

CARS

By Gary Numan on Beggars Banquet Records

Here in my car i feel safest of all I can lock all my doors it's the only way to live in cars

Here in my car I can only receive I can listen to you It keeps me stable for days in cars

Here in my car The Image breeks down Will you visit me? Please? If I open my door in cars

Here in my car I know I've started to think About leaving tonight Although nothing seems right In cars

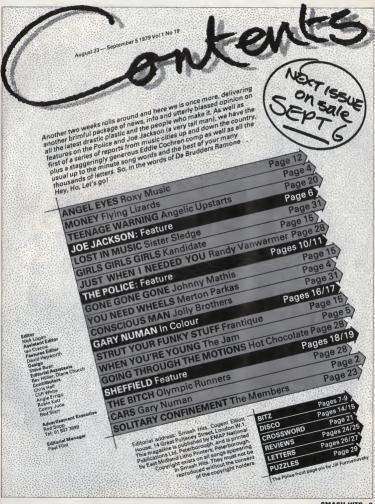
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You Need Wheels

By The Merton Parkas on Beggars Banquet Records



You need wheels if you wanna make deals You need wheels if you wanne make usubs You need a top if you wanna get hot A man ain't a man with a ticket in his hand If you wanna get a jill you need wheels

I got a low slung sports car finished in red Guaranteed one hundred miles from nothing dead At top speed no one will see you for dust That's the paint and that sin't rust

It's got heated windscreens front and rear All the latest things, it even pours you a beer A payment plan that's so unique

Five hundred now and the rest next week

It's got white walled tyres with miles of chrome The horn plays a tune, got a wonderful tone A seven band radio stereogram Only one owner but it was a stunt man

Repeat chorus

You need wheels

Repeat to fade

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SPECIAL

THE SPECIALS, currently riding high with "Gangsters", have already recorded their follow up, a number called "Too Much Too Young". Production on the single, slated for release sometime in September, is courtesy of one of the band's biggest fans, Elvis Costello.

DISCO DATES

BOTH CHIC and Sister Sledge have announced British tours.

Sister Sledge play lpswich Gaumont on September 28, Hammersmith Odeon (30), Slough Thames Hall (October 1), Lewisham Odeon (2), Liverpool (10), Lewisham Odeon (2), Liverpool (10), Lewisham Odeon (2), Liverpool (10), Liverp



DERRY FESTIVAL

THE UNDERTONES are doing their bit to provide music for Northern Ireland by setting up and playing a free show on August 25 at the Temple More Sports Complex in their home town of Londonderry. They originally planned a bill of purely

local bands but have since expanded the project. The Clash and The Damned will now appear, along with Shake and upcoming Derry band The Moondogs.

Feargal Sharkey added,
"There's so little live rock in
Derry so we want the festival to
be accessible to everyone in the
community. We hope it will be a
trouble-free day out for
everyone."

£5: THE COST OF RELIVING

HAVE YOU ever wanted to get hold of a particular old hit but not known where to find it? Or ever wanted to try to get a particular record reissued but not known how to go about it?

Or, quite simply, do you want to know a lot more about the oldies scene than you can read in the main music papers?

You do? Then Lightning Records, the company that last year started the Old Gold label specially for the re-release of oldies, may have come up with the answer to your problems. In conjunction with Old Gold, they have now formed the Golden Oldies Club Of Great Britain.

Their idea is to help themselves by helping you. For years the oldies scene has been made up of loads of different clubs and specialist magazines dotted all over the country, and record companies' attitudes to oldies have usually been equally fragmented.

Lightning's aim is to try to co-ordinate the whole scene — to become like a Central Bureau Of Information — and then reissue as many of the in-demand oldies as they can afford to lease from the companies that can't be bothered. Latest Old Gold release is the original 1982 version of "Duke Of Earl" by Gene

Chandler.

Members of the club receive a monthly newsletter, "flevival", containing info on record releases, articles about yesteryear's hitmakers, gig guide and so on, plus they get reduced admission charges to relevant clubs and events, reduced prices on certain records, lists of one certain records, lists of them. and sundry other fringe benefits.

The only snag is, Lightning are charging £5 for one year's subscription to the club, which seems a bit cheeky considering that they're going to reap as much benefit from the organisation as the fans.

Still, if you're interested, you can send a P.O., or just write for additional info, to: Golden Oldies Club Of Great Britain, P.O. Box 142 London F17 4 JW

BUZZCOCKS COMING

BUZZCOCKS' third album, "A Different Kind O'T Ension" is set for release on September 14. A national tour starts on October 2 at Liverpool University and continues into November, taking in most major cities in Great Britain and Ireland. Tickets go on set all venues on Friday. August 17 and you're advised to check your local papers for dates.



ME AND YOU, currently climbing the charts with "You Never Know What You've Got", are a brother and sister team, Norman and Sonia McLean, and yet more McLean, and yet more home-grown reggee talent starting to emerge in Britain. A Bell and James composition, "You Never Know" is only their second single, produced by Dennis Brown and originally Music.

HOT RODS MOVE

Eddie & The Hot Rods have ended the doubts about their future by signing to EMI International. The band are going to America for a month to finalise material for their album, to be recorded in Britain during October and November.

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OE JACKSON, everybody says — now isn't he Really Big In America?

Listen, Cadric, lemme tell you that doe Jackson is pretty darned big everywhere. The man is very tall, an unusual thing in a rock and roller. You come upon little guys by the busload, desperate men driven by a burning desire to get back at the world for the trials of childhood and adolescence; tell, solid cases like the Joe in question are much

Joe Jackson doesn't believe in wasting time. He's currently in the studio working on his second album, "I'm The Man", moaning about how little things like colds and faulty microphones mean he can't get the whole thing

wrapped up in two weeks. We met up in a scummy, cramped studio in the cheap end of Chelsea. I arrived to find him running through a vocal, listening to the playback, making alterations, poliahing. He took a break for the interview and we sat on plastic chairs to face each other. I looked at his black Doc Martens boots while he concentrated on my white shoes.

concentrated on my white shoes, a pair not all that dissimilar from the pointy ones that grace the sleeve of his "Look Sharp" debut album. If anybody was attempting to "look sharp" on this occasion it was me. Joe laughed and explained that he'd laughed and explained that he'd

laughed and explaimed that he'd only put on his boots because it was raining when he left home. I kicked off (geddit?) by enquiring how he felt about the current success of "is She Realiv Going Out With Him?" coming a year after its initial release. Back then it gathered good reviews, got ignored by the cloth esred clods who call themselves radio programmers and senk without trace. Most of his comments on radio people were unprintable.

"It makes you sick," he said bitterly. "All they want is to be associated with hir records and they're just not interested in bringing new music to people. They want to be a seen and letting people make up their own minds, they have to have these playlists. As soon as they see that something's a hit in the said of approval. They think it's safe to play it then."

It's a fairly frequent complaint these days. Both the recent hits from The Police got the cold shoulder at the time of their original release as did 'Sultans Of Swing' by Dire Straits. Come the revolution, only John Peel will be spared.

A COUPLE of years back Joe Jackson was biving in Portamouth planning his assault on fame and fortune. He'd been around bands for a number of years, He'd even got as far as a recording contract with an outfit ensemble who broke up in disarray through record company mishandling. He was determined that nothing of the person the next time.

"I decided to earn enough money to push what I wanted to do in my own way."

Being an experienced musicien, erranger and planist, he signed on as Musical Director for caberet due on and "New Faces" ploughing every spare penny of his salary into making decent demos of his songs, He then walked into AdM Records with a walked into AdM Records with the came out with a good contract. The songs were re-recorded with experienced American producer put out as the aforementioned. The sleeve pictured him in pin

I ne seeve pictured him in pin stripe suits with white shoes and the record company called it all "spiv-rock", it all seemed like rather obvious marketing but Joe insists that it was all his idea.

"All I did was present people
with what I was and obviously
exaggerated it a bit. I was very
tongue in cheek about it."

He makes it clear that much of his bouncy, catchy first album is not to be taken too seriously either.

"Its She Really Going Out With Him?" is really a joke on that sort of thing. A satire. All these people like Costello write agonising songs about being rejected in love and I thought I'd write about the humorous side of it. I like to see the irony of situations and make a satirical comment on them. I want to come across ea human being."

"I don't want to be a star", he continues. "There's a song on

the new album called 'Don't Wanna Be Like That' which is about all that."

But surely, I ask, don't you obviously want to be successful quite badly?

"Yes" he answers, "but I want to be successful in the sense that the more people who hear what i'm doing and get something out of it the better. In that sense I adulation, I don't get hundreds of teenage girls coming along because they think Joe Jacksons gorgeous. I don't want that because in two years time they'll have ripped up their Joe Jackson posters."

