

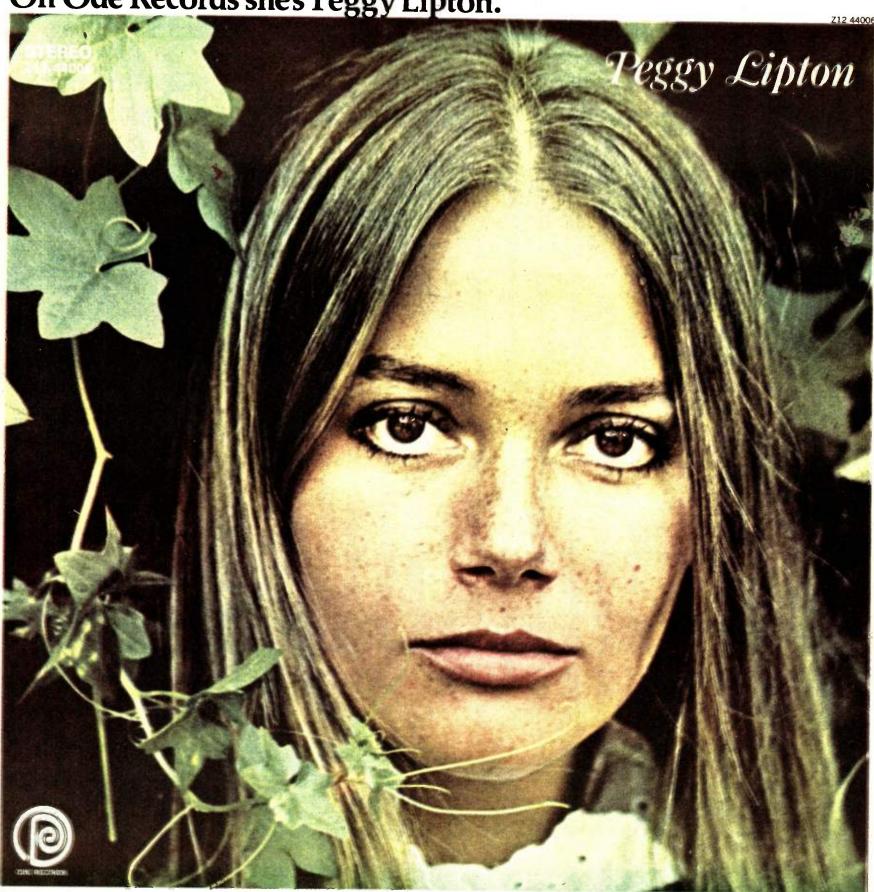
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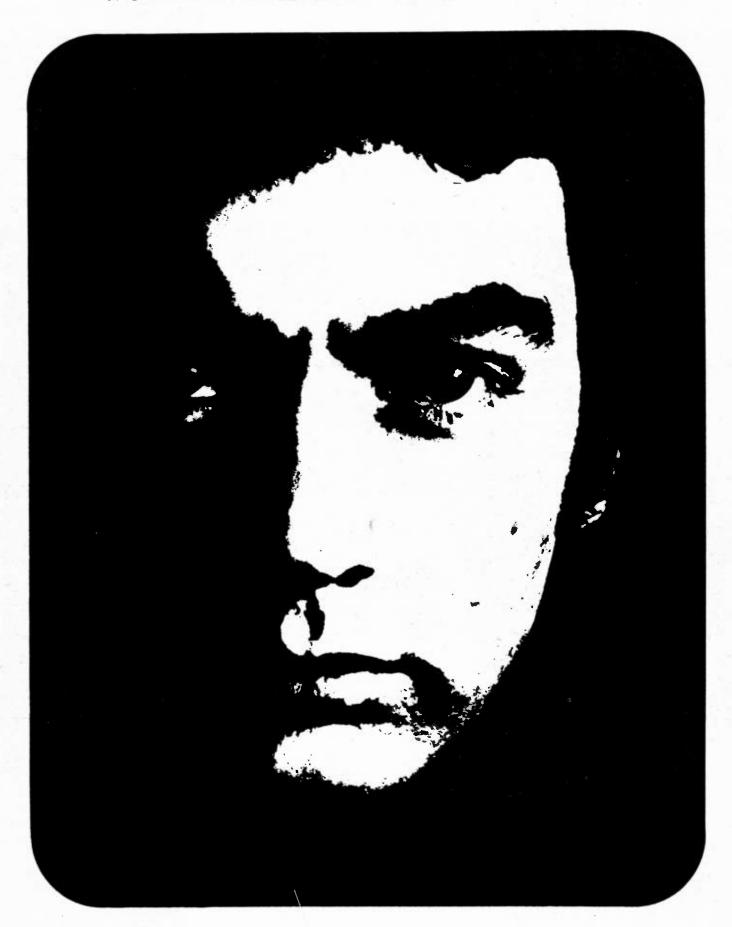
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PAGING THE NEW *N*ORLD ARTHUR

British pop star Arthur Brown is currently working on his first book. The work, which Arthur Brown describes as "the first multi media book", is expected to be finished by December.

