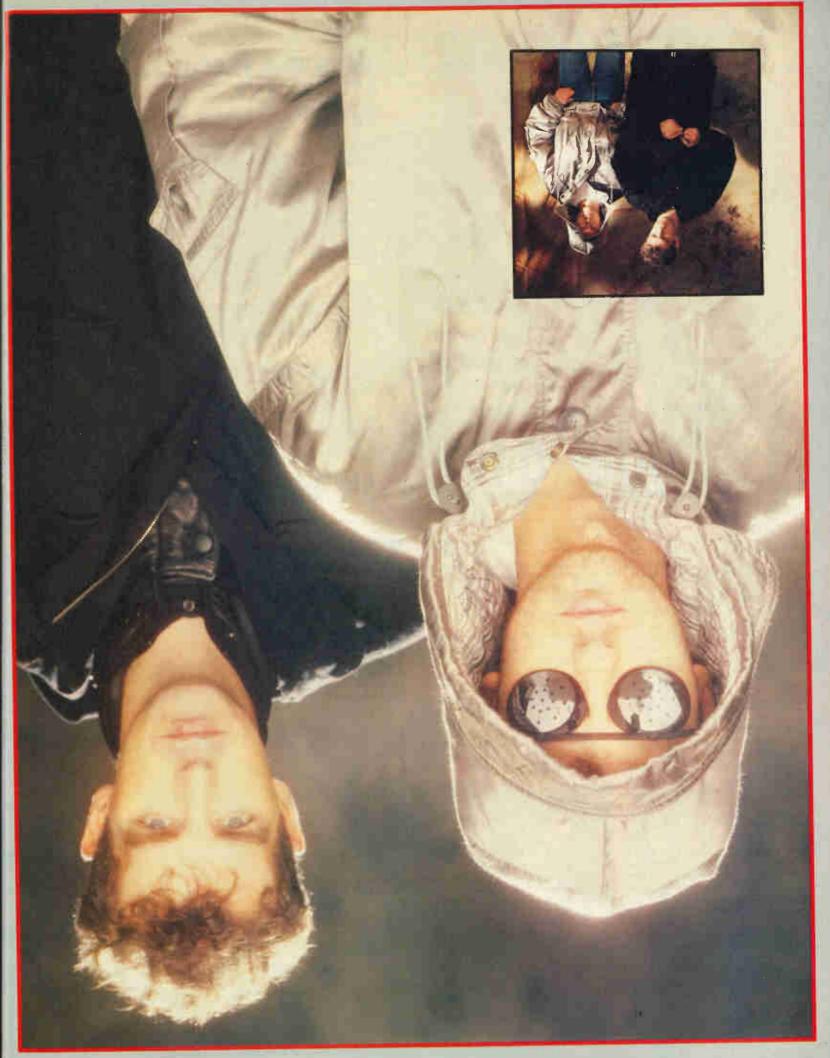
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ROCK'N'ROLL TRAGEDY?

But of course not. The Pet Shop Boys might be Big In America, but they remain reliable, affable, hip, contrived, neurotic, and... erm... Kafkaesque... Existentialist ramblings: **Betty Page**

Last week, the Universal Amphitheatre, Los Angeles; this week, a saloon bar near Wandsworth Prison, full of bearded old lags. Both incongruous settings for an English pop group like the Pet Shop Boys, you'll agree, but both situations they take easily in their stride.

Chris Lowe and Neil Tennant are still the dry witted, affable, easy going pair they were when, a year ago, they spent far too much of EMI's money entertaining two young ladies from RM in the back of a limousine, gliding around the hotspots

Now, of course, they've achieved that ultimate aim of all dewy-eyed novices, they're Incredibly Successful In America (album platinum, single numero uno etc), and 'West End Girls' has been a hit in every world territory that matters. Well, knock me down with an old champagne cork. I'm sure you could them.

Cut to a cosy corner in a South London pub. Where is the ostentatious gold jewellery? Apart from Neil's swanky Giorgio Armani sweatshirt, no sign of abundance. You don't exude Big In Americaness, I say.

Neil: "We haven't got tans, that's the thing."

Chris: "Or charisma. Or personality." N: "Or flashiness."

But don't you get sucked into all that?

N: "I don't understand quite how you get sucked into it really. Actually, I'd probably quite like to if I knew how. C: "You see, we're always realistic and in

control, and I think to become a true rock 'n' roller, you've got to throw it all out of the window and let other people look after you. You've got to free yourself from any responsibility. Your record company's got to keep phoning you to make sure you're up for things. You're meant to become pretty useless, really.

N: "We went to Italy a few weeks ago to do the 'Paninaro' video," (a track on the B-Side of 'Suburbia', also featured on 'new product', of which more later), "and we arrived at the airport an hour before the flight. The woman from the record company with all the tickets arrived 10 minutes before the flight. We said 'it's us that's supposed to be late, not you'. We're always more reliable than the people we're with."

C: "Also I think you're meant to become a bit of a wreck.

All this means that the Pet Shop Boys are a long way off becoming, as Neil would put it, 'a rock 'n' roll tragedy'. Of course, this might be helped along it they 'went on the road'. Much is being made of this as a kind of religious experience by the likes of Spandau Ballet.

C: "We haven't toured, so maybe there's something magical about touring that you can't understand until you've done it. All I can imagine is that you get very tired. We've done these promotional things where you just mime to your record, and there's not exactly a lot of mental strain, but I'm still exhausted. But I bet it's great when you get the feedback from an

N: "When we were on the MTV Awards in America, although it was with backing

C: "You want to come on and do another song.

N: "It was at the Universal Amphitheatre in LA, and they said 'and now, the Pet Shop Boys'. We came on, and half the audience stood up. They went absolutely berserk. We were really nervous backstage, but as soon as we were out there, we were absolutely loving it, you know. I can see us becoming a rock'n'roll tragedy on stage, it just comes so naturally.

"We did this TV show in Italy, with 'Paninaro', which is on our 'Disco' album," (of which more, later), "and our roles were reversed. Chris did the vocal and I did the keyboards. They loved it, it was brilliant. Chris danced. He was like a sort of disco Johnny Rotten, it was absolutely perfect.

C: "It was a laugh, actually. I curled my lip like this..." (demonstrates Billy Idolesque semi-sneer).

"But when we tour... when we tour...'cos we're a great live band..." N: "Hello, Bananarama...

C: "We've got to prove ourselves as a live band, but when we tour, I think I'll do 'Paninaro'.

'Paninaro', inspired by the Italian youth cult, is the one where all the girls will WorldRadio History view. I think it means to be like scream and go down the front. Chris will something out of a book by Kafka."

get one side of the audience singing 'Paninaro', the other going 'woah oah oah'. In time-honoured fashion. Then they can all go 'Armani, Versace, Cinque'. Eh? C: "Cinque. It just means five, it's very meaningful."

N: "On the demo, it sounds like Chris is saying 'cinque', but he actually wasn't." C: "But since it's Italian, we just threw it

N: "But for anyone listening to it in Italian it says 'Armani, Versace, five'. It sounds like half a football result. Armani 0. Versace 5.

Are the Pet Shop Boys an awfully trendy group?

N: "I read an interview with Billy Idol where he was talking about not being fashionable, contrasting himself with a fashionable group like... hello!... the Pet Shop Boys. Which is funny, because I never thought of us as being fashionable... like Scritti Politti, who always struck me as being very fashionable.

But they were never very successful. That's the strange thing, everybody seems to think the PSBs are terribly hip, yet also they're terribly successful. The two don't normally go together, do they? N: "I know... it's quite good, really isn't it? I don't know how we've done it, really. Every now and then you read something in the papers that suggests the person writing thinks this is a very trendy, hip group to like, with a lot of credibility.

C: "Just wait for those 'In' and 'Out' lists, when it says 'Out - Pet Shop Boys' N: "I think it's probably best not to think about it too much. As soon as you work out why it's happened, it'll stop happening.

One thing Neil has worked out is that he isn't going to be one to pluck a girl out of the audience and dance with her. Bono-style.

"I think I want to stay contrived, really," he says. "Not just become totally natural about it all. When people are totally natural, unless they're incredibly interesting and charismatic people, it's much more interesting if they're contrived. All stars or whatever have some sort of element of contrivance about them, something exaggerated, so if they start to sound natural, they lose it all, don't they?"

But that hasn't affected Phil Collins, has

N: "Ah, but he started off natural. He is the man next door.

C: "But he is contrived, he has pots of paint by his keyboard. Every time he performed that ballad on 'TOTP' he had a tin of red paint on the keyboard. Did you not see that? None of you saw the tragic pot of paint?"

('Don't worry, Chris', they chorus.) "It was pretentious, this pot of paint, it meant something. It was like Howard

N: "It's very Brechtian, isn't it?"

Jones and his mime artist."

('Whatever that means', they chorus.) C: "Yeah, it's very existential." N: "I've never met anyone who can define the word existential."

Are the Pet Shop Boys existential, perhaps?

C: "I don't know what it means, but I like the idea of it so yes, we are. It sounds good. We're very Kafkaesque.

N: "Actually, I once said "Kafkaesque' in



('Nooooooo', they chorus.) N: "It's when you walk into a situation and everything is the wrong way around."

Indeed. Anway, it's time to talk about 'the product'

C: "It's called 'Disco'. And as Neil said on television, "Disco', D-I-S-C-O, for those people who can't spell it'. N: "That's because I'm very cultured, you

see. It's that stupid song. C: "Great song, do you remember it?"

It was by Ottowan, I believe. N: "I probably hated it at the time. Quite like it now. It has mega snob value now.

So why an album full of remixes? C: "We didn't do them just for an album, they existed already. The main difference is having a track as a single and a track as a dance track. We started off recording in New York, and there's something about the way things come out when you're in the studio there; plus we're dead interested in the whole remix thing. We do them for us, really."

