



By Sparks on Virgin Records

Chorus
It's number one all over heaven
It's number one all over heaven
It's number one all over heaven
The number one song all over heaven

If you should die before you awake If you should die while crossing the

street
The song that you'll hear I guarantee

Repeat chorus

The one that's the rage up here in the clouds

Loud as a crowd or soft as a doubt Lyrically weak but the music's the thing

Gabriel plays it God how he plays it Gabriel plays it God how he plays it Gabriel plays it God how he plays it Gabriel plays it Let's hear him play it

Repeat chorus

The song filters down down through the clouds It reaches the earth and winds all eround

It reaches the earth and winds all eround And then it breaks up in millions of ways

it goes la etc

Ooh in cars it becomes a hit And in your home it becomes advertisements And in the streets it becomes children singing Ooh la le la la la la la Repeat to fade

Words and music by Ron

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From Mrs. Simms shed to Top Of The Pops, The Undertones story is a tale of our times. Billy Hunt charts the progress of . .

VER SINCE that dim and distant day when I first heard "Teenage Kicks" crackling over the radio, I have loved The Undertones, Hove the fazor edge of their guiter sound, their speed, their simplicity, their knack of cranking out haunting hook lines, their economy and the way they sound like The Undertones and nobody else. If they can make somebody

like me, who is (sigh) no longer a teenager, feel like I just got out of school for the summer, then only The Guardian Angel of rock and roll knows what they must be doing to the palpitating heart of anyone who actually is sweet But, more than all this, what I

really love about The Undertones is Feargal Sharkey's Parke. That's what I call style:

FEARGAL and Damien O'Neill (known as Dee) are up bright and early (9.15 a.m. to be precise). sitting in the plush headquarters. of their record company and



Feargal Sharkey



John O'Neill

doing their best to communicate I personally find any Northern ireland occent a little difficult to keep track of but Londonderry seems to produce a doubly impenetrable style!

Still, we hard-freaded scribblers go straight to the heart of the matter to get the answers. to the questions all Undertones lans are asking. What about the

Feargal grins. If you go to Derry, particularly in the winter nearly everybody you'll see will be wearing a Parka, it's a good coat, keeps you warm, keeps the rain out. (Ne commercials — Ed.) Simple. The reason that none of us dress up is that we ought to make it on our music."

es points out that the picture on the sleeve of their album was shot in black and white in a particular park in Derry on their



Damian O'Neill

insistence. "All we wanted to say was that we were five ordinary blokes who just

happened to form a band."

The Undertones story starts with John. Vincent and Damian the brothers O'Neill (Families seem to be the current in thing!) John and Vincent got together with school friends Billy Doherty and Michael Bradley back in 1975 and paid out a pound each week to a mail order firm to buy guitars, mikes and drums.

Young Damian then replaced brother Vincent, and a class mate of Billy's, name of Feargal Sharkey, was drafted in as singer. That was the shrewdest and most telling move. Feargal Sharkey has, in my humble opinion, the best and most distinctive voice to come out of the New Wave. The only possible competitor is Johnny Rotten and he doesn't sing good toons anymore

It was, as Dee recalls, "Just a laugh, just something to do. We learnt all the songs from 'Get Your Ya-Yas Out', the Stones' live album. We liked R&R because it was easy to play."

A kind lady by the name of Mrs

Simms provided them with a shed behind her house which they soundproofed, and there they spent most of their time rehearsing, venturing out only to play the odd school dance neighbourhood party.

By the end of 1976, they had enough songs worked up to lonk for proper gigs in Derry. The only place that would take them on. was a club called The Casbah. Although they insist that The Troubles never really affected their early days, Dee casually informs me that The Casbah has been housed in a Portakablo since the original premises were reduced to "a big hole" by a bomb.

"Everybody may have got callous about it," he says, "but life goes on Life has to go on. In fact, y'know, The Troubles probably helped us because everybody came to see us because there was nothing else going on. Four or five years ago there was nothing at all Derry's got one of the highest juvenile alcoholism rates in Europe because the pubs are the only places where anything happens."



During the subsequent few menths the band broke up and reformed several times because they couldn't get work anywhere other than The Casbah, as all the other venues in the city catered either for heavy metal or showhende

Their first real break came when they were invited to record for Good Vibrations, a small independent label in Relfast in a matter of eight hours they laid down and mixed three tracks for release as "The Undertones EP" The A-side, "Teenage Kicks", is a record that I still haven't

recovered from. While rock and roll intellectuals back in London were theorising about Pure Pop For Now People. The Undertones set in a makeshift studio in bomb-scarred Belfast and just whacked out the original article a record so fierce, yearning and downright complete that it fair took your breath away. The word, for those prepared to listen, was that here was a band that didn't just make pop music. Here were five regular guys, straight off the street, who just were pop music.

The record attracted the attention of people like John Peel, and Sire Records (home of the group's heroes The Remones) stepped in and signed them very quickly.
When "Teenage Kicks" was

given a proper release, the boys from Mrs Simms' shed found themselves on Top Of The Pops (Kids, it can be done!) And although the follow up. "Get Over You", was less successful, the band had toured far and wide and were building up a strong following on the mainland. Their debut album comes

packed tight with sharp, witty and self-mocking love songs. The keyword, as they say, is Fun. 'The songs," explains Dee,

"are just about personal experiences that everybody can relate to. Like getting rejected by girls etc. We've been through all

I point out that many New Wave bands have gone out of their way to write broadly political material, something that an outfit brought up in Ulster should have more reason than most to do. Stiff Little Fingers from Belfast, for instance, seem to deal with politics to the exclusion of everything else.

Have the Undertones not felt compelled to write about the conflicts surrounding them?

"Why should we sing about them?" they argue. "Who wants to know about them? I know we can't get away from them but it seems very contrived to sing about them. All that waste of

YOU MIGHT think that a band, given the choice of getting out of Derry, would leap at the chance to come to London but they all



parents and commute back and

forth whenever the need arises. "If we moved to London we'd just get caught up in the music business thing. It's like deserting your home town, deserting your own country. There's nothing tike ireland. It's more friendly than any other country. And we don't really know anybody over here apart from the people we work with. If we spend a night in

London we don't know what to I can't see The Undertones ever getting "caught up" in the music business. You can't really see Feargal Sharkey in his Parke. brown boots and baggy jeans swapping gossip with Kate Bush

and Tony Blackburn in some expensive night club. Not someone who's got the sense of humour to sing a song called "I Wanna Be A Male Model" Like I said, loving The Undertones is easy.



Life Begins At The Hop

By XTC on Virgin Records

I have learnt there's a magical spot at the hop ooh ooh cohe Come with me to the church on the corner the hop ooh ooh There's nuts and there's crisps and there's c-c-c-cole on tap ooh ooh ooh

Chorus

Tell me what do you say Tell me what do you say

Tell me what do you say Well I'll tell you, life begins at the hop Boys and girls

Prepare yourself for the boys in the band at the hop och och of The cheap guitars, they're too young for the bars at the hop och och och.

We'll jive around, make fools of ourselves then stop ooh ooh

Repeat chorus twice

Now I have learnt there's a magical spot at the hop ooh ooh come with me to the church on the corner the hop ooh ooh ooh ooh so not so

A good time had by those boys and those girls at the hop

Repeat chorus to fade

Shine A Little Love

By Electric Light Orchestra on Jet Records

Although the things you've done I wouldn't criticise I guess you had your way You see I've gotte make you understand I know it sounds a foolish thing to say, But it don't matter beby 'cos today's another dey

Chorus
You shine a little love on my life
You shine a little love on my life
You shine a little love on my life
And let me see

Remember, tonight we're gonna run till dawn Remember, tonight we're gonna say We'll never stop, we got a good thing goin' on I know you've heard it all before, But I really need you darlin' every day I need you more.

