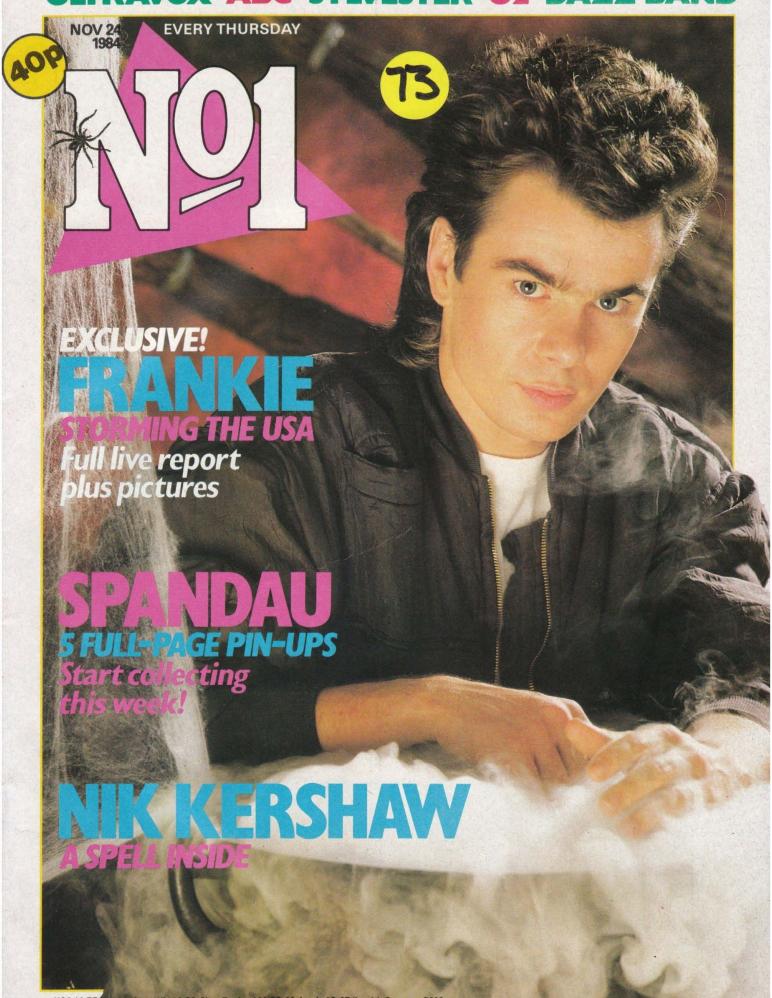
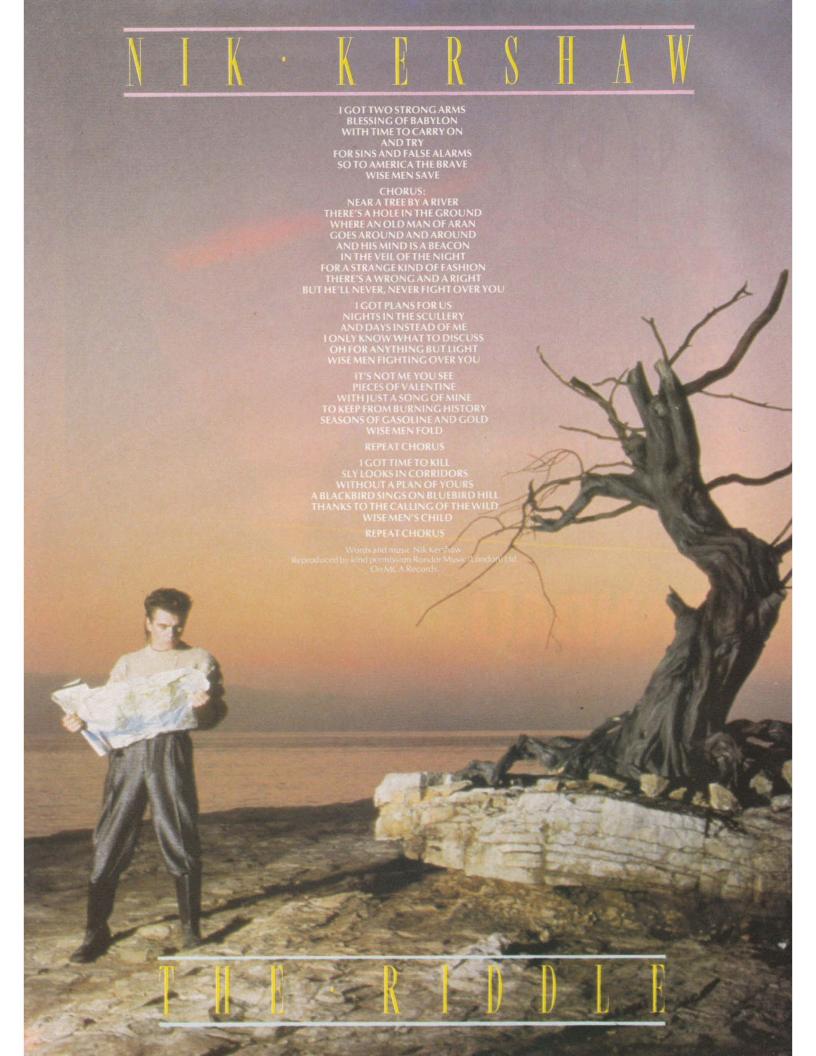
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Frankie in the flesh? When have you ever seen them in anything else?! No. 1 reveals what the lads have been flashing at Reagan.

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#### GHOSTLY GOINGS ON

'Exorcising Ghosts' is the title of a new Japan LP – despite the fact that they split up two years ago!

Tracks include: 'Ghosts',
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Place' and 'Life Without
Buildings'.

#### HOWARD'S TWELVE INCHES

Howard Jones fans are in for a bonus next month.

As well as doing several concerts, Howard plans to release a six-track LP 'The 12" Album'.

The LP features extended mixes of all his hits, as well as 'Total Conditioning' and 'Always Asking Questions'.

Right now he's working on a follow up to 'Human's Lib' which will appear early next year.

#### **INVISIBLE ALF**

Alison Moyet has decided to release 'Invisible' as a single from her new LP 'Alf'. It's out now and the 12-inch features extended versions of the A side and 'Hitch Hike' the B side.

She's also added some dates to her tour as follows: Oxford Apollo December 4, London Hammersmith Odeon 5/6, Ipswich Gaumont 9, Brighton Centre 10. Tickets are on sale now.



## FRANKIE GOES TO MOSCOW?

Frankie Goes To Hollywood might just fulfil their ambition to play in Russia – via satellite.

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Malcolm Gerrie, producer of The Tube, is working on the British contribution. He has revealed that they are after a Russian audience and negotiations are currently underway to show it behind the Iron Curtain.

In Britain will run from 9.30pm – 3am on January 5.

#### **ALL CHANGE**

Paul Young hasn't wasted any time following up his hit 'I'm Gonna Tear Your Playhouse Down'.

His newie is 'Everything Must Change' and it's out this week.

His new LP 'The Secret Of Association' will be out soon.

- ► 'Valotte' is the title of Julian Lennon's latest single out on November 26.
- ➤ Who else could release an LP called '12 Gold Bars Volume 2' but Status Quo? Volume 1 is included free.

#### **NIK SWITCH**

Nik Kershaw has altered a date on his forthcoming tour. He will be at The Aberdeen Capital on December 12, and not the Glasgow Apollo.

► Tracey Ullman releases her second LP this week. 'You Caught Me Out' includes her latest single 'Helpless' as well as several cover versions.

Tracey returns to the box next year with two new series – Faces Of Tracey and Girls On Top with comedy duo French & Saunders.

#### FIRE STARTER

Forget Christmas – it's the new year that Culture Club fans should be looking forward to!

Boy George has revealed plans to release a video compilation. Says George: "All songs will be

Says George: "All songs will be 12-inch versions so we're reediting our videos to get more in them. It'll be called 'Who Started The Fire?' and will include Japanese voices, out-takes from American interviews and all the cute bits that didn't go in before.

"We want to bring it out after Christmas and make a really good inh of it "

#### JACKSON TOUR

Motown Records have flipped. Are they releasing one Michael Jackson LP? Nope, they're releasing FOUR.

'Music And Me' was recorded in 1973, 'Skywriter' is a Jackson 5 chesnut from the same year, and the other two LPs are compilations – 'The Great Love Songs Of Michael Jackson', and 'The Great Love Songs Of The Jackson 5'. They're all out now.

► The Flying Pickets try to repeat the success of last Christmas when 'Only You' hit the top spot with another acapella cover version.

They've chosen the Eurythmics' classic 'Who's That Girl' out this week.

- ► John Waite follows up 'Missing You' with 'Tears'. Out this week, it's from his 'No Brakes' LP.
- ▶ 'Tonight' is the title track of David Bowie's latest LP, and it's also his new single which is out now.

Yes, it's that time of year again. Carol singers bugging you outside your door, turkey sandwiches for months and your mum getting you the Blue Peter Annual instead of The No. 1 Book 1985

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#### THE THOMPSONS' **TRIO**

The Thompson Twins have added another date to their Christmas shows, which means they'll now be at Wembley Arena on December 28 as well as 29/30.

Tickets are available from Thompson Twins, PO Box 281 London N15 5LW priced at £8.30 and £6.30 (inc. booking fee).

Don't forget to include a s.a.e. and make cheques/postal orders payable to Thompson Twins.

Kool And The Gang have added five dates to their December tour due to massive demand for tickets.

To coincide with the tour a new album is released on November 30

entitled 'Emergency'. See the gang at Blackpool Opera House December 1, Aberdeen Capitol 2, Nottingham Royal Concert Hall 6, Cardiff St. David's Hall 10 and Sheffield City Hall 13.

Hanoi Rocks have confirmed a short series of pre-Christmas dates in the UK.

Catch them at London Marquee December 20/21, Portsmouth Guildhall 22, and Birmingham Powerhouse 23.

The Cocteau Twins have just released their third album, 'Treasure', and have confirmed a series of dates in December.

They're at Glasgow Pavillion 9, Edinburgh Usher Hall 10, Leeds University 12, London Sadlers Wells Theatre 13/14/15, Oxford Apollo 16 and Brighton Dome 18.

Imagination are on the road to promote their new single 'Thank You My Love'.

They'll be at Luton Pink Elephant November 23, Leicester Haymarket Centre 24, Wakefield Roof Top Gardens 27, Birmingham Aston University 30 and Oxford Polytechnic December 1.

Bucks Fizz have added six dates to their forthcoming tour to tie in with

the release of their LP 'I Hear Talk'. Dates are Leicester Mr. Kiesaf December 13, Cardiff St. David's Hall 19, Birmingham Odeon 20, Wembley Conference Centre 21/22 (not confirmed) and Croydon Fairfield Hall 23.

Blasts from the past UFO are back with a new line-up and a series of December dates.

Bring your folks along to Nottingham Rock City 12, Manchester Apollo 13, Bristol Colston Hall 14, Birmingham Odeon 15, Newcastle Mayfair 16 and London Lyceum 18.

The new **Talking Heads** single 'Girlfriend Is Better' is out next week. As an extra bonus the b-side will be a version of their single 'Once In A Lifetime'. Both tracks are from their live 'Stop Making Sense' LP.

Fresh from the road with the likes of Motorhead, AC/DC and Slade, new group Virgin Star have just released their first single 'When The Reds'.

The Compact Organisation release a double compilation album this week called 'Do They Mean Us'.

The disc includes tracks by Mari Wilson, Virna Lindt, Fontana Mix, The Sound Barrier and Oceans

Following the success of the Dazz Band's 'Let It All Blow', Motown release their LP 'Jukebox'. It's out this week

Meat Loaf has a new single out on November 30. It's called 'Nowhere Fast' and is backed by a previously unreleased track from 1979 called 'Clap Your Hands'.

The Temptations, whose single 'Treat Her Like A Lady' is climbing the charts release a new LP on November 23. 'Truly For You' is the heartfelt title.

Gary Glitter releases 'Another Rock And Roll Christmas' on November 23, and he's also added a date to his December tour at London's Hammersmith Palais December 16

His new LP is out now too, aptly titled 'Boys Will Be Boys'

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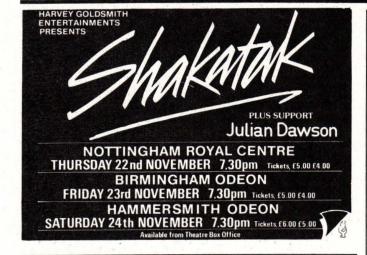
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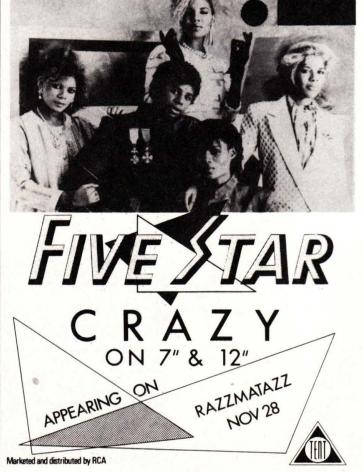
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# PICHE P

'The Riddle' is Nik Kershaw's fifth successive hit in his first year as a pop star.

But to many people, Nik's success is the biggest riddle of all.

Despite the hits and two sell-out British tours (the second soon to commence), many still see him as a talentless, faceless little... wimp.

What's his reaction to that? "I don't care," he says with a chuckle.

"Someone asked me the other day to justify my position. But I haven't got anything to justify. I haven't done anything wrong...

"It's like when I started, no one believed I did anything – they didn't believe I sang or played. They thought my record company had invented me!"

Like The Monkees, perhaps?

"No – more like The Muppets!

"You see, my argument to that is: if they were actually going to invent a pop star why not pick someone who was a) taller, b) single, and c) who could dance a bit or something...

"They certainly wouldn't have picked me!"

#### TWO HOUR TEASER

If Nik wasn't picked for his image, he was certainly snapped up double-quick for his songs.

'The Riddle' is perhaps his most ambitious yet and the lyrics really do contain a puzzle to be solved (brainteaser boffs will find them on

## SUCCESS

Bewitched by music. Bewildered by fame. But not at all bothered about being called a wimp.

Nik Kershaw is back — and busy spinning riddles. There's one on his new single (and a clue to it on his new album) but many still think his success is the biggest riddle of all.

Martin Townsend stirs a bubbling cauldron with a pop sorcerer conjuring up his fifth successive hit.



page two of this very issue).

"The answer is what the song is all about but I'm not giving away any clues," says Nik helpfully.

"There's one on the back of the album and it's quite a give-away actually."

'The Riddle' was written in two hours after Nik's producer Peter Collin had listened to some demos for the new LP also called 'The Riddle' – and decided there were no obvious singles.

"Usually if I think, right, I've got to write a single, it comes out really false and nothing ever happens," Nik explains. "But this one really worked."

"So had the tune been floating around in his head beforehand?

"No, not really. But I've been listening to a lot of Irish music – particularly The Bothy Band (a defunct but highly-regarded folk group) and their LP 'Old Hag You Have Killed Me'.

"That could have been an influence. Anything you listen to goes into your head and gets logged in the old computer."

#### **GROWING UP**

The single may have a builtin puzzle, but there's no heavy concept running through the album.

"It's just another collection of songs," says Nik. "But it's very diverse and much more me than the first album.

"First albums are always made up of material you wrote to get a record contract — and in my case a lot of them were old songs.

"I've grown up a lot since that album.

CONTINUES OVER

#### "EARLIER THIS YEAR I WAS BEWILDERED BY SUCCESS. BUT IT'S LIKE STARTING A NEW JOB — AND I'VE GOT **USED TO THE JOB NOW."**

#### CONTINUED

"To be honest, the new album might totally backfire on me - the kids might not buy it - but I can't write with that fear in mind.

"If you write what people want, they still might not buy it, cos they're so fickle.

'Then you've lost not only your career, but also your self-respect . . .'

#### **SAVE THE** WHALE

Among the songs on the new LP is one called 'Easy', written for and featuring Level 42's ace bassist Mark King. Mark met Nik at TOTP and expressed an interest in working with him.

Also 'Save The Whale' influenced by a savage and very moving Greenpeace documentary.

"I knew whales were being slaughtered long before I saw that programme," says Nik. "But I didn't realise it was

that bad . . .
"I mean I'm actually ashamed of being a member of the human race if that sort of thing can go on.

"Especially because of what whalemeat is used for; people are outraged when a dog is killed but don't actually realise there's whale-meat in dog-food."

#### **NO RULES**

As 'The Riddle' brings Nik's mega-sucessful debut year to a close, will people still be lumping him in with Howard Jones?

Oh yeah. The people that are determined to categorise and loathe and hate what I

"Nothing will change their

Would he consider toughening his image and music, Frankie style, to do just that?

Nik shakes his head. "There's nothing

particularly wimpy on the new album - there are some bloody enormous noises on

"But even that's stupid; people are fooled into thinking something's tough just cos it's extremely loud and quite heavy.

"You see there are no rules in music.

'The music press and such-like write in the

that if he ever got bigheaded, his wife and friends would remind him that he was "still just little Nik".

Four hits later, that must be hard to swallow.

"No, no, it isn't – he said modestly!" laughs Nik. "I still get kicked in the

same painful place!

"I'm more confident now but there's a fine line between confidence and

life-style; a complete shift in

"It's like a starting a new job really, and I've got used to the job now.

"For instance I used to dry up in live radio interviews. But now I just end up talking to the bloke I'm supposed to be talking to, instead of worrying whether I'm dropping my H's all the time.

