

Off to the workout

Galloping through the motions is a routine activity for thoroughbreds as they are readied for the spring meeting at Keeneland race track. their time and money during warm spring days after a long winter The thoroughbred, at left with numbered saddle and taped ankles, is target indoors. The Keeneland races will last for 15 days. The track, going through a regular morning workout. The spring meet, which is to

Adds new plan

### Trustees to consider housing, meal hikes

By BETSY PEARCE Copy Editor

were not affected. "We had to raise salaries in housing and dining in order to keep on par with (the dienst)," Blainton said.

Expressing regret regarding the increase, Blainton said the increases are necessary for housing and dienterases, and the same that the same salaries of the salaries of the salaries of the Business Affairs Student Advisory Committee last week.

Proposed dining rates will in The UK Board of Trustees today is scheduled to vote on proposed housing and dining increases from the first of the first o

In SG contests

## Senator cites reluctance in reporting election fraud

By ALFRED BUCHANAN

Kernel Reporter

Don Prather, one of the two student senators who recently reported charges of fraud in last year's Student Government elections, has claimed the other senator, Jim Lobb, misrepresented his role in going to the Dean of Students office, where the allegations were list made.

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A Kernel article reporting the March 15 University Senate Council session at which the charges were later reported was inisteading. SG election procedures must be approved by the University Senate.

"In this article, Jim (Lobb) came across as implying the wanted to expose this," said Prather. "His actions to me did not indicate he wanted to do so.

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"Last spring, Jim did mention to me that if I went to Uean of Students Joe Burch's) office, he wanted to go with me, but when I did decide to go he tried to dissuade me..." said Prather.
According to Prather, there were two reasons for not going to Burch to present evidence. He said a mutual friend of theirs

on the Election Board could be hurt. In addition, there might be other unsavory incidents in the past few years that could be brought to light.

Asked to respond to Prather's statements, Lobb admints to have discussed such possibilities with Prather, but he said the decision to go to the Dean of Students was mutual.

"We talked about these ideas, and it ended up that if he was willing to put these on the line, then I was willing to go with him to be a supersection of the way. I have been the way in the line, then I was willing to go with him to be a supersection of the way. I have been the way in the way in

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Lobb said a nonpartisan Elections Board will help keep elections bonest, but the structure of the elections is vulnerable to fraud, especially with paper ballots, and the properties of the said of

secretary call Newberry to us a way we where yo call me and stop me from going to the dean."
"The best I remember is that (the SG secretary) said Jim wanted me to stop Don from going to the Dean of Students," said Newberry.

Lobb denied that the phone call was to

stop Prather. "I remember calling Jim, and it thought if Don was going, then Jim should know... I would say I didn't try to stop Don because I was for going to the dean long before that," said Lobb.

Prather said Lobb wanted to have an SG committee to investigate the charges, with Prather and Lobb as co-chairmen, and Lobb asked Prather to "play dumb" before Burch, letting the committee handle the investigation.

"We both mentioned the possibility of cleaning house from the inside and preserving our credibility," said Lobb.
"But I'm upset about the fact that he accuses me of wanting him to play dumb. I don't believe in that sort of ting. I think it's sort of repulsive."

Newberry said the idea of a SG panel to investigate SG scandals wasn't good.
"I discussed a committee review) with Dean Burch and it was agreed that it would be much better for his office to look into the allegations because first of all, we were not capable, and the dean's conclusions would be more credible than the conclusions of people establishing their own in-

vestigation," said Newberry.
"I remember two things he (Lobb) said."
Prather said." I remember them vividly.
They were, 'We've got to stonewall it' and
We've got to minimize our losses.' I just couldn't believe it. With all the stuff that
had happened, he wanted to do more stuff
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Asked about those quotes, Lobb said he remembered no such statements. "I don't remember them. It just sounds like he (Prather) has been reading a good Nixon book," said Lobb,

Prather said he felt Lobb wanted to help SG by attempting to keep the allegations of vote fraud in a low profile.

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"I fell if this was not brought out at this time." said Lobb, "we would be setting ourselves up for the same situation we had last year. I am disappointed that Don feels that what he said is what actually happened. ... My appearing with Don at the dean's office is ample evidence that we did not try to slow down the proceedings."

Burch's office determined that there was no hard evidence existed prove that a fraud had actually existed.

### Senate criticizes appointment of Terry

By JACK WAINWRIGHT Kernel Staff Writer

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The Student Senate last night passed a resolution expressing disappointment over the appointment of William B. Terry to the Board of Trustees. The motion says Terry would have a conflict of interest in being on the board because of contracts between UK and Coca-Cola for soft drink products. Terry to the board of the Blue contract of the Blue state of the board provided that any questionable all allowing trustees to serve on the board provided that any questionable contract is decided through competitive bidding.

Contract is detacted.

The senate also approved a resolution and in the indoorsing political asylum for Hector Marroquin.

Marroquin, who was involved in a Mexican civil rights movement, has been in the United States for several years and has been accused of rebellious

activity in Mexico.

A bill which would appropriate \$400 for a political forum was approved by the senate. The forum would bring major Kentucky political figures, including candidates for gubernatorial nominations, to UK on April 12th and 13th.

18th. The senate voted unanimously to award \$30 to the Black Student Union. The money will be used to sponsor a contestant in the Black Scholarship Pageant on April 10th. Pageant on April 10th. In another unanimous vote, the senate approved the creation of a suggestion box and a bill which would require Student Government election ballots be kept for one year in case of investigations to determine the legitimacy of elections.

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The senate moved to adjourn before the debate of a bill prohibiting smoking during senate meetings, sponsored by Home Economics Senator Mark Benson.

"They knew that there was new business to be voted on and there was a rush to get home," Benson said, criticizing what he felt was a premature adjournment. "A senator has responsibilities to his constituents," he added.

### today

### world

INRAEL ANNOUNCED VESTERDAY IT HAD STARTED a gradual with-drawal from southern Lebanon, occupied by Israeli forces in an air, land and sea strike against Palestinian geerilla positions last month. gradual process in an air, land and sea strike against Palestinian geerilla positions last month inningent of forces." had begun a week ago and that its soldiers were being replaced by United Nations peackeeping troops. But the command gave no details of the command ga

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### nation

THE SUPREME COURT, CHASTISING JUDGES FOR "Monday morning quarterbacking," gave federal government greater freedom in determining the nation's nuclear energy policy.

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#### weather

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Steve Ballinger Editor in Chief

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### The post-game press gave UK an unfair beating

Basketball fans at UK and in Kentucky were satisfied to have the final victory in the NCAA tournament last week. But for sportswriters in

the national press, it wasn't enough.

Most of the criticism centered on the team's style. UK players had no fun when they played, wrote many of the critics. At press conferences they looked dull and scared; in other words, they were bad copy.

Coach Joe Hall was excoriated as a tyrant who cared nothing for enjoying the game. In pursuing perfection, many observed, Hall jerked players for minor errors and cursed them and questioned their dedication after performances.

All of this might mean something if there was any indication from the team that the knocks were legitimate. But no player, not even a graduating senior, gave any indication that the basketball program was cruel or unusual. On the contrary, the players sounded as though the extra effort made victory sweeter.

Post-game revelvies would seem to give the lie to stories describing the players as soulless automatons. In the locker room after the game, at Blue Grass Field and at the rally last Tuesday night, the players were exultantly happy.

The destructive excesses of some fans at those events are inexcusable, of course, but its unfair to describe them as typical of all UK supporters, as some writers did. To be sure, UK fans are vociferous, sometimes even obnoxious fans, but they're no worse than those at dozens of other schools

The wrath of the press may have motivated just by the bland attitude that the players take

toward almost anything but the game itself. Hall and the other coaches do nothing to encourage that attitude, to avoid distractions that might disturb the play. Rated No. 1 for almost the entire year, UK

should be excused for its "season without celebration." Their approach was serious and purposive, compared to the other teams, and the writers mistook it for being grim and

mechanical. And the same writers who con-demned Hall for not easing up a bit would be the ones most likely to call for his resignation if the Cats had lost.

Quite simply, the UK Wildcats are not the most interesting team to cover. In a fournement with interesting team to cover. In a tournament with colorful teams like Arkansas and zany coaches like Digger Phelps, the Cats suffered, sometimes unfairly, in comparison.

### Blow by blow

The national press criticized everything from the players to the state after UK won the NCAA championship. Here are some of the comments from several

A writer in linstook in Cincinnati, the Cincinnati Post's Torn Callahan, wrote that the UK players looked like colorless "soldiers; no, like robots' during a press conference before the game. The UK squad had no fun, he said.
Coach Joe Hall also had no time for fun, wrote Frank Dolson of the Philadelphia Inquirer. Compared to Notre Dame Coach Degger Phelps, Hall reportedly showed no appreciation of his players' effort and drove them unmercitully. "Listening to him keeks the joy out of the game," Dolson found.
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Times, perhaps the most well-known of the critics. The fans were the ones who turned it into a "season without celebration," making UK baskethall a lesson in how to survive in a torture chamber, wrote Anderson. In closing, he implied that a UK fan was responsible for the death threat made against Duke player Gene Banks. UK can have the championship if that's what it takes to win it, concluded Anderson.

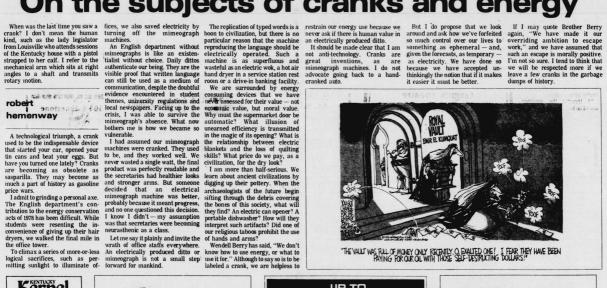
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Zimmerman didn't stop at just the players, coach and fans. The entire state of Kentucky was to blame for a misguided reverence of basketball and football, an emphasis that left hospitals, notably the Chandler Medical Center, unable to provide care. Zimmerman also quoted some outdated information describing the inadequate intramural facilities at UK.

The Louisville Courier-Journal's Richard Wilson, in a mostly uncritical story, discussed

Journal's Richard Wilson, in a mostly uncritical story, discussed other features of UK that deserved publicity, but received one. The University's research efforts and instructional programs have made great achievements, he noted, but have received little acclaim.