ALTHOUGH it's obvious that his, er, street credibility hean't done him any harm, Joe steadfastly refuses to accept any kind of labelling.

"If people think I'm 'New Wave', then that's fine. If they think I'm jezz then that's fine, and if they think it's white reggae then that's fine too. That's all up to them.

"The sort of people that I can't stand are the people who say stand are the people who say "We're a punk band and we're playing for the punks' or "We're an erty band and we're only interested in playing for the people clever enough to understand us'. I can't stand any of that. See, people sign en off the people clever people to the the people clever people to the the see, people sign en off the see people sign en of the see

then we wouldn't argue with someone who's that big.

PURSEY'S PROGRESS

JIMMY PURSEY, leader of the late Sham 69, has now signed a contract as a solo artist with sham's record company, Polydor Records, He'll still be going ahead with the Steve Jones/Paul Cook band, however, and in fact the band have already recorded their first single. Nobody's quite sure what the band will be called though, as Jimmy has definitely decided against The Sex Pistols as a name.

QUADROPHENIA FINALLY **MAKES IT**

AT LONG last, a movie about teenagers that doesn't come over like it was made by people in bath chairs: "Quadrophenia" the Who's double album musical on the rise and fall of mid-sixties mod has been delivered to the screen with insight, humour and an eye for realism which is highly impressive.

The actual plot revolves round the struggle of Jimmy, a young mod, to break out of his boring routine of home and work into the escapist fantasy of endless

He idolises three people. Ace, the king of the mods (played by Sting of the Police), Steph, the most attractive of the mod girls and Pete Townshend of The Who. After a series of well observed, often funny snatches of London mod life (getting fitted for sharp suits, partying, riding scooters) the film reaches a climax when all the mods descend on Brighton to fight the rockers. Jimmy gets the girl, gets arrested, loses the girl and returns to London to find himself jobless, homeless and ultimately, worst of all, scooterless.

In blind confusion he races back to the coast to escape but only ends up more disillusioned than ever. The ending, featuring Jimmy racing a scooter along the edge of the high cliffs, is quite dazzling.

Whether or not you're familiar with The Who's record or the original mod era, it's undoubtedly one of the best rock and roll films ever and fit to take a place next to "American Graffitti" as an amusing, sometimes quite moving, study of an era.

B. Moovey (Film Critic).



"SHEEP FARMING in Barnet" is the title of an "Alternative Play" record from "Quadrophenia" and "Jubilae" star Toyah Wilcox. The record is a seven inch with six tracks on it and plays for twenty minutes. Toyah's record company, Safari, are pioneering this odd format as an attempt to fight the rising cost of albums. The price is

HH9, Leeds 8. The shows run

from noon till 1 am Saturday.

followed by science fiction

LEEDS SCI-FI FEST

CALLING itself "Futurama 79 -The World's First Science Fiction Music Festival", a two-day new wave science fiction event has been organised for Leeds Queens Hall on September 8 and 9.

The line-up for Saturday includes Punishment Of Luxury, Cabaret Voltaire, Joy Division. Invaders, Orchestral Manquevres In The Dark, Essential Logic, prag VEC, A Certain Ratio, Spizz Energi and others.

Sunday's bill includes Hawkwind, Only Ones, Simple Minds, Fischer-Z, Fall, Monochrome Set, Teardrop Explodes, Echo & The Bunnymen and others.

Both days will have special guests and will also feature lasers, sideshows, and SF stalls.

Tickets, costing £5 a day, are on sale from Virgin Records shops in major Northern cities and other new wave record outlets, or by post (cheques and postal orders only) from John Keenan, PO Box

X-RAY SPLITS

X RAY SPEX have split into two. Jak Airport and B. P. Hurding have departed to form an outfit called Classix Nouveaux, Poly. meanwhile is currently working on a solo album, and there's no definite plans for a new band.

RICH SKIDS

THE SKIDS' drummer, Tam Kellichan, has left the hand after disagreements about their future He is being temporarily replaced by Rusty Egan of The Rich Kids. After helping out their hero Bill Nelson on his latest Red Noise recordings, Nelson is now returning the favour by producing The Skids new waxing, currently being recorded at Rockfield Studios in Wales.

ROCKABILLY **RAVES**

RCA RECORDS have decided that Teds do not live by Presley alone and are issuing several volumes of early R&B and rockabilly tracks from their vaults. The first, "Victor Rock 'n' Rollers", features forgotten artists such as Joe Clay, Autry Inman and Jimmy Dell.



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DART BEAT ALREADY chalking up their

SALSATIO

three geezers with names like Patrick, Chris and Alex to speak

as pate, now would ya? Well,

that's the way it is with The

Gibson Brothers, the hottest, sharpest and most refreshing

and brought up on the West Indian island of Martinique, a

The three of them were born

French speaking country of some 300,000 sun drenched souls.

Their father being a musician, it wasn't surprising that from the age of ten they were playing the

local dance music, a persuasive blend of Latin rhythm and soul

Ten years ago they moved their base of operations to Paris In order to pursue their higher education while looking for e

break in the European scene.

After playing everything from rhythm and blues to folk in the

local clubs, they graduated to

under the watchful eye of top French producer Daniel

bout making their own tracks,

Success was not slow in oming. A single called "Come

session work and finally set

strut known as "salsa"

YOU WOULDN'T honestly expect To America" hit big across the

continent and was swiftly

Marseilles to Memphis.

followed by "Non Stop Dancing" and "Heaven", the three of them catching on quick in discos from

Britain has been slow to catch

on, "Cuba" a dance record of

unparalleled magnificence, brushed the bottom end of the

charts a few months back though

Gibsons is the simple infectious happiness of their records, a

the follow up, "Oooh What A Life", is doing a lot better.

What's great about The

welcome break from the

so much American disco. As

Patrick, the brother on the drums, explains it, "It's because we come from The West Indies.

like the music we used to hear at the carnivals back in

Along with Alex, the keyboard man, and Chris, the leed vocalist,

shores in October for a short stint of live dates, eight piece

Should be good for a

band and all!

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umpteenth success with "Duke Of Earl". Darts are currently embarking on a forty five date nationwide tour to mark the release of "Dart Attack", their third album proper.

We asked Rita about the choice of Roy Wood (former mastermind behind The Move. Wizzard and the original ELO) as producer.

"We thought that with two people leaving the band it was best to close the chapter with the compilation album and start afresh. So, why not get a new producer and we'll all be nervous together? John Dummer, our drummer, suggested Boy Wood and he was very keen and happily it worked out well."

After the departure of Den Hegarty it wasn't quite as easy as the band had anticipated to come up with a replacement bass singer and it was some months before they discovered Kenny Andrews in New York

"You should have been there at the English auditions," recalls Rita, laughing at the memory.
"You should have seen all those loonies that turned up; people in funny hats who thought all they had to do was jump off stage. And when we said 'Can you sing bass?' they'd all say no. One bloke said "We thought you wanted somebody enigmatic like Den". Den? Enigmatic? In the end we just had to go to the States."

Darts being a nine piece outfit we asked Rita if this made it easier or harder to put up with each others company during long stints of boring travelling and hanging around between gigs.

"I think it's probably better than a small group because you tend to get on everybody's nerves a lot less. If you want to go out and party there's always somebody who'll join you and if you just want to play cards there'll be somebody who'll do that. We make our own fun.

"We've very nearly got our own football team!"

LATEST of the mod bands to sign up are Secret Affair. After recording three live tracks for the mod compilation album (put out by London's Bridge House pub on their own label), Secret Affair have now signed their own "I-Spy Records" label to Arista

JOE JACKSON'S **TOP TEN** 1. BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN: Born

To Run (CBS) 1. THE CLASH: London's Burning (CBS)
1. PRINCE BUSTER: Al Capone

(Blue Beat)

1. DAVID BOWIE: Drive-In Saturday (RCA)

1. GREGORY ISAACS: Mr Know

It All (Trojan) 1. PUBLIC IMAGE LTD: Public Image (Virgin)

1. TAPER ZUKIE: M.P.L.A. (Mer)

1. BIG YOUTH: Hit The Road Jack

1. RAY CAMPI AND HIS ROCKABILLY REBELS: Teenage Boogie (Rollin Rock) 10. THE LEGENDARY STARDUST

COWBOY: Paralysed (Yuk/K-Tel) a) "Choosing ten favourites is hard enough; putting them in order is impossible. Anyone who can name their favourite record ever must have narrow musical tastes. Therefore I've chosen nine number ones. b) Number ten is probably the

worst record ever made. therefore the most fascinating? c) Reggae is my favourite music so I've chosen four reggae tracks. four different ones. d) I didn't choose anything more

than two or three years old except Prince Buster — the old favourites are everyone's old favourites."