I mean I do - but who cares?"

#### **POWER**

Despite his new-found confidence, one riddle remains unsolved for Nik. The power of television.

"It surprises me that people believe so much of what they see on television.

"For instance, if they see a comedian on the TV they expect him to walk around being funny all the time. Whatever they see on the telly, that's it, that's what it is.

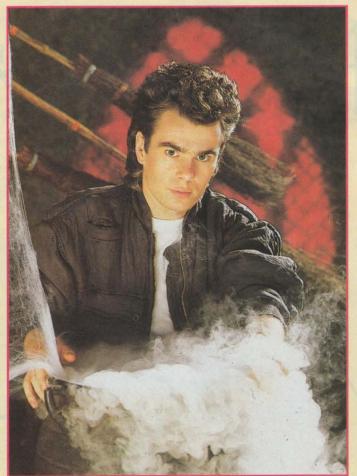
But it's showbusiness with lighting, cameras, make-up. It's really shallow and it doesn't mean a thing.'

So how does that apply to him?

"Well, no one ever screamed at me two years ago so what's the difference if they see me on television?

"The cashiers at Woolies didn't all used to start screaming when I went in

"I just think that's really strange. I can't understand it."



mistaken belief that there's some finite truth about what's right or wrong in music.

Art critics do it, too - this is not aesthetic, the colour's too bold for this.

"But if it looks good it's

"There is no truth in music.'

At the beginning of the year - with 'Wouldn't It Be Good' at No.4 - Nik told No.1

arrogance which you can cross now and then.

As long as you can get back across it you're alright."

Is he still - as then bewildered by success?

"No, not really. I mean I've probably felt bewildered for most of my life, but at that particular point it was a bit

"Everything happened to fast. A complete change of

#### **IDENTITY CRISIS**

Not bewildered by showbiz then, but puzzled by its result -fame.

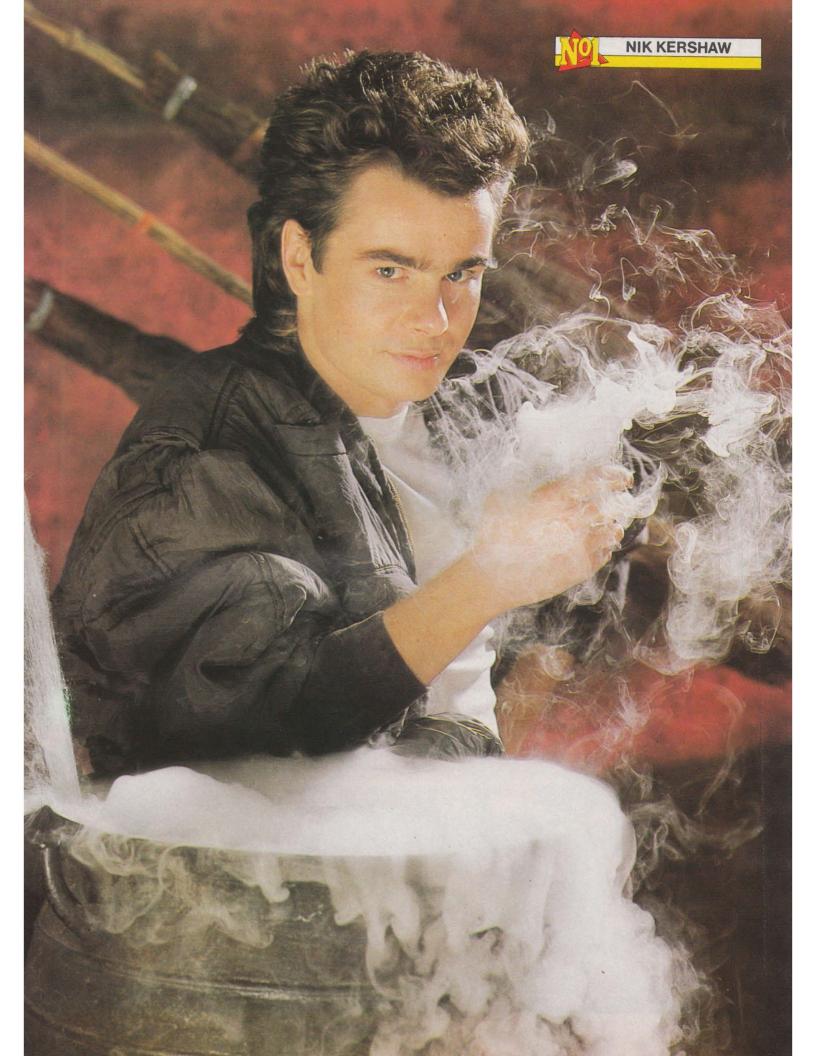
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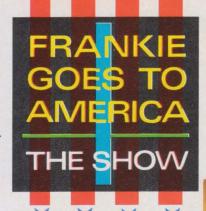
"When is Nik Kershaw not Nik Kershaw?"

He thinks for a minute.

"When he's ajar?" Another door opens for the

"IF MY RECORD COMPANY REALLY HAD WANTED TO INVENT A POP STAR, WHY NOT PICK SOMEONE WHO WAS A) TALLER, B) SINGLE, AND C) WHO COULD DANCE A BIT . . . "



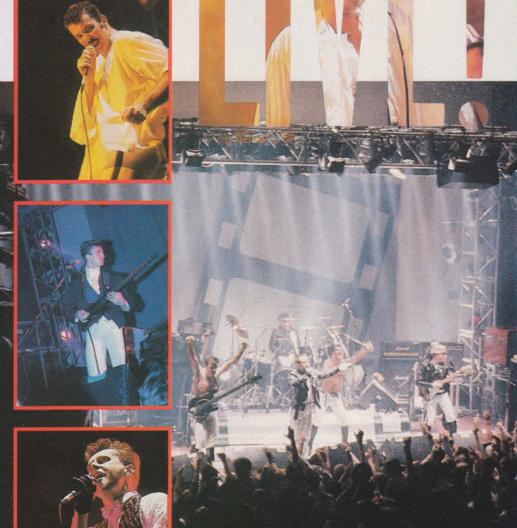


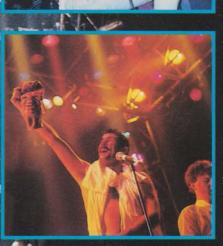
"... but can they cut it onstage?"

That's the question everyone's been asking. Max Bell discovers the answer as Frankie cut up Philadelphia and eat it for breakfast.

Photos by A.J. Barratt

## THE POWER OF







#### Sunday, November 11

#### ESCAPE FROM NEW YORK

At ten minutes to four on a wet New York afternoon Frankie Goes To Hollywood leave the Berkshire Place hotel where they've been holed up for five days and set off for Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love.

Their mission?

Phase two of the master plan to conquer America.

Today is Armistice Day in England and Veteran's Day in America . . . lest we forget.

Several Frankies are sporting poppies with pride as they clamber into a fleet of limousines that are as big as some people's bathrooms.

The cars, two Lincolns and a Fleetwood, are the type that take two minutes to walk around: each one is forty feet of gleaming steel suicide machine.

lan Jeffery, Frankie's tour manager,

refineries and the ammonia plants.

Frankie wait until we've left the Jersey Turnpike before they play their favourite car game; not I-spy but dropping their trousers and mooning out the windows at no one in particular.

Mile after mile of freeway disappears under twelve wheels. New Jersey, New Brunswick, Pennsylvania and we don't see a soul.

#### instant REACTION

"It was hard work to win them over and It was bloody hot. I'd like to have been closer to the fans."

- Mark O'Toole

America is a great big freeway. In this country people live in their cars.

After two hours we hit Philadelphia and locate the Irvine Auditorium at Penn State University where Frankie are playing.

Trevor Horn is first out and into the hall. He zooms straight towards the dressing room and attacks the backstage food. Mark is subdued by lads' standards, probably because of the rollicking he got from Nash and Ped.

Frankie have fun but work is serious.
Professional discipline comes from within.

Before they go on Frankie's nerves start to creak. Holly disappears to the toilet, the dressing room is shut, the room is cleared.

I go to the hall sweating with excitement. The room is reaching boiling point. Lights are low and the PA blasts out The B52s 'Planet Clare', the bass-heavy psychotic dance riff which Frankie have chosen to whip up the crowd before they appear.

Not that we need much encouragement. The show has sold out its 1,500 seats faster than any other gig in Irvine's history and the atmosphere is so thick you could pick it up with a spoon and eat it.

Trevor Horn wanders out and goes to the mixing desk beaming. Trevor Horn has never, ever seen Frankie play live before outside of Sarm Studio.



Frankie: live and dangerous and dressed to kill

addresses us all by turn.

"Watch what you do with your cigarettes and beer cans. If there's one burn on the upholstery the car company will skin us alive."

The Frankies moan but Ian has a point.
They may be making money but they aren't made of money.

#### instant REACTION

"I'm not giving a verdict. Overall absolutely brilliant but it isn't long enough – I wanted more. Small points are that on 'Born To Run' the guitars should be louder. The intro to 'The Power Of Love' should be more ambitious, the solos on 'Relax' could be longer and Ped should introduce a number and take a break. The lads could heckle him and they should muck around more."

 ZTT label boss/producer Trevor Horn

Just hiring these monsters costs five hundred dollars apiece. Even if the Frankies pooled their daily expenses they wouldn't have enough to fill one of these babies with gasoline.

#### OUTSIDE ON THE TURNPIKE

Did somebody say gasoline? The road to Philadelphia leads us through some of America's most nauseous industrial terrain. Just unwind the windows and breathe in the chemical stench of the Jersey shore oil

"American crisps," crunches Trev, "are the best in the world". His nose disappears into a huge bag of sour cream and chive flavour.

The band troop in to get changed.

"Does Philadelphia make a lot of noise?" asks Nasher. He'll find out . . .

The auditorium is not your average rock venue. It's a 19th century meeting hall, normally used for organ recitals and lectures, but it has a magnificent decorative wooden ceiling, a large stage and good natural acoustics.

#### **HORNIN A DILEMMA**

Frankie soundcheck with more nervous energy than most groups put into their set proper – then return to their room to get psyched up!

"Where's the ale?" the three lads chorus.

"You're having one beer each and no more," warns manager Tony Pope, a new rule introduced after their first ever American concert in Washington where Mark O'Toole had a skinful before performing.

#### instant REACTION

"Where's the bar-b-q sauce?"

- Paul Rutherford

"I'm dying to interfere, but I'd only be sticking in lots of effects. No, this is their show."

Frankie won't admit it but they are more anxious to prove their point in front of Horn than anyone in the world.

#### LOVE LOST THEM THEIR LIVES

Suddenly 'Planet Clare' segues into the eerie high-pitched first movement of 'Welcome To The Pleasuredome'. The crowd rushes forward and clambers onto the seats. The lights are all off and smoke covers the stage.

#### instant REACTION

"We've played better. It felt a bit remote but I got into it at the end. 'The Only Star In Heaven' is when it took off."

- Rhythm guitarist Jed O'Toole

Out of the darkness seven figures stand with their backs to us. The noise becomes a deafening wind storm, the drums strike a martial beat, the bass breaks out, the lights go on and . . .

#### "WAR!"

All hell is let loose. This IS Frankie Goes To Hollywood, live, armed and extremely dangerous. The next hour provides the proof which everyone seeks from this band more than any other in the history of rock and roll.



It's a frame-up. Philadelphia fans corner Mark O'Toole. Mark says America ain't seen nothing yet



Love, kisses, cuddle and champagne for poor old Ped. It's a hard life being a Frankie

Can they deliver the goods?

From left to right this is how Frankie stand and deliver. On keyboards, Peter Oxendale (aka the Invisible Man), then Mark O'Toole on bass, Holly Johnson right at the front on vox, Paul Rutherford, dance master and backing singer extraordinaire, Ped at the back raised on a podium, grinning from ear to ear, then it's Jed O'Toole on rhythm guitar and next to him is Brian Nash, or Johnny Blade, guitar hero.

Frankie is dressed to kill in white shirts and white French Hussar pants with black stripes and knee-high horse artillery boots. Holly adds his \$800 Japanese robe from Barney's NYC as a finishing touch.

#### WISH YOU WERE HERE

The music is so intense I hardly notice the film strip slides of atrocities and political blackmailers behind the group. 'War' gets stomped out like the last punk anthem, faster and louder than on record but with all the ingredients in place.

#### instant REACTION

"Pretty good. It showed up the Washington gig, which was shite. This was OK but we can do better. A lot better. And we will."

- Ped

As the line "What is it good for? Warrrrrrr" echoes round the hall, the barrier in front of the camera pit snaps and the first casualties are taken out, shaken but not badly injured. The band start to get hot. 'Love Has Got A Gun (Wish You Were Here)' catches fire and I can make some sense of what is happening. Holly's voice is simply magnificent, an instrument of soul power. Mark and Nasher hold down the

#### instant REACTION

"When you mess with Springsteen you're messing with God, but their 'Born To Run' is amazing!"

- Justin, 18, West Philly

front line; funk bass, metal guitar and hard

Girls strain towards the stage. Paul Rutherford is the most abandoned with his dervish dancing. Paul gives it loads and loads.

Most surprising of all are the harmonies which walk a line between raw power and Mersey beat sophistication.

'Gun' is unloaded and Holly demands 'What do Frankie say?"

The crowd, totally apeshit crazy by now, responds with "RELAX!" and they're right.

As 'Relax' reaches its climax, a dry ice cloud covers the band and a single spotlight rests on Holly. "Calm down children," he chastises before the opening chords of 'The Power Of Love' stir a different set of emotions.

"I'll protect you from the hooded claw, Keep the vampire from your door, When the chips are down, I'll be around."

#### FOR YOUR PLEASURE

This death-defying love song is followed by the crux of the set – 'Welcome To The

## TENDERNESS IS A WEAKNESS A NEW SINGLE FROM MARC ALMOND



Pleasuredome' – ten minutes of ecstasy. 'Dome' is Pink Floyd '67 meets Funkadelic '78 equals Frankie '84.

For the Brits here the lines send shivers down the spine. "We're a long way from home," but feeling proud.

'Black Night, White Light' and 'The Only Star In Heaven' set up the glam rock mood which is taken to a bizarre, logical conclusion in 'Krisco Kisses'.

'Krisco' is when the whole band gets off. Paul is stripped down to his Hussar pants, gyrating from side to side, whipping Mark and Brian to new peaks. Mark slides over to Nash and they vamp the Bowie/Ronson sex act that used to make Ziggy Stardust's 'Moonage Daydream' seem like the most fun you could have with your clothes on.

#### instant REACTION

Deneice (15), Tina (16), Steve (18), Perkafsie and NW Philly

"Absolutely it. We've just got the album and we listen to it the whole time. Too bad they didn't do 'San Jose'."

- Deneice (15), Tina (16), Steve (18), Poughkeepsie

This brash piece de resistance is topped by a dynamic assault on the senses; the terrifying four-minute warning, the throbbing bass, the Holly Johnson patented "Oowowowowoh! TWO TRIBES!"

The bass slams out and kicks you in the stomach. Rutherford comes out front in a Reagan mask – the effect is shattering. "We've got Two Tribes – we've got the bomb."

What seems like political and moral logic in England is a complete shock to a country riding on a wave of patriotism that could

#### instant REACTION

"I liked 'Relax' with the explosions. It was all much better that I'd ever hoped. It'll hold my attention for a long time and only the best concerts do that."

- Maria Sinagoga (20), Philadelphia

devastate us all.

This ain't rock and roll, this is genocide.

#### **PLAY FRANKIE PLAY**

"Were we good enough for you, Philadelphia?" Holly asks. "Do you want more? Do you deserve more?"

Frankie come back onstage in their leathers and shades for 'Born To Run', an American anthem. They wave the flag and bring the house down with their tongue-incheek rock theatre.

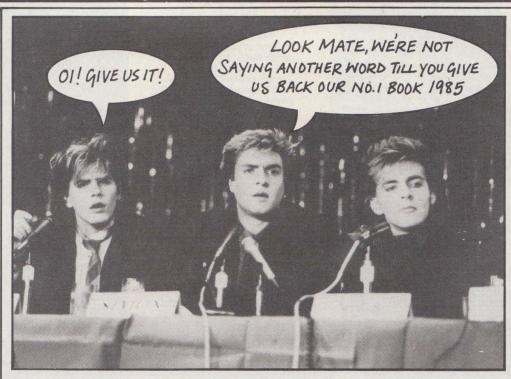
"Now, what do Frankie say again?" This time 'Relax' hits the sex mix, the slide show leaving us in no doubt as to the song's meaning.

The second coming is heralded by blinding explosions and a shower of glittering stars. Did the earth move for you too, honey?

When Frankie Gets To Hollywood, America will know what a real rock'n'roll band is. America will know once again that Liverpool is the rock and roll capital of the world.

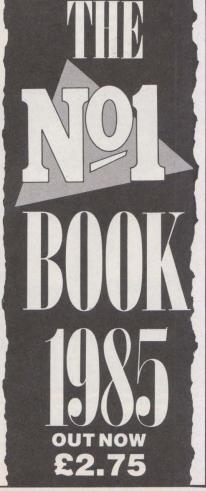


Bang, band, you're dead. Paul slays 'em in Philadelphia



Simon's quite right too. Who can do without a book which includes Duran Duran, Spandau Ballet, Wham, Culture Club, Nik Kershaw, Sade, Howard Jones, Bananarama, Thompson Twins, Tracey Ullman, Paul Young, Michael Jackson, The Police, Frankie Goes To Hollywood and many more . . .

