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◆ FREEZ ARE back in action, looking and sounding very different. Paul Morgan and Peter_Mass have kept the band ticked over since the departure of John Rocca, and it's a more laid back jazz funk sound that announces itself on the new single Train of Thoughts'.

No more electro for the band, they're doing things their own way these days assisted by Brooce lookalike Billy Crichton on vocals and guiter and Louis-Smith on keyboards. Expect an album at the end of August and the boys treading the boards later in the year.

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 LAND LUBBERS ahoy! It's ship's captain Shane McGowan here, welcoming you aboard the HMS Belfast.

Well that's one hell of a way to launch your new album Rum, Sodomy And The Lash, bobbing about on the Thames off Tower Bridge, Felf quite sea-sick meself. Lashings of beer and wine, spleed with the occasional sausage and a rub on tatibo. Enough to make any lesser mortals turn quite green.

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coraft is now being salvaged.
When Simon recovers, he'll
be working on Arcadia, a
musical project he's set up
with Nick Rhodes and Roger
Taylor. They've been working
together since January
recording in Paris and New
York. An album 'So Red The
Rose', is schedule for October

release, preceded by a single next month. Simon, Roger and Nick are joined by sax player Andy McKay, isas bass player Mark Egan, guitarist Carlos Alomar, David Gilmour and percussionists David Van Tieghem and Rafael De Jesus. BORED IN Bognor? Soaked in Skegness? We'll put a smile on your face. The forecast looks good for Madness back at last and it's blue skles for the Thompson Twins poised to release another single. And what about the Cult with a thundering blg tour? RE-CORD MIRROR is just instant sunshine.



MADNESS TODAY

MADNESS ARE back at last. Their first single for over a year, 'Yesterday's Men', will be released on their very own Zarjazz label on August 19.

The flip side of the single is a Suggs composition 'All I Knew', while the 12 inch features the demo version of the single plus a super extended version of 'Yesterday's Men'.

Madness' album will be out in late September or early October and there should be a tour in the autumn.

HEAVEN FOR JAKI

■ JAKI GRAHAM follows up 'Round And Around' with 'Heaven Knows' out on August 19. The original form of this single brought Jaki a lot of attention early last year. It has now been reworked by Derek Bramble.

"Heaven Knows' is the title track from Jaki's album out on August 27. It has 10 tracks and among the songs featured is Jaki's duet with David Grant

"Could it Be I'm Falling In Love".

Jaki is planning a tour and the dates should be known very soon.

● THE ROGUISH Pogues release their single 'Dirty Old Town' on August 19. It was written by Kirsty MacColl's dad Ewan many years ago and produced by Evis Costello. It's featured on their album 'Rum, Sodomy And The Lash'.

The Pogues have lined up a couple of dates in September at Dublin TV Club on September 6 and Belfast Queens University September 7.

September 7.

THE MARY Jane Girls release their single 'Wild And Crazy Love' this week. It's taken from their

album 'Only Four You'.

● LEADING BANDS are being invited to appear at an anti heroin concert starring Spear Of Destiny at Crystal Palace Bowl on August 24. Interested name bands are invited to contact promoter Martin Docherty on 01-969 8630.

Other acts confirmed for the bill are Hawkwind, Comsat Angels, Shriekback and Balaam And The Angel.

CARMEL PLAY another date at

London Ronnie Scott's on August 25.

■ BANANARAMA BOUNCE back with their single 'Do Not Disturb' out this week. Written and produced once again by Swain and Jolley, the single will also be available as a very special limited edition. Three shaped picture discs will be available depicting each of the gals—but harry, only 5,000 copies of Keren, Siobhan and Sarah are being pressed





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FOLLOWING

• THE CULT will be playing a ssive tour starting in October. They kick off at Slough Fulcrum October 25 followed by Cardiff University 26, Bristol Studio 27, Exeter University 28, Brighton Top Rank 30, Hammersmith Odeon 31, Hanley Victoria Hall November 1 mingham Odeon 2, Newcastle City Hall 4, Nottingham Rock City 5, Sheffield Octagon Centre 6, Leeds University 7, Liverpool Royal Court 8 Manchester Apollo 9, Preston Guildh 10, Edinburgh Playhouse 12, Dundee University 13, Aberdeen Ritzy 14, Glasgow Barrowlands 15, Carlisle Sands Centre 17, Norwich UEA 21, swich Gaumont 22, Aylesbury Civic Centre 23, Poole Arts Centre 24.

The Cult will have another single out in late September and they'll be working on another album soon.

ASWAD RELEASE their single 'Bubbling' on August 16 on their own Simba label. The band have just returned from a sell out show at New York's Ritz Club and they might be playing selected dates here soon.

 BB & Q release their single 'Minutes Away' on August 19. It's taken from their current album



INSIGNIFICANT

■ GLENN GREGORY of Heaven 17 and Claudia from Propaganda have teamed up to release a single. 'When Heart Runs Out Of Time' is the theme from Nic Roeg's film 'Insignificance' about Marilyn Monroe and her chums which has just opened in London. Give me '101

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INSIGNIFICANCE opens at the Odeon Haymorket August 9th Glenn Gregory & Claudio Brücken sing When Your Heart Runs Out Of Time.

released as a single on August 15th,

 WORKING WEEK release their single 'I Thought I'd Never See You Again' on August 19. It's taken from their album 'Working Nights' which has already sold more than 150,000 copies in Bri-

tain and Europe. Working Week will be starting labours on their second album soon and Julie Roberts has recorded a solo single with the help of Loose Ends.

• ROBERT PLANT releases his single 'Little By Little' on August 19 (and for gawd's sake let's hope it does better than the last Taken from his album 'Shaken 'N' Stirred', 'Little By Little' will also be available in a limited edition gatefold sleeve with live versions of 'Easily Led' and 'Rockin' At Midnight'.

CONCERT FOR RESEARCH AIDS

 A CONCERT to raise money for research into AIDS could be taking place at the end of the year. The man behind it is Philip Sallon, a friend of Boy George and owner of the Mud Club in London.

It seems likely that Culture Club will be appearing and approaches are being made to such greats as Queen, Elton John and the Eurythmics. The show is scheduled to take place at London's Wembley Arena

POLICE DRUMMER Stewart

Copeland, is writing the theme for a new American cop show The Equaliser. It's made by the same team who brought you 'Miami Vice'. 'The Equaliser' stars British actor Edward Woodward, and it's set on the mean streets of New York. It will be shown in America from September before being Stewart has some more film work lined up, in fact he's setting aside the first half of 1986 to write film scores. That's what I call for-

• TEARS FOR Fears re-release couple of their classic early singles on August 23. Out again will be 'Suffer The Children' and 'Pale Shelter' and both will come in a new full colour picture sleeve (Eleanor put your tongue back in your mouth). Status Quo will also be getting in on the act by rereleasing their hoary old clas-sic 'Rockin' All Over The

 DAN HARTMAN re-releases his single 'I Can Dream About You'

DREAMING

BREAM ACADEMY follow up 'Life In A Northern Town' with 'Love Parade' out on August 19, It's written by the small but perfectly formed Nick Laird Clowes and Gilbert Gabriel. The Dreamers debut album will be



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• THE BOOTHILL Foot Tappers release their fourth single 'Love And Affection' on August 23. It's cover version of the old Bob Marley classic.

 SISTER SLEDGE follow up 'Frankie' with 'Dancing On The Jagged Edge' out on August 19. Taken from their album 'When The Boys Meet The Girls', the 12 inch version features a dub mix of

 THE SOUNDTRACK album from the film 'Girls Just Want To Have Fun' will be out on August 23. The nine track album features Alex Brown's single '(Come On And) Shout' which is out on Aumust 16

 THAT NICE boy David Cassidy has added a date to his tour. He'll be playing Aberdeen Capitol Theatre on October 11 and tickets are £8.50, £7.50 and £6.50.

 AMAZULU WILL be featured in a Live Aid concert held at Eartham Park in Norwich on August 31. Other acts so far confirmed are Hawkwind, Aswad, Magnum, Jah Warriors and Dean Friedman All proceeds will be going to Ethiopia and the show runs from 11am to 11pm. See local press for ticket details.

• THE CHIEFS OF Relief, featuring ex Bow Wow Wow guitarist ex Bow Wow Wow guitarist Matthew Ashman and ex Sex Pis-tols drummer Paul Cook, release their single 'Freedom To Rock' on September 9. The Chiefs have lined up a gig at the Brixton Fridge on August 16.

FIVE STAR are releasing a remixed 12 inch version of their 'Let Me Be The One' single. The Aside features two versions of 'Let Me Be The One' — a new remix by Hardrock and the original Philadelphia remix from their first 12 inch release. The B-side features the M & M remix of their previous hit 'All Fall Down'.



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• STEPHEN MALLINDER: "Our interests aren't purely musical"

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VISUAL GUERILLAS

VOLURICE

Sheffield video whizz kids deny pretentions, set Anglo-Greek relations back 100 years and confess to liking Steve Arrington. Story: Lesley O'Toole

ROM TIME to time, Cabaret Voltaire crawl from the woodwork trailing their latest work of art behind them — and I mean that in no derogatory sense — for works of art they undoubtedly are.

Sheffield's self-styled whizz kids, Stephen 'Mal' Mallinder and Richard Kirk, are getting on a bin now. Strewn in their wake is a string of singles and albums, each surpassing its predecessor in terms of ingenuity and also selling in inordinately large numbers.

The current offering, 'Drinking Gasoline', is a double-pack of 12 inch singles — 'Big Funk', 'Ghostalk', 'Kino' and 'Sleepwalking'. A one-off diversion, it's shortly to be followed by a new single and their umpteenth album.

Mal lets rip...
"One of the factors we should have going for us is a certain degree of unpredictability. This falls between the two stools of being an album or a single so people weren't quite sure what to make of it. It was just the idea of stretching to eight minutes and seeing what we

could do within the 12 inch format."

If the Cabs are guilty of anything, it is a tendency to verge on the monotonous. Can their music really be classed as unpredictable?