In addition to Brown's poetry and prose, the book will also contain bits of music, tapes, and photographs. There is to be no title; the cover will be simple a picture.



Country Joe & The Fish will make their debut on the Ed Sullivan TV show during the first week in December.

The Vanguard recording group will tape this segment of the network airing immediately upon returning from a European tour scheduled to begin November 11. Cities already booked in Europe include Frankfurt and London.

December 6-7 will find Country Joe & The Fish playing The Fillmore East in New York City. After that, they will fly to their home base in San Francisco, to play that city's Fillmore Auditorium, December 12-15.

Prior to their departure for Europe, the group will play Brandeis University, November 23; and Buffalo, New York, November 10,

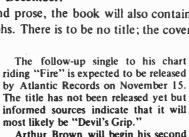
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Arthur Brown will begin his second American tour, November 23, in Portland, Oregon. Arthur and his Crazy World will round out the month of November by appearing in Vancouver, British Columbia. 23; Anaheim, California, 29; and Honolulu, Hawaii,

Tour dates scheduled for December include: Phoenix, Arizona. 6; San Francisco, California, 7; Seattle, Washington 8; Sacramento, California, 9; Austin, Texas, 13; Dallas, Texas, 14; Houston, Texas 15; Detroit, Michigan, 21; New York City, 27-28; and Cleveland, Ohio, 29.

Before embarking on this American tour, Arthur Brown will complete an English package tour with The Who and Joe Cocker.

Frank Jeckell, founder and

leader of the 1910 Fruit Gum

Company, has just left the group.

Chuck Trois, formerly with the

Soul Survivors, takes Frank's

place on guitar and vocals.



JIMI HENDRIX and the rest of the Experience will soon be making a movie. Although no official statement has been made as yet, sources close to the singer say that he is now negotiating with an American producer and if all goes well they will begin filming next spring.

This Sunday the group will make their first appearance on American television. The premiere performance will take place on the Ed Sullivan Show, which emanates from New York.

Previously the group could not perform on TV because Redding's and Mitchell's work permits did not allow them to do TV work.

Following the Sullivan show they will do nine concerts during the month in Boston, New Haven, Providence Jacksonville, Tampa, Miami Beach, New York and Chicago.

In December they move on to England where they will do six concerts in three weeks. The English tour is to be promoted by the group themselves, as is a German tour which will take place in January.

No Trudy, no

Because of antiquated legislation the only place in the world Jose Feliciano cannot play is England.

As soon as Jose and his dog, dog is placed in strict quarantine his dog so he can get around. for a period of three months.

This naturally seems absurd since this particular canine is not just some cuddly pet. Jose, like so

Trudy, land in the country the many blind people, depends on

It seems doubly absurd when you realize that the dog has been inspected, given shots and there are papers documenting the dog's health. Yet the British government insists on deprive this man of his means of mobility. So Jose will not perform in England.

Though he is understandable upset this he can still play almost anywhere else in the world. In fact, he will be playing Ceasar's Palace in Las Vegas beginning November 22 with one Francis Albert Sinatra.

It is also reported that Jose will be giving a concert in New York's Carnegie Hall on December 5.

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artwork is on the cover of the Jeckell's decision to leave shocked soon-to-be-released "Goody Goody insiders in the music business because **Engelbert**

do his own thing".

ENGLEBERT HUMPERDINCK turned down an opportunity to headline at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas during his recent American visit. The British vocalist was asked to fill in for an ailing Mama Cass at the swank resort.

Humperdinck could not accept the booking because he had other commitments. Cass had cancelled out after only one night because she had laryngitis.

Trois, 22, is originally from

Philadelphia. In addition to being a

musician, he is also an artist. His

Next year Humperdinck will be playing nightclubs in the U.S., but there are no definite dates set yet. His recent tour was just for promotion and television appearances.

he was the man responsible for Gumdrop Fruit Gum Company" organizing the Fruit Gum Company. album. Trois also did the cover for the Kasenetz-Katz Singing Orchestral However, he decided it was time "to Circus "Quick Joey Small" LP'

The Fruit Gum Company now have only one of its original members, Mark Gutkowski who prefers to be known simply as Mark. The organist-singer will be recording a record on his own soon but will stay with the group.

The other members of the group now are Bruce Shay on guitar; Rusty Oppenheimer on drums; Larry (Laar) Ripley on bass.