## On the subjects of cranks and energy



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Charging from fourth place to first in the face of 35 mph. winds, the UK golf team registered an incredible first-place finish last weekend in the ninth annual Marshall University Invitational Golf Tournament.

### sports shorts

Kentucky junior Ralph Landrum ended up in second place in individual standings with a three-day total of 219. "It's just phenomenal to get those scores with the wind," UK coach Dan Leal said. Finishing second in the team standings behind Kentucky was Ohio State, ranked second in the nation. It was the first tournament

Kentucky was Ohio State, ranked second in the nation. It was the first tournament win for the Wildcats outside the state.

UK's Mickey Ray finished fourth in individual play, while teammates Russ Cochran and Carter Mathies placed in the 10th and 11th slots, respectively.

Alydar arrives for Stakes

AP — Alydar, at the top of
his form after taking Florida
by storm, arrived at
Keeneland Race Track
vesterday to train for the
Blue Grass Stakes, his final
prep before the Kentucky
berby.

The 3-year-oid colt, bidding
to end Calunet Farm's long
berby drought, was flown
here with four other horses, including Our Minns, last
year's champion 2-year-oid
filly.

With victories in Alydar's
three starts this year, including the Flamingo Stakes
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favored the setting here for
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"Apparently, Laz Barrera, Affirmed's trainer, has elected to stay in Hollywood Park and run in their derby," Veitch said, adding he agreed with Barrera.

"We're all pointing for one thing the first Saturday in May, the Kentucky Derby date," he said. "We're doing it in different ways. We're running in prestigious races and making a lot of money. "But it's like in a championship fight. If you get two don't want them to beat each other's brains out. It just tears their guts out. Those two horses went tooth and nail all last year and it's a good thing for them and

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#### arts

### Play brings back the 60s

The 60s—those unforgetable years that revolutionlized American society, started with Kennedy, and ended with the draft evaders and Kent State. It was a time for new ideas and new heroes such as Dylan, Hendrix and Loulin

new heroes such as Dylan, Hendrix and Joplin. It was the time of finding oneself and living for the "cause." It was the time to hope for Kennedy's children.

### review

UK Theatre's production of Kennedy's Children last weekend brought back to life he 60s. Written by playwright Robert Patrick, Kennedy's Children portraved that once-in-alfetime decade by using five charaters to symbolize the different aspects of that era.

The play brought an inside truth of the 6se revolution out of Greenwhich Village and to society. It was painful truth lowever, laced with threads of loneliness, destruction, and transatic metaphors.

Set in a bar in 1974, the play permitting the characters to reflect into their distant but height of the contact among the experience of the monotonous lines would have helped.

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actors — each having monologues – thus allowing the audience to see life through the eyes of each character.

The characters were Wanda Josie Dunlap), the Kennedy admirer; Sparger (Art Bergel), the gay libber; Kona (Tonnin Cheuvront), the protester; Mark (Bob Iless), the Vietnam veteran, and Carla Unite Stephen), the burned-out Marilyn Monroe fan.

The performance given by

Josie Dunlap appeared to be bored with her chararcter at times showing more of Josie than Wanda. Her boredom was probably a result of playwrite Patrick's overemphasizing her ad-miration for Kennedy.

Overall, the acting came off smoothly and was entertaining, yet struck with the realism needed to keep the audience in their seats for a second after the final curtain

Kennedy admirer; Sparger (Art Bergel), the gay libber; call.

An important aspect the protester; Mark (Bob Hess), the Vietnam veteran; and Carla Julie Stephen), the burned-out Marilyn Monroe fan.

The performance given by these actors was primarily "A" work with the exception of a few tedious lags in a few of the monologues.

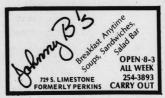
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### Oscar results

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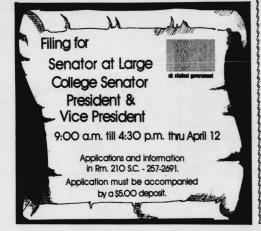
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### New Contributors

JOHN KROUT tries to be a law student and a photographer at the University of Virginia. He also indulges in friabee and, when his photos bring in any money, miniature golf.

LOWELL VON EGGER was born in a log cabin near Memphis, only half of which is true. Not knowing what the future may hold, he is studying computer science at U. Va. and working as a decjay around Virginia.

ROBIN MC LEOD has a vividly warped sense of humor centered on the movies we all know and love. He thinks rock and roll can save the world, and likes cats.

GINNY BARBER, (illustrator), who resides nearby, has been known to howl "ah-ooohhh" outside Zevon's house.

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Lynne Manor Has Feelings,

Have no idea where Lynne Manor decided she knew music — esp. rock music. I take particular exception to her lambasting particular exception to her lambasting of Led Zepplin [sic] and Sketches of Jimmy Page and J.P. Jones as session men that "forgot their principles, played loud, and yell a lot." Clearly she has mistaken the on button on her multi-purpose magnavox "hi-fi" system for puree on her out-of-date blender. She should be hung by her toe nails (if she has them) for mentioning "Kiss" in the same sentence, let alone the same article, as Led Zepplin. It is blasphemy!

You'd have to be blind, deaf and unbelievably dumb not to recognize the musical talent and range of Zeppelin. Page is, and always has been, one of the most gifted, dedicated and indomative guitarists in rock. And as for Plant's "yelling" — how long has it been since Miss-Know-It-All listened (and I don't mean on her funky little magnavox) to some classic LZ VI or "Thank You"?

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You"?
I'm too pissed off to write any longer,
After Manor's article on the Stones (also
unbelievably stupid) and this incredible
blunder, I thought you could tell her sha
two strikes. Be smart and ditch the bitch
before she loses even more readers.

SHANNON FITCH
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

University of Michigan
When Ampersand began as a supplement to our college newspaper I hoped it would be a welcome change-of-pace from the usual campus trivia. Now, however, I will renew my subscription to Rolling Stone and hope that I never see your disgusting rag again. You have in Lynne Manor the worst record reviewer in Rock Music history.

I was barely able to keep from writing last month when she feebly tried to abuse The Rolling Stones. Her idiotic statements about the world's greatest rock-in roll band gave me a good indication of her writing ability (poor) and her general musical intelligence (non-existent), but even that didn't prepare me for her innane attempts at cutting down Led Zeppelin in February's "On Dise" section. To put Led Zeppelin in the same article with Kiss is fudierous, but to actually say that "Kiss are just as loud as Led Zeppelin and nearly as unsophisitated musically ...," is inefflably ridiculous!

I do not feel in any way compelled to defend Led Zeppelin, their music and popularity stands by itself. However, I must add my own considered opinion that Jimmy Page is the finest guitarist in Rock Music today, that Robert Plant is one of the very best blues-rock vocalists, and that John Paul Jones and John Bonham form one of the top rhythm sections around. None of these fine musicians deserves to be slandered by your half-witted reviewer. I can hardly believe that someone would write this trash; much less that you would print it. I certainly hope Ms. Manor will find a new revry good. Lynne Manor is loud also, but she, unfortunately, is very, very bad!

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Hitler used it. It's called the Big Lie. Supposedly if you say something false, but uterly fantatic, it will be believed by people. I see Lynne Manor made good use of it in reviewing the Kiss album.

Now I am not a Kiss fan, but a criticism like that is not going to give Kiss hatters a good reputation. Despite the crazy make up, it is easy to see that it is always the same performers underneath on all of their tours.

So Kiss used a prerecorded track! So do a lot of other bands, Queen being a prime example. "Beth" can easily be faked that way, but the other Kiss songs can't. The guitar work necessary couldn't be that precise. If it was, it wouldn't be worthwhile to even bother faking.

So what if the songs on the album aren't recorded in the same order as at the concert. Anybody who has messed around with eight tracks knows of the problems with timing. More or less the same thing holds true with a disc. You don't want ten minutes on one side and twenty minutes on the other. There is only one live album! I know of recorded completely, and in concert order. I'll leave to you to name it.

That review wasn't criticism, merely just nit-picking tacked onto baloney. It is obvious that your staff is not of high enough calibre to say anything of any value about anybody. Even Kiss, too bad.

ERIC GOETZ OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

### Nicer Letters

I think your readers would like to know how you compile your Amperchart.

JOHN KROUT CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.

CHARLOTTENULLE V2.
Our publishers compile the charts behind locked doors, refusing to divulge their nefarious methods.
They keep insisting the charts are perfectly homest, logical and thorough, but they do have this funny round glass ball . . .

I hope I'm not the first to tell you this, but contrary to the implication of the "sic" in Colman Andrews' book review, the word "ambience" is indeed spelled with only one A and two E's. I looked it up.

BILL DEFTY AUSTIN, TEANS You're right, but so was Colman; he wasn't quard-ling with the spelling, he was indicating his disbe-lief that any junk food restaurant chain could have such a thing as ambience.

have proved you're very capable at produc-ing. I hope this will be of some help to you. It's only meant as friendly, constructive criticism.

BRIAN F. UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

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Live just finished reading your fine magazine. This was my first contact with Ampersand and I was quite impressed; especially with Jacoba Atlas. She showed an excellent knowledge of films and also happens to be a fine writer. I thoroughly enjoyed her article on Hollywood's new fascination with war (i.e. Viet Nam). Keep up the high quality work.

WAYNE A. FARLAND, Jr COLUMBUS, OHIO

#### Our Culpa

In the last issue we neglected to list these credits: the photograph of Terry Kath (\$\overline{C}\$ Out the Other) was by Krein Knight, University of Texas, Austin, the photograph of Eric Clapton (On Tour) was taken by Los Angeles photographer Brian McLaughtin, and the color photo of Martin Mull was by Neil Zlozowci/Mirage, Hollywood. We must humbly beg the pardon of these three fabulassity lated men; with our rates we can't afford to offend any-body.

body,

Our Martin Mull cover story in the last issue
failed to mention Mull's near-starring role in the
upcoming Universal flick, FM. A shocking omission. We're so dreadfully embarrassed. We don't
know how it happened, but we're going to atone just
as soon as we remember how.

