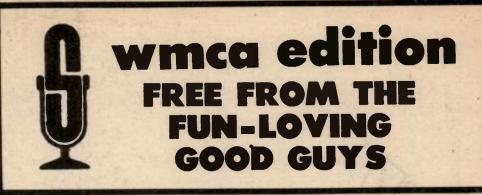
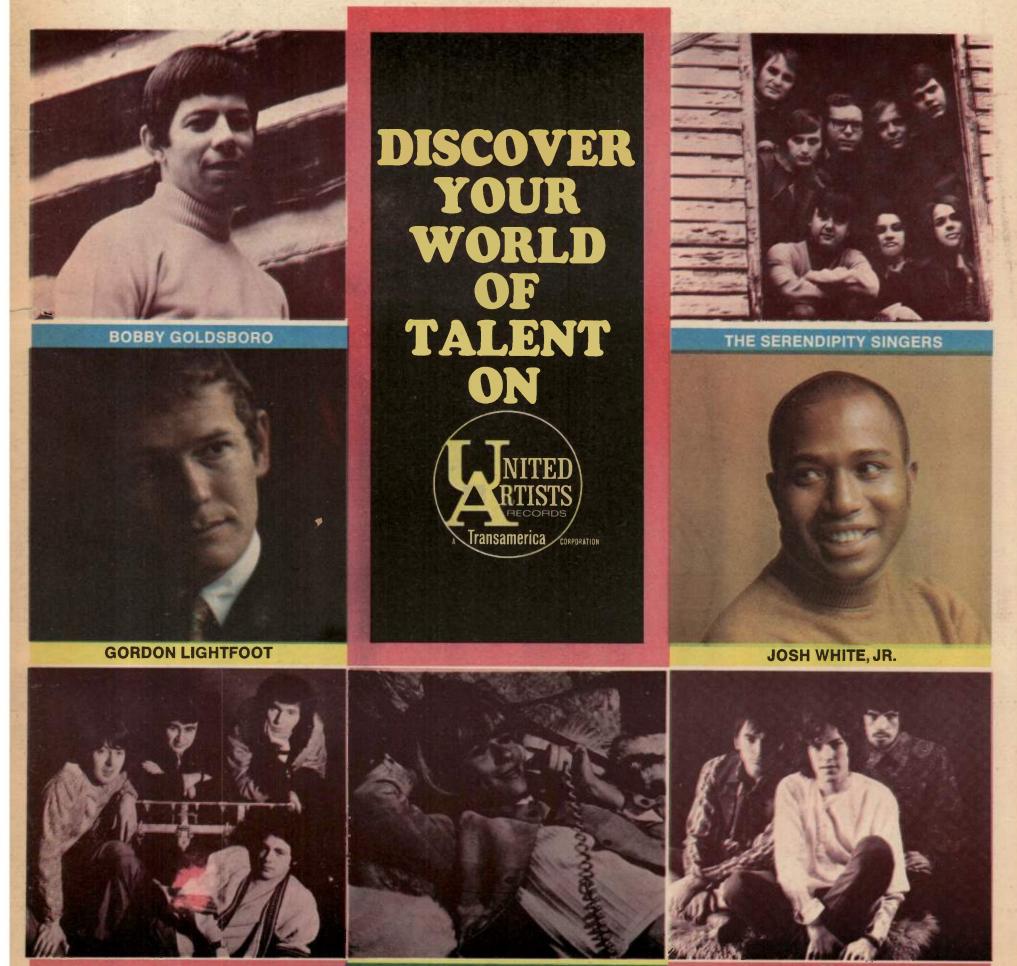


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BOBBIE GENTRY becomes the first American artist ever signed to do her own television series on Britain's BBC.

The singer will do six halfhour color specials which will be taped at the BBC studios in London starting on May 20. Miss Gentry will star in each segment as well as selecting her own guests and setting the format.

The shows will be seen in Britain on Saturday evenings at 9:30 p.m. from the last week in May through July 11. The shows will also be aired in Europe.

After performing at the San Remo Song Festival in February, Miss Gentry was offered the British TV deal. She will be conferring with Stanley Dorf-man, BBC producer for the show, about the format and guests who will be both British and American.

Other American artists involved in a British television deal are Frank Sinatra, daughter Nancy, and son Frank Junior. The threesome filmed the special called "Movin' With Nancy" in the U.S. and it will be shown in Britain. Dean Martin and Sammy Davis are also on the show.



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Buckinghams get new The long-time team of The

Buckinghams and their producer-manager James William Guercio has come to an end. The Chicago-based group have split from Guercio and have just recorded in New York with Jimmy Wisner, a Columbia staff producer, producing their sessions.

Dennis Tufano of The Buck-inghams told GO in New York. "There was a difference of direction and we broke up pro-fesionally at the end of Jan-uary with Guercio. It is not a personal thing."

Marty Grebb, who does most of the writing, added: "The more we can do by ourselves in the area of recording the better off we are because we're the only ones who know what we do and how we want to do

Guercio had produced all of the group's previous albums and singles with the exception of "Kind Of A Drag" which was their first single and only million seller.

The Buckinghams worked with Wisner on their next single which will be out next week, but they will be doing a lot of the production and planning themselves in the future.

According to group member Jon Jon Paulos: "We had done all the arrangements for these sessions and worked out all the ideas before coming to New York."