"I don't think we should necessarily make a point of being unpredictable. Our interests aren't purely musical. We have the visual side as well so it's a case of making sure people see we're in a constant state of flux between the two things."

Video is a medium in to which the Cabs dived headlong some time ago under the banner 'Doublevision'. Their most recent foray into the field is an 80 minute compendium of their last few years' worth of cinematographic tricks.

'Gasoline in Your Eye' comprises nine separate videos, filmed in such far-flung locations as japan, North Africa and Greece — where the Cabs spent much of their time getting drunk with native post office workers and bank clerks.

"The Greeks are incredibly ugly. All the women have got moustaches!"

HE VIDEOS are experimental as opposed to promo, much like their music. A constant barrage of flickering images.

Hasn't the visual aspect become a trifle selfdulgent?

We started by setting up a format within which to work — the whole cut-up thing and visual guerrila tactics. I think the double 12 inch has seen the completion of that phase because the format has been proposed to the context. It's quite easy though to say anything is self-indulgen.

"I think people tend to view videos as being very precious, particularly with a group like us. Granted, there'll always be people who watch and listen to all our stuff but we never see it as quite that precious





only worry if our overall sales dropped off. "It is always a fluctuating mass of people who buy any record though so you shouldn't worry about it unduly so long as you're happy with the music. You can never be totally conscious of who's buying your records and once you are, it becomes a milistone round your neck because you feel you have to churn out whatever was successful. You falsely believe that's what people want all the time, when in fact they

And do these mysterious fans write equally

nysterious fan letters?

"Well, I'm quite rude when it comes to fan mail. I think Mark Smith summed it up when he said, 'If I'd wanted a pen pal, I'd have joined the army'. I've got no animosity towards the people who write - I'm really pleased they do - but I get a bit turned off when you start getting 40 letters a month from the



ny ek nd 12.

> We just see it as a visual backdrop in some ways "'Gasoline In Your Eye' isn't a film that people were intended to watch from beginning to end, although there are threads running through it. I can imagine it would become a real headache after a while."

> Musically, the Cabs adhere to no fixed strategy and must be almost unique in having survived for such a startling length of time without one hit single to their

Occasionally, they deliver something which veers in that direction — the double A-sider 'Just Fascination'/ 'Crackdown' being a prime example - but mostly

they just plod on relentlessly 'We don't actually sit down and deliberate about what we do. It's all very spontaneous and any degree

of accessibility comes naturally. We've always been sort of schizophrenic characters, whereby you want a certain amount of acceptability but, at the same time, you want a degree of notoriety

Is credibility more important than accessibility? "I think so because, at the end of the day, the one thing you have to keep intact is your own self-respect

and integrity." I often wonder about the legions of Cabs fans who

must be out there somewhere.
"So do I. I'd love to know who buys our records. A lot of people stopped buying our records when we left the indie scene but that doesn't worry me, I'd

S FAR as press coverage goes, the Cabs have been consistently portrayed as sensitive arty intellectuals. Is it a true picture?

"We're not that sensitive and we're not very arty. People do regard the sort of stuff we do as pretentious but we never see ourselves as pretentious.
"We don't take ourselves especially seriously but

it's just something you learn to live with. We didn't give ourselves a set image so therefore you have one given to you and ours is an arty image. You never know the opinions of the people who

buy your records, so one of the only yardsticks is the press and media's reaction. Therefore, no matter who you are, you're quite sensitive to it." If you reckon Messrs Mallinder and Kirk spend their

spare moments ensconced in dark rooms - well, you couldn't be further from the truth.

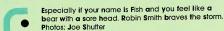
"We're not as anti-popular music as people think we are. I do go through phases of listening to absolutely nothing though. After a certain length of

time, you tend to find yourself listening to music subjectively rather than objectively. I've always listened to a lot of black music, jazz and funk but I'm not turned off by any particular kind of music - I can find fun in anything.

Yes, even the charts. By way of proof, Mal cites Steve 'God loves you' Arrington as a name on his current playlist. Oh well, we all have our failings!

"PEOPLE DON'T USUALLY PICK





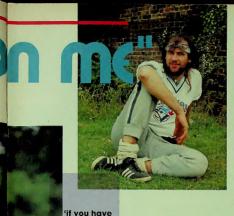


LIFE CAN be tough even when you're having hit singles. Before all the royalties have rolled in and you can move into your mansion and fill it with servants, there's the problem of who's going to feed the cat and do the washing while you're away.

Fish has been so busy with Marillion promotion work that he hasn't been home for eight weeks. Fortunately though, an EMI executive's wife has agreed to give his smalls a spin in her twin tub. "I've just seen the schedule

for our tour and it's frightening," he says. "It looks like madness. We play some dates in Israel and then we fly to Canada, It's 14 hours by plane or something. It's getting crazy. Thank Christ I'm not married, I couldn't handle the strain of that and doing all this as well,"





a scottish accent and you're big, there's a lot you can get away with'

The normally amiable Fish is in a bad mood and you can't really blame him. As we wander off to a park close to the studio where Marillion have managed to fit in some recording time, he growts like a bear with a very sore head.

I gamely ask if the pressure is getting just too much and if he wants to jack it all in and head for the peaceful Highlands.

"F" k offi Course I've got no plans to refire.

But I hate being treated like I'm some kind of tool. I'm a person. I want to be treated like I'm an individual. But sometimes you're just made to be part of a machine.

"I'm not talking about Kayleigh' any most.
I've been stiliched up over flad. Ves, the
song was about a girt, but it was also about
an attitude. I used to be very open with
people about everything but it's cost me a
lot. Now I must have some privacy. I wan to
hold something back and hang on to some
threads of what I am.

"Some people wanted to take pictures of Kayleigh. They wanted her address and stuff like that. Ah, it was stupid, I've got to stop all that

4.6 NEARLY came close to hitting one journalist. She was German and she kept on asking me some personal questions. She just wouldn't give up. She kept on pushing and prodding. She even wanted to send a film crew round to my house. Ah. I don't need any of that stuff. I don't believe in violence but I came close to losing my temper."

Ah well, perhaps "Lovender", the next single, out on August 27, will be a bit less connoversici. Fish hints that the song is merely about a romantic stroll in a park trying to find your dream glit. The sun is shining and kids play in the background. Ah idytlic

scene indeed.
"Nothing we do is planned," says Fish. "We never go out with a marketing strategy in

mind for albums or singles. All the stuff we do comes out of jams.

"We've been working hard for three years now. Touring makes us stronger because we have to rely on each other. It's getting better all the time."

Marillion's next British appearance will be supporting ZZ Top at Castle Donlington this Saturday. Isn't if a bit of a controversial move supporting those gung-ho, tough Tex-

"Our life has always been a battle so we appreciate challenges," continues Fish. "We're not hinking of going out to blow ZZ Top off or anything like that. It's not a battle. That would be stupid. We're just going to be professional and do our stuff."

And I reckon that "Misplaced Childhood" and "Lavender" truly reflect state of the art Marillion. Fish, old lad, I think your voice has never sounded better.

"I've stayed away from vocal teachers and I still smoke. I think 'Misplaced Childhood' touched a lot of records emotionally.

hood' touched a lot of people emotionally.
We put so much into our songs, I care about the songs I write.
"I don't have any time to listen to what else is in the charts and my Walkman is

else is in the charts and my Walkman is broken so I can't listen to tapes. I was glad when "Kayleigh" made it but there's such a lot of luck involved with having a hit single, you can't plan it out.

"They say we're going to be big in America and our album will get a lot of airplay because they're getting into sophisticated rock, but ''ll believe it when I see it."

OOR OLD Fish. He's been getting up at six in the morning and often Marillion have been doing interviews or television appearances in three countries a day. The schedule became very fraucht when

the schedule became very fraught when they were thrown off the Spanish equivalent of 'Wogan'!

of 'Wogan'!
"They had a reception, but they wouldn't
serve our crew with drink. We threatened to
trash the place and the manager got paranoid and called the police. They escorter

us back to the hotel and we continued with the tour.
"If you have a Scotlish accent and you're big there's a lot you can get away with anywhere in the world. People don't usually.

big there's a lot you can get away with anywhere in the world. People don't usually pick on me."

As we walk back from the park Fish bright-

ens considerably when he spies a restaurant that serves take-away mince curries.

"Ah, I must have one. It'll make me feel befter. You want one as well? When I lived in Earls Courl I used to eat them all the time. We'd come back in the van about two in the marming and I'd go and get one and take it back to the flat. They make your breath siths but they're delicious."

So, armed with his curry and a can of Carlsberg, Fish Is happy, "When we're abroad I drink all the beer.

"When we're abood I drink all the beer. that an beer so bill nat for a latic to the wine there. The finest Gutinness in the world is served in Jamaica and I discovered this great bor in Berlin staffed by tists people serving Gutinness. Berlin's a great city. It's good for writing sorgs, it's bleak and areaconductions. The server is the server of continuous that the server well preserved, If like to do some concerts in fastern Europe. We're the number two board in Poland.

"One night I got so drunk I walked down the underground tracks in Berlin and then for a dare I took all my clothes off and walked naked through a restaurant. I only had my belt on."

Now, that's more like it. Good luck with the heclic tour and I hope your washing comes out all right.



HIRSUTE HERO Paul in '85 @

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THE RELUCTANT STEREOTYPES: Coventry's finest

- At drama college he played Oberon the king of the fairles — in Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer's Night Dream'.
- His suits are made by David Chambers, who has also made clothes for Bryan Ferry and Paul McCartney.
- His hair is cut every three weeks by Lynn, a friend.
- He attended police cadet college for three weeks at the age of 17 before realising it wouldn't suit him.
- His favourite activity is a long weekend exploring the seaside and surrounding country with a pretty lady.
- He once got engaged to marry at the age of 17 but the relationship only lasted eight months before he "arew up".

WINSTON SMITH





PAUL AS Winston Smith, intense Stereotypes' frontman, circa 1980.