Repeat chorus

Can you understand? Yes I understand Can you feel it's right? I know it is Will you be the same? I'll do it all again.

It's been a year now and it's getting so much better You came home without a word Though everybody said you'll soon forget her They couldn't see and they just didn't understand, And looking in the mirror they were fools at either hand

Renest chorus

Can you understand? Yes I understand Can you feel it's right? I know it is Will you be the same? I'll do it all again.

How many days had I been waiting there to tell you, I really can't believe We're walking out into the world tonight We'il do it all egain until the break of light And the feelin' in your heart will soon be shinin' in your

Repeat chorus to fade

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HANGING ON THE TELEPHONE

AS WE REPORTED a few weeks back, Blondie have at long last broken through back in their home country, "Heart Of Glass" has taken the number one snot on the American singles charts just as it has all over the rest of

It's been a long time coming but now Chris Stein, guitarist, band leader and Debbie Harry's boyfriend, can take pride in the platinum disc on his wall. Beside it is a page from a music paper showing the placing for the one week that his song stayed at the very top of the biggest chart in the world

When he came through on the line to Smash Hits from his home in New York, we asked him whether he thought "Heart Of Glass" had hit big there purely because of its disco appeal

'I'm sure that helped." Chris said, "but it was bound to be a hit because we'd made a lot of friends over the years. There was PIC: ADRIAN BOOT

initially a lot of reluctance to play our records on the radio because we were considered 'new wave'. 'In England we're considered just straight pop but over here they think we're crazy and far out. They're very conservative."
The success of "Heart Of

Glass" Stateside has meant that the band have had to postpone the recording of their fourth album but, when we spoke to Chris, he was taking a day off from studio work with producer Mike Chapman

They've already got most of the songs worked out and they're hoping to have everything tied up for release in late August/early September with a completely new single finished and ready to follow up "Sunday Girl"

The actual contents of the record are being kept close to the chest, but what they've done so far is described by Chris as "mainly fast hard rock. There is one disco number but nothing's finalised vet." It won't be called "Est The

Beat" as reported, though it will contain a track of that name. Chris is also producing another

album at the same time by a French band called Casino Music who play "disco/funk/reggae kind of things". He's also supervising the planning of his film project, a remake of a French futuristic flick, "Alphaville", to star Debbie and Robert Fripp (formerly of King Crimson). Chris doesn't plan to act in the movie. intending instead to look after the musical side of things as well as dabbling in cinematography Indeed, photography is one of his prime interests and Robert Fripp's new album, "Exposure", has a sleeve designed and photographed by Chris

Rumours have occasionally filtered through to these shores about personnel changes in the band, some of them even going as far as to suggest that Chris himself was leaving and that Debbie was to be launched as a solo act

We asked Chris to comment. The only change likely to take place in Blondie would be if we got David Bowie in to play tambourine!" he replied. A British tour is now being set

up for September to promote the album. Does the new-found American success mean that British fans are likely to see less of the band? Chris is adamant that this will in no way affect their visits to this country, which they regard as their second home.

"The more we come to Britain the more we enjoy it," he says. "Hopefully, the more success our records have, the less we will have to tour and the more time we'll have for creative projects. Touring quickly becomes very monotonous.

"Everybody in the band loves England. It's got to the stage that when we hear English accents we get homesick. Last time we were there we went to a football match. Now they got nothing like that here."



DEBBIE'S ROOTS

REVEALED MEANWHILE back in Britain, a piece of Blondie history is all set to see the light of day again. Well, perhaps not so much a piece as a fragment .

Capitol Records are re-releasing an album from 1968 mply celled "Wind In The Willows", Wind In The Willows were a seven-piece American band who recorded this one album and then faded away into obscurity - all except one of their singers, a certain Daborah Harry. Hence the sudden interest in this elderly and not very good

Don't go expecting enother Blondie album, however, because none of the rest of the group are on it, nor did Debbie write eny of the songs. In fect, she contributes very little apart from harmony vocals though she also gets credited as playing temboura, tembourine and finger cymbals". In other words, Debbie Harry's role on this elbum is a very minor one.

Consequently it won't surprise you that the music on this album beers no resemblance to Blondie's present day pop records. Psychedelic-Folk might be the best description for these

love and peace era strummings. Debbie's singing is not the only thing on this album that you may have difficulty in recognising There's the question of the ledy herself — that's her third from the right, the one with long brown hair!

While Smash Hits thinks Capitol deserve credit for not pretending this is new Blondie product and for pricing it at £2.85, we don't think that Debbie herself would be proud of this record

Really, it's only for those freaks who simply have to have every last note that Debbie Harry ever uttered on vinyl, no matter how good or bad it might be. The rest of you should listen very carefully before investing your savings in a copy. After all, at eleven years old, it may be as old as some of Smash Hits younger readers



homesick for Britain!

THIS IS THE **MODERN** WORLD!

IN CASE you hadn't noticed, there's a Mod revival going on. It's happening mainly in London and the South East, although there are small pockets of Mod activity around the rest of the country too.

The original Mods flourished in the middle 1960s. They were gangs of kids who dressed sharp - in parkas and mohair suits etc - and rode around on scooters.

The new Mods copy the style of the originals, and many of them are former punks looking for something new. They were out in force during The Jam's two-night stint at the London Rainbow. Supporting The Jam were The Chords, a Mod band from South London who have just signed up to make their first record for Jimmy Pursey's production company (it was Jimmy, of course, who helped the Angelic Upstarts into the charts).

But the band who seem to be causing most of the fuss at the moment are The Special A.K.A., sometimes known as The Specials and formerly The Coventry Specials. When they played a recent pub gig in Fulham you could hardly get in the door for record company bigwigs, all of whom are in fierce competition to sign the band up to a record deal.

Among the audience was Mick Jagger, who is said to be trying to get The Specials to ink a contract with his Rolling Stones Records. Mods at the Jam gigs



The Specials are a

seven-strong band who

specialise in Ska and Bluebeat.

two forms of Jamaican music

single, "Gangsters", out on their

own 2 Tone label which is full of

Al Capone" by Prince Buster.

more than a passing fad by

lorry load.

cranking out hit singles by the

All this and the two Who



GARY'S HEROES

"PARISIENNE Walkways", the hit single by Thin Lizzy guitarist Gary Moore, is all set to be covered by The Shadows. Gary takes this as an enormous compliment since the Shads' guitarist Hank Marvin was one of his early idols when he first started to play.

Other news from the Lizzy camp: Phil Lynott lost his bet with Sex Pistols Steve Jones and Paul Cook when the "Black Rose" album failed to make the No. 1 spot. However, Phil can console himself with a gold disc.

When Lizzy played recently in the Swedish city of Gothenburg the audience refused to leave,

even after the third encore, and did £4,000 of damage before the local riot squad were called in. And we thought the Swedes were supposed to be cooll

AS YOU may have read, singer Johnnie Wilder of American soul group Heatwave was involved in a car crash while visiting his parents in Dayton, Ohio. It turns out that he contracted serious injuries which have resulted in paralysis, and it remains to be seen whether Johnnie will recover sufficiently to rejoin the band. For the moment, Johnnie's brother Keith is handling all the lead vocals as the boys rehearse material for their new album. Get well soon!