SIOUXSIE and The Banshees embark on their latest tour when they set out on a twenty-three date trek starting September 5 in Belfast. Support act on all dates will be The Cure while on some occasions there will be an additional quest band. Dates in next issue's Gigz.

JAM TOMORROW

THE JAM's new album, as yet untitled, is now scheduled by Polydor for an October release and a tour will follow around the end of the year. More on The Jam our next issue!

THE **POLICE Creative Garbage**

Well, that's what they call it, anyway. Ian Cranna meets the blond bombshells and refrains from making corny old police jokes.

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"I'd news been their until I wan 13, and ever thought by a pin a American accord from watching Jenn Wayne moves. In length," I use duth rift to even so, so ut when I wan down fit to even so. Sut when I wan down fit to even so. Sut when I wan down fit to even so. Sut when I wan down fit to what wan to have well with a Felician for the first lime.—By this lime i was 23.— then decided it was coult. All right, I'll like this place is be where I come

Asked why The Police's short, punchy songs had become longer and longer on stage. Stewart first says he hopes this is temporary and it was just to make the songs interesting to play

OTHER PICS: JILL FURMANOVSKY

everyone in London for the parts. And I went - I was one of the last to be seen - and it was only because ! Mout reggae at this point, inquires Stewart. Shall we go for Joke No. 22

Shall we crack our second lake

Sting buries his face in his forearm

"We invented rogges," he declares

in silent protest but Stewart continues

Which is that we were selecting to recreate that fantastically unique Black Set cath sound. We were trying to recreation the great chainality and spork of these incredible musicians.

out "Minusing was weet in the good as they are. And wa're trying to clay." Farancid "and we enularly get if right, so we and if up with this weind officer rhythm. We just started.

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Sting come to be in "Quadr sphemia"?
"I just wanted a je b, " Sting answers

seen — and it was only because I flooked right, I suppose.
"I mean, I don't have to say much. It's dead simple. The main thing is you have to have a natural rapport with the camera. You're either born like that or

you're not."

"It comes from having a natural

rapport with the mirror," Stewart

When asked about his part in "The Great Rock'n'Roll Swindle", Sting just shakes his head silently. The scene, it seems, has now been cut from the film, much to Sting's relief. Is he keen

"During the early days," Stewart explains, 'we did lots of things for the money. Feeple often ask us, why did bean't that go a tainst everything you

"What the hell does that have to do

Imigs that would pay as manay so that we wouldn't have to sail the masic before we'd made it!"

They recken it fouls up your street credibility. Sting shrups. "Mest bands with "street credibility have instruments bought for them by mummies and dealelies. The fact that

we were starving in Lundon and we had to do any jobs made the decision

for us."
The aforementioned Wrigleys
commercial in which The Police appeared - hence the blond barn its - only went out briefly in certain areas as it was too freaky for the ultra-straight Wrigleys company. Sting has also appeared in several other TV commercials, such as Triumph Bras (not modalling, we hasten to add) and Brutus Jeins, as Eddie Cochran in "Radio Cin". It's not something, however, that Sting is keen to talk about.

AND WHAT of the future? The only commercials," he primaces. "It's boring. You might as well talk about the time I was working on the huses. It's got nothing to 1,1 with the music or "Message in A Buttle" — and if that's a highit before the album appears. at out the new songs - are they all

ANDY SUMMERS, like all guitarists with dye of hand hair, has a wife and child. His name is also inextricably inked with distinctly odd music—the Kevins Ayers and Cryne, and his own Folice sung "Be My Girl"—but then we should point out that it's the world that's odd and not him.

technically accomplished pultariet, how did it feet to be playing simple If may sound simple," comes

"No," answers Stewart firmly.
"All the best ones are though."
Sting chips in Seriously though.
"It's a fair representation of the hand's vitality." Sting says, "that everyheidy's contributing, so we've started splitting it three ways this Being a highly trained and Aware of the fickleness of the

public's affections and the temporary nature of success. The Police know it's eggs in a few more baskets, as Sting puts it, so that they don't sink.

hard as enything alse I've ever done. Despite his well-travelled history.

Andy is really happy to be settled into one band. "Because this is much more

three way thing," he explains, "I'm

not just leacking up sometine also There's much more of an interplay

between the three of us, it's not like there's one guy who has the ultimate

"It'll still be us playing," adds
Stewart, "but the places the songs
ome from will be 2 for more verted.
Now that The Folice are so popular ell over the globe, how are they going to cope with that demand? "Well," Lagins Stewart, "I'm afraid we're a hit irresponsible in respect to

Evening, y'all!

the Southern boy

that propularity. I think we got that cupularity through doing what we "Recause we're had this success."

this popularity, and we're able to enjoy it through our first album because everything's set up right, we And that's what you're dain incw

Just going in there, wasting studie time, be not the angineers to death

When do we want to get?" she

And so, amid more sounds of breakfast being prepared in the early afternoon, ends the interview with The Police, not just three of the best music makers around right new but also three of the most honest, open and



ROXY Eyes



By Roxy Music on Polydor Records

Oh angel eyes Am I deceived or did you sigh? For all I know you let your love light Shine on me

Oh angel eyes You never close, who's got the time? I can wait until your love light Shine on me

Oh angel eyes On the wing and open wide No matter now how high the moon Shine down on me

Angel eyes Repeat to fade

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C'MON EVERYBODY

... and let's get together tonight — got some Eddie Cochran elbums for you if you get the questions right. [Essyl] We have hare one dozen (that's "The Eddie Cochren Singles Album" on the UA label, each one featuring twenty of the finest slices of rockaboogie ever placed on vinyl. We'll be awerding these beauties to the first dozen know'redgeble folk who can supply the beneath.

beneath.
If you think you know the answers, write them in the appropriate box and post your completed coupon to Smash Hits Cachran Competition, 117 Park Road, Peterborough PET 2TS, to reach us by the closing date of September 5. The first dozen correct answers opened efter that date each win an album, OK?

A. Which British rock and roll band had a hit with Eddie's "Three Steps To

Heaven"?

B. In which country was Eddie Cochran killed in a car accident?

C. In the song "Summertime Blues," why couldn't Eddie use the car?

D. Eddie once wrote a song called "Three Stars" about three rock and

rollers who died in a plane crash. Name

E. Both T. Rex and The Flying Lizards have recorded the same Eddie Cochran song. Name it.



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door about five minutes and what happens? Smash Hits falls apart and they have to call me back again to sort things out. Anymore of this and I'll be feeling like Frank Sinatra or Sham 69 - you know, always giving "Farewell" concerts

To tell the truth, all that's happened is that Bev has gone on holiday, so Muggins here is lacing up the disco boots instead. Trouble is, I haven't been near a disco for at least six weeks. Fortunately we're in the middle of the summer lull at the moment so I haven't missed a great deal. These are the few

good sounds that I have heard. Aside from Bobby Rush's "I Wanna Do The Do" (Philly International, to be released in UK on August 31), which I've already raved about in Smash Hits, one of my favourite disco/soul records over the last three months has been The Dells "Face to Face" (MCA). Typically, MCA haven't seen fit to release it in Britain but if your local dealer stocks imports recommend you bend your ear Dell-wards.

The Best Of The Rest award goes to Gene Chandler, whose newie, "When You're Number 1" (20th Century/Chi Sound), is hot to trot. Although it has basically the same feel as "Get Down", it's different enough to get you up all over again — and for a change, the lyric isn't too bad. (It isn't great either, but at least it has a storyline that makes sense.)

Another track that gets me

going is an RCA release credited to DISCO

SPECTACULAR (which includes Evelyn "Champagne" King and Vickie Sue Robinson). The 45 is from a disco album version of the rock musical "Hair". The A-side is only a so-so vocal medley of "Aquarius"/"Let The Sunshine in", but the B-side is made up of the instrumental breaks of the same medley (here subtitled "Rock To The Drummer's Beat") and really rocks. A super boogle bubbs.