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Deck the Halls with Film of Holly

ACTORMUSICIAN GARY BUSEY is here pictured as Buddy Holly, which is only fair, since Busey stars in *The Buddy Holly Story* and almost manages to look like the original. Holly was killed in a plane crash in 1959 at the age of 22, after writing a few of the best rock and roll songs extant — "That'll Be the Day," "Words of Love," "Peggy Sue." and lots more. Busey, by the way, is 33; he's been playing drums for 15 years, guitar (Holly was a guitarist) for five years. Busey, who also stars in *Big Wednesday*, due out this summer, received

#### Who Says That You Can't Go Home Again?

Go Home Again?

WHAT STARTED AS THE CO-BILLING of Roger McGuinn and Gene Clark at the Rosy in Los Angeles turned into a country-rock historian's dream: joining the pair the first night were Chris Hillman and David Crosby, making the group four-fifths of the Byrds intact. Who would have thought, in 1966, that twelve years later the only member of the band to have a steady job would be drummer Michael Clarke (now with Firefally)? All of the above wasn't much of a surprise, as the four had been together onstage a couple of times recently. The next night, though, might have been really something, wasn't, but turned out pretty well anyway. Graham Nash, who had been wandering around the room on the first night, didn't return; Clarke couldn't be located; and Steve Stills was, according to a source close to the lads, "waiting backstage, hoping that they'll ask him to join them." The suspense mounted, with various combinations strutting their largely vintage stuff including Clark's "I'll Feel a Whole Lot Better When pense mounted, with various combinations strutting their largely vintage stuff including Clark's "Ill Feel a Whole Lot Better When You're Gone," plus standards like "Mr. Tambourine Man," "Eight Miles High," and "You Ain't Goin' Nowhere." Finally, for the last encore, Stills was indeed invited he joined in on folkie-fave "He Was a Friend of Mine." Here's how they lined up: Clark, Stills, and McGuinn looked healthier than they have in years; Hillman proved himself to be the strong, silent Bill Wyman of the band, holding it all together, and Crosby looked like Stills' father. "The guys were pretty good," says Ampersand's man-on-thescene. "They should form a group. It'd beat hell out of what they've been up to for the last eight years."

A WEEK LATER, during a purportedly "solo"

A WEEK LATER, during a purportedly "solo" performance, Rick Danko was joined onstage at the Roxy by Garth Hudson, Levon Helm, Richard Manuel, and Robbie Robertson, making the Band's first appearance together on stage since their "Last Waltz" concert in San Francisco on Thanksgiving day, 1976. Dr. John joined them on keyboards. Gregg Allman and Alice Cooper, among those in the audience. them on keyboards. Gregg Allinan and Alice Cooper, among those in the audience, thankfully weren't able to make it to the stage before the show closed at 3:30 a.m. The fact that the *Last Waltz* will be appear-ing as both a film and record album has nothing to do with the "surprise," of course. Of course.

### Enough, Already

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You hate THE MOVIE, now detest the TV
series: though neither enjoyed any great degree of commercial or artistic success as fearture films, at least two "C" movies of years
past are being filmed as television series
pilots. The first is a spinoff, really, of Jackson
County Jail, which featured Yvette Minnieux
as a jailbirdess who, after being raped by a
guard, kills him and busts (whoops — breaks)
out of the can. The series (and a TV-movie,
sort of a test run) is titled Run!, and would
again star Miss Minnieux, on the lam week
after week after week (getting raped and incarcerated, maybe?) — if, that is, the series
lasts two weeks. The second series will be

based on the film Mother, Jugs and Speed, which dealt with paramedics and featured Raquel Welch in one (guess which) of the title roles.

title roles.

MARK HAMILL, HARRISON FORD, and CARRIE FISHER have been signed to appear in the first of a possible eleven sequels to Star Wars; the production, with a \$10 million budget, will begin shooting in a couple of months. Irving Kirshner has been signed to direct; you've probably missed most of his earlier films, which included The Luck of Ginger Coffer, The Flim Flam Man, A Fine Madness, and Loving. The script will be by Leigh Brackett, who wrote Rio Bravo and Halari, and co-wrote The Big Steep. George Lucas, who wrote and directed the first Star Wars, has authored a dozen books in the series The Adentures of Luke Stywalker, which may or may not serve as script ideas for future Star Wars movies. Insiders reckon that the last of these sequels should be out in the year 2001. Cute.

Ka-ray-zee Guys

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STEVE MARTIN, nominated for an Academy
Award for his short subject The AbsentMinded Waiter, and winner of a Grammy for
his first album, has been signed for two NBC
specials, and was supposedly seen chatting
to George Lucas about working in his next
feature. Andy Kaufman, whose act includes
one of the best Elvis Presley "tributes"
around, was asked to drop it from his act
during dates opening for Sha Na Na. Something about being better at it than they are,
one supposes (he is). Kaufman's TV special,
scheduled for ABC last December, was
quietly dropped from the schedule, repor-

this summer, received \$75,000 for his Holly role; his next, Harold, gets him \$250,000.

tedly because none of the network's entitives could understand it. So, continues of Secret Source, they gave Kaufman so money to develop a series pilot.

#### Greater Love Hath No Fans:

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JAY FERGUSON, Late for a University of Wisconsin date because of severe winter storms, nevertheless showed up just as opening act Pat Travers was finishing. Rush, the headliners, then wouldn't allow Ferguson's 'quippies to set up, nor, the pianist told Ampersand, would the promoter help. So Ferguson mounted the stage at intermission time, and told the crowd that he wasn't being allowed to play. Audience hostility and (give him the benefit of the doubt) his own good will prompted the promoter to offer the audience free admission to Ferguson/Rush's show the next night, 80 miles away. Nine hundred Ferguson fans took advantage of the offer, slagging their way through the snow to do so.

#### Punks Only Need Apply

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Greg Shaw, entrepreneur-exponent of
New Wave music, is looking for single sides
to include on an upcoming series of anthologies to be released on his Bomp Records label. Rights are for this one use only,
and revert back to the bands for any future
sales. Royalties will be paid on a pro rata
basis, Greg says. If you've got some tapes
and are interested, send em to Shaw at Box
7012, Burbank, CA 91510. Tell him that
Ampersand sent you. If you're interested in
all of this and don't have a band, send him
38 for a subscription to his Bomp Neuesletter,
which will keep you on top of such stuff.

### Take Your Clothes Off, We're from Playboy.

We're from Playboy.

IT'S BEEN 25 WHOLE YEARS since Playboy magazine was launched, and to commemorate this historic event, Playboy is conducting a nationwide search for "an exceptional young woman" (nudge, nudge)to be the 25th anniversary issue (January, 1979) centerfold. Photographers and staffers from the magazine will be visiting several campuses in their search for perfect pulchritude—University of Texas, Austin; University of Oklahoma; Boston University of Kentucky; San Diego State; University of South Carolina; University of Colorado; University of Tennessee, and others who don't subscribe to Ampersand. They don't count. However, if you know—or are—someone with the appropriate qualifications who does not attend these schools, there is still hope; send photos to Gary Cole, Photo Editor, Playboy Magazine, 919 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 69611, Attention 25th Anniversary. One more thing: the winning woman collects \$25,0000.

#### Name Changes

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MAYBE YOU'D BETTER READ THIS TWICE:
There was once, not too long ago, a CBoriented "B" picture entitled Citizons Band.
Headed for the drive-in circuit, the film
picked up a couple of unexpected complimentary reviews . . . but no business.
Paramount re-released the film, looking for
a classier audience, under the title Handle
with Care, apparently figuring that "classy"
audiences weren't especially interested in
CB pictures. Turns out that they weren't
interested in Handle with Care, either-So,
Paramount is restoring the original title,
launching a new ad campaign, and hoping
to at least recapture the drive-in business.
And don't underestimate the drawing power
of the drive-ins or CB's Sandey and the Bandit, with hardly any favorable press in urban
markets, turned out to be one of last year's
biggest grossers.

biggest grossers.

HARDCORE, WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY PAUL SCHRADER, produced by John Milius, is no longer called Hardcore (because studio heads thought people might be offended at the pornographic implications). Now called The Pilgrim, the script still concerns a man's (George C. Scott's) search for his daughter in LA's porno industry, but there won't be any real porno to titillate us. Schrader's next, American Gigolo, will star John Travolta as a young lover who lives off older women.

### Supernatural News

THE FURY, COMING SOON to a theatre near you, is another of director Brian De Palma's

SPEAKING OF PUNK, some forward-thinking Britons have put together a trifle called Jubiler. The film includes performances by Eno, Adam and the Ants, Sioussie and the Banshees, Chelsea, Wayne County and the Electric Chairs, and the Mancaters. There's a plot, too: something about Queen Elizabeth I being brought forward in time to 1977 London. There are, needless to add, no current plans for U.S. distribution of either the film or soundtrack LP.

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(Carrie, Phantom of the Paradise) weird thril-lers, The Fury co-stars one Carrie Snodgress, in her first film since she retired to be Neil young's wife and mother of his child, Zeke. (She's no longer with Young, but she's still Zeke's mother.)

DIRECTOR ROGER VADIM, whose credits include And God Created Woman, Barbardla, the underrated Pretty Maids All in a Row, and a marriage to Jane Fonda, says that he's remaking The Cat People, a cult favorite 1942 monster thriller produced by Val Lewton and directed by Jacques Tourner. Catherine Deneuve will essay the part originally played by Simone Simon. In a similar vein (ha! ha!), the director is working on Vadim's Drauda, also to star Deneuve.

THE WHO'S ROGER DALTREY has been signed to play a rock music promoter in *The Legacy*, currently filming in London. Katherine Ross stars in the supernatural

#### More Short People

More Short People

HERVE VILLECHAIZE, 5'11" ACTOR who's been landing all the meaty midget parts since Michael Dunn's death, says that he's planning a picture to include 100 of the little folks in its cast. If Villechaize comes through, it'll be the first such picture since the 1938 The Terror of Tiny Town, which featured an all-midget cast and enjoyed small success; in fact, it is cited in the Book of Lists as one of the ten worst movies of all time.

In the Works

In the Works
MEL BROOKS WILL NEXT MAKE THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD PART I, which takes
us from Adam and Eve to fiddling Nero.
Anne Bancroft plays Cleopatra; no word on
Brooks' role . . . Sean Connery will make a
pirate movie (about time!) called Blackboard,
written by William Goldman . . . Jack
Nicholson is getting ready to star in The
Haukhim Monster, based on Richard Brautigan's "gothic western."