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

THE CURRENT success of "The Number One Song In Heaven" marks a return to the charts after a long absence for The Beauty And The Beast, more commonly known as Ron and Russell Mael, even more commonly known as Sparks

In 1974 these Californian brothers hit big with a strange and nifty little single called "This Town Ain't Big Enough For Both Of Us" and an album titled

"Kimono My House". After that things petered out for them and the Maels went home to Los Angeles, It has taken a long time for them to make a comeback. The new single was made in partnership with German disco maestro Giorgio Moroder, the producer responsible for Donna Summer among others. He is the expert at getting those rippling keyboard sounds that give "Number One Song" such a lift.

Apart from enjoying their current success, the Mael brothers are also trying to launch the career of a young lady called Noel, who they discovered in California. She's got a first single out on Virgin, written by Ron and



Just to prove that under that tough exterior there's a soppy little child trying to get out, here's Captain Sensible of The Damned with a birthday present bought for him by some fans in Nottingham. The drink in front of him is, of course, milk.



DURY DOES IT HIMSEL

IAN DURY and the Blockheads. whose new album "Do It Yourself" is now in the shops, launch into a massive British tour this month

They kick off at Newcastle City Hall on June 24 and 25 and continue as follows: Leeds University (27/28), Exeter University (29/30), Southampton Gaumont (July 2), Brighton Conference Centre (3). Portsmouth Guildhall (4), Bristol Colston Hall (5/6), Birmingham Odeon (8/9), Ipswich Gaumont (13/14), Leicester De Montfort (16/17), Sheffield City Hall (19), Bridlington Royal Spa (20). Manchester Apollo (21/22), Deeside Leisure Centre (25) Aberdeen Capital (28), Edinburgh

Odeon (29/30), Glasgow Apollo (31), Oxford New Theatre (Aug 3). Hammersmith Odeon (5/6/7/9/10/11/12), Ilford Odeon (14/15). For prices and times, check at local box offices.

The album, which is reviewed on page 25, is available in ten different sleeves. Each one features a different pattern of Crown wallpaper.

To publicise the LP. Stiff Records have been making lightning decorating raids on various musicbiz places. including the Virgin record store near Marble Arch. They zoom in, cover a wall in Crown wallpaper, and zoom out again. Be warned if you hear a knock on your door and cries of Oy Oy!









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Stop Breaking

By Inner Circle on Island Records

Oh baby can't you understand Lord I just wanna be your lover man Can't you see I'm down on my knees Lord I'm begging you begging you, begging you, begging you please

Stop making love beside me 'Cause it hurts me so bad Lord It makes me feel sad Stop making love beside me 'Cause it hurts me so bad Lord It makes me feel sad

Oh stop breaking my heart You better stop breaking my heart ooch

Once you were a dream to me Now you are reality You set my body for a stroll You're asking my heart just to take the toll

Stop making love beside me Cause it hurts me so bad Lord It makes me feel sad Stop making love beside me Cause it hurts me so had Lord

Repeat chorus Stop breaking my neart Stop breaking my heart

Stop making love beside me 'Cause it hurts me so bad Lord It makes me feel sad Stop making love beside me 'Cause it hurts me so bad Lord It makes me feel sad

Repeat previous verse and charus Now I know what you're all about

Now I know what you re all about.
Girl i'm willing to sacrifice
Stop 'em breaking
Stop 'em breaking
Stop 'em breaking
My beart
Got to stop breaking my beart
Got to stop breaking my beart
Git I'm willing to forgive you
I'm willing I'm willing I'm willing
I'm willing I'm willing

To forgive you forgive you forgive you For you loving loving loving girl Just forgive you Oh stop breaking my heart You better you better You stop breaking stop breaking my heart

Parisienne Walkways

By Gary Moore on MCA Records

I remember Paris in forty nine The Champs elysee San Michele and old beaujolais wine And I recall that you were mine In those Parisienne days

Looking back at the photographs Those summer days spent outside corner cafes Ooh I could write you paragraphs About my old Parisienne days

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Is this what you might call a disco sea shanty?! (2,3,4)

Here's another blond who

has his fun (though Alana might put a stop to it!) (3,7)

Rolling Stones and Recey!

7 Who could forget this one:

"C'mon, c'mon . . . we're

29 Different songs, but both Buzzcocks and Eric Clapton

27/Label on which you'll find

30 The Mr Tchaikovsky who used to be with the Motors,

now has his own group

these on page 30

31 Paul, Rick and Bruce

collectively

Gary Moore and M 28 Rotten's real name

had hits with singles of this

You'll find more than one of

going dahn the pub!" (5,2,5) The Jacksons tell you how to disco on down! (5,4.4)

ACROSS Seems to be true what they say about blondes having more fun! (6.5)

8 Music you might find in a wallet?!! 10 The one who has the sticks

11 Darts crezy frontmen who left to go solo (3,7)

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years back ... " is a Bowie

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former Mrs Tony Blackburn (she couldn't stand his jokes first thing in the morning!) Hi Tension took the British

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a big hit for Chrissie Hynde
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Greatest Dancer (6,6) one into the charts

Who singer 23 Abba in distress? This was

an early hit "Lady Sings The -

starred Diana Ross 25 Had a recent hit with "Hold The Line'

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reply 30 See above

31 His Missus is currently suing him for divorce

Answers to Crossword No. 11

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SMASH HITS

FREW

Earth, Wind &

By Cliff White

Would you believe that this lot are out to improve your minds? Gosh, and here were we thinking that they'd come just to boogie!

ARTH, WIND & Fire? Oh yeah, they're that classy disco band with the amezing stage act, aren't they? You know, all whirling drummers and flying guiterists and exploding pyramids and things?

There are probably still a lot of people about with that sort of vegue Impression of Earth, Wind & Fire. For it's only in the lest couple of years that the group has achieved any sizeable hits in Britain, and most of those have been due to disco/soul fans.

But even though E,W&F have made several records that are great to dence to and their stage act does include vaudeville-style gimmicks, there's a lot more to the group than that.

Far from being a comparatively new sensation, the original E,W&F was formed in 1971 and the present line-up established itself as one of the top black groups in America as long ago as

Soon after that they rapidly progressed from becoming THE top black American group to being one of the most successful American acts of any kind, and have now joined the elite minority of world-wide superstars. Britain has been late in fully appreciating their telent. Perhaps the main reason

E,W&F were ignored here for so long was the big social differences between Britain and America over the last few years. While conditions in our country gave rise to punk and the new wave of young rock groups, conditions in America favoured a

different kind of music. And just as most of our new wave acts didn't mean much to America until very recently, so a lot of their sters seemed irrelevant over here.

When I telked to Maurice White, founder and leader of E,W&F, during the group's recent sold-out visit to Britain, he was well aware of the differences between our two countries.

"It was very good news to me that our concerts were going so well over here." he told me. "I had no idee that the people were even into our music. To be honest, I don't really understand why. I think it must be because most people outside of America just dence to our music, whereas back home we are a group who are known for our lyrics.

"Our American audience grew out of people who are involved with metaphysics. Increasingly more kids in America are going to college now, and most of them are trying to develop their minds, their total self. We appeal to that kind of person."

I don't mind admitting that I had to look up the word "metaphysics" after my chat with Maurice, just to be sure what he was talking about. My pocket dictionery says it means, "The branch of philosophy concerned with the nature of

basic boogle on the disco floor.

being, truth, etc." Heavy stuff, eh? About as opposite as you can get from



Maurice White plots the flight path.

The funny thing is, most of their lyrics that try to be meaningful are badly written pretentious waffle, but their simple party/dence songs are usually

pretty good. More important, the musicienship of the group is of an incredibly high stendard. The playing, the arrengements and the production — it is this side of their talent, far more than their lyrics, that makes Earth, Wind & Fire so exceptional.