Incidentally, RCA are also about to release a 12in version of the original 1958 recording of The Isley Brothers "Shout", a raver that went down a storm at Caister earlier this year. This'll be the very first time that parts 1 and 2 have been sequed together on one side of a record so it'll be a good buy for oldies fans as well as disco nuts

Apart from those few, I know that CBS have got a stream of disco dazzlers set for release on their various labels (Philly International, Epic, TK etc) but I haven't yet heard most of them so I'm not going to commit myself about how good or bad they are. The latest by McFadden & Whitehead ("Do You Wanna Dance"), Jackie Moore ("This Time Baby"), Frantique ("Stut Your Funky Stuff") and The Isley Brothers ("Life In The City") are all pretty testy (banana flavour) so that bodes well for the rest of 'em Bev's back from her hols next

time, so until then, boogle down, get on up, fall over sideways etc etc etc . . Cliff White



TOP 40

WEE		TITLE/ARTIST	LABEL	BPN
1	14	REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL, PT. 3 Ian Dury	Stiff	123
2	1	MORNING DANCE Spyro Gyra	Infinity	100
3	NEW	ANGEL EYE'S Roxy Music	Polydor	133
4	3	AFTER THE LOVE Earth Wind and Fire	CBS	SLOV
5	NEW	STREET LIFE Crusadars	MCA	112
8	7	OOH! WHAT A LIFE Gibson Brothers	Island	122
7	NEW	LOST IN MUSIC Sister Sledge	Atlantic	120
8	10	STRUT YOUR FUNKY STUFF Frantique	Phil Int	120
9	13	LOOKING FOR A LOVE Fat Larry's Band	. Fantasy	128
10	12	YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT Me and You	Laser	REGGAE
11	NEW		Atlantic Hansa	13.
12	NEW	YOU CAN DO IT A! Hudson	ABC	118
13	9	BORN TO BE ALIVE Patrick Hernandez	Gem Aquerius	13
14	16	THE BITCH Olympic Runners	Polydor	12
15	32	GONE, GONE, GONE Johnny Mathis	CBS	12
16	4	GOOD TIMES Chic	Atlantic	71
17	8	SPACE BASS Slick	Fentasy	13
18	15	THE BOSS Diana Ross	Motown	12
19	6	BOOGIE DOWN (GET FUNKY NOW) Real Thing	Pve	11
20	24	GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS Kandidate	Rak	11
21	5	BAD GIRLS Donna Summer	Casablanca	12
22	40		23th Century	12
23	NEW		RSO	-
24	2	SILLY GAMES Janet Kay		REGGA
25	25	THIS TIME BABY Jackie Moore	CBS	12
26	37	DON'T LET IT Black Harmony		REGGAI
27	22	CONSCIOUS MAN Jolly Brothers	UA	
28	11	I'M A SUCKER FOR YOUR LOVE Teens Marie	Motown	11
29	28	WE'VE GOT LOVE Peaches and Herb	Polydor	11
30	31	EARTHQUAKE Al Wilson	RCA	110
31	27		Polydor	100
32		MY TUNE Cool Notes		REGGA
33	17	MAKE MY DREAM A REALITY G.Q.	Arista	12:
34	21	LIGHT MY FIRE Amit Stewart	Atlantic	13
35	23	FIRST TIME AROUND Skyy	Salsoul	10
36	35		Inter-Global/Epic	12
37		LET'S DANCE Bombers	Flamingo	12
38	29			
39		WHAT'CA GONNA DO Stephanie Mills	RSO/Curtom	10
		CATCH ME Pockets	20th Century	120

The Disco Top 40 is compiled by Record Business magazine based on sales at specialist disco shops. The chart is also used by Radio Luxembourg, and selections from it are played by Rob Jones on his Thursday and Sunday shows.



Girls Girls Girls By Kandidate on Rak Records

Girls, let's talk about girls Let's talk about girls girls girls girls girls

ook, the sun is shining bright

Look, the sun is shining bright
Pretty girls are everywhere
And they 're looking so right
From the such the sun of the su

Chorus
Girls girls is de de la de da (Repeat)
Love those girls pretty girls
All lever went to do is get a little closer to
Girls girls girls in de de la de de (Repeat)
Love those girls any girls
All lever went to do is get a little closer to

Repeat first two line

Look, the sexy things they wear And when they're walking on the beach You know they always make you stara in every land far and wide in every colour shape and size agic in their eyes

ey have induced then eyes
ey can all hypnotize
inty hair straight and afro too
a seven wonders of the world just can't compare with you
a seven wonders of the world just can't

da (Repea Girls g

look over the Look see is the life I want one I want one too I'll have the other three

Repeat chorus to fade

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Strut Your Funky Stuff

By Frantique on Philadelphia International Records

Get up stand up strut your funky stuff sho'nuff Repeat 3 times

How you gonna be the attraction (waiting and a-watching) If you're going to stick to the wall? Grab yourself a piece of the action You got to get off the rail and shake your big tail Get up and go when you got to show Stand up and shout the dance is on now C'mon c'mon c'mon c'mon

Repeat chorus

What ya doing there in the corner (looking like a loner) Sitting by yourself in the dark? You don't really wanna be no loner Come on now get up and dance Get ants in your pants You can't sit still c'mon and get your fill Direct your feet to the funky disco beat

Repeat chorus

You don't have to dance like Travolta You just have to rise up and shine (make your body feel it) Moving like a slow roller coaster Come on now get with the groove Get up and move Get off your butt get out the rut

C'mon c'mon c'mon c'mon dance dance dance

Repeat chorus

Come on now get with the groove Get up and move Get off your butt get out the rut C'mon c'mon c'mon c'mon dance dance dance

Repeat chorus

Repeat 1st verse and chorus

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Gone Gone Gone

By Johnny Mathis on CBS Records (12" version)

It's a mystery I cannot explain Only blues I got are heartaches and pains Since she's gone gone gone My baby's gone I wonder wonder wonder Where she's gone gone gone gone My beby's gone

I can't sleep at night Got no appetite Everything is wrong That used to be right Since she's gone gone gone I wonder wonder Where she's gone gone gone gone My baby's gone

Ooh yes I tried to change her Tried to rearrange her personality Ooh God I'm paying now I just cannot seem to fece reality

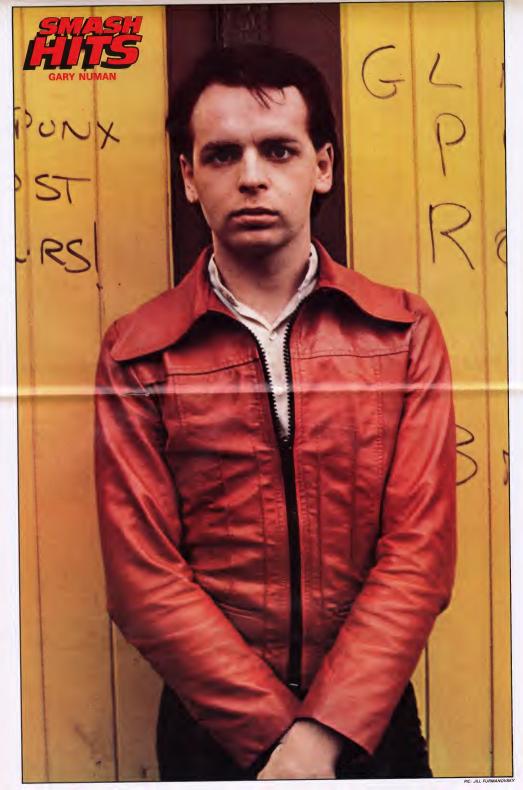
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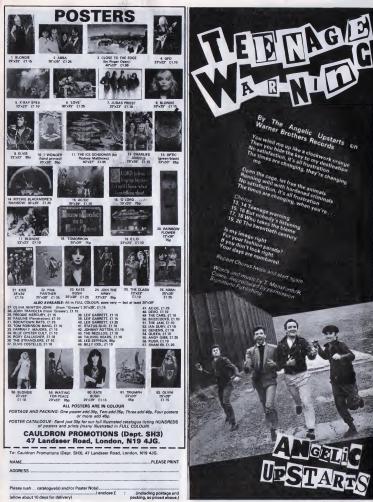
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Repeat 1st and 2nd verses to fade

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The music business may be based in London, but talent isn't. All round the country there's a wealth of exciting new talent making good records which are bought but never make the charts.

In the first of an irregular series on flourishing regional scenes, Martyn Ware (of The Human League) reports on Sheffield.

HEFFIELD — fifth largest Scity in Britain. Main sources of interest — knives, forks, snooker and football, Right? Wrong. Over half a million people, divorced from the suffocating music "fashion" scene in London must be capable of producing something

interesting. Until recently London was regarded as the main (and by many Londoners the only) source of talent in the rock world. Now Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool and other regional cities are being recognised by the public and record companies alike as more rewarding breeding grounds for new talent. Just as Merseybeat spread out from Liverpool in the Sixties, so interesting new ideas from the North are influencing the British

Sheffield is a good example of the way the old bias towards London is changing. For 20 years it has been regarded as a second-rate rock city. In fact the only really notable act to have come from Sheffield has been Joe Cocker and that was over ten years ago.

Now, since the punk revolution of 1977, new acts have sprung out of the woodwork with bewildering regularity, inspired by the knowledge that no matter how cheap or unusual their equipment was, they would get an audience willing to give them a chance. They realised the public were bored with proficient but

uncommitted rock groups. Now two years later the record companies have caught up with the public. Yes, talent does exist north of Watford Gap.