- He's most embarrassed at the thought of having worn electric green Oxford bags and six inch platform shoes: "I was so thin I must have looked like a sparrow".
- His band is managed by Perry Haines a self-styled trendsetter from the new romantic/soul boy days.
- He was once in Coventry group Reluctant Stereotypes where he wore a gray boiler suit and called himself Winston Smith after the hero in '1984'. They asked him to join for his looks — they
- hadn't even heard his voice.
- His favourite film now is Coppola's 'One From The Heart's authors Richard Brautigan and Ian McEwan; and on record Lloyd Cole And The Commotions' 'Rottlesnokes'.
- His aim is to be: "The Tommy Steele of the Eighties".
- He worked at the Rolls Royce car factory for two years before getting fed up. His father worked there for 27 years.



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ANIMAL NIGHTLIFE 'Shangri-ANIMAL NIGHTLIFE 'Shangri-La' (Island ILPS 9830)
OF ALL the bands linked to the London Club Scene ('79 to '82)
Animal Nightlife are perhaps the closest to the real McCoy. A team strong collective intent on painting the town red, in the best possible taste, their assault on the Top 40 has been less spectacular than their more obvious. Than their more obvious contemporaries. Shangiria a contemporaries. Shangiria a contemporaries. Shangiria a contemporaries. Shangiria shangilgence. Recorded in Philadelphia, Shangiria shangilgence. Rether the sum of the whole sees a positive return of the Soul Songen positive return of the Soul Songen Lovers (a cracking single surely) to the epits song-scapes of Native Boy and Love is Just The Great Native Soul Soul Songen Contemporaries of the Songen Con op 40 has been less spectacular

executed with consummate ease

VARIOUS ARTISTS 'Twist And Shout At The Camden Palace' (Impact Records ACT 005) THE FUN and excitement of the Sixties' night at this renowned London nighterie has been excellently captured here, mixing the popular with the pure soul classics of the time.

classics of the time.

Don the pedal pushers or the mohair suit and groove along to such classics as 1-2-3" (Len Barry), Twist And Shout' (the Isley Brothers), 'Reet Peaches Ard Cram' (the Ikettes) and 'A Little Bit Of Soap' (the Jarmels), Just Y keeping still.

Diane Cross

VARIOUS ARTISTS
'Insignificance' (ZTT ZTTIQ4)
NOT SINCE the halcyon days of
the Sixties — when all films were
accompanied by fab, groovy
music — have I heard anything music — have I heard anything resembling what I'd call a proper soundtrack. This succeeds most admirably in conveying the feel of Insignificance', featuring the I'm and I'm a expect. There's even an incongruous country and western duet featuring Glenn Gregory of Heaven 17 and Claudia of Propagandal I'll still be playing the open 17



VARIOUS ARTISTS 'Power Jam '85' (Tommy Boy ILPS 9832)

THE CREAM of the crop from New York's most consistent ambassadors of the beaten and ambasadors of the beaten and battered groove. As such, "Power Jam '85," is a neat illustration of hip hop's increasing assimilation into more trad pop moves. There is nothing frantic here, this is neatly-crafted pop — y'know proper tunes an' all — tagged on and snuck into the perfect beat. to and snuck into the perfect beat. And it's pretty tasty at that. Why' I swear on Hiko featuring the Great Peso's 'She's Wild' you have the hip hop record Frankie Vali never made. And so on, through the rap-powered, drum machines showered pop of Sweat Trios showered pop of Sweat Trios (meanderings of Whiz Kid's 'He's Got The Beat', Not the hardest Got The Beat'. Not the hardes ord, but pretty light on its feet.



Lovesmith's best.

As a soul album it isn't deep,
but there are some first class
tunes. The single 'Break The lee'
is a pop smash (or should be). I
think that 'Ain't Nothin' Like It' is
excellent and 'You Ain't Been

excellent and "You Ain't Been Loved Right' a superb club track, "I'm Good At It' is nice, too, though the catchy tune is marred slightly by cluttered production, But Lovesmith has turned in his best set so far, and his writing abilities bode well. Check this set because I've a feeling that this man could soon be a major figure in black music.

Damon Rochefort

DEL AMITRI 'Del Amitri'

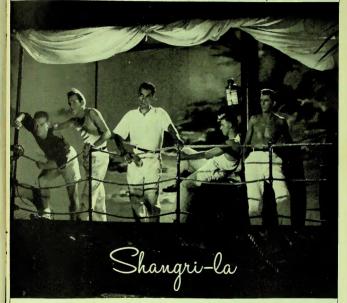
(Chrysalis CHR1449) IF IT'S young men playing tuneful guitars with their hands, heads guitars with their hands, heads and hearts you want, then you could do worse than bathe yourself in the delights of such upful classics as "Hammering Heart" and "I Was Here", and be Heart and 'I Was Here', and be won over as I was by the superb' 'Sticks And Stones Girt' single. They can tug at the heart strings, too, with 'Former Owner' where Justin Currie pleads and bleats to great effect as yet another girl betrays him. One criticism of Del Amitri is they don't let go often enough, as the arrangements sound cluttered at times.

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MORRISSEY, Morrissey. All we ever get is Morrissey... Isn't it about time that you lot realised that among the Smiths there hides an even more handsome and charming man? Someone whose very name is guaranteed to make me and a dozen other girls of my aquaintance gasp and drop into a dead faint? Yes, I'm talking about the very wonderful, small but perfectly formed Johnny Marr

Personally I'm sick to death of this gorgeous hunk of manhood being Ignored in preference to old rent-a-quote himself. Johnny may not say things guaranteed to shock the world, but I'm sure all us girls would like the chance to gaze endlessly on that angelic countenance.

Anyway, apart from being so yummy, he is also one of the best guitarists and songwriters in the history of the world.

Come on RECORD MIRROR, give the boy, and all us girls, a Tracey, Barnsley, S. Yorks

 And so say all of us gels at RM!! Trouble is persuading our truculent ed of young Mr Marr's endearing charms...

WELL, WELL, what's all this then? Finally come to your senses, have you? Not only do we get an extremely complimentary review of Hall and Oates at their Apollo concert, but... wait for it... an even more complimentary twopage interview with the lovely pair. Hang on, there's more. Some up-to-date photos to ao with it. Well, I never. I was beginning to think that Daryi and John had gone into their own time warp

Good lord, there's hope for us Hall and Oates fanatics after all. it's nice to know that I am actually living on the same planet as them! Next time, don't

take so long in doing it, huh! No, seriously folks, hugs and kisses to all those concerned, especially Graham K Smith Jay Lascelles, Downham

 Hugs and kisses to an absconder like GKS? Whatever next? We must be doing something wrong..

Market, Norfolk

IT WILL be very interesting to see the outcome of recent remarks made by Dynasty star Joan Collins

On the recent AIDS scare over Hollywood film actor Rock Hudson, who is suffering from the disease, Ms Collins stated with fervour: "AIDS and herpes have



. JOHNNY MARR: Small but perfectly come as the great plague to

teach us a lesson! I just wonder if, like sultry

singer Donna Summer, the Intrepid Ms Collins will be slammed by the homosexual community for her outburst? Donna Summer's remarks were reported by an American gay magazine almost a year ago, the result being an obvious decline in the lady's worldwide record sales and popularity.

I fear there are many more 'giants' in the entertainment world who would probably agree with the remarks made by Summer and Collins, two ladies internationally popular

among gay audiences Just when will this evil back-billing end? AIDS is a very alarming subject so I suppose we should expect comments of this nature from those who seem to believe that AIDS is a "Godsent" killing disease. Personally, do not think this is a will of God. G S J Burnside, London

If there is a will of God G S J.

then surely Ms Summer and Collins will be first on the list for a thunder bolt in the wake of such thoughtless comments

AS SHARON (the female Lionheart) said, Kate Bush is coming back, but for some of us she has never been away.
All I ask is that you listen to he new stuff with open ears. You may be surprised

Kate Bush is not one of these sing-a-long-with-me type pop stars. She's an artist and puts her music first. The LP is due in August (God and EMI willing) So, everybody, let's just give Kate a chance. Jon, the original Weish

Lionheart Our ears are well and truly open, Jon — watch this space for a Kate feature very soon

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SINGLE OF

THE WEEK

MARC ALMOND 'Stories Of

Johnny' (Some Bizzare)

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western world and I'd walk a

trilling in my front room, so a

new single from him is always quaranteed to set me spinning

the premier gods of the

trillion miles over broken scent bottles to have him

on my stilettos. This is an

no less. Such munificent

and has our Marc

accompanied by the

talent should not go

unrecognised.

affectionate and gentle song - almost a lullaby in fact -

Westminster City School Choir

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VIC GODARD 'Holiday Hymn' (EI) My goodness, Vic's singing (El) My goodness, Vic's singing in key! What on earth did they do to him? Hang a MacArthur's hamburger over his head and threaten to send him back there for an Indefinite period? This is for an Indefinite period? This is fabl! Swingy, tuneful, clever lyrics and all with a kitschy girly chorus and jazzy orchestra in tow. I'm glad he's got his act together and came up with the goodies. Heaven knows I've had cobwebs. hanging off my ears waiting for it. Truly wondrous — I pasa-doblé-d all over the editor's desk...

REST

MELON 'Serious Japan' (10) Remember the Plastics? Hemember the Mastics' Unfortunately I do. However my preconceptions about the talents of ex-Plastics Toshi and Chica simply melted away as the first few bars boxed my delicate shell-likes into submission. A sort of Herbie Hancock meets Madam Butterfly .

SAL SOLO 'Heartbeat' (MCA) To be listened to with prerequisite saintly expression, no doubt. I'll make my apologies in advance for the gratuitous "God-bod" references, but no apologies for my dislike of this excrutiating slab of vawndom

FRANK TOVEY 'Luxury' (Mute) Oh, Frank, why aren't you as ri and famous as all those other 'electro' (cringe) bands you no

doubt inspired with your unforgettable on-stage antics featuring Gillette Foamy and public hair? I'd desperately like to see Frank on "TOTP" but the see Frank on TOTF but the answer to the problem lies in the fact that this, like so many afore it, is simply not a single. Sadly, it has non-hit welded onto it.