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#### THE No.1 GOSSIP COLUMN

oor old Nik Kershaw had a disastrous time in France last week. First he learnt that while he was in Paris-preparing for the Champs Elysees pop programme - his luggage was enjoying a short trip to Amsterdam. Then he contracted food poisoning. Then, during the live TV show itself, the tape snapped during 'Wouldn't It Be Good' and left Nik impersonating a goldfish in front of 34 million viewers. "My life flashed before me," quoth the Riddler . . .

> Frankie were going to see Culture Club play in Meadowlands in New York, but according to our lads George said they weren't to be given any tickets. The Frankies still sent Culture Club a telegram saying "good luck" . . . Ped didn't want to go anyway.

There was much foot-stomping t'other night at Sylvester's Heaven gig when all the house lights kept popping on in the middle of Sylvy's set. Three times it happened then Frisco's favourite kid had had enough. "No lights or no show!" he screamed, though he didn't put it as politely as Whispers. In fact the lighting-man was so offended he promptly walked out . .

Why were The Adventurers seen rolling around on the floor of a

West End pub? Whispers knows but isn't telling . . .

Hijack! George Michael was driving merrily down the road last week when a cab suddenly swerved in front of him, forcing him to screech to a halt. George stayed frozen in his seat as the cabbie leapt out and rushed up to the Whammobile pulling out . . . a pen! Turns out all the guy wanted was an autograph for his little girl . .

Whispers can safely say that there is not a smidgeon of truth in the rumours that The Special AKA will never record again together because of the studio costs of their last LP. Daffy Dammers is currently working on new material and there will be a Specials videofeaturing all their old promos and some other footage - out at the beginning of next year . .

> One of Mark O'Toole's aunts is a chief of police in New York City. True.

Julian Lennon is a closet Motorhead fan. Lemmy confided to an ever-present Whispers t'other day that "he'd come up to me shyly and asked for my autograph"

We're not sure that Sade will have been particularly flattered to find her elegant 'Smooth Operator' being used for a Tomorrow's World feature on the dangers of selfflusing toilets. Especially as

A few weeks back (well, months to be exact) we invited you to invent your

own 'Frankie Say' type slogans.

We had thousands of entries (still digging the editor out) but eventual winners of T-shirts printed up with their slogans were: Paula Smith of Hanworth, Middx with 'Neil Say The Weather Girls Are Really Heavy' (her prize modelled by Martin Townsend); Sarah Windley of Westgate-on-Sea with 'Sarah Says Can Someone Please Give Me Frankie's Phone Number' (posed by Karen Swayne); Steven Sullivan of Coventry with 'Aztec Camera Say Smile Please' (shown off by Lynn Hanna); Lisa Payne with 'Madness Say Shut Up' (wrapped round Mr Paul Bursche) and Nadine Gallagher of County Fermanagh with 'Michael Jackson Says Where The Hell's My Other Glove' (clinging gamely to Paul Simper).
The lads offered to add miscellaneous stains but you can't have

everything. . .

Whispers is reliably informed that she has an old-fashioned chain with a handle on it like the rest of us.

Boy George tells Whispers that our American friends are under the impression that Marilyn is a sexchange star. Whatever will they think of next? And whatever will Marilyn do next . . . Only last week he was seen wiggling enticingly in front of a very polite Paul Weller at Vaughan Toulouse's club. Watch him Mick .

> Chaka Khan, in London all week doing interviews, has had her lunch sent in everyday from Marks and Spencer. Her fave is mixed crudites . .

A touch of dicky tummy was suspected when Johnny Marr and the rest of The Smiths set out across the waters to begin their current tour in Dublin. Halfway across, poor Johnny turned very green and a burst appendix was suspected. But never fear! The brave boy sent a waiting ambulance packing and boarded the stage that night as planned. Wonder if Morrissey sent him flowers . .

Three large vans sporting giant posters of Jean-Michelle Jarre's new LP 'Zoolook' will soon be roaming the country. The man's Paris record company is behind this wizard scheme - not as Whispers suspected - one Mr A. Daley . . .

> The b-side of lan McCulloch's solo single September Song' is a version of ye olde folke song Molly Malone, ('cockles and mussels'). Both are produced by Clive Langer and feature Elvis Costello's keyboard player Steve Naive, despite the fact that Mac's always slagging Elvis. The two met last week at the Hammersmith Palais, Elv pretended to hit the playboy Bunny, but they got on like pop stars always do . . .

Tom Bailey was caught wandering around the No. 1 offices this week with the new Thompson Twins single. Whispers immediately demanded how recording the LP in France had gone. "Oh no," yawned the star. You guys, that's the worst question you could ask!"

Another lad dying to get into Whispers is that wise old man of arty-funk David Byrne. Trouble is he doesn't reckon he's done anything worthy of our precious space. Maybe next time. .

Mysteriously a copy of the very wonderful No. 1 Book has found its way across the Atlantic and into the eager paws of Mark O'Toole. And so knocked out was he with Max 'Relax' Bell's in-depth expose of the lad's boudoir habits that he sat the whole band down and read it all out to them. And tonight's bed-time story is . . .

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Itravox have been accused of a lot of things in their time, but understatement is

not one of them.
The lads flew off to Kenya to construct "a
Raiders Of The Lost Arktype scenario" to
promote 'Love's Great Adventure'. But it was
far from a leisurely safari, as Midge Ure

explains.

"We went to Kenya 'cos we needed two specific environments – jungle and desert – and Kenya fitted the bill.

"It was a week's solid filming. We were living in a small camp about five hours' drive from Nairobi.

"It was a bit except that you lions rearing. A ou couldn they'd attacked." The video is full of action

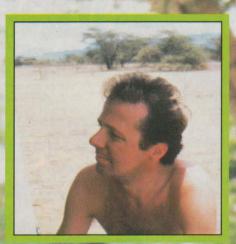
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Heroes running tirelessly as an attacking the leaping into hang gliders, and attacking from all sides – all very Indiana Jones.

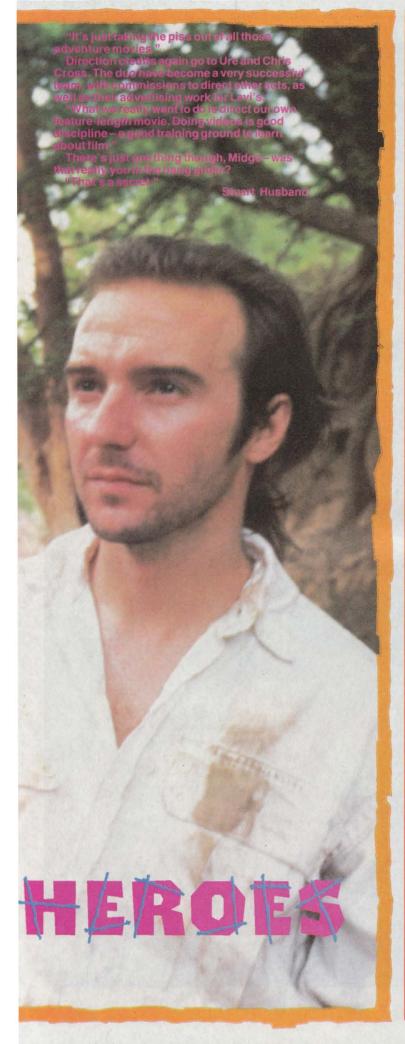
"We always try to make our videos ethe music – like 'Dancing With Tears in Eyes' was a very serious theme, and the complemented that. This record is mulianter, and the video is very tongue-in lighter, and the video is very tongu













### VIEW FROM A VIDEO

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Kim Wilde Photos, Steve Rapport



#### KOOL AND THE GANG

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PEOPLE TALKING 'BOUT THE GIRL WHO'S COME TO TOWN
LOVELY LADY PRETTY AS CAN BE
NO'ONE KNOWS HER NAME SHE'S JUST A MYSTERY
I HAVE SEEN HER MAYBE ONE OR TWICE
ONE THING I CAN SAY IS OOH SHE'S VERY NICE
SHE'S A LADY ONE I REALLY WANT TO KNOW
SOMEHOW I'VE GOT TO LET MY FEELINGS SHOW

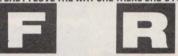
SHE'S FRESH — EXCITING — SHE'S SO EXCITING TO ME SHE'S FRESH — EXCITING — SHE'S SO INVITING TO ME

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE WAY YOU WALK
BABY OOH I LIKE THE WAY YOU TALK
TELL YOU SOMETHING I REALLY CAN'T HIDE
HEAVEN MUST HAVE SENT YOU TO BE BY MY SIDE
FRESH AND LOVELY LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE
I'LL GIVE ANYTHING TO SPEND THE NIGHT WITH YOU
WHAT A FEELING THAT I CAN'T STOP
MISS FRISKY LADY TAKE ME AWAY

SHE'S FRESH - EXCITING - SHE'S SO EXCITING TO ME SHE'S FRESH - EXCITING - SHE'S SO INVITING TO ME

FRESH AS A SUMMER'S BREEZE SHE'LL TAKE YOU BY THE HAND SHE MEANS SO MUCH TO ME I'LL DO WHATEVER TO MAKE HER MY BABY

OOOH YEAH LALALALA OOH
SHE'S FRESH (REPEATED TILL END OF SONG)
FRESH AS A SUMMER'S BREEZE
SHE MEANS SO MUCH TO ME
I WILL TAKE HER BY THE HAND
AND PRAY SHE'LL UNDERSTAND
'COS I LOVE THE WAY SHE WALKS
OOH BABY I LOVE THE WAY SHE TALKS SHE'S FRESH







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Sons of men who stand like gods We give life to feed the cause And run to ground our heathen foe Our name will never die This time will be forever

Join up here – I wave goodbye We need you – My breast sighs Have no fear – I must try God will be – With braver men

Take the vow – I know it's right Praise the flag – The good fight We're at war – I'm on my way We will win – Why do I pray

I wait here in this hole Playing poker with my soul I hold the rifle close to me It lights the way to keep me free

If I die in a combat zone
Box me up and ship me home
If I die and still come home
Lay me where the rose is sown
Repeat chorus to fade

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### TONGUE ON THE LOOSE

Pete Burns has always been good copy for anyone who can get a few words out of him – and, in the past, that hasn't been too difficult.

He's bwwn quoted and misquoted more often than Mae West, and that's where the barbed tongue quite considerably.

I broached the touchy subject of Pete's public image and his recent run-in with he Press, and waited for the bullets to fly. They didn't.

"It really started earlier this

scandal. If you don't co-operate, they go through anything they can find and piece together articles. *That's* what I was annoyed about.

"It's the same with the bisexual aspect – it's just tacky publicity, isn't it? I really don't

Pete Burns reckons he's talked too much in the past. He tells Glyn Brown about it. At great length . . .

trouble lies. Perhaps a mite too free in the past with throwaway lines and witty comments that get taken the wrong way, he has now filed down the famous year, with 'That's The Way I Like It'", explains Pete. When it became a hit, suddenly the daily papers were flocking round, wanting their bits of pop star think anybody wants to know. If I had my way I wouldn't talk to the Press, because I really don't think I've got anything valid to say.

You don't seem like someone with nothing to say, Pete.

"Well, yes, I do talk very openly to people, and I say whatever comes to mind at the time – I'm very flippant. Then, when things appear in black and white, and people are delving for exclusives, it all looks pretty yeuckky.

"Whatever I've been into — sexually, drugwise or whatever — I've never intended to use it as a promotion vehicle. I never wanted it to be anybody's business but my own, but people ask you and, before you know it, there it is on the page."

#### **TATTOO BLUES**

It's Pete's appearance that draws most comment, though. Even now, after a day of slog in the studio working on the forthcoming album, he's immaculately made up and dressed to kill.

"Why do I dress like this? Why does Picasso paint pictures? That's an arty quote for you.

"It's the same reason—you feel a natural inclination towards some art forms, and mine for years now has been my appearance.

"You've got to live, say 70 years in your body and it can be a very boring place to be. There is a person inside, and you should be able to express it. It's just that my ideas are quite spectacular—I've got tattoos and a pierced nose, and..."

Will there come a day when there's not a spare inch of Pete Burns's body left to decorate? Much laughter.

"Definitely not. When I got the tattoo, it was absolute agony. I like it now, but I'd never get another one. I'd never mutilate myself ridiculously."

Phew, that's a relief, Pete. What is the tattoo?

"Oh, it's a rose with daggers through it, a Japanese design, really lovely—if it was a picture, I'd have brought it. I'd show you, but it's in an awkward place..."

Thanks for the offer. Will you consider having the tattoo removed if you get bored with that, too?

"No, it's there for life. I don't go back. But I could go forward, and I expect to change drastically in years to come. I love the idea of having plastic surgery – I don't see any need to stay the way



you are, and I've got no intention of doing it. I'll probably end up a

real casualty!

"But at least I'm expressing myself. A lot of people want to, but they feel too inhibited about it. They worry unnecessarily that they don't" (do I imagine a slight snarl here?) fit into society. But nobody's criticism should affect anybody-if it affected me, I'd never have got started!"

#### STYLE COUNSELLING

What would you say to someone who got kicked out of their job because of a certain style of dress?

"I'd tell 'em to go elsewhere. If all that matters is your clothes, the job's not worth having in the first place.

Doesn't your appearance make nipping up the road for a Twix and a bag of crisps difficult when it causes such a stir?

"It used to be great years ago, when nobody knew me. People wouldn't sit near me on trains, and lused to get the whole seat to myself. On some days, though, you do feel a bit sensitive and you don't want to be gawped at. I never go out in the evening, now. I don't want to be the centre of attention. It's no good saying (assumes upper-class drawl) 'Oh, darling, I can't standit, everybody's looking at me'. If you don't like it, you shouldn't be there in the first place."

#### **CANNED BEAUTY**

What have you enjoyed doing this year, then?

Oh, the trip to America was

What was the best bit? "The shops! I can shop till I drop, you know. It's my disease, I have a spending problem - I mean, I have no problem spending. And Joan Collins. I haven't met her but, as far as I'm concerned, she's a modern-day

"She hasn't had anything done, either. I know her makeup artist. When he met her, he checked up for scars, tucks and bumps and looked to see if she had her bellybutton on her neck, and she hadn't. She's like the portrait of Dorian Gray.

"I read her biography, Past Imperfect, where she keeps going on about these really great eye drops, so what's the first thing we do when we hit America? CHEMISTS! EYE DROPS!

"I'm a real consumer. New York's shops are brilliant, they cater for barn pots, you can buy the most absurd things. It was one big treat.'

"What was the best thing you bought?

Eye drops, followed by tins of

1950s hairspray with pictures of women with white powdered beehives on the front. Natural Beauty, the spray was called. It said 'For the natural look that lasts'. We bought cans and cans.

And is it effective? "No, it doesn't work at all! We've just got the cans displayed in the bathroom."

#### **FACELIFTS**

Dead or Alive's new single. 'You Spin Me Round', is a thumping

good slice of electro-funk with a dance beat to get you on your feet. Hopes for it are running high.

Will some of Pete's outrageousness surface in the video?

"Definitely. It'll be quite extravagant, with gold and slaves and stuff. It's got a sense of humour.

The album is due for release early in 1985. As yet, it has only a working title, which I can't possibly divulge on these pages (though slip us a fiver and I'll see,

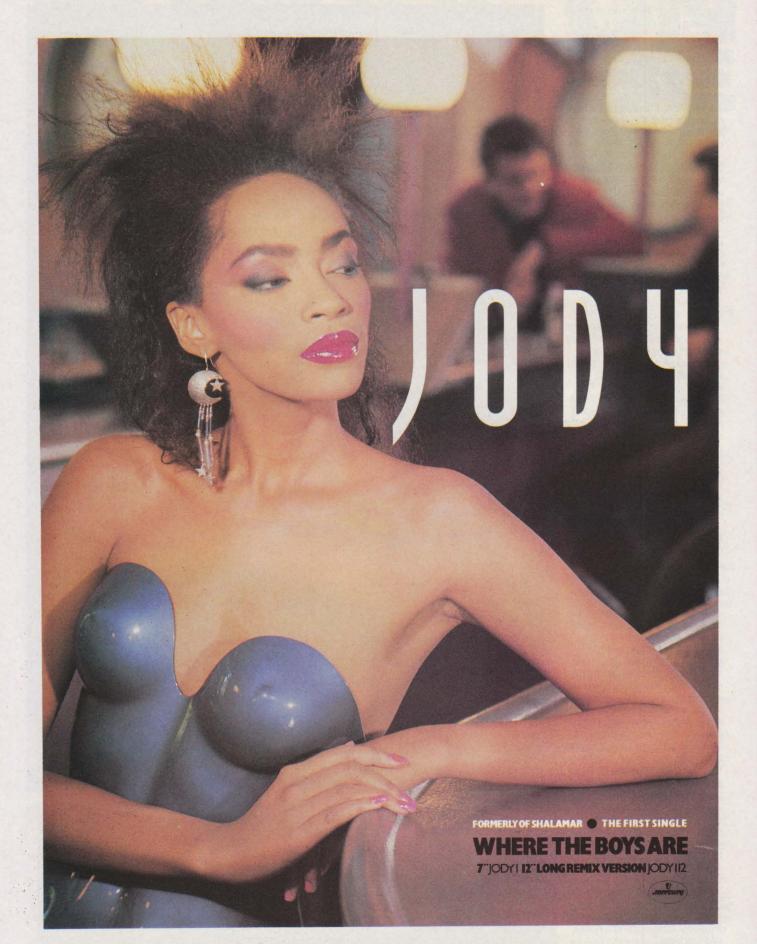
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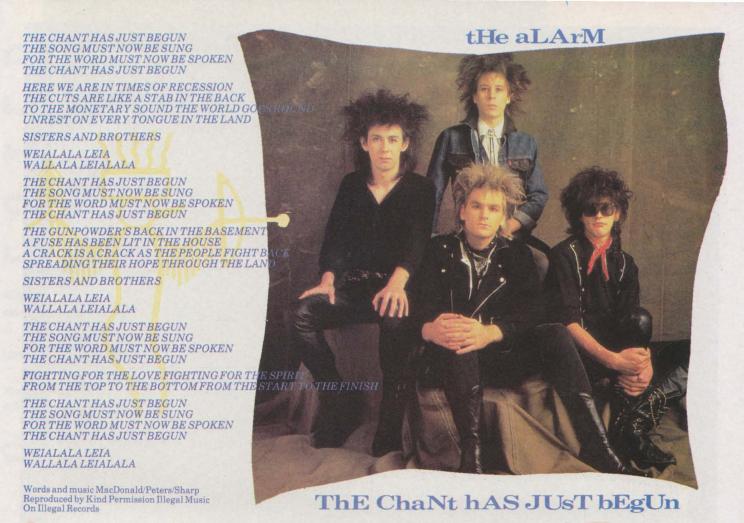
"I'm seriously looking into facelifts," offers Pete, after a few thoughtful seconds. "I'm not going to grow old gracefully."