Nick Fortune pointed out that the music "will now be more of us that comes out on our singles and albums."

As for a new album, the group will start working on it right away and hope to have it ready in a few months. "We're going for a concept or idea on this album," Dennis explained. "You have to plan an album. You can't just go in and do producer anything. We want to do one where everything fits. 'Sgt. Pepper' started all this. Before 'Sgt. Pepper' you could get away with just putting any col-

lection of songs on an album." The Buckinghams are also putting together a rear projection slide presentation that they will use for their college concerts. The slides will be interspersed throughout the show. The group emphasize that this presentation is not psychedelic.

The Buckinghams will carry three screens and three slide projectors with them for their concerts and the center screen can be used for motion pictures.

Paul McCartney has recently finished work on a new LP — but the Beatles do not appear on the credits. It was produced at an impromptu session with Paul's brother and a few friends.

Paul and brother Mike Mc-Gear of the Scaffold group went into the studio with Roger McGough - also from the Scaffold - to make some tapes to play to people like Georgie Fame and Cliff Richard.

"Roger read some of his poetry and I sang some of my songs, then these friends of ours came along and joined in and translated our ideas into beau-tiful music and a work of art," Mike explained.

Unfortunately, most of the famous friends have recording contracts with other companies, so they must remain anony-mous. But there was a fair sprinkling of the upper crust of British pop involved.

UNION GAP have picked up their second gold record signifying a million sales for "Young Girl." The single was certified by the Record Industry Association of America.

The group's first single "Woman, Woman" became their first gold record earlier this year. Their album sold over 100,000 copies during its first week of releases.

POP NEWS ROUND-UP duces discs by Herman, Donovan and the

Yardbirds.

Plainsclothes police poured into a dance where the 1910 Fruit Gum Co. were playing in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, recently.

The police turned out after a local station had received a call threatening to shoot the Fruit Gum Co. and to blow up the dance hall.

Floyd Marcus, vocalist and drummer, told GO that because of the threat only about 25 kids turned out for the dance. He also said that the caller was obviously a crank and the group couldn't imagine why they were threatened. Then dance went off without any in-cidents, but the Fruit Gum Co. were dis-appointed that the threat had caused

such a poor turn-out.

The Seekers' new single will be called "Days Of My Life" and released next week. It is their first disc under the supervision of Mickie Most who also pro-

Produced and Arcanged by Arnold Gelas

Yardbirds. The release of the disc means that the Australian group's American college tour has been put back from April 20 until later in the year. In May, the Seekers begin a major concert tour in Britain, covering 16 cities with a supporting bill of top acts. They follow the tour with a Scandinavian visit in July for 16 days, then play in France, Holland and Belgium. Holland and Belgium.

Louis Armstrong, whose disc "Wonder-ful World" has shot with amazing speed to the British Top Five is to vlsit England in June for a concert tour. He is due to open with a week's cabaret in a Northern club, then play seven or eight major concert venues round the country. Two of the dates will almost definitely be in London. If plans work out, Louis will also make

If plans work out, Louis will also make a couple of selected TV appearances be-fore moving on to a Continental tour.

Margaret sings the song for now ...

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Why do we have such a strong belief. hold such a long belief in tomorrow?

Because we know, as long as its faith we show, our prayers will be answered so Faithfully

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Recently Al Bell, the vice-president of the Stax Record Company based in Memphis, sent out a letter which said in part: "It's been so long — as a matter of fact much too long — since we've had a moment of PEACE ON EARTH. This disturbs me, certainly it disturbs all mankind. With Vietnam and all of our other domestic problems, racial and otherwise — it makes you wonder 'what is this world coming to'."

In response to the tragic events which have taken place in Memphis as well as in the nation, Al, Eddie Floyd and Booker T. Jones wrote a song called "Send Peace And Harmony Home" which Shirley Walton recorded.

The lyrics are a plea for the restoration of peace and harmony. They are simple, straightforward and eloquent. The words are ones all of us should heed.

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The great Chicago blues guitarist Buddy Guy made his first New York appearance at the Fillmore East on a bill with The Who.

Guy is a fantastic guitarist and a strong influence on musicians like Jimi Hendrix and Eric Clapton. Unfortunately, Guy's band weren't really cooking behind him at the Fillmore and at times they sounded offkey.

In any event Guy is so amazing that it really didn't matter that much, for you could ignore the band and just focus on him.

As a bonus B. B. King, appearing elsewhere that night, stopped by to jam with Guy. Needless to say, the experience of the two blues guitar giants playing together was a tremendous thrill.

Luckily the Who have a strong act, for Guy and King would have stolen the show from a lesser group. The Who were recording live at the Fillmore and staged a really exceptional performance. They performed "Summertime

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Blues" and Roger Daltrey pointed out to the kids that instead of listening to the Blue Cheer's recording they'd be better off digging Eddie Cochrane's original

Speaking of originals, I saw the original Stone Poneys perform in Detroit last year and I must say that the newly reorganized group are far better. There were only three including Linda Ronstadt originally and they were one of the most boring acts I had run across even though they sounded fine on album.

Now Linda really comes across strong and the current Poneys do an adequate job backing her. Undoubtedly as they play together more, they'll get to be really good.

