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BOYS KEEP SWINGING By David Bowie

Heaven loves ya
The clouds part for ya
Nothing stands in your way

When you're a boy (All the words inside) Picture Spread and LP Prizes



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Well I'm all revved up and ready you're a man and I'm a lady Better turn your eyes from this body of mine body or mine I don't want you to be shead of our time

Chorus
I'll say when to stop
Hey I'll call the shots Baby I'll say when Say when Repeat chorus

Well you look plenty of good to me Yeah you got plenty of energy And I know that you're big and strong But I'll be the boss so don't go

wrong Chorus twice

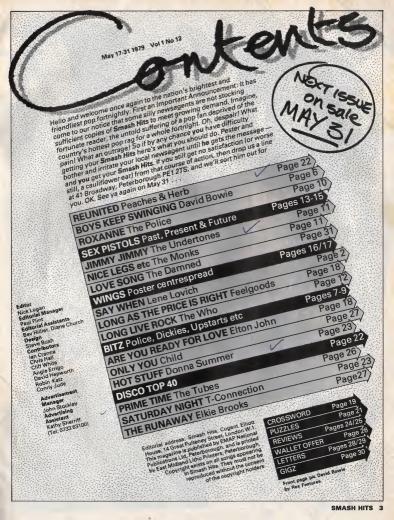
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Well I'm all revved up and ready You're a man and I'm a lady

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Une deux trois quatre cinq six seven eight nine ten Chorus twice

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## By David Bowie on RCA Records Heaven loves ya The clouds part for ya Nothing stands in your way When you're a boy Clothes always fit ya Life is a pop of the cherry When you're a boy When you're a boy You can wear a uniform When you're a boy Other boys check you out You get a girl These are your favourite things When you're a boy Cherus Boys Boys keep swinging Boys always work it out Uncage the colours Unfuri the flag Luck just kissed you hello When you're a boy They'll never clone ya You're always first on the line When you're a boy When you're a boy You can buy a home of your own When you're a boy Learn to drive and everything You'll get your share When you're a boy Repeat chorus Words and music by David Rowie and Brian Enn. Reproduced by permission Rewley Bros./Fleur/E. G. Music Ltd. SMASH HITS



The Police (I to r): Stewart Copeland, Sting, and Andy Summers. "Roxanne" has taken a full year to make the charts. The lyrics are on page 10.

THE BELATED ARRIVAL of "Roxanne" in the charts seems to indicate that Britain is finally waking up to The Police. Other countries, America in particular, realised quite a while ago that The Police are one of the strongest outfits to emerge from these islands in a fair while

PAUL SLATTERY

The band were formed by drummer and American exile Stewart Copeland in 1977, at the height of the punk boom. He'd left Curved Air, a moderately successful progressive band, to play his own kind of music loud rock'n'roll.

He brought Sting, The Police's singer, down from Newcastle where he'd been playing bass with a jazz rock combo, and with guitarist Henry Padovani they made a single called "Fall Out" for the independent Illegal Records, very much in the

standard punk mould. They then briefly became a four-piece with the addition of guitarist Andy Summers, a very talented music veteran who's worked with all kinds of people. The best known are probably those two English eccentrics. Kevin Coyne and Kevin Ayers.

After the next recording session, however, Henry

Padovani left and the current threesome started to record Sting's songs. ("Fall Out" had been one of Copeland's.) The Billy Idol style hair and the leather jackets have perpetuated the early punk image but The Police now play tough, reggae-influenced pop that makes for great singles.
"Roxanne" was in fact first

issued over a full year ago and was followed by the even better "Can't Stand Losing You", but both sank without trace. Having considerable faith in themselves, however, the band decided to make a stab at the States and undertook a low-budget tour of America's East Coast to promote their "Outlandos D'Amour" LP

The idea has since paid off handsomely. Both "Roxanne and the album are heading for their respective top tens at a high rate of knots, and the band have a strong following all over the U.S.

"Roxanne" has since been reissued in this country and all the radio stations who'd previously refused to play it because of their objections to lyrical content now decided to give it a go. Result: a hit

Interestingly enough, when "Can't Stand Losing You" first

appeared, it too was banned because the lyric threatens a sulcidel

The individual members of the band all have individual projects as well.

Stewart Copeland has found a

new outlet for his songs as Klark Kent, Hiding behind that alias he had a hit last year with "Don't Care'

Andy Summers makes use of his formal musical training - he studied in Los Angeles for several years - when he works with Eberhard Schoener, a classical musician with a laserium in Munich

Sting, meanwhile, has acting talents which have landed him work in TV commercials, in The Who's forthcoming 'Quadrophenia" movie (he plays

Ace the king mod), and in The Sex Pistols' "Rock'n'Roll Swindle" flick, where he strikes up an, er, intimate relationship with Paul Cook!

Together, The Police start a British tour on May 30. See Gigz. Over and out

#### **BLONDS** HAVE **MORE FUN** No. 2: Mike Oldfield

BACK IN January we told you how millionaire whizz kid and former shy guy Mike Oldfield was acting kinda strange and unusually extrovert. We can now explain why

Turns out the boy has been on a course of treatment called Excegis, a system of personality development which is supposed to free you of your previous inhibitions and make you en all-round happier person

With Oldfield, it's certainly produced a good deal of loon behaviour all over Europe on his current tour. After his nude osing and his switch to disco his latest move has been to dye his hair blond! Watch out, Billy



PIC: JILL FURMANOVSKY

# **UPSTARTS** Dickies Ridiculous **START UP**

THEY LOOK like the sort of heavy Geordies who open doors with their foreheads and eat rusty nails for breakfast. They are: Mensi (vocal and rabblerousing). Mond (guitar), Keith Warrington (drums) and Steve Forsten (bass

and ex-bricklayer). Mond was pinning a lot on the success of "I'm An Upstart" in the hope that he could at last leave his job as an electrician in the shipyards. Wonder if he's handed his cards in yet.

The Angelic Upstarts and controversy are rarely far apart. They are managed by a self-confessed."former gangster and ex-boxing champion and

their activities in the North East have often attracted the attention of the local constabulary.

snowballs. Some say this was because of the rather aggressive following that they attract, whereas The Upstarts insist that it was down to their championing of the cause of Liddle Towers, whose death while in police custody has been the subject of considerable argument and curiosity in the

Newcastle area for four years. Their first record was indeed "The Murder Of Liddle Towers". a tune that they still do on stage using a pig's head as a stage prop. (D'you think they'll get to do it on Top Of The Pops?)

The Upstarts started to make waves outside of their home base and were signed by Sham 69 singer Jimmy Pursey to his personal JP label. Jimmy produced "I'm An Upstart" and the track was all set to come out via Polydor Records when Mensi (Tommy Mensford) got into a punch-up with one of the company's security men outside the office building after the latter had asked him to stop throwing

Mensi and Pursey claim that they tried to stop the argument but the security man persisted. Consequently the band were thrown off the Polydor label and forced to find a home at Warner Bros, who have finally given a release to "I'm An Upstart" and are obviously pretty pleased with

the results All you can say for sure about The Angelic Upstarts is that it's unlikely you'll ever catch them swapping small talk with Tony Blackburn. Hope we never get on the wrong side of them!