THIS MONTH'S CASTING PEARL. From our THIS MONTH'S CASTING PEARL. From our ever-enlightening source, Daily Variety, comes this casting call: The Mob in the Job, a drama, needs an actress to play Connie, "detective, quick witted as Susan Saint James, beautiful as Angel Tompkins, wieracking as Brenda Vaccaro, street smart, outgoing, gum chewing, sex symbol." Don't call us.

In the Hospital

LOWELL GEORGE OF LITTLE FEAT was laid
up in Credars-Sinai hospital with a bad back
recently. Doctors were threatening to cut
him open to see why he hurt. The group had
to cancel its Japanese tour while George's
back was probed.

### In the Studio

In the Studio

FELIX PAPPALARDI, whose credentials so far (Gream, Mountain) are pretty mainstream, will produce the Dead Boyz, who aren't . . . Dave Edmunds is producing Carlene Carter, daughter of June Carter Cash . . . Ringo Starr signed with Portrait . . . Paul Simon was signed by Warner Bros. Records — probably, say some snide observers, because WB was quite miffed when Columbia stole James Taylor away with a megabuck deal. Simon also cleaned up, getting a reported \$14 million. Revenge can be expensive . . .

In School

AT LAST — DISNEY STUDIOS WILL RE-RELEASE its classic The Jungle Book this June; on May 3, the movie will be shown at the Museum of Modern Art in New York to a straudded audience of media writer and show biz sorts, hosted by Gilda Radner.

Veteran animators Ollie Johnson and Veteran animators Ollic Johnson and Frank Thomas will answer questions there. Next fall, Johnston and Thomas will visit colleges to screen and answer questions about Pinacchio . . . and that's not all. They'll be scouting for fresh young animators to hire. Anyone want to work on Mickey Mouse Lane or Dopey Street? Now's your chance.

BEE GEE BARRY GIBB'S four-year-old son Stevie attends nursery school, where one day the teacher asked all the little kiddies to tell what their fathers did for a living. When it came Stevie's turn to answer the question, "What does you father do?" Stevie replied, "Jive talkin'." Awwwww.

### Hire that Juggler! And that Mime. And the Bluegrass Band, and . . .

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES may be the last arenas where alternative entertainment can be seen, enjoyed and supported — entertainment that isn't overhyped, overblown and overpaid. To ensure a steady supply of such entertainment — mime troupes, dance troupes, fiddlers, poets, Cajun music, cowboy music, foreign films — NECAA possors an annual showcase-forum where collegiate booking agents meet with artists and do their own time-honored dance.

NECAA (National Entertainment and Campus Activities Association) started in 1960 with 7 universities and now services 1,000 colleges and universities and more than 700 companies serving campus activities, from concerts, lectures and films to art, indoor and outdoor recreation, travel, graduate study and educational publications. This year NECAA's convention was held in New Orleans; acts like The Hometown Band, Darryl Rhoades and The Hahavishnu Orrchestra, The Graduates comedy group, National Marionettes and 65 more were seen and booked by 3,000 talent buyers from 500 colleges. Guest speaker was Red Skelton, who cracked a good supply of jokes and the Hahavishnu Orrchestra, The Graduates are ledguent pitch for continued college sponsorship of live entertainment.

"I started out in a medicine show." Skelton saint." A medicine

then made an eloquent pitch for continued college sponsorship of live entertainment.

"I started out in a medicine show," Skelton said. "A medicine show is a platform where they give free entertainment and sell a product. They call it television now." Any encouragement of new talent must come from places like university stages because it certainly isn't coming from television. "ITelevision is] selling one thing, that's mediocrity... and they get \$250,000 per minute for network time. Now the networks will say, the violence, that's entertainment. If you can sell a product in 30 seconds, what does one hour of this do to your brain't It creates a fear and people won't go out. They stay home. And if they stay home, the networks sell more commercial time at \$250,000 per minute... The theatre is so needed."

Reaching People Everywhere.

Dan Hill Has Been







April, 1978

This month's work of genius on which we wistfully hope to model Ampersand World Headquarters some day) is by Charles Zavala from the University of Texas, El Paso, where he's a junior working toward a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree. He's now 225.00 richer.
Keep those Ampersands coming, folks. Most of those submitted have been so good that we're no longer easily impressed, but don't be discouraged. Be challenged.
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### Lenin Was a Schmuck

History refutes itself, and historians refute each other.

Distance and time obscure facts, but illuminate interpretations. The discovery of new documents sometimes spurs the emendation of historical tradition; the discoveries of old documentalists nearly always do.

Harrison E. Salisbury's Black Night, White Nonew: Russia's Revolutions 1905-1917 (Doubleday, \$14.95) is an immense, impressive volume of generously anecdotal historical chronicle, full of meticulous detail and admirably rich with the kind of casual color that makes long works read easily.

Despite its sub-title, though, it is more about revolutions—more about the foibles and fanaticisms of humanity than about the social situations, economic trends, and political situations, economic trends, and sout the social situations, economic trends, and political situations, economic trends, and solutions of the social situations of the social situation of the social situations of the social situation of

Note — about Lenin.

"The Lenin of whom you will read in these pages is not the one you have known before," he cautions. "He was no master planner. He was badly out of touch with Russia, and no one was more surprised than he when revolution came to it except, perhaps, one other man: Nicholas II, Czar of all the Russias."

ry's premise is a fascinating one,

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and he goes after the proof of it with great determination and with what seems at times to be almost a Thespian enthusiasm for his materials. One can almost see his grins and grimaces, his full range of accentuating gestures. If he could lecture with the verve with which he writes (and perhaps he can), he'd be the most popular history professor on any campus in the country. "He really makes history come aftee," they'd say about him. Unfortunately, Salisbury's Lenin is something of a straw man. The history Salisburyrefutes doesn't necessarily need refutation. How many of us today, in this post-Liberal era, really think of Lenin as a "masterplaner." We've read To the Finland Station, for chrissakes, at the very least.

We know aleady, probably, that Lenin had a bourgeois childhood; that he was an erratic, difficult man with his family and friends; that he was sometimes politically and strategically inept. But we also know that he was, like many killers and fools, a sort of great man, a man of maniacal dedication to his goals, a man who affected the civilization of the 20th century to an astonishing degree, a man who—for a time, a saved and enriched more lives than he took.

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Salisbury's Lenin — the arrogant, illinformed, blood-thirsty one — is an easy
mark, and, were the correspondent's writing
style not so entertaining, his 746-page debunking of the man would seem incomprehensibly excessive.

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Someone once remarked that reading about alcoholic beverages was almost as enjoyable an activity as drinking them—and that, luckliy, the two pastimes were not mutually exclusive.

There is indeed a great bibliography of funny, warm, entrancing writing about wine and liquor. Bits of Dickens, Daudet, Stendhal, and Meredith treat the subject with uncommonly contagious affection. Contemporary novelists like Alec Waugh and Kingsley Amis write superbly in the field. Wine specialists like Hugh Johnson and Cyril Ray are urbane stylists, and a joy to read.

There is also a class of books on alcohol which the layman wouldn't read if someody paid him — but which are well-nigh essential to anyone, professional or amateur, who has the slightest serious interest in the subject.

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One of these latter is Grossman's Guide to Wines, Beers, and Spirits by the late Harold J. Grossman — which has just appeared in its sixth revised edition, under the stewardship of Grossman's protege, Harriet Lembeck (Scribners, \$17.95).

Grassman's, which was originally published in 1940, is chock-full of clear, clean information about all manner of alcoholic beverages, and about professional concerns like bar operation, purchasing of alcoholic beverages for commercial use, beverage control laws, etc.

For the reader primarily interested in

wine, there are better, more extensive, more personable books — Hugh Johnson's Wine, Alexis Lichine's New Encyclopedia of Wines and Spiritis, Frank Schoomnaker's Encyclopedia of Wine, Andre Simon's Wines of the World, etc. But there is nothing else quite like Grossman's for the whole picture. It is not a book to read while you drink, but it is one to read before and after you do.

Gahan Wilson is best known for his macabre cartoons in Playboy and The National Lampoon — he is Charles Addams crossed with Dali and Marie Laurencin — but he is also a convincing writer of science fiction

with Dali and Marie Laurencin — but he is also a convincing writer of science fiction and fantasy, and he is the editor of an appropriately strange new book called First World Fantasy Awards (Doubleday, 88-95)

The book is a commemorative volume of a sort, growing out of the First World Fantasy Convention held in 1975 in Providence, Rhode Island, in honor of "the Old Gentleman from Providence," H.P. Lovecraft. "Howards," busts of Lovecraft, were awarded to writers artists and publishers of awarded to writers artists and publishers of

"Howards," busts of Lovecraft, were awarded to writers, artists, and publishers of the fantastic. The winning works (or excerpts from them) are reproduced here, together with explanatory notes by Wilson, lists of nominees in each category, and brief essays on the winners.

Robert Bloch (best-known-as the author of Pysho) is generously represented. So are writers like Stering E. Lanier and Manly Wade Wellman. There is good stuff here. But there is also a good lot of mock-heroic pseudo-mythology of the most empty sort—and the constant editorial interposition of notes and nominations ruins whatever mood of fantasy the better writers are able to create.

The Pooms of John Dewey (Southern Illinois University Press, 514.95), edited with an introduction by Jo Ann Boydston, may or may not be the poems of John Dewey, During his lifetime, it was not known that the distinguished philosopher and educator wrote poetry; but, after his death, more than 90 poems were found in his desk and wastebasket, and were assumed to be his work.

Jo Ann Boydston makes a convincing case for his authorship. She also provides an inriguing and scholarly account of Dewey's romance with the novelist Anzia Yezierska, and, using some of the poems to illuminate aspects of the relationship, suggests the existence of a fascinating, complex physical and moral love affair worthy of much greater further study.

It is something of a disappointment, alas, when her introduction ends and Dewey's (or whomever's) poetry begins. The author of such lines as "Art thou there, my love/Within the pale gold silence/In Loneliness enshrined?" or "And this is art!/Something/To make us jump and start;" is hardly a man deserving of attention as a poet — though these poems are perhaps deserving of attention as a host — though these poems are perhaps deserving of attention as host — though these poems are perhaps deserving of attention as hints to the man.



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# **Bat-Cat Comic Chick Clicks**

By DONALD MARKSTEIN

Despite well-meant warnings that they cause atrophy of the brain, destroy critical acumen, and (no doubt) grow hair on your palms, hundreds of thousands of students still haven't given up that most popular form of juvenile literature, the comic book. Many of us never will. And every so often, our addiction is rewarded with a shiny new hero swooping around in costume.