RETURN TOUR FOR MAYALL

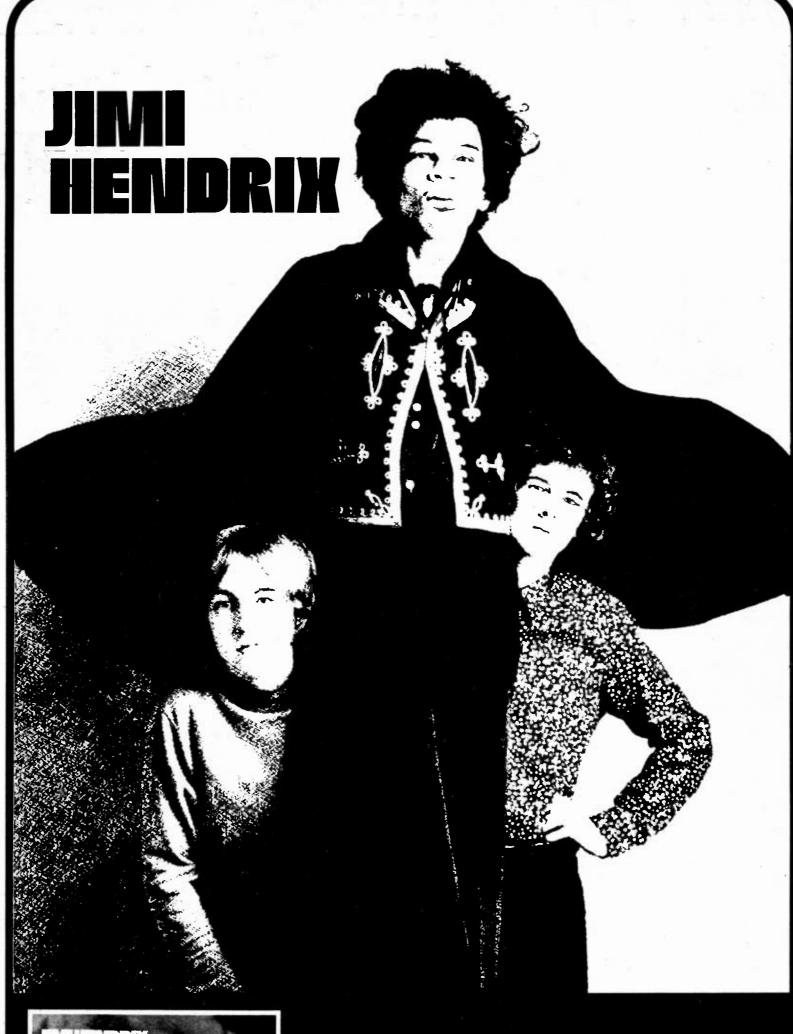
John Mayall's Bluebreakers return to the U.S. in February for a three-month tour. They have just returned to Britain after completing a successful eight-week tour of this country.

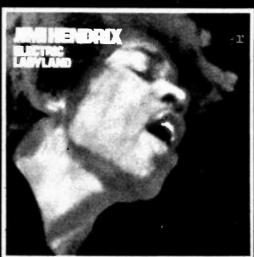
Because the recent tour met with so much success, Universal Attractions decided to bring Mayall back for a longer tour. It will be the third tour for the British blues group in this country.

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A poet he is, but the Messiah? of an hour most of the questions were politically oriented and Donovan shared the unhappy fate of most pop That is being treated as the Mot Donovan



Light Bronze

Glasgow's gentlest son, Donovan, breezed into the Plaza Nine Room at New York's famous Plaza Hotel for a press conference. Wearing lavender trousers, a blue shirt and a red vinyl jacket, Donovan answered questions from a variety of underground bearded types who seemed to think he was the Messiah.

Unfortunately, Donovan's biography which was passed out to the press revealed that he liked the poetry of W.B. Yeats. One learns that press agents, biographies and the like should generally be taken with a pinch of salt, but one intense young man wanted to know how Yeats' political poems fit in with the student revolution and other assorted current events.

Donovan replied that he didn't read political poems, but liked Yeats' fantasies and wasn't interested in politics anyway. So for the good part

IT'S HIP, **BUT IT'S NOT ROCK**

Lydia Wood and Joe Spaulding, of The Spaulding Wood Affair, give an appearance of warmth and intimacy when they perform on stage. They perform what they refer to as "hip rock". Hip, it is; the songs are extremely modern and excellent as far a lyric content goes. Rock, it isn't; not by any stretch of the imagination.

The vocal style of The Spaulding Affair is sometimes sympathetic but most often contrapuntal. This is done against the background of one acoustic guitar, played adequately, although simply, by Lydia. The two exhibit close interplay while performing requently singing directly to ex other or singling out a member of the audience for personal contact.

Their arrangements leave more than a little to be desired. From time to time, throughout the performance last week at Steve Paul's The Scene, the arrangements seemed to be a bit hokey - an attempt at being avant garde for the sake of being avant garde. This is unfortunate because the songs would probably have more power and reach more people with more prosaic arrangements.

I'm not condemning the "creativity" of The Spaulding Wood Affair, only suggesting that the Kapp Records duo might get their beautiful and poignant lyrics across to a wider audience if they backaged the songs differently.

spokesman for all youth, not as an individual who writes some lovely songs and makes some lovely sounds.