Flip Wilson will headline a show at Town Hall in New York on May 24 with Jackie and Roy and Kenny Rankin on the bill . . The Lettermen are too booked so solid that they are already set for June 1969 date at the Persian Room in New . The girl who wrote York . "Sunday Morning," Margo Guryan now has a record out on Bell called "Spanky And Our Gang" which she wrote in trib-



ANDY KIM . . . delighted

ute to the group that made her tune a hit . . . The Clear Light headline at Cheetah, now located at 310 West 52nd Street in New York, through April 24 and Steppenwolf come in the next day

The McCoys debut LP for Mercury "The Further Adven-tures Of The McCoys" should be ready by the end of April. A young singer from Montreal by the name of Andy Kim

has his first single out, "How'd We Ever Get This Way," on the Steed label. The record is starting to get played around the country and Andy is delighted.

He stopped by the GO offices and told me: "I'm like a child with a new toy seeing that my record is beginning to get heard."

Andy first started singing in front of his friends at parties when he was about 15 or 16. He had so much fun that he decided to come to New York after graduating and try his luck in show business here.

The young man went around to different producers, and finally visited producer Jeff Barry who was to form Steed. Barry

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By PHIL FLAMM Frankie Valli is one star who hasn't forgotten what it's like to be unknown, looking for that first break and someone who can help

you get it. The veteran performer, both with the Four Seasons and as a soloist, intends to help youngsters who want to make it in the music business by managing their careers. This would include writers and arrangers as well as performers. He already has his eyes on some very talented neonle people.

Frankie feels that it takes a long time launch a successful music career and that you must be more than just a per-former to make it big - you have to be

an entertainer as well. You have to be versatile, too. "The way music changes today," he says, "if you get stuck in any one bag, you'll last

six months — if you're lucky. You must be able to change to last." Of all the artists and groups that have had hit records in the past several years, very few have had the talent — and the versatility — to last. The names that came to Frankle's mind were the Beatles, Supremes, Stones, Dionne Warwick, Pet Clark, Tom Jones and Bob Dylan. Of course you can add the Seasons to that

COAST JOTTINGS . . . "An Afternoon COAST JOTTINGS . . . "An Afternoon With Steppenwolf" was the title of a private press party at the Troubadour where lead singer John Kay explained where lead singer John Kay explained the philosophy behind five numbers that the group performed live. John is eloquent and did a good job in presenting the meaning and purpose of his group's ma-

terial. terial. The highlight of the afternoon was a 19-minute original composition by John called "The Blues And Beyond," his in-terpretation of the blues from Robert Johnson to Sam and Dave with all the stops in between. Excellent. The Mendelsohn Quintet Club of Boston Inving, Sheldon Wurie Scam and Melvin)

(Irving, Sheldon, Hymie, Sam and Melvin) made their Los Angeles debut at the Hollywood Palladium after returning from a world tour of supermarket openings. The group's enthusiastic fan club were seen picketing records companies and radio stations all over Hollywood to get their stations all over Hollywood to get their favorites recorded and on the air. Is this a put on? Read this column next week to find out. Or, if you know, let me in on it, because I'm not too sure at this point. "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" the "Mary Poppins" type musical starring Dick Van Dyke, that United Artists is doing already bas 10 albums and 15 cingles lined un

has 10 albums and 15 singles lined up, all the way from straight music to the latest psychedella — and the movie wont be released until Christmas. Shades of "Dr. Dolittle."

One of fever tree's managers, Vivian Holtzman, ralses leopards and tigers. She claims that, after preparing five Texans for stardom, she finds the cats very relaxing.

The Buckinghams, off a long tour, are flying to New York to record a new album. Their next single will be chosen from it. Chad and Jeremy are currently doing the music for American International Pic-tures' "Three In The Attic." Chad is doing the scoring and Jeremy has written the title song.

The Strawberry Alarm Clock seem to be winning honors in the new group ca-tegory in all the fan mag polls. Wonder how they'll do in Go's balloting? . . One of the hottest groups in the West Coast, currently, are Hunger!

Words we should heed had had great success with the

Ronettes, Crystals and Dixie Cups and when Andy went in, he remembers telling the receptionist: "Mr. Barry wants to make a million dollars so he should sign me up." Andy also left a demo which Barry liked and so signed him.

"I'm so embarrased about what I told the girl. I don't know if she ever told Jeff," Andy said.

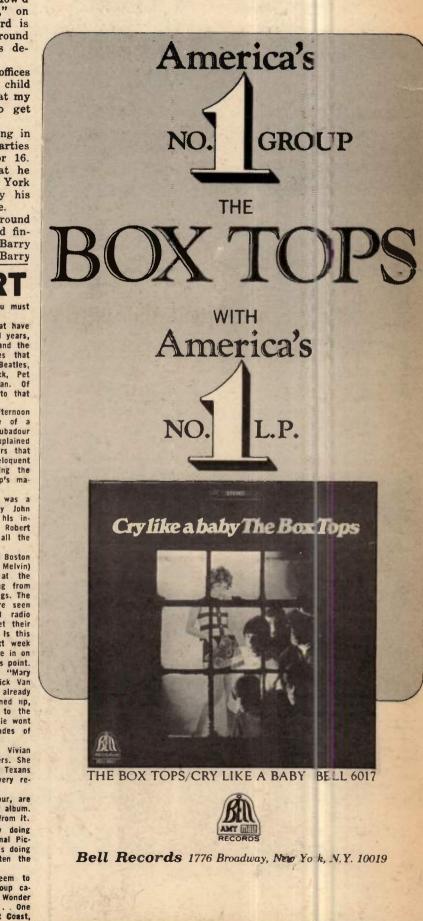
A very sincere and friendly person, Andy also writes songs and his first album will contain some of his own material. He wants to get together a threepiece group to back him for future dates, but at the moment wants to concentrate on plugging his record.