The Huntress, just out from DC Comics, may not be another Spider-Man or Captain Marvel, but the few appearances she's had to date have piqued a good deal of interest in her, at least from those of us who have been following the adventures of our favorite superheroes for a number of years.

For full appreciation of the character, a detailed knowledge of comic book "history" over the past couple of decades would no doubt be helpful, but we'll spare you the lecture — though more than one graduate thesis has been written on the subject. Suffeci it to say that if anyone is wondering how Batman can appear to be in his late 30s after having fought crime since 1939, there is a simple explanation — there are at least two Bruce Waynes, both of whom grew up to become Batman, but they did it 20 years apart and on nearly identical parallel worlds.

This idea of a multiplicity of parallel worlds has been a wonderful boon for comic book writers. It allows them to explain away

inconsistencies, keep their character young (always a problem when you're doing a series — Tarzan of the Apes got an immortality drug from the Leopard Men, but Sherlock Holmes had no choice but to grow older), and all sorts of things. But only recently have they begun to exploit one of the biggest advantages to it — that is, with two characters who look exactly the same and have the same name, they can do the things that they've always wanted to do to one, without hurting the continuity of the other. For example, they could have the Superman of the 1940s marry Lois Lang and still keep up the suspense for the Superman of the 1970s.

Back to the Huntress. Somewhere in the backs of our minds, we've all suspected at one time or another that Batman and the Catwoman were getting it on together when they weren't slugging it out in front of readers. Little hints here and there create that impression — an arched eyebrow on her part, a look of anguish on his face when he has to take her in ... occasionally he'll come right out and say that he loves her. She would sometimes renounce her life of crime and retire to her little boutique, and if he didn't take advantage of those interludes to court her, then he was a fool.

Exactly what form their love took, with her passion for claws and whips and his apparent fetish for a mask and cape, we leave

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to the imagination of the reader, But according to DC #17 (Nov-Dec, 1977,) the original Batman married the original Catwoman in 1955. Two years later, their daughter was born. Batman went into semi-retirement, Robin went off to a career as a diplomat, and they all lived happily ever after. Until, that is, the summerof 1976, when Catwoman was blackmailed into committing one more crime with members of her old gang. She was killed in the subsequent fracas, which left Bruce Wayne a shattered man. As for their 19-year-old daughter, Helena ... Aw, you guessed. Yeah, she went out to avenge her mother's death, becoming another in a vertiable army of costumed dogooders. But somehow, the idea of a series based on the daughter of Batman and the Catwoman is just kinky enough to be interesting, and this one is helped by having as its writer and artist two of the finest up-and-coming young talents in the comics field, Paul Levitz and Joe Staton.

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Levitz has, over the past couple of years (he's only 21, and has been writing comics since he got out of high school), demonstrated a feel for long-running characters that is lacking in many of his older and more experienced counterparts. In the Huntress origin story, he makes the transition from the Batman of the 1940s to the Huntress of the 1970s groothly in a mer 13 nages, getthe 1970s smoothly in a mere 13 pages, get-ting across both the capsule history men-

tioned above and a fairly good vignette about Helena Wayne tracking down the man responsible for her mother's death. In her second appearance (All-Star Comics #70, Jan-Feb, 1978), little is seen of the Huntress herself — most of the issue is spent setting things up for a continuation in #71 — but her connection with the Justice Society of America, of which her father was a member before she was born, bodes interesting developments for the future.

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talented young (middle-20s) artist, and one of the strongest stylists to enter comics in recent years. Although he was, for some time, typecast as strictly a humor artist (because of his work on E-Man, a light, funny superhero put out by a bush league publisher from 1973-75), his versatility has been amply demonstrated. A slightly cartoony approach still lends a sort of fairy-tale unreality to his work, but it has proven effective in even the most dramatic situations. Staton is an artist who will go far in the comics field — if it's lucky enough not to lose him to higher-paying advertising art, as it has so many of its best talents.

Donald D. Markstein, from the University of Texas at Austin, alleges that he's a 30-year-old hippie eminently qualified to write about comic books because he owns three cubic acres of them.

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Bolt the Door & Hide... **Zevon is Here** 

BY RICH WISEMAN

LOS ANGELES — There are more obscure towns than Sitges, Spain, to live in if you're an aspiring though deflated singer/songwriter — but not many. Warren Zevon, whose Excitable Boy album is fast earning him a reputation as the Sam Peckinpah of rock, exiled himself to Sitges in 1975 in a pique of career frustration.

Zevon stayed a year. For nourishment and pesetas he had the Dubliner Bar, where he doubled as best customer and resident warbler of Irish folk songs. For drama, he had the ever-vigilant Guardia Civil and their machine guns. Despite written urgings from pal Jackson Browne to come home and make that record deal, leaving Sitges, he found, was no easy decision.

"It was a pretty idyllic existence," said Zevon, whose wry smile and songs indicate kept his sense of humor amidst the poking Thompson guns. "My wife Grystal and I had a room with a private loo a block from the Mediterranean. Air you could drink like Dom Perignon. And we had the company nonstop of interesting people from all over the world."

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nonstop of interesting people from all over the world."

One of the most interesting, no doubt, was Dubliner's owner David "Lindy" Lindell, a Boston-born adventurer and soldier-of-fortune. Lindell co-wrote "Roland the Headless Thompson Gunner," the tale of a engeful mercenary that is splattered on side one of Excitable Boy; Lindell is, in fact, sitting across the platter of Italian sausages in the living room of Zevon's home. Engagingly garrulous, he explains that he's in this neck of the world because he's just delivered a boat to a Caribbean government (what kind of boat I neglect to ask, but he offers hushtoned mumbo-jumbo about the "Cuban threat").

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Then Lindy talks about the day he learned he would lose his stouthearted drinking buddy/guitar player. "We're sweating the Communists in Portugal, the Guardia Civil is getting really uptight, the Guardia Civil is getting really uptight, the Guardia Civil is getting really uptight, the got the property of the great of the Guardia Civil is getting really uptight, the got the Hill of the Got Cevon's help; Zevon would fly home from there). Well, I don't know who the hell Phil Everly is, but why aren't you happy here — you got your jars. But he cuts Roland' on this little recorder, then he leaves. So I'm listening to Roland, then all of a sudden it goes into 'Werewolves of London.' I say, 'Jesus Christ, who's this? What he'd done is give me the cassette of demos. He never told me he was serious, never! It was then that I realized the guy might do something."

What Warren Zevon has done is entrench himself as the bad boy darling of rock critics and the L.A. rock community. His 1976 debut album, Warren Zevon, produced by Browne and featuring such artists as Glenn Frey, Stevie Nicks, Carl Wilson and Bonnie Raitt, sold moderately well, and Linda Ronstadt has recorded two of its songs, "Poor Poor Pitful Me" and 'Carmelita.' But where Zevon was flawed by occasional But where Zevon was flawed by occasional

wordiness, a lapse into a Jackson Brownesound and lack of an overall focus, the recently released Excitable Boy scores a direct torpedo hit. The songs are tightly written and played, and Zevon sings them in a rock-steady baritone. The focus of the album is as razor-edged as the production. Besides "Rodand," there's "Werewolves of London" with its mutilated old lady and piña colada-sipping werewolf, and the title track, about a young man who rubs pot roast over his chest and winds up killing his junior prom date. That rocker, complete with campy ooh-wah-oohs by Ronstadt, ends this way:

"After ton long years they let him out of the Home
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Anthe had up her grave and built a cage with her bones
Excitable by, they all said
Well, he's just an excitable by,"
(c. 1976 Evon Music/BMI and Politic Music/ASCAP)
In case the listener misses the point, the photo on the jacket sleeve sledgehammers it home; dwarfing a plate of vegetables is the entree, a Smith and Wesson.
Zevon may have left Sitges for good, but he took the machine guns with him.

Though Zevon offered that he really did rub Crystal's roast over his chest once (because he liked it), "To what extent I'm the excitable boy I don't know. I can't think of any violent or irrational moments in my childhood."

Zevon did remember moving a lot. The son of a professional gambler, he was born in Chicago and raised in Los Angeles, Fresso, San Francisco and Phoenix. Schools were places to mark time along the way:

"One teacher asked me where I'd stolen my term paper because I'd presented myself as such a perfect idiot they couldn't believe that I'd written that tolerable a thesis at Fairfax High. It's something I remember fondly."

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Not too close to his father, and even more estranged from his mother ("We never communicate"), Zevon moved out on his own at 16. Interested in making music "for as long as I could remember," he began earning his keep, however minimally, through music gigs in Los Angeles and the Bay Area.

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Stepping through the minefield of Zevon's bio becomes trying at this point because I begin tripping off such responses as "That's a tiresome story" to questions about Browne ("We hit it off right away; we had a lot of respect for each other"), his writing of the first Boone's Farm apple wine song/jingle ("It must have been successful — every-body's choking on Boone's Farm tody), and his two years as bandleader for the Ev-

erly Brothers ("The first time I really cared about what I was doing").

It was only after 90 minutes and several vodka and orange juices that Zevon's eyes ignited: "Now, you're getting into an Grea that's vastly more interesting to me."

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Zevon attacked from the flank, addressing himself to Randy Newman's "Short People" (which he dislikes for its "meanness"): "Everybody's idea of 'Short People is that it's a satire on prejudice," he began, speaking measuredly (he sounds a lot like Johnny Carson at 18 rpm). "I think that's the comfortable way of dealing with it. I'm more inclined to think the song struck Randy Newman as funny.
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"And it would be the easy way out to say "And it would be the easy way out to say Excitable Boy is just a big satire on the fact that violence has become the greatest escape entertainment in America, particularly for those who never have been close enough to it to really sweat through their clothes. But it



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may be that there's a violent strain in this album that is realer than satire.
"In Spain, you could have your balls shoved in your mouth if you said the wrong thing. Yet, somehow we think of life in Spain as a more pastoral existence. I mean, hanging out the air shaft just trying to take one hit of a joint that's been passed around for months, for which you'd either be Thompson-gunned or incarcerated forever, somehow seems more innocent than living in a country where you can't spit on the sidewalk without seeing spit on the sidewalk on the 6 o'clock news.