One girl insisted that Donovan's joyous and gentle attitude was not appropriate to these violent times, but Donovan stressed his love of life

"I'm hung-up on the positive and joy of it," he said. "I just make songs that sing out. I want to teach the world to dance and be joyous. There's too much negative thinking today."

Donovan intends to begin recording soon and says he's been writing a lot lately. "My greatest philosophical piece I've written to date is about my favorite shirt," he said with a twinkle in his eye. (And as a matter of fact, that evening he did sing the song about his shirt to the crowds gathered at Carnegie Hall to hear him.)

Very pleased with the success of his current concert tour, Donovan told the press: "Every concert has been too much. I figured out that we would be playing for about 500,000 people together on this tour. The police have been making the most noise, nervously tapping their sticks waiting for something to happen. So far nothing

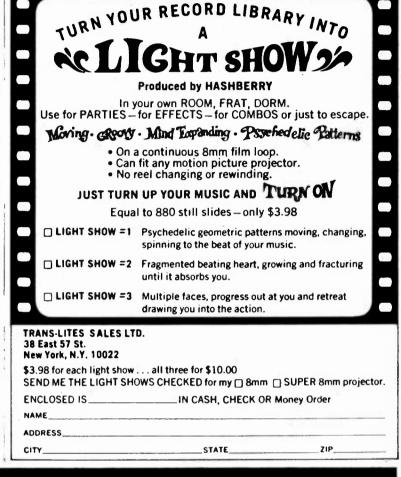
The only noise from the audience at Donovan's midnight Carnegie Hall concert was applause and shouts of approval. With only his guitar to accompany him. Donovan held the full house in his power for nearly two hours.

The mood was very relaxed and soft as the singer-poet took us through some of his enchanting, descriptive verses. At times, however, the gentleness of the performance became soporific.

On last year's U.S. tour Donovan had the backing of a jazz group and the concerts were more interesting. Donovan's music took on fuller dimensions when he worked with the Still, listening to Donovan sing and

play his guitar is a delightful way to spend an evening. He seems to be more at ease with himself now that he has shed his pots of incense and long robe costume that he had last year. Donovan remains one of our favorites even if he hasn't read Yeats' political

Loraine Alterman



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BRIGHTEN **UP YOUR** THANKS— **GIVING**

Once again in an effort to brighten up your Thanksgiving Radio WMCA is running the Turkey Shoot. This year, however, the contest will be run a bit differently. The competition started this Wednesday, November 6, you will have to guess which of our airmen will shoot the

It works this way, once an hour from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. we will announce that we are going to have the Turkey Shoot. The first listener who calls must tell us whether Joe O'Brien, Chuck Browning, Jack Spector, Dan Daniel, Leeder Lee, Dean Anthony or Murray the "K" will shoot the turkey. If you guess correctly on Thanksgiving you will receive a complete turkey dinner with all the trimmings compliments of Radio WMCA and Cookies Restaurant in Brooklyn.

So, if you want to have a great Thanksgiving dinner and make things easier for Mom this year, just keep listening to more music Radio WMCA.



JACK SPECTOR with The Temptations at a recent hop.

SEASON

Well, gang, the hop season will get into full swing this month with eight hops being hosted by Radio WMCA's airmen.

Starting on Friday, November 8, the school in Brooklyn. schedule reads like this: at 8 p.m. at a hop.

University in Bayside, Queens, Then on Square Long Island at 8:00. Sunday, November 10, at 2:30 p.m.

FULL SWING

The following Uriday, November 15, 8:00. Christ The King High School in Middle at 8 p.m. will be at Franklin Delano Village, Queens, Jack Spector will host Roosevelt high school which is located in Brooklyn. That very same night Ed. Stephens in Brooklyn. The same night at 9 o'clock Dean Baer will be sockin' to the people at H. Anthony will be at Saint John's Frank Carey high school in Franklin Jack will be at the Drop Discotheque

Then that Saturday, November 16, at 3 p.m.

Jack will be at Nazareth Diocesan high. Jack will be making the scene at the Clearview Jewish Center in Queens at

The next Friday, November 22, at 8:00 he will be at Sacred Heart of St.

Wrapping up the weekend happy in Brooklyn on Sunday, November 24

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discotheque at 52nd Street and 8th Avenue will be the scene of one of the year's biggest events on Friday, November 8, when "WMCA Night at the Cheetah" wil!

Dan Daniel will emcee the gala proceedings, beginning at 9 p.m. The doors will open at 8 p.m. and carly comers will be able to enjoy "Cheetah's" own way-out brand of psychedalia, and explore the wonders of the Head Room, the Rug Room, the Tea Room, and the Mattress Room before the main show starts.

In addition to wall-to-wall music and dancing, "Dandy Dan" will give out thousands of prizes to those in attendance. Topping the prize list is a New American Motors Javelin, a grand prize to end all grand prizes. (No purchase necessary, Entry blanks available at "Cheetah's" box office.)