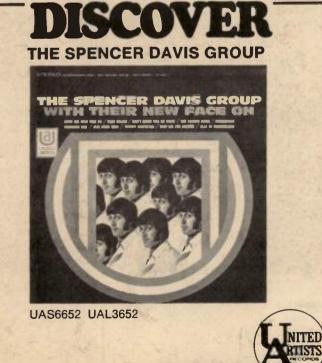
'I don't think success comes easily," Andy explained. "I'm preparing myself for the future

now by reading and involving myself in namy things. When you're in a field where the rewards are so fantastic, you've got to work hard. Anyone in this business who is lazy gets left behind.'

Andy is a sc deeply concerned with the staz of the world. "We've adv noed so much scientifically in the past century," he said, "that it is very sad that we are still barbarians when it comes to getting along with each other."

Someday he might want to go into polties. As he put it, "There's so much that can be done. Of course, people might say like in the case of Ronald Reagan, 'what is he doing in politics?' B t _ you have strong convictions, you're also a private citizen so why shouldn't you get involves !"





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The Bee Gees kick off their first extended U.S. concert tour with a show August 1 at the Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento, California.

The seven-week tour which is planned to cover 25 cities is expected to gross over a million dollars for the Bee Gees. Their only previous live appearance in this country was on January 27 at the Anaheim Convention Center.

Other definite dates so far set for the group's summer tour are: Hollywood Bowl, August 2; Cow Palace, San Francisco, August 3; Sports Arena, San Diego, August 4; Forest Hills Stadium, Long Island, August 10; Civic Light Opera, Pittsburgh, August 11; Olympia Stadium, Detroit, August 24.

Meanwhile in London the Bee Gees have signed Johnny Speight to write their first film, "Lord Kitchener's Little Drummer Boys."

Speight has won two Writ-Guild Awards for his Briters' ish TV series "'Til Death Us Do Part."

Shooting will begin in October with extensive locations in Kenya.

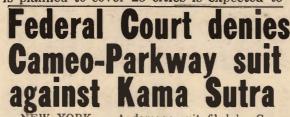
The budget for the color film will be over a million dollars.

Speight will begin writing immediately and plans to spend some time with the Bee Gees on their current British concert tour to co-ordinate details on the film.

PROCOL HERE FOR MONTH

Procol Harum arrive in the United States from Britain today (Friday) to begin a monthlong tour. Concerts are being scheduled around the country.

The group's next single on A&M Records will be "Quite Rightly So" with "In The Wee Small Hours Of Six Pence" on the flip side. The single and a new album will be released soon.



EW YORK . A damage suit filed by Cameo-Parkway Records against Kama Sutra Productions and Jerome Kasenetz Ltd., over the release by Kama Sutra of records by The Ohio Express was denied and dismissed by the Federal Court.

Judge Tyler of the Federal Court denied the suit after being advised by Roemer & Klein, Kama Sutra's attorneys, that this was the second such proceeding which Cameo-Parkway had brought against its clients.

On December 29, 1967, Judge Edelstein of the Federal Court had denied Cameo-Parkway's attempt to enjoin Kama Sutra from releasing records made by The Five Stairsteps & Cubie.

Judge Tyler, in denying the injunction, indicated that Kama Sutra had acted properly in dealing with The Ohio Express, and indicated that there was no binding contract between The Ohio Express and Cameo-Parkway when The Ohio Express contracted with Kama Sutra.

Judge Tyler's decision was made after a day long trial and after testimony was taken and briefs sub-mitted from employees of Cameo-Parkway and Jerome Kasenetz and Jeffrey Katz. Roemer & Klein argued that the same issue that had been litigated in The Five Stairsteps & Cubie suit was being litigated in The Ohio Express suit. Both Courts, in rendering a verdict for Kama Sutra, found that Kama Sutra had acted properly.

Monkee Man's Cartoon A new cartoon series featuring two American

and two British boys is being planned by Don Kirschner, the man who helped launch the Monkees in 1966. He visited London recently for talks on the project. He hopes to find a group who can sing and play the music for the series and has asked top British songwriters Tony Macaulay and John Mac-

leod to score it. The series has been pre-sold to America, Japan and Australia, Kirschner revealed, and the record will be released through RCA on a world-wide basis.

Producer gets label The producer who discovered Spanky & Our Gang and Jay & The Techniques, Jerry Ross,

has just signed a deal with MGM Records. Mort Nasatir, president of MGM, announced



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that Ross' new Heritage Records label will be distributed by the big company. Ross is keeping his initial releases for Heritage under wraps until later this month.

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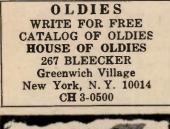
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Who will be the WMCA Champs of Champs? That's the big question, and the Good Guys will be giving you the answer as soon as all the votes in the Champ of Champs feature are counted.

During the past few days, postcards have been pouring into the WMCA studios, bearing the names of favorite groups.

