The top selling 45s of '82

COME ON EILEEN, Dexys Midnight Runners & The Emerald Express, 1 Mercury/Phonogram DEXYS 9 Mercury/Phonogram DEXTS 9

FAME, Irene Cara, RSO/Polydor RSO 90

EYE OF THE TIGER, Survivor, Scotti Brothers SCT A2411

THE LION SLEEPS TOMIGHT, Tight Fit, Jive JIVE 9

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO HURT ME, Culture Club, Virgin VS 518

PASS THE DUTCHIE, Musical Youth, MCA YOU 1 I DON'T WANNA DANCE, Eddy Grant, Ice ICE 56
SEVEN TEARS, Goombay Dance Band, Epic EPC A1242
EBONY AND IVORY, Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder, Parlophone R6054
TOWN CALLED MALICE/PRECIOUS, The Jam, Polydor POSP 400
GOLDEN BROWN, The Stranglers, Liberty BP 407
MAD WORLD, Tears For Fears, Mercury/Phonogram IDEA 3
MICKEY, Tony Basil, Radialchoice/Virgin TIC 4
LOVE PLUS ONE, Haircut One Hundred, Arista CLIP 2
THE MODEL/COMPUTER LOVE, Kraftwerk, EMI 5207
OH JULIE, Shakin' Stevens, Epic EPC A1742
GOODY TWO SHOES, Adam Ant, CBS A2367
ONLY YOU, Yazoo, Mute MUTE 020
HEARTBREAKER, Dionne Warwick, Arista ARIST 496
DON'T GO, Yazoo, Mute YAZ 001
WALKIN' ON SUNSHINE, Rockers Revenge featuring Donnie Calvin, London
LON 11 10 11 13 16 20 ZOOM, Fat Larry's Band, WMOT/Virgin VS 546 ZOOM, Fat Larry's Band, WMOT/Virgin VS 546
I WON'T LET YOU DOWN, PhD, WEA K79209
JUST AM ILLUSION, Imagination, R&B RBS 208
HARD TO SAY I'M SORRY, Chicago, Full Moon K79301
ABRACADABRA, The Steve Miller Band, Mercury/Phonogram STEVE 3
STARMAKER, The Kids From "Fame", RCA 280
CENTREFOLD, The J Geils Band, EMI America EA 135
HOUSE OF FUN, Madness, Stiff BUY 146
THE LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE, Bucks Fizz, RCA 163
MAID OF ORLEANS (THE WALTZ JOAN OF ARC), Orchestral Manoeuvres
In The Dark, Virgin DIN 40 MAID OF ORLEANS (THE WALTZ JOAN OF ARC), Orchestral Manoeuvrer In The Dark, Virgin DIN 40
THE LOOK OF LOVE, ABC, Neutron/Phonogram NT 103
AIN'T NO PLEASING YOU, Chas & Dave, Rockney KOR 14
SAVE A PRAYER, Duran Duran, EMI 5327
T'AINT WHAT YOU DO (IT'S THE WAY THAT YOU DO IT), The Fun Boy Three & Bananarama, Chrysalis CHS 2570
A LITTLE PEACE, Nicole, CBS A2365
HUNGRY LIKE THE WOLF, Duran Duran, EMI 5295
MY CAMERA NEVER LIES, Bucks Fizz, RCA 202
IT STARTED WITH A KISS, Hot Chocolate, RAK 344
FANTASY ISLAND, Tight Fit, Jive JIVE 13
DEAD RINGER FOR LOVE, Meat Loaf, Epic EPC A1697
INSIDE OUT, Odyssey, RCA 226
YOUNG GUNS (GO FOR IT), Whaml, Innervision IVL A2766
TORCH, Soft Cell, Some Bizzare/Phonogram BZS 9
THIS TIME (WE'LL GET IT RIGHT)/ENGLAND, WE'LL FLY THE FLAG, England World Cup Squad, England ER 1 38 39 43 44 THIS TIME (WE'LL GET IT RIGHT)/ENGLAND, WE'LL FLY THE FLAG, England World Cup Squad, England ER 1
SAY HELLO, WAVE GOODBYE, Soft Cell, Some Bizarre/Phonogram BZS 7
I'VE NEVER BEEN TO ME, Charlene, Motown TMG 1260
PAPA'S GOT A BRAND NEW PIGBAG, Pigbag, Y Records Y 10
PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS, Dire Straits, Mercury/Phonogram NT 102
POISON ARROW, ABC, Neutron/Phonogram NT 102
SEE YOU, Depeche Mode, Mute MUTE 018
MAMA USED TO SAY, Junior, Mercury/Phonogram MER 98
A NIGHT TO REMEMBER, Shalamar, Elektra K13162
GIVE ME BACK MY HEART, Dollar, WEA BUCK 3
REALLY SAYING SOMETHING, Bananarama with The Fun Boy Three,
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ARTHUR'S THEME (BEST THAT YOU CAN DO), Christopher Cross, Warner
Brothers K17847 45 46 48 49 50 55 56 THERE IT IS, Shalamar, Solar K13194
SAVE YOUR LOVE, Renée and Renato, Hollywood HWD 003 SAVE YOUR LOVE, Renée and Renato, Hollywood HWD 003
DRIVING IN MY CAR, Madness, Stiff BUY 153
LOVE COME DOWN, Evelyn King, RCA 249
SHY BOY, Bananarama, London NANA 2
HI-FIDELITY, The Kids From "Fame", RCA 254
DA DA DA, Trio, Mobile Suit Corporation/Phonogram CORP 5
MIRROR MAN, The Human League, Virgin VS 522
CLASSIC, Adrian Gurvitz, RAK 339
CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU, Boystown Gang, ERC ERC 101
GO WILD IN THE COUNTRY, Bow Wow Wow, RCA 175
HAPPY TALK, Captain Sensible, A&M CAP 1
GET DOWN ON IT, Kool & The Gang, De-Lite/Phonogram DE 5
(SEXUAL) HEALING, Marvin Gaye, CBS A2855
I CAN MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD, Shalamar, Solar K12599
WHAT, Soft Cell, Some Bizzare/Phonogram BZS 11
THE BITTEREST PILL (I EVER HAD TO SWALLOW), The Jam, Polydor POSP 505 59 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 ONE STEP FURTHER, Bardo, Epic EPC A2265
I CAN'T GO FOR THAT (NO CAN DO), Daryl Hall & John Oates, RCA 172
LAYLA, Eric Clapton/Derek and the Dominos, Polydor/RSO 87
WHY, Carly Simon, WEA K79300
I'M A WONDERFUL THING, BABY, Kid Creole & The Coconuts, Ze/Island 77

RUN TO THE HILLS, Iron Maiden, EMI 5263
FORGET ME NOTS, Patrice Rushen, Elektra K13173
ANNIE, I'M NOT YOUR DADDY, Kid Creole & The Coconuts, Ze/Island WIP

ALL OF MY HEART, ABC, Neutron/Phonogram NT 104 TODAY, Talk Talk, EMI 5314 LIVING ON THE CEILING, Blancmange, London BLANC 3

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GIRL CRAZY. Hot Chocolate, RAK 341
MORE THAN THIS, Roxy Music, EG (Polydor) ROXY 3
MUSIC AND LIGHTS, Imagination, R&B RBS 210
GHOSTS, Japan, Virgin VS 472
WORK THAT BODY, Diana Ross, Capitol CL 241
I EAT CANNIBALS, Toto Coelo, Radialchoice/Virgin TIC 10
SADDLE UP, David Christie, KR KR 9
WE HAVE A DREAM, Scottish World Cup Squad, WEA K19145
DROWNING IN BERLIN. The Mobiles, Rialto RAI 3
BEAT SURRENDER, The Jam, Polydor POSP 540
LOVE ME DO, The Beatles, Parlophone R4949
FANTASTIC DAY, Harcut One Hundred, Arista CLIP 3
IKO IKO, Natasha, Towerbell TOW 22
THE MESSAGE, Grandmaster Flash & The Furious Five, Sugar Hill SH 117
BLUE EYES, Elton John, Rocket/Phonogram XPRESS 71 86 87 89 90 91 93 94 95 96 97

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The top selling LPs of '82

LOVE SONGS, Barbra Streisand, CBS 10031
THE KIDS FROM FAME. Various, BBC REP 447
COMPLETE MADNESS, Madness, Stiff HIT-TV 1
THE LEXICON OF LOVE, ABC, Neutron/Phonogram NTRS 1
RIO, Duran Duran, EMI EMC 3411
LOVE OVER GOLD, Dire Straits, Vertigo/Phonogram 6359 109
PELICAN WEST, Haircut One Hundred, Arista HCC 100
DARE, Hurman League, Virgin V 2192
AVALON, Roxy Music, EG (Polydor) EGHP 50
TOO RYE AY, Kevin Rowland & Dexys Midnight Runners,
Mercury/Phonogram MERS 5
PEARLS, Elkie Brooks, A&M ELK 1981
ALL FOR A SONG, Barbara Dickson, Epic EPC 10030
UPSTAIRS AT ERIC'S, Yazoo, Mute STUMM 7
TROPICAL GANGSTERS, Kid Creole & The Coconuts, Ze/Island ILPS 7016
THE GIFT, The Jam, Polydor POLD 5055
TUG OF WAR, Paul McCartney, Parlophone PCTC 259
BAT OUT OF HELL, Meat Loaf, Epic/Cleveland Int'l EPC 82419
THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST, Iron Maiden, EMI EMC 3400
NON-STOP EROTIC CABARET, Soft Cell, Some Bizarre/Phonogram BZLP 2
ARCHITECTURE & MORALITY, Orchestral Manoeuvres in The Dark, Virgin DID 2
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NON-STOP EROTIC CABARET, Soft Cell, Some Bizarra/Phonogram BZLP 2

ARCHITECTURE & MORALITY, Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark, Virgin DID 2

CHARIOTS OF FIRE. Vangelis, Polydor POLS 1026

THE JOHN LENNON COLLECTION, John Lennon, Parlophone EMTV 37

LOVE AND DANCING, The Leegue Unlimited Orchestra, Virgin OVED 6

BARRY LIVE IN BRITAIN, Barry Manilow, Arista ARTV 4

QUEEN GREATEST HITS, Queen, EMI EMTV 30

FRIENDS, Shalamar, Solar K52345

FAME, Original Soundtrack, RSO/Polydor 2479 253

4, Foreigner, Atlantic K50798

NIGHT BIRDS, Shakatak, Polydor POLS 1059

ACTION TRAX, Various, K.Tel NE 1162

ASIA, Asia, Geffen GEF 85577

TIN DRUM, Japan, Virgin V 2209

LOVE SONGS, Commondores, Ktel NE 1162

ASIA, Asia, Geffen GEF 85577

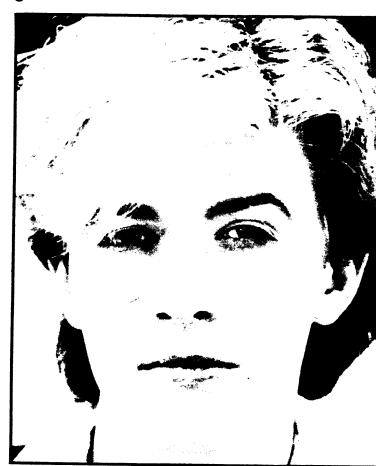
TIN DRUM, Japan, Virgin V 2209

LOVE SONGS, Commondores, Ktel NE 1171

THE KIDS FROM "FAME" AGAIN, Various, RCA RCALP 6057

STILL LIFE (AMERICAN CONCERT 1981), The Rolling Stones, Rolling Sto 27 30 31 32 34 35 66 67 68 70 K66107
PEARLS II, Elkie Brooks, A&M ELK 1982
JAMES BOND GREATEST HITS, Various, Liberty EMTV 007
THE EAGLE HAS LANDED, Saxon, Carrere CAL 137
ASSEMBLAGE, Japan, Hansa HANLP 1
ABRACADABRA, The Steve Miller Band, Mercury/Phonogram 6302 204
QUARTET, Ultravox, Chrysalis CDL 1394
ORIGINAL MUSIQUARIUM 1, Stevie Wonder, Motown TMSP 6012
SOMETHING SPECIAL, Kool & The Gang, De-Lite/Phonogram DSR 001
SMAPE UR AND DANCE VOLUME 2 FEATURING ANGELA RIPPON, Angela
Rippon, Lifestyle LEG 2
SULK, The Associates, Associates ASCL 1 (W)
NON-STOP ECSTATIC DANCING, Soft Cell, Some Bizarre/Phonogram BZX
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A FLOCK OF SEAGULLS, A Flock Of Seaguils, Jive HOP 201 THE CONCERTS IN CHINA, Jean-Michel Jarre, Polydor PODV 3 THE ANVIL, Visage, Polydor POLD 5050 LA FOLIE, The Stranglers, Liberty LBG 30342