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PHIL OAKEY AND GIORGIO MORODER 'Be My Lover Now' (Virgin) Phil, darling, you are wasting your awesome vocal talents endorsing this aural popoorn. Please go away at once and sing 15 choruses of 'Louise' to make up for it.

WOODENTOPS 'Well Well Well' WOODENTOPS 'Well Well Well Wel (Rough Trade) Maybe not quite as earth-shattering as 'Move Me' but I'm happy to say this continues to threaten World Domination By Rolo McGinty December. High on adrenalin an haunted by the spectre of Bolan, the boy deserves more than an orange in his stocking this Christmas so buy it, please.

HIPSWAY 'Ask The Lord' (Mercury) Is this the band who are all over six foot? (Que 10,000 tall person puns.) A soulful foot tapper and they sound like sensitive young men . . . OK.

STING 'Love is The Seventh Wave' (A&M) Although I am extremely loathe to reveal the fact, I sometimes have a sneaky liking for Sting (pause while I blush to my peroxided roots). However this is not my cup of peppermint tea. I'm sure it'll be a hit though as it's a good, jolly



calypso-flavoured song and very easy on the ears. The pic on the back of the sleeve with the sunbronzed muscles akimbo should please certain females not a million miles away from the

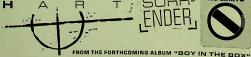
(Towerbell) Now wasn't this the man one inspired soul christened the 'pantheist hairdresser'? Gosh, I wish I'd said that. Yes folks, old JUSTIN HAYWOOD 'Silverbird' I wish 'I'd said that. Yes folks, old concrete bonce is back and with just what you'd expect from an old Moody Blue. The same quivering vocals and lashings of fairy dust. Perfectly vile and blandlose. I suggest he refirs on his millions and become horse busbandry instead of making records quaranteed to induce records guaranteed to induce genocide.

GARY U S BONDS 'Standing In The Line Of Fire' (Making Waves) I'm told this is one of the great soul voices, but I'm not a soul freak myself so seek a more expert opinion before consumption. Sounds a trifle better than his last stuff though.

TRIFFIDS 'You Don't Miss Your Water Till Your Well Runs Dry' (Hot) The devastatingly pompous press release leads one to believe that this band are on nodding terms with the Almighty and are the ones most likely to Likely to do what, I wouldn't care to ponder too strenuously. Sounds like a bunch of neohippies to me. Snore . .

MÖTLEY CRÜE 'Smokin' In The Boys Room' (Elektra) Pardon me, but I thought so-called heavy metal boys didn't dress up like a bunch of wallies The original version of this had balls, but this lot sound like a herd of gelded goats in a glitter storm. Revolting in extremes.

ZODIAC MINDWARP AND THE LOVE REACTION 'WIID CHILD' (Food) My dear friend Bee would love the look of this Charlie Manson look-a-like. The vocal is a complete Captain Beefheart rip-off too. I'm a big enough snob to say that if this was by the Cramps I'd love it, but it isn't and I don't.







THE LEAGUE OF GENT/EMEN

THE LEAGUE were visiting the Psychiatric Home For Depressed Pop People. Yes that's right, they were quaffing free drinks in an expensive night club while everybody around them complained about the pressures of fame, the lack of artistic credibility afforded their haircuts, and all the usual guff. Pausing only to reassure some hapless fellow that refusing to play 'TOTF did not a revolution make. they chanted the traditional party pooper THE ROARING BOYS and fell into convulted

"Prince is one of the most persistent offenders and this week he has amazed friends by paying over seven million dollars for Muhammed Ali's LA mansion, a signed portrait of Harry Carpenter, a free pint at the 'Golden Gloves' and Frank Bruno's gum shield. Some of the above information is not true, but

can you guess which is . . .?

"And can you credit the people that are being allowed in to Russia these days. By Sid and James I thought the oi' USSR

BOBBIE GOES to Russia

would have been wise enough to avoid the likes of Nik Kershaw and Bob Dylan but apparently not. In an act of cultural incompetence Bobsie was invited to perform at a massive poetry festival in Moscow. More galling is the invitation being handed out

to perform at a massive poetry festival in Moscow. More galling is the invitation being handed out to the adenoidal one, who is set to play two concerts in Moscow and Leningrad. Do the Russian people deserve such treatment, is just at ClA plot and what has happened to my dream of a pop free Europe?

"If all that wasn't worrying enough, I do believe that someone who refused to drink actually found themselves at the Kid Croole gig last week. Fortunately this wasn't contagious and various members of the pop fraternity decided to compensate for this wandering black sheep, none more so than Edwyn Collins. Less abler cerformances

Colins. Less alone performance were put in by the Pet Shop Boys, Janice Long, Gary Davies and a member of ABC. Ms Olive Oil entertained the gathered Imbibers with a short history of Modern Philosophy. Mr Solly Blimey sends his applicates.

"As do George and Andrew to Stevie Wonder. Due to an ever tight schedule Wham! were unable to accommodate Stevie's offer to support them on their US

"However there is no truth in the rumour that the League Of Gentlemen have pulled out of their lecture tour of the States. On the contrary, as soon as a sponsorship deal is arranged with



• FRANKIE DON'T go to SA

as told to JIM REID

a suitable brewery we shall be pulling on our 'Wilburs' and practising full scale insincerity . . . "Something totally alien to

Madonna, as are pickled gherkins, the wonderful cathedral at Norwich and half a pound of humbugs, but I digress. Now we all know, however, what is moortant to the Most Important Human Being In The World: this being in no particular order, Sean Penn, money and wearing ones tights above ones skirt. Ah. I've forgotten the story . . . and lots of heavyweight junk jewellery. Trouble is, all those belts and bracelets and things are getting in Ms M's way when it comes to the old aerobics class. Fellow classmates have complained that they can't hear the music at their classes for the clanking of Madonna's jewellery

"Still 'tis a problem that fades into insignificance when compared to the task Boy George has set himself. The good Boy has decided to resurrect Marilyn's career by becoming his manager. We wish him luck....

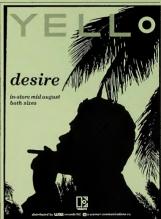
"Likewise RM Editor Mike
Pilgrim's record breaking
attempt to finance his next
property purchase with the refund
on stray lemonade bottles...

"Something never considered by maga rich Frankie Goes To Hollywood. Though the boys nearly came a cropper last week when they considered an offer to play in racist slime South Africa. Thinking they were to play a gig that launched a Live Ald style appeal the band nearly considered the dull, were about to be conned so pulled out pronto. As should British industry,

but that's another matter ...

"Another matter entirely is Ms
Joan Armatrading's experience
in Tel Aviv last week. On tour in
Israel, Ms A decided to look
around Jerusalem old town only
to find herself being followed by
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Which reminded the League Of Gentlemen of a similar incident in Cairo. History was very important to the League Of Gentlemen.



shop assistant, punk singer or soul queen? princess prepares for a right royal assault on the charts courting compliments: robin smith



NCE UPON a time there was a girl working in a clothes shop who dreamed of being a star. For years and years she struggled to get a good record deal and then along came a new company who snapped her up. Within weeks her first single was a monster hit. With a tairytale story like that, it's not surprising that 23 year old Désirée Hestop changed her name to Princess when she recorded 'Say I'm Your Number One'

Not since Chaka Khan have I heard a voice that pummets my spine and tugs at my heart-strings in quite the same way. Up here at sunny Greater London House, it's seldom been off the turntable. What a voice this gal has,

"I don't really know what my style is, it changes from day to day," she says. "I suppose it's whatever I feel when I get up in the morning. People won't be able to say, 'oh yes she looks like this or that'. It's just natural and it's me. "But I am a sensual person. Of course the music's sexy and sensual, that's how it should be, I could wear a leather min! skirt like Ting Turner if I wanted A few years ago, Princess made her debut singing on the B-side of a punk single called 'If Pigs Could Fly' which pretty quickly bit the dust "It was a fun thing to do," she says. "A soul

voice on the top of a punk sort of beat. I really enjoyed the session. I've been singing ever since I was a little girl. In those days my audience was a couch in the front room. I used to go in there and sing along to records. My microphone stand was the record cleaner.

"I didn't join the church choir or anything like that. I just picked up on everything heard. Old Tamia material and stuff like that.

"I love Aretha Franklin, she's a goddess to me. Her voice is able to convey such emotion and conviction and her songs always tell a powerful story, happy or sad. Tina Turner's wonderful as well. She's a survivor and she'll never give up. I'm sure she's been a great inspiration to a lot of kids. Chaka Khan is great as well."

On her way to the top, Princess studied at the Royal Society of Arts in the design department and she worked at Sterling Cooper in Bond Street, London. Working there helped pay the bills between sessions with Osibisa, Mai Tai and Precious Wilson.

"I was a good salesperson and I chatted up the customers very well, but the time had to come when I had to decide whether I wanted to work in the shop all my life or break away and fulfil a few dreams.

"It's taken me a long time to get just the right deal, but the kind of start you make is very important. In this business you have to be tough. You have a gut feeling about what is going to be right for you. I haven't been walking around with my eyes closed.

"There's a whole generation of young soul acts in Britain crying out for the attention they deserve. Of course there will always be the American market with its more estab-lished performers and it's right that it should be there. But most of the fresh young talent is here. I appreciate Jaki Graham because she's really been breaking through."

RINCESS SHUNNED the blg companies to sign on the dotted line with Supreme Records, which has only been in existce for a couple of months. It was started by Daize Washbourn who used to work with the likes of Whami over at Inner Vision Records and Nick East who used to work with Divine at Proto Records. They operate in conjunction with Peter Waterman, the man who's produced singles for Dead Or Alive and Hazell Dean.

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"Supreme Records is soul with a goal," ex-plains Daize. "We want to take the best of British soul, break it in the clubs and then put



MISS HESLOP to HET MALES





It into the mainstream. This is the first time it's been done, companies like Streetwave just license material from the States."