What's more, audiences outside London tend to be less content with the endless recycling of past trends. This attitude probably dates back to the Roxy Music era of the early seventies, when Roxy (who were at that time a major innovation) were always much more popular in the larger cities outside London than in London itself. Audiences in the metropolis are happy to condone anything that is publicly acclaimed by the press which itself is based in London). This is not so elsewhere.

THE SHEFFIELD scene was

sparked off in the hot summer of 1977 by, ironically, the London punk scene. Within the space of three months fanzines had become commonplace, and with them a gradual realisation that the people up on stage weren't Rock stars but Human Beings, and that all you needed was gall and (preferably) some musical talent. Two years on, this initial courageous attitude has given birth to several unique and highly creative groups, who owe less to the expectations of the rock press, and more to their immediate surroundings and experiences. Here is a guide to those groups, starting with those with records already available. CABARET VOLTAIRE are the

The electronic music revolution has a solid base in Sheffield with no less than five groups involved



Cabaret Voltaire

THE HUMAN LEAGUE, CABARET VOLTAIRE, GRAPH, plus CLOCKDVA and VICE VERSA.

THE HUMAN LEAGUE are the best known of these, combining an all-synthesiser line-up with a light-hearted and entertaining approach including a synchronised slide-show. The Human League rebel against the convention that electronic groups have to translate the modern world as a dull, depressing and alienating place. Instead, they use a sly, tongue-in-cheek approach that confuses many less-flexible people. Their recent signing to Virgin, is, hopefully, the first of many major contracts to head up the M1:

only group mentioned in this article to have been formed before 1977 (1975 in fact), but their innovatory approach has only recently gained recognition. With an LP forthcoming on Rough Trade, and two singles behind them, you'll be hearing a lot more of them. The CABs rely a great deal on treating conventional instruments electronically, as do GRAPH, a four-piece who have recently had a track called "Drowning" issued in a five-group package from Fast Product called "Earcom 1". They, too, use films and slides (as occasionally, do the CABs) to enhance their live performance.

Moving into more conventional (but still unique) post-punk offerings, 2.3 were the first of the current crop of Sheffield groups

to release a record - again on Fast Product - but due to numerous personnel changes they have only recently started to thrive again. Their modern melodic quitar-bass-drum sound combines with often witty and sarcastic lyrics to produce a potentially very successful

THEY MUST BE RUSSIANS have a namesake and operating in London (both took the name from a Sex Pistols interview), but don't confuse them with Sheffield's most eccentric punk offshoots. Almost never retaining the same line-up or instrumentation, they have recently released a 4 track EP on their own label. They have also been known to use slides and films (mainly to parody the other electronic acts) and, who knows, success may not elude them.

Swinging completely to the other extreme, DEF LEPPARD are dyed-in-the-wool heavy metal fans, who've decided they can do it as well as their idols. Their record has been picked up for national distribution by Phonogram after national publicity in the press and radio and their feature looks rosy. Ah well, whatever turns you on . .

YET MORE diversity is to be found in groups unsigned and unrecognised by the public outside Sheffield, Recently, a London photographer, Marcus Weatherby, understandably disillusioned by London, decided to move to Sheffield in search of new talent - and already he's



found more than he can cope with. Already signed up for future singles are THE NEGATIVES, THE PARTS, ARTERY, XERO and VICE

Virtually unknown, THE NEGATIVES and THE PARTS are punk, but with the secret ngredient - individuality - that marks them out from innumerable Rotten/Strummer/Jam

impersonators ARTERY are accomplished, serious musicians and lyricists, serious musicans and ryricists, who will inevitably be signed up by a major label, as will XERO, whose sparkling, exciring and surprisingly melodic contribution to the Sheffield scene will be recognised nationally before long. Both groups use conventionel line-ups and both have influences so diverse as to be invisible.

VICE-VERSA are young and electronic and, like the LEAGUE and the CABS, were performing well before Gary Numan switched to synthesisers. Their direction isn't so easy to follow. but they're still young and have time to develop fully vet.

Another Sheffield electronic group, CLOCKDVA, hope to put a record out soon on Small Wonder records. Their artistic approach to electronics is more intense than the other groups mentioned earlier, and is more likely to have a cult following than a national one, but they have the guts to put their music where their mouth is and go out and do it, which is much more admirable than copying your

favourite punk group. Almost finally the DEAF AIDS play excellent R'n'B influenced cover-versions and new songs, and if they succeed it will be no less predictable than any of the other groups mentioned. And so the beat goes on - the excellent jazz-funk MINDGAMES.

the sixties sound of JUMP, the strumental experimentation of DE TIAN, the punk influenced fun of the STUNT KITES, THE **DEFECTIVE TURTLES** and DISEASE, the bravely named and unique I'M SO HOLLOW, the list is endless THIS ISN'T the end of the story. The Sheffield scene isn't going to go away even if people Isewhere ignore it. Interest in falent generally is shifting from London to the regions, and Sheffield is by no means unique. The independent labels are the

first important stepping stone towards public realization of how much talent remains ignored. The sooner the major record companies move from their own doorsteps to search for new talent, the better it will be for all

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CANCER (June 22-July 23) Your appeal is high, your energy too. Super aspects can take you where you want to go. The 2nd and 4th should be exciting days - so get your

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

If you are changing your course and nervous. Your stars are aiding you. But you'll be too busy, so get yourself ogether - new

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23) Stars in your sign add sparkle to your some. Go for the new and novel and remember that friendly persuasion will get better results than too much straight-talk

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Feel that something great is about to happen? Well, you're right! But just when depends upon your own special birthdate. Just now, it's fun-and-frois

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AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) A person who's brought problems and irritations for you lately takes of now, so improving the atmosphere. A happier tone to friendships: get into the social swing again. PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 21)

You really have no choice but to fit in with the ideas and wishes of others. Do it gracefully and save yourself aggro. Watch where you place your money — and your heart.



NEW HORMENES

18 SMASH HITS

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ACROSS

- 1 No raw bottoms! (anagram 8.
- & 2 down. Reggae superstar Written by Elvis Costello, a hit for Dave Edmunds (5, 4)
- The movie "Quadrophenia" is based on their 1973 album of the same nam What kind of Music?
- 12 One side of Abba's current double A-side hit
- 14 Could be Edwin, could be
- Ringo Nicky Tesco's group Miss Springfield
- 18 Mick Jegger . . . or something to throw?
- Disco star Roy or rock singer
- "Evita" is based on the true
- life story of --- Peron "If I Had You" group, favourites at the Palace
- 24 Recently No 1 with his song ebout rabbits "Pick Me Up I'll ----" Melba
- 28 Chris Difford and Glen Tilbrook are the two who write most of their songs

ACROSS: 1 Darts; 4 Toto; 8 Flog; 10 Rocky Sharpe; 11 Gig; 12 Sun; 13 Re (8 Tins Turner); 14 ** Lucy 13 Re (8 Tins Turner); 14 ** Lucy (Number)"; 15 Racey; 16 Moody (Blues); 21 RSO; 22 (Leg Gray; 23 **(Because The Night"; 25 Sam (Cooke); 27 (Kikl) Dee; 30 Ale; 22 (Bonniel Tyler; 33 Innar Ctrice; 36 **Openie"; 37 Supertrapp.

DOWN

- 1 The kind who get detention for scratching boys' names on desks is that what Donna means? (3, 5)
- See 6 across 3 Good shows may get a standing one by way of
- appreciation
 She's taken the story of Chuck E's romance into the
- Top 30 (6, 3, 5) & 12 down. Gary's gang?
- 7 See 26 down 11 Punks with bionic vision?
- (1-3, 4)
- 12 See 5 down 12 See 5 down 13 Janet Kay's are silly! 16 She's a punk punk, a punk rocker sung The Fabulous
- 17 Is he a girl's best friend? 20 The soulful Mr Robinson who is one of lan's reasons to be
- 22 Once I had a love and it was ... (1, 3)
- 25 How many nations under a roove?
- groove? 26 & 7 down. lan Dury's first big-selling album (3, 5, 3, 7)

Answers to Crossword No. 17
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4 Toto; 6 Hop.; DOWN: 1 Dire Struits: 2 Rading
4 Toto; 1 Miller (Bram)
1-1 Miller 25 Skids; 26 "(A Single) Man"; 28 EMI; 29 Glenn (Matlock); 31 Lene (Lovich); 32 Ted (Nugent); 34 Cat (Stevens); 35 RCA.

Winners of Crossword No. 17 are on page 27.