Every day, one group have been named Champs Of The Day.



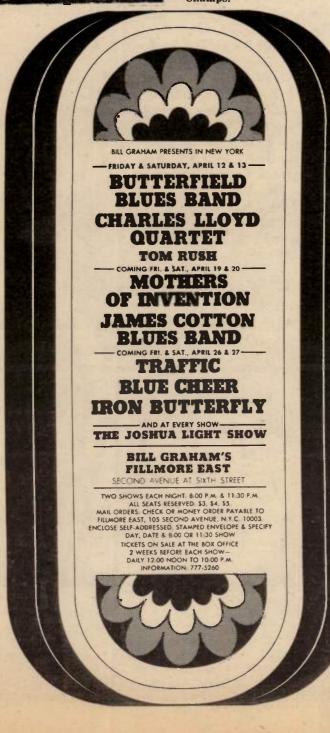
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This will continue until Saturday, April 20. Then, on Saturday April 27, WMCA will feature the Champ of Champs.

There's still time to help make sure your favorite group or performer wins this coveted title. All you have to do is send your vote for your favorite (postcards only, please) to Champ Of Champs, WMCA, New York, N. Y. 10017.

Then listen on April 27 for the winner of the Champ Of Champs.





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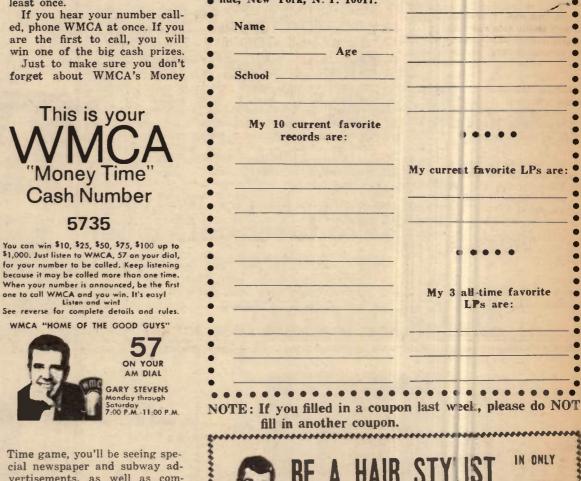
The cash prizes range from \$10 to \$1000, and there's no reason at all why you houldn't win one of the big prizes. You don't have to buy anything. You don't really have to know anything about music. All you have to do is get a Money Time card, and keep listening to the Good Gurs. Here's how the game works. Get a Money Time card from any of the dozens of girs walking around

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oolcy and I are really looking ard to next month, because when we get our discharge the Air Force after serving our try - stop that sniggering - to est of our ability for six whole

got to admit that, sometimes, eyburger's ability didn't amount ry much, but he didn't annoy many generals so they let him

finished his tour of duty as a eyburger Second Class. He have made First Class, too, t that he had dandruff in his fur ay while we were on parade!

t another big occasion coming on. This one's on the 28th of and I'll be hosting a special at Staples High School in ort, Connecticut.

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'PEARLY' -- A GOLDEN HIT FOR DAVID? "Days Of Pearly Spencer," al-

ready a hit single in Britain, is starting to break in the U.S. for its singer David McWilliams. The performer has just signed with Kapp Records in this country.

McWilliams, born in Bally-mena, County Antrim, Ireland, was a factory worker until he decided that he preferred singing. The six-foot tall dark haired Irishman also started writing his own songs from what he sees around him.

"I listen with my eyes and sing what I see," he says. McWilliams songs reflect his experience, his personal sufferings and the starkness of the times he has known.

At 22, McWilliams' main interests are soccer, girls and all good music. He dislikes war and having his haircut, and singles out Buddy Holly and Bob Dylan as his favorite singers.

The power of poetry

At long last the new album from Simon & Garfunkel is out and their many fans have reason to rejoice. BOOKENDS is the and their many tans have reason to rejoice. BOOKENDS is the name of the duo's latest from Columbia Records and it con-tains the songs Paul Simon has been working on since the "Parsley, Sage" album. Singles like "At The Zoo" and "Fakin" it" are included here as well as numbers the duo have been singing in concert lately. "Overs," "America" and "Save The Life Of My Child" are among the latter. Therefore, there are few surprises on the album for those who have been following the duo

But, the collection proves again what a poet Paul Simon But, the collection proves again what a poet Paul Simon s and how lovely he and Art Garfunkel sound. When there s such emphasis on complex productions and heavy sound, to hear the power of simplicity and poetry is

is such emphasis on complex productions and heavy sound, it is a pleasure to hear the power of simplicity and poetry affirmed. "Bookends" makes such an affirmation. WITH THEIR NEW FACE ON by the SPENCER DAVIS GROUP (United Artists). It's easy to see why Spencer Davis says that he's never been so pleased with a group as he is with his present one. They do an excellent job on this brand-new album that contains some very solid new songs written by Davis and members of the group. It would be hard to pick out the best cuts here because the album that deserves repeated play. well done. This is one album that deserves repeated play.

SINCE I LOST YOU BABY by LONG JOHN BALDRY (Warner Bros.-Seven Arts). Baldry's vocal on this ballad is superb and the song and arrangement are so strong the record should head straight up the charts. LIKE TO GET TO KNOW YOU by SPANKY & OUR GANG (Mercury). This soft pretty ballad should get both pop and good music play which equals another big hit for the gang. DEDICATED MUSIC MAN by MORTIMER (Philips). This new group have a winner on their first release. The ar-be a very big group.