Lucky people who win a 'Candid Dance Contest,'' which will be held throughout the evening will be awarded Greco Guitars by Goya.

And the "freebie" list goes on and on...500 WMCA Good Guy Sweatshirts, Sweatshirts, 500 WMCA's Outstanding "Our Scene" posters. and 100 Electric Yo Yo's (that's right, Electric Yo Yo's) by Mind

Everyone who comes to "Cheetah" and dances (and you'll have a hard time keeping still once the music starts) will be entered in the 'Candid Dance Contest.' Phantom judges will circulate throughout, the evening watening of the details.

everyone. The prize winners will be announced by Dan Daniel after the judges have had what will probably be a lengthy caucus.

On hand to provide music at the event of the year will be a number of outstanding groups lead by the Brooklyn Bridge, the Bubble Gum Machine & the W.O. Expansion

As an extra added bonus, "Cheetah" will give one free ticket of admission for any night in the future to everyone who says "WMCA's Dan Daniel" when they purchase their tickets on November

It's going to be a big night... so come early, stay late and experience "Cheetah"

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Our contest to guess how many records we will play is really in full swing. As of noon on Monday, November 4, we had played 1,047 records and that's a lot of records.

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Hi on you my people! Before I say anything else I want to welcome the wonderful Murray the "K" back to Radio WMCA, gee I can remember listening to him when I just a kid. Of course, Murray claims that he is only 21 but he used to bounce Dick Clark on his knee, which gives you some idea of his real age!

But, seriously. Murray is a great guy he and Chuck Browning and I went out to celebrate. Then Chuck and I went down to the Village to groove with all the beautiful people there. It was an actual thrill to see Murray work, it's almost as good as seeing George Jessel at a funeral eulogizing.

Then on Friday I went to the Fillmore to see the new McCoys, Quicksilver Messenger Service and Richie Havens. After the show we went backstage to rap with the guys in Quicksilver who are old friends of mine from San Francisco. Remembering how my mother told me to eat well I went to the deli next door and had scrambled eggs and asparagus. That's right asparagus, it's great so don't knock

it unless you've tried it. On Sunday, I went to see the Jets win at Shea Stadium. So I sat in the rain and got wet, of course, because I had listened to the weather bureau here and they assured me what a sunny day it would be. Dummy that I am, I didn't even wear a coat so I had to buy a sweatshirt and hat, which only cost me \$19.95 reduced from \$21.00. If there's a bargain to be found you're old Leeder will find

Well that's about all for this week. This is Lee saying - may peace and love be with you.

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- **2 LOVE CHILD Supremes**
- MIDNIGHT CONFESSIONS Grass Roots
- WHO'S MAKING LOVE Johnny Taylor
- 1 THOSE WERE THE DAYS Mary Hopkin
- 12 WHITE ROOM Cream
 - 9 LES BICYCLETTES DE BELSIZE Engelbert Humperdinck
- 14 I LOVE HOW YOU LOVE ME Bobby Vinton
- 15 HOLD ME TIGHT Johnny Nash
- 17 CHEWY CHEWY Ohio Express
- _ ABRAHAM, MARTIN & JOHN Dion
- 5 MAGIC CARPET RIDE Steppenwolf
- 6 COURT OF LOVE Unifics
- _ †FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE Stevie Wonder
- 8 LITTLE GREEN APPLES O.C. Smith
- 16 HEY WESTERN UNION MAN Jerry Butler
 - 10 E HEY JUDE Beatles
- 17 20 TALKIN' ABOUT MY BABY - Gloria Walker
- 21 PICKIN' WILD MOUNTAIN BERRIES Scott & Benson
- 22 GOODY GOODY GUMDROPS 1910 Fruit Gum Co.
- 23 BRING IT HOME TO ME Eddie Floyd
- 25 PROMISES, PROMISES Dionne Warwick
- STORMY Classics IV
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- THE STRAIGHT LIFE Bobby Goldsboro
- LITTLE ARROWS Leapy Lee
 - 26 Suzie Q Credence Clearwater Revival
 - Elenore Turtles
 - 28 Fool For You Impressions