N: "Often we hear a record, and we'd like to do a record with that person, so we get them to remix it. When we first did 'Opportunities' last year, we got one of the Latin Rascals, Ron Dean Miller, to remix it, because we liked one of his records, 'Loverride'. Then we heard a Bobby O record that Shep Pettibone had remixed, so we got him to remix three of our records. Then we got Arthur Baker to do one, and none of these have really been released in Britain, apart from the Shep Pettibone version of 'West End Girls', so we thought it'd be good to put them all on one LP."

C: "So then the whole LP would be a pure dance album, unlike 'Please', which is a mixture of things."

N: "I think we have a reputation of being a kind of digitally recorded compact disc group, and people who buy the LP probably never hear the disco stuff. It's just two different kinds of thing that we like. We like to do real New York sounding electronic dance records, then we do our much more lyrical sounding records, and I think 'Please' represents that more lyrical side.'

The 'product' was originally called 'Disco One', but has been truncated to 'Disco'. None of this will please the American record company. Americans loathe and despise the word 'Disco'. C: "They had disco record burning sessions in America."

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N: "They regard disco as basically being the Bee Gees, 'Saturday Night Fever' and 'Disco Duck'. And now they would say 'dance music' or 'urban contemporary'. Disco suggests trashy and commercial, and a rip-off and cheesy, and so for a group like us to have a record out called 'Disco' is sort of provocative. That was the idea, anyway."

The 'alternative product' soon out is a Pet Shop Boys video EP, a six track affair interspersed with clips of the duo around the world on various TV programmes.

N: "It starts with a Japanese TV show. It was a huge variety show, watched live by 23 million people, apparently. 'All Hit Tokyo Studio At Night' was the rather snappy title. We had to walk down this flight of stairs. All these Japanese stars came on first, there were dancing girls and an orchestra playing 'West End Girls'. Then they said 'Pet Shop Boys' and they all formed two lines, like these Tiller girls. It's absolutely hysterical. We shamble down the stairs looking embarrassed."

C: "Well, Neil appears at the top of these stairs and I'm nowhere to be seen." N: "Halfway down I suddenly think 'where is he'."

C: "I nearly chickened out, I thought it was too embarrassing."

N: "Then suddenly Chris hurtles out. God, it's funny. Then there's us on 'Soul Train'. The presenter comes on and says, 'OK you guys, you're really funky', and we were absolutely thrilled, and there's all these dudes in the audience going berserk."

Don't you find it embarrassing having to deal with all these terribly sincere people?

N: "Well, I think a lot of them are genuinely sincere. Kind of, anyway. We get a lot of sincerity in America. But people aren't embarrassed to be enthusiastic in America like they are here. People in America will stop you on the street and say, 'hey, are you guys the Pet Shop Boys? We love your records'. Noone would do that here - well, not very often. They'd either ignore you or they'd scream. In America, they love individuality. The reason a lot of bands don't happen there is because what they do is too obvious, so many people do it already." Aha. The Pet Shop Boys sound

European, nay English. That's why America loved the Beatles. English is best. Is that the secret, then?

N: "I don't think there is a secret, it's just one of those things that happens. Someone from the Sputnik camp came up to me and said they'd heard we were a massive hype in America and they wanted to know how to do it," (pause for titters), "but actually, everyone was totally taken by surprise by our success in America."

C: "You can't hype millions of people to go out and buy your records."

N: "Our LP went in at 35 in America, and usually only major artists' records go in at 35. There was something that seemed to appeal to people, and it's difficult to know what it is. It's probably best not to analyse it — you'd only do that on the basis of wanting to repeat it."

Chris once described Pet Shop Boys' music as 'sleaze', live on American Breakfast TV. Has this angered the moralists in America currently trying to prove rock music is the root of all evil? C: "Well, just after we did the MTV Awards, we were just driving out and all these people with placards were there, in the middle of the night, all these lunatics with banners saying 'video stars are evil'. They were chanting this. They're absolutely mad."

N: "They were like the Klu Klux Klan. It was dead scary, like the dark side of America, which is something you touch on and you think 'I don't want to be here any more'."

Of course, America has its lighter side, but it's no less absurd. Like the time when Chris and Neil went to the opening of Michael Jackson's film 'Captain Eo' at Disneyland with hundreds of American soap opera stars, and after soft drinks and biscuits they were escorted into a vintage car (used by Mr Disney to drive his grandchildren around in). A voice said 'and now, from England, the Pet Shop Boys', and there they were, driving down Main Street in Walt Disney's old car, with people cheering and screaming at them.

Chris squirms: "I was going 'the shame, the shame', with my head buried between my legs, while everyone else was waving. We were tricked! You can't get over the absurdity of it all."

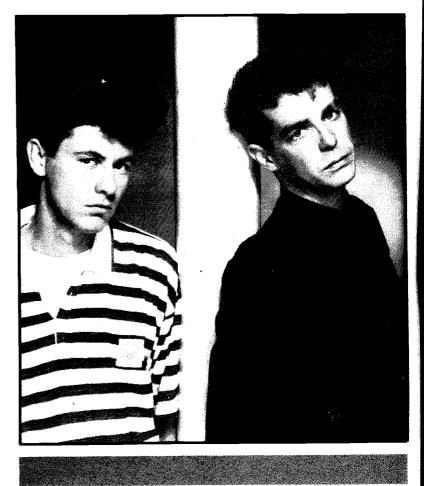
N: "Now that is Kafkaesque."

C: "When you're young, you look at the back of a cornflakes packet where you could win a holiday for your family in Disneyland, and the last thing you ever expect is to be a kind of attraction at the place."

N: "The thing is, you forget about it normally, we don't go around thinking 'I am one of the Pet Shop Boys', you sort of forget, then you're abruptly reminded of the fact by something like that."

One thing Neil has learned is that it is

terribly important to be able to say no, to virtually everything. No to the soft drinks company who want to use your record on their advert. No to advertising moguls Saatchi And Saatchi who offer you a lot of money to mime for 15 minutes at their party. And no to things like compilation albums, and charity records. N: "We tend not to do things where you're roped in with other groups. We have quite often not allowed EMI to put our records on compilations. Actually, I think other groups should be the same. It's one of the things that made everything the same, since Live Aid, everyone being matey and playing on various things together." C: "I don't really like the idea that pop groups are a good force. I think they should be bad. They should be badder to the public, not better. It makes me sick. N: "You could bitch about those charity records, couldn't you? But actually there's only one cause at the moment that interests me. I know Jerry Dammers has started Artists Against Apartheid, which we vaguely belong to, but it's this business of record companies selling records in South Africa. We have tried to stop our records, we've gone to enormous trouble with our lawyers, but at the end of the day, we signed a



they have the rights to our records world-wide, as all groups have, and you can't stop it.

"Someone quite high up at EMI told us that about half the artists on EMI have complained about this recently and tried to get their records stopped in South Africa, but they won't do it. And all there's been so far is the AAA thing which had a concert on Clapham Common which has apparently lost money, and really, it's not about doing concerts, it's about changing the record companies, and they won't change.

"It is to our eternal shame that 'West End Girls', and EMI don't tell you these things, by the way, apparently was number one in South Africa. And they'll say things like 'well, they'd only bootleg your records' and you say fine, let them do it."

C: "They come up with some pathetic excuses. The record companies are absolute wimps when it comes to change, absolutely pathetic."

N: "It's just that in South Africa, you can buy records by the Pet Shop Boys, Wham!, the Cure and Lloyd Cole, it's kind of cultural succour, the comfort it gives makes you feel like a normal Western teenager, but you're not. It gives incredible ballast to the South African regime, really."

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C: "And that record, 'Sun City', was number one in South Africa." N: "Is that the ultimate impotence of pop

stop our records, we've gone to records as a force or what? Or is it the enormous trouble with our lawyers, but at the end of the day, we signed a change anything anyway? No, it doesn't. If contract with EMI 18 months ago was enormous trouble with our lawyers, but ultimate irony? Or is it both? And does it change anything anyway? No, it doesn't. If

out of South Africa, it would make a difference."

The Pet Shop Boys may (sometimes) be serious young men, but this doesn't stop them being neurotic. As all pop stars are, really.

N: "Yes, we are neurotic, I think. It's just that when you see yourself on the TV a lot you can get to hate yourself. That's my major neurosis. Looking through all this TV stuff for the video, I was just haunted by how much I hated myself. But probably everyone feels like that. It's rare to think you look good, normally you think 'what a plight'."

Neil says you're neurotic, Chris. C: "Well, actually I don't know what it means."

N: "Does it mean existentialist?"
C: "Or does it mean Kafkaesque? I'm neurotic about loads of things, really. The way I look. My personality. But mainly the way I look. I hate myself, I think I'm dead ugly."

dead ugly.

I can hardly agree. Besides which, Chris is the image of the Pet Shop Boys, really. C: "Why, because I wear a hat? That's the big joke, people walk around in 'Boy' caps and think they look like me and I don't look like me at all, except when I want to look like me, which isn't very often. One of the reasons I dress up in photos is 'cos I don't like myself. You normally see a bit of stubble and that's it. In fact, I think if I was to walk round like a Pet Shop Boy, no-one would think it was me anyway."

Now that, readers, is definitely Kafkaesque...