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NEBRASKA, Bruce Springsteen, CBS 25100
GHOST IN THE MACHINE. The Police, A&M AMLK 63730
THE DREAMING, Kate Bush, EMI EMC 3419
GREATEST HITS, Olivia Newton-John, EMI EMTV 36
WAR OF THE WORLDS, Jeff Wayne's Musical Version, CBS 96000
... FAMOUS LAST WORDS ..., Supertramp, A&M AMLK 63732
SECRET COMBINATION, Randy Crawford, Warner Brothers K56904
ONE NIGHT AT BUDOKAN, The Michael Schenker Group, Chrysalis CTY

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PRINCE CHARMING, Adam & The Ants, CBS 85268
FOR THOSE ABOUT TO ROCK, AC/OC, Atlentic K50851
20 GREATEST LOVE SONGS, Nat King Cole, Capitol EMTV 35

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YEARS go, 1982 went leaving behind it a trail of statistics which we'll now endeavour to mop up in a whistlestop tour of the year. The top singles and albums of the year have already been surveyed and need no further comment, but Chartfile spent its post-Christmas break in the deepest Midlands calculating the year's top artists using the time honoured 'inverse points' system. This, you will recall, involves awarding 75 points to a number one record, 74 points for a number two and so on right down to one point for a number 75. Though it takes no account of actual sales it is the best method of establishing the most consistent acts.

In the singles chart Madness displayed an admirable consistency, striking deep into the top 20 with each of their releases. Thus it was no surprise to see them emerge as the year's top singles act. But they didn't ain the crown without a tremendo tussie with Soft Cell. Almond and Bell had a comfortable lead coming into the last furlong, but the comparative failure of 'Where The Heart Is' at a time when Madness's 'Our House' was in the top 10 saw Soft Cell's lead evaporate at a rapid rate. After the December 11 chart Soft Cell had an eighteen point advantage over their rivals. The following week 'Our House' advanced to number five whilst 'Where The Heart is unexpectedly dropped three places to 24, allowing Madness to gain an overall one point advantage. It was a lead they consolidated in the final chart of the year to guarantee them the title of the UK's top singles artists for the second time in three years. Last year they finished sixth. For Soft Cell there's the consolation that they finished 20 places higher than in 1981.

Third place went to Shalemar, just reward for four greet disco singles in the spece of 12 months, Just behind them were Shekin' Stevens and Adam Ant, second and first in 1981 Am, sectively. Shaky was fairly consistent but Adam must be alem by the speed with which his star is ling. His final hit of the year w 'Desperate But Not Serious', a fairly appropriate title bearing in mind it could reach only number 33 in the chart. Adam's points total and rank include his efforts with the Ants as

Imagination struck a blow for furry. dusky people with high voices, veulting eight places to number 6, and Duran Duran continued their rise and rise, finishing the year in seventh rase, missing the year in seventh place. Japan want out in a blaze of glory with Virgin and Ariola Hansa patiently taking turns at issuing singles from the band, in the 12 months under crutiny they tucked seven hits und their collective belt, more then any other act. Their high visibility secu them eighth piece, 66 notches high

en they managed in 1981. Kool and the Gang improved several pints to gain ninth spot, and though outscored them over the y Kool & The Geng's 12 consecutiv ake them the most successful US and in Britain this decade. Bucks Fizz duced a succession of high octane hits to snatch tenth place from the

eger clutches of Yazoo and ABC. A recap of 1982's top acts with A recap of 1982's top ects with points totals and 1981 pastitions in brackets: 1 (6) Madness — 2081, 2 (22) Soft Cell — 2058, 3 (—) Shelamer — 1945, 4 (2) Shekin' Stavens — 1930, 5 (1) Adem Ant/Adem & The Ants 1884, 6 (14) Imagination — 1832, 7 (15) Duren Duren — 1821, 8 (74) Japan — 1798, 9 (16) Kaal & The



DURAN: chart heavyweights

Gang - 1769, 10 (10) Bucks Fizz

In other singles categories, Soft took the honours for most weeks a the chart — their tally of 48 was to the chart — their tany of 40 was to more then Japan — and Diene Ros dethroned Toyah as the most successful female soloist. Ms. Ros first occupied that position in 1971 and has returned periodically eve since. Another former chemp, Don Summer, finished second. Toyeh Chartfile's tip for '83 obscurity trailed behind Irene Cara in fourth place. Shalamar were top US act a top mixed vocal group.

OVING on to the larger format, Meat Loaf pulled en astonishing coup by oming the top album artist of th thanks to the immortal 'Bat Os Of Hell' and the lesser 'Deedringer' Love'. Meet's incredible triumph we explored in more detail in the near future. His closest rivals were Dun Duran and the Human League. The League's tally of 4422 points was astounding bearing in mind they did release on LP in 1982 — at least, th is, as the Human League. However re-thought 'Dare' issued under the pseudonym of Leage Unlimited Orchestra gained a total of 1704 points and if this is edded to the tot

points and if this is added to the to standing under the group's regular identity they outpoint Meet Loaf. Madness confirm their great year finishing in fourth place. A combine singles/albums survey would place them first with Duran Duran and J close behind. Barbra Straisand spi much of the year in Britain shooting next movie. Her presence in the country was the lowest of low-key affairs and in no way assisted her status as top female soloist on the album survey. Her overall position of fifth represented an eight place leap rrrn represented an eight place least over 1981. Queen were sixth, 35 places up on 1981. This was mostly due to their Greatest Hits' package. Their all-new 'Hot Space' LP perform comparatively modestly. Elkie Brook became a massive selling-album artisthanks to heavy TV promotion. 'Peal was one of very few albums to stey the chart for the entire year, and Elkie's bank belance was further d in November when 'Per joined it in the chart. The combined points totals of these two gients pushed Elkie into seventh place for \$ year. She was easily the most popul homegrown lady vocalist. As in the singles survey, Japan took eighth place, the combined effects of four h albums in the year.

Soft Cell occupy ninth place then to their two 'Non-Stop' albums and completing the top 10 are Simon and Garfunkel, album chart champs of 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1973 whose nostalgic reunion concert sparked healthy sales not only for the resultal album, but also for the 1981 complication The Simon And Gerfunk Collection', the similar 1972 'Greatel Hits' and 'Bridge Over Troubled Waters'. Notable absentees from the top ten include Adem Ant (number of in 1981, number 45 in 1982) and Joi Lennon, sixth in 1981 but absent in 1982 despite his year-end chart topper. Here's the top ten: 1 (3) Mesi Loef — 5059 points, 2 (27) Duran Duran — 4422, 3 (26) Human Leagu Duran — 4422, 3 (20) riuman Leagu — 4400, 4 (10) Madness — 4212, 5 (13) Barbra Streisand — 4103, 6 (4) Queen — 3888, 7 (—) Elkie Brooks — 3817, 8 (81) Japan — 3709, 9 (—) - 3665, 10 (80) Simon & Gartunkel - 3223

ALAN JON

THAT Barbra Streisand's 'Love Songs' was the best-selling album of 1982 is historic fact if that is, you believe BMRB's computations. In fact just one album sold more than a million copies in Britain last year, and that album was 'The Kids From Fame'

To sell a million copies of an album at any time is a commendable and rare feat, to do so in 1982 amidst rapidly plummeting sales is almost unbelievable. Its success was a particularly pleasant surprise for the National Broadcasting Corporation of America who originated the TV series and funded the album. Stateside the TV show started at the bottom of the ratings and failed to improve significantly as the series progressed. Its lack of impact was reflected in the album's chart record; eight weeks in Billboard's LP listings with a peak position of number 146. NBC's disappointment was absolute, but they boldly decided to shoot a second series and have been rewarded by a growing audience, though the sen still generating few record sales domestically.

Internationally the story is rather different, with Britain leading the way. Here neither the TV series nor the LP have been out of their respective top tens. Indeed, the album spent nearly three months at number one, and there's still plenty of life in it. The seasonal abundance of record tokens and the Kids From Fame's recent British dates should both give the album a healthy sales fillip, adding to the substantial pile of precious metal

already fashioned into disc form to

celebrate the platter's phenomenal sales achievements. By mid-December 'The Kids From Fame Again' has been hard pressed to match the heady achievements of its predecessor but has so far notched a more than healthy 500,000 sales despite containing an abysmal collection of songs, a fact illustrated by the inability of its premier track 'Mannequin' to climb higher than number 50 when recently released as

In America last year ally two women sold more albums than Pat Benatar, but it was only Pat's refusal to settle for second best that led to her taking up rock music in the first place. Born in Brooklyn some 29 years ago, Pat was brought up to appreciate more serious music. Blessed with a strong voice and a wide vocal range she decided to take up a career as an opera singer and spent three years following her vocation. Then, realising that she had neither the degree of dedication nor the extended vocal range necessary to become a top-notch opera singer she opted out, declaring that she would never be content with the supporting roles she was doomed to playing if she had persisted. With that, she plunged straight into the world of rock and was swiftly awarded a contract by Chrysalis. She immediatley became big business and to date has racked up four hit albums and seven top 40 singles in America. She's also a leading 'live' attraction and has become a resident of one of Hollywood's most exclusive districts. Not bad for a girl from Brooklyn, but



PAT BENATAR: d'ya know anything by Wagner?

how ironic that her determination not to be second best has led to her being named third best! The women who foiled her efforts to become America's favourite songbird were Juice Newton and Stevie Nicks, both of whom sold

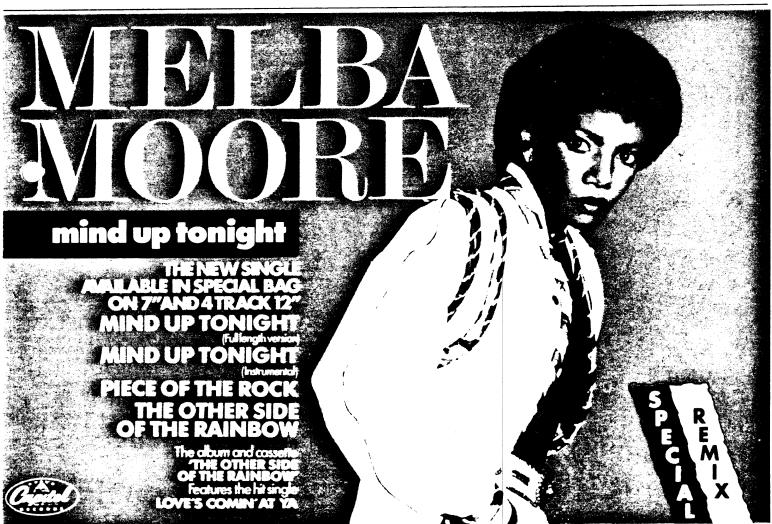
over four million albums in 1982...