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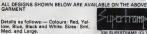
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Chorus Living in a bedsit Travelling on a tube train Working all day long
And you know no one
So you don't go out
And you eat outta tins
And you watch television
Solitary confinement

I have got a good job I am working in The City Get the tube train at eight o'clock and five And I don't really know If I'm feeling dead or alive

Well, I used to live in Camberley And I thought, 'If I moved up to

Life would be very exciting for me,

Life would be very exciting for me, you know Beceuse I'd go out at night And meet girls and things' But nothing ever really happens Round my neck of the woods Except this rether nice girl Who lives across the way from me

I tell you I've got it sussed She's got e forty inch bust And she's just champion

The Members are gonna tell you what it's like to be

On your own

Repeat four times

By yourself Repeat eight times

Buy yourself this record

And it's lonely for me And it's lonely for all of us Can't you see?

Repeat chorus

You're so lonely

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By STEVE BUSH

HELLO FANS - Steve Bush here. Actually, I'm normally your designer — the person wot makes these pages look so wonderful (Who let him in here? Red Starr). Since Cliff White has departed and everyone else is on holiday (Oh -- I see. Red Starr), I thought I'd brighten up the writing too by doing this issue's singles. But before I do, I'd just like to say hello to Mummy. Aunty Vi, Sharon, Sooty the cat (Oh get on with it! Ed) . . .

BUZZCOCKS: Spirel Scretch (New Hormones), Havin unleashed the best set of pop singles for years, the Buzzcocks remind us how it all started. Originally released early '77, this 4-track E.P. features Howard Devoto on vocals (sometimes a la Johnny Rotten), Pete Shelley on guitar, Steve Diggle (bass), and John Maher (drums).

Although rough and (obviously) dated, the songs still beat a lot of the new releases by so-called "new wave" bands, and the best two tracks "Breakdown" and "Boredom" are still performed by the current Buzzcocks line-up. Buy now while stocke last



DONNA SUMMER: Dim All The Lights (Caseblanca). It seems like a new Donna Summer single comes up every week. This one, written by the lady herself, has a slow intro which breaks into the familiar beat while she holds a note for two hours (Oh, alright then - 15 seconds). There's piano, echo and lots of backing vocals, but I would have liked it better if the whole song was as slow as the intro. But then, that's not disco is it?

TOYAH: Sheep Farming in Barnet (Safari). This six-track 33½ rpm E.P. for £1.50 sounds like a good idea until you actually

hear it. The quality of reproduction is poor (which is what happens when you cram six songs on a 7 inch record), and the sound made by Toyah Willcox and her men is somewhere between Nina Hagen and those funny noises that whales make.

STRANGLERS: Duchess (UA). Can't suss this one out at all. Hugh Cornwell actually sings Yeah, a bit shaky maybe, but it's proper singing. And the song's quite nice. But it's also repetitive and lacks any real substance. The B-side, which is more like the Stranglers we all know and hate.



THE JAM: When You're Young (Polydor), Now, this is better. The Jam aren't trying to be clever, or trying to confuse us. Their familiar sound and distinctive vocals, great guitar, and the lyrics a little less contrived than usual. A biggie.

RACEY: Boy Oh Boy (Rak). Along with the Wombles, this is one of Red Starr's favourite bands. "Lay Your Love On Me" and "Some Girls" were irresistibly catchy. but this one is monotonous. featherweight garbage. Girls, don't waste a quid.

CHAS AND DAVE: The Sideboard Song (MI). More "Cor Blimey music from the dreadful duo. This chunk of Rockney consists of repeating "I don't care if 'e comes round 'ere, I've got my beer in the sideboard 'ere" to fade. Not as irritating as "Gertcha" but still pretty grim.

JOHNNY STORM: Let's Go, Let's Go (Pye). I greased my hair with the jar of Johnny Storm hair cream, got it into shape with my Johnny Storm comb, put on my

Johnny Storm sunglasses and gave this single a few spins. Only I didn't get whipped up into a state of frenzied excitement because it's nothing more than a standard formula rock'n'roll song from a 19 year old enthulast, He'l have to do better than this, Still, liked the sunglasses.

SUZY AND THE RED STRIPES: Seaside Woman (A&M). Linda McCartney and Wings sing one of those songs that you think you've heard before and probably have. Almost pleasant enough to be a Boney M flipside.

X S ENERGY: Use You (Dead Good). It's good fun being in a band and bringing out your own single, and this is one of the many recent releases from the hundreds of small (as opposed to large) independent labels dotted around the country. Despite their lack of polish, X S Energy have the same charm and appeal as the Undertones, and a lot of

MORGAN-FISHER: Geneve (Cherry Red). Imagine a film where two young lovers stroll through Central Park; smiling and laughing; chasing each other around and finally kissing gently as the sun sparkles through the trees. Well, "Geneve" is the kind of instrumental they usually play over slush like that.

THE LAST WORDS: Animal World (Rough Trade). Stiff Little Fingers recently left Rough Trade in search of even more fame and fortune at Chrysalis, and R.T. now have to fill the commercial rock band gap that they left. So here's The Last Words with two songs that the press release says "were originally recorded in 1977. although they don't necessarily sound like it." Unfortunately they

SILICON TEENS: Memphis Tennessee (Mute/Rough Trade). After Telex's electronic "Rock Around The Clock" and The Flying Lizards' "Money", it looks like we're all set for a string of synthesised cover versions of rock classics. Silicon Teens. described as "Europe's first teenage electronic group" sound a lot closer to the Monkees than Chuck Berry, but nevertheless quite a jolly little song.

CUT-OUTS: D.I.Y. (EMI). Is this Devo's younger brothers knocking together a synthesiser in the kitchen? No, actually it's neat and clever modern music, with a likeable tune and a collection of funny sound effects. There's two more helpings of similar stuff on the B-side, and an

ace cleave

DISCO DICK: Disco Dick (EMI). Some words of advice: It is quite normal for you to want to purchase disco singles, but if you feel at all tempted to buy this one you must tell your mother at once and she will sit you down and make you a nice cup of tea and a bacon butty. You will soon feel well enough to go out and buy good records . . .

MAX BYGRAVES: Ma (He's Making Eyes At Me) (Pye). Like this one for instance. Bey (one of Max's biggest fans) put me on to this little disco gem — it's great! The B-side is a disco version of "Get Me To The Church On Time" with punky vocals, and the A-side is a wonderful version of the Lena Zavaroni classic. But who is the bloke making eyes at Max, and what's Ma doing



Maxie, our designer's favourite. (Embarrassing, isn't it?)

By RED STARR

WHAT IS the magazine coming to one asks one's self when they let a designer (nice chap and all that, but let's be honest — he has trouble chewing gum and walking at the same time) review the singles? What next - the milkman doing the disco pages? Never mind, at least you get a better class of reviewer over here - witty, knowledgeable. completely Impartial, modest, handsome (Oh get on with it! Ed)

THE COMMODORES: Midnight Magic (Tamla Motown). I say, I say, I say - what's big in America, solid professional funk, but still faceless and only moderately entertaining mainly because of a distinct threadbareness in the melody department (excepting, of course, the traditional strong point of the smooth soul ballad)? Oh - you guessed, Best Trax: "Wonderland", "Sail On". (5 out

PARLET: Invasion Of The Booty Snatchers (Casablanca), Another spin-off from the Parliament/Funkadelic thang so beloved of Cliff White (late of this parish). Three long tracks per side, with the three girls wandering through the background of this lazy, spacey funk with their simple chants and refrains. I prefer a good tune myself, but this is still oddly captivating. Best trax: "Booty Snatchers", "No Rump To Bump". (5 out of 19).

STARJETS: Stariets (Epic). Halfway between Stiff Little Fingers' urgency and The Undertones' simple poppiness come Ulater's Starjets. Potentially nifty tunes, but let down by directionless energy and toothless arrangements Starjets really shine best when most adventurous, witness "Smart Boys", which certainly deserves to be No. 1. Useful start. Bast trax: "Smart Boys", "I'm So Glad". (6 out of 10).

CHAS 'N' DAVE: Don't Give A Monkeys (Rockney/EMI). The gravel-throated thrushes spin their matey but monotonous cockney pub-rock out to an album, but how many re-writes of "Gertcha" (new version included here) do you need? One side is studio tracks, the other side live, and early copies include a free 4 track live EP of r'n'b standards, Best trax: "Rabbit" "Sideboard Song". (5 out of 10).

SINCEROS: The Sound Of

Sunbathing (Epic). Lene Lovich's

former backing group strike out on their own with this collection

of toe-tapping pop songs. Fun to

arrangements are actually better

than the songs themselves which

potential hit single merchants. Best trax: "Worlds Apart", "Good

tend to the forgettable, lacking

punch and any real meet. Still,

Luck To You". (5 out of 10).

listen to, but the playing and

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HIGHWAY TO HELL

QUESTION: What is wrong with the following statement?