So now you know ... and Supreme's approach is certainly working for Princess.
"I think people get a real shock when
they meet me," she says. "I think they expect
to meet a fall aristocratic sort of peson,

when in fact I'm quite short. "I think Princess was a good name to choose, because it has this air of mystery around it and you aren't going to know how my music is going to sound so it gets peo-ple guessing. Besides, we've had Prince,

King and Queen so why not Princess? "I'm sure I'm not going to be a one hit wonder. I've been careful, my manager is my brother so with Supreme it's like we have

a big family!

a big tamily!
"I certainly want to tour, not from the point
of view that people will come to ogie at
me, but because I can set up a two way
communication with those people. You
know, the best way of expressing an idea is through emotion

"I want to give people goosebumps and make their necks prickle when I sing.

"M CAPABLE of handling a lot of vocal styles. I could do opera and even rock. I'd like to do a heavy metal track. I saw a heavy metal band once and I

admired their sense of commitment about what they were doing, That's what it's all about really."

Over in the States, 'Say I'm Your Number One' also looks like becoming a biggle. The famed Kiss FM station in New York has been playing it frequently and other stations are being guick to follow.

"My Mum phoned me up from Brooklyn saying she'd heard it played five times," gliggles Princess. "It's looking really good over there which I'm very pleased about. My Mum's really great, we're like sisters really. We go out shopping together and ogle at men with long legs and small bums. I like men with small bums the best!"



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WHO IS

The Americans are making a fit of a first about tens dustine and their singer states that the fit of the fit o

THE MUCH hyped American rock invasion of these fair shores doesn't seem to have gone with quite the bang and pizazz some have led us to expect. Tourists may be flooding in, but the charts remain resolutely untouched by all the Green On Reds, Long Ryders and Rain Parades from those sunny US shores.

So, can any of them really fulfil their promise and help dispel the impression commonly held by us Brits — that all US bands are boring buggers with as much life as a sleepy snail or a serious dandruff problem?

Now what has all this to do with Lone Justice you may say? Take one look at lead singer and chief songwriter Maria McKee in full flight during one of the Los Angeles band's live displays and you'll find your answer.

Lone Justice have a second single out for your enjoyment. Sweet, Sweet Baby' follows quickly on the heels of "Ways To Be Wicked — the single that accompanied their brief visit to Britain earlier this year. It's an engaging slice of Sixtles guitar sounds that shows a far more poppy side than their live work would suggest.

Lone Justice are Ryan Hedgecock, the cofounder of the band with Maria, and one of the two guitarists. Marvin Etzioni joins them on bass with Tony Gilkyson on the other guitar and drummer Don Heffington. Don used to play in the Emmylou Harris band and provided drums for the last 80b Dylan album, so he's no newcomer to the business.

"He was kinds quiet," he says of Mr Zim-



MACIA Mc KEE?



merman. "A nice enough guy, though. We did this great thing he wrote with Sam Sheppard" (the playwright and actor). "It was 13 minutes long — I don't know what he'ill ever do with it. Probably make a movie out of it."

It's Maria though that all eyes are focused on. Her powerful voice, in the best American tradition of Dolly Parton, Brenda Lee and even touches of Janis Joplin, belts out the songs one minute, then reduces to an emotional crock the next.

On stage she plays no little-girl-lost games—although shed probably already be a big star if she'd chosen to. The professionalism of her Lone Justice partners allows her the space to bounce and twirt and fill the stage with movement. Watching her in her home town at the last date of the Tom Petty tour, you get that little knot of excitement that tells you you're witnessing someone who is going to be

Stephen Spielberg has apparently already approached her for a part in his next movie, but Maria makes it quite clear that she's not ready to be a glamorous superstar quite yet.

Pat Benutar she ain't.

"There have always been differences between men and women performers in rock," he says. Took at Janis Joplin, has was a performer who gave everything and it was probably more difficult for her you always be regarded as a "woman playing rock," of "off with the property of the performer. When a woman expresses that much intensity and a woman expresses that much intensity and references are the second property of the performer. When a woman expresses that much intensity and the performer woman performer when the perfor

like'. It shouldn't be that way.

"It's just that women are supposed to be so ladylike and refined all the time that when awoman gets up there and gives it all she's got, people don't know how to react to it," adds Ryan. "I think it's just something that catches people off guard."

ONE JUSTICE mix country music, r'n'b and Sixties' psychedelia (Maria's first band was with her brother Bryan who used to be in cult Sixties group Love). Add a little touch of gospel, and you have Heinz 57 varieties of styles.

Their sound is nothing particularly new. In 10 years time, they'll probably sound as tired and repetitive as acts like Petry and — may God strike me dead for blasphemy — the deity that is Bruce Springsteen. Today though, Lone Justice have energy and a sheer love of play-

ing that makes them stand out, not only from their counterparts in the much lauded renaissance of American rock, but from the older dineasurs too.

Their denims, heavy biker boots or Maria's summery dresses may not at comfortably amongst London's quiff and designer-undies brigade, but lone Justice are the sort of band we used to produce back in the days when bands perfected their craft on the stage of small clubs around the country rather than in recording studies.

The band began three years ago when Maria and Ryan met through mutual friends in LA's burgeoning rockabilly scene.

"We wanted to get a band together," explains Ryan, "But we didn't really know what type. We were listening to people like Patsy Kline and George Jones — loss of honky-tok stuff. We started off with an acoustic set at the Caffe de Grand in LA, where we met Mari, our bass player, who came in and started helping with the writing.

"We picked up Don through some mutual friends in the Emmylou Harris band. Emmy was taking her vacations and he was out of work, so we stole him."

THE BAND claim many influences on their work, most of which would seem to hail from the Sixties.

"Probably," agrees Maria, "although I like some new bands. I love U2 and X. And Los Lobos I think are fantastic."

"And then we go even further back — stuff from the Thirties and Forties," Ryan continues. "Whatever's honest. You know what the people making it are doing — they really mean it. I really respond to that."

One thing that does come out in Maria's writing is a strong faith in God. When she was growing up her family spent some time heavily involved in the Baptist religion. Now, her faith takes on a less regimented form.

"I don't look at it as religion," she says. "I.

think 'religion' as a term is basically a thinking man's idea. What I think of in terms of God is more concerned with spirituality than religion. I go to a church, but it's non-denominational — it's just a faith in God really. 'Religion' has a way of dividing things — I think of faith

more as a unifying thing."

Lone Justice's debut album and two singles are lively, accomplished tasters for what must surely be greater things to come.

surely be greater things to come.
"We love what we play and we love to play," says Maria,

One look at the band in front of an audience when they come back to Britain in October and you'll be caught by the Lone Justice magic too.



It's a long way to Tippa Irie. Robin Smith managed to get there and report on the southside toaster

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IMAGINE IT'S Saturday afternoon at home. You're steadily working your way through a six-pack of Norseman and the stereo's on loud, shaking the walls and making the carpet twitch. Unfortunately the neighbours just don't understand and come hammering on your door. it's happened to Tippa Irie, the South London master of reggae fast rap, many times. But instead of politely telling his neighbours to shove off, he wrote a song about them. 'Complain Neighbour' has

now given him his first chart success

Like Smiley Culture, Tippa's taking reggae out of specialist charts and broadening its appeal for mainstream appetites as well. A man with a strong sense of humour and a better sense of rhythm than my Uncle Albert after he's had a few on a Saturday night. Tippa's earlier release, 'It's Good To Have The Feeling You're The est, was a sharp dig at some of the people who've tried to rip him off occasionally

"You don't necessarily have to shout at people to get your point across," says Tippa. "I like to write songs with a sense of humour."

Tippa's tastes cover a wide field — from reggae classics like Big Youth, U Roy and Marley through to Tears For Fears.

FEALLY liked the vitality of that single 'Shout'," he says. "That bloke has a great voice and real commitment to what he's doing. Just 'cos you do reggae doesn't mean you have to be isolated. I can listen to anything and enjoy it.

"I think that reggae is starting to broaden out now anyway. It's starting to break into the main charts again. British soul music has started to do if in a big way, so in 1985 I think British reggae is going

to do it as well. You've got to move with the times. What we're doing now is a new style we've created ourselves. It's different and it's excitina Tippa's real name is Anthony Henry. He's 20 years old, born and

bred in South London and still lives round at his mum's where he beavers away on his songs. Tippa says he likes to write about everyday situations "I don't write political stuff. I don't think that kind of stuff changes

things really. I like to write songs that ordinary people can relate to.

"South London's a really creative place right now, there's got to
be at least 3,000 sound systems in the area with lots of good music. We've taken things from Jamalcan regade but now we're starting to give them back

"People used to say that reggae died with Bob Marley but that's never been true. British reggae is coming from the streets again, from

IPPA ALSO reckons that regade deserved better treatment from some radio stations

"A lot of them still think it's too specialised. I think it's time they gol it out of the box because reggae is for everybody."

As a kld, Tippa used to attend the dances his dad used to run in

the basement of their house on Saturday nights. It wasn't long before he was talking over the records and on the way to becoming a fully fledged MC.

"I'd get up, do my stuff, and I went down very well," he recalls. "I don't fhink anyone can teach you to be an MC or rap, It's something you're born with, a feeling you've got deep down. You've just gotta have this certain rhythm."

Tippa's now working on his debut album and recruiting a band for gigs. He says the album will have songs ranging from his inlmitable comments on football violence to a track about an unfortunate burglar getting attacked by a large dog

"I've got a lot to say and I hope everybody wants to listen," says

And, of course, it's good to have that feeling you're the best.





SEPTEMBER THE twenty-first... it had that air of maturity about it,
the merest hint of a coming of age... Perhaps this was when Madonna
would finally renounce all and become a nun. Or maybe when Brococce
would announce he was giving up live work to record a concept album
of electronic moord music

Or maybe it was much more than this... something that would affect
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September 21 is rapid momentum day and it's only five weeks away.

It's all too awesomely exciting a prospect to reveal all at once. Watch this space to find out more about why this rather magical date is going to be really monstrous...