## **Return of**

REMEMBER the face above? (Could you ever forget it?) it's the Wizzard man himself, Roy Wood, who, as we told you last time has been producing some new material for Darts. Now he's lined up to make his own return to recording and performing after a lengthy absence from the charts. His new band, Roy Wood's Rock Brigade, have a single appropriately called "We're On The Road Again" released this month on Automatic Records.

WE JUST wish we'd done it when we were 12 years old — form a band, that is! The object of our admiration is Greg Maguire, 12-year-old singer, guiterist and writer of Edinburgh band The Prats.
After only a couple of

rehearsals, Greg and the other Prats — Paul McLauglin (guiter), relation() and older brother Dave Maguire (drums) — decided they were ready to play in public. The Prats have since played a couple of local Rock Against Racism gigs to great applause. Now they're all set to appear on vinyl as well. The Prats have two tracks—

one recorded at home on a

MEET THE **PRATS** 

simple cassette recorder — appearing on "Earcom", a new idea from independent label Fast Product (Mekons, Human League, Gang Of Four etc.)

"Esrcom" combines a comic, a poster and a 12 Inch single into poster and a 12 Inch single into one package. Apart from The Prats, other northern bands included are Blank Students from Preston, Graph from Sheffield, and The Flowers from Edinburgh. Thera's also a very strange "Good Sculptures"!

You can write to The Prats and Fast Product at: PO Box 122, Head Post Office, Edinburgh EH3 9BD.

STIFF Little Fingers, Belfast

single. The title is "Gotta

punks, embark on a 20 date UK

Getaway" backed by "Bloody

bands starting out on British

Tiffeny's on May 30, then do

off their tour at Edinburgh

Sunday". See Gigz for dates. The Police. The Skids. Hi

Tension and Steel Pulse are other

tours this month. The Police kick

tour in May to promote their third



The Monks: Spot the folkie

#### Nice toon shame about the lyrics!

"NICE Leas, Shame About The Face" by The Monks, a toon that you're unlikely to hear down at the local Women's Lib disco, is in fact the work of two former members of folk rock bend The Strawbs.

They ere Richard Hudson and John Ford, the two gents who wrote The Strawbs' biggest hit, "Part Of The Union", and later had a hit as Hudson-Ford with "Burn Baby Burn"

They are currently polishing their Cockney yowel sounds and setting up as a working band with Terry Cassidy and Steve Barnacle. Could you take an album full of numbers like that

### SHORTS

OY OYI Ian Dury has finally tired of counting the royalties from "New Boots And Panties" and is putting out his first album for nearly two years on May 18. The title is "Do It Yourself" and a summer tour is currently being set up to promote it. Look out for the lyrics in Smash Hits and full concert dates as soon as we get them

THE END of May sees the release of a new ELO album, "Discovery". Advance orders from shops have already ensured pletinum status. Its predecessor,

"Out Of The Blue", has notched up a cool ten million in worldwide sales, one and a quarter million alone being purchased in Britain.

## the Wizzard

IN THE Steve Jones interview printed elsewhere in this issue, the boy lets it slip that he and Paul Cook have already lined up a lead singer for the re-formed Pistols.

The Prets (I to r): Greg, Tom, Paul and Dave.

Turns out he's a well known face who has to finish one more album with his current band before he will be free to join them. We honestly don't know who it is, although we can make a few wild quesses.

Names already mentioned around the office include Billy Idol, Jimmy Pursey, Barrie Masters, Wreckless Eric, Barry

White, Jeremy Thorpe, Stan Bowles or, in the last resort, John Lydon. Don't call us.

BUZZCOCKS have been lined up to play a free open-air concert in London's Hyde Park on Saturday, Aug 18, Guest acts, chosen by Buzzcocks, will be added to the hill nearer to that date

SHORTS

## By The Police on A&M Records Roxanne You don't have to put on the red light I loved ya since I knew ya I wouldn't talk down to ya I have to tell you just how I feal Those days are over You don't have to sell your body to the night I won't share you with another boy I know my mind is made up So put away your make-up You don't have to wear that dress tonight Walk the streets for money You don't care if it's wrong or if it's right Told you once, I won't tell you again It's a crime the way you . .

Repeat chorus to fade

Words and music by Sting. Reproduced by Permission Virgin Music.

Roxanne
Put on the red light
(Repeat last two lines x4)

Roxanne You don't have to put on the red light

You don't have to put on the red light

#### **Jimmy Jimmy**

By The Undertones on Sire Records

Little Mummy's boy He wasn't very old Though he was very small He did what he was told

Jimmy Jimmy Jimmy Jimmy. Oh Jimmy Jimmy Poor little Jimmy wouldn't let go

He'd stay awake at night Lying in his bed No-one ever listened To a single word he said

Repeat chorus Silly boy, silly boy

Silly boy, such a silly boy

Repeat chorus

Now little Jimmy's gone He disappeared one day But no-one saw the ambulance That took little Jim away

Repeat chorus to fade

Words and music by John O'Neill. Reproduced by permission Warner Bros. Music.





#### By The Monks on Carrere Records

Met her on a blind date Helping out an old mate Waiting at the corner, she'd be dressed in black There was I expecting a really tasty bird He said she was good looking Why should I doubt his word When I saw her there she was a real disgrace I thought nice legs shame about her face

I had to take her dancing I couldn't let her down So we caught the bus to the other side of town Out upon the dance floor I wasn't getting far So I had a drink With my friends up at the bar I asked them what they thought of her, they fell

about the place And they said nice less shame about her face

She said could we go bowling I said that would be fine But when I bought the tickets She'd already changed her mind She was turning out to be a real hard case Nice legs shame about the boat race

Downed her gin and soda Tapped me on the shoulder Whispered in my ear it's getting kind of late When I took her home we hardly said a thing I walked her to her door Expecting to go in She looked me up and down and really put me

in my place She said nice legs shame about your face Nice legs shame about your face

Words and music by John Ford and Richard Hudson. Reproduced by permission Arnakata Music



By The Who on Polydor Records

Down at the Astoria the scenes was changing Blues and rode were pushing out x rating Blues and rode were pushing out x rating And find the distance to the stage too far Meanwhile it's getting late at ten o'clock Rock is dead they say long live rock.

Littles

Long live rock I need it every night

Long live rock come on and join the line

Long live rock be it dead or alive

People walk in sideways pretending that

tapps, waik in alcoways pretationing that they're leaving We put on our make-up and work out all the

Jack is in the alley selling tickets made in Hong Kong Promoters in the pay box, wondering where the

band's gone
Back in the pub, the guv'nor stops the clock
Rock is dead they say — long live rock

Aughent Chorus
Landslide rocks a-failling
Coming down round our very heads.
We tried but you were yawning
Look again rock is dead
Rock is dead rock is dead

The place is really jumping to the Hi-Watt amps Till a twenty inch cymbal fell and cut the lamps in the black-out they dance right into the aisle. And as the doors fly open even the promoter

Someone takes his pants off and the rafters

Rock is dead they say — long live rock Long live rock (repeat x7)

Repeat chorus

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Top right: From the upcoming Who film "Quadrophenia" (Fic by Sheilg Rock) Above: Vintage Who



## **Past, Present and Future**

**By David Hepworth** 

"Find yourself four kids. Make sure they hate each other. Make sure they can't play." --Malcolm McLaren, former Sex Pistols manager, from "The Great Rock 'n' Roll Swindle".