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"What I'm saying is that by virtue of the incredible tabloid quality of the news in America, there may be a greater idea of violence here than there is a reality of violence in other places that don't inspire as much paranoia. And that's what ends up being my expression in laying the largest hand gun made — you better ask yourself if you feel lacky today — right on the dinner plate."

Lindy begins dropping fat hints about his and Warren's date at a nearby bar, and the timing seems appropriate because Zevon is reluctant to dwell on his intentions with Extinable Boy. "I'cl onsider it my job to think of ideas and concepts and not to credit myself with the analytic ability to develop them,' he says.

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The interview takes a final swerve to Bob The interview takes a final swerve to Bob Dylan, who's lately been indulging in such talk with every top magazine he can corral in an effort to plug his movie, Renaldo and Clara. "It's either a put-on so subtle that it's beyond laughing, or else he's a far less mythical and much more specific writer than I would have hoped," says Zevon, referring to the Rolling Stone interview. "This whole business of discussing his work, his vision, the world as will and idea, art as illusion—it was all a bit much. "And the whole idea of Renaldo and Clara being four hours long is a little alien to my idea of art, because I do regard art as a responsibility to entertain. Having openly admitted that I was in awe of Dylan, that I could not write for at least a year after Blonde

admitted that I was in awe of Dylan, that I could not write for at least a year after Blande on Blande came out, the idea of going to see a monolithic monument to Dylan the man and artist would be a disappointment.

"I'd rather see The Gauntlet nine times."

Freelancer Rich Wiseman lives in Zevon's neighborhood and always bolts his door at night.



## OnTour



Greg Lake (above) of ELP, Municipal Coliseum, Labbock, Tevas.

While Emerson, Lake and Palmer have never really been counted among the ranks of chart-topping top-40 bands, the British trio have amassed and continue to hold a strong following, comprising people much more mature and discerning in their musical tastes than the general public. It was this type of devoted fan who assembled on a February Sunday night in Lubbock's Municipal Coliseum. They were not disappointed.

Opening with "Peter Gunn," ELP continued through a complete selection of their very best: "Tarkus," "Take a Pebble," "Lullaby," "Nut Rocker," "Pirates," "Fanfare for the Common Man," and "Show Me." The music was superb. To say that the band is tight would be an understatement. Seeing them in concert, one realizes how appropriately Brian Salad Surgery was titled, for that is exactly what ELP reminds me off a drilled surgical team made up of different individuals but functioning as one precise unit. The solos were equally exciting —guitarist Greg Lake's on "C'est la Vie" and "Lucky Man," Keith Emerson's "Piano Concerto No. 1," and drummer Carl Palmer's at the end of "Enemy God Within."

Emerson, Lake and Palmer are three men Emerson, Lake and Palmer are three men who as musicians and performers completely overshadow all of the technical equipment and effects that surround them. Though there was a fine light show and the kind of explosions and fog machines that seem de rigueur for loud rock bands, the effects worked as complements to the group's performance rather than an end in themselves. Viewed separately, both the visual and musical elements were satisfying, but viewed as a cohesive unit, the show was spell-binding, brilliant, and well-executed.

Dale Travis

Claudio Arrau Academy of Music, Philadelphia

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With Artur Rubinstein in retirement,
Claudio Arrau is probably the leading active
exponent of the Romantic piano repertory
today. But that doesn't necessarily mean
that he can easily be compared to Rubinstein. True, Arrau plays with a beautiful
tone and a considerable amount of interpretative freedom, but he also brings a much
more studied approach to the music he
plays. When he plays a piece Arrau seems to
have decided in advance just what he is
going to do in terms of phrasing, tempo,
rubato, and so forth. But that doesn't mean
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tour, Arrau clearly showed where his prej-udices lay with his program, which con-sisted of three sonatas — Beethoven's "Les Adieus," Liszt's "B minor," and Brahms' "F minor." I didn't care for his way with Beethoven, which had a lot of nice detail but Beethoven, which had a lot of nice detail but didn't seem to coalesce into a single unit. The Liszt, however, was a different story, Instead of the super-virtuoso reading we sometimes get, with thunderous climaxes emphasized at the expense of more lyri-cal passages, Arrau delivered a performance in which every note was in its proper per-spective, an almost impossible achievement in this half-hour behemoth. Even Rubin-stein seldom succeeded in pouring out his soul as Arrau did in the great second theme of the Liszt's B minor sonata.

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The Brahms was equally impressive. I grew up on Rubinstein's youthful, ardent version of this dramatic creation of the 20-year-old composer, both on records and in the concert hall, and wasn't quite prepared for Arrau's more studied interpretation. But the apparent lack of immediate emotional effect in his playing was fully compensated for by the pianist's beautiful detail and phrasing of the work, particularly in the magnificent slow movement.

In summary, a typical recital by a great pianist. One thing bothered me — Arrau was snilling through much of the recital, as if he were suffering from a slight cold. I'm sure he will be recovered by the time this appears in print.

Sol Louis Siegel

to recognize) Charlie captivated the fidgety folk in front with a rhythmic drive and tension-spring, pinging guitar work; such basics were tasterully augmented with base-shifting and echoed vocals. Thomas and company even executed a tight a capella hand-clap chorus on the song, a touch that got the teenage aggregate up and rumbling. And their final elfort, "Red Lips," a throbbing kicker that gave the band a chance to crank into some stinging guitar interplay, had the young uninitiates jumping on their chairs and bellowing for an encore. So now, 5,000 young Virginians know who Charlie is, and if the remainder of the tour as openers for Styx goes well, so will their counterparts in other regions of this disco-threatened rockbed we call home.

#### Robin McLeod

Styx opened their closing set with the title track from their most recent album, The Grand Illusion, bringing the audience to their feet and setting the tone for the rest of the evening. The group's obvious belief in showmanship, in addition to musicianship, is a refreshing change from those bands who are no more exciting on stage than they are

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"Grand Illusion" was backed up by rear projections of the album artwork and some flashy special effects. The audience loved it. During "Suite Madame Blue," fog began rolling over the drum stand and down across the stage, where it was met with wild annolause. applause



Styx (above) & Charlie, The Mosque, Richmond, VA.

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ms to he is empo, mean Charlie took the stage in Richmond's premiere concert hall this snowy March 2 Virginia evening with a difficult task on their hands: keep a packed house of hyped-up adolescent Styx fans from Frisbeering themselves into an exhausted stupor before their main men got to strike a single organ blast. This is no mean feat for a band who got only moderate FM airplay in the city and has as yet not overdosed the Top-40 crowd with a monster hit single. However, what Charlie does accomplish musically served them better than a whole bank of transistor radios; these English lads play punchy, imaginatively conceived rock 'n'roll that is heavy without being leaden, intense but not frantic, and infectious without resorting to AM airwave cliches. Lead guitarist and songwriter Terry Thomas favors dense vocal textures and intricate, string-laden arrangements, tersely stretched across layers of smooth keyboard fills. On Charlie's last studio release, No Second Chance, and in concert the group proves itself fully capable of cleanly reproducing its album sound, and then some. On numbers like "Johnny Hold Back" (which some of the audience seemed

Rear projection was used again with "Come Sail Away." The first images, perhaps supposed to represent clouds, looked more like out-of-focus blobs. As the song's tempo picked up, the background changed to a whirling mass of shooting stars on red, green and blue alternating skies.

Styx did an excellent job of mixing music from most of their albums into a cohesive, flowing concert. Most of the selections were from their last three albums, with, of course their biggest hit, "Lady," brought in from Myr II. Dennis DeYoung has added a long improvised piano intro to "Lady," but the audience recognition was unmistakable after a few familiar notes.

The show ended with a raunchy, get-down rock and roll song from Equinox entitled "Midnight Ride." James Young supplied an impressive guitar solo.

Two encores were given to the cestatic audience. During the second, a highly theat-rical rendition of "Born for Adventure," one of the stage crew swirled onstage in a swashbuckler outfit for a duel with, and defeat by, DeYoung.

Presumably he recovered in time for the remaining dates of a lengthy, cross-country tour.

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Kotto, Keitel & Pryor in Blue Collar.

### Hare-Brained

RABBIT TEST, starring Billy Crystal and Joan Prather; written by Joan Rivers and Jay Redack; directed by Rivers.

Jay Redack; directed by Rivers.

Almost anything can be parodied to varying degrees of hilarity given the proper P.R. We laugh at people, not plots, so the greatest comedy usually comes from the actor's performance (Charlie Chaplin, Jerry Lewis, Richard Pryor), while a potential gut-busting idea can leave the viewer with his tinnuy bone forced through a meat grinder after the original gag has been perpetuated for an hour or so.

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So it goes with Rabbit Test, the story of the first pregnant man (portrayed by everybody's favorite fruit from "Soap," Billy Crystal) which would've made a great skit on "Saturday Night Live" (can you imagine an expecting John Belushi?), but is instead yukked up and over for eighty minutes of boring brilliance, one good joke out of ten and pass the slapstick, Woody. Every ridiculous aspect of the situation ("of course we'll have to bottle-feed") is run over by writer-director-comedienne Joan Rivers' heavy-hand and unsuccessful attempts at sarcasm, but the whole charade eventually takes on the cohesiveness of a skyscraper takes on the cohesiveness of a skyscraper built with Elmer's Glue (it all falls apart before it's finished). Even Paul Lynde falls before it's finished). Even Paul Lynde tans flat as Crystal's gynecologist, a typecast role about as funny as his hemorrhoids and twice as painful for us to endure. I won't waste space describing the salub-rious details, but the President winds up demanding an abortion and the baby is born

rious details, but the President winds up demanding an abortion and the baby is born in a bus filled with hay on the evening of December 24th, complete with the Star of David and a sign overhead reading "Bethlehem Steel."

Only problem is, it's a girl, one of the two genuine artifacts of humor in this blatant waste of celluloid. The other is when a woman in the doctor's office is told to fill both the form and the specimen cup. She returns with a dripping piece of paper and an empty jar, complaining "I always have trouble filling these things."

Otherwise, Rabbit Test would've been better off as a coat-hanger quickie instead of dying of stillborn senselessness. It's inconcivably inspirid.

Chric Clark

BLUE COLLAR, starring Richard Pryor, Harvey Keitel, Yaphet Kotto; written by Paul Schrader and Leonard Schrader, suggested by source material by Sydney A. Glass; directed by Paul Schrader.