Maxi Priest makes his bid for crossover bucks on the back of something called 'New Vogue Reggae'. Andy Strickland listens, learns and takes it to the Maxi



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DUNG BRITISH reggae stars are as thin on the ground today as they've ever been, largely due to the continuing cold shoulder that the genre receives from the national airwaves (Janice and Pedry excepted) and the massic bir ig general. To break through into the limelight you need stamins, talent, a thick skin and a sense of humour — all the things that Maxi Priest has in abundance.

His new single "Dancin" Mood' seems set to establish the cheerful South Londoner as one of a select few who have managed to 'cross over' from the specialist shops of the black community, to the hearts and charts of the rest of us. He seems a pretty fit chap, so how does he rate himself as a dancer?

"I'd say I'm fair," he grins. "We have many different styles of dancing you know? We have water pump style, electric boogie style, round the world style, get flat style where everybody spreads out their arms like a plane and then gets down flat to the floor."

There follows a graphic demonstration of the 'get flat' style which is barely possible in the cramped office in which we sit. Maxi Priest's singles have all been well picked to appeal to the pop consumers, so does Maxi see his records as a bit lightweight in the tradition of regage kyricists, I ask.

"That's just the way the records have come out," he assures me. "All the lyrics and songs have gone that way can of the vibre I had at the vibre. I am who I am and I act and write the way I do because I do! that's see the reason why I should wait round with my head down to the ground and acting like Tm half

"My own feeling is that I just want a happy life, I don't wish anyone no harm so I don't want anyone to

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wish me any harm. Even when things are going bad for me, it's no use going down with the bad. You've got to keep it up in come other way."

AXI'S OPTIMISTIC view of life as a young black man in Britain is reflected in his self appointed musical tag "New Yogue Reggae". Explain yourself.

"It's almost explaining myself really. I'm a new vegue, it's not a depressing thing, it's not a downheat, it's not a sad thing, it's an upful happy beat and I always use this term the race is not for the swift but for those who wish to endure it' which is another way of saying what's the point of being said and down and using your brain to feel sad. Just try to be happy, don't wish anyone any harm.

By now you may have got the impression, as I did at first, that Maxi Priest is some kind of benevolent grinning soul unaffected

by the society he lives in. Not so.

"Tve had my fair share of hassle," he says, "I was born in England, I went to school in England, I've had my share of racism if that's what you want to call it. As a black youngster you get harassment, I still get it today from the police but if I studied that every day of my life. I'd probably want to go out and kill somebody or something."

Maxi learnt his art on the sound systems, gigantic PA's brought in to use at parties. These are the breeding ground of

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AXI PRIEST cites Dennis Brown as his main influence followed by Bob Marley, Marcia Griffiths and then the more unlikely Paul McCartney and Sting.
"Oh yeah, I love Paul McCartney's style and lyrics, but Dennis

will always be at the top of my list."

Not that singing is the only thing that takes up Maxi's busy life

at present.

"Twe got my own record shop opening in Lewisham which takes up quite a bit of my time," he reveals, "Also there's football, badminton, sports in general. I used to play for Carrib football team but I support Man United. They were a bit disappointing last season, I think the manager makes some bad

"Paul Elliot of Charlton is my cousin and I was a very keen footbalker at school. I played a lot of Sunday football when I left school and I'd still be playing now if it wasn't for the music."

school and I'd still be playing now if it wasn't for the music. There you have it. Maxi Priest — a man of many parts and talents. As he himself is fond of saying "These are the things, these are the things!" these are the things, these are







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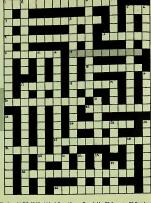
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33). MAA 100 of 2° d not a format immore them for the Clause Miller Story. The control of the Clause Miller Story. The Clause Miller Miller Story. The Clause Miller Mille somewhat incongruous in such company despite the rap element of it their last hit — René & Angela are at their last hit — René & Angela are at the USA as the Vam-A-Ton Street Feat", . Atlantic, as mentioned last week, jucked up in the States from its Simpson Connection's recent Treat the Simpson Connection's recent Treat the Sweeter" — but somehow the Sweeter — but somehow the King is already been a minor UK hit when it's already been a minor UK hit.

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ATLANTIC STARR 'One Love (Remix)' (A&M AMY 273) Not quite another 'Silver Shadow' although their LP's next hottest cut, this jolting (0-)108%bpm jiggly tripper has been remixed already and builds nagging tension, with almost inevitably their old classic 79bpm Touch

A Four Leaf Clover's at flip. on 10 Records, as WEA disco plagger Fred Down has been sent to several bases of 10 primars to service several bases of 10 primars from Westerness matching PAL by Sontieue, Dentel the bid can be service s (amous nersely, owng press-ups in a white suit!), while Canning Town Bentleys lock Derek Bolland scratched "i synched a solid groove whenever he got the chance (he mixes Harlegiun Four's through Aleem "Get Loose")... Oliver Cheathem tells me Wood & Keith Richards were with im at the time, his live year contract with MECA is for four aboums and a fifth Best O's est, hall be recording seen to be seen to be seen to be seen Shirley Brown will be joining him on tour (the latter is interviewed on Teas this Saturday), and the tour should be here late Octavity Nov — oh, and reas had his album for a UK exclusive even a head of Robbie Vincent (how

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MARIA VIDAL 'Body Rock' (EMI America 12EA 189) Reissue of last year's Jeilybean mixed Cara/Ciccone/Branigan-lah striding 119/shpm chugger, now a Continential hit and hupe in gay pubs here as a bootleg remix; TIME BANDITS 'Endless Road' (CBS TX 6233) Deceptively quiet and slow biASTAT Senties Road (IGS TK 6221) Occapionly quid and flow seeming purity packed (73 beha salining popularly to be seeming purity packed (73 beha salining popularly to be seeming purity packed (73 beha salining packed (74 beha pale), CHITTE S THE BOOM SIOX SHEAK SLEEN SHOWN BANK SHOWN

JAKI GRAHAM "Heaven Knows" (EMI 12.JAKI 5) Out next Monday, her soulfully wrought slow swying rhythmically healtant 30-0pm much admired oldle has been spaciously remixed by Derek Bramble so all the instruments are precisely placed amidst the overall each which follows the following specific possibly should be tightened

THE SYSTEM The Pleasure Seekers' (Boiling Point POSPX 753) Mic & Dave's rumbling, rattling and thudding 112/4bpm angry jerky judderer is big for some although may be too complex for others, rhythmically like a rockier Jermaine 'Come To Me' (dub flip).

**MARK IV Flain Days' (US World Trade Records Inc WT-1001) Finally may repeat the WT-1001) Finally move cooling of the WT-1001) Finally move cooling of lesswhere, this Patrick Adams-prod/penned acappella introod the world by bounding 118 pen shipper is cheerfully bounding 118 pen shipper is not to be missed if you skeet Touch Of Class or Bridge, one of the brightest goodles of recent months with probaby wide appeal class (fig.).

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ANTHONY WATSON 'Solid Love Affair' (US SRO 'SRO-231-7) Now also on UP, this recent US soul hit 7in is another that Steve Collins turned me on to, an agonised 0-695-655/bpm deep soul allowle hauntingly walled in fantastic strangulated falsested and interrupted by a mush-mouthed short "turve" rap. Phew!

BOBBY WOMACK '1 Wish He Didn't Trust Me So Much' (MCA MCA-994) First Tin from his imminent 'So Many Rivers' LP is a great gritty smooth 88'y-88'sbpm soul swayer about a man in torment over his best friend's wife, with a deeper smooch fip.

SHIRLEY BROWN 'Boyfriend' (Fourth & Broadway 128RW 31) Shirley's superb romantic 45/90-93bpm southern swayer sounds like she's secenading the guy Donise LaSalle wants to 'Come To Bed', while till gis a remix of the whooping Arethasish 113-114/kbpm 'Looking For The Real Thing'.

CARL CARL TON "Private Property" (US Casablanca Bao 349-1) Lille (US Casablanca Bao 349-1) Lil

CHARLIE SINGLETON 'Make Your Move On Me Baby' (US Ariste ADI-9387) Cameo's recently departed multi-instrumentalist prodypenned his own solo similar if less dense jiggly 116½/bpm struter (with two edits as flip), bubbling under our chart.

DAZZ BAND 'Hot Spot' (Motown DAZZ BAND 'Hot spot (Motown ZT 40308) Disappointingly corny un-cool 0-119 /shpm busy thudder with electro stutters and noisy guitar creating spurious excitement (older (0-)773/abpm "I've Been Waiting" flip).

BILLY OCEAN 'Mystery Lady' (Jiva JIVET 98) Always his album's most soulful track, this trickly surging 0-54½-109/shpm swayer has also been lightened up almost unrecognisably into an 109/shpm Club Mix flip, but may lack the pop appeal of the oddly included 'Suddenly'.

CHAKA KHAN 'Through The Fire' (Warner Bros W9025T) Mushy though popular 0-65bpm Moffs slowie flipped more vigorously by her Ashford & Simpson-penned classic rousing 1149-115bpm 'Tim Every Woman' (and the dire 'La Flamme').

MARY JANE GIRLS 'Wild And Crazy Love' (Gordy ZT 40272) Typical Rick James-produced rumbling urgent 118½bpm driver, flipped (inst too) by the team's unsurpassed 98bpm 'All Night Long'.

ANDRÉ CYMONE 'The Dance Electric' (US Columbia 44-05249) Prince actually joins his old home town rival to prod'pen a typical muttering monotonous jittery 112/4bpm groove with terrific tugging undertow, possibly best for white sensibilities here although very exciting.

THE FAMILY 'The Screams Of Passion' (US Paisley Park 0-20360) Passion (US Paisley Park 2-0369) Obviously yet more pseudonymous Prince product by some young sidekicks, in his more soulful style, this doodling baroque strings started chunkly rolling 0-104/3bpm het up duet is an intensifying grower (good shariling percussion and brass 11495bpm instrumental Yes' flip).