TEVE JONES remembers w Johnny Rotten plain John Lydon as he was — joined the Sex Pistols, used to come into Malcolm's and I saw him and I said to lm, 'He looks like a good - ask him.' Next time he e in Malcolm asked him. He ad his hair all different colours nd he had this Pink Floyd T-shirt

on with the words 1 HATE written across it. It had all holes in it. He had so much charisma. As if you didn't know, this John Lydon — renamed Rotten because of his green teeth but then just another kid from a North London council estate was to become one of the most famous and notorious faces in the history of popular music.

The very mention of his name soon to send parents wild with disgust the length and with disgust the length and to breadth of the country, and to provide the popular press with enough shockhorror headlines to

For a year the Sex Pistols were the most talked-about band in e world. They rejuvenated a deously dull music scene, and nspired thousands of other young musicians to form groups hose groups inspired others in rn, with the result that — two ars after the Pistols bust-up pop music has never been so althy, so varied, so full of exciting new ideas. It was the Pistols who started the half

For a group that played only 50 British gigs in all and cut only one proper album, they were remarkably influential, lending more support to the point of view that the best way to get allead in the rock business is to be as outrageous as humanly

possible. Upset the parents the rest will be plain sailing!

STEVE Jones, guitarist, and Paul Cook, drummer, are the only two left from the original line-up. Their friendship dates back to when they were at school together at the Christopher Wren Comprehensive in the West London district of Shepherds Bush. Legend has it that they supported themselves after leaving school with a little petty thicking and a succession of short-term jobs (Paul was a qualified electrician) For amusement they used to

For amusement they used to hang around a shop in Kings Road, Chelsea, called 'Sex', a boutique that specialised in outlandish clothing for posers. 'Sex' was owned by Malcolm McLaren, a sharp operator who had previously dabbled in pop in carly 1975 when he manage trailblazing American glam/punk band the New York Dolls in their last days. The sleazy but stylish Dolls were held in the highest esteem by Jones and Cook, and also by an art college kid named Glen Matlock who served in 'Sex'

on Saturdays.

Matlock played bass and Cook
had some ability as a drummer. so a band was formed under the name of The Swankers. A shadowy figure called Wally was the guitarist at the time and Steve Jones was the singer.

Says Steve: "Well, I could never remember words and so I decided to play guitar. We got rid of Wally and got Rotten. We rehearsed for about six months before we did our first gig. We couldn't play and the sound coming out was diabolical. Rotten had never been on a stage

at all." Since the break up it has become increasingly difficult to get straight answers out of anyone involved with the Pistols project as to who was responsible for this or that

aspect of their success and meteoric rise.

Some say McLaren was the mastermind. Others say it was Rotten. Some say that Glen Matlock wrote all the tunes, a claim that Steve Jones disputes by pointing out that the Rich Kids (Matlock's current band) haven't

exactly had numerous hits. Anyway, it was evidently McLaren's idea to make the band so repellent that they couldn't be

THE FIRST gigs took place at the end of 1975 in a number of strange London venues. Often they had bottles and other missiles thrown at them. But soon they had attracted a fan following who identified with the band's aggressive front and their strange clothes.

The most passionate Pistols fans were known as The Bromley Contingent. Among them were Siouxsie Sioux, at that time a humble Beckenham waitress.



FIC: CHALKIE DAVIES and John Ritchie, later to get the name Sid Vicious for arguing with journalists with the aid of a bike-chain during the infamous 100 Club Punk Festival. That was in the summer of 1976 when the whole movement suddenly found itself more than a bunch of

isolated pockets of weirdness. McLaren set up a £40,000 recording contract with EMI and the band launched themselves on a nationwide tour with The Clash and Buzzcocks, after releasing their first single "Anarchy In The UK", in November 1976.

By this time the popular press were starting to take notice and write stories about hordes of spitting hooligans with safety pins through their noses breaking up local halls. And when the Pistols swore at Bill Grundy during that famous live TV interview, local councils reacted in predictable fashion by banning many of the gigs and thereby playing directly into the hands of McLaren by lending an even greater air of mystery to the

The next day they were on the front page of every rag in the country and questions were being asked in Parliament, EMI cancelled their contract and the Pistols couldn't have been too displeased, seeing as it allowed them to keep the large sum of money they'd been given and search out a new deal.

A&M Records stepped in and

signed them, only to drop them like a hot brick a few days later after giving them yet another large sum of money (£75,000). It was at this point, Jones remembers, that he first realised he was a member of the biggest band in the country. By this time Matlock had departed to start the Rich Kids and Rotten had insisted that he be replaced by his mate Sid Vicious, a non-musician who had to be taught to play bass. Their next move was to Virgin Records for £50,000.





Early shot of Pistols with fans. Top left Nils Stevenson Inow manager of Banshees) and Steve Jones. Top right. Sinuxsie Sioux when she was a Beckenham waitress and Pistols fan Next to her is Banshee Steve Severin. In the middle are Paul Cook and



'God Save The Queen' "Pretty Vacant" and "Holidays In The Sun" followed "Anarchy" into the upper reaches of the chart, surely some of the most dynamic rock singles ever

recorded. To promote the "Never Mind The Bollocks" album (as if it needed promoting) McLaren took advantage of the local authority bans to launch the group on a secret tour. They popped up unannounced in various provincial halls playing under the names like The Spots This was in accord with his idea that very few people should get to see them. He wanted to make the Sex Pistols into a legend and a myth. He succeeded. Steve Jones reckons that by

this time the seeds of their destruction had been sown within the band.

"We just weren't writing songs anymore. We'd done the same set for two years. None of us were speaking to each other. Me and Paul did but nobody else."

Steve claims that he used to regularly present Rotten with tunes and ask him to put words to them but the latter was too busy being a superstar to do any

By the time of their first tour of America, Sid's heroin addiction had reached crippling proportions and the band were forced to stay in out-of-town hotels so that he couldn't go out and buy drugs: "He was out of it all the time. He didn't know if he was coming or going.

Sid R.I.P.

The legend goes that Rotten left the band in San Francisco after refusing to go along with McLaren's plan to fly down to Rio to record with Ronnie Biggs.

Rotten insisted it was a stupid idea but Steve reckons he just didn't like the idea of the heat. Sid wasn't fit to make the trip and so Jones and Cook travelled and recorded "No One Is Innocent (The Biggest Blow)" with the escaped Great Train Robber and, as far as many were concerned, the Sex Pistols had

scraped rock bottom. "He was a right laugh. I'd like to do some more with him," recalls Steve. "It's not everyday that you get a criminal singing on

THE REST you must know. The tawdry end of Sid Vicious: gone the way all junkies go, proof positive that there is nothing glamorous or clever about hard drugs. Self-inflicted wounds. **Botten forming Public Image.** The court case and everybody suing everybody else. The soundtrack album of "The Great Rock 'n' Roll Swindle". McLaren fleeing to France, with the film left in the hands of The Official Receiver: No-one knows if it will ever be seen. Debts. Lawyers. It's always the same in the end.