With the possible exception of Kiss,

group currently walking the face of

TARNEY-SPENCER BAND: Run

For Your Life (A&M). Australian

current hit (thrills, excitement) and this is pretty much in that

vein, Mainstream pop-ballads

with lots of oohs, aahs and a

nice but going nowhere slow.

Disappointing after last year's

Bomb fans will love. Best trax:

"Live Again", "Lies". (5 out of

(Virgin). Generously timed, a live

orchestral double for the price of

revamped) and "Guilty". Not a lot

one. Contains "Incantations", "Tubular Bells" (largely

else to say, except good bass from Pekka Pohiola (honest) on

"Guilty" and nice singing from

Maddy Prior on "Incantations"

music to do something else by.

Best trax: "Guilty", "Incantations (Part 2)", (6 out of 10).

Oldfield par excellence - nice

MIKE OLDFIELD: Exposed

Alan Tarney wrote Cliff Richard's

suspicion of country rock - quite

punchy debut, but Olivia Neutron

AC/DC are the worst

ANSWER: Not a lot.

AC/DC: Highway To Hell (Atlantic). Is it Concorde? Is it a corporation dustcart? No. it's AC/DC - the headbanging horrors with all the listening appeal of a pneumatic road drill. Since their frenzied screaming and crude scraping of stolen riffs is unlikely ever to replace talent or originality, leave this truly dreadful artefact severely alone. Least awful trax: "Touch Too Much", "Walk All Over You". (3 out of 10).

GIBSON BROTHERS: Cuba (Island), By contrast, a definite goodie here. Three long tracks per side — each a potential hit single — it's a hot blend of salsa. disco and reggee. Kind to the ears (highly tuneful and sung in that great guavery soulful voice). it's also fun, energetic and extremely danceable (nifty playing and natty arrangements). Check it out. Best trax: "Cuba", 'Ooh What A Life". (71/2 out of

XTC: Drums And Wires (Virgin). This record is so-o-o-o good -- a small classic from Britain's most underrated band. As clever as ever and just as tuneful, humorous and powerful, but slower and more subdued in mood. Two quitarist/no keyboard XTC are also more sophisticated and experimental so this may take longer to penetrate but it is wonderful, Packaging also contains all XTC's vinyl lyrics ever, and early copies also get a free unreleased single. Nuff said - get it. Best trax: "Making Plans For Nigel", "Helicopter" and most of the rest. (9 out of 10)



24 SMASH HITS



DEAR SMASH HITS, Is this SHORT enough? Me, Littlehampton, PS. Is it FUNNY enough? PPS. Is it CONSTRUCTIVE

enough? PPPS. Is it WITTY enough? PPPPS. Is it POSITIVE enough? PPPPPS. WHO CARES? PPPPPPS. No. I am not going to try to break the PS record. PPPPPPPS. Do not on any account try to read this letter if you are below the age of 2 seconds! PPPPPPPS. Look, honest, I didn't mean to break it!

That's all right - it's not really broken. There were another six

HERE IS a short letter with something constructive to say: last week's letters page was bloody . .

In my opinion you have your values completely wrong. OUR letters page should be comprised of what we, the readers, want not what is left after you cruds have edited it.

The letters page used to be the most compelling part of the mag. Last issues (July 26-Aug 8), apart from one little gem from Mr Rotten and his water wings, read like the letters page from Woman's Own.

A Sham Fan, Table Next To The Window, The Wimpy, Mersey Square, Stockport,

Dear Sham Fan, Your complaint is perfectly normal in boys your age end should go away as long as you refrain from scratching it. Signed, A Crud.

YOU SAID short letters were more likely to get published. Well who cares? Try bigger paper or just have more letters pages. I have a few ideas for you: take them or leave them. First: "Smash Hits" sounds too much like teenyboppers mag. Suggestions for name: "Vox" or

"Lyrix". More Ian Dury And The Blockheads. Hey, why repeat centre spread of Abba? One's bad enough, Centrespread on The Undertones please. Less Star Teasers. What does L.F.I. stand for by the pics? (London Features International, Ed.)

Ace Pistols, Dury, Costello, Skids, Undertones and Squeeze features. Centrespread on Elvis

(Presley and Costello versions). More competitions, Cliff on singles, Red on albums, both doing a good job as we all is entitled to our own opinions.

Less poster adverts, centrespread on Cochran and Holly, more album comps. records/instruments sale or swap

columns What does Lydon mean by "rock is dead"? Centrespread on old and future Pistols. What next. The Smurfs on tour?

More record reviews. Try

bits of mag. Words to "Accidents

centrespread on Rockpile please.

More rock 'n' roll and punk but

putting adverts on back of

Will Happen" by Costello,

less disco, heavy metal.

Andy Milton, Bristol.

eh? That's a relief.

and The Skids?

Toyland.

Who's right?

Keep up the good work.

You're absolutely sure there's

change, Andy? Everything fine?

Just what the doctor ordered,

beastly rot like The Sex Pistols

My friend and Lare both

devoted Paddington Bear fans.

As we also like Andy Pandy we

wondered if you could print the

words to the beginning of Andy

Nice to see we're attracting the

I JUST wanted to see if anyone

with a name as boring as mine

AHEM) IN the May 31st issue you

said Blondie's "Hanging On The

Telephone" was written by Gary

Valentine, but on "Parallel Lines"

it says it was written by Jack Lee.

Jack Lee is the correct answer.

JE VOUS veux imprimer une

photo de le beau homme que

The Police, Et aussi, peut-etre,

homme s'appelle Gary Numan.

Always good to hear from our

une photo de le succulent

Pin en Ecosse, Dundee.

s'appelle Stewart Copeland que

est dans la bande que s'appelle

The song was originally recorded by his own bend The Nerves.

Adrian Mowbray, Burnham,

PS, I told you it was boring.

Matthew Bond, Bristol.

could get a letter printed.

Devoted Paddington Fans,

more mature reader.

nothing at all you'd like to

WHY DO you have to print

Replays.

Crossword too easy but still I fans are loval enough to your group to argue your views? Yes, didn't win. Why not? Less T-shirt and badge adverts, centrespread on Rocky Sharpe And The

Now for God's sake leave us punks to fight with the teds in A. Punkette (Ruth Bettison). Brighouse, W. Yorks. crossword so I don't cut out good

Rumanian readers

that?

DO I take it that if a soul freak

went up to an ELO fan and said. "ELO are rubbish", that the ELO

really think so?" and leave it at

fan would politely reply, "Do you

Surely you above-mentioned

SINCE THE punk vs ted bettle is almost over. I would like to start a new one

Who are these gits "Three Head Cases" insulting heavy metal groups? They should be called "Three Sad Cases". Devoted Rock Fan. Bucks.

I AM sick of bogus people writing to your mag using my name.

Elvis Costello, Burnham, Bucks.

I THINK Smash Hits is great but there's something that I have

Elvis Costello and Chris Difford; two of the sters that haven't written to Smash Hits recently.

seen in the mag lately that I think is terrible. On two occasions somebody has written and signed their letter with a star's name. Ashamed to use your own name are you, or what? I know what I'd do if somebody used my name - I'd give them a good kick up the Junction.

AFTER READING Danny Baker's Public Image interview I have come to the conclusion that John Lydon is nothing more than a failed egomaniac prat trying desperately to cling on to some degree of street credibility by his no compromise, no cliches. unorthodox stance

Chris Difford, Deptford, South

East London.

He says rock music has been dead for years. But surely millions of kids know better than this whimpering malcontent. Rock music has never been so good or so exciting for the simple reason that it provides enjoyment and fun for the hundreds of young people in every city who make it

Rotten has got it wrong; not everybody wants to be a rebel or change the world, but just have

John Liedown, Lincoln.

ME AND my mate have been arguing for hours as to whether Sting is really a man named Gordon Sumper, the bass player for The Police. My mate won't listen to me so can you tell us who is right? Arsenal Fan, Camberley, Surrey, See page 10!

THE DIRTY big . . . ! Yes, you've guessed it another complaint about R.S. himself (or is "it"?) Who does he think he is? I wish when he was reviewing singles he'd listen to them, if it's not too much strain upon the sand between his ears.

Tests prove that by reading Red Starr, fillings increase by 30% | Starr is so thick he'd give your car tyres 70% grip in the wet. His IQ is lower than the Titanic. To say the Rats were boring is really lunatic. Has R.S. ever seen Bob Geldof on 'Juke Box Jury'? At least his jokes don't have beards on them. Tony lafrate, President, Anti-Red Starr Association, Glasgow.

The Rats rule OK! Ora we senda da boys round. The Godmother.

Put it that way, it seems quite reasonable - Red Starr.