What about silently and mysteriously?

The brown eyes widen above a mouth as big as the Mersey and look at me for a bit to get my mood.

"Yes, possibly. I don't talk very much."







I REMEMBER THE TIME WHEN I SAW YOU STANDING THERE ALL ALONE IN A CROWD I REMEMBER THE TIME COS WE DRANK TOO MUCH WINE

CHORUS: WE ALL JOIN HANDS AND WE ALL JOIN HANDS SO LET'S ALL JOIN HANDS HERE AND NOW

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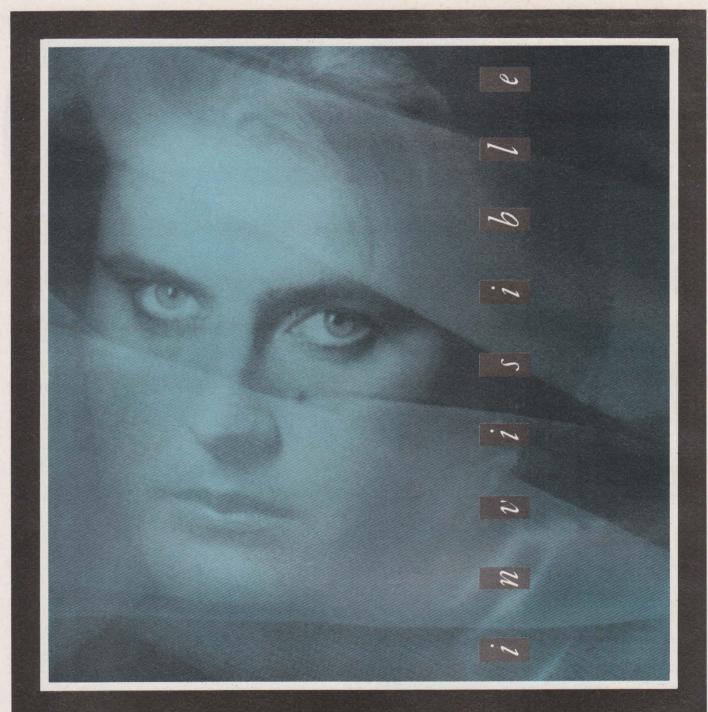
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AS WE SANG AULD LANG SYNE

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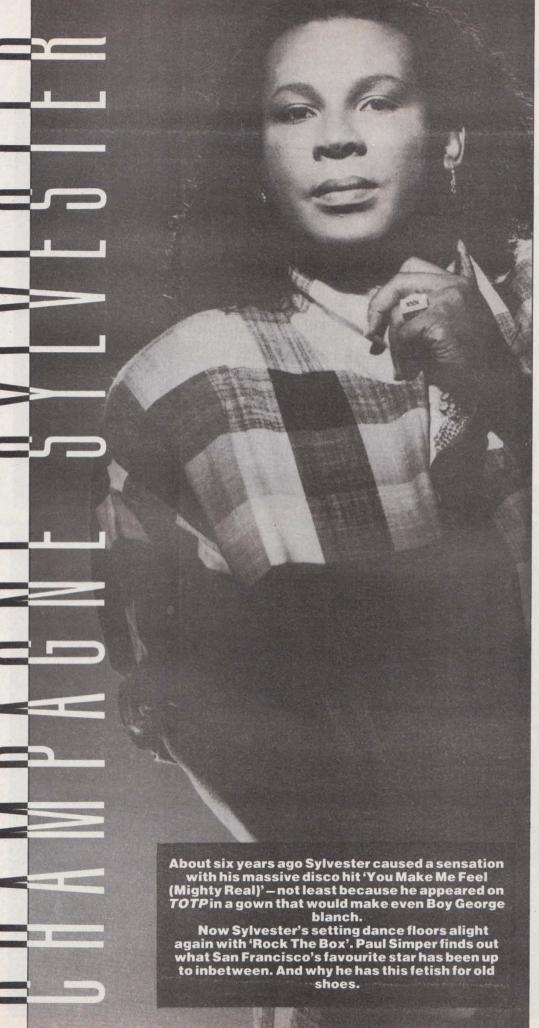
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#### **TOP GERE**

"What happened between 'You Make Me Feel' and 'Rock The Box'? I've been doing so many things. I just haven't stopped.

I've done two films, a show, recording, producing. . .

The films were *The Rose* with Bette Midler and one I've just finished with Richard Gere called *Over The Full Moon Rises*. I sing the title track. It's a football science-fiction horror film – very strange!

I'm also up for the lead in La Cage Aux Folles (the hilarious story of two men living together, one as a man, the other as his mother) on Broadway.

I've always wanted to do a Broadway show. It's the only immediate thing I haven't done. La Cage was written for me!

#### THE FRISCO KID

I was born in San Francisco and I started singing at the palaces there with my band in the mid-70s. Sadly most of those places disappeared when disco came along. A lot of people got lost in the change.

San Francisco's a place that's had its controversies but it's a real nice place to come home to. It's got a very European flair. Definitely a happy medium between New York and LA.

You'll see me riding around the place on my Vespa scooter. I've got a new Jaguar but I don't drive it much because if anybody scratches it I'll just die. It's my baby. I don't want some vicious queen to scratch her name on it!

San Francisco's one of the few places in America where you can be strange and different and not be. The people are a lot

more receptive.

I've always had the support of the people there. Now I'm an honorary member of the city council. The mayor proclaims my birthday and certain concerts I do as city holidays!

I have a lot of political clout with the mayor and city supervisors. I sang at the last Democratic Convention. I also raised \$300,000 for AIDS with Debbie Reynolds.

#### **HAVING A BALL**

San Francisco's not as wild as it used to be. There's this party each year called The Hooker's Ball which used to be fabulous, but it's a bit contrived now.

It's probably because a lot of the fun people have grown up and have other things to do now than dress up in drag and go to The Hooker's Ball – which no hookers (prostitutes) go to anyway.

I never wore costumes to things like that though because I dress up all the time so I never had anything to wear. Like

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Halloween's a real bad day for me. . .

I had this one costume I made myself which was for some Mardi Gras party. It was this huge gold thing with a six and a half foot head-dress – all sequins, beads and jewels.

I couldn't fit through the door in it. I had to get on my knees in

Hove London too.

If I go to the Tower of London one more time, Berni (his press officer) is going to scream. One time we went they tried to arrest us for going in the Crown Jewels. I love them sol

#### THESE SHOES ARE MADE FOR HANGING

I've always collected junk. Stuffed animal heads, lizards,

"I'm an honorary member of the San Francisco city council. The mayor proclaims my birthday as a city holiday."

the head-dress and squat to get on the stage.

I used to make all my own clothes but now other people do it for me.

#### **EUROPEAN QUEEN**

I've always been well received in Europe with my records ('Mighty Real' was one of the biggest Euro-disco hits of all time).

I think it's because I've always had aspirations towards Europe. The whole existence of art and outrageousness that went on in Paris in the 20s.

People always say Paris isn't the same now – that it was fabulous five years ago – but I was there five years ago and it's still fabulous now. It's still the city of lights.

old antique dresses. .

I must have over 200 pairs of antique shoes from the 20s and 30s. I used to hang them from the walls and ceilings. Little

shoes that certainly didn't fit me. But I've always liked the 20s. I was very intrigued by the whole Harlem era of jazz then.

I listen mostly to jazz. But right now my very favourite record is Chaka Khan. Over here I like Frankle and Bronski.

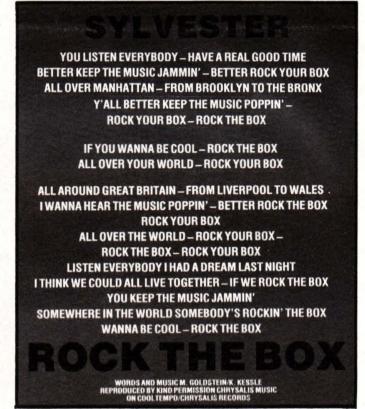
I was listening to Frankie when I did 'Rock The Box'. There's a lot of Trevor Horn in my record.

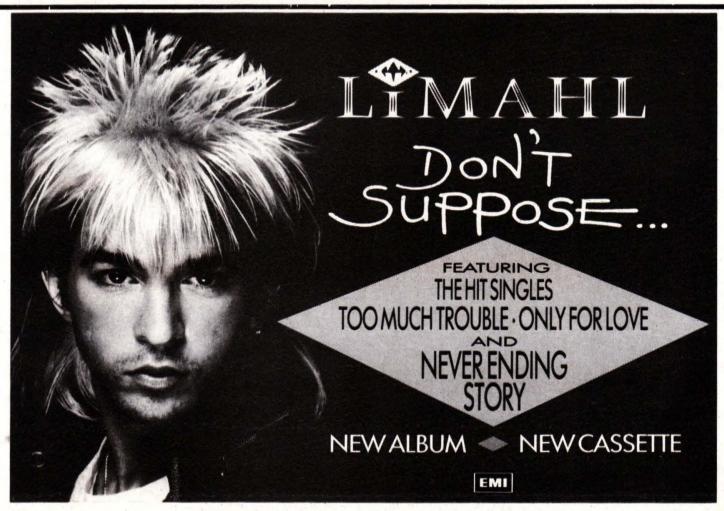
Ken, my engineer, is just a Trevor Horn freak. Everything that he touches he thinks 'this is the ultimate!'

It'd be great to work with him."

#### **CHAMPAGNE DAZE**

So what do I do when I'm not working? I'll maybe stay in bed for three or four days drinking champagne. Just lay there and get drunk.
Wake up. . .go to
sleep. . .wake up and drink
some more.
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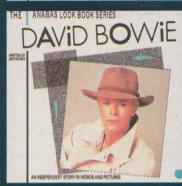


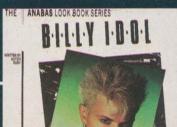
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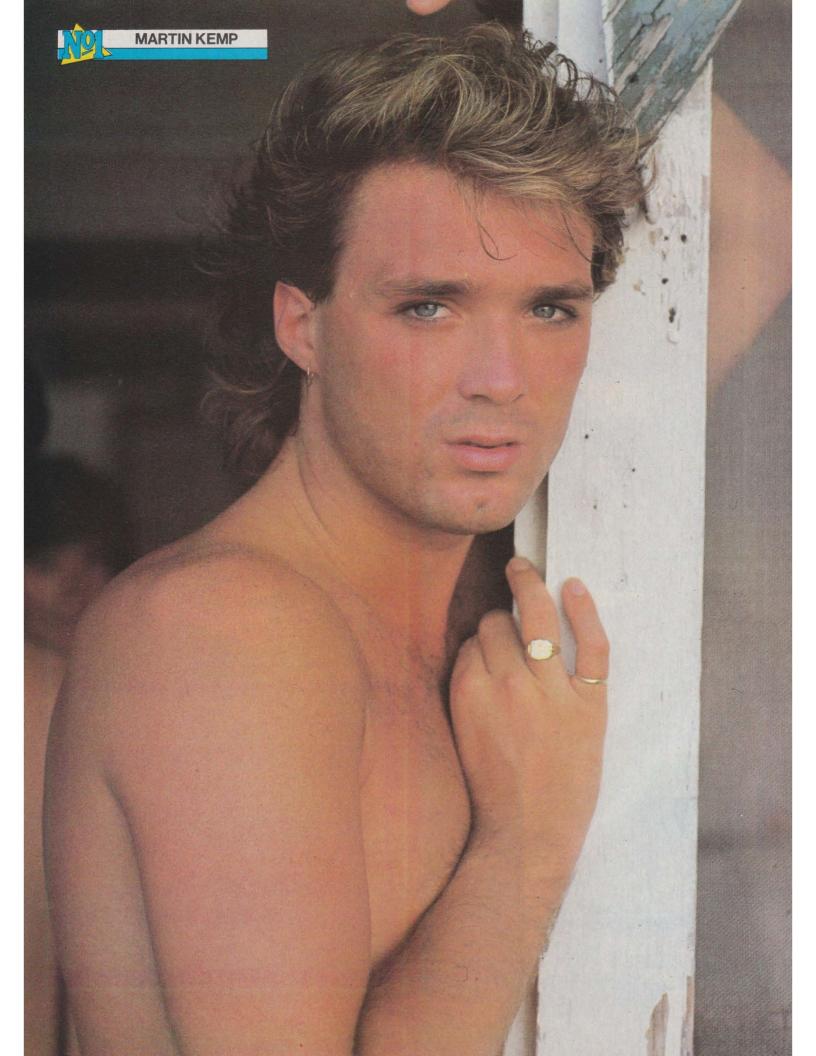
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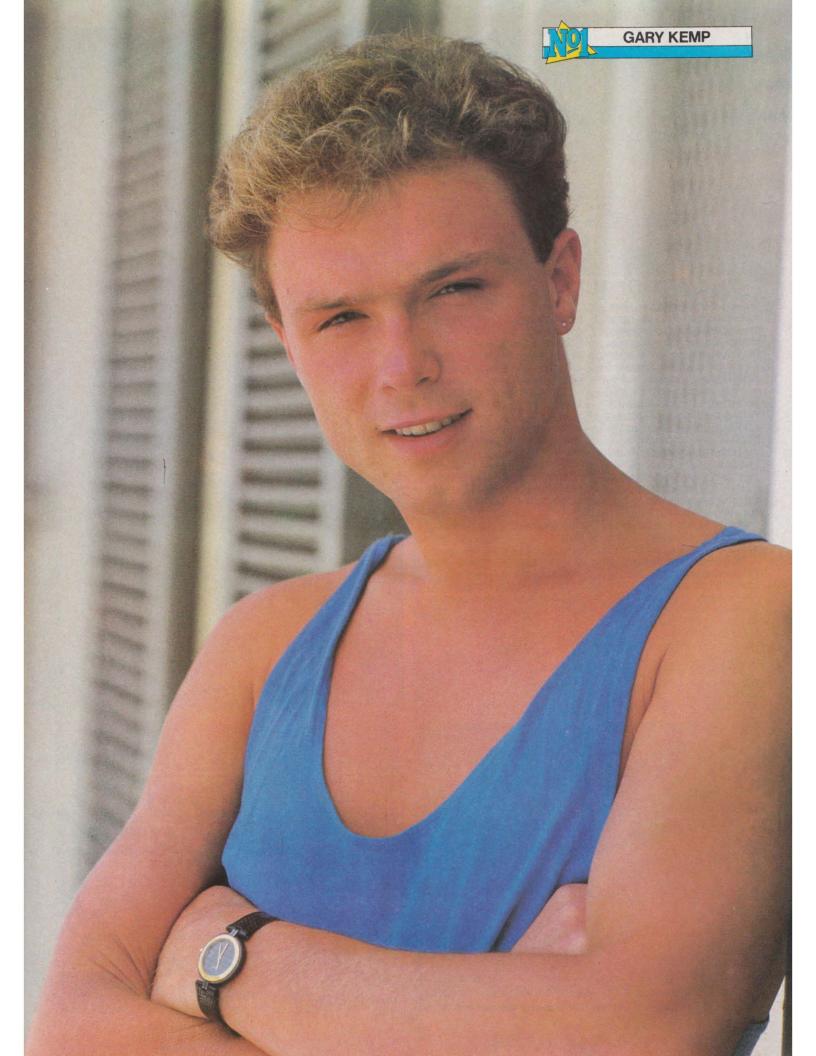
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#### STUFF D.I.Y. SPOT – A GUIDE TO THE ART OF NOISE . . .

Jeremy Healy (ex-Haysi) has just embarked on a solo career (he recorded his first single 'When Malyndy Sings', under the name of Bona Ventura) but he's got a long-standing track record as a dj extraordinaire.

Occasionally he turns a hand or two to the Circus Club, a nomadic nightspot that pops up in all kinds of haunts; hiring the odd hall for a dancefloor or gatecrashing an empty London building.

Jeremy's approach to music is a pick'n'mix kaleidoscope of sounds; fading records in and out with pre-recorded compilation tapes of, say, funk dashed with a Hollywood score, or Frankie laced with Bucks Fizz.