OTOWN SPENT several thousand dollars just before Christmas to place a particularly controversial full page advertisement in Billboard. The text of the ad, in full, read "Despite what you read in this magazine, the Lionel read in this magazine, the Lionei Richie elbum is now, and has been, the number one best-selling pop album in this country''. Billboard see it rather differently and have held the album at number three behind Men At Work and the Stray Cats. But the fact that they would accept an advertisement questioning the quality of research carried out by their 37 man, \$2 million a year research department is, perhaps, an indication that times are hard and a full page ad is a welcome supplement to the magazine's income

regardless of its content... Cliff Richard's 'Little Town' was one of the better received Christmas singles of 1982 and would have fared even better if EMI had released it a couple of weeks earlier than they did. It is, of course, the traditional carol 'Oh Little Town of Bethlehem' with new tune written especially for Cliff last year. It's interesting to note that he first cut the carol, with the original melody, in 1967 as part of a yuletide EP called 'Carol Singers'. The EP featured Cliff's interpretations of five festive favourites all rendered acapella with additional vocal help from an anonymous bunch of sessioneers who masqueraded under the collective moniker of the Carol Singers. The tracks represent Cliff's entire acapella output in over 24 years as a recording artist and the EP is a highly-valued collectors item..

Elvis Costello surprisingly emerged from 1982 with six hit singles to his credit - but not one of them made the top 40. Never before has an act made so many chart forays in a single year without denting the top half of the chart.

ALAN JONES





THE DATAPORT: chart hypers take note

FTER 14 turbulent years, the British Market Research reau this week handed over task of compiling Britain's most important record charts to the Gallup organisation.

Gallup was established in America in 1935 and set up its British operation two years later. It's now the largest and best-known market research organisation in the world, operating directly in 36 countries and canvassing world opinion on everything from politics to the most commonly used name for the smallest room ('Loo' triumphs in the South of England whilst the plainspeaking folk of the North East almost invariably say 'roiler'!

It's not generally known that Gallup have previously attempted compiling record charts — with disastrous results. In 1978, they were commissioned to provide the now-defunct trade magazine Radio & Record News (R&RN) with a weekly singles chart. Mere novices in the art of compiling charts, they made a number of fundamental errors in their methodology. On one celebrated occasion a particularly duff disc stormed into Gallup's chart at number 29 after a dealer from Merseyside had returned a sales figure of 2,000 on it. The right of the support elsewhere and now made the BMRB, or any other, chart. Gallup's association with R&RN eventually came to a hat after a subsidiary of the magazine went bankrupt owing Gallup a considerable amount of money.

Gallup appeared to learn a great deal from their involvement with R&RN and their re-entry into the chart compiling arena comes only after a detailed study of the attendant problems. The system they've settled on involved the installation of a specially developed data storage and retrieval unit in each chart return shop. These units, known as dataports, are glorified computer terminals into which dealers feed details of every record sold. Each week these details are transferred to Gallup's main computer by a Post Office imodem' unit which reads back the sales entries at fast speed. Once the information is gathered in Gallup start processing the information and within nours the new chart is ready for sublication.

The all-important dataports nave seen supplied free of charge to Sallup's chart penel. Other dealers may purchase them for £1,100. nitially only the 250 shops on Gallup's sanel have the dataports, a fact which surely has not escaped the notice of typers. This points to an increase in loubtful chart entries during the first lew months, but as more record shops byt to buy their own dataports — they can be used for stock control, and

Gallup also undertake to supply nonchart dealers with comprehensive sales analyses in exchange for buying the units — so it will become increasingly difficult to detect which shops are chart returners and which have the machines for their own purposes.

It is not inconceivable that 50 per cent of Britain's 5,000 record shops will eventually buy the units. Long before this figure is attained, hyping will become a horrendously expensive exercise that even the wealthlest record companies will dismiss as being unworkable. Also, the more shops that have the units, the more flexible Gallup's panel becomes. There's no reason why they shouldn't eventually be incorporating chart returns from all dataport owners into the chart. This would provide a super-accurate listing unrivalled anywhere in the world.

ORE IMMEDIATELY, you will notice that the singles chart has blossomed into a top one hundred — surely its optimum length — and, for the first time, the LP chart includes sales of cassettes as well as records. The importance of the latter development should not be underestimated. According to the latest BPI figures, there's now one cassette sold for every two long-playing records, and the gap between the two mediums is closing.

the two mediums is closing. Research has shown that cassette sales are heavily blased in favour of MOR artists. Acts like Streisand, Manilow and Diarmond achieve a cassette to albums sales ratio of 1:1 — in some casset they can sell slightly more cassettes than albums. At the other end of the spectrum there is very little demand for cassettes from fans of punk and heavy metal, the overall ratio of cassettes to albums here being no more than 1:10. In effect this means that middle of the road acts have seen their sales severely under-represented by the previous exclusion of cassette sales from the LP chart. This has now been remedied and future charts should show a definite swing in favour of blander, usually American, acts who specialise in MOR.

Gallup has also instigated a cassetteonly top 30 and a top 25 12-inch
chart. Both will be carried in RM. The
latter should be particularly
fascinating. Certain rock acts self
heavily on 12-inch, but the vast
majority of 12-inch singles sold in
Britain are of a disco nature. In
exceptional circumstances we can
even look foward to hot disco imports
making the list. More charts means
more trivia, and Chartfille will be
keeping an eagle-eye on proceedings
during 1983 to astound and bore you
with even more obscure facts 'n' feats.
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SINGLES

- THE MESSAGE, Grandmaster Flash, Sugarhill In a year of gutless overproduced frauds, a number of singles stood out for their sincerity and pertinence. 'The Message' was both hard hitting and danceable.
- SHIPBUILDING, Robert Wyatt,
- Rough Trade
 HOW WE GONNA MAKE THE
 BLACK NATION RISE, Brother D
 With The Collective Effort, Island
 (SEXUAL) HEALING, Marvin Gaye,
- 4
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- NAME NAP, Wham!, Innervision POISON ARROW, ABC, Neutron ONLY YOU, Yazoo, Mute TOWN CALLED MALICE, Jam, 6 7
- Polydor WHATEVER IS HE LIKE, The
- Farmer's Boys, Backs

ALBUMS

- WESTWORLD, Theatre Of Hate, Burning Rome There just aren't that many new bands who can sustain an LP these days ... a coupla hit singles maybe. TOH get the vote because their grand failure is the impetus for Brandon's amhition
- IMPERIAL BEDROOM, Elvis
- Costello, F Beat 2 × 45, Cabaret Voltaire, Rough
- LIVING MY LIFE, Grace Jones,
- Island
 7 SONGS, 23 Skidoo, Fetish
 LEXICON OF LOVE, ABC, Neutron
 LA VARIETE, Weekend, Rough
- 8 DIG THE NEW BREED, The Jam, Polydor SULK, Associates, Associates PROMISES, Allez Allez, Virgin

GIG OF THE YEAR KID CREOLE AND THE

COCONUTS, Pink Pop Festival, hr Whenst the Kid finally won

commercial success with a rather safe LP this year, his forte is still the live show. Quite simply a wonderful spectacular. The sun shone, the girls were beautiful and I got very drunk...

BILLY SLOAN

SINGLES

- ALL OF MY HEART, ABC, Neutron
- A classic tale of lost love
- 2 THE MESSAGE, Grandmaster Flash,
- Sugarhill ROCK THE CASBAH, The Clash,
- THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING ON MY MIND, The Pale Fountains, Operation Twilight
 BUFFALO GALS, Malcolm McLaren,
- RUNNING AWAY, Paul Haig, 6 Operation Twilight

 A PATRON, Derek Nicoll, Clubland
- MAMBO BADO, Orchestra Makassy, Virgin HAMMER THE HAMMER, The Go-
- Betweens, Rough Trade RUN RIGHT BACK, Anthony More,
- 10

ALBUMS

- 1 NEW GOLD DREAM -81,82,83,84, Simple Minds, Virgin A mirror of the moods, attitudes and ambience of the Eighties — a pop milestone.
- IMPERIAL BEDROOM, Elvis Costello, F. Beat THE GOLDEN AGE OF WIRELESS,
- Thomas Dolby, VIP
 THE DREAMING, Kate Bush, EMI
- SULK, The Associates, WEA
 ALL THE BEST COWBOYS HAVE
 CHINESE EYES, Pete Townshend,
- Atco
 TROPICAL GANGSTERS, Kid Creole
- and The Coconuts, Ze/Island TOO-RYE-AYE, Kevin Rowland & Dexys Midnight Runners, Phonogram
- DIAMOND, Spandau Ballet,
- Reformation
 ENTER K, Peter Hammill, Naive

GIG OF THE YEAR KID CREOLE AND THE

COCONUTS, Birmingham Odeon For three hours I forgot about the rain, my overdraft and all my other problems and drifted off to B'Dilly Bay. Classic pop escapism.

MIKE GARDNER

SINGLES

- 1 WHY, Carly Simon, WEA Chic on form, Carly at her most sensuous and the only mistake is that the 12 inch isn't long enough. Heavenly.
- STOOL PIGEON, Kid Creole And
- The Coconuts, Ze
 POISON ARROW, ABC, Neutron
 FORGET ME NOTS, Patrice Rushen,
- TOTTENHAM, TOTTENHAM, Tottenham Hotspur FA Cup Final Squad, Shelf
- HILLY FIELDS (1982), Nick Nicely,
- LOVE COME DOWN, Evelyn King,
- AIRWAVES, Thomas Dolby, Venice
- CLUB COUNTRY, Associates,
- Associates
 YOU'RE THE ONE FOR ME, 'D'
 Train, Prelude

ALBUMS

- **ENGLISH SETTLEMENT**, XTC, Virgin released in January and I'm still playing it. Two albums of pop, fun and rivetting entertainment.
- NIGHT AND DAY, Joe Jackson,
- A&M LITE ME UP, Herbie Hancock, CBS STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART, Patrice Rushen, Elektra IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT,
- Imagination, R&B
 THE NIGHTFLY, Donald Fagen,

- WEA
 NEW GOLD DREAM —
 81.82,83,84, Simple Minds, Virgin
 IMPERIAL BEDROOM, Elvis
- Costello, F. Beat BLACKOUT, Scorpions, Harvest DURADANCE CASSETTE, Various Artists, Phonogram

GIGS OF THE YEAR TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR FA CUP FINAL SQUAD and MIKE

GARDNER, 'Top Of The Pops', BBC TV Centre, London At least I can tell my grandchildren I played for Spurs!