ALTHOUGH everyone in the nine-piece group (plus e few regular associates) contributes a lot to their records, it is Maurice White who, apart from singing. writing, drumming and playing his famous kalimba (an

electronic version of a traditional African percussive instrument). is their producer and guiding

Maurice, pronounced Moreece, was born in Memphis, Tennessee, on December 19. 1944. According to my fingers, that makes him 341/2, although he actuelly looks about 45. (It's the beard and intellectual frown that does it!)

Like most of his contemporaries he sang a lot of gospel music when he was a nipper, before taking up the drums in a high school band that also included his friend Booker T Jones, of Booker T & The MG's fame. He also sat in with rhythm & blues bends that played around Memphis.

When he was 16 he moved to Chicago, where he studied at



locel jazz and blues clubs. The combination of academic training, plenty of playing experience at an early age and personal nerve enabled him to telk his way into a job as session drummer for Chicago's legendary Chass/Chacker record company, backing many of their most famous blues and R&B artists

It was a week's stint with revolutionary jazz saxophonist John Coltrane that, Maurice said, "changed my whole attitude to life and music." After that he left session work to drum in the Remsey Lewis Trio for four years before forming his own first

White then completely revamped the group and landed a new contract with CBS. Only his younger brother, bessist/singer Verdine, survived with Maurice from the original E.W&F.

At first the new line-up fared no better than the previous one, but after more personnel changes the group made a significant breakthrough in 1973 with their second CBS album,

"Head To The Sky".
A year later, their "Open Our Eyes" LP, which included three successive American hit singles — "Mighty Mighty", "Kalimba Story" and "Devotion" — put E.W&F up there with black American sters like Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye, since when they've never looked back.

BY THEN the group was virtually the same as today, comprising, with Maurice and Verdine, Philip Bailey (vocal, percussion), Larry



The flight of the flying guitar player.

group, The Salty Peppers, in 1969.

Although they had a couple of small regional hit singles, The Salty Peppers didn't work out the way White intended. Inspired by Coltrane to try to express positive spiritual messages through music, he finally settled on the idea of essembling a larger number of like-minded musiciens under the group name of three natural elements, Earth,

The original 10-piece E,W&F recorded three albums for Warner Brothers in 1971-72, which were reportedly aimed at the audience that was discovering a new breed of black music via Sly And The Family Stone. I've never heard these early efforts but by all accounts they were rether too jezzy for mess appeal, although the group did have two minor hit singles in America, "Love Is Life" and "I Think About Loving You".

Feeling that his concept was right but imperfectly expressed, Dunn (keyboards), Ralph Johnson (drums), Andrew Woolfolk (sex), Al McKey (guitar) and Johnny Graham (guiter). A third brother White, Fred, joined

them on drums a year or so later. All teetotal, non-smoking, health fiends with similar views on the positive power of spiritual awereness and brotherly love, they have become renowned for the immeculate precision of their musicianship, whether skin-tight funk or complex slow arrangements, and of course their increasingly flamboyant stage act.

Some of their most Impressive singles include "Shining Star" (1975), "Saturday Nite" (1976), "Jupiter" (1978) and most recently, "September", but these are only a small sample of what they've achieved on top-selling albums like "That's The Way Of The World", "Gratitude",
"Spirit" and "All 'n' All". The recently issued "Best Of E,W&F - Vol. 1" is a great cross-section of their recordings.

Boogie Wonderland

By Earth Wind & Fire with The Emotions Dance boogle wonderland huh huh Dance boogle wonderland

wance bodgle wonderland
Midnight creeps so slowly into
Hearts of men who need more than they get
Daylight deals a bad hand
To a woman who has laid too many bet
The mirror stores you in the face
And says "Baby uh dh it don't work"
You say your prayers though you don't care
You dange and shallo the hurt

Dance boogle wonderland huh huh Dance ooh ooh ooh dance boogle wonderland yeah yeah Sounds fly through the night I chase my vinyl dreams to boogle wonderland

find romance when I start to dance in boogle worderland.

I find romance when I start to dence in boogle wenderland.

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I find romance when I start to dance in boogle wonderland

Dance och och och dance och och och dance beogie wonderland

Dance ooh ooh ooh dance oof ooh ooh dance beogie
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Huh huh huh huh huh huh Huh huh huh wonderland (Both lines x3)

All the love in the world can't be gone (Love in the world can't be gone) All the need to be loved can't be wron (Need to be loved can't be wrong) All the records are playing

And my heart keeps saying boogle wonderland

wonderland
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Dance boogle wonderland fluh buh
Iffind romance when I start for dance
In boogle wonderland
Iffind romance when I start to dance
In boogle wonderland
Dance ooh ooh ooh dance boogle wonderland
Dance ooh ooh ooh dance boogle wonderland

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Besides their own recording career, members of the group have played on lots of other people's hits, and Maurice White's own Kalimba producton company has also made stars of Deniece Williams, The Emotions and The Pockets.

Recently White has formed his own ARC record label and has founded a musician's workshop in Los Angeles, which will doubtless be the breeding ground of meny a future star. Despite the awkward way they often express their philosophy in song, there's no misteking their other, more down to earth, talents and the success they

have brought them. Their latest single, "Boogle Wonderland", looks destined to be their biggest seller yet in Britain and edvance world-wide orders for their upcoming album. "I Am" (due out in Britain at the end of May) already assure them of another truckload of platinum







Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now

By McFadden & Whitehead on Philadelphia International

Ain't no stopping us now, we're on the move Ain't no stopping us now, we've got the groove

There's been so many things that's held us down But now it looks like things are finally coming around I know we've got a long, long way to go And where we'll end up I don't know But we won't let nothing hold us back We're putting our show together We're polishing up our act well And if you've ever been held down before I know you'll refuse to be held down anymore

Don't you let nothing stand in your way I want v'all to listen listen to every word I say Every word I say Ain't no stopping us now, no, no, we're on the move

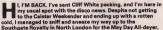
Ain't no stopping us now, we've got the groove Ain't no stopping us now, we're on the move (I know)

Ain't no stopping us now, we've got the groove (we got

I know you know someone that has a negative vibe And if you're trying to make it they only push you aside They really don't have nowhere to go Ask them where they're going they don't know But we won't let nothing hold us back We're gonna put our show together Gonna polish up our act well But if you've ever been held down before I know you'll refuse to be held down any more we

Repeat chorus with adlibs to fade

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and what a wow of a time we had. All the usual crew were there: Chris Hill, Sean French, Froggy and Robbie Vincent, followed around the country by their fans the Frenchies mob, the Stevenage crew, and not forgetting the Lacey Lady funksters, Alison, Jackle, lan, Mark and Kevin to

name a rew.

Eddy Grant made a personal appearance to sing his latest single "Living On The Front Line" (Ensign). A few 12 inch copies of the single were won by participants in the steadlest human pyramid competition. I didn't attempt to join in, even though I

pyramic competition, fount ratempt to join in, even mought dearly would have liked a copy. Along with the pyramids there were high-diving acts off the balcony, and the "mooning" loonies. All in all everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves, even if it does sound quite silly (Sounds more like a circus - Ed). After all we're only kids aren't

we? Records that really stood out were "Ring My Bell" by Anita Ward (TK Records), "Make My Draam A Reality", the new one by GQ (Arista), and the record that everyone is raving about, and which I told you about ages ago, McFadden & Whitehead's terrific "Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now". This one is going to be a monster. There were a lot of Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now banners. dotted around the Royalty.

dotted around the Noyary.

Another couple for you to check out are "Let's Lovedance" by Gary's Geng (CBS) and "Fever" by Roy Ayers (Polyder), which is the title track off his new album. Sister Sledge are also back with a biggie, "We Are Family" (Wenner Bros), another track from their album of the same name.