HIT NUMBERS: Beats Per Minute for last week's Top 75 entries on 7in (flef for fadecold/resonant ends): Dio 57-118-120-1211, Gary Numan 1079c, Baltimora 1101, Propaganda (0-1107%r, Bryan ("Bruce") Adams 1381/f, Spear Of Destiny 107-106r, Elvis Presley 43-44/ 88-91-0-911.

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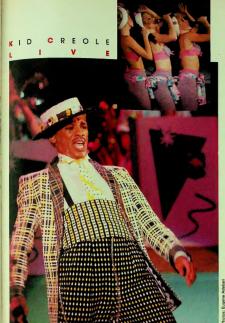
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HAMMERSMITH ODEON, London I RECKON the Kid and his crew would prefer to be at home in front of the telly, rather than trunding across a stage night after night for the next few months. They look old and tired, wearing fixed glassy smiles and sweating as much as a herd of porkers on their way to the bacon factory.

Four years ago, Kid Creole And The Coconuts brought a shower of glamour to the post punk world — but now the entire act is like a party that's gone on too long and most of the guests want to go home.

You can't fault most of the stage effects and charcography, but three comes a time when spontaneity and excitement gets examped by routine, and this happened at Hammersmith. They all played in a solid and all the enthusiasm of people queueing for a did not the stage of the stag

such moments were few.

I get the impression that the Coconuts and
the band aren't happy. Whether August Darnell rules them with a rod of iron or not I don't know, but he exchanged some pretty nasty glances with the bass player during two

For the first half of the show it was a struggle to break through and I'm sure the Kid knew it was a struggle as well, judging by the worried expression on his face. The songs just idin't burst into life, not even such Creole classics as 'Stool Pigeon', Damn it, not even Endicott' could make my trouser leg tremble.

The Creole Cadillac is in need of an oil change and a rub down immediately, before it swerves off the road.

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These people are New Model Army. They are gritty, honest and provocative. And they don't like interviews. Lesley O'Toole says 'umm . . . '



IN THERE'S ONLY one thing in the world worse than interviews, and that's photographs," complains New Model Army's Stade The Leveller.

Interviewer and photographer contem-plate a brisk about-tum, but cups of tea are hastily organised and ... well, the cosy offices at EMI's HQ were a more inviting

prospect than the downpour outside. prospect man the downpour outside.

New Model Army have followed up their raucous rebel-rousing hit single 'No Rest' with a well-received album and, most recently, an acoustic EP entitled 'Better Than Them' with three additional tracks - "No Sense', 'Adrenalin' and 'Trust'.

Since last appearing in these hallowed pages, New Model Army have acquired a new bassist in 17-year-old Jason 'Moose' Harris. A few months back, in the middle of a UK tour, original member Stuart Morrow walked out. Jason joins vocalist, Slade The Leveller (alias Justin) and Robb Heaton on daims

Justin: "We just sat down and thought 'Oh

God, what do we do now?"

There was never any question of disband-

ing though Robb: "T "The spirit is more important than the individual and any fan of the band would say the same."

Jason had been a regular punter at the gigs when the ranks divided. His brother blagged his sibling an audition and the rest, as they say, is history. Jason, who has been plucking the strings for a mere 18 months, had no previous band experience. The first time he stepped onto a stage was in front of 15,000 people (quipt) at a festival in Norway

Introducing the Boris Becker of bass

playing... Justin: "Moose, at 17, is already a better bass player than Stuart ever was — and Stuart was exceptional.

UT BACK to the music. The new songs are something of a departure from preceding releases - slower, less abrasive and altogether more melodic.

Justin: "No Rest" was the equivalent of a

disco smash. It was like an alternative dance record — really fast, much faster than most people play these days. The lyrics were quite interesting if you wanted to listen to them, but they weren't obtrusive in the sense that there wasn't a particular axe to grind in the song. It was just about guilt in general.

"On the new single, 'Adrenalin' is by far the best thing. This record is very uncommercial, though. Our audiences expect a fast dance record with lots of bass and there's none at all on this because we were in between bass players when we recorded it.

Robb: "The last single was more accessi-ble being a rock format. This just isn't in the

commercial vein of bass, drums, guitar and poppy vocals."

Justin: "A good example of how commercial it isn't is the fact that Radio One won't play it, but that doesn't matter. We're very play it, but that doesn't matter. proud of the whole thing. It's not only different from what we normally do but, on its



own terms, it's a very good record."

New Model Army — unlike those they sit uncomfortably beside in the charts — don't dish out lyrics that pale into insignificance. Their message is grifty, honest and provocative but not unduly opinionated.

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All very well, but do people actually listen to lyrics these days?

Justin: "Sometimes yes, sometimes no. With some stuff, you really don't want to listen to the lytics, and 'No Rest' was perfect for that

Robb: "Consider various bands I don't

ENTION THEM, mention them!
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and three lines to the whole song
and, because you can't tell what he's singing, he gets away with it. Whereas, if Justin
only sang three lines, you'd notice it be-

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way as Italik.

I can't play the guitar so I write lyrics instead. It's a giff the got, I really do believe that oithough the charts are a pile of cap, without an intelligent lyric in sight, that's no reason for me to stop writing.

Politicism certainly Isn't a topic familiar to top 40 connoisseurs, but New Model Army are certainly fervent Brits. 'My Country' might have been the obvious choice for a follow-up single.

Justin: "Patriotism is a natural reeling, You love your county, not because you think its better than anywhere else but because its home, your roots and your culture. Just because you're proud of your county though, that doesn't mean you want to fight everyone else. You just want to fight to make your country decent to live in.

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"I find it absolutely inconcelvable that lassies are too frightened to walk down their street. The trouble is, if you live somewhere like London, you know that if yourice in kouble, people will cross over the road and ignore you."

On a practical level, how are you fighting

for your country?

Justin: "Well, you're obviously fighting for your country by voting Thatcher out for a start and supporting worthwhile pockets of resistance like the miners and CND.

The pop world — which we and you are part of — is probably the wost offender the lot. Things like "Top Of the Pops give you the idea that there's this great party, to which everyone's invited because it's a free country, but if just doesn't exist."

PEAKING OF Top Of The Pops, all credit to New Model Army for being among the minority who play live on the prog-

ramme.

Robb: "Why can't all bands do it? It doesn't take any longer. By the lime the Eurythmics had set up, posed around and got their make-up on, we'd soundchecked and were ready to go.

"New Order can't play live, but I've got

"New Order can't play live, but I've got much greater respect for them playing live on Top Of The Pops' than I have for the Cult miming. Even though I hate New Order, as well." Ooh the bitchest.

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The intensely hip Damon Rochefort (above, DJ-ing with dignity) completes his essential guide to soul snobbery. Hippodrome photos: Garfield Darlington

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MATURALLY, YOU have been following this modest series with avid and unbridded interest, and by now you should have sufficient knowledge to be able to impress your friends with details of Jean Carrier releases that haven't been and extensive knowledge releases that haven't been and extensive knowledge releases that haven't been and extensive knowledge in the opposition of the property of the prop

later...

OK, on the Sabbath, I personally have a great soft spot for a club called Bentleys which really is the biz on a Sunday evening, Courtey of a wonderful young gent called Derek Boland (wasn't he in the "Likely Lads"), Canning Town gets down to the Junkets sounds around.

Mondays are miserable of course, but I manage to shake myself out of my regular bouts of depression by crawling down to Buzby's on Charing Cross Road, where The Jungle, complete with wonderfully tacky plastle pharaons and wildly urrealistic jungle decor, takes place.

Coiln Faver of the Carnden Palace plays extremely danceable funk to a growd of very enthusastic dancers,



which consists mainly of camp young men and horifically alternative ladies. All drinks and horning at a quid, though emphasis seems to be on dance rather than drink Tuesdays are dead boring as a rule, so I

usually stay in and talk to my indoor plants. but in the last couple of weeks I've been going to Buzby's again, this time sub-titled wicked Pulse (dreadful name, what?) Vatous DJs of wildly varying talent do their thang to a crowd of rather self-conscious rendles

tuesdays however are now called quazar. The music policy is upfront funk. and as I write, Loose Ends, Direct Drive and Rarbara Pennington have all PAed there. An excellent evening's entertainment, though only people who fall under the broad adequate of 'men' will be permitted enti-

wednesdays are rather less scintillating but fun is to be found at Guillivers, Down St. with the wonderful Graham Gold and his King J Root Party. Lots of PAs and loads of finky people make for a hot, hip and heavy right on the town though the dress code is rather stiff and the drinks a mite expensive No riff raff, thank you very much.

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Thursdays are great fun in the shape of Radio London's Soul Night Outs, which wander all over London. Renowned for its star quests, electric atmosphere and general fun level, the music is delivered by the rotund Steve Walsh whose ability to wind up an audience is unparalleled.

Fridays are most enloyably spent down at the Royal Oak in Tooley Street, an underground club of some repute on the soul scene. DJs include Nicky Nolloway, Ralph Tee and L Dorado and the music policy is split between hip funk downstairs and exotic salsa up.

Saturdays are notoriously horrid in the West End and so I usually venture all the way down to Dartford on Saturday to funk myself silly down at Flicks. The magnificent Colin Hudd with sidekick John Rush provide a truly retreshing mix of funk old and new making it well worth the trek.

As for the rest of the country, check out Rock City in Nottingham (run by Jonathon). Walker's in Newcastle Upon Tyne, Lloyds in Cardiff, and Bananas in Blackpool, which are all regional clubs with more soul than yer average Romeo And Juliets, and well worth checking if you're in the respective

н N A As far as the West End is concerned, the top three in the naff stakes are Stringfellows, Xenon and the magnificently terrible Hippodrome. At the first, one is treated to nothing more than endless rows of large breasted page three girls chatting up either a) Brian Tilsley or b) George Best surrounded by hundreds of mindless shopgiris all danc-Ing to 'Axel F'.