SIMON TEBBUTT

SINGLES OF THE YEAR

Flash, Sugarhill

Rough Trade

Neutron

King, RCA

ONLY YOU, Yazoo, Mute

THE MESSAGE, Grandmaster

SHIPBUILDING, Robert Wyatt,

ALL OF MY HEART, ABC,

LOVE COME DOWN, Evelyn

SINGLES

- I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU. Dolly Parton, RCA Because people say I look like her when I go out at night
- TEENAGE ENEMA NURSES IN BONDAGE, Killer Pussy, Sho-Pink
- Records
 TORCH, Soft Cell, Some Bizzare
 DO YOU REALLY WANT TO HURT
 ME, Culture Club, Virgin
- JOHN WAYNE IS BIG LEGGY, Havsi
- Fantayzee, Regard UNCERTAIN SMILE, The The, Some
- Bizzare
 ONLY YOU, Yazoo, Mute
 WHERE THE HEART IS, Soft Cell, Some Bizzare
 DO YOU WANT TO FUNK,
- Sylvester, Decca THE MESSAGE, Grandmaster Flash,

ALBUMS

- UNTITLED, Marc And The Mambas, Some Bizzare Oooh, it makes me go all wobbly inside as Marc reveals hitherto unglimpsed parts of his innermost soul
- FORCE THE HAND OF CHANCE.
- Psychic TV, Some Bizzare
 NON STOP ECSTATIC DANCING
- NON STOP ECSTATIC DANCING Soft Cell, Some Bizzare LOVE AND DANCING, League Unlimited Orchestra, Virgin NIGHT AND DAY, Joe Jackson,
- LEXICON OF LOVE, ABC.
- Neutron/Phonogram MACK AND MABEL, Original Cast,
- UPSTAIRS AT ERIC'S, Yazoo, Mute KISSING TO BE CLEVER, Culture
- Club, Virgin
 TROPICAL GANGSTERS, Kid Creole & The Coconuts, Ze Island

GIG OF THE YEAR MARC ALMOND and HUW FEATHER, a cab in New York They were singing gusset straining falsetto selections from operettas and school songs. I was very drun and remember laughing a lot befor being sick.

ROBIN SMITH

SINGLES

- ONLY YOU, Yazoo, Mute It brought a tear to my eye, a lump to my throat and a tune t my heart.
- ALL OF MY HEART. ABC, Neutror PAPER LATE EP, Genesis, Charism DO YOU REALLY WANT TO HURT
- ME, Culture Club, Virgin CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOU,
- Scorpions, EMI MIRROR MAN, Human League,
- GOODY TWO SHOES, Adam Ant.
- ROCK THE CASBAH, Clash, CBS SEXUAL HEALING, Marvin Gaye, CRS
- 10 BABY DOLL, Girls Can't Help It,

ALBUMS

- LOVE AND DANCING, The League Unlimited Orchestra, Virgin
- The title really says it all! LEXICON OF LOVE, ABC, Neutron CREATURES OF THE NIGHT, Kiss,
- Casablanca TALK OF THE DEVIL, Ozzy
- Osbourne, Jet ASIA, Asia, Geffen PICTURES AT ELEVEN, Robert
- Plant, Swansong
 CODA, Led Zeppelin, Swansong
 KISSING TO BE CLEVER, Culture
- Club, Virgin
 BLACKOUT, Scorpions, EMI
 THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST, Iron Maiden, EMI

GIG OF THE YEAR

FOREIGNER, Munich, Germany Foreigner jamming with Plant and Page. What more could anybody

BETTY PAGE

SINGLEŞ

- GHOSTS, Japan, Virgin
 It defied chart conventions and represented Japan at their sparsest, poignant best. Its timeless quality makes the perfect epitaph.
- WHERE THE HEART IS, Soft Cell.
- Some Bizzare
 INSTINCTION, Spandau Ballet,
- Reformation
 WINDPOWER, Thomas Dolby, VIP
 WHAM! RAP, Wham!, Inner Vision
 EVER SO LONELY, Monsoon,
- Mobile Suit Corporation

 THE MESSAGE, Grandmaster Flash, 7
- Sugarhill
 SAVE A PRAYER, Duran Duran, EMI
 ONLY YOU, Yazoo, Mute
 STREETPLAYER, Fashion, Arista

ALBUMS

- THE GOLDEN AGE OF WIRELESS, Thomas Dolby, Venice In Peril Forget the 'boffin' business, Dolby is a consummate writer of warm, intelligent, uplifting songs with more than a touch of romance. The technology ever obscures, only highlights.
 2 IMMIGRANTS, Sandii and the
- Sunsetz, Yen/Sire
 UNTITLED, Marc and The Mambas, 3
- Some Bizzare
 THE LOVE THAT WHIRLS (DIARY
 OF A THINKING HEART), Bill
- Nelson, Mercury THE PARTY'S OVER, Talk Talk, EMI
- FABRIQUE, Fashion, Arista RIO, Duran Duran, EMI NEW GOLD DREAM '82 '83 '84, 8
- Simple Minds, Virgin RICE MUSIC, Masami Tsuchiya, 9
- 10 A BROKEN FRAME, Depeche Mode, Mute

GIG OF THE YEAR

SOFT CELL, Retford Porterhouse It could've been the Sunsetz or the Coconuts and may well be the Mambas, but after a year of stiflingly tedious 'big gigs', this stands out as a never-to-berepeated experience. The best kind of shambolic fun in an intimate atmosphere. Will Marc ever bop to 'Memorabilia' in the audience ag

SIMON HILLS

SINGLES

- BIG SHIP, Freddy McGregor, Intense
 - You can dance to it, sit back and relax to it, get romantic with it ... plus it's one of the classiest melodies ever!
- ONLY YOU, Yazoo, Mute THE MESSAGE, Grandmaster Flash, Sugarhill
- 4 LOVE COME DOWN, Evelyn King,
- 5 SEXUAL HEALING, Marvin Gaye,
- 6 STOOL PIGEON, Kid Creole & The
- Coconuts, Ze
 BITTEREST PILL, The Jam, Polydor
 LIFE IN A GHETTO, Simple Simon,
- Greensleeves
 LOOPZILLA, George Clinton, Capitol
 JOHN WAYNE IS BIG LEGGY, Haysi Fantayzee, Regard

ALBUMS

1 RYDIM DRIVEN, Jimmy Riley,

Taxi Steely vocals mix with the irresistible reggae backing of Sly, Robbie and the boys.



- NEW GOLD DREAM 81, 82, 83, 84, Simple Minds, Virgin LEXICON OF LOVE, ABC,
- Neutron NIGHT AND DAY, Joe Jackson, A&M
- IMPERIAL BEDROOM, Elvis

- Costello, F. Beat
 DON'T PLAY WITH MY
 EMOTIONS, Ron Rogers, Ze
 COMBAT ROCK, The Clash, CBS
 NIGHT NURSE, Gregory Isaacs,
- JUMP TO IT, Aretha Franklin, Arista
- SWEETS FROM A STRANGER, Squeeze, A&M THE GIFT, The Jam, Polydor SKIDDIP, Eek A Mouse,
- Greensleeves
 A BROKEN FRAME, Depeche Mode, 10

GIG OF THE YEAR GREGORY ISAACS, The Venue,

The grandmaster of lovers rock looked like he'd walked out of his Jamaican home straight on to the Venue stage. The atmosphere was a hot as West Indian sunshine, and the singer was as cool as the London weather outside.

JOHN SHEARLAW

SINGLES

- WE HAVE A DREAM, BA Robertson and the Scottish World Cup Squad, WEA BA's record was the best piece of drunken patriotism since 'Flower Of Scotland' (hic!), and a timely reminder that there'll always be another Banockburn.
- MAID OF ORLEANS (WALTZ OF JOAN OF ARC), OMD, Dindisc 12in ONLY YOU, Yazoo, Mute SWEET MOTHER/AKI SPECIAL,
- Wagadu Gu, Rokel 12in MADELEINA, Pablo Porthos, Island 5
- THE LION SLEEPS TONIGHT, Tight
- SUPAFRICO (INSTRUMENTAL
- MIX), Bunny Mack, RCA 12in NICE AND SLOW (US REMIX), 8
- Jesse Green, Excaliber 12in

 JOHN WAYNE IS BIG LEGGY, Haysi 9
- SAVE YOUR LOVE FOR ME, Space, 10 Metropolis re-release 12in

ALBUMS

- 1+9+8+2, Status Quo, Vertigo
 - Ample proof that "the boys" are good for 20 years or more, with '1 + 9 + 8 + 2' weighing in as the best Quo album since 'Hello' a decade previously.
- AGWAYA, Orchestra Makassv.
- Virgin
 NEVER STOP FIGHTING, Johnny
- Osbourne, Greensleeves
 LOVE AND DANCING, The League
 Unlimited Orchestra, Virgin
 "FROM THE MAKERS OF...",
- Status Quo, Vertigo NIGHT NURSE, Gregory Isaacs,
- WE ARE...THE LEAGUE, The Anti-
- Nowhere League, WXYZ SOUKOUS SOUND D'AFRIQUE VOLUME 2, Various, Island WHEN YOU WERE SWEET
- SIXTEEN, The Fureys, Ritz KISSING TO BE CLEVER, Culture 10

GIG OF THE YEAR STATUS QUO, National Exhibition

Centre, Birmingham Despite the prescence of IRI ('is Royal 'ighness) and the TV cameras Quo turned in their first ''95 per center'' for many a tour and it was well worth waiting for. 100 per cent next time round eh lads?

MARK COOPER

SINGLES

Sheehan

- ONLY YOU, Yazoo, Mute Easier to hum than 'Mull Of Kintyre', sweeter sentiments and no mention of Scotland or any other country. The year's best love songs by the year's best new voice.
- THE MESSAGE, Grandmaster Flash,
- Sugarhill SHIPBUILDING, Robert Wyatt.
- Rough Trade JUMP TO IT, Aretha Franklin, Arista LOVE COME DOWN, Evelyn King,
- PARTY FEARS TWO, The
- Associates, WEA
 THE BOILER, Rhoda & The Special
- AKA, 2 Tone

 DANCE HALL STYLE, Al Campbell, Greensleeves
- TEMPTATION, New Order, Factory JUST A GIRL, The Pale Fountains, Operation Twilight

ALBUMS

- MUSIC FOR A NEW SOCIETY, John Cale, Ze Old masters don't always fade. sometimes they make albums of extraordinary power that look grief in the eye without flinching. The year's most emotionally torn yet dignified record
- IMPERIAL BEDROOM, Elvis
- Costello, F. Beat A KISS IN THE DREAMHOUSE.
- Siouxsie and the Banshees, Polydor DURADANCE CASSETTE, Various
- Artists, Phonogram
 LET'S ALL UNITE, Viceroys, Trojan
 BENEFACTOR, Romeo Void, CBS
 SONGS TO REMEMBER, Scritti
- Politti, Rough Trade SEXUAL HEALING, Marvin Gaye, 8
- THE BLUE MASK, Lou Reed, RCA 10
- **NEW GOLD DREAM** -81,82,83,84, Simple Minds, Virgin

GIG OF THE YEAR GREGORY ISAACS, The Venue,

Because everybody wanted to be there, knew the songs and were still surprised by the excellence of the Cool Ruler and Roots Radics. One for the swooners and about the only gig this year that felt like an

PAUL SEXTON

SINGLES

- 1 COOL NIGHT, Paul Davis, Arista MOR and proud of it - a sexy smooch for the dark hours.
 THAT GIRL, Stevie Wonder, Motow
- EMPTY GARDEN, Elton John,
- BREAKING US IN TWO, Joe
- Jackson, A&M STARDUST, Nat King Cole, Capito STEPPIN' OUT, Joe Jackson, A&M SOMEBODY'S BABY, Jackson
- Browne, Asylum

 I KEEP FORGETTIN', Michael
- McDonald, Warner Brothers SHIPBUILDING, Robert Wyatt,
- Rough Trade
 AND I'M TELLING YOU I'M NOT GOING, Jennifer Holliday, Geffen

ALBUMS

- IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES, Michael McDonald, Warner Brothers Real white soul from a voice to
- conjure every emotion.
 NIGHT AND DAY, Joe Jackson, A&
- DONNA SUMMER, Donna Summer, Warner Brothers
- THE BEST OF BOBBY BLAND, Bobby Bland, MCA SWEETS FROM A STRANGER,
- BOBBY McFERRIN, Bobby McFerrin
- Elektra Musician
 LEAD ME TO THE WATER, Gary Brooker, Mercury
 TUG OF WAR, Paul McCartney,
- Parlophone THE NIGHTFLY, Donald Fagen,
- Warner Brothers
 MIDNIGHT LOVE, Marvin Gaye,

GIG OF THE YEAR

THE FOUR TOPS, Fairfield Halls Made me believe in live entertainment one more time and brought back all that Motor City magnificence.