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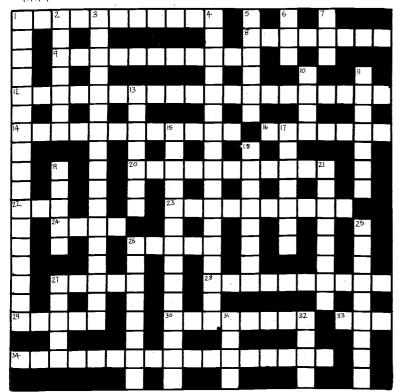
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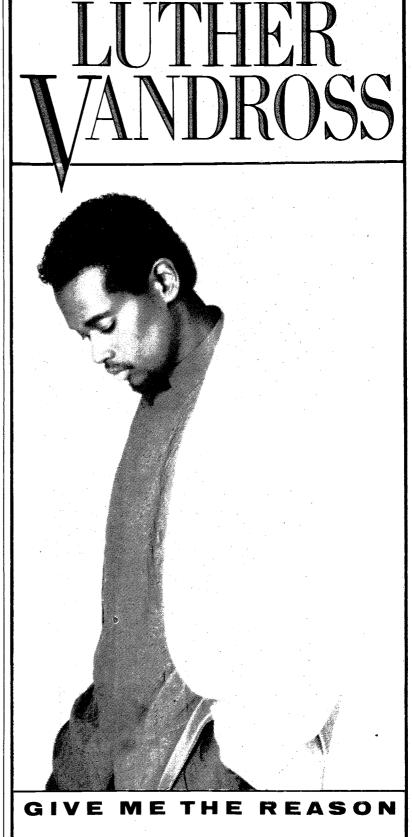
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CHARTFILE

- A backlog of U.S. news necessitates a short British section to Chartfile this week just as well, as many issues were unresolved at presstime but next week I'll be taking a close look at the success of the **Bruce**Springsteen boxed set, 'Hits 5' and (hopefully) will have some more exclusive news on **Anita Baker.**
- Meantime, commiserations to **Elton**John, whose 'Leather Jackets' is a
 much better album than its number 24
 debut last week suggests. Unless it
 improves on its start and to do so,
 Elton's fine duet with Cliff Richard,
 'Slow Rivers', will need to better the
 number 45 posting of the album's
 lead-off track 'Heartache All Over The
 World' it will be his lowest charting
 album of new recordings (as opposed
 to compilations) since 1979's 'Victim
 Of Love' peaked at number 41.

It's not all bad news for Elton, though; 'Leather Jackets' maintains his impressive record of charting at least one new album a year, every year since he first hit the chart in 1970. That's a remarkable feat surpassed only by Frank Sinatra, who didn't miss between 1958 and 1975, and Elvis Presley, who has placed at least one previously uncharted album on the listings every year since 1958, but has failed to do so thus far in 1986. If he doesn't manage it in the next five weeks, Elton will replace him as the artist with the longest current sequence. Bearing in mind that he died nine years ago, it's more remarkable that Presley has maintained his sequence as long as he has than it is that he will not appear in the album charts this year for the first time since their inception. Next year, however, look for a massive campaign from RCA to mark the 10th anniversary of his death. It will surely include some new compilations and previously unreleased material and restore him to the chart.

IN BRIEF

● Doctor And The Medics' 'Spirit In The Sky' is number one in Canada... In Australia, Dire Straits' 'Brothers In Arms' is now the second best selling album of all-time, with sales certified at 810,000. It's still some way behind Australia's favourite album, **Abba**'s 'Best Of', which sold 1,100,000 copies... In Britain, incidentally, Abba's 'Waterloo' has just been rush released to compete with the Doctor And The Medics' version... According to publishers Jobete Music, Bruce Springsteen's is only the fifth version of 'War' to be committed to vinyl. The song was first recorded by the Temptations, then Edwin Starr, Jam and Frankie Goes To Hollywood... 'Geronimo's Cadillac' moves into pole position on the German singles chart this week, becoming Modern Talking's sixth

straight number one. The band's Dieter Bohlen, who wrote all six, also penned two other songs currently listed in the German Top 20 - C C Catch's 'Heartbreak Hotel' and Chris Norman's 'Some Hearts Are Diamonds'... Cliff Richard and Sarah Brightman's 'All I Ask Of You, was a recent number one in Ireland... Cyndi Lauper's 'True Colors' is currently the best-selling single on a global basis... A delicious alternative to the Gwen Guthrie reading of '(They Long To Be) Close To You' is provided by Nancy Wilson on the excellent new Memoir compilation 'Love On My Mind', which has other soul interest in the magnificent Marlena Shaw's You Taught Me How To Speak In Love', recorded for Blue Note in 1975 and Timi Yuro's 1961 hit 'Hurt'. Timi was petite and white, but sang r&b with a power and conviction rarely equalled... Stylus Records' 'Hit Mix 86' is a double album of four segued medleys put together by Disco Mix Club's Les Adams and Dakeyne. Seventy one different acts are featured on segments from 86 different records, a unique and staggering feat. It's worth noting, incidentally, that the first legitimate hit single to contain segments of other hits was Chris Hill's 'Renta Santa', released 11 years ago this week.. Giorgio Moroder wrote and produced half of Amii Stewart's next album... It's been in the charts 31 weeks, sold 150,000 copies and yielded four hit singles, but Janet Jackson's 'Control' album has been no higher than number 15 in the chart... Samantha Fox's 'Touch Me (I Want Your Body)' reached number one in eight countries, and sold over 1,500,000 copies with more to come from its belated success in North

CHARTFILE USA

The Minneapolis magic works again this week, as songwriters/producers Jimmy 'Jam' Harris and Terry Lewis return to the top of the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart with the Human League's 'Human' anly four weeks after 'When I Think Of You', the song they wrote with, and produced for, Janet Jackson vacated the top spot.

The last songwriter to return to number one after a shorter interval, coincidentally, was Janet's brother **Michael Jackson**. He was number one for seven weeks with 'Billie Jean' in 1983, allowed **Dexy's Midnight Runners** a single week of supremacy with 'Come On Eileen', and immediately reclaimed the number one position for a further three weeks with 'Beat It', in the dual role of songwriter and performer.

Since breaking their 1986 duck in February, Jam and Lewis have been other writers or producers have permanently represented on the other writers or producers on the same level this



● ELTON JOHN: honest, guv, it's just the record that's stiffed

1986 HITS WRITTEN/PRODUCED BY JIMMY 'JAM' HARRIS AND TERRY LEWIS

TITLE — Artist	Date	Entry position		Weeks on chart
1 Tender Love — Force MD's	1 Feb		10	
2 Saturday Love — Cherrelle/				
Alexander O'Neal	15 Feb	95	26	17
3 What Have You Done For				
Me — Janet Jackson	22 Feb	95	4	21
4 The Heat Of Heat — Patti				
Austin	3 May	- 83	55	9
5 Nasty — Janet Jackson	17 May	74	3	19
6 The Finest — S.O.S Band	17 May	82	44	13
7 When I Think Of You				
— Janet Jackson	9 Aug	-60	1	16**
8 I Didn't Mean To Turn You				
On — Robert Palmer	16 Aug	79	2	15**
9 Human — Human League	13 Sep	71	1	11**
10 Control — Janet Jackson	1 Nov	73	35*	4**
* indicates title still climbing chart. ** indicat	es title still o	harted.		

100, both as songwriters and producers, with a total of 10 hits occupying the chart for a combined total of 144 weeks in the former category, and nine hits on the chart for 129 weeks as producers — **Bernard Edwards** produced **Robert Palmer's** version of their song 'I Didn't Mean To Turn You On'. No other writers or producers have

year. Jam and Lewis wrote all the songs in the hitlog above on their own, with the exception of **Janet Jackson**'s hits, which were penned with the singer.

For the Human League, the number one posting of 'Human', four years after their only previous US number one, 'Don't You Want Me', is particularly gratifying — their last US chart entry, 'The Lebanon', fizzled out

at number 64 in 1984.

 No British act topped the US singles chart in the first four months of 1986, but since then, they've really made up for lost time. The Human League are the ninth different UK act to reach number one since May. Curiously, only one of the British records to reach the summit in America did as well at home that was the Pet Shop Boys West End Girls'. The others, and their UK chart peaks, are as follows: 'Addicted To Love' — Robert Palmer (number 5), 'There'll Be Sad Songs' Billy Ocean (number 12), 'Holding Back The Years' — Simply Red (number two), 'Invisible Touch' -Genesis (number 15), 'Sledgehammer' — Peter Gabriel (number four), 'Higher Love' — Steve Winwood (number 13), 'Venus' Bananarama (number eight) and 'Human' — the Human League (number eight).

 Before the Human League dethroned them, Boston were top of the US charts for a fortnight, whilst Berlin were similarly placed in Britain. It was the first time ever that the two countries' singles charts had simultaneously been topped by bands named after cities. Even more mindboggling is the fact that Boston's chart topper, 'Amanda', is the third US number one this year whose title, in its entirety, comprises a girl's name. Each has been by a group using a single word appellation — the others were 'Sara' by the Starship and 'Venus' by Bananarama. And if that's not a good enough reason for **Gadfly**'s 'Elvira' (Chartfile passim) to be rapidly plucked off their latest album and released as a single, then I'd like to know what is!

US BRIEFS

 The Monkees have upped their tally of current US hit albums to seven, with 'Changes' joining 'Headquarters',

Pisces, Aquarius, Capricorn And Jones Ltd', 'The Birds, The Bees And The Monkees', 'The Monkees', 'More Of 'The Monkees' and 'Then And Now... The Best Of The Monkees' in the Top 200. What's remarkable about the success of 'Changes' is that it failed to chart when initially released in 1969. and is, therefore, a 17 year old chart debutant... 'Aretha' is the admirable

Ms Franklin's 35th US album chart entry. Only one woman has charted more; that's the equally worthy Barbra Streisand whose success earlier this year, 'The Broadway Album', was her 38th chart entry. Dead Or Alive's Youthquake album is a million seller worldwide, thanks largely to US sales of 450,000 copies... Newly signed to Warner Brothers, the Bee Gees are recording an album in Miami with Arif Mardin at the controls. Arif helmed earlier Bee Gees triumphs like 'Ji-Ji-Jive Talking', but his track record this year could be better albums he's produced for Chaka Khan, Culture Club and Howard Jones have all underachieved... Laban, in the Hot 100 with their single 'Love In Siberia', are from Denmark... No word yet on whether or not it will be a single, but Janet Jackson's steamy 'Funny How Time Flies (When You're Having Fun)' is being remixed to rid it of its 'Je T'Aime' style heavy breathing and French pillow talk to make it more accessible for radio... The mind boggles: country band the McEntires have released a version of Tina Turner's erstwhile hit What's Love Got To Do With It'. Meanwhile, boring old Weird Al Yankovic's latest is a spoof of James Brown's recent biggie entitled 'Living With A Hernia'... Luther Vandross has apparently recorded 'Bridge Over Troubled Water with the mighty Jennifer Holliday and composer Paul Simon, but it's unlikely to be released because of contractual problems. Bah!