- 29 I've Got To Get A Message To You Bee Gees
- Quick Joey Small K.K. Circus
- Ride My Seesaw Moody Blues
- 1432 Franklin Pike Circle Hero Bobby Russell
- †Sweet Blindness 5th Dimension
- The Yard Went On Forever Richard Harris
- †Peace Brother Peace Bill Medley
- Let's Make A Promise Peaches & Herb
- 37 Kentucky Woman - Deep Purple
- Lo Mucho Que Te Quiero Rene & Rene
- Sunday Sun Neil Diamond
- From The Teacher To The Preacher Chandler & Acklin
- 41 American Boy - Petula Clark
- Wichita Lineman Glen Campbell
- 43 Cloud Nine - Temptations
- **Take My Overwhelming Love The Hombres**
- Do You Wanna Dance Mamas & Papas
- Star Crossed Lovers Neil Sedaka
- †A Man And A Half Wilson Pickett
- Till The Vogues
- Too Weak To Fight Clarence Carter
- Son Of A Preacher Man Dusty Springfield
- 51 Worse That Could Happen - Brooklyn Bridge
- Both Sides Now Judy Collins
- Goodnight My Love Duprees
- Baby Lets Wait Royal Guardsmen
- With A Little Help From My Friends Joe Cocker
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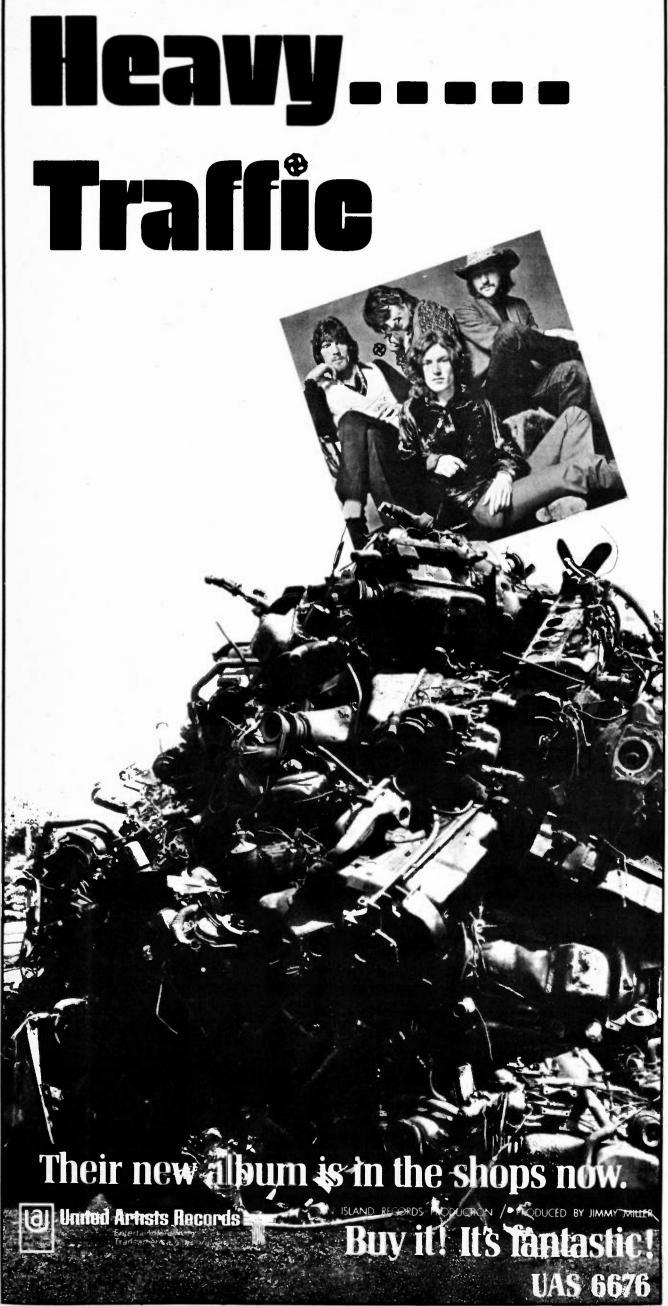