DANIELA SOAVE

- SAVE IT FOR LATER, The Beat, Go Feet A celebration of sweetness and
- strength. YOUNG GUNS (GO FOR IT),
- Wham!, Innervision
- MAID OF ORLEANS, Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark, DinDisc WALKING ON SUNSHINE, Rockers
- Revenge, London
 FELICITY, Orange Juice, Polydor
 MY CAMERA NEVER LIES, Bucks
- THE DEVIL LIVES (IN MY HUSBAND'S BODY), Pulsallama, Y TOWN CALLED MALICE, The Jam,
- SHY BOY, Bananarama, London EAT YOUR HEART OUT, Hey! 10

Elastica, Virgin **ALBUMS**

- NEW GOLD DREAM -81,82,83,84, Simple Minds, Virgin It's the difference between
- plain and self raising flour.
- THE LOOK OF LOVE, ABC, Neutron UPSTAIRS AT ERIC'S, Yazoo, Mute LOVE AND DANCING, The League Unlimited Orchestra, Virgin
- SULK. Associates, Associates
 SPECIAL BEAT SERVICE, The Beat,
- MUSIC FOR A NEW SOCIETY, John
- TOO-RY-AYE, Dexys Midnight
- Runners, Phonogram H20, Hall And Oates, RCA SINGLES 45s AND UNDER, Squeeze, A&M

GIG OF THE YEAR **ROLLING STONES**, Bristol

Because they might be middle aged but they can still pack them in.

ROBIN SMITH sift through the wreck

JANUAK

WO TRAGEDIES shadowed the start of the year. 15 year old heavy metal fan Christopher Tyrer died from a brain haemorrhage after a Saxon concert in Wolverhampton and Lynval Golding of the Fun Boy Three was on the critical list after a club brawl.

Christopher became paralysed down one side and couldn't speak following the haemorrhage and he died in hospital. "It is possible that violent head shaking can increase the risk of a haemorrhage," said a hospital spokesman.

hospital spokesman.
28 year old Lynval had his jugular vein slashed open by someone wielding a broken bottle when he was caught in the middle of a fight

Shades nightclub in Coventry.
om his hospital bed he said: "I can't feel any anger towards my attackers. My music is about peace and I'm sure the guys who did this to me will feel sorry for what they did."

This vicious attack was not the only stroke of misfortune to hit Lynval. While he was recovering in hospital, thieves broke into his Coventry home and stole stereo equipment worth over £1,000. Ironically the Jam released their single 'A Town Called Malice' the week of the incident . . .

Celebrated rock pensioners
Status Quo were 20 years old in
January, but the party was upset
when John Coghlan decided to
leave the line up. His replacement
was to be former Original Mirrors
drummer Pete Kircher. Those other
heavy metal veterans Black
Sabbath were also celebrating
many years in the business and we



LYNVAL GOLDING injured in a club brawl

caught up with them in Newcastle.
"I guess I'm a political writer,"
said vocalist Ronnie James Dio and
the world pondered . . .

In Paris, Bauhaus were entertaining the natives and posing moodily around the Eiffel Tower.

"We're aggressive, we're surreal, we're innovators, we're very talented and we don't like touring," said Daniel Ash. Meanwhile those awfully nice Dollar people were being far more modest as they spent a Wednesday afternoon down at the Top Of The Pops studio. "At the moment we're too busy enjoying ourselves to go over the top in a stupid way," said Thereza . . .

The Stranglers played a major tour in January but Soft Cell were slightly less ambitious. They played a mere two gigs at Retford Porterhouse and struck gold with 'Say Hello Wave Goodbye'. Visage announced their new look for January with Steve Strange, Rusty Egan and wee Midge Ure teaming up for the moody 'The Damned Don't Cry' single . . .

Haircut 100 released hit single 'Love Plus One' and while we're on that subject Madness' singer Suggs married Bette Bright who used to front Bette Bright and the Illuminations. The wedding took place at St Luke's Church, Highgate



RHODA DAKAR has 'The Boiler' banned

and the couple slipped off to a secret destination for their honeymoon.

No such luck for Clare Grogan though. "Boyfriends? I don't ha any," she lisped

Happily married Mike Rutherford Genesis passed a cheerful har hour back stage at Wembley an made a stunning confession

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"I'm getting a bit pissed before go on stage. I don't get through two bottles of whisky but I have couple of glasses of wine to get relaxed and get the adrenalin going."

And a heavy dose of adrenalir was what Styx's Tommy Shaw could have done with as the bar toured Europe. "Look at my facilook how much more tired I look since you first saw me," he moaned. Poor wee sausage

The Human League were feeli fine and clocked up a double sin and album success with 'Dare' a 'Don't You Want Me' with both right at the top of the charts.

January was the month when caught our first whiff of Boy George who said his band Cultui Club were going to record a sing for a major label and be a tremendous success.

Rhoda Dakar the former Bodysnatcher was less successt with her single 'The Boiler', band because of its controversial rape lyrics and sound effects.

Debbie Harry also had a shock store when she reverted to her natural mouse hair colour and sh obviously didn't agree with Kim Wilde who said, "Glamour, I lo glamour."

LYING HIGH, the Police said they were going to play a charity benefit gig for Freddie Laker. Well millionaires have to stick together don't they?

Neville Staples of the Fun Boy Three was speechless, but not at the above piece of news. He was put out of action following an operation on his vocal chords to remove nodules . . . Haircut 100 were sprinkling

Haircut 100 were sprinkling Johnson's Baby Powder over everybody and smiling. "At the moment a pop band is all about socks and vests and nice hair," crooned Nick Heyward as the little girls moaned.

Even Sammy Hagar seemed to be bathing in this fresh clean cut glow. "I've always been the kind of guy who likes to attract the opposite sex," he said. "At high school I

sex," he said. "At high school I dressed for girls."
Pamela Stephenson wasn't happy though, at her much publicised romance with ageing Scottish boor Billy Connolly. "I would slash my wrists if I thought that the coverage of my private life was going to go on forever," she said. It didn't, because the single stiffed

The other bore of the month was David Bowie who had a role in the BBC's production of 'Baal'. February was livened up by the Anti Nowhere League. The obscenity squad decided that the B side 'So What' on their 'Streets Of London' single was obscene and seized several thousand copies.

The outrageous Ozzy Osbourne was also in action biting the head off a bat in America and receiving anti rabies injections as a result.

There were two line up changes this month. Topper Headon was booted out of the Clash and Pete Gill left Saxon to be replaced by former Toyah sticks person Nigel Glockler . . .

Tragedy struck again when Alex Harvey collapsed and died of a heart attack at the end of a five week European tour.

One of the less well known facts about Alex was that he once recorded an album about the Loch Ness monster composed of interviews of people claiming to have seen the beastie . . .

Micky Moody upped and left
Whitesnake and the Tygers had to
cancel some gigs because their
bassist Rocky had suspect fluid on



ALEX HARVEY dies after heart attack in Belgium

the brain. Fortunately the lad later recovered . . .

Paul Weller though, seemed to be terminably miserable. "I don't notice the money because I don't have an extravagant lifestyle," he said. "I haven't got any mansions just a two roomed flat. I haven't

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got a car or anything and I do my own shopping."

The month was brightened considerably by the nude appearance of Miss Great Britain no other than Tracy Dodds, girlfrier of OMD's Andy McCluskey. But charms were nothing to the activities to be found on one of Ir Maiden's videos which had scene of underwater sex. Iron Maiden found such material ideal viewing after recording sessions for their album 'The Number Of The

UB40 revealed that they had the best single deal since Paul McCartney and bored everyone with quotes like "I think at the tir we came out there was a definite low spot in music and we bridged the gap."

Over in New York at the end of the month, Soft Cell were making nuisance of themselves and wee Marc was being eyed up by vario strange gentlemen along Madisor Avenue.

"We've been smutty and it's time now to be a little more sensitive," said Marc. Believe tha and you would have believed anything.

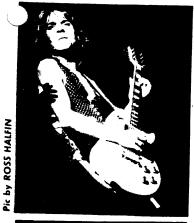
NOTHER DARK month with Ozzy Osbourne's guitarist Randy Rhoads being killed in a plane crash. The plane was performing aerobatics when it clipped the side of Ozzy's tour bus and plunged into the ground. The accident happened in Orlando Florida killing the tour bus driver,

Ozzy's wardrobe mistress . . Graham Bonnet signed up with the Michael Schenker Group and Motorhead announced they were to end their tour in a circus big top in Cambridge .

who was flying the plane, and

Annabella's mum claimed her little girl had been kidnapped by Malcolm McLaren. "If I ever see him again I'll kill him for what he's done. she said.

The awful Toni Basil finally had a hit with 'Mickey' and claimed that David Bowie was partly responsible for her fame. "He said why aren't you singing, you should just perform"



RANDY RHOADS died in aerobatics crash

Another old faithful, Mick Box. dusted down his stack heels and reformed Uriah Heep releasing

'Abominog.' . . . Surprise of the month was that Earth Wind And Fire came over to play some rare dates and said, England is musically the most progressive place in the world.

Gary Numan posed by the side of his plane to give a rare interview. can only go into a shop if there are a handful of people there," he said. "I don't like to be the only one in the shop talking."

We had our first taste of the manufactured group with Tight Fit put together by Zomba Records. During shooting the video for 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight' Tight Fit had a problem with a monkey named Cyril.

"He was sitting on a tree behind me baring his fangs," said Steve Grant. "At any minute I thought he was going to leap down and sink his fangs into my neck." Several critics wished he had . .

Over in Dublin Phil Lynott wasn't worried about his health at all. 'There's a good two years in us he declared . .

All was not happy with Girlschool though. Bassist Enid Williams left the line up to be replaced by Gil Weston who had been trained as a ballet dancer before rock and roll got the better of her

Roxy Music stepped back into the limelight with 'More Than This' and Depeche Mode bemoaned the pressures of stardom. "I hate being recognised in the street," said Andy Fletcher." It's so bad when you get that tap on the shoulder. When they ask: 'Are you Andy Fletcher from Depeche Mode?' I

Blackfoot went on the warpath and Ricky Medlocke revealed that his ancestors had helped to carve



ANNABELLA'S mum went on the warpath and cradle snatc Malcolm McLaren went into hiding

up Custer's cavalry at the battle of the Little Big Horn in 1876. "Custer was either a hero or a bastard depending on your point of view," said Ricky .

The J Geils Band finally made it in Britain with 'Centrefold' and ABC's Martin Fry announced he was in love, "I've got a new girlfriend so I've got to be happy." It was nice to see somebody

content for once

Haircut 100 said they were writing a series of television sho all about themselves and we're : waiting for this with bated breat aren't we?

Killing Joke's Jaz went missin after the band played Brighton T Rank and initial reports said that had gone to Iceland to study Leylines, poor deluded boy.

UGGS CAME back from his honeymoon and Madness released their greatest hits package 'Complete Madness'.

Paul McCartney teamed up with Stevie Wonder for the top selling 'Ebony And Ivory' single. But did you know that Paulie wasn't sitting next to Stevie on the video? Paul was filmed in England and Stevie filmed in America and the film was cunningly stitched together.
"The idea of the single is that

ebony and ivory live together in harmony on the keyboard so why can't we humans live together too," said Paul

said Paul.

But it cost you more to listen to such pearls of wisdom. Singles went up in price by 10p and albums soared by 30 pence. Monsoon had a one off hit with

Ever So Lonely' and David Sylvian seemed to be a bit short of friends himself. "I don't warm to people easily." he said.