JANET JACKSON: In 'Control' but out of the very top of the charts





The sun beats hard on an empty beach Where I tried so hard But couldn't reach the stars In your eyes

You were just a child when I come to you And we were friends Till love stepped in And you stepped away I would lie and curse the day And visit places where we lay alone And find them turned to stone Hold the heart of someone new I'll take a chance on time Hold out here for something true Standing out of line

But I would wait a hundred years To hear you say my name The way you did before he came The way you will again

I fell apart and you came to me I never can explain how much it turned me round Much more then upside down

I love the sun And I need the rain I know the way that you left me Was only to test me And I was vain I will be strong And I will be warm I will let no-one be near me Until you will hear me Just once again

Time will wear a mountain down And make a lover of the clown Who laughed too long And coloured you wrong

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LIVIN' ON A PRAYER, Bon Jovi, Vertigo
WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN, Bangles, CBS O
DON'T GIVE UP, Peter Gabriel and Kate Bush, Virgin
FOR AMERICA, Red Box, WEA
FRENCH KISSIN' IN THE USA, Debbie Harry, Chrysalis
EACH TIME YOU BREAK MY HEART, Nick Kamen, WEA
GHOSTDANCING, Simple Minds, Virgin
BECAUSE I LOVE YOU, Shakin' Stevens, Epic
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TRUE COLORS, Cyndi Lauper, Portrait
ALL FALL DOWN, Ultravox, Chrysalis UV5
STEP RIGHT UP, Jaki Graham, EMI
SUBURBIA, Pet Shop Boys, Parlophone
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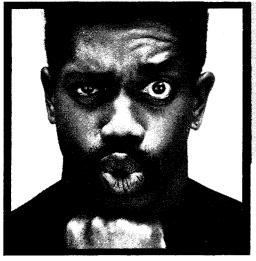
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         WE WILL ROCK YOU, Queen, Video Collection
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    SCREENTIME, the Stranglers, CBS/Fox
    FUEL FOR LIFE, Judas Priest, CBS/Fox

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            TAKE MY BREATH AWAY, Berlin, CBS
            BREAKOUT, Swing Out Sister, Mercury
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           FRENCH KISSIN IN THE USA, Debbié Harry, Chrysalis/Polydor WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN, Bangles, CBS
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            SWEET LOVE, Anita Baker, Elektra/WEA
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            IF I SAY YES, Five Star, Tent/RCA/Ariola
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- AMANDA, Boston, MCA
- TRUE BLUE, Madonna, Sire
 YOU GIVE LOVE A BAD NAME, Bon Jovi, Mercury
- TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT, Eddie Money, Columbia
- WORD UP, Cameo, Atlanta Artists
- THE NEXT TIME I FALL, Peter Cetera with Amy Grant, Warner Brothers
- HIP TO BE SQUARE, Huey Lewis and The News, Chrysalis
- THE WAY IT IS, Bruce Hornsby and the Range, RCA
- LOVE WILL CONQUER ALL, Lionel Richie, Motown
- 12 I'LL BE OVER YOU, Toto, Columbia
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- THE RAIN, Oran "Juice" Jones, Def Jam
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- I DIDN'T MEAN TO TURN YOU ON, Robert Palmer, Island
- 15 TO BE A LOVER, Billy Idol, Chrysalis 16
- WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN, Bangles, Columbia 16
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- TRUE COLORS, Cyndi Lauper, Portrait STAND BY ME, Ben E King, Atlantic 18 10 19 23
- 24 FREEDOM OVERSPILL, Steve Winwood, Island 20
- NOTORIOUS, Duran Duran, Capitol 21
- DON'T GET ME WRONG, The Pretenders, Sire 22
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- SHAKE YOU DOWN, Gregory Abbott, Columbia (FOREYER) LIVE AND DIE, Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark, A&M/
- I AM BY YOUR SIDE, Corey Hart, EMI-America 25 18
- WHAT ABOUT LOVE, 'Til Tuesday, Epic 26 28
- C'EST LA VIE, Robbie Nevil, Manhattan 27
- WILD WILD LIFE, Talking Heads, Sire 28
- SWEET LOVE, Anita Baker, Elektra YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU ... DON'T YOU?, Howard Jones, Elektra 30
- ALL CRIED OUT, Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam with Full Force. Columbia 31 25
- IS THIS LOVE, Survivor, Scotti Brothers 32 33 20 TYPICAL MALE, Tina Turner, Capitol
- LAND OF CONFUSION, Genesis, Atlantic
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- 61 TASTY LOVE, Freddie Jackson, Capitol
- TOUCH ME (I WANT YOUR BODY), Samantha Fox, Jive
- TALK TO ME, Chico DeBarge, Motown
- 78 THIS IS THE TIME, Billy Joel, Columbia AT THIS MOMENT, Billy Vera and The Beaters, Rhino
- 66 69 70 STAY THE NIGHT, Benjamin Orr, Elektra 75
- TWO PEOPLE, Tina Turner, Capitol 72
- 73 WILL YOU STILL LOVE ME?, Chicago, Warner Brothers
- STOP TO LOVE, Luther Vandross, Epic
- 77 NOBODY'S FOOL, Cinderella, Mercury
- YOU GOT IT ALL, The Jets, MCA 79 95
- MIAMI, Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band, Capitol STRANGLEHOLD, Paul McCartney, Capitol 83 87 97
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- 94 THAT'S LIFE, David Lee Roth, Warner Brothers
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- SLIPPERY WHEN WET, Bon Jovi, Mercury
 - FORE!, Huey Lewis And The News, Chrysalis
- TRUE COLORS, Cyndi Lauper, Portrait

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- BREAK EVERY RULE, Tina Turner, Capitol
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- WHIPLASH SMILE, Billy Idol, Chrysalis 19
- THE BRIDGE, Billy Joel, Columbia 10 10 TRUE BLUE, Madonna, 5ire
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- THE WAY IT IS, Bruce Hornsby And The Range, RCA 18 21
- CONTROL, Janet Jackson, A&M
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- DANCIN' UNDERCOVER, Ratt, Atlantic
- RIPTIDE, Robert Palmer, Island SO, Peter Gabriel, Geffen
- GET CLOSE, the Pretenders, Sire
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- THIS SIDE OF PARADISE, Ric Ocasek, Geffen 31 STAND BY ME. Soundtrack, Atlantic 32 47
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SAY "NO" TO DRUGS, Go Go Lorenzo and the Davis/Pinckney Project, 40 20 GIRLS AIN'T NOTHING BUT TROUBLE (REMIX), DJ Jazzy Jeff &

"IT'S HOT IT'S HARD"

Fresh Prince, Champion 12in

TALK TO ME, Chico DeBarge, Motown 12in

LET THE MUSIC MOVE U/GET DOWN, Raze, US Grove St. 12in.

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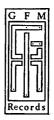
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HAVEN'T WE SAID GOODBYE BEFORE, Dollar, Arista 12in
DELIVERANCE, People Like Us (featuring Cindy Dickinson), Passion 12in
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I FOUND LOVE, Annette B, UK Bubblers

RAGAMUFFIN & RAMBO, Dixie Peach, Y&D

YOU ARE EVERYTHING TO ME, Boris Gardiner, Revue

SHU BEEN, Frankie Paul, Pioneer International

GOLDEN TOUCH, Janet Kenton, White Label

WHAT THE HELL (PART 2), Echo Minott/Mighty Worries, Techniques

RAGAMUFFIN YEAR, Junior Delgado, Greensleeves

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BITTER HOME TOWN MEMORIES



The Wolfhounds come from Romford; home of a brewery and little else. But it's their home town, on the edge of the city and the countryside, that's informed their abrasive pop

Story: Jane Wilkes

The idea behind this band has been kicking around in various forms since their school-days. But it's only in the last two years that they've settled down as a stable five piece, abandoned a succession of silly names and sorted out a format and direction to accompany an equally silly one — the Wolfhounds.

Their first single, 'LA Juice', was universally misinterpreted. Far from being a celebration of Americana, it was a satirical piss-take, a completely over-the-top condemnation of everything that's bad about our cousins across the water. Is the Wolfhound way far too subtle for the British consumer?

"Maybe, but what would please me most would be for 10 people to listen to one of our tracks, and each person to come up with a different meaning. I want to be *interpreted* rather than *understood.*"

The new single, 'Anti-Midas Touch', should set the record straight. A heavy duty abrasive noise with a strangely catchy melody, its sentiment could be no clearer. If, according to ancient mythology, everything touched by King Midas turned to gold, then the Anti-Midas Touch?

"It's the feeling you get when everything you touch turns to shit. It's a really miserable song, reflecting that mood when everything's gone wrong today."

It's funny how once a comparison is bandied about, however inept it might be, it just hangs like a leech forever more. The Wolfhounds know all about this treatment. Dave, Frank, Andy, Andy and Paul have been accused of being carbon copies of the Fall once too often. A bit unfortunate, really. Apart from the odd vocal inflection, nothing could be further from the truth. Far from being lodged

in amongst the anorak bands, bands who take their influences from post-punk heroes, the Wolfhounds have rather more substance to them. There's a lasting bite beneath their bark.

"With most of our contemporaries, their records are listened to for about a month and then forgotten. With our records, I hope people will continue listening to them because there's a hell of a lot more depth to them."

A comparison with the Smiths would be more accurate, if comparisons have to be made at all, but only from a lyrical viewpoint. Dave explains: "I am a bit like Morrissey, lyrically. But I think he tries to apply everyday living to a grander scale. He's a lot more romantic and idealistic than I am.