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Paul Schrader's seems to be the lone voice of realism around Hollywood these days; while veryone else rushes to tack happy endings onto losers-become-winners plots, Schrader turns out fascinating, grim studies of violence and losers who never win. The Yakuza (also written with brother Leonard) and Taxi Driser, Rolling Thunder and Obussian were not all successful, or even good, but they were interesting. So is Blue Collar, an outwardly simple tale of three men who are corrupted and destroyed by a system they can't change... but Blue Collar is Schrader's debut as a director, and it's clearly a giant step from the typewriter to the camera, one that Schrader does not take gracefully. The film is poorly lit, jaggedly edited, clumsy, clumy, Although most of the film was shot at the Checker auto manufacturing plant in Kalamazoo, Michigan, the backgrounds look painted. The sound is dreafful; every third line is lost, and the strain of listening interferes with the watching.

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Three things keep Blue Collar from being a total washout.— Pryor, Keitel and Kotto, and their acting makes all the wrong things less important. Any power this film has comes from them. They play auto workers, close friends who steal money from their

union's safe so they can get some relief from their money problems; inadvertently they steal a book which details the union's illegal loan sharking, and they decide to blackmail. A fatal choice. Like those thieves who are always falling out over the loot, these three destroy the one good thing in their lives, their friendship — but not because of the money. Because the union knows how to deal with three little men who don't know how, never knew how, to fight back. Even so, there are some large holes in logic here. They didn't make copies of the incriminating book. Is anybody that dumb?

Pryor, who's based his successful comedy career on scatalogical guerrilla humor, here plays a lean, hungry ambitious man, the least sympathetic of the trio, but completely understandable in his choices. Harvey Keitel never ceases to amaze; with each ole he seems to disappear into that character. The only mannerism he keeps is a nervous shifting back and forth on his feet. Kotto is a huge comforting presence, and not only to his contrades — after his death there is no focus, nothing holding the men or the movie together.

But Collar is ultimately disappointing because Schrader doesn't know how to build tension or suspense. The movie just lumbers to a conclusion, and the final scene, which should be shattering, is merely depressing.

Judith Sims

HOUSE CALLS, starring Glenda Jackson and Walter Matthau; written by Max Shulman and Julius J. Epstein and Alan Mandel and Charles Shyer; directed by Howard Zieff.

Charles Shyer; directed by Howard Zieff.
The next time you hear some old curmudgeon griping about how there just aren't any more sparkling witty comedies anymore, smugly contradict him by citing A Touch of Class and House Calls. These "new" comedies don't really sparkle like diamonds, they gleam like chrome; they're not as silly as those old 30s and 40s farces, and we don't have the delicious pleasure of discovering something on the Late Show that's been

there all along, but they're intelligent good fun.

Howard Zieff made Slither into something much more interesting than its meager script, and his Hearts of the West (which failed dismally at the box office) was a sweet but never precious tale of old Hollywood. Zieff doesn't have much of a plot with House Calls, either; it's a nice, unpretentious love story which proves you don't have to be 22 and gorgeous in order to be sexy and charming.

Glenda Jackson is tough and appealing (although it's hard to accept cheescake-baking as her way of earning a living), but there are moments when her mouth pouts and puckers like Marsha Mason's. Fortunately the resemblance stops there; Jackson would never whine or simper; instead, when confronted with Matthau's apparent infidelity, she shouts, "You broke my heart!" Richard Benjamin has nothing to do, which sights as well, and Art Carrey is wasted as the senile head surgeon of a hospital so inept we wonder why Matthau, who's supposed to be a gifted surgeon, sticks around. Matthau recently widowed, is all set to disport himself like a teenage rake with dozens of willing young females, but instead he falls for Jackson, older and divorced and intent on fidelity ... a rather refreshing twist these days. Matthau only occasionally stoops to his usual caricature of himself; the surprise is that he's quite lovable, in a paunchy middle-aged way, when he's not mugging. If he'd only forget his half-assed imitation of W. C. Fields that he trots out for every comedy, he could be a really sexy actor and not just another ugly face.

J. S.

# Sound on Wheels

Most electronic sound in your car—whether produced by a radio receiver or a tape player—is an abomination, an offense to your ears, and an insult to your intelligence. We have the technology and the know-how to do better, but the move toward better auto sound is no great leap forward; more like a crab that crawls sideways to go ahead.

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When buying a new car you have the option of getting a built-in radio refecier. Its only advantage will be that of convenience. It will be overprized, underpowered and unpleasant to the ears of anyone over the age of three.

There are plenty of radio receiver manufacturers and you can do better if you pick and choose. A car dealer will charge about \$15 an hour for the installation and will require about five hours to do the job. This means putting the receiver in the dash, installing a pair of speakers in the front door panels and another pair of speakers in the rear window deck.

If you already have a radio receiver in your car, it is probably a mono-only type. If it is, get it out of there and replace it with an AM/FM unit. This will increase the number

of broadcast stations you will be able to receive and will rescue you from AM-only, a
form of reception which sometimes sounds
like a berserk meat grinder. When you remove the AM-only unit, hang on to it and
don't throw it away. If you sell or trade in
your wheels put the old receiver back in
place and take your newer unit along with
you for your later car.

Before you let the car radio manufacturers
separate you from your money, do some
planning first. Don't buy on impulse, and
don't get lured into a high-pressure todayonly sale. There's always another sale tomorrow, and the day after that, and the day
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You can get an AM/FM receiver, or one with either built-in cassette player, 8-track cartridge player, CB, or AM/FM/CB with either a built-in cartridge or cassette player.

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You can buy components to mount indash or under-dash. In-dash is better because there isn't all that much room to spare
in a car. Further, an in-dash mounting
means less chance of having your new
equipment ripped off. If you do opt for indash, don't just get an AM/FM receiver. Da
get one with a built in tape-player. It is
cheaper to buy a combined AM/FM-cumtape unit than to get an AM/FM receiver
and then later add on an under-dash tape
player. It's not only cheaper, but takes up
less room.

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Which tape player should you get in combination with the AM/FM receiver? You have a choice of cassette or cartridge. These aren't compatible. You can't use a cassette in a cartridge player or vice versa.

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Each type, cassette and cartridge, has its advantages and faults. Cassette tapes are smaller than cartridge, and the same recorded cassettes you've made at home are suitable for car use. This means you can record your favorite broadcasts or tape your records and then use your car cassette player to enjoy the music while driving. The most commonly used cassette is a C60, which supplies one hour of playback time, 30 minutes per side. A C120 will give you two hours of playing, one hour per side. The trouble with cassettes is that at the end of each side you must flip the cartridge to play the other side, reminiscent of the way you handle phono records. However, there are some tape players for auto use that have automatic reverse. You'll pay more for a player with this nice feature. Cassettes more along at 1% ips.

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The power output of tape players, whether cartridge or cassette, and of radio receivers is usually two to five watts—enough to sound loud, but not good. There is a difference. However, you can buy a power booster, an amplifier that will increase the output power to somewhere in the region of 30 to 50 watts per channel. It's a notable difference.

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Don't look for a record player for your car. The last one was made by RCA some 25 years ago and it has gone the way of the whalebone corset, the whiffletree and the 78 years absorbed.

rpm phonograph.

There is a big difference between the tape

players available for car use and those for our home high fidelity system. Those you have at home are "decks." They do not contain an audio amplifiers, but use the separate audio amplifiers, but use the separate audio amplifiers elsewhere in your audio system. In tape players made for the car, the amps are self-contained, and if they can boast a true 5 watts output per channel, you are truly fortunate and the stars shine down on you benevolently.

There is a trend toward better sound fidelity in cars, but your nearest glacier may get to the finish line first. Serious shopping and merit comparisons are very much in order, but even before you do that, decide where you are going to put the new equipment you plan to buy. If your car dash has a cutout for an auto radio, then you'll be less than pleased to hear that there is no standardization. All that you can do is to take the measurements and make sure that the receiver you buy will fit. Also look behind the dash cutout. You'll probably find a jungle of wires there, so see if you can move them about enough to accommodate the receiver.

As an alternative, you may decide to put some audio equipment under the dash. If your in-dash receiver is AM only, you can add an FM receiver, or a cassette or carridge player. With such equipment you will get a pair of side-mounting brackets. Some manufacturers also supply a rear-mounting bracket, which makes the equipment more rigidly mounted and somewhat less susceptible to theft. The trouble with an underdash installation is that the equipment and touchy-feely method.

The main source of power in your car is the storage battery. In most American cars the negative or minus terminal of the battery is wired to the metal frame of the car. The frame is called "ground," so in this arrangement we have what is called a negative ground. If that is the setup in your car, always buy equipment that is intended for a rwith a negative ground. Some contrary European cars have a grounded positive terminal, and for these be sure to buy equipment minal, and for these be sure of buy equip-ment designed for a positive ground. Some receivers are equipped for use with either positive or negative ground. Almost all add-on tape players are for negative ground

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You can buy a car radio receiver with minimum features for less than \$30. Or, if you're in a spending mood, you can easily part with \$350. Most car radio receivers are in the under \$100 category. The lowest-cost sets are AM-only types and, surprisingly, you may have trouble finding one that suits your needs, since most sets made today are AM/FM. Some radio receiver manufacturers do not even offer AM-only sets.

Radio receivers can come equipped with pushbuttons for tuning in stations. These cost more than those using manual tuning only, and it is a little doubtful that pushbutton tuning is particularly desirable. You can use the buttons for picking up local stations to which they are pretuned, but once you are out on the road and traveling, they lose their function and become decorative only.

From a shopping point of view, you will find a greater selection of receivers if you decide on an AM/FM type. But once you make this decision, you haven't reached the end of your planning; rather the beginning. For now you must decide what features the receiver should have and whether it should or should not include a tape player. But at least you'c made a start.

\*\*Martin Clifford\*\*

This is the first of a series describing what to look for, how to buy, and how to improve the quality of playback sound in your car, truck, van or RV.

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### Rooting Around in Rock & Roll **History**

The Pirates:
Out of Their Skulls (Warner Bros.)
Johnny Burnette/Rock 'n Roll Trio:
Tear It Upf (Solid Smoke)
Robert Gordon with Link Wray:
Fresh Fish Special (Private Stock)

Freah Flah Special (Private Stock)

There was rock and roll in England before the Beatles, and not all of it was as insipid as some historians might have us believe. Among the hardest rockers of the early-Sixties British bands was the quartet known as Johnny Kidd and the Pirates. Their best-known single, a hit in the States for the Guess Who some years later, was the "Kidd" (Frederick Heath) composition, "Shakin' All Over." The tune, later still, became a staple in the Who repertoire. Kidd, alas, was not around to enjoy the renewed fame; he had been killed in a car crash at the height of his career. It was, as any Eddie Cochran fan will testify, an honorable way to go.