There are plans to release some of these compilations around Christmas.

For those of you who've been dying to create your own but were afraid to ask how - Stuff presents the Healy guide to the art of noise . . .

'A record isn't a holy thing don't be frightened to have a go at scratching or mixing, don't worry about anything - just do it!

"I love sitting at home making tapes, you can turn someone else's tracks into your own, and although I now use a dj console and two cassette decks, I started off simply using a cassette player and a record deck.

'Use the pause button on the cassette player to chop up and re-edit your favourite 12" records by inserting different pieces of music, rhythmically, with the tracks.

"I incorporate a drum machine as well for added effect - they're really easy to play - as easy as using the tv remote control, honest!

"Try mixing up funk with film soundtracks or albums of sound effects and people talkinginvent your own themes.

"I often go out and buy a load of records to play around with, just taking a chance on whether they're actually any good or not.

"With expensive decks you can manage a little bit of scratching - but go careful - just move the record backwards and forwards an inch or so or it won't work.

Well, you heard the man . . . now just get on with it.



#### No.1 Readers' Chart

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My favourite records right now are	3
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#### DIAMOND LIFE

• Jim Diamond may not be a name that rings any bells, but remember 'I Won't Let You Down' by PhD? That was a worldwide hit for Jim's last band and now he's solo, 'I Should've Known Better', is doing quite nicely for him. He's come a long way since his childhood in Glasgow's East End, where he joined his first band at only 14. By the time he was 17 he'd clocked up more musical experience than people twice his age after a stint in a band called Gully Foyle. They toured Europe playing nine 45-minute spots a night, seven nights a week! Now he's taking things a little easier on his own, and has a debut solo LP 'Double Crossing' out on A&M in February (Can we have a joke about Double Diamond here? - Ed.)



Prepare for an attack - rock 'n' roll shelters to the ready!

Hanoi Rocks are back on vinyl with the inimitable Finnish brand of hell-raising, that's inspired a cult following the length and breadth of Britain.

Their new single 'Underwater World' is "all about a guy who you don't mess around with", explains luscious Mike Monroe. "He's an outsider who can retreat down into his own world and be violent - cut your throat

or something . . ."

It seems that any association between Mike Monroe's blonde tresses and his namesake Marilyn Monroe are entirely coincidental.

"We live our own lives and we don't have to have any kind of image," Mike told Stuff. "I've looked like this since I was 14."

And what do Hanoi Rocks reckon to the British competition?

They don't look so good too much make-up and not so much personality.



Get ready for Flowerpot power!

#### DFLOWERPOT PHILOSOPHY

Why would two apparently rational people call their group The Flowerpot Men?

"We wanted our records to be next to Frankie Goes To Hollywood's in the racks," says pianist/cellist Adam Peters. Of

Adam formed the group with keyboardist/guitarist Ben Watkins in 1982, but things got held up for a year while Adam toured with Echo And The Bunnymen and Ben played with Brilliant.

Finally the duo toured in their own right as support act for Siouxsie And The Banshees and Dead Or Alive. Now comes the release of their first record - an EP featuring 'Jo's So Mean',

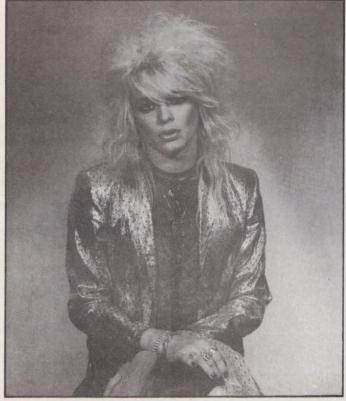
'Rapids' and 'UG' - produced by Banshee Severin on their own Compost label.

"Our approach to music is that it shouldn't be preconceived, says Ben. "We just get hold of something and bash it out. Often things happen completely by mistake.

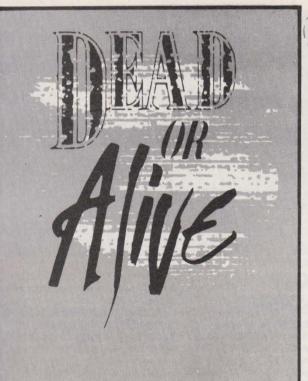
"We aren't exactly going for the pop market, we're doing things we like and testing the water out."

'We've been experimenting a lot with our support gigs," adds Adam - the duo play guitar and cello over backing tracks and hope to bring in performance art and theatre.

Ben and Adam put the Flowerpot philosophy to the test with some appearances in Norway quite soon, but for now we must bid The Flowerpot Men...goodnight!



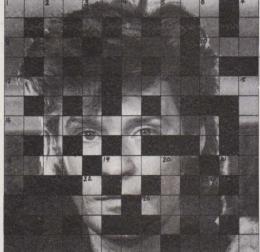
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#### **ACROSS**

- Nags Win Ring (anag.): Beware Nick Heyward (7,4)
- Paul's stylish mate (4) Quo's Mr Lancaster (4)
- 10. Remember Beach Boys hit: .Only Knows? (3)
- 12. Who's Afraid of The Art of what? (5)
- The Pointer Sisters are So
- . . (7) He produced The Wild Boys (4,7)
- Frank Sinatra's known as Old Blue what? (4)
- 19. Here this Bonnie Comes (5)
- Sister label to Blanco Y Negro for Shock Headed
- Peters (2) 24. Kind of Pigeon for Kid Creole (5)
- The Glamorous Life for this Ms E. (6)
- Not a nice-sounding single at all from Eurythmics (8)
- 28. A bat comes out of here in the album charts (4)

#### DOWN

1. I Wed Norman (anag.):

- 1. I Wed Norman (anag.): Stevie on the soundtrack of this film (5,2,3)
- Ms Jones whose first hit was Chuck E.'s In Love (6,3)
- A Cold, Cold Sweat for
- Private . . . (1,1) Neddy Goals (anag.): life's full of these for Bucks Fizz?
- Mr. Gillan's first name (3)
- "Forever screaming all the day and . . ." (Highly Strung) (5)
- Colour of all those balloons not so long ago (3)
- You could take this Bryan across the Mersey (5)
- David Essex played . . . Guevara in 'Evita' (3)
- 15. John Oates's chum (5,4)17. "...far...good I think you understand" (Listen to Your Father) (2)
- 20. Him with the Bunnymen (4)
- 22. The Gang of Five? Surely
- not. (4)
  23. Rock'n'roll dance your mum and dad would have done
- Kind of Man Rockwell and the Beatles sang about (3)

Each of these lyrics has one word wrong. Can you spot which?

- I wanna hotshot baby 'cause you make me wanna scream/ Let me rock you rock you
- Breathless and so hungered on the razor's edge you trail
- People around stomp and stare. As if they know the hurt I bear

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Paul Bursche sees U2 tear down the Edinburgh Playhouse. Pictures by John Stoddart.







#### 'OCTOBER . . . '

November the fifth. A dank mist hangs over the old city of Edinburgh, adding to its Edwardian flavour.

Peering down from their ramparts on the castle on the hill, the Scots Guards on duty have an uninterrupted view of the long and winding queue below them - the fans outside the Edinburgh Playhouse, hoping that they'll get in to see

This Scottish leg represents only a tiny fraction of the Unforgettable Fire tour. U2 kicked off this year in Australia and New Zealand, playing to 60,000 and 30,000 in Sydney and Melbourne. Then on to Europe, covering France, Belgium and Holland, before crossing the Channel for the British dates.

On December 1 they go to America for a few dates but return in time to play Christmas dates in their home town, Dublin. Catch you breath here because in January it's on to Germany, Italy and Scandinavia before again hitting America, this time for a whopping four months.

Eastern leg next, skimming the Pacific for shows in Japan. Somewhen in 1985 it looks as if the tour will wind up where is started, in Australia. It's been said before, but U2 really do love playing live!

Inside where it's warm, The Waterboys are entertaining a good-humoured crowd with songs from their debut LP 'The Big Music'.

It's a term that describes them beautifully. They tear out a tight, melodic rock enhanced by chunks of blasting brass. Singer Mike Scott struts the stage, exuding confidence, a devil's compromise between Jagger and Dylan.

Edinburgh is his home town and he's frankly disappointed at his reception.

"Playing here is like having a conversation with someone who keeps walking out of the room, he remarks, in response to those who are taking time finding their seats. But The Waterboys get a richly deserved ovation when they leave the stage.

Enjoyment gives way to anticipation.

The chanting crowd is more akin to that at a football match. The

chant of "Here We Go" rises in volume. A tape wafts through the PA: Simple Minds' 'New Gold Dream'. Hysteria.

Most groups will tell you that crowds anywhere outside London are good but Scotland is a world apart.

Nothing is held back. People scream at the top of their voices as they try to make themselves heard above the general riot.

Hysteria becomes double hysteria as the band drift onto the stage, but the biggest cheer of the night is reserved for Bono Vox as he enters stage right, a study in black.

Black motorcycle boots, black leather keks, black shirt and jacket. The strange, Crimeanstyle hat that adorns his head is, well, definitely not white.

He embraces the Celtic brotherhood that the Irish and Scots share.

"Sometimes," he says, "when you play, the adrenalin you share with the audience goes this way (he gestures to the left). Sometimes this way (points right). Tonight, I think we should take it this way!"

He points straight up and the crowd erupts.

'Tonight, I think we should lift the roof.

#### 'PRIDE'

Despite being on such a mammoth tour, U2 manage to inject a pace and urgency into every show that most groups would long to achieve just once.

Few bands could play such a classic anthem as 'I Will Follow' early in their set and then build from that. U2 do so with ease.

It's a truly magnificent

performance.

They play a set that pulls in much of their best material: 'New Year's Day', 'Two Hearts Beat as One', 'Surrender', every song greeted with a thundering roar of approval.

Only the songs from the latest LP are at all hesitant, because the band haven't had time to hone them down. That gives the songs a new aspect, as band and audience work together to come to grips with new material.

'Wire', though, is scintillating, losing nothing from the recorded

The only songs that suffer are the quiet ones. 'October' cannot be the poignant moment it should be when 5,000 Scots are clapping and cheering all the way through.

This apart, the emotional

## GETTABLE FIRE

crowd do much to make the night.

#### 'TWO HEARTS'

U2 enjoy a deep rapport with their fans. At times Bono stops singing altogether and lets the crowd get on with it. The 'Electric Co.' actually sees a young lady leaping onto the stage and being handed the microphone by Bono so she can take her turn at leading the singsong.

leading the singsong.
Bono is in fine fettle. He rides upon the waves of emotion like a surfer, steering a course though the highs and lows of excitement with precision.

He's a performer who seems to be injected with new life when he walks on stage, but there's calculated thought in all he does.

The crowd love him. Towards the end of the set someone is popping up onto the stage every 30 seconds, only to be gently removed by the road crew

One enterprising chap bounds towards Bono and knocks him flying. The road crew gang up on him ominously, but Bono leads him to a seat on the drumstand.

All this drama and the band play on regardless. They're used to this, having to play while their singer is temporarily engulfed by fans. They're having fun.

Bono is now allowing himself to be carried offstage by his former tormentor. He emerges seconds later clutching a bottle of champagne and his tour manager. It's his birthday. Bono shakes the bottle and gives the front two rows a soaking.

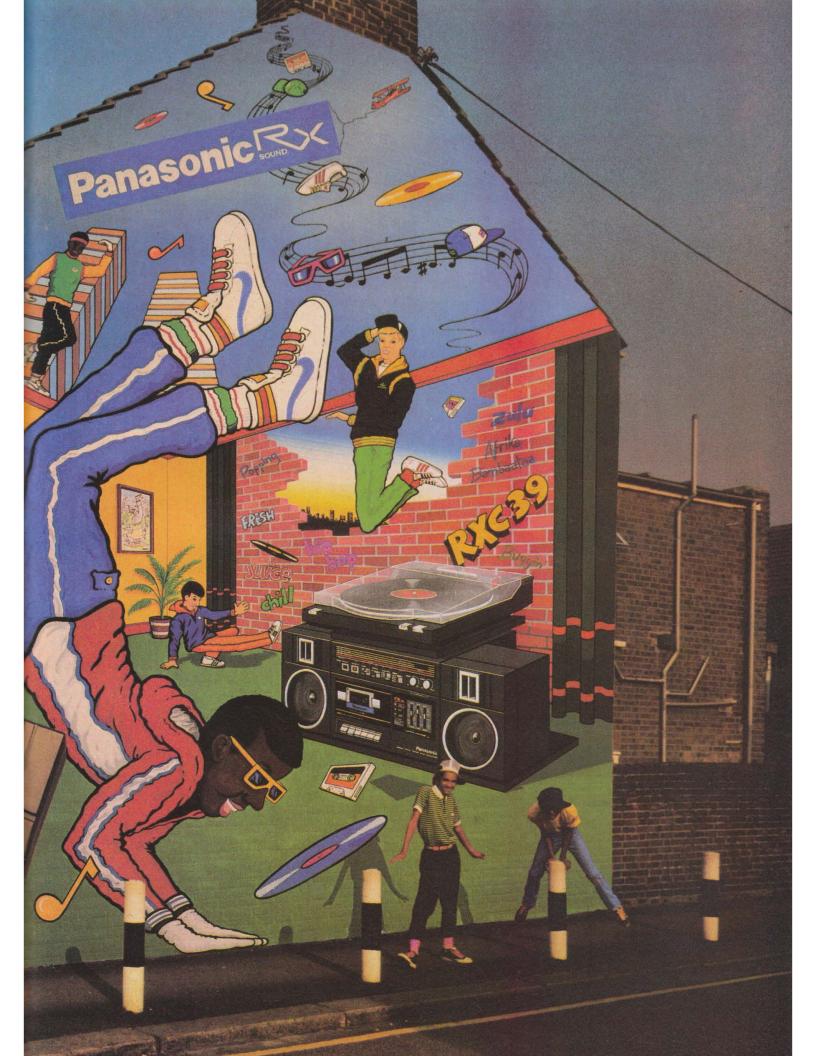
Nearly two hours after leaving his dressing room, Bono is soaked with sweat and halfway through 'Gloria'. He motions to the exhausted audience.

"Gloria – I give it to you." We happily accept and offer back our support.

I'll swear the roof lifted.







# HE DARE



HOLLY JOHNSON

- The Spice Of Life I Mean in the way that art differs from real life. A Coronation Street kind of existence is alright for some but I'd rather not live like that. I'd rather live my life in a painting than a photograph of a factory.
- 2. Flowers All kinds of flowers. Without them the world would be a pretty dull place.
- Music, Books and Films For the stimulation of the mind and the soul.
- Alison Moyet Just because I think she's very good.
- French and Saunders –
   Because they're very funny and people need to laugh.
- 6. A new David Bowie album now

and again – It's one of the little things we need to expect from life.

- 7. No.1 I couldn't go on living without it.
- 8. Hollywood For its entertainment value and sense of glamour.
- Painters People like Duncan Grant, Picasso, Matisse, Andy Warhol, and Michelangelo – all of whom are individuals.
- 10. The Sun Not the newspaper.
  Because it's the centre of all
  solar energy and because of the
  optimism it brings when it
  comes out of the clouds.
- 11. Glamour An absolute essential. Where would we all be without it?

We all know that the only real essential of life is a copy of No.1 — every Thursday.
Still, you know how frivolous some of these pop star types can be. When Pat Thomas asked around to find out just what the rich and famous valued above all in

## ANDREW RIDGELEY

- 1. Laughter I really love laughing. I wouldn't mind if I laughed all day. Sometimes I laugh so much that it hurts, but it's good! As good as sex.
- 2. Sex Probably for the obvious reasons!
- Friends You've got to have a few really close friends if you're to survive in any walk of life, not just this business.
- 4. Food I like any good food really. If you're hungry any food tastes good. Roast dinners!
- Crying The opposite of laughing. If you laughed all the time you wouldn't know how good it was unless you could cry. Any emotive release.
- Sleep I sleep a lot whenever I get the chance, although we're normally too busy and have to rush off somewhere.
- Dreaming A lot of the best ones you forget and you just wake up feeling good and not knowing why. It would be good to convert your dreams to reality.
- Women I just love looking at them.
- Family It's hard to say why but they're probably the most



essential of all. I do love my family.

 Clothes – It's important to have nice threads. It's all part of looking good and that's really important



## NICK HEYWARD

- 1. Records Because they mark a different part in one's life.
- Animation Matt and Andy's videos have my mind running wild.
- 3. Love Because all these things and more come under this one.
- 4. Britain Because I feel very British.
- 5. Felt-tip pens To cleanse my system of pent-up emotions and also let my imagination rur

wild

- **6. Guitars**—So I can relax or sweat or write or sit on them.
- 7. Friends See above.
- 8. Parents and Brother They are the only ones I have and they're special
- 9. Freedom Of Choice See 4
- 10. Sunshine It is sent from the Lord to burn away one's depression and it's cheaper than those sun-bed things

## SSENTI

life, she got a few surprise answers. Why does Andrew Ridgeley enjoy crying? Why is the sun so important to Holly Johnson? What does Nick Heyward do with all those felt-tip pens? To find out, read on. . .