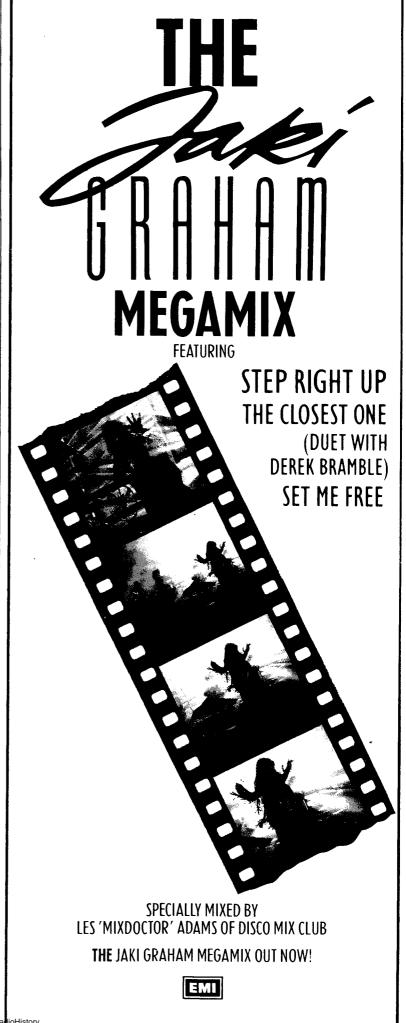
"A lot of the things I write about are to do with growing up in the suburbs. There's things of beauty, things of blandness and things of decay all mixed in with each other. I grew up on the edge of the town and the countryside, so it was something that was rubbed in all the time I was growing up, the difference between it all. I used to go off on my own and walk around the countryside when I was a kid and then have to walk back into the decaying town. Things just seemed grotesque, like the rubbish dumps... The arse end of society interests me more than the cosmetics." And this particular suburb he is

referring to? Romford, Essex no less!

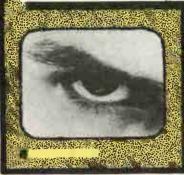
Despite the roller coaster momentum of their subversive rock, the Wolfhounds are determinedly independent.

"I think if the Rolling Stones were starting up now, they'd be an independent group. That rough sound and outrageousness. They wouldn't get away with it now. There's no market any more for pushing. It's all about conforming."

The Wolfhounds conform? Never. WorldRadioHistory



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SMOOTH TALK (Cert 15 dir: Joyce Chopra)

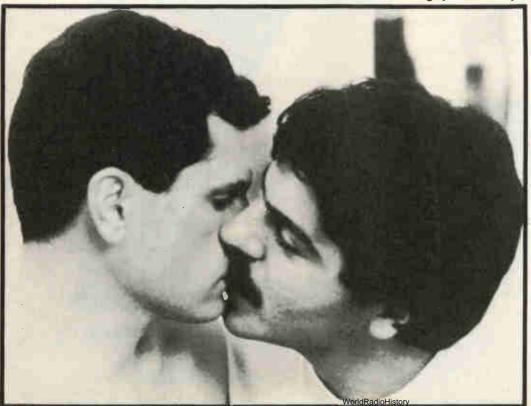
'Smooth Talk' is a funny sort of film. It starts off ordinarily enough, with its heroine Connie (played by the tall, gangly Laura Dern), and her two pals getting up to the usual kind of teenage tricks. You know the sort of thing, slapping on the make-up and cruising for boys at the local shopping mall. It's going to be a long, hot summer and Connie is bored and going through ructions at home as she moodily tries on her adult guise to see if it fits.

She looks older than her years, and one person who recognises her dormant sexuality is the weird and muscular Arnold Friend, played by Treat Williams (the cop hero in 'Prince Of The City'). "I'm not used to feeling this excited," she says at one point to a local Don Juan, as she throws off his clammy embrace and wishes she was at home with mama. But it's only when the smooth talking Arnold arrives unexpectedly on her doorstep, that she realises the danger of her burgeoning sexuality. This is the point when the film turns a bit strange. The dialogue — "My name is Arnold Friend and I want to be one to you" - veers from the unlikely to the surreal, and in the end, because their confrontation is the climax of the film, we're left feeling unsure as to whether it actually happened or whether Arnold is just a figure out of one of her nightmares.

Adapted from a story by Joyce Carol Oates, 'Smooth Talk' is well observed, well acted and, despite the confused ending, an intelligent alternative to the usual Hollywood juvenilia.

SMOOTH TALK: from the unlikely to the surreal

ANGELOS: real crime in the gay community



Colin Booth

ANGELOS (Cert 18 dir: George Katakouzinos)

Fancy a film in which there is barely one raised cheekbone smile from any character? Oh, go on.

Based on a real-life crime case, 'Angelos' is an Hellenic tragedy about a young gay guy living in Athens, who is forced by his lover to take up transvestite prostitution. The underlying sour-faced misery surfaces in almost every scene. All characters — gay and straight — appear strapped down with burden, guilt, near-poverty, sexuality decided in childhood, lack of emotional security... the works!

Angelos lives with his heavily handicapped sister, his nasty drunken father and a mother who cuts the throats of conveyor belted chickens for a living. He then meets, falls for, and shacks up with Michael — a more butch individual, who first gets him wearing bra and panties, and then queening on street corners at night. This is cut against army training which Angelos is forced into on being drafted. Angelos gets more and more disillusioned with his existence, the beatings he receives from some clients and the fundamental sadness of everyone he comes into contact with.

Eventually, the police inform the army and his parents of his doings, and his father — discovering the lad's gay — stabs himself in the stomach. We then have to witness Angelos watching his father being washed on a mortuary slab. And there's more...

'Angelos' contains gay bashers, implied blow jobs intense reflections on the way we treat each other, and much first rate acting. It is, however, a trifle short of box office gags and thrills.

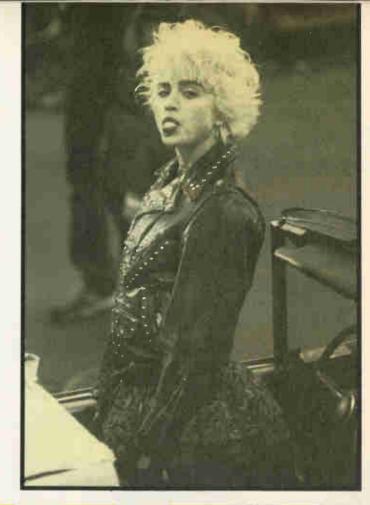
Two questions: What do the two blind men, who share one walking stick and crop up in numerous scenes, represent symbolically? And why do gays in art-house films always end up killing each other of turning to prostitution?

John Hind

"Sean, Sean, when I sent you on that Personality Remoulding course, I didn't realise you'd end up like this!"

No-one mention Nick Kamen please, as Eye Deal spies **Madonna** on the set of her new movie, tastefully entitled 'Slammer'. In it, we see a slight change of role for Ms Ciccone since her missionary days in 'Shanghai Surprise' — she plays a hooker called Marlene (Marlene?), working on the sleazy side of Manhattan, who walks around with a peticougar for protection. Griffin Dunne (of 'After Hours' and 'American Werewolf In London' fame), stars as one of her clients, while the film is directed by James Foley. That's the same James Foley who was recently seen being none too complimentary in print about the leading actor in his previous film 'At Close Range' — Sean Penn.





Question. What do **Sylvester Stallone** and **Michael J Fox** have in common? a) They starred in two of the most successful films of all time, b) neither of them fought in the Vietnam war, c) they are both under three foot tall?

Answer: Yes, yes and — maybe. Suffice to say, both have accumulated their fair share of fans and if you're one of them, get those 'Crackerjack' pencils out and start writing, because we have some completely fab prizes for you.

First up, there are five copies of the smash cinema hit of last year, 'Back To The Future'.

Produced by Steven Spielberg, directed by Robert Zemeckis and starring el Dwarfo (that's Michael J to you and me), it's one of the video releases of the year, and if you haven't already seen it, it's not to be missed. To win one of five copies that CIC Video have given us, just tell us what TV series Michael J Fox rose to fame in.

Or, for all you who like men with IQs slightly less than their shoe size, 'Rocky IV' is the latest fisticuffs video release, guaranteed to get Mr Stallone another few bob for the alimony payments. And to help all those aspiring Italian stallions out there, Warner Home Video have donated 10 super slinky and decidedly butch 'Rocky IV' sweatshirts which we'll send to the first 10 people who tell us who will be directing the next 'Rambo' film.

Answers should be sent to 'rm Small Actors video Competition', Greater London House, Hampstead Road, London NW1 7QZ, to arrive by first post on Monday, November 24. Please state whether you want VHS or Betamax for the video prize.



► BLOODFIRE POSSE/UB40, WEMBLEY ARENA, LONDON

For a support band to get any sort of reaction from an expectant Wembley audience — other than an occasional grunt of disapproval — is surprising; to get people on their feet dancing is quite unique. I say dancing, but for their classic 'Every Posse Get Flat', the Bloodfire Posse had the punters grovelling around under their seats to really appreciate their commercial fusion of pop and reggae. Although calls of "London, we love you!" are nauseating, this Posse's definitely going places.

And then it was partytime. UB40 are a great showband — visually exciting, musically excellent and FUN. Their third night here, and the whole place is a seething mass of skanking bodies. Few bands have the presence to make this place look full, but with UB40 on stage it has the intimacy of the Marquee about it. Perhaps more than any other, they are a band that

know how to please.

After a musical introduction, the black curtains are pulled back and a thunderous roar greets 'All I Want To Do'. And there's a party going on onstage as well, with the UBs ranks, swelled for touring purposes, constantly a go go with dancing, light changes, Astro skanking across the stage, synchronised movement from the horn section. Then there's the music; this isn't a showcase for new material, rather a sympathetic interpretation of what a faithful audience will want to hear.

New material from 'Rat In The Kitchen' is blended with many of their finer moments from as far back as 'Present Arms'. 'Sing Our Own Song', 'If It Happens Again' and 'Tell It Like It Is' accompanying such earlier gems as 'Cherry Oh Baby', 'Red Red Wine', 'One In Ten' and Chrissie Hynde appeared to tumultuous applause to accompany Ali for their reggaefication of Sonny and Cher's 'I Got You Babe'.

Off after an hour, and quickly back for a half hour encore which included 'Rat In The Kitchen', a jam session with the Bloodfire Posse which fused such titbits as 'Every Posse...' and 'Rub-A-Dub Soldier'. The Posse were rounded up and removed to allow UB40

to complete the evening.