TOP FIFTY A DIME A DOZEN by CARLA THOMAS (Stax). Carla puts across a catchy song with her fine singing. This record moves all the way through. MY PARTY by THE ILLUSION (Dynovoice). The the way through. MY PARTY by THE ILLUSION (Dynovoice). The group's first record is well done and will be a hit. Mitch Ryder produced the record and wrote the song and proves himself to be very capable behind the scenes. I AM THE MAN FOR YOU BABY by EDWIN STARR (Gordy). This exceptionally talented singer finally has a record that should put him back on the charts. ROSIE by DON PARTRIDGE (Capitol). A hit record in England, it's in a good-timey mood and ought to make a lot of listeners happy in this country too. HERE AM I by LINDA LYNDELL (Volt). A powerful moving R&B record that should click instantly on the non charts CONDNIGHT SWEFT INSEPTIME LYNDELL (VOIL). A powerful moving R&B record that should click instantly on the pop charts. GOODNIGHT SWEET JOSEPHINE by THE YARDBIRDS (Epic). There's a solid beat behind a good production, could well be another hit. BE YOUNG, BE FOOLISH, BE HAPPY by THE TAMS (ABC). This is a very commercial R&B number that swings from beginning to end. FAT ALBERT (HEY, HEY, HEY) by THE FAT ALBERT ORCHESTRA & CHORUS (Tetra-

THE CIRCLE GAME by TOM RUSH (Elektra). The album takes its name from the great Joni Mitchell song that is included as are several others by the talented song writer R_sh does more contemporary songs on this album than he has done in the past and he does a good job interpreting the mood of each.

ELI AND THE THIRTEENTH CONFESSION by LAURIL PTRO (Columbla). Miss Nyro writes some interesting sones and sings them with a very soulful voice. Unfortunate y, the e is a monotony in her style that makes every song be in no sound the same. One would probably have to be a Laura Nyro fanatic to really love this album.

HERE WE GO 'ROUND THE MULBERRY BUSH by the Spencer Davis Group and Traffic (United Artists). This is the original soundtrack from the movie and it is not at all like the usual film score. It is a collection of pop so gs done by the two groups and the songs reflect the mode in the movie. Even without having seen the film, you will enjoy this album.

EARTH OPERA (Elektra). This first album by the group from Boston is quite refreshing and innovative. T ey seem to have hit upon their own sound and their songs a e meaningful.

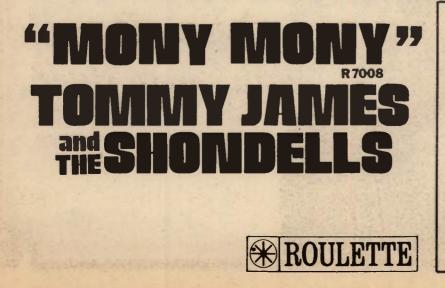
DING grammaton). A solid driving instrumental that his Spencer DAVIS GROUP (United Artists). A charge from the group's previous efforts, this is a very good song with a top notch production and performance. WE'RE ROLLINI OF (Part 1) by THE IMPRESSIONS (ABC). In view of the present state of the nation, this record is extremely topical and in pirational. the nation, this record is extremely topical and in pirational. Curtis Mayfield has once again written a fine some and his group give a strong performance. TOUCH 'N' Go by THE CRITTERS (Project 3). Here's a very commercial sound and a catchy Bonner-Gordon song. AIN'T NOTHING LI E "HE REAL THING by MARVIN & TAMMI (Tamia). Another grouy duet that is sure to catch on. THE PLEASURE OF YOUR CO PANY by KEITH (Mercury). Keith should soon be back in the charts with this strong tune the kids will dig. IT'S M' THE by the EVERLY BROTMERS (Warner Bros.-Seven Arts). The wo part harm-onies are as fine as ever and this slow son; the given a lovely performance and production.

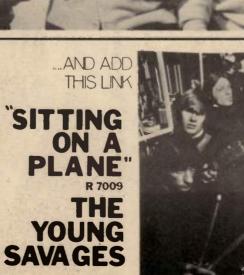
OUTSIDE CHANCES: OUTSIDE CHANCES: TRY (JUST A LITTLE BIT HARDER) by LCRRAINE ELLISON (Loma). This gri has an excellent volce and her performance could bring the R&B number on to the pop charts. DANSE A LA MUSIQUE by the FRENCH FRIES (Epic). Sly is tashing in double with this song since he's turned out the instrumental with the chorus in French. It drives like crazy, but will have trouble since the vocal record is a hit right no ... DON'T TAKE YOUR LOVE FROM ME by BEN E. KING (Atco). A ery funky R&B number that just could do well on the pop chats boc. CANDY RAINBOW by the LORDS OF LONDON (MGM). Alt ough the rec-ord isn't a standout, it has a commercial sound thet the kids tust may buy. just may buy.

lovely performance and production.

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TOMMY PLANS EUROPE TRIP

Tommy James & The Shondells currently have what looks like their bigges record yet, "Mony, Mony" and are planning to leave for cve-seas next month.

Roulette Records Director of International Operations, Norman Kurtz, calls the upcoming European tour the biggest of the year for the group.