PIC SHEILA ROCK

Jones and Cook, the two least controversial figures in the whole drama, are left with no manager and even less money. Steve has sold his car and travels around on a pushbike. Still, "Silly Thing" is a hit single and so he's determined to carry on as best he

He and Paul have found a new singer for the band, somebody well-known whose name cannot be revealed at this point, and when the mystery crooner is free of his current commitments. they'll get a bass player and go out on tour for the first time in two years or more. They'll be called The Pistols The dynamic due have also been recently helping ex-Runaway Joan Jett to cut a

solo single in London, a revival of an ancient Lesley Gore hit from the early Sixties called "You Don't Own Me' Steve now sits at home and

in the studio in Rio. Paul Cook.

Ronnie Biggs, Stave Jones Malcolm McLaren

listens to his old Tamla Motown records and plans for the relaunch of The Pistols.

WE ASKED him whether he thought he was living off a legend that would be better left dead and buried.

"I was a Pistol just as much as anyone else. Every other sod's trying to make dough out of it. Why shouldn't we? I could never go back to a job after this. It'd be impossible. I'd go mad. This is the easiest way to make a living.



#### **Are You Ready For Love**

By Elton John on Rocket Records

Catch a star if you can Wish for something special Let it be me My love is free

Sing a song to yourself Think of someone listening One melody You're all for me

I'll write a symphony

Let me love you

Just for you and me If you let me love you I'll paint a masterpiece Just for you to see If you let me love

Are you ready? Are you ready for love? Yes I am, are you? Are you ready? Are you ready for love? Yes I am, are you?

Are you ready?
Are you ready for love? (love)
Ooch cook beby

You're the one, like the sun Shine your love around me You'll always be The one for me

Say the word and I'll be there

Loving you forever Don't let me go Just sey it's so

We'll hear the music ring From the mountain tops To the valley below us We'll serenade the world With a lullaby So the angels will know us Angels will know us

Repeat chorus

Oooh oooh baby (x3)

Are you ready? Are you ready for love? Yes I am, are you? Are you ready Are you ready for love?

Yes I am, yes I am, yes I am, yes I am, yes I am,

Repeat chorus to fade

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#### As Long As The **Price Is Right**

By Dr. Feelgood on United Artists Records

Looking for a good time Wanna see the town
'Cos I'm the man to show you around
if money talks I wanna hear it sing
If you've got the readies then I'll swing

As long as the price is right (x3) if you've got no bread you're as good as dead

Backroom card game an ace in the hole There's big money rocking and I bet my soul I've seen the movie and I've read the book And I don't need no second look





... which is another way of saving that we've got 25 copies of the amazing new David Bowie album, "Lodger", to give away as prizes in this issue. You know the score: the first correct entry opened after the closing date gets the radio cassette recorder, plus a cassette of David's album. The next 25 correct entries opened each get a copy of "Lodger". Ballpoints poised? Then take in a "Lodger today . . .

**ACROSS** 

#### 1 The Keep On Dancin' mob

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  16 Vabel on which you'll find

  Look Blots of the Moder (14.5)

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- 17 Group not given to telling
- the truth? 18 Helen, "Angle Baby" hit maker
- 19 Once pertner to Wild Willy Barrett, he's now making it on his own (4.5)
- 21 & 31 across A 1979 chart topper (6,6)
- 23 Tinny sounding Berman
- 24 Initially they've seen the light (1, (1))
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  27 This is it man
- 28 "--- Of The Cat" Was a 1977 single by Al Stewart 30 Barry, Copacabana man

#### 31 See 21 across

#### DOWN

1 Chart instruction from Gene Chandler (3,4)

- 2 Speedy or not, they haven't-
- stopped dancin yet

  8. 10 down Former Roxy
  man who has worked with

- map who has worker with Bowie 4 he co-wrote the new single 4 main part of Ekris' Armed Forces 7.40
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- 7 War go into reverse to produce a miner record label
- 10 See 3 down 11 Award won by gacross
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- 13.1.5. soul/disco-troup (phytously made for broadcasting! 13 Err once for "Super Neture"
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- 17 Sign that Saver singer was
- 19 Could be doe, could be (Michael
- 20 Ataste of this has produced disco hits 22 Do vou think he's sexy?
- 25 What pert of the Circle features in the charts?
  26 Probably 69 vintage
  29 Don't ask y but this follows

Answers to crossword No. 10

AGROSS: 1 Siouxsia; 8 Valley "Into The Valley" or "Valley Of The Dolls"); 7 "[Ever Fallen (In Lova)"; 13 (John) Pee); 14 (Peter) Tosh; 15 "(Everybody's) Happy (Novadays)"; 16 Rockey Sharpe; 18 Bryan (Ferry); 19 ELO; 20 "(Rock in Roll Lova) Letter"; 22 "(Bristol) Stomp"; 23

Bryan (Ferry); 19 ELD; 20 (nock in non Love) Letter; 22" (prison bount); 25 (ki (Jensen); 24 Heatwave; DOWN; 1 Sylvester; 2 "Oliver's Army"; 3 Eve (Graham); 4 "(Spirits Having) Flown"; 5 Kenny Everett; 8 (Mark) Laff; 9 Village People; 10 "(Can You) Feel The Force"; 11 Sex Pistols; 17 "Can You (Feel The Force"; 18 Black (Sabbath); 21 Tina (Turner).

Winners of crossword No. 10 are on page 28



#### How to enter Simply solve our crossword

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g to go as well but her mates' van way and poor Bev ended up back that's what.

te of a holiday camp

( About 4,000 discomaniacs turned up, helf bent on having a fabilious time, which they certainly did — Chris Hill, Robbie Vincent, Greg Edwards, Jeff Young breaks for sleep in between) to the endless boogle supplied by ten of the top southern jocks, including from 8pm on Friday till 6pm on Sunday (with short

events going on to keep everyone on their toes, like Wally Awards, Dance Contests and, blush blush, the The music was running simultaneously in three the Fancy Dress Ball, Banner Parades, Toga Party, on-camp dance halls, where there were many silly Sean French and Froggy.

were similar frolics, including mixed football, the Soul Jog, a drag race and a treasure hunt along the beach Outside the dance halls during the daytime there Vaughty Underwear Party.

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RIDE THE GROOVE PLAYERS ASSOCIATION 16 PICK ME UP I'LL DANCE MELBA MOORE MIEW AIN'T THAT LOVIN' YOU DENNIS BROWN

HOT STUFF DONNA SUMMER

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'throwing Chris Hill into the sea with all his clothes Everyone who attended the weekender was on". (Chuckle, chuckle.)

accommodation depending partly, I think, on pot luck where they could cook their own meals if they wanted accommodated in chalets of some sort; the type of and partly on the size of the booking. For instance, to. For those that couldn't or didn't want to cook pedroom-chalets with bathroom/toilet facilities, chalets with a dining room, telly and kitchenette, other larger groups were in four or more person

More important, everyone had a great weekend and there were three or four sources of food, from fish 'n' October 12-14. Total cost, including accommodation weekend away from home (check it out with your parents, okay?), I can heartly recommend the next e puede to spend a and entertainment, is £15 per person, and you can there was no trouble. Good on yer, disco dancers.