Yes, April seemed to be a month

for confessions.

"I deserved a lot of the knocks I got," said Rod Stewart. "I went through a period where I lost all contact with rock and roll.

Graham Bonnet took a slurp at some Perrier water and revealed

all about his early life, claiming that when he was so nervous that he couldn't eat two bottles of vitamin filled Guinness a day had kept him going.

'It got so bad that I was hallucinating," he said. His problems weren't over though: during a personal appearance at a London record shop, Graham stormed out when a fan annoyed

Leee John of Imagination wasn't always so brash either. "I was a very shy child," he said. ery shy child," he said. Chris Sullivan and Mark Reilly of

Blue Rondo A La Turk sunk 20 Carlsberg Specials during an interview and talked about their experiences in Spain. "On Ash Wednesday the men dress up as women in black and they all go down to the beach and bury a sardine," said Chris.

Are you sure you hadn't had too much Sangria chaps?

Refined Mick Karn opened an exhibition of his funny sculptings in Mayfair and the crowd included Angle Bowle, Steve Strange and Richard Skinner .

Sal Solo of Classix Nouveaux revealed the secret of his bald



STING shaped up for his part in 'Ghost Runner'

'My manager was into Queen and wanted me to wear a wig so that I too would have long flowing locks," he said. "I decided to shave my hair off because I didn't

want to get sweaty under the

wig."
Sting was working up quite a
" " o seid he was lather as well. He said he was going to take the lead role in a fi called 'Ghost Runner' all about a marathon man

Bardo were foisted on us as th latest clean cut duo but turkeyed when 'One Step Further' failed to make the Eurovision grade and a follow up came to naught.

15,000 copies of the Strangler single 'Golden Brown' had a mucked up B side featuring 'Gambo Some Day' by obscure combo Music For Boys

Spandau Bailet and Blue Rondo La Turk played a special weekenc gig in Bournemouth.

Disc jockey Mike Read decided to stay in and be miserable. "I ha a better time when I was a stude than I do now," he said. Poor diddum.

In New York mighty Meatloaf held court before gracing Britain. "People just ask too many damn questions," he said. "I think the records I make have that timeless element to them. I think I'm doing better now than ever before.

And nobody was going to argue

with him.

OE STRUMMER went missing from the Clash and caused a nationwide hunt.

"Joe Strummer's personal conflict is where does the socially concerned rock artist stand in the bubble gum environment of today," said Clash Manager Bernie Rhodes. Everybody panicked for a while but Joe eventually returned to the Clash fold.

But there were more traumas. Cozy Powell left the Michael Schenker Group and Status Quo's keyboard player Andy Bown was injured by a surging crowd of fans in Dublin. He played through the gig but afterwards collapsed with delayed shock. Quo also became the first band to entertain Prince Charles (without Diana or William) at the Birmingham NEC...

Fast Eddie stamped his little feet at Lemmy and decided to quit Motorhead following a row over Lemmy's duet with Wendy O.''"liams on 'Stand By Your M. His replacement was Brian Robertson.

A duo that did work out was mighty Alf and little Vince of Yazoo, clocking up gold with the magnificent 'Only You' . . .

Duran Duran released their second album and went out to film a fabulous video in Sri Lanka. While they were away Joan Jett managed a British hit with 'I Love Rock And Roll'.

"If someone dumped a million pounds in my lap tomorrow, I'd probably go out and buy a hotel and then wreck it," she said



YAZOO made the single of the year as 'Only You' went gold

sensibly . .

Buster Bloodvessel would have probably bought a restaurant and we made the amazing discovery that he doesn't like chocolate.

"I prefer savoury things to sweet things," he said. "My mum does a very nice stew."

Those tasty morsels Bananarama backed the Funboy Three on 'Ain't What You Do' and released their own single 'Really Saying Something' . . .

Something'...
History was made when Robert
Plant and Jimmy Page jammed
with Foreigner on stage in Munich
and RECORD MIRROR was the
only paper to witness the event.

Plant and Page performed one number, 'Lucille', with their chums . . .

Simple Minds finally scored a hit with the apt 'Promised You A Miracle' and their record company was much relieved.

"In the past year we've found ourselves. A lot has finally fallen into place," said the always exciting Jim Kerr.

Mick kissed Jerry goodbye and announced plans for a tour. "I never consider myself a sex symbol," he said . . .

Meanwhile sex symbol Annabella and the boys were having problems on Queen's tour. They

were spat on, then pelted with bottles in Europe so they decided to call it a day . . .

"I'm a real motormouth today," said Adam Ant, fresh from the success of 'Goody Two Shoes'. "I've been putting things into perspective — working up a bit more energy."

Chris Difford of Squeeze said that a lack of perspective was good for him and a hangover was ideal for writing songs.

"When you're suffering from a hangover you're not thinking too rationally. The result is that you come up with ideas that the alcohol has loosened . . ."

Also back with a sting were the Scorpions who played a shattering sell out tour after releasing the wonderful 'Blackout' album and Klaus Meine had recovered from his vocal problems

Professional nice person Jay of Bucks Fizz gave us a glimpse into her personal life and said: "I'm ven DIY minded, I love old furniture."

furniture . . . "
Junior Giscombe finally hit the charts with 'Mama Used To Say' and said: 'In 10 years time I'd like to be able to say, 'Yes I've become very prolific and really developed as a singer' . . "

Sting was less than content though, because his song 'Don't Stand So Close To Me' was used in a commerical for deodorants.

Finally, Boy George rounded the month off very nicely saying, over lunch at a London restaurant, "If I get people to talk to me they usually discover I'm quite a nice down to earth sort of person."

JUNE

AMES HONEYMAN Scott of the Pretenders was found dead and the cause was drink and drugs, that well known curse of rock and roll . . .

Police drummer Stewart
Copeland filmed the Anti Nowhere
Le for a film 'So What' and
those nice Human League people
released 'Love And Dancing' a dub
dance mix version of 'Dare' . . .

Haircut 100 arranged a silly publicity stunt for their British tour.



PRETENDER'S guitarist
JAMES HONEYMAN SCOTT
was found dead after party

At each venue they released 200 helium filled balloons and the lucky people who found them furthest away from the concert qualified for a special four track 12 inch called 'Pelican Dance'.

No hope heavy metal band Rage also tried to drum up a bit of publicity when they held a reception in a London pub and filled it full of half naked

August Darnell revealed his fear of flying and refused to take a plane from Southampton to a gig in Nottingham and Brian Ferry said that he often sent boxes of kippers to journalists he didn't like . . .

Beki Bondage of Vice Squad held court and quipped, "Punk's about energy really innit?" Yes indeed my dear

Up in Leeds, for the opening of their tour, Freddie of Queen wasn't talking to anybody, so Brian May rapped instead about the recent team up with Bowie for 'Under Pressure' and how the Argentines were really jolly nice chaps.

"I suppose 'Under Pressure' was as near to a co-operative effort as you were going to get with five pig headed people." he said.

Also in Leeds was Queen fan Martin Josephson who had travelled 7,000 miles to see the band. His reward was a private audience with Fred in the dressing room

Tank meanwhile were in a fighting mood.

'I don't mind people criticising



CAPTAIN SENSIBLE dug for victory with 'Happy Talk'

us but I don't like being slagged unfairly," said Mark Brabbs and the lovable boys.

The Rolling Stones started their tour and Diana Ross managed to get away with charging £25 for a single ticket at her Wembley shows. Never mind, everybody went home feeling like a million dollars....

Soft Cell got into trouble over a naughty video featuring wee Marc masturbating through his clothes and rubbing raw meat into naked women

All was not well with Teardrop Explodes with Troy Tate and Ron Francois leaving the group. Most ridiculous story of the month was the fact that Pete Murphy said he was approached to do a Tarzan

film, but he settled for a Maxell tapes ad instead. What next we asked, Boy George to play Conan the Barbarian?

The hot weather seemed to be affecting people. Tony Banks of Genesis roller skated for us and nearly broke his neck at the Genesis farm down in deepest Surrey. Captain Sensible had a massive hit with 'Happy Talk', a song originally from the old movie 'South Pacific', and insisted that his record advance be cash in hand. ''I don't trust banks,'' he said

Poor old Siouxsie wasn't feeling very happy at all and doctors advised that she rest her voice after a nasty throat infection. Who said thank God for that?

DAM ANT lashed out against the release of the single 'Nine To Five' featured in punk film 'Jubilee'. Adam wrote the music for the song but wanted nothing more to do with it.

"In my opinion this is an inferior quality recording designed to capitalise on my success in the music industry," he said . . .

Ex Zeppelin person Robert Plant released his long awaited album 'Pictures At Eleven' which didn't even feature Jimmy Page

ABC's Martin Fry was as bubbly as ever. "I certainly never figured you could make money out of the music business," said Martin laughing all the way to the bank.

Kate revealed the terror of being a Haysi Fantayzee. The sight of her dreadlocks were just too much for some people.

"A woman called me a black man's whore and put her cigarette out right in my face," she said, "I h a terrible blister."

deotheque' climbed the charts and we actually saw Thereza Bazar having her roots touched up at an exclusive London hair salon.

"Being hysterical is the only way I can cope," she claimed as she was whisked off to a filming session near Windsor . . .

Brian Robertson joined Motorhead full time, but his debut with the band at Hackney was less than auspicious. The event was organised by a group of Hell's



IRENE CARA stormed to Number One with 'Fame'

Angels but less than a thousand turned out . . .

Ozzy Osbourne married his manager Sharon Arden on the island of Maui in Hawaii. There was no time for a honeymoon though. The very next day, Ozzy was off to Japan for another leg of his tour . . .

Those boring old farts Pink Floyd released their excruciating 'The Wall' film, featuring Bob Geldof whilst Shalamar clocked up a hit with 'Gonna Make This A Night To Remember'. . .

Paul Weller was back, droning miserably as well. "I still believe in that old fashioned idea of not selling out. That statement from the punk archives," he said. Gosh, how meaningful.

We went out on the town with those nice Bananarama girls celebrating the success of 'Really Saying Something'. "I've got piles of O and A levels if that's how you define intelligence," said Keren

Kate Bush, a woman of considerable intelligence and charm herself, released her single 'The

Dreaming' featuring animal impersonator Percy Edwards and Rolf Harris, who Kate insisted on calling 'Dear Rolfie' . . .

calling 'Dear Rolfie' . . . David Sylvian teamed up with the Yellow Magic Orchestra's Riuichi Sakamoto for the 'Bamboo Houses' single and for reasons best known to himself posed with a wet haddock in his hand.

We revealed Elkie Brooks' torrid sexy past with a selection of photos including one of the dear lady in a transparent body stocking. Some people said that to print such stuff we should have carried a government health warning . . .

Kevin Rowland dressed up in his Worzel Gummidge gear and gave a

rare interview.
"I wanted Dexy's Midnight
Runners not just to be a successfu
group making money but to be a
group people would never forget,"
he said . . .

And somebody it was very difficult to forget was Judas Priest's Rob Halford, off duty in Tshirt and jeans set off by gold chains all over the place.

"I think we've made a pretty good contribution to the cause of British music," said Rob. "Perhap I'll be wearing a studded jock stra on the next tour to celebrate."

The Fun Boy Three were off down to Stocks, a country house owned by former Playboy boss Victor Lownes. No bunnies were i sight though. Could this be the reason why Terry Hall was looking so miserable?

AUGUST

TING WAS £200,000 richer after a row with his publishers. The millionaire Police singer claimed he had been underpaid for such meisterwerks as 'Message In A Bottle' and 'Roxanne' . . .

Hot Chocolate started a rare tour and Sheena Easton boasted that she had sold over five and half million singles and two million albums in America.