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1.	THOSE WERE THE DAYS .MARY HOPKIN - APPLE
2.	Hey Jude Beatles – Apple
3.	Little Green Apples O.C. Smith – Columbia
4.	Midnight Confessions Grass Roots - Dunhill
5.	Fire Crazy World Of Arthur Brown – Track
6.	Elenore
	Held Ma Ticha
7.	Hold Me Tight Johnny Nash – JAD
8.	Love Child Diana Ross & Supremes - Motown
9.	Over You Gary Puckett & Union Gap - Columbia
10.	White Room
11.	Magic Carpet Ride Steppenwolf – Dunhill
13.	Suzie O Credence Clearwater Revival — Fantasy Piece Of My Heart Big Brother — Columbia Harper Valley P.T.A. Jeannie C. Riley — Plantation Girl Watcher O'Kaysions — ABC My Special Angel Vogues — Reprise I've Gotta Get A Message To You Bee Gees — Atco Hey, Western Union Man Jerry Butler — Mercury Revolution Beatles — Angle
14.	Harper Valley P.T.A Jeannie C. Riley - Plantation
15.	Girl Watcher O'Kaysions - ABC
16.	My Special Angel Vogues – Reprise
17.	I've Gotta Get A Message To You Bee Gees – Atco
18. 19.	Hey, Western Union Man Jerry Butler – Mercury
20.	County Disables - Apple
21.	Say It LoudJames Brown - King
22.	Fool For You
23.	Things To Come Max Frost & Troopers - Tower
24. 25.	He Heel Speakers I Chambers Bros. — Columbia
26.	All Along The Watch Tower Limi Hendrix — Reprise
27.	Sweet Bindness Fifth Dimension - Soul City Say It Loud James Brown - King Fool For You Impressions - Curtom Things To Come Max Frost & Troopers - Tower Time Has Come Today Chambers Bros Columbia He-Heel Sneakers Jose Feliciano - RCA All Along The Watch Tower Jimi Hendrix - Reprise Court Of Love Unifics - Kapp Bang-Shang-A-Lang Archies - Calendar
28.	Bang-Shang-A-Lang Archies - Calendar
29.	Who's Making Love Johnnie Taylor – Stax
30. 31.	Bang-Shang-A-Lang Archies - Calendar Who's Making Love Johnnie Taylor - Stax Lalena Donovan - Epic Chained Marvin Gaye - Tamla In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida Iron Butterfly - Atco
32.	In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida
33.	Shoot 'Em Up Baby Andy Kim – Steed Abraham, Martin & John Dion – Laurie Keep On Lovin' Me, Honey
34.	Abraham, Martin & John Dion – Laurie
35. 36.	Keep On Lovin' Me, Honey . Marvin & Tammi — Tamla
37.	Always Together Delle Codet
38.	Gentle On My Mind Glen Campbell — Capitol
39.	Always Together
40.	Quick Joey Small Kasnetz-Katz - Buddah
41.	Cycles Frank Sinatra – Reprise Baby, Come Back Equals – RCA Les Bicyclettes Engelbert Humperdinck – Parrot I Found True Love Wilson Pickett – Atlantic
42. 43	Les Ricyclettes Engelhert Humnerdingk - Parrot
44.	I Found True Love Wilson Pickett – Atlantic
45.	Do The Choo Choo Archie Bell & Drells - Atlantic
46.	Do The Choo Choo Archie Bell & Drells – Atlantic Bring It On Home Eddie Floyd – Stax I've Got Dreams To Remember Otis Redding – Atco Naturally Stoned Avant Garde – Columbia
47.	I've Got Dreams To Remember Otis Redding – Atco
48. 49.	1432 Franklin Pike Circle Hero Bobby Russell – Elf
50.	The Straight Life Bobby Goldshore - 11 A
51.	Pickin' Wild Mountain Berries Peggy & JoJo - SSS
52.	Little Arrows Leapy Lee – Decca
53.	From The Teacher Chandler & Acklin – Brunswick
55.	Stormy Classics tV - Imperial
56.	Goody, Goody Gumdrops Fruit Gum Co Buddah
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58.	
59. 60.	Peace, Brother, Peace
00.	The Star-Spangled Danner

TOP 20 ALBUMS

1.	CHEAP THRILLS BIG BROTHER - COLUMBIA
2.	Feliciano! Jose Feliciano – RCA
3.	Time Peace/Greatest Hits Rascals - Atlantic
4.	The Time Has Come Chambers Brothers - Columbia
5.	In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida Iron Butterfly - Atco
6.	Crown Of Creation Jefferson Airplane - RCA
7.	Crazy World Of Arthur Brown . Arthur Brown - Track
8.	Wheels Of Fire
9.	Gentle On My Mind Glen Campbell - Capitol
10.	Are You Experienced Hendrix Experience - Reprise
11.	Waiting For The Sun
12.	Man Without Love Engelbert Humperdinck - Parrot
13. 14.	Wild In The Streets Soundtrack - Tower
15.	The Graduate Soundtrack - Columbia
	The Second Steppenwolf - Dunhill
16.	Boogie With Canned Heat Canned Heat - Liberty
17.	Idea Bee Gees - Atco
18.	Super Session . Bloomfield, Kooper & Stills - Columbia
19.	Electric Ladyland Jimi Hendrix Experience - Reprise



JOSE FELICIANO

Jose Feliciano has always been one to add a new twist to an old song. He has done this successfully with such songs as "California Dreamin'," "Light My Fire" and "Hi-Heel Sneakers". Well, he has done it again. He has taken a rather old, much recorded, and much sung number and given it new life.

Of course, whenever you tamper with something traditional you are bound to face some opposistion. In this case Jose has stirred up a veritable hornet's nest of controversy. The song is an old standard here in the States for many years and is titled, "The Star-Spangled Banner". Among the people who have done notable renditions are Robert Goulet and Eddie Fisher.

The record which is on the RCA label runs one minute and 55 seconds, which is short enough to not be a problem for radio programmers. One Francis Scott Keye wrote the tune, it was arranged by Feliciano and it was recorded live in Detroit's Tiger Stadium (which is noted as one of the few ball parks with great acoustics).

Though the lyrics are a bit dated and melody a rough tune to hum in the shower. Jose has done a fine job. The record itself is held together by Jose's unique and tasteful presentation of this somewhat worn tune. Jose is a young man with great feeling for his material and a great way with an old tune.