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DONNA SUMMER: Hot Stuf

## **Hot Stuff**

#### By CLIFF WHITE

BOOGIE oogie, boogie oog oogie, boo . . . oh! Hello again. Sorry about that, you caught me practising my sideways hip-breaker with the step-over eg-lock, back-flip and triple-spin finale. Yes, in this ish of your lavourite music mag, disco rules. lut don't go away rock fans, there's something coming up for you too. First though, I'm bursting to tell you about four of the big hits at the Caister Disco/Soul Weekender, which I'm sure are going to be smash pop hits as well.

McFADDEN & WHITEHEAD: Ain't No Stopping Us Now (Philadelphia Int. 12in). In the wake of several other successful backroom boys who've become stars in their own right (Chic. Chanson, Raydio, for instance), two of Philadelphia's most respected gents, who've written nammoth hits for the likes of The O'Jays and Harold Melvin & The Bluenotes, step upfront with an resistible chant that has the same sort of joyous feel to it as unkadelic's "One Nation". If it loesn't get you smiling and lancing, call a doctor mmediately. You must be very

EDDY GRANT: Living On The Frontline (Ensign 12in). Tough lyric, heavy reggae-beat ensation from the ex-leader of The Equals, featuring simple but iffective synthesizer parts, fine guitar work and a great lisco-style production. Dunno whether 'roots' reggae fans will like it but the dancers at Caister loved it. I think you will too.

ARTH, WIND & FIRE with THE MOTIONS: Boogle Wonderland CRS 12in colour sleevel. When one of the finest bands in the



world, who are already renowned for their superlative productions and great musicianship, make a record that is specifically aimed at discos - and then bring in their well known soul sisters to help out - you know the result has got to be a smash. They have, and it is.

PHILLY CREAM: Jammin' At The Disco (Fantasy 12in). Hey, the Philly Sound is really starting to come back strong, isn't it? On this one, several different Philly groups/artists have got together for an infectious party-time track with more than a nod towards reggae. Last one on the floor is a party peoper.

More good disco stuff coming up later. Meanwhile . .

**ELVIS COSTELLO: Accidents Will** Happen (Radar). In the interests of public harmony and goodwill to all. I have no comment to make about this track from El's "Armed Forces" album except to tell you it is now available on single, and that the two songs on t'other side, "Talking in The Dark" and "Wednesday Week", were previously only issued on a imited-edition flexi-disc. A hit.

THE CLASH: The Cost Of Living (CBS EP, pic bag), here's a controversial little item that might have a few Clash fans scratching their heads in amazement. Two of the tracks are familiar enough - a great version of The Crickets/Bobb Fuller Four oldie, "I Fought The Law", which our lads heve been performing on stage for some time, and a re-recording of "Capital Radio", which they previously cut for a rare promotional disc. "Gates Of The West" and 'Groovy Times" are very unusual sounds though, particularly the latter, which could almost be a late-60s track from an American pop/rock band (except for Joe Strummer's unmistakable tones!!

PATTI SMITH GROUP: Frederick (Arista). Patti has been getting a lot of stick from her original admirers for "selling out" and going pop. I think they're being short-sighted (not to mention cloth-eared). This is an excellent sample of her new work with producer Todd Rundgren (taken

Interesting, to say the least.

from the "Wave" album) that is similar in mood to "Because The Night". If you liked that, this'll grab you too.

THE RUMOUR - Emotional Traffic (Stiff, red, orange or green vinyl, pic bag). Much stronger than their recent laid-back flop, "Frozen Years", this excellently produced, spirited performance of e good song should see Graham Parker's mates into the lower reaches of the charts providing they can get some radio play

THE INVADERS: Girl's In Action (Polydor, pic bag) Some fairly average poprockin' from a new quartet, produced by Jimmy Pursey. The group sound as if they have potential but their songs are nothing

**BLONDIE: Sunday Girl** (Chrysalis 12in, pic bag). Back to catchy, new wave pop/rock after their brief visit to disco city. Both the topside and "I Know But I Don't Know" on the flip are remixed tracks from the group's Parallel Lines" album: the 12in version also contains a French rerecording of "Sunday Girl". C'est bon.

> Debbie Harry strolis nonchalantly through the Smash Hits reviews page. No her to worry what Cliff White might her. Pic by Adrian Boot

JERRY LEE LEWIS: Don't Let Go (Elektra). Controlled but solid from one of the original wild men of rock. Now In his forties. 'The Killer' can still boogie harder than a lot of younger guys - as this brand new recording proves.

EDWIN STARR: H.A.P.P.Y. Redio (20th Century 12In). Edwin knows



#### By RED STARR

what his British fans want to hear better than most other Americans and it sounds as if he's got the formula right again with this boisterous chunk of disco-mix, which is like a cross between "Contact" and one of his earliest hits, "Headline News".

DONNA SUMMER: Hot Stuff (Casablanca 12in). After the relative calm of her last single it's back to basics for the queen of the discos, who will no doubt be riding this solid dance hit up the charts by the time I've finished typing this sentence. Zappppli That she blows, cap'n.

THE REGULARS: Fools Game (CBS). British-based reggae group with a nice line in romantic harmonies and subdued. uncluttered accompaniment. If you like Dennis Brown you'll probably go for this too. I think it's the sort of sound that reggae experts call 'lovers rock'.



LOOKING forward to nice, sympathetic reviews, are you? Well balanced, inoffensive comments? Not your day, is it?

VILLAGE PEOPLE: Go West (Mercury). Ah hal Are the Village ple starting to run out of ideas? The songs are much weeker and their cheerful character has degenerated into a shout-along, stomp-along cliche. Not only that, but "YMCA" has had to be dragged in from their last album to pad this one out. Over the hill already? Best trax: "In The Navy", "Go West". (5 out

FATBACK BAND: Brite Lites/Big City (Polydor). The New York "Bus Stop" crowd return with three long tracks per side. Side one is party-funk, unimaginative but danceable. Side two is lighter disco-music and much batter but overall there's only one really good track - the superb new "(Do The) Boogle Woogle" single. Stick with that 45 and save

your pennies. Best trax: "(Do The) Boogle Woogle", "Wild Dreams", (5 out of 10).

SLEEPY LA BEEF: Beefy Rockebilly (Charly). Hmmm. Over 6 foot tell and 19 stone - I think I'll say several nice things about this currently touring American rockabilly guitarist. Actually, this is an effortless collection of oldies and a reminder how close rockabilly is to country music. OK for fanatics but hardly electrifying for the uncommitted. Best trax: 'Corine Corine", "I'm Gonna Be A Wheel Somsday". (5 out of 10).