At Xenon, the class of celebrity is a little lower (scott, scott) and the shoppin a little higher (le Bertie assistants as opposed to BHS cashiers) and the music isn't quite so bad, but there is still a large preponderance of macho men who try and chat up girls by buying them ludicrously overpriced cocklails which are eventually vomited over said macho man by said girl having liggled



A MODERATELY hip young soulperson a-clubbing



ground rather too energetically to 'Axel F' again. Pathetic Isn't it?

The Hippodrome (lorded over by Peter 'Grecian 2000' Stringfellow) is awful. More shopgirls and more macho men mixed with a sprinkling of fat German businessmen and ugly Arabs who cram themselves painfully onto the garish dancefloor, and rub against each other to the beat of 'Axel F' once

Obviously, one doesn't want to be seen dead in these places, so one might say to one's companions 'Let's try the Wag' as you heard about it on 'The Tube'. Please don't Based on the principle that the smaller and dirtier the place is and the more scratches a record has the better, it is full of tired, boring pseudo trendies who have long outlived their youth and freshness. The place used to be fun. Now it's become something of a self-parody. Don't even think about going to the Waa

I could bitch on and on, but it's just not my nature dears, so I shall finish there in the hope that you are now ready to face the world armed with information-a-plenty so that you can impress the world with your remarkable in-depth knowledge of the soul scene.





HIP: STEVE Walsh, of Radio London's Soul Night Out





USA

roger morton swops hotel rooms with katrina and the waves . . .







F YOU'RE wondering why you haven't seen much of Katrina And The Waves since their instant classic — that mock Motown single Walking On Sunshine beamed all over the charts a few weeks back — then here's why.

back — then here's why. Surfing on the American success of the Sundine's single, the Worse hore spent three months hawking their bright, light, Sastes quite pop sentialistic oround and other particular pop sentialistic around and other particular to the sential sent of the sent of the to the sent of the sent of the to the sent of the sent of the Katrino and ex-Sett Boys qualitatis Kimberley Rev possed in New York to add some more chapters to 'Life On the American Road Yolume XOVI. Kottina soys: I be a got this fold American coccest, I howerst level here for 15 years. I yee bein level in particular to the sent sent sent level in particular to the sent sent the sent sent sent the sent sent sent the sent sent sent the sent sent the sent sent the sent sent the the sent the se

living in England for 10 years, so that's what I

"I can appreciate a pint of Norwich bitter, and fish and chips, and the TV shutting down at 11 o'clock at night. Everything's such a different pace over here. At home I live way out in the sticks - a little place in Norfolk where it's just cows, pigs, sheep and chickens."

Graduating from their initial club tour, to playing 5,000 seaters with Don Henley, the Cambridge based band have seen their 'Katrina And The Waves' album of sensual, neo-Pretender rock and roll settle comfortably into the mid 20s of the US album chart. They have also seen a whole Springsteen's worth of hotel rooms

"We've seen America from the inside of buses out," says Katrina. "You don't see the people. It's just inside of aeroplanes, inside of buses, inside of offices, inside hotel rooms, soundchecks, shows—

that's how it goes "But I don't get bored. You see my family were with the US air force. I'm an air force brat, and so they moved every couple of years. I'm used to new places all the time

"Also, when I was very young I was a big fan of the Partridge Family and David Cassidy, and I used to think it would be great to be on tour like them So it's like a dream come true, which sounds really corny, but it's the truth."

Having overcome a few voice problems from the early shows, resulting from Katrina's nerves and a tendency to over-sing, the tour has so far been almost trouble free.

"We've had buses break down on us left and right, and the air conditioning conked out in Oklahoma City when it was 105 degrees, but

those are just everyday happenings.

There were a couple of gigs early on where we weren't sure what the enthuissam was going to be, and we made the mistake of inviting just a few selected people up on stage, and ended up with the whole audience up there. But that's a lot better than struggling with a bunch of deadheads.

"It's nothing that Katrina And The Waves can't handle — we're tough."

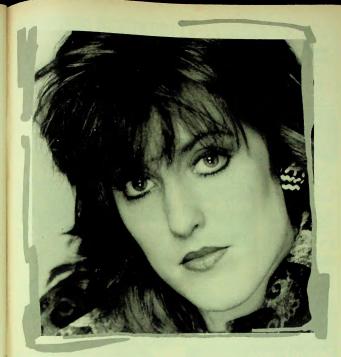
LTHOUGH HE confesses to missing Cambridge and the occasional game of snooker, tough-boy Kimberley Rew appears to have slotted into the American landscape

to have sloted into the American landscope without much difficulty.

"I dan't really think of this as a foreign country," as soys Kimberley. Rescuse half the group is American. When you get over here and you start playing clubs, you do had that there's an amazing number of people who are just willing to go out for a good evening of basic rock "in" all. Over here it's just like part of life, and in England it's just not like that." not like that,"

As the Waves' main songwriter, and the man responsible for the skirls of retrospective, canine guitar which litter the band's songs, Kimberley seems to hold the key to their timeless style. There's old wave, there's new wave and there's Kimberley Rew wave

"I never really listen to the radio, even when I'm at home, except occasionally to John Peel. I tend



to maybe listen to an old Motown tape or something. I'm not very good at keeping up with the times

The limes,

"In England people are very inventive. They invent new styles continually, even if it's really just rewing old styles. Then everbody does that for a few years, We don't really fit in with that. We're the host. just basic American-type rock and rollers — which

explains why we've got an audience over here.
We had this success starting in May with the single, and then immediately we were over here so we're a bit untried with British audiences. We'll have to see what we can do."

HECTIC week in Japan took the band out of America to experience the highly un-English fervour of Tokyo audiences. They're very enthusiastic people. They really go for it. It's a bit like the Top Of The Pops' studio

audience. They jump up and down with big smiles on their faces, clap in time to the music, and hang around outside TV studios."

Although Katrina And The Waves have yet to test themselves in front of British audiences — an leaf themselves in front of British audiences—on mission which they hope to rectify on their return from in September—there's one aspect of their popularity which is quite firmly under one—the groupies. Who rules the Waves, Kotinos? It is been kind of funny. We get a lot of young this who come to the front of the stope, but they gits who come to the front of the stope, but they

girls who come to the froat of the stoge, but they all seem to be working me and my tennis whey so the guys have been getting very upset that they oren't getting any ottenhoin from the groupies. "It's probably because I keep a big cricker but in the dressing room to ward them off. It's so much more difficitive than a baseball ball"

Beat on the brat with a cricket bat? Another giant leap for cross-cultural exchange.



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HE POINTER Sisters have become only the third all-girl group to accumulate as many as 10 hit singles. They hit the mark with their current hit single 'Dare Me', from the

outstanding album 'Contact'. Girl singers with mixed groups like Abba and Blondie find ready acceptance with record buyers, but groups comprising solely of women have a much harder time, women have a much harder tin as this table, showing the exclusively female groups with more than four hits, shows: NUMBER GROUP (DATE OF

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(1975-1977) For the record, some 15 allmale groups and one mixed (Abba) have had more hits than the Supremes. Also, Diana Ross fronted the Supremes on all but six of their hits, and has also more solo hits than any other woman - a notable double

Returning briefly to the Pointer Sisters, it seems safe to assume that, though many hitmakers have a priest for a father, Ruth, June and Anita are unique in that BOTH their parents were members of the clergy. Their father was the late Rev Elton Pointer, and their mother, the Rev Sarah Pointer, is still a minister in the West Angeles Church of God ...

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RAZY FOR her: Madonna's star shines ever more



 AMAZULU'S HIT career has finally started with 'Excitable' after three unsuccessful singles. The septet, formed in London in 1982, is a self-contained example of the growing internationalism of the chart. Margo is South African, Claire is from Brazil. Sharon hails from the South American state of Belize, and Lesley's a Liverpudlian.

Drummer Nardo, the only man in the group, is from the island of St Lucia. Ladies and gentlemen, Amazulu — a veritable United Nations of pop.

became the first woman to place three records simultaneously in the top 15 for 30 years. And 'Holiday' became the fifth a Madonna single to be certified

silver this year, following 'Like A Virgin', 'Material Girl', 'Crazy For You' and 'Into The Groove', though it has to be remembered that it sold 170,000 copies when first released last year. Even so, Madonna has sold

more singles this year than any other act. If she maintains her lead, she'll be the first woman to become the best-selling artist of any year since charts began in

In New Zealand, her 'Like A Virgin' album has just reached number one after 29 weeks in the

Here, the album is being repressed to include 'Into The Groove', a shrewd move which will undoubtedly turn it into a serious challenger for the top spot here too.

Meanwhile, Tina Turner, who had a backstage scrap with Madonna at Live Aid, has been saying that Madonna could duplicate her own long term success — maybe, "All she lacks is talent," purred Tina, Saucer of

milk for Miss Turner, please. Texan weirdos Gadfly have recorded a new version of 'Like A Virgin' (sample lyrics: "Like a virgin? Thanks, don't mind if I

do.") which has been issued as a shaped picture disc. The picture appears to be an out-take from Madonna's sessions with photographers Friedlander and Schreiber which appear in the current issues of Penthouse and Playboy. The record is cut to shape, with a very delicately

Desperately Seeking Susan', the film which made Madonna, and vice versa, has thus far earned \$22,000,000 in US box office receipts; a handsome return for a film costing just \$4,000,000

to shoot. However, the makers of A Certain Sacrifice, the steamy movie Madonna made in 1979 expect an even higher return on investment when the previously unissued movie comes out on video in a few weeks. Shot on 8mm film, it cost just \$20,000 to make, and is expected to sell 50,000-75,000 copies at \$50 a niece Madonna's fee: \$100, and a free lunch

If you bought 'Crazy For You' you'll already know that the record's flip is another track from Vision Quest' by BOF Sammy Hagar. What you may not know is that Madonna cut two songs for the film. The other, the self-penned 'The Gambler', is available only on the soundtrack album, and Geffen have no plans to release it as a single.

However, 'Angel' has been confirmed as the next single off the 'Like A Virgin' album. Expect it to be released in about six weeks.

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