Oh, I nearly forgot: all you young funksters in the North London area will be pleased to hear that Frogry will be holding teenage soul bodgle nights for the 14 to 19 year olds at the Royalty every Wednesday between 7.30-10.30pm. So check it





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35		BRING THE FAMILY BACK /BILLY PAUL	Phil Int Imp	
36		RAZZLE DAZZLE /HEATWAVE	СТО	99
37		DANCIN AT THE DISCO /LAX	Prelude Imp	
36		ROCK YOUR BABY /FORCE	Phil Int Imp	124
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Imp = Import BPM = Beets per minute.

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

(Everybody) Get Dancin

By The Bombers on Magnet Records

Everybody come on Get on the floor, get dancing Everybody come on Get up on the floor, get dancing

Now's the time to leave Your worries behind Time is just right Dancing in the disco light I know you've gotte groove can tell by the way your body moves Shake it to and fro Shake shake shake it some more

Chorus twice

Dancing dancing Do it do it

Everybody move their feet to the disco best Get dancing yeah Everybody in town I wanna see ya get on down Get dencing Dancing get dancing

Come on dance some more Move across the floor Get dancing Everybody get up on the floor I wanna see ya dance some more Come on get up out of your seat Let me see you move your feet

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Sister Sledge.



Rob Jones' Disco Pick

SISTER SLEDGE "We Are Family" (Atlantic) The new Sister Sledge single is really something. It's the follow up to "He's The Greatest Dancer" and also the title track from their album "We Are Family". It's available in the UK on 7ins and 12 ins but in my opinion the 12ins is by far the better. Has to be the second big hit in a row for

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To the Market Head for the first day of the state of the The names listed are hidden in the diagrams. They run horizontally, vertically or diagonally — many of them are printed backwards. But remember that the names are always in an uninterrupted straight line, letters in sequence, whichever way they run. Some letters will need to be used more than once. Others you won't need to use at all Put a line through the names as you find them. Solutions on page 26. E S NO E D S E S R EH 0 A П DL G 0 S S QU 0 Heart Inner Circle 0 0 B E S AR В П Joit S E 0 Е R 0 Kim Fowley Leas and Co Е S R Ú 0 C Milk and Honey Nicky Tesco П D н т C GR C S S N т 0 M Odvssev **Bad Company** В T н E S T E 0 L C 0 F S П Police **Barbra Streisand** Roy Hill 0 0 Е C E u 0 R D **Bee Gees** Rumour -R S Billy Preston Sister Sledge н E D ı D п Cars Squeeze M П N W C н N В Ш G V н Tammy Wynette Celi Bee Thin Lizzy Chic 0 В 0 S C 0 Ε G E A ı Tom Robinson **David Soul** T A K Undertones п 0 IT D N Don Williams N N L D N D Е M Z Z 0 K П M 0 C В J Z L AG P S T 0 E G S Е E C E R D G 0 Е Aerosmith Led Zeppelin Lou Rawls Billy Idol Т Е D Έ E A C K R Camel Lou Reed G Z G S т н E O Magazine Е A Е Ε Q T Chicago Peter Tosh Dan Hill M D Y E O N T R B П 0 N Faces Player Queen Genesis P S G н Y N X D 0 K D T L Gibson Brothers Rachel Sweet C S E S R E н A 0 S Skids lan Dury Joe Tex Starz K D S M Е A S G Kandidate Sylvester Kansas Three Degrees E N S п A A K R Α ı В M Kate Bush S U C U н R 0 A П **Keith Barrow** S C Е Ε Е Е 0 R C 0 Т X S G 0 U R AW O

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21) What better time then the present to improve your set-up — when you're feeling and looking so good? Go after what you wan! — and be a bit cheeky with it!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You are heading into a fortunate period but a busy one. Catch up with yourself now. Your ideas need organising into a more definite pattern — but they will succeed.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) Your intuition is your very good friend, especially just now. It will tell you all you want to know about people's feelings and motives— and you'll like what you read.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

A special goal is within your grasp
— a little friendly persuasion is all
that is needed. The goodles will
tend to come your way without
much effort now.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

There's a strong accent on travel, on people and places far away. Make sure you've done all you should for your holiday. It's a good time to shop for casual clothes.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

It seems you've changed course recently. If so, you will now begin to alter your outlook too. The months shead spell success, both in your job and in personal life.

SCORPIO (Det 24-Nov 22)

Finding life pretty rough going? It's to be expected with stars opposing your sign. The good news is that problems and soon — and afforts will bring reward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 22) A restless atn liere. D changeable. But try not to be fickle yourself. You could be running. around in circles if you take things too seriously

CAPRICORN (Dec 23-Jan 20)

A new friend will become important in your life, will give you that understanding you need. It's a lucky time for cash, for getting it in — and for spending it!

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 Feb 19) This fortnight contains lots of pleasant happenings for you, some gifts, compliments, sweet words and surprises. A family celebration is on the way!

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 21) Short journeys, interviews and new meetings will bring you luck. At work or at play put your ideas across, use your talents. If it's oliday time — great. If not, get

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Paradise Skies

By Max Webster on Capitol Records

Happiness is beginning to rise From the streets into paradise skies go Tonight inaugurate rock 'n' roll wings Tonight we'll turn the world around Never hover and we'll leave the ground And the magical need frees the dancer We wanne be

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Evening Star

By Judas Priest on CBS Records (7 inch version)

I travelled to a distant shore I felt I had to go An inner voice had called me there But why I did not know I saw the evening star rise up shining out to see And now I understand at lest what it

means What it all means

Evening star I can see the light Evening star guiding me so bright

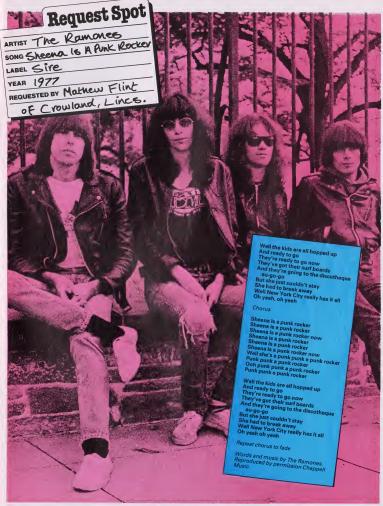
I used a template I couldn't see straight I faltered thru' my younger days Never knowing where I was going Then something helped me penetrate the haze

Repeat chorus

Now I em stronger there is no longer Holding my future desting Such inspirations and new sensations Oh nothing strange has changed in me

Repeat chorus to fade

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By CLIFF WHITE

WITH AN overwhelming rush of blood to the head the record biz has finally taken leave of its senses. The singles here are just a few of the most interesting from 140 releases since the last issue of Smash Hits, Now you know why some of your fave raves never seem to get mentioned; the competition is formideble. That's also why we've decided to stop detailing the size, colour and packaging of singles reviewed. To counteract the sheer volume of releases, gimmicks are getting so complex that, chances are, if my review copy of a single is a purple-tinted, see-through 12-inch with a 3-D picture sleeve, your local record shop will stock

one of several other different versions. Like the man said, it's what's in the grooves that counts. And so, in no particular order, listen out for these:

ANITA WARD: Ring My Bell (TK). The most obvious smash hit of the entire 140, Already a monater as an import on the disco circuit. it's a little-girl-voiced southern soulstress cutely werbling a ridiculously catchy song over a dence beat that's as snappy as a resh cream cracker - and features a repetitive, synthesized beohhwwwwthat'll eventually drive you scatty. Ding-dong-ding-seahh-ringit, rings-linga-ling.