FREDDIE 'FINGERS' LEE: Freddie 'Fingers' Lee (Charly). Rockabilly British style from this Newcastle based Jarry Lee Lewis soundalike, who also wrote all but one of the songs. This is fun In small doses but proves rather unmemorable afterwards. Agein this is just OK - too much like museum music for me. Hey Charly - how about putting together a good and varied sampler rockabilly album for beginners? Best trax: "I'm A Nut", "I'll Come Back". (5 out of

Simple Minds: Pick Of The Week, British Division,



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THE FALL: Live At The Witch Trials (Step Forward). Incompetent or invigorating? I'll go for the latter as the darlings of the John Peel set arrive In provocative style on an independent label. Hard and uncompromising but energetic and almost tuneful - oddly this is near to both mainstream rock and pure punk. Like they say, a rebellious jukebox. Seek this out. Best trax: "Rebellious Jukebox", "Two Steps Back", (7 out of 10).

DOLL BY DOLL - Remember

(WEA/Automatic). Despite the

lack of immediate impact and

instantly memorable tunes, this

Intriguing new band led by gypsy Jackie Leven looks a good future

bet to me. The lyrica are dark and

morbid, the music tight and

dense and the whole effect is

gradually hypnotic. The Valvet

Underground of the '80's? Best trex: "Butcher Boy", "Sleeping

(Vertigo). Nice sleeve --- sheme

Pertners". (7 out of 10).

THIN LIZZY: Black Rose

about the rest. The lack of

memorable melodies is a

handicap and the ambitious

doubtless Lizzy fans will be

blend of traditional tunes in the

title track is an unholy mess, but

familier hard rock style. For the

BRITISH PICK OF THE WEEK: SIMPLE MINDS: Life in A Day

(Arista/Zoom). A very strong debut album from an exceptionally talanted new Scottish band who are certainly destined for the top. Though occasionally overdecorated and missing the urgency of their live shows, this is still a superb blend of old and new waves into punchy, imaginative mainstream rock with some classic songs. Get it! Best trax: "Someone" "Chelsea Girl", (8 out of 10),

AMERICAN PICK OF THE WEEK:

THE TUBES: Remote Control

(A&M). This American outfit are

best known for their outrageous

sattrical stage shows, but they're

also a very fine hard rock band in

their own right. This is a skilful

theme album about TV - clever

and attractive, good songs and

production, and enough energy

to shrivel any heavy metal band.

Great stuff. Best trax: "Turn Me

On", "Prime Time", (8 out of 10).

happy with this reworking of their rest of us - nothing new. Ho Hum. Best trax: "With Love", "Do Anything You Want To". (6 out of

#### **Prime Time**

By The Tubes on A&M Records

Come fly with me What are you waiting for Come fly with me Don't waste a minute more

Chorus
I'll give you my prime time
I'm saving my prime time for you
Give you my prime time
I'm saving my prime time for you

Go anywhere
Still you can call on me
And I'll be there
Just say the word and see

Repeat chorus

Don't be shy
I would never hurt you
I have had my eye on you
For such a long long time

You know I'm always here if you should need me if you want a dream come true I'm the one you should see

I'm waiting here cooh For no one else but you Come closer dear ooh That's all you have to do

Repeat chorus

I'm waiting hare
For no one else but you
Come closer dear
That's all you have to do

Repeat chorus to fade

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#### The Runaway

By Fikie Brooks on A&M Records

She packed her things in her carpet bag She left home, never looking back Taking care to cover up her tracks Stopping over 'til she made a wage Telling no one she was under age A number on a missing persons page

Rings on her fingers Paint on her toes She shall have music Wherever she goes On her transistor radio Runaway . . . runaway Runaway . . . runaway

Darkness falls and finds her on her own The sparkling highway just keeps rolling on She's a thousand miles from home Dropping coins into a telephone But all that answers is a ringing tone Sometimes it seems the whole world's not at home

Rings on her fingers Paint on her toes She shall have music Wherever she goes On her transistor radio Runaway . . . runaway

Runaway . . . county lines and APB's, nothing stops her being free

Runaway . . . she will wander where she pleases Runaway . . . her folks will always wonder why She never stopped to say good-bye Runaway . . . back at home they sit and sigh

Runaway . . . a steady job, a nice young man They thought they had her future planned Runaway . . . they could never ever understand Runaway . . . family doctors, potions and pills Runaway . . . hold no cure for the small town girl Runsway . . . she don't fit in the small town world

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#### **Only You**

By Child on Ariola Records

You're my dream come true My one and only you

Only you can make this world seem right Only you can make the darkness bright Only you and you alone Can thrill me like you do And fill my heart with love For only you

Only you can make this change in me For it's true you are my destiny When you hold my hand I understand the magic that you do You're my dream come true My one and only you

You're my dream come true My one and only you

Only you can make this change in me For it's true you are my destiny When you hold my hand l understand the magic that you do You're my dream come true My one and only you

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Lively stars have kept you jumpin' ground lately. Things get more relaxed now - but don't go to sleep on those terrific ideas - they can lead you onto a lucky trail

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nev 22) TAURUS (Arte 21-May 21) Little problems could could get a Planets in your sign give you that whole lot bigger unless you nip extra boost to get you where you them in the bud. In all areas keep want to go. Your appeal is high and brings you a new friendship which the record straight, in your personal

SAGITARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 22) GEMINI (May 22-June 21) It is what others are up to that will A New Moon in Gemini means a be important for a few weeks. Your favours and fortunes will depend on new beginning - some way or other! Take some time to figure out them so do your best to co-operate what you are really aiming for then don't be afraid to ask some CAPRICORN (Dec 23-Jan 26)

CANCER Llume 22-July 231 Extra money, so get yourself something you really want Signs too, that a secret wish is coming true. Don't forget a special anniversary - it could make all the

LEO (July 24 Aug 23) The 26th brings an important meeting, the 28th a secret tip Everything is oning for you and it's a sparkling scene if you're out to have un and make conquests. Explore all possibilities if you feet

VIRGO (Aug 24 Sect 23) If born around the 1st you could be eeling confused just now. All

Crossword No. 10

Radio Cassette winner: Susar Dexter, Whitwell, Nr. Workson

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Winners

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Virgos must hold on to dreams and build on them. A whole lot of luck is

LIBRA (Sept 24 Det 23)

and you can be choosy now!

Friendships and luck go hand in

surprised how people will respond

A shy person in your group needs some help. Why not be the upp to

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 Feb 19)

good sense without criticism

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 21)

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Don't fret about a cash problem, share it with a relative. You'll get

generosity too. A good time for

it's time for a change of pace - or

scenery. Frash activities, new ideas

and involvements will add some zig

PUZZLE

ANSWERS

IN ISSUE No. 10 there was a little misunderstanding about Blondie's "Heart Of Glass", Well. on my birthday I received two singles, both "Heart Of Glass" On the first single the lyrics were just as you printed them, but on the second it was as "The devoted Blondie fan of St. Ives'

described it. And when I bought "Parallel Lines" the words and orchestral arrangement in "Heart Of Glass" were exactly the same as the

second single. I figured it out to be because one of them was a disco single and the other was an ordinary single, 'cos one lasted longer than the other, I suppose I'm wrong, but can you think of any other evolenation? Rachel Berrisford, Woodhouse.