- 1. My Rabbit My rabbit is a happy healthy rabbit who will never have any cosmetics or anything tested on it. That makes me happy.
- 2. My Guitar A six string orchestra.
- 3. Politics I think politics and music go hand in hand, and I'd just like to say Victory To The
- 4. Crosswords I hate to say it but I like the Sun crossword the
- 5. My Computer A Commodore 64. I'm learning Basic at the moment and the first thing I'm going to do is log all my records on it. I've also got a music computer.
- Wine-I'm very into Italian and Spanish wines; in spite of what the wine snobs think, they're bloody good.
- 7. My Camera A Pentax which

- I'm always experimenting with.
- 8. Funfairs Especially at Blackpool. I'm particularly fond of the Ghost Train.
- 9. The Seaside Any seaside, I can swim anywhere no matter how cold it is.
- 10. My Girlfriend Rachel. She's insane, that's why I love her! And she's got a better guitar than me.



#### THOMPSONT TOM RAILEY 1. Life - The first real essential for 2. Happiness-I believe we're only here for a short time so

- why be unhappy? 3. Health - Not just physical health but mental and emotional
- as well. 4. Self Expression - Through music or whatever it's. important to be able to express vourself.
- 5. Honesty Something we could use a lot more of in this world.

## JOE LEEWAY

- 1. Feelings An important part of everyone.
- 2. The Sky Because of the way it makes me feel when I look up at
- 3. People Good ones, bad ones. Any kind because that's all we've got really
- 4. Food Particularly a good curry in the UK.
- 5. Countries We've travelled a lot but I still get excited about seeing new countries.
- 6. Animals All kinds: I'm an animal lover.
- 7. Oceans For the same reasons

- 8. Music Obviously an essential 9. Style - I think wearing the right clothes and paying attention to
- detail is very important.

  10. Christmas Because it's a time to see people you haven't seen in a long time.

- 1. Love & Affection There's nothing as nice between people.
- 2. Good Friends-Because they're always there to help you out.
- 3. Imagination Without it the world would be a pretty dull
- 4. Giggling There's nothing better than a good giggle.
- 5. Sex Do I really have to say why? It's the quickest way to heaven.
- 6. Aretha Franklin Particularly for that song 'Natural Woman'.
- 7. Music-! think | enjoy making it even more than listening to it.
- 8. Books Particularly by Alice Walker. I'm a great consumer of words.
- The castle in Spain, the Porsche in London, the Flat in New York, etc. etc.
- 10. Wishful Thinking See 9 above

## JOOLS HOLL



- Sound From hearing the birds in the trees to hearing a compressed bass drum - it's all a pleasure.
- Vision Everything's pleasant to look at. Even ugly things

- make life worth living. **Lounging around** I like doing that. It all seems worthwhile when I'm lounging around.
- The sound of music Not to be confused with the musical.
- Watching Danger Man On a Saturday afternoon.
- 6. Seeing people being kind to one another.
- Making large sums of money.
- The fact that somebody's read this and gone away a better person.
- **Exchange & Mart every** Thursday - I find something very reassuring about it.
- Sex That makes life worth living because it means life can carry on.

## HELEN TERRY

- John Maybury Keeps me informed and stimulated.
   My Piano Because it rids me
- of unwanted guests.
- 3. My cat Sweet Thang A built-in alarm clock cum general companion in life.
- 4. The complete works of Oscar Wilde-For constant entertainment - especially Lady Windemere's Fan.
- 5. My collection of Nina Simone records - For inducing melancholia
- 6. My flatmate Mimi For washing my socks and doing the hoovering.
- 7. My croquet set A recent fanaticism of mine. My mother bought me a championship set for my birthday and I play everyday when I'm at home
- 8. Never thinking about the day



- after tomorrow I never concentrate further than tomorrow.
- 9. 48 hours of unbridled passion
  - Can I make that my top priority - I think that's just what I need at the moment!
- 10. An ice cold bottle of Stolichnaya vodka - Mind you. it doesn't necessarily mix with 48 hours of unbridled passion.

## BLANCMANGE

## STEPHEN

- 1. A comfy bed
- A pug dog or a cat
- 3. Radio 4 Not Radio 1
- A well equipped kitchen
- A pile of books Preferably pre-history





1. The Sun - as in the sky and not what you wipe yer bum with. Also lots of other things too personal to mention.

- 1. Shortwave radio The reason being that you can pick up all the foreign stations after Radio One closes down. Essential for a late night person like myself.
- 2. My wine making book It's like a survival wine-making book which gives you recipes to make wine out of just about anything from smelly old socks to bananas.
- 3. Paper and pen-lincessantly write things and doodle.
- 4. Crouch End Library I read a lot. I tried to pin it down to two or three books but I gave up in the end. It's got to the stage now where if it's late at night

and I haven't got something to read I go crazy

- The right clothes I have a bad habit of misjudging the climate wherever I go. The last time we went to Finland which is as close as you're gonna get to the North Pole, I took all my thermal underwear, etc., and it turned out to be the warmest winter there
- 6. A chef-I'm terribly fussy about

food. I like it to be cooked and presented really well. Food for me is a ritual - I could never rush home and grab a tin of beans or get fish & chips on the way home

My Impressionist prints - My collection ranges from Pop Art, things like distorted Coca Cola bottles to landscapes and birds. It's something which I find very pleasant to look at



1. TV - For Dallas, Coronation

2. My music compilation tape -

All my favourite records.

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always dreamt about.

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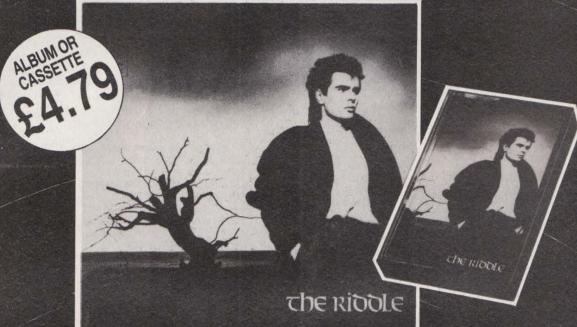




- Bessie Mae My cat
- Elaine My girlfriend Lemon Sole
- Whiskey
- T. Rex records
- Joan Didion An American novelist
- Prince For 'Purple Rain'
- 8. Garlic
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With a mighty "heave-ho" those dotty Dazz Banders are hauling themselves smartly up the charts with 'Let It All Blow'.

But there's one question on everyone's lips. Do these nine hunky funksters from Cleveland, Ohio realise that they've named themselves after a soap powder?!

"Oh sure!" laughs lead singer/ saxophonist Bobby Harris. "I saw some when I was in England in '83.

"I got myself a packet and brought it home. Still got it in fact!"

#### DANCEABLE JAZZ

Silly-sud questions aside, it was jazz rather than Daz that was on Bobby's mind back in 1974.

His nine-piece jazz fusion band, Telefunk, had landed support slots with The Crusaders and Gil Scott Heron.

But it was the vocal songs rather than the instrumentals that were impressing the audience.

In 1978 they signed to 20th Century records and cut two albums, switching to Motown in 1980.

By that time they'd established their unique vocal/instrumental sound and changed their name to Dazz Band, "originally," says Bobby, "because it was short for 'danceable jazz', now because it's short for dazzling!"

Confident lot, these Dazzlers.

#### WHIPPING IT UP

The band soon found favour among Britain's discerning soul tribes with mighty twelve-

# DAZZ-LERS

inchers like 'On The One' and 'Joystick'.

But 1982's outrageously catchy 'Let It Whip' left welts on the national chart, and – followed by 'Swoop (I'm Yours)' and 'Let It All Blow' – established the band's knack for the snappy catch-phrase.

But heave-hold—what was all that stuff about whips?

"There was no sexual meaning in that song at all," stresses Bobby. "No torture trip.

"It was written by our producer, Reggie Andrews, and it just means 'OK, we're ready to roll—let it whip'.

"It's all about giving something your very best shot."

#### SWOOPING DOWN

The sound of last year's ribtickling 'Swoop' was influenced by the "barking and whooping" of American audiences, according to Bobby.

Though similar in feel to 'Let It Whip' it failed to repeat the record's success.

Bobby was not surprised. "When I came to England I noticed they liked a lot of hard dance sounds," he explains.

"'Swoop' was not soft by America standards, but the British are into that hard New York dance groove.

"I think 'Let It Whip' was only a hit in England because of its huge success in America."

#### WORKLOAD

'Let It All Blow' therefore is The Dazz Band getting "well 'ard" to woo back those Brits.

But it has a message, too.
"'Heave Ho' is the workload,"
Bobby explains. "It's like pulling
a big load on a ship or
something.

"But you've got to let that workload go. See, we used to sit up in the window and watch these people going home in their cars.

"Some of 'em were happy and smiling with their radios on and stuff, but a lot of 'em were holding their heads like they had a headache or something.

"What the song is saying is that if you take your worries home with you, you become a really miserable person.

"So – let it all blow! Blow away all your troubles with music or whatever."

### FRANKIE AND COMPROMISE

On the subject of hard dance sounds, Bobby didn't seem very sure whether he liked Frankie or not "and I've only seen them on MTV so I can't comment on the production".

But the controversy certainly interests him.

"Anytime you speak out in such a different way you give people the chance to say either you're really crazy or really great," he says.

So in a spectrum of soul that has so many different ways—with smooth balladers like Osborne and Richie at one and the electro-funk brigade at the other—just where do The Dazz Band fit in?

"We're pretty much split between the two," Bobby says.

"On our new album 'Jukebox' there are smooth ballads, driving ballads, techno rock... we're the compromise, really."

But isn't that a bit safe?
"No, because we don't do it
deliberately. It's just the Dazz
Band sound. We've always
been like that.

"I really don't like musicians that play it safe all the time. The kind of records that wake me up are from people that do something different.

"You've got to take a chance – a lot of crazy sounds."

### GOING FOR

By the time you read this, you may well have copped an eyeful of the 'Blow' video – featuring The Dazz Band in sports gear.

"In sports everyone lets it all blow – going for gold, going for gold, going for the touchdown."

And if Dazz Band touch down at No.1 in the UK?

"We'll come over and celebrate for 30 days!" laughs Bobby.

Here's heave-hoping!



MARTIN TOWNSEND LETS IT ALL BLOW

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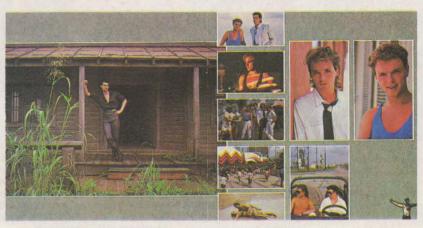
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#### NO.1 GOES INSIDE THE WORLD OF ZTT.



Sarm West Studios. The most sought after studio in Europe, if not the world. Trevor Horn and Jill Sinclair leased the building from Island Records and built their own studio downstairs. The building now continues an old pop tradition (with groups like Roxy Music having recorded here in the '70s) with most of Britain's top groups stopping by at some time. Culture Club, Wham! and Spandau Ballet have all recorded here recently, and the day we visit Stevie Wonder and Nick Heyward are hard at work. Sarm Studios and the ZTT Offices over it are widely regarded as the home of Frankie.



The offices of ZTT. The famous blue-spotted wall decor (which also appears on record labels) has become ZTT's trademark. Here pop entrepeneur Paul Morley and his team cook up the schemes and propaganda for all the ZTT groups.

## NTHE

# From one small building in West London

the recording industry is being taken by storm.

Zang Tum Tumb have only released seven records, but their impact has been considerable.

Frankie Goes To Hollywood's first LP 'Welcome To The Pleasuredome' sold over a million copies before it was released. Their two singles 'Relax' and 'Two Tribes' not only dominated the charts in terms of sales – each selling over a million – but in spirit, with Frankie becoming a national byword for outrage and excitement.

ZTT's German group Propaganda had a massive top ten hit in their native country with the mighty 'Dr Mabuse', while in America the collection of ZTT musicians who are Art Of Noise topped the dance charts, beating the Americans at their own game.

But despite its huge success ZTT is still a small concern, operating out of Sarm studios in West London.

Paul Bursche and Mike Prior paid a flying visit to answer the following questions. What is ZTT? Who are the

Art Of Noise? And why have the lips of Propaganda's singer Claudia got their own ZTT catalogue number?

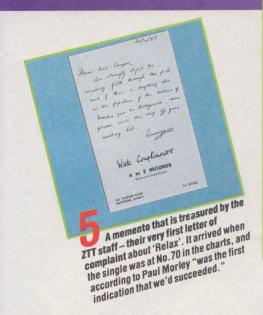
Read on.



Probably the most valuable cupboard in the world. It contains the various master tapes for all the mixes, re-mixes and re-re-mixes for ZTT records. To date they have only released seven records, but that cupboard probably contains the equivalent number of tapes that a major company would release in a year!



Just a few of the gold and platinum discs received for 'Relax' and 'Two Tribes'. ZTT now have so many that they've resorted to giving them away to visitors. Wonder what Frankie say about that. . .





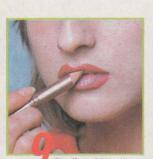
Frankie boys receive scores of gifts every

offices.

Frankie boys receive scores of gifts every

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This curious souvenir is from a German TV show called Formula Einz. Everytime a group gets a No. 1 in the German charts the programme gives them a piece of a car. Frankie are hoping to have enough No. 1s to go for a ride one day!

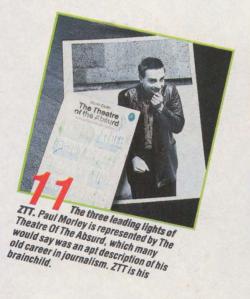


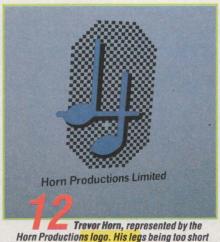
and sunglasses bought in Harrods.

The lips of Claudia
Bruecken, singer of Propaganda.
ZTT are bringing out a catalogue
listing all their products. Many ZTT
t-shirts, records and videos have
been assigned a catalogue
number, as have a number of more
unlikely items – like Claudia's lips.



The mysterious Art Of Noise themselves. From left to right, producer Trevor Horn, plus Anne Dudley, Gary and JJ. Lurking somewhere behind them is Paul Morley. The Art Of Noise haven't come out in the open like most groups. They started off as purey a studio band for the Art Of Noise members to have fun. A spokesman for the group reports that they will play live one day, "when we're big enough to play Wembley".





Trevor Horn, represented by the Horn Productions logo. His legs being too short for a successful pop career with Buggles, Trevor has found acclaim as a producer with groups like ABC, Yes, Journey, and of course Frankie. The sound of ZTT.



4 Is there any?



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When ABC released their last single 'SOS' at the beginning of the year, there were those who thought they were crying for help.

Two of the original band members had left and their second LP 'Beauty Stab' failed to match the commercial success of 'The Lexicon Of Love' — the monster pop LP that included the hits 'Poison Arrow' and 'The Look Of Love'

But never fear! Martin Fry and Mark White have not given up, sunk or even shed

ABC are alive and kicking with a new single 'How To Be A Millionaire' (money politics with a Shannon groove) and two spanking new members, David Yarritu ("the tiniest member of ABC but the strongest") and the mysterious Eden (aka Face pop writer Fiona Russell-Powell) — "there's no relation between the two!" says Martin.

So what exactly have they been up to? We'll let Martin explain . . .

#### LARGER THAN LIFE

We've made a cartoon video for 'How To Be A Millionaire' because life's getting pretty cartoon-like.

It's rough and it's tough. Somebody hits you over the head with a frying pan, and I like Martin Fry takes time off from recording ABC's new LP "on an ex-sheep farm in Farnham" to talk to Paul Simper about Man. United, Millionaires and the American Dream.

to think a big bruise just occurs.
The group's larger than life—
like a cartoon. And our sound

now is bolder and brighter.
Our cartoon was made by
Alan Best who did *The Jackson*Five and the TDK Pink Panther
ads. We had a chat with him
before he started, but his

company Best Films are creative people. They've come up with some good sequences for it.

The cartoon tends to represent what we're up to at the moment. Scooby Dooby Doo, Wacky Races. Great set-ups.

#### BILLIONS, BILLIONS, BILLIONS OF POUNDS

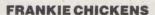
The single's about how you walk round the supermarket and you've got to be a millionaire to afford all the luxuries in life. Who needs that?

In the pop world you look around and see people who represent success and you think, do you really want to be a part of it?

A lifestyle that takes you as far as a platinum disc and no further. People who drench their bodies in Jean-Paul Gaultier and stop thinking.

Anyone can walk down the street with a credit card and spend a lot of money.

On the 12-inch of the single we've got Jimmy The Weasel—the main Mafia guy from the CRIME INC. TV series—crooning "Billions, billions, billions of pounds—kill the guy!" Those Mafiosi guys—grotesque but glamorous.



Frankie's good. They get a lot of stick, Frankie, but they'll stick to their guns. They know what they're doing.

It's interesting that people say it's Trevor, it's Paul Morley — but Propaganda don't sound like Frankie, The Art Of Noise

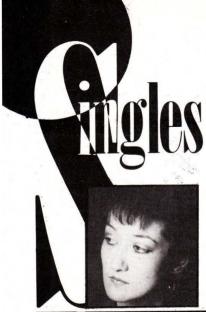
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What a racket Frankie have pulled — I think I paid eight quid for that album the other day! But I'd rather people were going home and listening to Frankie

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"WE CAN'T LEAVE THE TOP FIVE IN THE HANDS OF THE THOROUGH CHARLATANS THAT ARE THERE NOW. PEOPLE NEED OUR RECORDS."