CHAS & DAVE: Gertcha (EMI). Two of the best British songwriter/musiciens in the biz rape-jacketed r&r revivalist bands and write songs that are more clever, funnier and more own to street reality than mos new wave groups. This one is a gem, although, being all about a cockney slang word, it'll probably appeal to Londoners most of ell. Southerners will probably already be familiar with the tune, which is used in a TV

commercial See Bitz page 8. DAVE EDMUNDS: Girls Talk wan Songl. Power-packed -action version of one of Elvis sounds like a remixed, supercharged recording by those ate-"50s/early-"60s heroes, the verly Brothers. Fine record but unds' production is nfortably cluttered. I'm sure there's even someone playing the kitchen sink in the background.

HOT CHOCOLATE: Mindiess Boogle (Rek). Deep, dark and sombre Hot Choccy disco/rock with an Errol Brown lyric that's a lot more serious than their previous hits. "As the bomb goes neutron . . . music is the drug that we're searching for." Dance music to think by.

STIFF LITTLE FINGERS: Gotta Gettaway (Rough Trade). Sharp, urban rock, leaping off the vinvi like a marine Invasion force. Reasonably good song, tough band, but their singing is drowned by their play power

LEYTON BUZZARDS: I'm Hanging Around (Chrysalls), Yes, yes, yes. This group gets better, their sound gets harder, their hits'll get hittier. Topside is the obvious pop choice but be sure to check out the two songs on the flip, especially a great live recording of "No Dry Ice Or Flying Pigs (At A Leyton Buzzards Gig)." Love it.

NICK LOWE: Cracking Up (Reder). Another sombre one, with Nick Intoning the details of his mental breakdown from the nis mental preakdown from the depths of a sonorous echo over a heavy-rollin' guitar figure that I'm certain I've heard somewhere else before. A little bit of lonely-in-the-night music, rock 'n' roll style.

THE FIVE SAPPHIRES: Once in A While (Warmer Bros), Amazing, After offering such a puny "
version of the classic "Duke Of Earl" on their last release, these oldie revivalists have come up with an impeccable re-recording of The Chimes' 1960, smoothy, doowop hit. Top marks for

JOE JACKSON: One More Time (A&M). Outstending qualities here are the production and ship. Mixed so well, the power of the bass and lead guitar takes your mind off the fact that Joe is singing a fairly routine love song. From his "Look Share" album, on which there are better tracks than this.

TAVARES: Straight From The Heart (Capitol). A spirited and not entirely soul-less attack on the charts with a Grev & Hanks song. whose "Dancin" was a recent disco smash. Tavares' strongest release for some time.

THE LURKERS: Out in The Dark + 3 (Beggers Banquat EP). Just as disco music is best heard in a disco, so The Lurkers are probably best appreciated in a club, not from behind a typewriter. However, after clamping on head-phones.

turning up the volume and the heat, and imagining I'm surrounded by 100 pogoing loonies, I'm beginning to think the group is hot stuff. Best, and wildest, track: "Suzie Is A Floozie," Also Includes two versions of "Cvanide." THE SKIDS: Masquerade + 3

(Virgin EP). Staying in my imaginary club I gently lower the stylus at the beginning of "Masquerade" and EEAAHHRRRGGGIII Cor, I think I've just been blitzkrieged. Why are some records so much louder than others? That's what I want to know. Especially when the loudest one of the bunch starts

off with what sounds like a battle

between a monster pile-driving

machine and a couple of angry chain-saws. All very virile stuff this, peckaged as two singles in a folder sleeve.

GRAHAM PARKER & THE **RUMOUR: Discovering** Japan/Local Girls (Vertigo). Double A-side, featuring a brace of toonful tracks from GP's 'Squeezing Out Sparks" album. "Japan" is a stylish rocker but it's "Girls" that's the real goodie. Buy this and make it a hit and I'll take back everything I ever said about Elvis Costello.

XTC: Life Begins At The Hop (Virgin). An "Under My Thumb" guitar riff introduces a lightweight song about youth clubs and such, performed with stark but unusually mild charm in what sounds like an empty swimming pool. Not their best.

THE SINCEROS: Take Me To Your Lesder (Epic). Talented quartet (some of whom becked Lene Lovich last year) with a distinctive sound and a couple of better than average songs, and yet . . . and yet, I don't know, there's something missing.

TUBEWAY ARMY: Are 'Friends' Electric? (Beggars Banquet), A derk, threatening well of synthesized sound throbs ominously behind a gloomy song of paranoia and loneliness. Gripping stuff, but cheerful it

ESSENTIAL LOGIC: Wake Up + 3 (Virgin EP). Laure Logic end pels play freaky, fractured tunes with unexpected twists and plenty of discordant sax work. First impression is of a bizarre meeting of Lene Lovich and the Bonzo Dog Bend but there's much here that deserves a closer listen (if only because the production is so rough).

THE SUTHERLAND BROTHERS: Easy Come, Easy Go (CBS). I've heen meaning to include this one for some time. While not usually approving of introspective balladeers with a sob story on their trembling lips, this is such a good song, so well performed that I . . . I . . . oh, I can't go on, it's all too heartbreaking to even talk about.

By RED STARR

EXPECT you think it's fun working on Smash Hits, don't you? Well let me tell you the RSPCA would be round here toot sweet if they only knew what went on. Designer Steve end Nick Logan smoking the place into a kippers' carnival, lan Cranna in a foul mood because Scotland lost at football, Cliff White practising his disco gymnastics, Bev and her Judas Priest records - what kind of environment is that for a creative superstar like me? After all that, what do I get (oh oh) . . . ?

CROWN HEIGHTS AFFAIR: Dance Lady Dance (Mercury). Characteriess Affair is more like it. This nine-piece soul group sound like an American version of The Real Thing as they chant and yelp through six long tracks. all very much in the style of the title track single. Danceable but uninteresting — I remain ungrabbed. Best trax: "Come Fly With Me", "Dance Ledy Dance". (4 out of 10).

AMII STEWART: Amii Stewart (Atlantic). It's all systems go as Ms Stewart storms brashly through the three lengthy cuts on side one, but all hands on deck for side two where she struggles with some desperately weak ballads. Her good voice deserves better meterial. Stick with the single. Best trax: "Knock On Wood", "Light My Fire", (5 out of

ABBA: Voulez Vous (Epic). Abba are now something of an institution and you know what to expect by this time. They don't disappoint but they don't exactly inspire either with this clean but clinical collection of European disco-orientated songs. They've still to make an album that conveys the magic and impact of their singles, and this isn't it. Best trax: "Does You Mother Know" 'Angel Eyes", (6 out of 10),

THE REZILLOS: Mission Accomplished But The Beat Goes On (Sire). Despite the dreadful cover, this is a pretty hot album. A collection of old favourites plus one or two newles, this live farewell album fully gets over the raucous fun and infectious excitement of this ace group's stunning performances

Remember them this way. Best trax: "Good Sculptures", "Top Of The Pops". (8 out of 10). (PS. My copy jumps all through side one, so check before buying.)

THE UNDERTONES: The Undertones (Sire). If anyone is likely to replace The Rezillos then it could be The Undertones. Unimpresive on first hearing. further plays reveal an album full of little gems of sharp, bouncy, pop songs. Very distinctive in style, especially with Feargal Sharkey's unique trembly voice, though with less than half an hour of music the price should definitely be lowered. Best trax: "Male Model", "Jimmy Jimmy".

MAC CURTIS: Rockin' Mother (Rader). Another Interesting record from Rader - an album of rockabilly with modern muscle. From California, Mac Curtis chooses lesser known songs rather than standards - a definite plus - though there are still too many that sound like "Blue Suede Shoes" yet again. Ray Campi plays on this one. Side two track one jumps on my copy, so - once more - check before buying. Best trax: "How Come It", "Slip, Slip, Slippin' In". (6 out of 10).