Not at all, Rachel - you're absolutely right. There are actually three versions of "Heart Of Glass" currently on the go. No. 1 is the 7 inch single which clocks in at 3 mins 54 secs with words as we printed them. No. 2 is the 12 inch single which lasts 5 mins 50 secs and contains the words "to be a pain in the ass" Instead of "had a heart of glass" in the second last verse. Lastly, there is the album version which lasts 3 mins 54 secs but contains the "pain in the ass" lyrics. All

I WOULD just like to thank you for printing such a super mag because Tuesday night at 5 o'clock is the only time my big brother is nice to me. He gives me 10p extra pocket money if I let him read Smash Hits first, so instead of getting 50p | elways get 60p. Thanks again! Angela Burridge, Fulwell, Sunderland. Good one! Now try getting up

clear now? Thanks to everybody

alse who wrote in to help with

this one.

early and intercepting any letters from his girl friend. They should be worth at least 50pl REGARDING THE letter in issue

10 from David Moore. If he is the world's greatest liar as he says in his P.S., he might be lying about that - which would mean that his first four sentences would be true. Think about It.

Joking apart, your mag is truly great and beats all other word mags hands down. Keep up the great work.

Chris Manning, Yateley, Surrey. PS. Is it a Sir or a Madam we write to at letters? Hang on while we have a look . . . . Actually, it's a

SMASH HITS is great, the best one I've seen

Where've you been hiding? Where have you been? I've waited and waited - until now that in

For songwords and posters. reviews and gigz So now that you're here I'd just

like to say As far as mags go, you're ace, okav?

Jannette Petitiean, Blyth. Northumberland Well said that girl. Watch out though, 'cos here comes Peter Owens and he's not happy . . . .

I THINK Smash Hits is a splendid journal, but the letters absolutely ruin it. I hate the "I fink your mag is the greatest mag in the world and my mates love it" crap. Why can't they be sensible questions as in the football magazine Shoot's 'Ask The Expert'? I wonder if anyone else agrees with my view? Peter Owens, Old Oxted, Surrey

I HAVE every copy of your mag. and I think it's the best thing since sliced bread. One of the things that pleases me most is the fact that in your letters column you not only print good letters about your mag, but you also print letters that point out mistakes in crosswords and facts about pop stars where you are sometimes

I don't think there is any other music mea that dere do this. This is just why I and I am sure many other people think your mag is already the No. 1 mag in the UK. Darren Gibbs, Northfield, Birmingham.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON** producing an excellent, colourful pop mag. However, I have a complaint to make. In your recent article about Squeeze, lan Cranna says "punks they aren't. All are excellent musicions for instance". Has Mr. Cranna never heard of the Buzzcocks, Jam or

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## LETTERS

Write to Smash Hits at 41 Broadway, Peterborough PF1 1RY. If we haven't replied to your letter yet, please be patient. We're trying hard to clear our mountain of mail.

The Clash? While I agree that there are some punk groups who display a maximum of musical quality, this is no condition to say that no punk groups are excellent musicians. Some of them arel

Otherwise super mag. Paul Smith, Southport Mersevside.

I HAVE had many arguments with my friends at school and still we have not come to a decision . . . could you heln? Are the Boomtown Rats "Punk" or "New Wave" or what? David Luckett, Salop.

IN THE album section Red Starr says The Skids are "rock 'n' roll". but I have been told they are Punk. Who is right, my pals or Red Starr? Next, as Smash Hits Is the best informed mag out, could you print a log of The Jam's

Dave Moores, Lees, Oldham. Punk, New Wave, Rock 'n' Roll

. this labelling business gets awful complicated. For Instance there's Rock 'n' Roll and rock 'n' roll - spot the difference - and Red Starr was using the second version when talking about The Skids simply to infer that the band know how to rock, as opposed to Rock 'n' Roll which some of last issue's letters were on about. But what does it matter anyway? Me, I'd say the Skids and the Rats are good pop bands, but you could grow old arguing over such trivialities as what category such and such a band falls into. What really counts is whether you like them or not. Don't listen to labels listen to the music.

P.S. - Log of The Jam's work coming up when we next do a feature on them.

I WOULD like to draw this matter to your attention, it is about your column "Gigz". It gives details of gigz in England, Scotland, and Wales but not Ireland, So we have no way of knowing what bands are coming and where they are playing and when. Otherwise I have no other complaints about your magazine. Darren Lemon, Sunningdale Green, Belfast.

Sorry if we've been careless in the past, Darren, It hasn't been deliberate and we'll keep a special look out for them from now on, OK? Stiff Little Fingers are in your part of the world, by the way, and they're in Glgz this

NO DOUBT I am one of your I LOVE your magazine, I think it is youngest readers at only 11 years the best out ever! I like the

I THINK it would be a great idea if have a section in your magazine you devoted a page or even half a where you print the words of page of your super mag to readers' requests for words to specific songs. Mumtaz Banu, Normandy Road. Perry Bar.

IN THE first three issues your

magazine wasfull of information, puzzles, the odd -but excellent -- article and lots of smash hits. But now singles and albums reviews have crept in and also a gig guide. Very soon it will have a lot more adverts (which have crept in too) and a record mart. Then, hey presto, it will transform into a music paper. In my estimation we have far too many music papers and only one dying songwords magazine. So please return Smash Hits to its full glory again.

I would like to suggest that you

of age but I have a point to make

and I think readers a little older

April 5-18 on page 11 you advertised the Sex Pistols' new

record "Who Killed Bambi?"

record but I think it was a

were offended by it.

would you?

Devon.

than me will agree. In your issue

Now I have nothing against the

disgusting picture of a dead fawr

The mag is super but please do

pictures of this sort, or else I shall

with an arrow through its neck.

I'm sure many animal lovers

not spoil it by printing horrific

go back to my old songwords

Tracey Gardener, Holsworthy,

Don't go, Tracey, don't go! -

THE ENTIRE STAFF OF SMASH

mag and you wouldn't like that,

songs, old and new, that should have sold well but didn't (such as The Mekons' "I'll Have To Dance Then On My Own" and XTC's 'Are You Receiving Me?") Ceri Payne, Lillington. Leamington Son

PS. Is there any chance of you branching out and having a magazine solely for new wave?

Smash Hits has no Intention of becoming either a music paper or solely new wave, but we are always interested in smart ideas. So, since so many of you have written in asking for a request spot for readers, we're going to do just that - starting next issue. Have you got a neglected favourite? Let's hear from you then! Meanwhile, here's a photo of the new STC-line up to begetting on with . .

features you do on the Darts, I am

a Darts freak and I am also pretty

future could you include a centre

spread on Den? I have heard a lot

about Den leaving the Darts but I

happened to Hammy Howell, the

Tessa Trimarco, Holsworthy, Nth

Last we heard, Tessa, Hammy

had gone back to music college

I WOULD like to know why you

have taken the quiz away. They

when the fortnightly editions first

stopped being in Smash Hits

forward to it and now it's not

when and if it is coming back.

there. I would like you to tell me

Victoria Toms, Sandown, Isle of

came out. I always looked

former keyboards player before

would like to know what

Mike Deacon arrived

to study classical piano!