This in turn gave Marietta, wife of Status Quo's Rick Parfitt, something to aim at as she released her single 'Do You Wanna Dance'. She said that Rick used to order her home from Francis Rossi's recording studio

Sting later released his single 'Spread A Little Happiness' from 'Brimstone And Treacle' and Madness And jolly well with 'Driving

In My Car' . . .
Pete Way formed a band with
Fast Eddie after quitting UFO.

"It was getting boring," he said.
"The band were getting too soft
they weren't making my kind of
music at all." . . .

Andy Taylor of Duran Duran married Tracey Wilson at the Chateau Marmont in Los Angeles . . .

Buster Bloodvessel had also found a few good buddies on CB radio. "I've become addicted to it.

it's worse than glue," he quipped. Kate Bush revealed her beautiful toes and treated us all to an impression of an Emu.

"They go mm mm like that," she giggled . . .

Dexy's Kevin Rowland allowed a woman to trim his beard for a photo session for a magazine and a

journalist was also allowed to get out the Hoover and tidy up

The Bee Gees announced that they wouldn't be doing another tour until at least 1984 and didn't we all breathe a sigh of relief?

Depeche Mode took on Blancmange in a swimming contes and Blancmange came out on top

"It was only because I got cramp," claimed Andy Fletcher... Billy Idol tried to put life into his

flagging career and claimed that even deaf people liked him. "One bloke leaned up against a

pillar and enjoyed the vibrations," he said . . . 'Brimstone And Treacle' came out with Sting playing a wicked

out with Sting playing a wicked angel who goes to bed with the paralysed victim of a traffic accident. Hardly Bambi, eh what? . . .

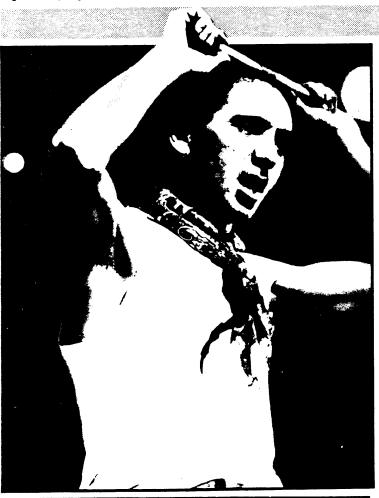
lan Gillan decided to go for a medical check and surprisingly was passed fully fit.

"They said I was in perfect condition," he said. "My hearing so good that I can hear the sort o notes only a dog can hear."

lan said he was much taken wit the South Seas and was planning to do a musical about the place featuring Bob Todd of the Benny Hill Show.

Gillan's sidekick John McCoy said that when the band played Bangkok, the floor had been alive with cockroaches which crunched underfoot

'Twas rock festival season with Quo headlining Donington and Twisted Sister proving most outrageous at Reading, even more 'orrible than Kiss it's said...



KEVIN ROWLAND and the biggest collection of dungarees outside of 'The Waltons' make Number One with 'Come On Eileen'

by STEVE RAPPORT

SEPTEMBER

IGHT FIT split, shock horror. Denise Gyngell and Julie Harris left the band claiming they'd been treated like puppets. Almost immediately two new girls were drafted in; Carol Stevens from Croydon and Vicki Pemberton from Henley. Julie Harris went on to form her own band Julie and the Jems . . .

Lemmy and Wendy O. Williams released their long awaited 'Stand By Your Man' single but the public wasn't biting, especially when Lemmy denied a romance with the There's nothing going on, lady. between us and no juice to be stirred," he growled.

The scandal of the month was Graham Bonnet being sacked from the Michael Schenker Group after he'd exposed himself on stage. Schenker also wanted to have Bonnet's vocals wiped off MSG's forthcoming album, 'Assault Attack'. But Chrysalis decided that was uneconomical . . .

Duran Duran were once more proving what nice guys they were and Simon Le Bon said his dairy was boring.

Adam Ant released his new single 'Friend or Foe' and Marco objected to us saying that he was looking more and more like Benny Hill every day .

Camp group Boystown Gang had a surprise summer hit with 'Too Good To Be True'. "Are we sleazy enough for you?" asked their lithe singer Jackson Moore, as we got more and more hot under the

It was also the month of the rap, with Grandmaster Flash aiming high with 'The Message'. He also told us that his real name was plain Joseph Saddler . .

Dire Straits surprised everyone, including perhaps themselves, with the mighty success of their rather appalling 'Private Investigations' single . .

Modern Romance singer Geoff Deane quit the line up and the beehived Mari Wilson had a hit with 'Just What I Always Wanted'.

"We don't go out and get drunk every night," she said.

Spider were far more illuminating and told all about life on the road.

This band shares everything including women," said Brian Burrows. He also claimed that a group of enterprising young ladies in Pontefract kept a diary of visiting rock band's performances and Spider came out on top . .

Greatest unconfirmed rumour of September was that Kevin Rowland was having a nose job to trim his rather large conk to more manageable proportions . . .

Congratulations were in order to Madness sax player Lee Thomson who became the father of a little girl called Debbie weighing in at 6lbs 10 ounces . . . David Bowie was over in the

South Pacific filming a movie called 'Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence', which should prove

fascinating . . . Musical Youth burst upon the scene with 'Pass The Dutchie' based on an old and naughty



MUSICAL YOUTH'S 'Pass The Dutchie' was a surprise hit for the youthful Brummies

reggae hit by the Mighty Diamonds .

Heavy metal hearthrobs Diamond Head had a sizeable hit with 'In The Heat Of The Night' based on a story in a book called 'Mysterious Worlds Volume Two'

Yazoo brought us down to earth and talked about their early lives in Basildon of all places.

Vince and I were in the same

folk singing class," said Alf . . .

Odyssey's Lillian Lopez said she used to play plano with the help of a ghost and frequently saw spirits from the other side.

My mother said 'do you see that person standing there?' It was real spooky at the time but then I realised that I wasn't cracking up, she said.

OCTOBER

INX split up. David Grant and Sketch decided to call it a day. "Friendship and mutual respect will no doubt lead to us working together as and when we like," said David . . .

Haysi Fantayzee released their nd single 'Holy Joe' and ... posed naked.

The future of ace heavy metal band Rainbow looked in doubt yet again with Joe Lynn Turner and Roger Glover apparently leaving the line up

Junior said he was still driving his old Capri despite the success of Mama Used To Say'.

Peter Gabriel spent a fortune on his latest album. "I've never seen myself as prime teen material," he said.



EDDY GRANT drifted into the charts with 'I Don't Wanna Dance'

Funnily enough, other people never did either. Gabriel played a one off historic date with his old band Genesis, mainly to bail him out of financial disaster when his WOMAD festival flopped . .

Midge Ure was looking peely wally (pale, to anyone south of Hadrian's Wall) even though he'd returned from tropical Montserrat where Ultravox had recorded their Quartet' album and 'Reap The Wild Wind' single .

Frida remained tight lipped about the future of Abba. She said they were going to stay together despite her solo album. She also sang the praises of one Phil Collins who worked on her album and also did some vocals on it.

He is the kindest most sincere human being I have ever met", she said. And surely one of the wealthiest, poised to release his new album 'Hello I Must Be Going'

The Tygers of Pan Tang decided

to hold a swimming pool party. Shalamar's Jeffrey Daniels said how much he'd been influenced by British clothing styles, including the pretty frocks worn by Boy

Imagination held a reception at London's exclusive Coconut Grove club and guests included Steve Strange and the Belle Stars.

The Belle Stars said that once when they played in Ibiza their nude bathing beach was visited by German soldiers out on manoeuvres. Unfortunately we have no pictures . .



The JAM split but planned five nights at Wembley as a send off

AC/DC said they were also caught up in an explosive situation in Hartford Connecticut when the police threatened to arrest them if they fired their two cannons on

The Jam split up towards the end of the month and Paul Weller put out a very nice statement for all the fans

The Piranhas had a hit with Zambezi.

And, a less than gallant Marc Almond took a swing at a girl named Judy Ball who made a remark about his personal life but he later apologised for his unseemly behaviour.

Toyah said a national newspaper had offered her a fantastic sum for her life story but she turned it down. "The money would have kept me going for a few years, bu they were after scandalous sex stuff," she said. "I didn't want to write my story that way.

Such a sweet girl. Eddy Grant came back with a bang and struck gold with 'I Don't Wanna Dance'. He held court at his beautiful home in a tropical West Indies paradise. One of the

trees near his home was used for

hanging slaves back in the old day: Squeeze finally called it a day much to their fans' dismay but played to the end of their final concert tour.

Their manager said, "The band has run its course.

AVID COVERDALE unveiled the new look Whitesnake and said that he'd worked out a rather unusual initiation ceremony for the new members — stranding them on Dartmoor with a Swiss army knife and a backpack with emergency rations.

On a more gentle note, Culture Club released their new single Time Clock Of The Heart'. Well, George needed some new frocks to blaze a trail across the rest of Europe and America.

For reasons best known to themselves, Bucks Fizz dressed up in leather gear for their new single 'If You Can't Stand The Heat' and while the other members looked faintly embarrassed the luscious Jay looked raunchy as ever...

Some people just never know when to give up do they? Britt Ekland was pawing young Jim Phantom of the Stray Cats and Jimi of Classix Nouveaux also had his share of problems. To escape the Finnish national draft he had to have himself certified as a lunatic...

The always sane Suggs of Madness probed his thoughts for us and announced that he was even thinking of standing for Parliament.

"The way I see it is that Maggie Thatcher is running the country for businessmen," he said. Diana Ross was also in the mood to stretch her brain cells despite her inane single all about muscles. "I'm a positive thinker," she said.

Haircut 100 had problems finishing their album but Rick James was enjoying himself at London's plush Xenon club which was full of naked women and also attended by Haysi Fantayzee, Bucks Fizz and Sylvester. Adam Ant brought out a new single and the B side had the saucy title 'Why Do Girls Love Horses'....

The world premiere of Grace Jones' one man show at the London Camden Palace attracted a host of liggers and Boy George was pictured with Kid Creole's sidekick Coati Mundi. What a horrible combination.

The Human League turned their back on such debauchery and whisked into London briefly to promote their 'Mirror Man' single, their first 45 for a year. Susanne explained why it took so long

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"We could have easily gone on
with appearing on 'Top Of The
Pops' every two weeks but we
didn't want to give everyone an
overdose of the Human League..."

It was announced that the hateful Kids From Fame would be doing a tour but without Valerie "I've been 24 for 16 years" Landsburg.

Phil Collins played a string of dates in his own right, including shows at Hammersmith Odeon, and cleaned up his image by wearing a sharp suit.

Musical Youth looked like being quite a flop when they announced a tour and then had to cancel it because they couldn't sell enough tickets. Some cruel people even said they were finished.

Elton John got into trouble when Rank refused to distribute his video 'Elton's Song' because it was about a schoolboy with a crush on an older boy. Naughty, naughty, naughty.



BOY GEORGE and CULTURE CLUB released 'Time Clock Of The Heafollow up to the smash 'Do You Really Want To Hurt Me'

DECEMB

TEVE STRANGE decided it was time to look a bit more butch and swapped his frills for leather gear, a la Judas Priest's Rob Halford, but he said he was getting a bit fed up with life.

"I just got bored with going out every night. It was getting to be like work. Being Steve Strange isn't meant to be a job."

While Strange was calming down, Modern Romance were getting hectic, amongst other things they'd been promoting whisky in Japan.

whisky in Japan.
"I wake up in the morning and I don't even look at our schedules anymore," said David Jaymes.

Abba hit the number one slot with their Greatest Hits album and Haysi Fantayzee were having one hell of a struggle with 'Holy Joe'. Bananarama went over to Austria to film a video for 'Cheers Then'.