GOLDEN EARRING: Grab it For A Second (Polydor). A simple but effective solid rock album from the Dutch "Redar Love" crew, including a pretty fair Stones imitation at times. The quieter side one really grows on you while side two is rowdler but less memorable. The title track is one of 1979's greatest songs so far — hear it! Best trax: "Grab it For A Second", "Against The Grain". (7 out of 10).

DAVID BOWIE: Lodger (RCA). Much as I admire David Bowie this is as much cop as a chocolate teapot. Mostly it just sounds like a ragbag of rejects from previous styles. No instrumentals this time and a lighter album than usual, but sadly there are only occasional flashes of genius in this uninspired, uninspiring and totally unnecessary doodling Sorry fans. Best trax: "Move On".

PICK OF THE WEEK:

IAN DURY: Do It Yourself (Stiff) Unlike Bowie, lan Dury's weited till he's built up some really strong material before releasing his album. This is very different to "New Boots And Panties" but just as good - more jezz funk than rock'n'roll with the Blockheads in shining form, while Dury's lyrics are more personal and oblique than music hall. Gets better with every play genius at work! Best trax: "inbetweenies", "Sink My Bosts". (9 out of 10).



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Mindless Boogie

By Hot Chocolate on Rak Records

As the bomb goes neutron So for you and I Will the finger on the button decide If we live or if we die The more you think think The more you blow your mind The more you search for a reason

The less that you will find Dance . . . mindless boogie till we drop don't stop

Music is the drug Music is the drug we're searching for Mindless boogie boogie boogie boogie boogie

boogie don't stop Mindless boogie boogie boogie boogie boogie boogie till we drop

Dance dance dance . Nine hundred or more commit mass suicide in Jonestown Very strange very strange

More than ever the world needs God's helping hand Confused we don't seem to know what we're doing Like a blind man spinning round in space.

Repeat chorus

Like clones and robots that we are Music is the drug we're searching for Mindless boogie boogie boogie boogie

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How Could This Go Wrong

By Exile on Rak Records

Dencin' romencin' but not second chencin' Nothing more Runnin' and hidin' slippin' and slidin'

Across the floor She comes alone every night on her own Lookin' for romance

She stands there watching while everyone's touching She'd take a chance

Standing there waiting anticipating How could this go wrong? So many lovers holdin' on How could this go wrong?

Another night goes on and on

Now everyone's fakin' hearts have been brackin' Across the floor He's on the makin', she's for the takin'

Nothing more From the look in her eyes she is desperately searching

For something to say And as he calls her over they're gettin' closer She'll find a way

Lookin' for something suddenly touching

How could this go wrong? It's what she needed all along How could this go wrong? And so the night goes on and on

Dancin' romancin' no second chancin' Across the floor He's the makin', she's for the takin' Nothing more Still she comes alone every night on her own Lookin' for romance

She stands there watching while everyone's touching She'd take a chance

Standing there waiting anticipating Lookin' for something suddenly touching

How could this go wrong? She thought he loved her all along How could this go wrong? So many lovers holdin' on How could this go wrong? She thought he loved her all along How could this go wrong? And so the night goes on and on

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Linda Clifford: What's her connection with Art Garfunkel? See question 11.

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- Which Scottish band finally scored a long overdue hit with "Into The Valley"? 5 1410 "Cool For Cats" was Squeeze's second his.
- Can you name the first? TAKE ME I'm

 3. Members of which other recent hit group
- wrote and played on Sister Sledge's hits and
- Reach Out I'll Be There" and "Never Can Say Goodbye" were her previous big hits before she made the No. 1 spot this year. Who is she?
- Who is she? GLORE GRINO!"Hold the line love isn't always on time." Who sang these lines?
- Which well-known punk star signed The Angelic Upstarts to his own record production company?
- 7. You all know her face, but how many of you know Stondie's real name? 3
- group - who is she?
- 11. What is the connection between Art Gar funket and Linda Clifford?
- 12. Who sang "Don't start that talking, I could talk all night?" on a recent hit?

- 13. Who spent Saturday night beneath the plastic palm trees?

 14. They reformed earlier this year and have had instant hits with "Trash" and "Dence
- way". Who are they? Roy was in the lick Jones, Nicky Headon, Paul Simenon Name the missing member of a top punky foursome and their band for your
- 16. Who had money in his pocket but couldn't
- get no love? No services to the pigtalled person's lucky number floelly came up this year? I want the floelly came up this year? I want the chords," are lines from whose recent chart
- 19. The singers of "Tragedy" and "Love You Inside Out" have a well known younger brother. Who is he? Who had a hit with "September" in

Did you do well?

16 and over: That's pretty sharp, we have pretty closely

8 to 15: Not bad, but let's see you pay a bit more attention, you lot at the back there. All the questions came out of this year's Smar Hits you know. Sharpen up

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Answers

January?

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Telephone", that was written by Gary Valentine who's not with EMI Music Publishing so no problem there. But we don't like the situation any more than you

Now then, down to real husiness

I'D LIKE to reply to the Liverpool Punks who wrote what I consider a very good letter in issue 11 portraying the true aims of punk. They obviously know who the posers are, eg. Boomtown Rats, Gen X. In fact, I agreed with everything stated in their letter. I especially agreed with the point that the Pistols were only good with Lydon, Just listen to the 'Swindle" LP - it's a rip off! The Liverpool punks, from what I derived from their letters, are true punks and it's nice to know there are still some hanging about.

Last of all, I'd like to congratulate Liverpool Punks for pointing out that people who have a copy of "Rat Trap" and think they are punks are not, because I've wanted to say that for months.

Mandy and the South London Punks, Feltham, Middlesex.

TO THE Liverpool Punks - SOD OFFI YOU STUPID TWITS. The Buzzcocks are the best punk songwriters and best musicians I have heard in a long time, so stuff your 'Little Fingers' into your 'ATV' Wire's.

Also to lan Clarke who calls himself 'The Superted'. I would call you a self confessed prat follower, Long live The Buzzcocks and long live punk!

St. Ives Punkette, Hampshire.

Ah, lan Clarkel Here's a man who's managed to stir up more hate mail than Red Starr and Cliff White put together

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I AM speaking on behalf of all the true punks in Britain. How dare that greasy teddy bear lan Clarke say that punks are spoiling pop and that Teds rule over Punks. He complains that Punk is always hitting the headlines in Smash Hits. I will tell him why: 1) Punk is better than ted: 2) Punk is the music of the present, not the past; 3) There are more punk groups than ted groups; 4) There are more punk chart singles than ted singles. So tell lan Clark he knows where he can put Elvis Presley.

Andrew Dowling, Aldridge, Walsall, Staffs.

I AM writing to you about that so celled "SuperTed", lan Clarke, He sounds more like a Superned. I am a Punk (the ones that rule

over Teds). I hope he is reading this because Rock'n'Roll went out with square wheels. And what's the use of having the words to Presley's songs which are twenty vears old?

Melv, Andy, Joe, Bill, Punks of Knowle West, Bristol

JUST WHO does lan Clarke think he is? This thing that calls himself "Superted" must think he is the new Elvis Presley, but let me tell him that the late and great Sid Vicious was much better than old Elvis Presley. This muppet Clarke must have walked about with his head on the ground when the Sex Pistols first hit the pop world.

Why did he have to bore us with the family history of his father? Who wants to know? Punk, Whins of Milton, Stirling

IN A previous issue of this great magazine, some out of date ted called lan Clarke wrote in saying that he hates punk. Well, I think that's a load of crap!