Without a doubt, they are one of the best live acts around today, as fresh and enthralling as when they started out all those years ago. The fun is infectious and the pertinence of their music blissfully apparent. UB40 have become a great musical institution in their own right; but that's no bad thing. It's a formula that's stood the test of time and now, as ever, looks built to last. If you didn't get a ticket to the party this time, don't miss out next time round.

Di Cross







■ ANIMAL NIGHTLIFE, RONNIE SCOTT'S, LONDON

A few years back, everyone and their imported bottle of lager wanted a slice of the 'soul boy' market. Careers were launched on the back of a pair of loafers and a return ticket to Ilford. A lot of lies were told and an awful lot of substandard, sub-Spandau Ballet records were released. But not by Animal Nightlife.

Possibly the most genuine representatives of early Eighties London night time, AN produced a series of fine records during a chequered career with Innervision and Island. And then they disappeared.

Sunburnt from a year playing the Mediterranean and topping Italian music mag polls, Nightlife have put away their shorts and come home. And how things have changed! A new line-up, a clutch of powerful new songs and an arrogance just the right side of a Saturday evening blow out.

There's a unity of purpose about AN these days that totally belies their false categorisation as flimsy 'cocktail' set merchants. Confident enough to play things their own way, Nightlife have amassed a collection of proud songs — the newest being 'The War I Lost', 'Always Your Humble Slave', 'Black Heart' and 'Boy With The Best Intentions' — that are strong enough to do battle in the charts and on the dance floor. This is constructed pop, informed by the wild eyed dash of sharp boys out on the town.

While others continue to manufacture the myth (see Brother Beyond, Curiosity Killed The Cat and so on), Animal Nightlife are continuing to live the crack and create some of the best urban pop in this, or any, city.

Jim Reid

LESTER BOWIE'S BRASS FANTASY, THE TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB, LONDON

Lester Bowie was his typically iconoclastic self as he sang along with the Brass Fantasy, subjecting a list of pop classics to a relentless jazz brass band exploration on trumpets, trombones, French horn, tuba and drums. Looking like a cross between an outlandish spiv and a university lecturer with his Fu Manchu moustache, wire glasses and white, sparkling suit with enormous lapels, the Lester Bowie Brass Fantasy opened with 'The Great Pretender', and followed with Whitney Houston's current hit 'Saving All My Love For You', Fats Domino's 'Blueberry Hill', Willy Nelson's 'Crazy' and a dedication to salsa musician Machito. All came from his newest album, 'Avant Pop', to be released this week. Despite arriving more than two hours late, after travelling all day and encountering delays from Belgium, Bowie and crew gave the many faithful who waited a wild and exciting

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► LONE JUSTICE, QUEEN MARGARET UNION, GLASGOW

Support band Deacon Blue have a vision which could fill this small university hall 90 times over. Lead singer Ricky Ross walks on stage, seemingly in some American baseball stadium and far from the disinterested hordes of drunken students.

Draped in the flag of Scotland, and with that familiar manic look on his face, he cuts an impressive figure. The crowd erupts, he grabs the mike and the band kicks into, ahem, 'Born In The Gallowgate'.

Not a bad dream as far as I'm concerned. A few visits to Flip for the rest of the band, some more songs as good as 'Rain Down' and 'Dignity', and it could be

reality. Here's hoping.

Lone Justice, unfortunately, are almost there. Initial worries, prompted by the somewhat 'Spinal Tap'-ish appearance of the band, were momentarily dispelled by the tasteful, almost gospel, You Are The Light'. That, sadly, proved to be the highpoint of the night. For the other 90 minutes, Maria McKee and band indulged in rock activism at its very worst.

Caring little for the subtlety or the melancholy which McKee's songs require, the band bull-dozed their way through the first album, each song sounding worse than the last one. Similarly, with the exception of 'Shelter', the songs from the second album sounded, at

To top off a truly frustrating night, they encored with a version of 'Sweet Jane' which was, well... imagine lan Botham clubbing Lou Reed over the head with a cricket bat and you'll know what I mean.

Why bother, I thought the next morning. Simple. Maria McKee is a real talent. She possesses the purest country voice since Dolly Parton. Her songwriting is almost good enough to be compared with the likes of Jim Webb and, above all, she can make great records. Their recent 45 'Shelter' is a definite contender for single of the year.

In Glasgow, however, all she managed to prove is that prodigious talent, clumsily deployed, is like no talent at all.

Harry Mercer



You might well say that Mick Lynch is an engaging character. He looks like a gargoyle, sings in an undulating Cork accent and is given to spasmodic arm flailing. But then that's all part of Stump's very distinctive appeal. As with most left-of-centre acts, they've been accused of being self-indulgent and deliberately 'difficult', but the band's growing popularity shows that there's more than just intellectual fancy here.

'Everything In Its Place' is evidence of the band's potential, with a buoyant African rhythm and some astute observations about the positioning of our anatomical bits. Mick's lyrics often draw on surreal humour (not unlike those mind-boggling Edward Lear poems), but the more solemn sentiments of 'Our Fathers' proves that Mick and his friends are not just another quirky band. He stripped off to his underpants, by the way.

Headliners the Jazz Butcher were not so convincing. The cool shades, the Sixties guitars and the clever ironies are all favourites in the cliché book these days, and it's doubtful whether this lot can compete with the likes of Lloyd Cole.

Mind you, they did make the best out of appalling circumstances, and by the time they got to 'Human Jungle', the audience were more than enthusiastic. Max got to do his dainty jazz numbers, and Patrick obviously delighted in finishing with versions of 'Take The Skinheads Bowling' and Jonathan Richman's 'Roadrunner'. Not a bad band, but not an outstanding one either; the Jazz Butcher will continue to mark time in a fairly agreeable fashion.

Stuart Bailie





A EVERY WITCH WAY, THE BLACKIE, LIVERPOOL

As a celebration of the women in music in Liverpool, there were a couple of obvious gaps from this evening's performance.

Most obvious were the omissions of Pink Industry's Jayne Casey and the (usually ubiquitous) local heroine Jennifer John.

But the omissions were far outweighed by the strength of the inclusions, and the first musical offering of the evening was superior chanteuse Elaine Harriss. Usually to be seen with 'The Third Man', but tonight accompanied just by solo piano.

The strength of her voice was as obvious as ever, even if her stage presence was a little hesitant in the face of the unusual circumstances. But her delivery on everything, from brand new material of her own to

Forties stand-bys, was immaculate.
This was swiftly followed by an all-woman band known as the Frets. In amongst the seven-piece band were two of Liverpool's foremost (women) musicians. Bass player Becky Stringer, formerly of The Room and currently to be seen with Benny Profane, is the best bass player in the city (regardless of sex). And Flo Sullivan, responsible for bringing The Frets together, is one of Liverpool's brightest hopes. Miss Sullivan has come a long way since her time with Shiny Two Shiny, and is now in command of an excellent set of songs and a similarly excellent set of vocal chords.

The future for music in Liverpool, it seems, may well rest in the hands of the women.

Dave Sexton

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SO BLONDES HAVE MORE **FUN**, EH?

Pah! Not in my experience, they don't — and I'm sure that if you asked Debbie Harry, she might well agree with me.

Sure, you stand out more in a crowd, **but** have you ever had the feeling that maybe it's for entirely the wrong reasons? My dears, if you're a blande, be it natural or otherwise, you're going to have a hell of a job sweeping away the myth that you're no better than you ought to be. (Or, in malespeak, that you're a hell of a lot better when it really counts.)

Blondes may have more glamour, but they pay for it in the Being Taken Seriously stakes. Ask Patsy Kensit. Maybe if she'd been a brunette instead of a flaxen haired damsel, people might have been a little more lenient with her awful band. But no, the minute a platinum mop is glimpsed, that's it. The cue for every male on earth (every? — Design Ed.) to acquire the intelligence of a broad bean and start making the most peculiar gurbling noises which could lead one to believe that they were

about to become victims of some hideous fatal disease.

The disease, of course, is called stereotypitis, and women are affected by it, too, greeting most fair gals with a distinct curling of the lip as if you're about to run off with their gruesome boyfriend who you wouldn't touch with a barge pole even if he were the last man on Earth. Men, of course, feel they have to greet the golditocks among us with such macho witticisms as 'Yoo hoo Blandie' (very original, that) or even worse, 'Are you the same colour all over then, haw! haw!'.

Tell me, would Blandie have been quite so successful if Debbie had been a ginger nut? 'Reddy' doesn't quite have the same ring to it somehow.

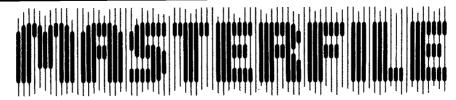
But think before you leap into the 60 per cent volume; is your idea of fun being constantly heckled or having to be careful what you wear for fear of representing what half the population thinks you are anyway? Think, never to be free of the tyronny of the hairdressers every five weeks, suffering peroxide burns and maybe skint cancer. Finding it hard to get any man to see beyond the platinum halo...

At yes, the life of a blonde is so much fun... and maybe we're bloody masochists for suffering it!

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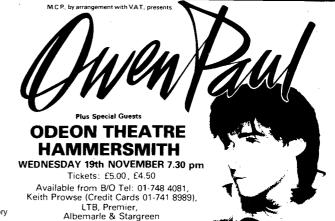












S O M E SERIOUS S O U L SEARCHING

Camelle Hinds and Henry Defoe used to be in legendary Brit-funk outfit Central Line. Then and now, they've always looked to put British dance music on a more credible footing. Their debut single, 'Small Change', might do that Story: Damon Rochefort

Check the lines which adorn the ads for Hindsight's debut single 'Small Change'. "At last, a British soul record that moves heart, head and feet."

What exactly are they trying to imply, I wonder? That most British dance records are nasty pieces of mindless disco dross? That they are impossible to take seriously? That this country is leagues behind America when it comes to soul music?

Whether or not they're right shouldn't obscure the fact that British soul music is *still* not taken particularly seriously. Or at least, not until 'Small Change'.

"It's very, very important to me to be taken seriously as a songwriter," Camelle Hinds, one half of Hindsight and the song's writer, tells me. "If I had a huge mega hit all over the world with a song like 'Into The Groove' or something equally banal, I really wouldn't be happy."