Already visits art scheduled to London, Paris Emsterdam, Frankfort, Hamourg, Rome, Tokyo, Manila ard Honolulu.

"Once the group are estab-lished in each ccurry," Kurtz said, "we hope to keep them in Europe at least thee months out of every year"



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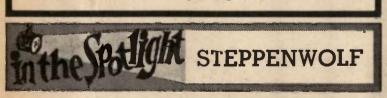
	31. Dance To The Music
	32. Call Me Lightning The Who - Decca
	33. Cinderella Rockefella Esther & Abi Ofarim - Philips
	34. Forever Came Today Diana Ross & Supremes - Motown
5. The Unicorn	35. Goodbye Baby Boyce & Hart - A&M
6. Love Is All Around Troggs - Fontana	36. LOVING YOU HAS MADE ME BANANAS GUY MARKS - ABC
7. I Got The Feelin' James Brown - King	37. Red, Red Wine Neil Diamond - Bang
8. The Mighty Quinn Manfred Mann - Mercury	38. Master Jack
9. Valleri/Tapioca Tundra	39. Sherry, Don't Go Lettermen - Capitol
10. BEAUTIFUL MORNING RASCALS - ATLANTIC	
11. Summertime Blues Blue Cheer - Philips	41. Soul Serenade Willie Mitchell - Hi
	42. YUMMY, YUMMY, YUMMY OHIO EXPRESS – BUDDAH
	43. Delilah
	44. Soul Coaxin' Raymond LeFevre - 4 Corners
	45. Mony Mony Tommy James & Shondells - Roulette
16. Cowboys To Girls	46. Kiss Me Goodbye Petula Clark - Warner Bros.
17. Jennifer Juniper Donovan - Epic	47. GOIN' AWAY FIREBALLS - ATCO
	48. JUMBO BEE GEES - ATCO
	49. Unknown Soldier
20. Think About You New Colony Six - Mercury	50. Question Of Temperature
	51. Sweet Inspiration The Sweet Inspirations - Atlantic
22. Ballad Of Bonnie & ClydeGeorgie Fame - Epic	52. Me, The Peaceful Heart Lulu - Epic
	53. In Need of A Friend Cowsills - MGM
24. Dock Of The Bay Otis Redding - Volt	
25. Look To Your Soul Johnny Rivers - Imperial	
26. I Love You People - Capitol	
	57. A Place In My Heart Dean Martin - Reprise
28. PlayboyGene & Debbe - TRX	58. FOGGY MOUNTAIN. FLATT & SCRUGGS - COLUMBIA/MERCURY
	59. She's Lookin' GoodWilson Pickett - Atlantic
30. SHOO-BE-DOO-BE-DOO-DA-DAY STEVIE WONDER - TAMLA	60. Ain't Nothing Like The Real Thing Marvin & Tammi - Tamla

Capital letters indicate a sharp rise in sales and airplay.

Compiled until 12-noon Wednesday from national and regional record sales and nationwide radio station surveys.

20 ALBUMS TOP

1.	THE GRADUATE
	Blooming Hits Paul Mauriat-Philips
	ady Soul Aretha Franklin-Atlantic
	Dock Of The Bay Otis Redding-Volt
	Parsley, Sage, Rosemary & Thyme Simon & Garfunkel-Columbia
	Valley Of The Dolls
	John Wesley Harding
	Disraeli Gears Cream-Atco
	Axis: Bold As Love
	Once Upon A Dream Rascals—Atlantic
	History Of Otis Redding
	Greatest Hits Smokey Robinson & Miracles-Tamla
	/incebus Eruptum
	Magical Mystery Tour
	"And Live!" Lettermen-Capito
	Beat Goes On
	Who Will Answer
	Are You Experienced
	Look Around
	Ninth
	lbums listed are current top-selling albums in U. S. only.



Steppenwolf do not like to be known as a group even though there are five of them. As their leader John Kay explains: "Steppenwolf is an idea, a musical idea we are just beginning to find. The five of us are searching for a unique musical identity, and I'm glad that the public like our first album. If they dig what we're doing now, just wait until they hear the second, third and fourth albums!"

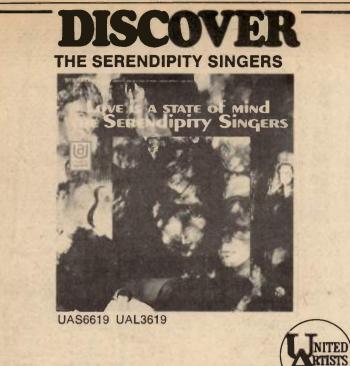
Steppenwolf got together last July and spent the next six months rehearsing daily unti they felt they were ready to rcord. They went into sessions for Dunhill early in Januntil uary. In one day Steppenwolf recorded eleven tracks for the album which was completed in a week.

in a week. Word about the group spread eastward from their home base in Los Angeles and the album sold 25,000 copies in its first two weeks of release. John Kay, lead singer, looks at the formation of Steppenwolf as the turning point of his career. He was born 24 years ago in Germany and spent his chilhood in both East and West Germany and Canada before moving to California. Bass player John Moreve, 20, who used to be a electrician, was born in Los Angeles and began playing with groups in junior high school. Jerry Edmonton, the drummer, wanted to play that instrument since he was old enough to hold a pair of drumsticks. Ravi Shankar is his favorite musician and Edgar Varese his favorite composer.