Devon

Wight.

well gone on Den Hegarty. In the

You're not the only one who's missed it. Due to popular demand we'll be having a quiz again every so often, starting with the next issue I THOUGHT I'd drop a line to say

that your mag is damn good. Only thing is I feel sure I saw Cliff White's name tattooed on a gorilla's navel at Blackpool Zoo. Could you tell me if this is true? Hope you print this letter as I

am an avid reader (not missed an issue) and a real crawler Zak Bentley (Andrew George to his pals). Windermere, Cumbria Don't be stupid. Cliff White lives with the bahoons heb heb Ob hi. Cliff - didn't see you come in there. This? Oh, er, it's a letter from Russell Pell in Edgware . . .

ALL RIGHT, I agree your mag is the best thing since the Beano, but may I criticise you please? Thanx - very considerate of you. Ever since issue 5, the contents page has been printed wrong. The arrow for page 2 points the wrong way. Also in issue 10 (April 19 to May 2) you said that there will be another coupon for the badge offer in the next issue on sale April 19, instead of May 3 Russell Pell, Edgware, Middlesex.

PS, Could you vary your imagination with Star Teasers? I'm sick of this 'searching for words' business. PPS. Would you kindly let Cliff White review the LPs in future

and not that skunk who thinks he's Red Rats - oops, so sorry, I thought he was a bit backwards for a moment — Pink Starr.

You lot don't miss a thing, do you? Thanks to all you dear little sharp-eyed readers who pointed out our mistakes (green)

I AM writing to ask if you could help me. I would like to form a band. I have written a few songs and wondered if there were any boys who play instruments. My songs are punk, and I would be pleased to hear from anybody in Leicester.

Karen Ryman (age 15), 18 Sackville Gardens, Stoneygate,

Good luck Karen, let us know how you get on . . .

Oh yeah - if Miny of St. Austell who sent us those chaws (kent Red Starr quiet for at least half a minutel) would like to write in with his or her full address this time, maybe we could write back, you clot!

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Friday (May 18)
Judas Priest Hanley Victoria Hall
Roxy Music Hammersmith Odeon Tubes/Squeeze Birmingham Odeon Status Quo Newcastle City Hall Penetration Manchester Apollo Jam Strathclyde University, Glasgow Members Nottingham Sandpiper Undertones Cambridge Corn Exch. Leyton Buzzerds Wolverhampton Lafayette No Dice Hull University Skids Sussex University, Brighton

Seturdey (May 19) Styllstics Hammersmith Odeon Tubes/Squeeze Bristol Colston Hall Status Quo Bridlington Spa Hall Penetration Carlisle Market Hall

Jam Strathclyde University, Glasgow Leyton Buzzards Cheltenham Whitcombe Lodge Renaissance Edinburgh Odeon

No Dice Gloucester Leisure Centre Skids Surrey University, Guildford (2 shows) Stiff Little Fingers Dublin University Members Northampton Cricket Club

Sunday (May 20) Stylistics Windsor Blazers
Judes Priest Bristol Colston Hall Undertones York Pop Club Renaissance Manchester Apollo No Dice Redcar Coathern Bowl

Monday (May 21) Stylistics Windsor Blazers Judas Priest Leicester De Montfort Tubes/Squeeze Hammersmith Odeon Status Quo Carlisle Market Hall Jam Bristol Colston Hall Leyton Buzzards Middlesbrough Teesside

Polytechnic Stiff Little Fingers Belfast Ulster Hall

Tuesday (May 22) Stylistics Windsor Blazers
Judas Priest Bradford St. Georges Hall Jam Birmingham Odeon Undertones Middlesbrough Rock Garden Renaissance Derby Assembly Rooms Skids Hanley Victoria Hall Steel Pulse Brighton Top Rank Tubes/Squeeze Hammersmith Odeon

Wednesday (May 23) Stylistics Windsor Blazers Judas Priest Newcastle City Hall Status Quo Edinburgh Odeon Members Brunel University Duffo Digbeth Civic Hall Levton Buzzards York Buzz Club Stiff Little Fingers Bradford St. George's Hall Renaissence Brighton Dome. Tubes/Squeeze Hammersmith Odeon

Thursday (May 24) Stylistics Windsor Blazers
Judes Priest Newcastle City Hall Status Quo Edinburgh Odeon Jam Portsmouth Guildhall Members Cromer West Runton Pavilion Undertones Leeds Polytechnic

Leyton Buzzards London Camden Music Machine Dr Feelgood Colchester Essex University Stiff Little Fingers Hanley Victoria Hall Tubes/Squeeze Hammersmith Odeon

Friday (May 25) Stylistics Windsor Blazers
Judas Priest Sheffield City Hall Status Quo Edinburgh Odeon Members Scarborough Penthouse Undertones Oxford Polytechnic Duffo Glasgow City Hall Leyton Buzzards Newport The Village Renaissance Bristol Colston Hall No Dice Birmingham Barbarella's Hi Tenslon Oakengate Town Hall Steel Pulse Cromer West Runton Pavilion Stiff Little Fingers Cambridge Corn Exchange

Dr Feelgood Southport Theatre
Tubes/Squeeze Hammersmith Odeon

Saturday (Mey 26) Status Quo Edinburgh Odeon Members Middlesbrough Rock Garden Undertones Aylesbury Friers Leyton Buzzards Dudley JB's Judes Priest Sheffield City Hall No Dice Nottingham Boat Club
Hi Tension Swindon Oasis
Stranglers/Dr Feelgood/Skids Loch Lomond Steel Pulse Birmingham Odeon Stiff Little Fingers Hastings Pier Pavilion Tubes/Squeeze Hammersmith Odeon

Sunday (May 27)
Judas Priest Southampton Gaumont
Status Quo Glasgow Apollo
Undertones Guildford Civic
Duffo Edinburgh Lyceum
Leyton Buzzards Norwich Boogle House
No Dice Dunstable Queens Hall
HT ension Cardiff Top Rank
Stiff Little Fingers Hemel Hempstead The Skids Blackburn King George's Hell Boomtown Rats/AWB/Dave Edmunds Loch Lomond Festival Tubes/Squeeze Hammersmith Odeon

Monday (May 28) Stylistics Birmingham Night Out Judas Priest Hammersmith Odeon Judas Priest Hammersmith Odeor Status Quo Glasgow Apollo Undertones Bristol Locarno Duffo Preston Polytechnic Leyton Buzzards Chester Smartyz Dr Faelgood Sheffield Top Rank Hi Tension Exmouth Festival Hall Steel Pulse Bristol Romeo & Juliet Stiff Little Fingers Manchester Apollo

Tuesday (May 29) Stylistics Birmingham Night Out Judas Priest Hammersmith Odeon Tubes/Squeeze Leicester De Montfort Duffo Manchester Lesser Free Trade Hall Levton Buzzards Cardiff Granny's

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Steel Pulse Swansea Top Rank
Stiff Little Fingers Bristol Colston Half

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Thursday (May 31)
Stylistics Birmingham Night Out
Tubes Brighton Conference Centre
Status Quo Blackpool Opera House
Duffo Loughborough University
Layton Buzzards Weston-super-Mare

Sloopys Hi Tension Nottingham Theatre Royal **Undertones** Coventry Tiffany's Steel Pulse Portsmouth Locarno Stiff Little Fingers Portsmouth Guildhall Police Glasgow Apollo