Reviewed by Sunie

#### BRONSKI BEAT It Ain't Necessarily So (Forbidden Fruit)

Love it! A poke in the eye for those who expected to see the Bronskis disappearing up their own cause. Here they slip a dinner jacket over the chip on their collective shoulder, and deliver the classiest single of the week. It's a classic George and Ira Gershwin song (before the Beatles, even — ask your grandpappy), which Jimmy sings in the voice of a cynical choirboy, over a superb arrangement complete with "pink" choir. Lounge lizards are

#### FRANKIE GOES TO HOLLYWOOD The Power Of Love (ZTT)

Led Zeppelin do a ballad! Gosh, these boys are versatile. I've tried to see some redeeming feature in this — as you might expect, it's T. Horn's lush production. Otherwise the thing's a fairly major disappointment.

Seventies' kitsch seems to be the Flavour Of The Month, but a pomp rock revival I can live without.

Next, four reviews for the price of one as we whizz through four new releases on UB40's label Dep International -Birmingham's answer to Tamla Motown (ooh, these rash promises). Out Of My Reach by ECHO BASE is lovers-soul-pop that scores in every department except the production, which is muddly where it should be simple. Still an excellent debut. MIKEY DREAD'S Reggae Hit-Shot bounces along in a naggingly catchy way, but the best of the lot is **WINSTON** REEDY'S Baby Love. Classic sweet reggae, which pop fans

will be helpless to resist — provided they get a chance to hear it, of course.

If they don't, then **UB40's** own release will be the only one of their label's offerings to see the charts. **Riddle Me**, from the cracking LP 'Geffery Morgan Loves White Girls', seems an unlikely choice for a single. The brass packs a tasty punch, but a little more fire in the vocals wouldn't have gone amiss.

Finger out, Ali, you've got your new signings to compete with now!

#### BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS Could You Be Loved (Island)

This requires no review, just a notification to you that it's out. It's the third soppy love-song that Island have selected from 'Legend'. There was more to the man than that, so how about something tougher next time?

#### BIG COUNTRY Where The Rose Is Sown (Mercury)

"It's the lovin' things you do . . ." Anyone remember the old '60s hit? It lurks just behind this song, artfully obscured by guitar solos, "heeyahs" and the Lillywhite wall of sound. I rather like it.

#### TEARS FOR FEARS Shout (Mercury)

From Real Men to unashamed Quiche Eaters, and "arguably their best single yet" (it says here). The singing is far too angst-ridden; something a bit cooler would have been twice as effective. But musically, as ever, they're doing interesting, textured things. I just hope that they haven't abandoned their poppier side forever in favour of this more sombre mood.

#### STEVIE WONDER Love Light In Flight (Tamla Motown)

Extremely average, but at least that's a step up from the abysmal 'I Just Called . . .'
Things have come to a pretty pass when Nik Kershaw makes better Stevie Wonder records than the man himself does.

#### BUSH TELEGRAPH Turn Those Guns Around (EMI)

Snappy, Afro-flavoured pop marred by an over-polite vocal. Still, in a climate where Holly, Simon and George Michael are top singers, what can you expect? Oh, for a decent set of pipes . . .

#### DAVID LASLEY Saved By Love (EMI America)

Bam! Right on cue. High-class soul from the man who reputedly sang lead on 'We Are Family'. Really!

A top session singer, he put out a humdinger of a solo single earlier this year, the dangerous 'Where Does That Boy Hang Out'. His new one isn't quite as good, but Mr Lasley definitely deserves your attention. Can't wait, as they say, for the album.

#### FIVE STAR Crazy (Tent)

Say hi to the New Edition! Five Star are a family of five black Brits, including three Crolla-clad girls with lightened hair and a pretty good Michael Jackson clone.

Someone in the Five Star camp knows a hook when he hears one. They should give him a raise and sack their stylist.

#### HOWCHER Colder Than Coldest Sea (RAK)

Even the pictures of this pranny are offensive — a sort of cross between Miss Venezuela and a brickie's mate. Every no-hoper on the block is apparently gender-bending 'til he's fit to bust these days . . .

Still, he could be forgiven for

#### PAUL YOUNG Everything Must Change (CBS)

After the post-Frankie heavy metal soul of 'Playhouse', Paul veers towards country on his first self-written release since the hits started coming. The country-style guitar freshens up his familiar bass 'n' synth sound, and the song's pretty creditable too. It gives away his '70s rock origins, but then he's never been at great pains to disguise those. I look forward to seeing him

clutching his mikestand on TOTP as soon as poss — that much won't change.

I WAS NEVER ONE TO BACK OUT OF AN ARGUMENT
AND SAY I WAS WRONG
EVEN WHEN I'D SEEN THE OTHER SIDE
I'D HIDE MY FOOLISHNESS AND CARRY ON
BUT STILL I'D BE EMBARRASSED
'COS THEY'D SEE WHAT HAPPENED
AND THEY'D PLAY ALONG
UNTIL I'D BACK MYSELF INTO A CORNER
I WOULD ONLY REALISE WHEN THEY HAD GONE

AND LIKE A DREAM, A LIFE, A REASON EVERYTHING MUST CHANGE AND LIKE A WORLD, THIS EARTH AND SEASONS EVERYTHING MUST CHANGE

IN THE SAME WAY WHEN WE DISAGREE YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T BE THE ONE TO BACK DOWN BUT STILL I'D KNOW THAT YOU HAD FAITH IN ME TELL ME SOMETHING, A
'COS WHEN I WOKE UP!
YOU PRESSED INTO THE
BUT IT WAS EASY TO BE
BUT DEEP INSIDE I KNO

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TO START MYSELF OFF
BUT FIRST OFF ALL SON
WHEN I'M SCARED OF B
WON'T YOU BE THE ONE
TO LET ME KNOW
PLEASE LET ME BE RIG
'COS RIGHT NOW ALL I
AND IT'S NEVER TOO LA
AND THIS VICTIM NEED

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## PAUL YOUNG EveRYThiNg MUsT cHanGe

looking such an utter berk if the record was OK. It's not. The song's dreadful, and the wretched creature can no more sing than fly in the air. ('Howcher'? Wasn't that one of Chas 'n' Dave's?)

#### KOOL AND THE GANG Fresh (De-Lite)

The lyrics are so simple as to insult the intelligence. But who cares? The sound is pretty, the poppy groove is just right. The Kool hit machine rolls on.

#### **CAPTAIN SENSIBLE One Christmas Catalogue** (M&A)

This man used to be a punk, y'know - one of the original leathers 'n' gob brigade. He's now mellowed out to the extent of making a cuddly Christmas record I wouldn't hold that against him in itself, but it's a pretty feeble little ditty.

On the flip, he's been canny enough to cover 'Relax'. With any luck, Cap'n, Holly and da boys will do 'Glad It's All Over' as their next single. And you'll be able to retire to Bournemouth on the proceeds, eh?

#### THIS ISLAND EARTH See That Glow (Magnet)

A few years ago, you used to be able to observe a new group coming up through the ranks playing little clubs, putting out a couple of indie singles, growing up in public. These days, they all seem to spring fully grown from the brow of their record companies, and there's no

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telling who they are or where they're from.

This lot sound well butch (Big Country rather than TFF) and the record's got a big, punchy sound courtesy of producer Zeus B. Held. Could well be one for the daytime DJ who wants to feel he's living dangerously.

#### **ROD STEWART Trouble (Warner Bros)**

Lovable old hack or LA creep? He annoys me a lot less since he's started wearing a suit instead of those cellulitesausage lycra leggings, actually.

'Some Guys', whilst unable to hold a candle to Robert Palmer's version, showed that ol' big nose still knew how to pick 'em. But this self-written slowie is undistinguished, to put it kindly.

#### **VALERIE AND THE WEEK OF WONDERS Real Surprise (Piggy** Bank)

Lush acoustic guitars and an intriguing hint of the 'Tales of Edgar Wallace' theme drew me into this, only to find yet another mannered modern singer, by Lou Reed drawl out of Tony Handley heroic. Quite a catchy little opus, though, and since the three Valeries (trying manfully to look mean behind their shades) look frighteningly young, they've time to get their singer into shape and then really astound us. Great name, too.

#### **PAPA LEVI** Big 'N' Broad (Island)

This chap, if my memory serves me right, comes from the same stable as Smiley Culture, whose 'Cockney Translation' was a vital piece of inter-cultural whatnot, detailing corresponding bits of London and JA slang.

Levi's bit of super-speedy DJ gabble sounds terrific too, but if there's a message in here it's lost on me. I'll get back to you once I've worked out roughly what he's on about ....

#### **CURTIE AND THE BOOMBOX** Let's Talk It Over In The Ladies Room (RCA)

Great title! But where I expected a touch of keep-your-hands-offyou-bitch-he's-mine, all I got was a lot of pap about nipping into the powder room to "talk about de boys".

What a let-down, especially since Curtie looks not unlike the hysterical female who makes Jamaican banana cake and suchlike for TVAM. I thought she'd have a bit more oomph.



Reviewed by Nick Adams

NIK KERSHAW The Riddle (MCA) Howard Jones smiles, Nik Kershaw frowns: both chaps long to be taken seriously. Instead they come up with an endless stream of hits that are bright,

which is a stream of mis and are bright, tuneful and instantly forgettable.

Nik is so determined to be regarded as an artist that he's called his second album 'The Riddle' and stood in a puddle on the inner sleeve. Like Howard, he likes to effect his thoughts on the likes to offer his thoughts on the mysteries of existence. I find his opinions about as interesting as the postman's, but there's no denying the relentless hi-tech jollity of the music or Nik's ear for a catchy melody.

Poor old Nik — a philosopher trapped in a high street boutique.

MEAT LOAF Bad Attitude (Arista) Times are getting hard for the Loaf. He's losing weight worrying about his career and his old buddy Jim Steinman only came up with two lousy songs for his new

No wonder the big man sounds like a shadow of his former self.

STATUS QUO 12 Gold Bars, Vol. 1 & 2 (Vertigo) Poor Quo came off the road only to spend

the rest of their lives having their hits repackaged over and over. This latest effort includes 'The Wanderer' and older, harder hits.
One for the history books.

#### IMAGINATION

Gold (R & B) The approach of Xmas brings those Greatest Hits' packages scuttling out of the warehouses. Here come Britain's campest group of smoochers with all ten hits in tow.

Their new single, 'Thank You My Love', gets lost in the rush .

The Way We Wah! (Eternal)
Another case of trading on former
glories. Pete Wylie seems to have ten songs that he's always re-releasing. They're all here — 'The Story Of The Blues', 'Seven Minutes To Midnight' and the rest.

But how many times are you going to buy these songs.

#### **SWANS WAY** The Fugitive Kind (Phonogram) THE BLOW MONKEYS Limping For A Generation (RCA)

Two intriguing albums from the new jazz generation. Swans Way lean towards gypsy cabaret and are strong on mood. The Blow Monkeys are more punks than cocktail kids and use the sax to propel Doctor Robert's world-weary vocals. Both LPs are stronger on atmosphere than songs — but neither are short on ideas.

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## AFIST **OLLARS**

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than eating a bag of crisps or something

Who else do I like, musically? The Frank Chickens (Japanese female duo) are great. And Chaka Khan, Chaka Khanwhat a dame!

I respect Wham. Whilst I don't particularly like their sound I respect George's consistency and his craftmanship. His ability to keep whacking them out.

But things are changing. It's now the end of 1984. beginning of 1985, pop music's moving into a whole new sphere. Bands like Culture Club, Duran Duran, Spandau Ballet at Wembley Arena — it's reaching a watershed.

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What's the point though of keeping a 16-piece line-up with five brass musicians all wearing tuxedos? I switched on TOTP last night and there's that whole formula.

I really enjoyed watching TOTP—Nick Rhodes playing his Fairlight (that TV screen thing). That was hilarious. The poor boy didn't look like he could plug it in, never mind program it!

Still it's easy to make whipping boys. ABC-we're whipping boys.

We went to the States - myself and Mark — earlier this year in search of a producer and a change of scenery.

We met the Shannon guys and they were cool. We played them demos of the songs we're recording now and they said we didn't need a producer so that

was that. We're doing it ourselves.

America sucks really. I prefer London. London's full of culture. Full of wild and wonderful sights.

Then again, I saw Rod Stewart on Sunset Boulevard. I was walking down it - the old cliche 'nobody walks in LA', but I can't drive. Rod Stewart pulled in in this open-topped sports car with a beautiful blonde chick and I just thought . . . I dunno (grins) . . . there but for the grace of God go !!

I like the way people in America are ambitious. Anything's possible.

But what's the American Dream? One-piece swimsuit and stilettoes. Agreeable HP payments on a car. It sucks.

#### THE GOLDEN GOAL

We want ABC to be like the Manchester United of pop. I know that'll rub other clubs' supporters up the wrong way, but at one time United were so magnificent. I used to go and see the Reds regularly when I was a wee lad. My era was Charlton, Best, Willie Morgan, Nobby Stiles .

But when I got a day job on Saturdays my support dwindled. You come back to it thoughlike the Catholic faith.

I don't go home and away now. But I keep my eye on them.

I first got interested in Bowie at football. There was this kid walking around the Stretford End with make-up on and 'Bowie' on the back of his jacket. It made a big impression.

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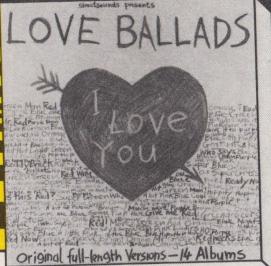
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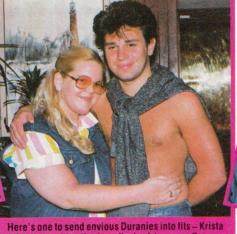
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OK, here we go again. It's Captain Tone of the Manchester A Team (otherwise known as Prison Officer 465 Anthony Bottomly) who's in No. 1 more than Duran these days. This time he's met up with Robert Smith from The time he's met up with Robert Smith the pic. savs Cure. Steph Johnson. who sent the pic. savs Cure. Steph Johnson, who sent the pic, says he was triabtoned at meeting him. but that he was frightened of meeting him, but that Rob turned out to be brilliant.



Scully touching the bare flesh of drummer Roger Taylor. She travelled 1,000 miles for the privilege but was rewarded when she got to "hang out with the guys" (she's from Kentucky) in a Florida hotel. You'll be pleased to hear that "not once was her virtue challenged

Every once in a while, pop stars tire of being hounded round Britain by camera-toting fans and retreat to foreign climes in search of some neace. But the influence of No. 1 is and retreat to loreign climes in search of Some peace. But the influence of No. 1 is far-reaching — as Howard Jones found out the search of th far-reaching — as Howard Jones lound out when he sought sanctuary in Frankfurt. There was reader Marion, who, along with chums Danny and Claudi, met him backstage for a chat and a span chat and a snap



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When Karen Ross went to see Norwich
Reserves playing Swansea Reserves at
She expected to see was Mike Peters from
the Alarm. But there he was, and judging by
won. So it's the terrace chant that's just When Karen Ross went to see Norwich won. So it's the terrace chant that's just begun then, Mike?

Some of you have caught onto this already (stand up the girl who's been bugging Radio One DJs with a bunch of bananas). But for those of you who haven't The Challenge is to grab a star of your choice and get a photo of 'em (and you) with a banana. For this amazing feat we'll pay a £10 record token - if we print your pic - and £5 goes to you if you collar a star for a kiss on camera.

Here's a couple of kissing specials to be going on with. . .



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fiver's worth of vinyl.

Cally Ogborne and her male Maureen

Undoubledly the most romantic kissing pic we've received. Shona from Golders Green tells the story: "Here we are, just sexy Jon Moss and I on photographer!). "Looks like tun to us. Shona wins a £5 record token—if she's any leave her alone next time!



WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? WRITE TO ONE TO 1, ROOM 304, COMMONWEALTH HOUSE, 1-19 NEW OXFORD STREET, LONDON WCTA 1NG. THE WRITER OF THE BEST LETTER WINS A £5 RECORD TOKEN.

h, s'cuse me. Am I in the right place? Oh good! I live in America so some of these questions are going to sound ridiculous, but bear with me, OK?

First, what is a record token? I swear I've never heard of any such thing. Could you send me one so I can see what they look like?

Also, could someone tell Frankie to come to Winston-Salem, North Carolina to play. I mean, if you play eight dates and call it a US tour, it's not. They've got a lot of fans round here, more than they probably know. Lindsay Jones, North Carolina, USA.

They've got a lot of fans round here, too, so just wait in line, girl!

Dear Frankie, what do you think you're playing at? I'm talking about the 'Pleasuredome' souvenirs – to even get the order form you have to buy the album (good marketing, Paul Morley) and I'm sorry Frankie but it's not on.

Do you really think the teenagers who go you to No.1 can afford the kind of prices you are charging? An angry FGTH fan (Becki).



This week's random reader's chart and winner of a £5 record taken. 1 HIGHLY STRUNG Spandau Ballet

2 LISTEN TO YOUR FATHER
Feargal Sharkey
3 SKIN DEEP Stranglers
4 THIS IS MINE Heaven 17
5 NEVERENDING STORY Limahl
Sharon, Howe, Cheddington,

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t's high time that someone publicly stated that Holly Johnson is not sexy, nor in any way desirable.

He is, in fact, the most revoltingly ugly little twerp in the pop world at present (with Howard Jones coming a close second). I personally wouldn't touch him with a bargepole.

Let's hear more about good looking blokes like Suggs from Madness. Now he's a real man. A Madness fan.

OK, the Campaign for Real Men starts here. Nominations from the office so far include Sting, Martin Kemp, Paul Young, Paul Rutherford, Ali Campbell, Bono. . . What do you reckon? (And it's not as easy as it sounds!)

was very interested to see that Duran appear to be jumping on the political bandwagon with their new single.