Rock'n'roll was the music of the fifties and sixties. The music of today is PUNKI Punk is here to stay and punks rule over teds. The last thing I want in your super mag is rock'n'roll - that would spoil it totally. I would also like to have a word with him for calling us "stinking punks". Clash, Jam, Sham 69, Stranglers and the original Sex Pistols are ten times as good as rubbish by Showaddywaddy, I think every Showaddywaddy record belongs in the dustbin. Devoted Clash Fan. Brighton, Sussex.

I AM just writing to tell lan Clarke what I (a punkess) think of Teds. Basically (in case lan hadn't noticed) rock'n'roll is almost

CAN YOU please help me? I would like to know the words to the verse of "Sultens Of Swing" which was excluded in your words. This verse comes between the last two verses.

Also could you tell me what ingles have been released by The Clash? Val Frennett.

Harlesden, London.

To take your last question first. Vel, here's the complete list of Clash singles. First came "White Riot", then "Remote Control".

"Complete Control", "Clash City Rockers", "White Man (In The Hammersmith Palais!", "Tommy Gun", "English Civil Wer" and now their letest EP, "Cost of Living", and all of them are on

Now, as for your other question, there seem to be two versions of the Dire Straits single - one with the extra verse and one without. So for you, Tracey Simmonds of Devon, and everyone else who wrote in, here ere the missing lines . . .

Then a crowd of young boys, they're fooling around in Drunk and dressed in their baggles and their platform

They don't give a damn about any trumpet playing bend

I have don't give a cann about any trumpet playing t it ain't what they call rock'n'roll And the Sultans, yesh the Sultans, they play Creole,

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DEAD! Teds are in the minority. Punks rule OK! Punk is not pop but totally different, lan's dad must live in a looney bin. I bet he looks a right soft bugger as a middle aged ted!

lan also made a slight cock up when he said Elvis (ves. the dead one) sang "Rock Around The Clock". Any fool knows Bill Haley sung it.

Nik, Cannock, Staffs.

IN YOUR edition May 3-16, loads of idiots wrote in complaining about Punk and how there wasn't enough Rock'n'Roll. Can't they realise that PUNK is today and those teds are just a load of big kids living in the past? I'm not just saying this because I'm a punk fan. I like Eddie Cochran, At least he was good in his time but groups like Showaddywaddy are a load of rubbish - turning out records that don't have any good music on them and spoiling what used to be good Rock'n'Roll

Some people say Punk is an updated form of Rock'n'Roll. So come on, you teds - accept what's here to stay TODAY. Kim Watson, Oadby,

And you can add at least forty other similar letters to that little

lot! But lan Clarke isn't totally alone . . .

'ERE YOU mob. Are you biased against the Greatest Thing on Earth (Rock'n'Roll, ya dummies)? How about some good old Rock'n'Roll to brighten up the mag? I agree with the Queens Park Teddy Girl, Ian Clarke (who isn't SuperTed) and Jill Abbott about having more in the mag. I detest this infernal racket which is called Punk Rock.

As Carl Perkins would say, "25 vears since the records started spinnin', proves someone sure was wrong." He was of course talking about rock'n'roll.

By the way, good mag, SuperTed of Huddersfield. W Yorks

I THINK you mag is great. Not too boring. I've got one snag though - you're always on about punks and it gets on my nerves. Can you possibly put something about Elvis Presley, Eddie Cochran and all the oldies? I bet a lot of people agree with this. Angela Sillence, Lordshill, Southampton.

As you can see, Angela, not too manyl

SMASH HITS 29

Friday (June 1)
Stylistics Birmingham Night Out
Status Quo Blackpool Opera House Undertones Norwich St. Andrews

Leyton Buzzards Blackpool Norbeck Castle No Dice Newcastle Mayfair Dr Feelgood Swindon Oasis Leisure Centre Hi Tension Brighton Top Rank Skids Cambridge Corn Exchange Steel Pulse London Hammersmith Odeon Stiff Little Fingers Peterborough Wirrina

Lurkers Edinburgh Clouds

Saturday (June 2)

Undertones Brighton Polytechnic Leyton Buzzards Leeds Fforde Green Hotel Dr Feelgood Oldham Saddleworth Arts Feetive No Dice Liverpool Oscars

HI Tension Hammersmith Odeon Skids Lincoln Drill Hall Steel Pulse Dunstable California Stiff Little Fingers Aylesbury Friers Police Liverpool Erics (2 shows) Lurkers Middlesbrough Rock Garden

Stylistics Purfleet Circus Tavern Undertones Chelmsford Chancellor **Duffo London Kingsway Royalty** Dr Feelgood Guildford Civic Hall Skids London Lyceum Stiff Little Fingers Sheffield Top Rank Lurkers Dumfries Stagecoach Leyton Buzzards London Nashville

Mondey (June 4) Stylistics Purfleet Circus Tavern Dr Feelgood Dunstable California Hi Tension Canterbury Odeon Stiff Little Fingers Derby Assembly Rooms Lurkars Chester Smartvz

Tuesday (June 5) Stylistics Purfleet Circus Tayern Status Quo Sheffield City Hall No Dica Cleethorpes Winter Gardens Hi Tension St Albans Civic Hall Stiff Little Fingers Leicester De Montfort Hall Dr Feelgood Leicester Square Empire Ballroom, London

Wednesday (June 6) Stylistics Purfleet Circus Tavern Status Que Sheffield City Hall No Dice Bradford University Hi Tension Birmingham Odeon Stiff Little Fingers Wolverhampton Civic Hall Police Birmingham Digbeth Civic Hall Lurkers Rayleigh Crocs

Thursday (June 7) Stylistics Purfleet Circus Tavern Menfred Mann Bristol Colston Hall Hi Tension Manchester Apollo Stiff Little Fingers Coventry Tiffanys Police Henley Victoria Hall Dr Feelgood Douglas Isle of Man Lido Lurkers Derby Playhouse

Friday (June 8)

Stylistics Purfleet Circus Tavern Dire Straits Liverpool Empire No Dice Brighton Sussex University Manfred Mann Brighton Dome Hi Tension Durham University Stiff Little Fingers Newcastle Mayfair Police Manchester Free Trade Hall Dr Feelgood Douglas Isle Of Man Lido Lurkers Newport The Village Rockpile Birmingham Odeon Skids Wolverhampton Civic Hall

Saturday (June 9) Status Quo Manchester Apollo Dire Straits Glasgow Apollo No Dice London Rainbow Hi Tension Liverpool Empire Stiff Little Fingers Carlisle Market Hall Lurkers Liverpool Eric's (2 shows) Rockpile Essex University

Sunday (June 10) Stylistics Brighton Centre Status Quo Manchester Apolio Dire Streits Edinburgh Odeon Hi Tension Sheffield Top Rank Skids Bristol Locarno Stiff Little Fingers Glasgow Apollo Police London Lyceum Lurkers Chelmsford Chancellor Hall Rockpile Guildford Civic Hall

Monday (June 11) Status Quo Manchester Apollo Dire Straits Sheffield City Hall Police Guildford Civic Hall Rockpile Hastings Pier Skids Birmingham Civic Hall

Tuesday (June 12) Manfred Mann Portsmouth Guildhall Hi Tension Cambridge Queens College Police Bristol Locarno Lurkers Brighton Top Rank Rockpile Cambridge Emmanuel College Skids Newcastle City Hall

Wednesday (June 13) Dire Straits Birmingham Odeon Manfred Mann Hammersmith Odeon Lurkers High Wycombe Town Hall Rockpile Manchester Free Trade Hall

Thursday (June 14) Dire Straits Newcastle City Hall Manfred Mann Oxford New Theatre Hi Tension Coventry City Centre Police Newcastle Mayfair Lurkers Manchester Ardri Rockpile Leicester De Montfort Skids Manchester Apollo

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

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