"It's terrible, before we were in a group we were out all the time enjoying ourselves," bemoaned Siobahn who once believed that she was an Irish princess...

Those wacky Jam boys played their final tour, including a sell out five nights at Wembley. Paul Weller announced that he was planning a solo album for the New Year and his record deal was rumoured to be worth a quarter of a million. Foxton was planning on putting together his own band but Buckler's future remained unknown. The Jam were

also planning a greatest hits al for the new year. Ex Linxer David Grant releas

his first solo single, a version Bing Crosby song 'Have Yours Merry Christmas' and it was difficult to stifle a yawn.

More pre Christmas boredon provided by allegations that th British Market Research Bureau were fiddling the charts again. Infinitely more interesting was (Osbourne, who told all about hi up in the Midlands.

"I'm not a very good handym can't even put a picture up," he said.

Wham scored a massive succ with their single 'Young Guns G For It' and straight into the char came those bright young things Flock Of Seagulls who notched 'Wishing (If I Had A Photograph You)'. The Cure clambered on solid ground with 'Let's Go To B while our old friends the Beat wip back in action with 'I Confess'.

The most unusual pre-Christm record, 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' I the Singing Sheep, was recorde using a specially auditioned flow sheep with outstanding vocal ability. Baaa!

Late contenders for the Xmas number one were; David Bowie Bing Crosby's 'Peace On Earth/L Drummer Boy', Malcolm McLare 'Buffalo Gals' and Shakin' Steve 'Lawdy Miss Clawdy' EP, but no was placing any bets.



HAYSI FANTAYZEE dug their spurs in with 'Holy Joe' but couldn't outride 'John Wayne Is Big Leggy'

Y SIMON FOWLER

1982 DISCO

THIS YEAR saw us break out into three fully fledged disco charts, but because all three categories were not in their present form at the year's start we are only listing the chart toppers of all three, Disco, Nightclub, Boys Town Disco, leaving the main year-end tabulation of the hits to just the original Disco chart

BEAT THE STREET (INSTRUMENTAL)/NEVER GIVE YOU UP, Sharon Redd, Prelude 12in YOU'RE THE ONE FOR ME, "D" Train, Epic/Prelude 12in FORGET ME NOTS, Patrice Rushen, Elektra 12in NUMBER ONE (INSTRUMENTAL), Patrice Rushen, Elektra 12in WALKING ON SUNSHINE, Rockers Revenge, London 12in DO IT TO THE MUSIC, Raw Silk, KR 12in I SPECIALIZE IN LOVE, Sharon Brown, Virgin 12in LOVE COME DOWN, Evelyn King, RCA 12in SO FINE, Howard Johnson, Funk A&Merica 12in LET'S FUNK TONIGHT, Blue Feather, Mercury 12in STANDING ON THE TOP, Temptations/Rick James, Motown 12in GRACE, The Band AKA, Epic/Streetwave 12in ACT LIKE YOU KNOW, Fat Larry'S Band, WMOT 12in EVERY WAY BUT LOOSE, The Oneness Of Juju, Buddah 12in SOONER OR LATER, Larry Graham, Warner Bros 12in THIS BEAT IS MINE, Vicky "D", SAM 12in IN AND OUT, Willie Hutch, Motown 12in NEVER GIVE UP ON A GOOD THING, George Benson, Warner Bros 12in SEXUAL HEALING, Marvin Gaye, CBS 12in THE MESSAGE, Grandmaster Flash & The Furious Five, Sugarhill 12in LET'S START II DANCE AGAIN, Bohannon, London 12in JUMP TO IT, Aretha Franklin, Arista 12in I JUST WANNA (SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOU), Alton Edwards, Streetwave 12in DO 1 DO. Stevie Wonder Motown 12in BEAT THE STREET (INSTRUMENTAL)/NEVER GIVE YOU UP, 10 16 18 treetwave 12in 25 DO I DO, Stevie Wonder, Motown 12in
KEEP THE FIRE BURNING. Gwen McCrae. Atlantic 12in
LOVE DON'T COME EASY, New Jersey Connection, Nite Life 12in
INSIDE OUT, Odyssey, RCA 12in
MAMA USED TO SAY, Junior, Mercury 12in
CIRCLES, Atlantic Starr, A&M 12in
I'M A WONDERFUL THING BABY, Kid Creole & The Coconuts, Ze 12in
TIME, Stone, Carrere 12in
LOVE IN ON THE ONE/WORK THAT SUCKER TO DEATH, Xavier, Liberty 12in
LOVE IN GORDING Clinton. Capitol 12in DO I DO. Stevie Wonder, Motown 12in LOVE IN ON THE ONE/WORK THAT SUCKER TO DEATH, Xavier, I LOOPZILLA, George Clinton, Capitol 12in WATCH OUT, Brandi Wells, WMOT 12in YOU GOT THE POWER, War, RCA 12in A NIGHT TO REMEMBER, Shalamar, Solar 12in DREAMIN', Greg Henderson, Greyhound Record Productions 12in LOVE'S COMIN' AT YA, Melba Moore, EMI America 12in U TURN ME ON, Tomorrow's Edition, CBS 12in FUNGI MAMA, Tom Browne, Arista GRP 12in SHOW YOU MY LOVE, Goldie Alexander, Project 12in THE SMUIRE Tyrone Brusson, Enic 12in 36 SHOW YOU MY LOVE, Goldie Alexander, Project 12in THE SMURF, Tyrone Brunson, Epic 12in E.T. BOOGIE, Extra T's, US Sunnyview 12in I CAN'T GO FOR THAT (NO CAN DO), Daryl Hall & John Oates, RCA 12in LET'S CELEBRATE/CALL ME, New York Skyy, Epic/Streetwave 12in THERE IT IS, Shalamar, Solar 12in NIGHT. BIRDS, Shakatak, Polydor 12in DANCE WIT' ME, Rick James, Motown 12in HOLD ME TIGHTER IN THE RAIN. Billy Griffin, CBS 12in CAN YOU SEE THE LIGHT, Brass Construction, UA 12in KNOCK ME OUT, Gary's Gang, Arista 12in IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN YOU, Gwen Guthrie, Island 12in KEEP ON/YOU'RE THE ONE FOR ME (REPRISE), "D" Train, Epic/Prelude 12in KEEP ON/YOU'RE THE ONE FOR ME (REPRISE), "D" Train, Epic/Prelude 12in
JUST AN ILLUSION, Imagination, R&B 12in
HEAVY VIBES, Montana Sextet, Virgin 12in
SHINE ON, George Duke, Epic 12in
ON A JOURNEY (INSTRUMENTAL), Electrik Funk, Epic 12in
STOOL PIGEON, Kid Creole & The Coconuts, Ze 12in
DANCE FLOOR, Zapp, Warner Bros 12in
IN THE RAW, Whispers, Solar 12in
EASE YOUR MIND/RITMO SUAVE, Touchdown, Excaliber 12in
BIG FUN/GET DOWN ON IT (REMIX), Kool & The Gang, De-Lite 12in
WHEN WE PARTY, Jay W. McGee, Ensign 12in
LOVE ON A SUMMER NIGHT, McCrarys, Capitol 12in
TELL ME TOMORROW, Smokey Robinson, Motown 12in
HIGH HOPES, The SOS Band, Tabu 12in
ANNIE I'M NOT YOUR DADDY, Kid Creole & The Coconuts, Ze 12in
GIVE ME, I Level, Virgin 12in 55 59 61 63 65 67 ANNIE I'M NOT YOUR DADDY, Kid Creole & The Coconuts, Ze 12in GIVE ME, I Level. Virgin 12in NEVER LET YOU GO, Savanna, R&B 12in MUSIC AND LIGHTS, Imagination, R&B 12in YOU AND ME JUST STARTED, Linda Taylor, GPL 12in HEAD OVER HEELS (INSTRUMENTAL)/(VOCAL), Galaxy, Ensign 12in AND AND TELL ME CANNEL LEVEL AND AND TELL ME CANNEL LEVEL AND AND TELL ME 69 70 71 72 73 74 75

DON'T TELL ME, Central Line, Mercury 12in
I'VE HAD ENOUGH/LET'S GROOVE (REMIX), Earth Wind & Fire, CBS 12in

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DISCO NUMBER ONES

GET DOWN ON IT, Kool & The Gang, De-Lite 12in YOU'RE THE ONE FOR ME, "D" Train, Epic 12in I SPECIALIZE IN LOVE. Sharon Brown, Virgin 12in FORGET ME NOTS, Patrice Rushen, Elektra 12in STANDING ON THE TOP, Temptations/Rick James, Motown 12in INSIDE OUT, Odyssey, RCA 12in SOONER OR LATER, Larry Graham, Warner Bros. 12in WALKING ON SUNSHINE, Rockers Revenge, London 12in LOVE COME DOWN, Evelyn King, RCA 12in



BEAT THE STREET (INSTRUMENTAL)/NEVER GIVE YOU UP, Sharon Redd, MAND OUT, Willie Hutch, Motown 12in
KEEP THE FIRE BURNING, Gwen McCrae, Atlantic 12in
(SEXUAL) HEALING, Marvin Gaye, CBS 12in
HEAVY VIBES, Montana Sextet, Virgin 12in

IGHTCLUB NUMBER ONES

DON'T YOU WANT ME, Human League, Virgin 12in GET DOWN ON IT, Kool & The Gang, De-Lite 12in THE MODEL/COMPUTER LOVE, Kraftwerk, EMI 12in LOVE PLUS ONE, Haircut One Hundred, Arista 12in POISON ARROW, ABC, Neutron 12in JUST AN ILLUSION, Imagination, R&B 12in I CAN MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD, Shalamar, Solar 12in PAPA'S GOT A BRAND NEW PIGBAG, Pigbag, Y 12in FORGET ME NOTS, Patrice Rushen, Elektra 12in MAMA USED TO SAY (US REMIX), Junior, Mercury 12in FORGET ME NOTS, Patrice Rushen, Elektra 12in MAMA USED TO SAY (US REMIX), Junior, Mercury 12in THE LOOK OF LOVE, ABC, Neutron 12in INSIDE OUT, Odyssey, RCA 12in THE LOOK OF LOVE, ABC, Neutron 12in INSIDE OUT, Odyssey, RCA 12in THE LOOK OF LOVE, ABC, Neutron 12in FAME, Irene Cara, RSO 12in COME ON EILEEN, Dexy's Midnight Runners, Mercury 12in WALKING ON SUNSHINE, Rockers Revenge, London 12in CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU, Boystown Gang, ERC 12in PASS THE DUTCHIE, Musical Youth, MCA 12in DO YOU REALLY WANT TO HURT ME, Culture Club, Virgin 12in IDON'T WANNA DANCE, Eddy Grant, Ice 12in YOUNG GUNS (GO FOR IT), Wham! Inner Vision 12in

BOYS TOWN

CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU, Boystown Gang, ERC 12in CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU, Boystown Gang, ERC 12in DO YOU WANNA FUNK, Patrick Cowley/Sylvester, London 12in CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU, Boystown Gang, ERC 12in DO YOU WANNA FUNK, Patrick Cowley/Sylvester, London 12in I'M SO HOT FOR YOU, Bobby "O", "O" 12in I'M SO HOT FOR YOU, Bobby "O", "O" 12in IN THE NAME OF LOVE (REMIX). Sharon Redd, Canadian Prelude 12in IT'S RAINING MEN, Weather Girls, CBS 12in MEDLEY: I'M NOT IN LOVE — GIRL, YOU'RE IN LOVE, Scherrie Payne, US Altair 12 in

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SHE'S SO DIVINE, The Limit, Ariola 12in

Salsoul 12in DON'T STOP MY LOVE, Passion, Prelude 12in

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