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HONESTI Y. THE first time Red

singles he knocks The Boomtown

"Horace Wimp" a good review ['II

Oh yes! In issue 17 someone

interesting ones you might like to print.

Sterr gets a chance to do the

Rats. (Never mind, if he gives

asked for "a few Pistols pics".

Well, here are a couple of

Glynn Warren, Leicester

Aim your missiles at:

forgive him.)

I'VE GOT some bad news for all music lovers. Anarchy International are planning to annihilate all decent groups and make everyone suffer by listening to Plastic Fork and The Staffords, or even The Dead Mice. Be warned Ann Gilliland, Ellesmere Port, South Wirral.

How soon can they start? Red Starr.

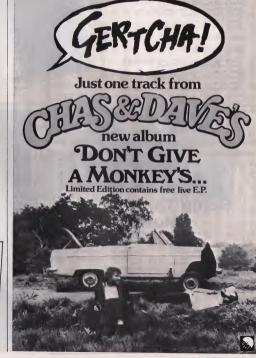
"HERE GOES, maybe they'll print this one "You must be joking, they make

up all the letters themselves." 'No they don't." "Betcha a quid they don't print it."

"Bet they do." "Alright, you're on." Sus, Gosforth, Newcastle.



Who see its Not only Punks that can cut



Just When I Needed You Most

By Randy Vanwarmer on Island/Bearsville Records

You packed in the morning I stared out the window
And I struggled for something to say
You left in the rain Without closing the door I didn't stand in your way

Now I miss you more than I missed you before And now where I'll find comfort God knows

'Cause you left me Just when I needed you most (Left me just when I needed you most)

Now most every morning I stere out the window And I think about where you might be I've written you letters That I'd like to send If you would just send one to me

Repeat chorus

Reneat first verse

Now I love you more than I loved you before And now where I'll find comfort God knows 'Cause you left me

Just when I needed you most, oh yeeh (You left me just when I needed you most)



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Going Through The Motions

By Hot Chocolate on RAK Records

Repeat chorus

Repeat chorus

Just going through the motions Just going through the motions Going through the motions Just going through the motions

Your heart is not in it baby You're kissing me but your lips are cold Your heart is not in it baby Your eyes are closed but you're not here

with me

I can feel your love, feel it, flowing away I can feel your love, I can feel it, flowing can feel your love, baby, flowing sway can feel your love, I can feel it, flowing

I can feel your love, feel it, flowing away I can feel your love, baby, feel it, flowing away

Your heart is not in it baby

I can feel your love, I can feel it, flowing I can feel your love, baby, flowing away

Your heart is not in it baby You're trying hard but you're not fooling

A different person is lying here with me

Repeat chorus and improvise last four lines to fade

The Bitch

By The Olympic Runners on Polydor Records

Bitch, ah hah

God help the guy who gets The Bitch I said, Bitch, ah hah No one is safe around The Bitch

There are good girls and there's bad The bad ones are all I've ever had I can't tell which is which But trust me to pick The Bitch

Repeat chorus

She will ruin me I know But I love her and I can't let her go She's like a wicked wicked witch And I wish that I could ditch The Bitch

away



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The names listed are hidden in the diagrams. They run



invaders Retford Porterhouse March Of The Mods West Runton Pavilion Merton Parkas Jacksdale Greytopper

Saturday August 25

Cheap Trick etc. Reading Festival Commodores London Wembley Arena Inveders Halifax Good Mood Club Undertones, Clash, Shake, Damned Londonderry Free Festival, Temple More Sports Complex Cowboys International Dudley JBs Steel Pulse, The Specials, Ricky Cool And The Icebergs Cannon Hill Area, Edgbaston, Birmingham Merton Perkes Nottingham Sandpiper

Sunday August 26

Commodores London Wembley Arena Ramones, Members, Peter Gabriel Reading Festival Inveders Leeds Fforde Green Hotel
March Of The Mods Tour London Lyceum

Monday August 27

Invaders Bradford Princeville Merton Parkas Edinburgh Tiffanys Merch Of The Mads Tour Canvey Island The Paddocks
Shake London Nashville

Tuesday August 28 March Of The Mods Sheffield Limits Club

Wednesday August 29

Commodores Stafford Bingley Hall Invaders Newport Stoweways
March Of The Mods Barnsley Civic Centre
Slouxsle And The Benshees/The Cure **Bournemouth Civic Centre** Shake Shrewsbury Cascade
Merton Parkas High Wycombe Nags Head
Rickie Lee Jones Edinburgh Odeon MOD BANDS Secret Affair, Purple Hearts and Back To Zero are joining forces this month on The March, Of The Mods tour. The bands are pictured here outside London's Merquee Club, one of the original Mod venues.

Revillos Edinburgh Tiffanys

Tuesday September 4 Boney M London Wembley Arena Shake London Marquee

Wednesday September 5 James Brown London The Venue Patti Smith London Wembley Arena Shake Newport Stowaways Merton Parkas London Marquee

Rickie Lee Jones Manchester Free Trade Hall Thursday September 6 Inveders London Crackers Crusaders Dunstable Queensway Hall Revillos London Leicester Squere

Notre Dame Hall James Brown London The Venue. Shake Leeds Fan Club

While we make every effort to make our listings accurate, gigs are often subject to last minute change. We suggest you check locally with the vanue before setting out.

Thursday August 30

Inveders Port Talbot Troubedour March Of The Mods Leeds Fforde Green Ho Siouxsle And The Banshees/The Cure Aylesbury Friers
Shake Sheffield Limits Club
Merton Parkas Manchester New

Century Halls Friday August 31

Invaders Birmingham Barbarellas March Of The Mods Newcestle Mayfair Shake Retford Porterhouse

Saturday September 1 Sauray September Invaders Dudley JBs Van Morrison, Undertones, Talking Heads, Steel Pulse, Squeeze Edinburgh Ingliston Showground March Of The Mods Liverpool Erics Shake Middlesbrough Rock Gerden

RATS and POLICE

TOUR DATES EXTRA

THE POLICE start at DERBY Assembly Rooms (September 10), BLACKBURN King George's (11), BIRMINGHAM Odeon (13), SOUTHAMPTON Gaumont (14), OXFORD New Theatre (15), LEICESTER De Montfort (16), end CARDIFF Top Renk (19). More dates

THE BOOMTOWN RATS start at LIVERPOOL Empire (September 27, 28), MANCHESTER Apollo (29, 30), NEWCASTLE City Hell (Oct. Apollo (29, 30). NEWCASTLE City Hell (Oct. 2.3). EDINBURGH does (16). DUDBEE caird Hell (6). ABERDEEN Captol (6). 3). GLASGOW Hell (6). ABERDEEN Captol (6). 3). GLASGOW STOKE Trenthan Gerden (16). ELICESTER Granby Hell (16). SHEFREID City Hall (17). BIRRINNGHAM Coden (18, 20). CAYGON lew Theatre (23). LONDON Hammersmith Odeon 12.5, 26, 27). BRIGHTON Conference Centre Chield Local Values for prices and STOKE CHIEF CONTROL (18).

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF SMASH HITS THE JAM

SPECIALS B52's

SQUEEZE

IN COLOUR PLUS LOADS MORE GOODIES. ON SALE SEPT 6.

Conscious Man

By The Jolly Brothers on Ballistic Records

You gotta be a conscious man When you fall in love Just be a conscious man When you fall in love You gotta be a conscious man When you fall in love

When you fall in love with someone Who doesn't love you They use you as a puppet on a string Look into yourself my friend Try to get wise And be a

Chorus

Conscious man When you fall in love You gotta be a conscious man When you fall in love

Solomon was wise
But he couldn't find the secret of a woman
Oh yes, it is true
Samson was strong and deceived oh yes
By a woman
Oh yes can't you see

Look into yourself my friend Try to get wise Don't let a women get you down Just be a

Repeat chorus

Repeat second verse

Look into yourself my friend Try to get wise Don't let a woman get you down

Just be a conscious man
When you fall in love
Just be a conscious man
When you fall in love
You gotta be a conscious man
When you fall in love

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Lost In Music

By Sister Sledge on Atlantic Records

Cherus

We're lost in music Caught in a trap No lurning back We're lost in music We're lost in music Feel so allow I guit my nine to five We're lost in music

Have you ever seen
Some people lose everything
First to go is their mind
Responsibility to me is a tragedy
I'll get a job some uther time

I want to join a band And play in front of crazy fans yes I call that temptation Give me the melody That's all that I ever need The music is my salvation

Rennet Elinnis

Mmm in a spotlight
The band plays so very tight
Each and every night sh sh
It's no vanity
To me it's my sanity
I could never survive

Some people ask me What are you gome be Why don't you go get a job? Uh uh All that I can say I won't give up my music

Improvise chorus to lade

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