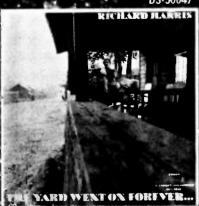
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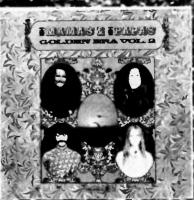


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Wichita—the name

The name Wichita seems to be popping up with increasing frequency in pop music. Maybe it's because of the sound of the word itself.,

Anyway, there are the fine Mike
Nesmith big band album "The
Wichita Train Whistle Sings", Glen
Campbell's new single "Wichita entire album, including some Lineman" and now a record producer with one of the better track records in pop music has just produced an album on Liberty by a group called The Wichita Fall.

Producer Dallas Smith - currently represented on the charts by Canned Heat's "On The Road Again" - has produced "Buy For Me The Rain", which brought the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band into prominence, and "Come Back When You Grow Up", which sold over 1,500,000 copies for Bobby

So when Dallas Smith produces an album called "Life Is But A Dream" by an unknown group called The Wichita Fall, and the album is the most costly that Liberty has ever done, there must be some very good reasons. Over lunch, Dallas gave me some of his reasons.

"These four guys are really into music and have created a whole new sound, It's classical-contemporary, but don't let that description put you off. This music has the same kind of appeal that Donovan and Simón & Garfunkel have. If you had to put a label on it, you might call it 'classidelic'.

"They are really singers first, agree with Dallas Smith. musicians second. That is to say their singing is that good. But don't sell their musicianship short. They wrote themselves and worked with Artie playing "Little Green Apples", O.C. Butler on the arrangements for the Smith's latest Columbia hit.

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interesting techniques. For example, they transposed guitar runs to violins and other instruments for some very unusual effects.

"This is a total concept album designed for listening rather than dancing. You almost have to listen to the entire LP rather than pick out single cuts, because the whole thing is interwoven so tightly together. There is a tremendous amount of imagery here, so that much of what you hear can be what ever you want to make

"The group consist of David Gene Roush and Phil Black on guitars, Len Feigin on drums and Larry Watson on bass; but on the record session we used as many as 30 pieces to get what we wanted. The album cost over \$50,000 to produce, but everybody at Liberty is very happy with it. In fact they've earmarked about \$100,000 to advertise and promote it. That's how much faith they have.

"In pop music today there are mainly followers, and very few trend setters. We set out to cause a reaction, rather than react, and I think we succedded." Why don't you give the album a listen and see if you you're playing The Wichita Fall on your record player, some radio station in your area is probably

I talked to O.C. just before he left for London recently for some TV work. His "Hickory Holler's Tramp" was then number one in England.

Smith is one of those very rare individuals - an artist who can compete in several different areas of the music field. "Hickory Holler" was played not only on rock stations, but on middle-of-the-road, country & western, and even jazz stations. O.C. feels that the jazz stations picked up on it because of the fine H.B. Barnum arrangement. He calls it "one of the best pop charts I ever heard".

"Hickory Holler", incidently, was originally a country & western song. "Dallas Frazier wrote it," O.C. Smith says, "and I heard a demo of it by Jerry Fuller, It was real country, but I saw it as a more general song. I figured it would either be very big or a real bomb... I guess I lucked out with it.'

Smith first came to the attention of the public when he replaced Joe Williams with the Count Basie band.

O.C. joined Basie two nights before the inauguration of John F. Kennedy and he told me the following story:

"We played the Inauguration Ball for which Sinatra was the chairman. Marian Anderson was to sing the national anthem, but she had larvnigitis and asked Mahalia Jackson to do it for her. Mahalia said that she would and then realized that she didn't know all the words. So Sir. Laurence Olivier taught her the

Of course if that had happened today, she wouldn't have had to go to an Englishman to learn the words to "The Star Spangled Banner" - she could have asked Jose Feliciano.

PHIL FLAMM

THESE DAYS, MARY CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

"I'm not a pop star. I don't really know what you could call me, but I'm not a pop star." That was the response GO received from Mary Hopkin the other day when we asked her how she felt about her sudden success.

GO reporter Daniel Langdon had lunch with Mary and her sister Carole, as they briefly stopped over in New York for a few days. Shortly after we spoke to Mary she was due to catch a plane back to England for a television appearance there After that she is to begin work on her first album.

"I really don't know yet what the album will be like. I I'll be doing some song wrote and some oth material," Mary said. " all kinds of song write would like to write thin think Paul Simon of Garfunkel has written on

If Mary sounds a about all this it is und since it is all very new to few months ago she was Joan Baez albums drea

all this. Now it has happened and one gets the feeling that she still expects someone to pinch her and tell her it's all a dream.

But if it is anything else it is not a dream, though it certainly does have a dream-like quality to it. Mary's record, "Those Were The Days", is the number one record

just about all over the world.

What can you say about the record itself? It is sung by Mary Hopkin, who is Welsh, produced by



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actly what direction her music is going in, she is leaving that up to Paul McCartney. When asked how Paul was to work with she replied: "He's wonderful to work for, he's very patient. He doesn't rush to make a record. Really this is more of a hobby than anything else for him."

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