I would.

"I'd far rather write songs that people are going to listen to and take seriously — Marvin Gaye or Talking Heads type stuff — than be known as a guy who writes about going out dancing and checking out my



baby on the dance floor etc...

If there's a hint of artistic integrity in that statement, it comes as no surprise really, as Camelle has already hit the big time as a musician before. As part of Central Line — who had some huge dance hits in the early Eighties — Camelle learnt a great deal about being a musician; and about being a part of the music biz.

"Originally Central Line was a great project. I had a vision of what I wanted for the band, but like everything else you get sidetracked along the way, and what you end up doing isn't quite what you first intended.

"We had a huge hit in the States with 'Walking Into Sunshine' and several big hits here with 'You've Said Enough', 'Nature Boy' and 'Surprise Surprise', but eventually the band drifted apart. I've learnt an awful lot from that period though, which makes me all the more confident about Hindsight."

'Small Change', already a mega-underground hit, is an extremely impressive single, capturing attention for its hypnotic dance feel as much as for its strong lyric

"The 'deprived Africa' slant may be pretty well covered in black music," Camelle smiles, "but let's be honest, British artists have hardly flooded the market with message songs. I'm proud of the lyric, and I'm delighted that so many people are listening to what we're saying.

"I feel very strongly about what's happening in the world at the moment," Camelle adds. "Especially in Britain. We're expected to be patriotic and love our country and all that, but we're not really given anything to be patriotic about."

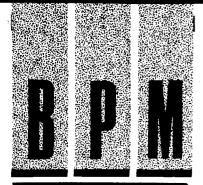
The other half of Hindsight, Henry Defoe, is an old friend of Camelle's (they were in Central Line together all those years ago), and therefore both guys know exactly where they're going. They intend to take the British soul music industry by the scruff of the neck, shake it up as much as possible with some truly hard material, and hopefully make it a more respected institution as a result.

Believe me, if the superb 'Small Change' is anything to go by, they're going to succeed.



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BY JAMES HAMILTON



ODDS 'N' BODS

JANET JACKSON's weak 120bpm original 12 inch version of 'Control' has been replaced by an immediately attacking far harder (0-)1221/2-0bpm Out Of Control Video Mix (A&M AMX 359), which should turn it around now ... George Benson's dub of 'Shiver' is actually only on the single 12 inch version now, not on the twin-pack as had it been included that would have had too many minutes of music to qualify as a single ... Radio One were threatening to ban Cameo's 'Candy' as they thought the title was about drugs! . . . Richard Searling's devotion to "quiet storm"-style soul instead of funky dance music has resulted in such low ratings for his Red Rose Radio soul show that he was going to be dropped by the station, until a public outcry ensured that his show will return, on Sundays, from January 2 ... Stu Allan plays Original Concept and other def 1986 toons on Pigcadilly Radio, sharing a Sunday 1-6am disco show with Chris Buckley and soloing later with harder upfront stuff Sunday 11pm-2am ... London's latest ballyhooed pirate WBLS lost their aerial after three days, but their signal until then had been lousy anyway . . . Shinehead's 12 inch is so overpoweringly bassy that it's being repressed to prevent blowing speakers! ... Music Of Life picked up The Source featuring Candi Staton, while Club have had Wooly Reasonable & The Yo Culture all along ... Masterdon Committee 'Funk Box Party' has been bootlegged in the UK with LJ Reynolds 'Key To The World' and Hi-Tension 'There's A Reason' as flip ... Run-DMC actually recorded 'Hold It Now Hit It' before

the Beastie Boys were given their original Larry Smith produced track to lay vocals over, Tim Westwood being the proud owner here of an acetate! ... Mario Reyes' dialogue excerpts on the recently reviewed 'Whatever Turns You On' are in fact from 'Pee Wee's Big Adventure' . . . Belfast Soul Club meets fortnightly on Thursdays (Nov 20, Dec 4) at Belfast's Star & Garter in Rosemary Street turn up, or call Terry Corr on Belfast 661761 for details ... Saturday (22) Graham Gold, Jerry Green, John Matthews and more soul at 3.30pm alldayer at Northolt C&L Leisure (Polish War Memorial turn off A40), while the Hills (Chris & Kev) are alive to the sound of soul at Harlow Whispers, and Robbie Vincent souls Great Yarmouth Tiffanys . . . Iain Norman is building up a funky little scene at Needham Market's Barking Fox Sun/Fri, Ipswich Hoofers Wed . . . Tristan Bolitho has left his native Cornwall for Bristol's Studio ... Dave Rawlings during his Disco Aid night at Basingstoke Martines only played paid-for requests (no Madonna all night!), and took £5 to smash Nick Berry's single on stage — after which he was given much more money for having done so! ... Faze One were set upon by a gang of 15 white youths and kicked to a pulp when they stopped for a burger in Newcastleupon-Tyne after doing 'The Tube', their attackers not knowing or caring who they were, just seeing their colour ... John Morales & Sergio Munzibai were DJs for the opening of New York's new 1018 club, on the West 18th Street site of the old Roxy roller-disco ... Friendly, Curtis and possibly even Bobby too look like living over here along with brother Cecil Womack, who is even setting up his own UK label ... Jeff Young warns that Swing Out Sister's followup, 'Surrender', is serious soul boy stuff! ... DER RUMP DUMP DUM DUM DUMP DUM...

HOTVINYL

CAMEO 'Candy' (Club JABX 43) Although closely battled by 'Back And Forth', their LP's



BILLY CRYSTAL 'You Look Marvelous' (A&M AMY 353) After he was Jody in 'Soap', Billy was part of the 'Saturday Night Live' team on US TV, impersonating such characters as Fernando Lamas, a real life Latin actor/personality whose most used expression he here sends up as he smarmily drops names and chatters inconsequentially to a purposefully dated 0-112-0bpm disco hustler, the harder more electro dub of which was promoed here last year. Now the accompanying video has finally shown UK audiences what it's all about, and "Fernando" is becoming a cult here too.

winning track is this familiarly lurching 110½bpm weaving web of exaggerated voices, buzzing guitar, honking sax and off-centre beats, flipped by a sparser new 108½bpm remix and the lovely soulful slow 90½bpm 'Don't Be Lonely'.

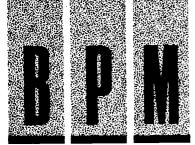
LUTHER VANDROSS 'Give Me The Reason' (Epic 650216 6) Presumably A-side again as it's from the currently showing film 'Ruthless People', this reissued ambiguously jiggling 1383/4bpm spurter is flipped by his similar US A-side cantering 143-0bpm 'Stop To Love', both vocally soulful if dodgy for dancers — oh, and yes, also on there is 'See Me', the gorgeously weaving 102bpm swayer which by

far is his hottest track here! Thrown away as a flip. . .

THE GAP BAND 'Big Fun' (Total Experience FT 49780) Rush released wonderful Stevie Wonder-ish joyfully rambling 1103/3-1123/4-112-1133/3-1141/2-114-1121/2-1141/4bpm soul burbler in three main mixes here, this being the Mega Mix.

BEASTIE BOYS 'Licensed To III' LP (US Def Jam BFC 40238) The shouting white rappers' brilliant 0-96½ bpm 'Slow Ride' adaptation of War's 'Low Rider' is joined by the harder, much rockier 96½ bpm 'She's Continuous on the use over the solution of Use of the solution of Use of the use of





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Crafty' (copping guitar riffs from Led Zep's 'The Ocean'), the ponderously heavy 76bpm 'Rhymin & Stealin', 85½bpm 'Posse In Effect', 97bpm 'No Sleep Till Brooklyn', 98bpm 'Time To Get Ill' and the jauntily romping 138½bpm 'Girls' (reminiscent of the Coasters' version of Elvis Presley's 'Girls Girls Girls'), plus other released tracks, in an exciting mixture of rap, scratch and metal that's opened people's ears wide and become a talking point of 1986.

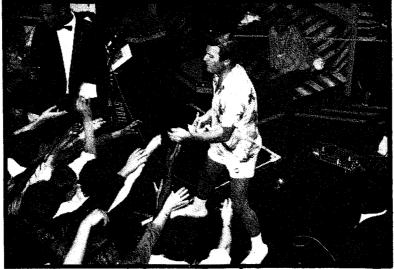
DAVIS/PINCKNEY PROJECT featuring Lorenzo Queen 'You Can Dance (If You Want To)' (Boiling Point POSPX 836) Drastically belated UK release for one of the best and most original go go hits ever, a subtly arranged 1031/6bpm jiggler with drily husky Lorenzo creating an insistent vocal swing (inst flip)

WIRED 'To The Beat Of The Drum' (US Underworld AP 124) The freshest house hit for a while, repeating the cliches but with slippery slickness, this instrumental clicks and ticks through three main versions at 122bpm, just the uncredited On The Burn Side's bonus beats being 124½bpm.

VARIOUS 'Bits & Pieces 87' (US Dynamite Mix 1004) Actually that's all the information on the label, in random order, this being the latest hot bootleg mixer, blending neatly through 'Rumors/Hungry For Your Love/Ain't Nothin' Goin' On But The Rent/Find A Way' at 0-112-111-110/2-115/2-114bpm and flipped by a c119 ... 1211/2bpm sequence of breaks

CURTIS HAIRSTON 'Curtis Hairston' LP (US Atlantic 81693-1) Emerging as the winners on a consistent set containing no immediate standouts, other than his 98½bpm 'Chillin' Out' hit, are the wriggly swaying 112½bpm 'The Morning After' with his patented self-duetted "female" voice (although it's not so much a song as a repeated title line), and the chunkily tripping 109½bpm 'Hold On (For Me)'. However, check also the urgent 118bpm 'Take Charge', purposeful 109½bpm 'Let Me Change Your Mind', smoochy 85¾bpm '(You're My) Shining Star', gospelish 113½bpm 'Cet's Make Love Tonight', slushy 0-60/30bpm 'All We Have Is Love'.