Although I like the song and the group I feel that this is a desperate struggle to keep up to date with the likes of Frankie and Culture Club.

Please correct me if I'm wrong, but are we going back to the rebellious days of The Sex Pistols and friends? I certainly hope not.

T. Belcher, Astley, Lancs.
There are those who feel that a
little rebelliousness is just what
the charts need. But don't worry,
'Wild Boys' won't topple the
Government just yet.

am writing in reply to the letter sent in by some blind idiot called K. Roper who said that The Style Council are not mods.

This cannot possibly be true otherwise why did Paul Weller wear a Jam Tour Jumper in two videos? And he also rides a yellow and black Lambretta TV in the 'Solid Bond' video, in which he and Mick both wear three-button blazers.

Also mods are not thickheaded and certainly not two-faced creeps. A mod fan of The Style Council, Eastbourne.

But when have you ever seen Weller in Brighton on a Bank Holiday, eh?

hat's the difference between Frankie and a crossword puzzle?

Frankie haven't got a single clue. Stuart Hastee, Kirkbrae.

Stars are such silly creatures. They think that fans will jump on top of them, scream right in their faces and tear their clothes off!

I admit the thought has come into my mind sometimes, but it's just 'cos they're so unreachable! I was fortunate enough to meet Tony and Martin from Spandau but after signing a few autographs (in their car) they drove off.

By acting as they do they just seem more untouchable, thus the 'tear the clothes off' idea comes about – it might at least embarrass them into staying!

Penny Fever, Middlesex.
So now you know, all you chicken popstars out there. Just stand your ground and the fans will treat you with the respect you deserve.
Maybe. £5 record token winner.



Holly adopts Real Man pose.

ere's a poem to Holly Johnson as he's my No.1.

#### Only Images

Always in my room The image of your face I know I'll never see you But you'll always remain my ace

I'd follow you to the pleasuredome If you asked me I'd relax And if two tribes came between us I'd sock 'em with an axe

Fame may always part us But not from over my wall My friends think I am crazy But I don't care at all

You're my No.1, Holly And I let everybody know Maybe you are gay But I still love you so Justine, Frankie fanatic, Portsmouth. What I can't understand is why Frankie Goes To Hollywood is such a big thing in the UK.

What do all those stupid signs or symbols mean?

What exactly is a XLZTT?
But the biggest puzzle for me is
WHICH ONE IS THIS FRANKIE
CHARACTER?

You English fans of this Frankie guy will love anything by this 'God' because of all the media hype. What is so special about them? Lisa Woo, New York City, America. Questions, questions, questions, You Americans just don't understand our quaint British customs at all.

The worship of the God Frankie is a time-honoured ritual dating back thousands of years, but it is only recently that He has deigned to make public His manifesto.

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his is to notify all your readers of the event of the century up here in Hull.

Diane, Mo and Marion (that's us) are arranging a Marc Almond Convention for early '85, and we need to know how big a success this will be. If there is anyone interested please send a SAE for details to 128 Bilsdale Grove, Hull, HU9 3US. Diane, Gutterheart 0355.

Just thought I'd let you in on my little secret. I've just had a pretty well tubular idea for making oodles of money.

I'm going to ring up nice Michael Jackson and ask if he'd mind me re-mixing 'Thriller', then I'm going to have a chat with Trevor Horn and send him tapes of aforementioned I.P.

I'd rope in Boy George for backing vocals and get Holly Johnson to do the odd gutsy 'Yeah'.

The Edge has promised to add some guitar work and if I package the whole thing to include an exclusive poster of Duran and pictures of Wham and Spandau Ballet holding cheque books on the front then everyone except Paul Weller and Billy Bragg will buy it. I'm going to call it 'Thriller (Money-

Making-Mix)'.
Bhawna Nandha.
Wouldn't it be simpler just to auction off Michael Jackson's home phone number?

n Andrew Ridgeley's review of 1984, he mentions that he went to see the film with Yog. Please can you tell me who is Yog?

A Devoted Wham, Duran, Spandau fan.

Who, or what, is Yog? That is a question which has baffled scientists for centuries. Now we can reveal the answer. Yog is Andy's pet hamster who travels everywhere with him.

(What it! — George 'Yog' Michael).



Don't just bottle it up! If you've got a message for your loathed one, stick it on a piece of paper and send it to Poison Arrow, No.1, Room 304, Commonwealth House, 1-19 New Oxford Street, London WC1A1NG.

How is it that someone like Mick Karn can still exist? He must pay the press to put in articles of all the things he never accomplishes.

Like where is the art gallery he was going to open in '83? What about the album he and Midge Ure were going to do? How about the Greek movie soundtrack, and all his solo projects?

I guess Pete Murphy is the only person left who will still work with him. Pete always did like working with dead things.

I hereby nominate Mick Karn as wimp of the year.

X-Japan fan.

really love your mag, but I was really mad when I saw your next week box with the Yeuks about Black Lace and Bruno Brookes.

If you had seen that ace duo Black Lace on stage like I have, you would say they are fab.

And Bruno Brookes is the best looking DJ on Radio One. I used to listen to him on Radio Stoke and thought he was brilliant. He's the best thing to come out of the

Potteries since Royal Doulton and he certainly isn't a wally. Bruno Brookes' cute smile, Stoke-On-Trent.

Hey, a real live Black Lace fan! And likes Bruno Brookes too! Someone make this girl the subject of a sociological survey.

Just what have you come to? First of all you put Frankie Goes To Hollywood in half the magazine, and if that wasn't bad enough Martin Townsend wrote a thoroughly untrue and unfounded review of Modern Romance's new single.

Please leave such a talented, original group alone and let them get on with writing their great original

Judith Gunner, Twickenham. Yeah, 'Everybody Salsa' was pretty original, wasn't it?

am writing in response to Francesca Anne Massey who said Spandau Ballet write 'crap songs'. I wonder just what age someone who writes that type of abuse is.

Ms Massey, obviously not a fan of the band, has probably never read much poetry nor has a mind mature enough to draw from the excellent poetry which Spandau are more than able to put to music.

The meaningfulness of the lyrics is, in my opinion, found only through personal experience and from what one is willing to put into the music oneself.

In these spoonfed days of easy listening music anything which presents a challenge is shunned – why don't we say thanks to these artists for spending their time bothering to give us enjoyment from their talents?

Miss C. Hunter, Glasgow.
Thanks for the letter, Gary. We're convinced, honest. "Highly strung, she's undone" – sheer poetry. . .



Gary Kemp takes a break from the strenuous task of bringing poetry to the masses.

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#### **U.S. SINGLES**

- 1 WAKE ME UP BEFORE YOU GO GO Wham
- PURPLE RAIN Prince (Warner Bros)
- CARIBBEAN QUEEN Billy Ocean (Arista) I FEEL FOR YOU Chaka Khan (Warner Bros)
- JUST CALLED TO SAY I LOVE YOU Stevie
  Wonder (Motown)
  OUT OF REACH Daryl Hall & John Oates (RCA)
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  8 STRUT Sheena Easton (EMI America)
  9 ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT Cyndi Lauper (Epic)
  10 PENNY LOVER Lionel Richie (Motown)
  11 BLUE JEAN David Bowie (EMI America)
  12 DESERT MOON Dennis De Young (A&M)
  13 HARD HABIT TO BREAK Chicago
- 14 NO MORE LONELY NIGHTS Paul McCartney
- 15 WHAT ABOUT ME Kenny Rogers with Kim Carnes & James Ingram (RCA) 16 COOL IT NOW New Edition (MCA)

- THE WAR SONG Culture Club (Epic)
  SEA OF LOVE Honeydrippers (Atco)
  THE WILD BOYS Duran Duran (Capitol)
  ICAN'T HOLD BACK Survivor (Epic)
- ON THE DARK SIDE J. Caffery & Beaver Brown
- IT AIN'T ENOUGH Corey Hart (EMI America)
  I'M SO EXCITED Pointer Sisters (RCA)
  WALKING ON A THIN LINE Huey Lewis & The
- News (Chrysalis)

  25 WE BELONG Pat Benator (Chrysalis)

  26 SOME GUYS HAVE ALL THE LUCK Rod Stewart
- (Warner Bros)
  ICAN'T DRIVE 55 Sammy Hagar (Geffen)
  TEACHER TEACHER :38 Special (Capitol)
- 29 VALOTTE Julian Lennon (Atlantic)
  30 LUCKY STAR Madonna (Warner Bros) Compiled by Billboard Magazine

#### U.S. ALBUMS

- 1 PURPLE RAIN Prince & The Revolution (Warner
- 2 BORN IN THE USA Bruce Springsteen
- PRIVATE DANCER Tina Turner (Capitol)
  THE WOMAN IN RED SOUNDTRACK Stevie
- Wonder (Motown)

  SPORTS Huey Lewis & The News (Chrysalis)
  CAN'T SLOW DOWN Lionel Richie (Motown)
- 1100 BEL AIR PLACE Julio Iglesias (Columbia)
  VOLUME ONE Honeydrippers (Atco)
  HEARTBEAT CITY The Cars (Elektra)
  SHE'S SO UNUSUAL Cyndi Lauper (Epic)
  BIG BAM BOOM Daryl Hall & John Oates (RCA)
  EDDIE & THE CRUISERS SOUNDET

- BREAK OUT Pointer Sisters (RCA)
  SUDDENLY Billy Ocean (Arista)
  THE UNFORGETTABLE FIRE U2 (Island)
  MADONNA Madonna (Warner Bros)
  TONIGHT David Bowie (EMI America)
- 17Chicago (Warner Bros)
  EMOTION Barbra Streisand (Columbia)
- ANIMALIZE Kiss (Polygram)
  I FEEL FOR YOU Chaka Khan (Warner Bros)
- IFEELFOR YOU Chaka Khan (Warner Bros)
  GIVE MY REGARDS TO BROAD STREET Paul
  McCartney (Columbia)
  STAY HUNGRY Twisted Sister (Atlantic)
  NO BRAKES John Waite (EMI America)
  MAKE IT BIG Wham (Columbia)
  OUT OF THE CELLAR Ratt (Atlantic)
  ICE CREAM CASTLE The Time (Warner Bros)
  A PRIVATE HEAVEN Sheena Easton (EMI
  America)

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America)
DESERT MOON Dennis DeYoung (A&M) 1984 Van Halen (Warner Bros) Compiled by Billboard Magazine

#### **DISCO/DANCE SINGLES**

- I FEEL FOR YOU Chaka Khan (Warner Brothers)
  TREAT HER LIKE A LADY Temptations (Motown)
  LET IT ALL BLOW Dazz Band (Motown)
- CARIBBEAN QUEEN Billy Ocean (Jive)
  GOT TO GET YOU HOME TONIGHT Eugene
- Wilde (Fourth & Broadway/Island KEEPING SECRETS Switch (Total Experience) EAT YOUR HEART OUT Paul Hardcastle (Cool Tempo/Chrysalis
- GEORGY PORGY Charme (RCA)
- I FORGOT Cool Notes (Abstract Dance)
  NAUGHTY TIMES Cutty (Cool Tempo/Chrysalis)
- YOU USED TO HOLD ME Thelma Houston (MCA)
- ICHOOSE YOU Paris (Bluebird)
  OFF AND ON LOVE Champaign (CBS)
  RUNAWAY LOVE Linda Clifford (CRC)
  CHANGE YOUR WICKED WAYS Pennye Ford
- (Total Experience)

  17 WE ARE FAMILY (REMIX) Sister Sledge (Cotillion)

  18 I'M SO EXCITED Pointer Sisters (Planet)

  19 I'LL MAKE THE LOVING Gene Chandler

- (Bluebird)
  20 FREEDOM Wham (Epic)
  21 FORGIVE ME GIRL Force M.D.s (Tommy Boy/
- 22 I'M WARNING YOU Gayle Adams (Fourth &
- Broadway/Island)
  NEW LOVE Rose Royce (Streetwave)
  YOU TURN ME ON Rick James (Motown)
  LIKE A VIRGIN Madonna (Sire)
- SLIPPERY PEOPLE Staple Singers (Epic) SOLID Ashford & Simpson (Capitol) CANDLELIGHT AFTERNOON Phyliss St. James
- (Motown) 29 WEEKEND GIRL S.O.S Band (Tabu)
  30 GOTTA MAKE UP YOUR MIND Major Harris (Streetwave)

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#### INDEPENDENT SINGLES

- SOMEBODY Depeche Mode (Mute)
- THE PRICE New Model Army (Abstract)
  E.S.T. Alien Sex Fiend (Anagram/Cherry Red)
  I'M JUST A DOG Meteors (Mad Pig)
  HOLOCAUST Pauline Murray & Storm (Polestar)
  CALAMITY CRUSH Foetus Art Terrorism
  (Immolation/Some Bizzare)
- GREEN FIELDS OF FRANCE The Men They
- Couldn't Hang (Imp/Demon)

  IBLOODBROTHER BE Shock Headed Peters (EI)

  KANGAROO This Mortal Coil (4AD)

  MARIMBA JIVE Red Guitars (Self Drive)

  BEWARE THE WEAKLING LINES YYN (In Tape)

- BEWARE THE WEAKLING LINES YYN (IN Tape)
  UPSIDE DOWN Jesus & The Mary Chain (Creation)
  NEVER AGAIN Pete Shelley (Immaculate)
  SWEETEST EMBRACE Orson Family (Enterprises)
  SHADOW FIGURES Marc Riley (In Tape)
  IT'S A HARD LIFE Omega Tribe (Corpus Christi)
  PROPAGANDA (1984 Mix) Play Dead (Jungle)
  MACHINE GUN KELLY Angelic Upstarts
  (Picasso)

- OUT OF THE FLESH Chakk (Double Vision)
  MASTER & SERVANT Depeche Mode (Mute)
  FOUR ON 4 Various (Big Beat)
  ARCANE DELIGHTS Dead Can Dance (4AD)
- BELA LUGOSI'S DEAD Bauhaus (Small Wonder) LIVE AT THE CENTRO IBERICO Conflict

- LIVE AT THE CENTRO IBERICO CORRIGO
  (Mortarhate)
  MUSIC TO WATCH GIRLS BY Higsons (Upright)
  BEAUTIFUL MONSTER Folk Devils (Ganges)
  CONSPIRACY Play Dead (Clay)
  DIRTY Hard Corps (Survival)
  CAN YOU FEEL... Vibes (Big Beat)
  BANE OF YOUR LIFE Philip & His Foetus
  Vibrations (Self Immolation/Some Bizzare)
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#### READERS' CHART

- FREEDOM Wham (Epic)
  THE WILD BOYS Duran Duran (EMI)
  CARIBBEAN QUEEN Billy Ocean (Jive)
  IFEEL FOR YOU Chaka Khan (WEA)
- TEAR YOUR PLAYHOUSE DOWN Paul Young

- THE WANDERER Status Quo (Vertigo)
  HIGHLY STRUNG Spandau Ballet (Chrysalis)
  LONELY NIGHTS Paul McCartney (Parlophone)
  MODERN GIRL Meatloaf (Arista)
- ALL CRIED OUT Alison Moyet (CBS)
  LISTEN TO YOUR FATHER Feargal Sharkey
- LOVE'S GREAT ADVENTURE Ultravox
- (Chrysalis)
  MISSING YOU John Waite (EMI America)
  TOGETHER IN ELECTRIC DREAMS Phil Oakey &
- Giorgio Moroder (Virgin)

  BLASPHEMOUS RUMOURS Depeche Mode (Mute)
- (Mute)

  NEVER ENDING STORY Limahl (EMI)

  CARELESS WHISPER George Michael (Epic)

  ACES HIGH Iron Maiden (EMI)

  I'M SO EXCITED Pointer Sisters (Planets)
- GIMME ALL YOUR LOVIN' ZZ Top (WEA)

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#### **WRITER'S CHART**

Chosen this week by Pat Thomas

- ALL CRIED OUT Alison Moyet (CBS)

- SOLID Ashford & Simpson (Capitol)
  PRIVATE DANCER Tina Turner (Capitol)
  GEFFERY MORGAN UB40 (DEP International LP)
  NEVERENDING STORY Limahl (EMI)

#### **VIDEO**

- VIDEO EP Duran Duran (PMI)
- LIVE David Bowie (Videoform)
  MAKING MICHAEL JACKSON'S THRILLER
- Michael Jackson (Vestron)
  SYNCHRONICITY CONCERT Police (A&M)
  WE WILL ROCK YOU Queen (Peppermint)
- LIVE Blondie (CIC
- LET'S SPEND THE NIGHT TOGETHER Rolling
- Stones (Thorn/EMI)
  LEGEND Bob Marley & The Wailers (Island)
  HELLO, GOOD EVENING Blancmange (Polygram)
  IN MY MINDS EYE Tears For Fears (Polygram)
  - Compiled by MRIB

Supplied this week by Radio One DJ Janice Long.

- WHY DOES THE RAIN The Lost (Creation)

- CLOSE TO THE EDIT Art Of Noise (ZTT)
  KEEP ON KEEPIN ON The Redskins (London)
  SEND MY HEART The Adventures (Chrysalis)
  SINCE YESTERDAY Strawberry Switchblade
- 6 WORKING FOR THE MAN The High Five (Big
- HEARTBEAT The Psychedelic Furs (CBS) EVERY CONVERSATION The Jim Brides
- (Independent)

  9 WAIT FOR IT Brilliant (Food)

  10 TILL YOU COME BACK TO ME Floy Joy (Virgin)



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