Varese his favorite composer.

A native of Los Angeles, Mike Monarch, 18, plays guitar. He began playing piano at seven and switched to guitar later. Organist and planist is Goldy McJohn. He started on organ at eight and had music conservatory training.





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The Troggs are happy

"Loud groups are trying to baffle pop fans into thinking that volume creates excitement, Reg Presley told GO when the group visited New York recently.

"We think that the visual and vocal parts of a group's live act are what create excitement. You have to move and be excited over your act. In fact, if any of us in The Troggs come off stage without being drenched in perspiration we think that it has been a bad night for us."

Lead singer Reg thinks that the groups themselves are responsible for the lack of excitement that exists in pop shows today. "I don't think the kids have that much presented to them anymore that they can get excited about.

"Groups are coming forward with music only these days and just standing there on stage



stock still. there's nothing visual. I think that there is room for a little excitement. As a matter of fact we'll be disappointed if we don't get the fans screaming on our next tour in the U.S."

The Troggs admit that their music is not psychedelic: "It is just like there are two types of films. You can go and enjoy one and the other you have to go and think about. The kids need to go and scream about someone and enjoy their music."

Reg added: "In our music we try to put over two things. One is a solid beat that fans can tap their feet along to.

"People also like love. Love is the thing that they've been singing about since the beginning of time. If you sing about a train or a motor car it just hasn't got the same effect as if you're singing about a boy and a girl.

"Today kids are getting involved with deep lyrics. Many of them are just plain afraid to admit that they don't understand some of these 'psyche-delic' lyrics. In England any group whe want to have hit records have to record commercial, e ijcyable tunes. or you'll be destroyed."

The Troggs are happy people and want others to be happy. Ready and villing to leave message songs and heavy lyrics to the underground they are very much on their way to creating a solid home for themselves in the Top Forty charts.

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NTRUDERS Stevie in Japan



Stevie Wonder, 17-year-old blind Motown singer, thrilled blind youths in Toky, Japan, by inviting 15 of the Japanese teers to a performance of the Motown Festival at the Shibuya Public Hall. The perforn ance was part of the concert and promotior al tour Stevie and Martha Reeves & The Vandellas just completed in the Far Eas.

Stevie gave Kohei Shiraiwa, a 17-yearold student at the Tokyo Education University's School of the Blind Senior High, an added treat by teaching him how th play the drums.

"This was the happiest moment of m life," Shiraiwa said. "Many other blin l Japanese youths would like to meet Stevie."

Taking the cue, Stevie arranged to visi. Shiraiwa's school a couple of days later. The singer himself attends a school for the blind in Michigan



MARTHA REEVES & The Vandellas during their tour.



The first issue of R'n'B WORLD is now taking shape.

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Tall ReunionFor Dandy Dan

Dandy Dan Daniel went home to Texas the other day, for an extra special family reunion.

You probably remember we told you about Dan Daniel's family. There's big brother Dandy Dan at 6 feet 5 inches tall, number two brother Bo he's the little one at 6'4" and a mere 270 lbs. — number three brother Donny, who finally stopped growing at 6'10", and baby brother Phillip, who admits to being 6'6".

It's five years since Danny last had the opportunity to go home to Houston and meet with all his kinfolk. In fact, the four Daniel boys have not been together under the same roof at any one time for more than ten years, so it's really going to be something special.

To add to the occasion, baby brother, Petty Officer 2nd Class Phillip S. Daniel is returuning home after four eight-month tours in Vietnam and service aboard the aircraft carrier Coral Sea.

This should be a great reunion for the Daniel boys, and all their kinfolk. Danny promised he'd try to take some pictures of the group to show you all when he returuns.

P.S. Get Danny some time to tell you about the names of some of his kinfolk down in Houston... he's always breaking up the Good Guys. For instance, would you believe Danny actually has a cousin called Daisy Dimple?





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Good Guy Hop

Got time on your hands? Then turn it into the time of your life. You can — simply by being at the Sacred Heart Academy in Hempstead, Long Island, on April 26.

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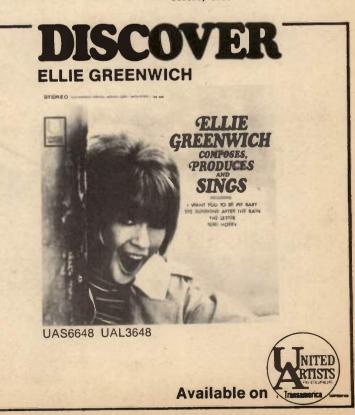
LORDS AIM TO FIND A 'CANDY RAINBOW'

The Lords Of London, recently chosen by the Toronto Telegram as the most popular group in Canada, are releasing their first American record "Candy Rainbow" this week on MGM.

Released a few weeks ago in Canada, the disc is already on the charts in several major Canadian cities. Their previous record "Cornflakes & Ice Cream" was the second largest selling record in Canada in 1967. The Toronto based group plan a western tour in April to promote the record. They hope for a favorable respose from the younger audiences, since the ages of the group range from 16 to 18.

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The material used is almost 100 per cent original, "Candy Rainbow" being an example of the kind of thing they write. Greg Fitzpatrick, composer, arranger and bass player for the group, wrote this song, which promises to be a hit in Canada and the States, too.



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