ARMENTA 'Tell Me (What You Need)' (US New Image NIR 2222) Darryl Payne continues his remix campaign with a new "1987" version of this at first rhythmically



TONY BLACKBURN takes the Radio London Soul Night Out into deepest Essex this Thursday (20), for the first time to Basildon Festival Hall, then next week (27) it's back into the smoke at Clapton's Dougies. Steve Walsh will also, of course, loom larger than life!

confused double-beating murkify juddering 1043/sbpm girl wailed nagger (inst flip), like a more soulful Shannon.

SHANNON 'Prove Me Right' (US Atlantic 0-86775) Pitched at a sultrier Grace Jones-ish level, the sometime electro-disco queen keeps letting this surging (0-)105-104³/4bpm burbler be dominated by the fluid bass and glib rock guitar (in four versions).

INDIAN OCEAN featuring Arthur Russell 'Treehouse/School Bell (Part 1)' (US Sleeping Bag Records SLX-23) Dinosaur L's eccentric Arthur is even stranger than 'Let's Go Swimming' on this loosely strung fast sparse 0-127½-126½-129-137bpm rhythm track full of bubbling bass, odd noises and Indian percussion, fascinating and experimental for only the most daring of DJs (two more equally erratic versions, as well).

NICE & WILD 'Diamond Girl' (US Atlantic 0-86778) Disjointedly edited and sampled, especially at the start, this racing urgent 126½bpm rattler (in three mixes) is a bit ricky tick for traditional UK tastes but could fit the house groove, sorta Puerto Rican Hi-NRG and huge in the US.

LES LEE 'Tell Me Can You Love Me' (US Mega Bolt MB-5557) Out for ages but still happening for some, this girl wailed jittery skittery (0-)115½bpm wriggler (dub/edit flip) has some familiar late Seventies touches (from 'Shame', or what?).

TONI SMITH 'Can't Stop (This Feeln')' (Lisson Records DOLEQ 4, via PRT) Princess meets Joyce Sims amidst emulator

chipmunks, with Tom Moulton's 1101/3bpm mix and 1081/3bpm dub being better than the ponderous 1091/3bpm A-side, though none are exactly inspired.

DIZZI HEIGHTS 'To The Sound Of The Drum And The Bass' (Parlophone 12R 6138) London's rapping hairdresser has fans, in places like Majorca, and by sounding un-American this noisy all-happening 110¾-0bpm jitterer could be considered a genuine expression of British hip hop-pop (inst flip).

RANDY CRAWFORD 'Desire' (Warner Bros W8583T) Despite the lovely but tempoless 'Almaz' being seven inch plug side, the bulk of the 12 inch contains three remixes of this chunkily chugging 112/sbpm snappy swayer tunefully sung to an appealing beat (the "Acappella" is really a Dub).

VESTA WILLIAMS 'Once Bitten Twice Shy' (A&M AMY 362) Although her LP's killer remains 'You Make Me Want To (Love Again)', this solidly rolling 110/sbpm mellow chugger has good lyrics and makes a more commercial debut single, sorta Chaka meets Janet (dub, and joltingly dragging 95½bpm 'My Heart Is Yours' flip).

SYLVIA STRIPLIN 'Give Me Your Love' (Music Of Life MOLIF 8, via Streetwave) One of the 80's Ladies, once again also bootlegged (irritatingly with the here not included far hotter 'You Can't Turn Me Away'), this Roy Ayers-produced aimlessly burbling 1103/sbpm looping lurcher from 1981 instead is legally flipped by the squeakily cloying 721/2-

Obpm 'Will We Ever Pass This Way Again' and jittery 117½bpm 'Look Towards The Sky', all pitched rather like vintage Barbara Mason.

TIPPA IRIE 'Panic Panic' (Greensleeves TIPPA T6) Far from reggae, this is an electronically juddered 106bpm bassy jitterer with Tippa's familiar talk-sing tones giving a sinister sounding though happily ending salutary warning to silly star-struck girls (dub/inst flip).

MAXI PRIEST 'Crazy Love' (10 Records TENT 135) Van Morrison's evocative classic adapted with no great difficulty to an occasionally spurting 77bpm reggae rhythm, very pleasant.

JENNY BURTON 'Do You Want It Bad Enuff' (US Atlantic 0-86766) Jeannie for 11 years now has been a powerful soul wailer, her voice more than the beat here selling this trickily starting 1141/sbpm swaying surger with a pleasant tune that tinkles through several lulls in the rhythm (dub/edit flip).

WOMACK & WOMACK 'Soul Love/Soul Man' (Manhattan 12MT 16) 'Love Wars' meet Sam & Dave at 1281/4bpm, sounding bright on pop radio, though far more interesting is the flip's Valentinos-accompanied amorphously muttered and crooned drifting dated 110/55bpm 'Your Man's On Fire', for real soul fans.

TRACY ACKERMAN 'Love Hangover' (Debut DEBTX 3012) Nellie Mixmaster Rochefort's production debut sticks boringly close to Diana Ross's dated 1976 arrangement but adds a naff new plodding 0-79½-111½-0bpm electronic beat — however, its very familiarity apparently causes screams of recognition in gay clubs (so why not use the original!).

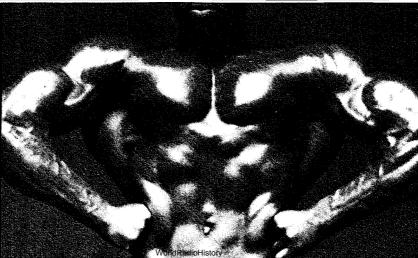
PRESSURE POINT 'Mellow Moods' (HardBack BOSS I) Reissued instantly familiar and still popular Astrud Gilberto-ish shuffling 151½-150½-149-150-0bpm South London samba featuring Jamie Talbot's alto sax, kicking off Streetwave's latest label.

THREE THE HARDWAY Featuring WHITE FLASH 'Hard Knox' (US Hardcore Records COX 1713) Run-DMC influenced starkly jolting jittery 84½bpm gangster rock rap, strong of its derivative type and hotter than the scratching, chiming and throbbing 0-88½bpm 'Heart Beat', and 'King Of Rock'-styled 88bpm 'This House Rocks' (instrumentals too).

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Well, Jazzy Jeff and MC Fresh Prince might have some laudable aims, but isn't their 'Girls Ain't Nothing But Trouble' just a heavy sexist shot?*

Discourse: John Godfrey

Humour is always at somebody else's expense, and when 'Girls Ain't Nothing But Trouble' first surfaced on the new Philly label Word Up, the joke sounded decidedly dodgy. After Just Ice's 'The Girl's A Slut', it seemed that rap was breaking out in a rash of misogyny that threatened to close some of the doors it was only just opening. The 'I Dream Of Jeanie' theme tune was the gimmick that pulled the punchline, but until Champion Records picked up on it for UK release, and Ice Cream T's answer-rap 'Guys Ain't Nothing But Trouble' was recorded for the B-side, you weren't sure whether to laugh or cry. In the meantime, you just danced.

Flown over from Philadelphia for the all-important 'Top Of The Pops' appearance, Jeffrey Townes' (aka DJ Jazzy Jeff) and Will Smith's (aka MC Fresh Prince) feet still hadn't touched the ground. Jeff had only scratched on two records before (for local rappers the Corner Boys and the Gazelle Boys), and this was Prince's first vinyl rap. Deposited in a hotel room, the 21-year-old DJ and the 18-year-old rapper were treating the interview conveyor belt with bemused enthusiasm. As is increasingly the case, US hip hop is finding the UK crossover easier than the intricate bridgebuilding required to enter the American charts. And anyway, the West Philly homeboys' three week old Ellesse sponsorship has to be justified somehow.

So who had the unfortunate experience with the girl?

Prince: "Me." Jeff: "Mostly him."

Prince: "Jeff just encouraged me to get into trouble. . . But the rhymes are as they are written. That's how the actual experience occurred. When we made the record we had no idea that people would take it so seriously. Someone said our record was sexist; that's the most ridiculous, stoopid thing I ever heard, 'cos if our record is sexist why would we answer our own record?"

Jeff: "The other thing is, if we are saying that girls are nothing but trouble, why didn't we rap in a LL Cool J or Schoolly D style? It was meant to be funny."

Point taken. From the first time Prince met Jeff, DJing at a block party and dividing his time between letting off steam with a fart spray aerosol can and cutting up the turntable, Prince knew he'd met a like mind. He joined in, dividing his time between the fart spray and the mic. They haven't stopped laughing since. But Jeff's always been a bit of a card

Jeff: "I've been DJing for 11 years. I started out as an apprentice to some older DJ. I used to call myself a bathroom DJ 'cos when they all had to go to the bathroom then I would go on. . Yeh, I was only 10 years old -I used to have to be in the house at 12, so I'd go to the bathroom at five minutes to 12 and climb out the window."

It was through pioneering Philly rapper Lady B that Jeff entered the New Music Seminar DJ contest in July. He knew about it, but had no idea how to enter until he was interviewed by Lady B on her local FM radio show the Wednesday before, and asked her on air. One phonecall and he found himself in New York. He won

Prince: "We're trying to change rap's hard image.'

Jeff: "We don't want to project an image that we're walking round with pistols like we're gonna beat people up. We try to make people laugh at our shows by going for realism. The way we feel is that people come to a show or party to have fun, and there's no better way to have fun than to make people laugh. So we attack from that point of view, instead of going in with our arms folded."

In Philadelphia, Jazzy Jeff and Fresh Prince are walking on precious limbs in a city where "the worst thing to be is soft - people think you're soft and they'll walk all over you"

Jeff: "But not everybody can portray the macho image - we're trying to hit all aspects of being either a hardcore rapper, a laid-back rapper or just one of the 'I'm a lover and I have 10 women and six cars' rappers."

Prince: "It's like Kurtis Blow's new record. . . He's trying to do the same thing. Instead of coming with the rap from one angle, he's going round the back way to show that you can come at it from this way or that way."

Either way, it ain't nothing but trouble for any rapper who decides to dis(respect) females. Some people, you see, have no sense of humour.

^{*} Part one of an 'rm state of hip hop ethics special'. See page 54 for part two

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