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height of his career. It was, as any Eddie Cochran fan will testify, an honorable way to go.

The Pirates remained, however, with guitarist Mick Green, one of the three chief homegrown influences on younger English players (the other, in case this ever comes up again, were Bert Weedon and the Shadows' Hank B. Marvin). "Influential" in't always synonymous with "successful," however, cluring recent years, Green could be seen backing Engelbert Humperdinck — not even Tom Jones! — on the road.

Current interest in roots rock and roll has led to the reformation of the Pirates and an album that's already caused a bit of a stir in the British music press. Small wonder: their music is fresh, invigorating, full of hits, and highly distinctive. The album, half live and half studio-recorded, is well worth owning, and you'll be reading much about it elsewhere. So, on to other things. There's much ground to cover, yet.

What the other reviewers likely won't point out (too young, most of 'em), and what the British music press seems to have forgotten, is that despite their energy and skill the Pirates were and are no more than imitations of an earlier American band, the Rock 'n Roll Trio.

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You can't really blame them for forget-ting; the Trio were largely ignored in their day, though indirectly immediately familiar to contemporary audiences through such records as the Yardbirds' "Train Kept Rollin," Foghat's 'Honey, Hush," and var-ious other spinoffs, all direct cops of Trio arrangements.

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Members of the group were Johnny Burnette, on rhythm guitar and vocals, Dorsey Burnette, on bass and vocals, and the grossly-neglected Paul Burlison on lead guitar. Drums and other instruments were added for recording purposes, though their contribution was minimal.

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The Burnettes went on their own, as solo singers and writers and as composers of numerous songs for young Ricky Nelson. Burlison, the last I heard, was driving a truck or some such. Dorsey Burnette still comes up with an occasional country hit; Johnny was killed in an early-Sixties boating accident.



Rock 'N Roll Trio (left to right): Johnny Burnette, Dorsey Burnette, Paul Burlison

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Solid Smoke Records, a new and tiny label, has acquired rights to the Trio's original performance (first issued on Coral in the mid-Fifties), in breathtaking mono, and issued them in a lovely package. Included are "Rollin", "Hush," "Sweet Love on My Mind," "Rock Therapy" and 13 others, some previously unissued, and all quite rare. Intensity and menace are the Burnettes' hallmarks; the album is rife with both. Fans of early rock will find it invaluable, as will young rock bands looking for ace material. From the sound of things, Aerosmith should buy the first copy.

(The Pirates' album contains versions of "Drinkin" Wine, Spo-Dee-O-Dee" and "Lonesome Train (on a Lonesome Track)" from the Trio's repetiorier. If you like the new versions, you will be right comfortable with the Burnettes' music).

Though Robert Gordon and Link Wray's second collaboration is chiefly a tribute to the Burnettes via an unimpressive shot at "Lonesome Train."

The clues to the Elvis tribute are, perhaps, the most interesting aspects of Gordon's album. Most obvious is the inclusion of the bluesy "I Want to Be Free," first heard in Jailhouse Rock. More subtle is the

inclusion of a new Bruce Springsteen composition, "Fire," that sounds once-removed from Presley's "Suspicion." Nice, too. Toally obscure are the album's title (what other prisoners called Presley's jailhouse haircut in Rock) and the cover lettering, of all things, the same . . . odd . . . combination of pink and green as on Presley's first album.

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Musically, the album rates only as a nice try. Gordon's choice of songs is occasionally impressive — "Red Cadillac and a Black Moustache," originally cut by Warren Smith, is especially rewarding — and occasionally tire. "Sea Cruise" is strictly Sha Na Na stuff by this time, and the old Eddic Cochran hit, "20 Flight Rock" (first heard in The Girl Can't Help It) isn't Gordon's type at all. Better-suited are "Fire," Jack Scott's brooding "The Way I Walk," and Gene Vincent's 1957 "Five Days, Five Days." Wray's sensational guitar playing takes a subservient position to Gordon's guitar throughout; were there any justice, their roles would be reversed (on stage, it seems, justice generally prevails). Rob Stoner still haan't sprung for lessons on the standup bass, which leads to another shortcoming. And yet, especially since there's not much contemporary competition, Gordon's and

Wray's album is a valuable step in the resurgence of interest in rockabilly that's already enveloped Europe and which stands as good a chance as any music of being the Next Big Thing here, as well.

\*Tear It Up can be purchased for \$6.50, postpaid, from Southern Record Sales, 5001 Reynard Avenue, La Crescenta, CA, 91214.

Be sure to ask them for catalogues, as well.

Southern, a specialists' shop, won't carry the Pirates or Gordon — too contemporary. Other stores, closer to your neighborhood, should be able to help you there.

\*Warren Phillips\*

Biff Rose:
Roast Beef (Down Pat)
Dan Hicks:
It Happened One Bite (Warner Bros.)
Rupert Holmes:
Pursuit of Happiness (Private Stock)

Each of these three singer-songwriters lives all but literally in the past, and none has any good reason to be working and popular in 1978. Which is not to say that they lack merit, nor that they don't warrant your — or sombody 5:— attention.

I don't know (don't really care), but I suppose that Rose, Hicks and Holmes are all somewhere in their thirties. If true, that would mean that all were born within a few years of one another. Musically, though, they're decades apart.

Hicks' influences are the earliest: primitive American jug bands, the Quintet of the Hot Club of Paris with their Gallic swing, and maybe a touch or so of vaudeville. He and his Hot Licks were quite popular in certain largely collegiate circles until their breakup a few years back.

If Happened One Bite was recorded three years ago as the soundtrack for a Ralph Bakshi feature-length cartoon. The film was never released. Here, better late than never (trie, but apt) is Hicks' score. It's all full-length songs, no cues, overtures, effects or such, and holds up well enough as a unity. Several former Hot Licks are present: violinist Sid Page, guitarist John Girton, and vocalist Maryanne Price among them. There's lost of singing, much of it cute without being overly precious; even more super instrumental work, largely acoustic, from Page's jazzy fiddle to Lyle Ritz's standup bass; and a couple of songs likely to remain favorites among Hicks' fans. One of them, a rarity in the singer's oeuvre in that he didn't compose it himself, is the ballad' Garden in the Rain," which dates back to 1929. Another is the pulsating, scatty 'Grazy — 'Cause He Is.' Hicks' duet with Price on 'Lovers for Life' is another highlight. The entire package was produced by Tommy LiPuma, who's stood by Hicks for several years, always with sensitivity and taste.

Rose, once a frequent guest on Johnny Carson's show, comes on like a cocktail-lounge pianist with a couple of twists. One is that his highly-individualistic keyboard tickling hints at contemporary coice, while fitting

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tempt to rhyme "alley" with Vivanu. It works.

The songs are played and sung by Rose, solo, and with no bands between tracks. Playing the album becomes a near-equivalent of sitting through one of his club sets, without the patter or applause. Quite nice really.

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Holmes titled his first album Widescreen, in Holmes titled his first album Widocreen, in a rather obvious attempt to garner some recognition among filmmakers, who would presumably wait in line to have the clasically-trained musician score their films. It didn't happen, though he did wind up writing and producing for Barbra Streisand, among others (Sailor and John Miles, to name two). A fluent arranger and orchestrator, Holmes has sometimes tended to be a bit too much of a showoff for his own good, particularly at a time — the last few years — when classy MOR didn't really impress anybody; radio program directors least of all. Holmes has cleaned up his act, radio programmers are throwing in lots of Barry Manilow and others of that ilk, and the man should have something of a chance



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now.Working against him is a voice with no edge; he sounds like a commercial jingle singer. Technically, the guy's a whiz in the studio, and there is a lot of fine musicality and production value in the album, as well as some love songs that might be with us for a few years. Holmes is the most romantic of this unlikely trio, the most obviously "commercial," and perhaps the one with the biggest push behind him.

The Hicks and Holmes albums should be readily available through normal commercial channels. Those brave enough to seek out Rose, and to bear the distinction of owning what must be a severely limited-edition album, should write to him directly at Down Pat Records, 49 Thornton, Venice, CA 90291. Send him \$6 and — if you've held with me this far — you won't regret it.

Del Porter

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### Steve Young: No Place to Fall (RCA)

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Young's is perhaps the most achingly beautiful voice in contemporary music; next to him, Emmylou Harris sounds like Shirley Temple. Young has recorded, with most of Nashville's premier musicians, a set of songs that's long on worth if short on variety: most of them tend to mope along like Harris' most recent album. You must hear him, though, and if his reading of Steve Goodman's 'I Can't Sleep,' Bob Dylan's "Don't Think Twice," or JJ, Cale's "Tve Got the Same Old Blues" doesn't get you, his own compositions, including the umpteenth recording of "Seven Bridges Road," surely will.

Del Porter

### **AMPERCHART**

#### ROCK

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   Soundtrack/RSO
   The Stranger
   Billy Joel/Columbia
   Running on Empty
   Jackson Browne/As
   News of the World
   Queen/Elektra

- Barry Manilow/Arista
  12. Rumoure
  13. Double Live Gonzo
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  14. Weekend in L.A.
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  Art Gartunkell Columbia
  15. Street Survivors
  15. Lynyrd Skymyrd MCA
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  18. Funkentelechy Va. the Placeb
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  Maze featuring Frankie Beverity Capitol
  9. Player of the Year
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  Waylon Jennings & Willie Nelson/RCA
  2. Yen Years of Gold
  A. Herrer You Come Again
  Dolly Parton/RCA
  4. Quarter Moon in a Ten Cent Town
  Emmylou Harris/Warner Bros.
  5. Simple Dreams
  Linda Ronstad/Asylum
  6. Take This Job and Shove It
  Johnny Psychock/Epic
  7. Was Bust Deleve in Misgle
  Gone Wash Comedia
  9. Yell Come Back Salcon
  Oak Ridge Boys/ABC/Dol
  9. It Was Almost Like a Song
  Ronnie Missap/RCA
  10. Georgia Keeps Pulling on My Ring
  Conway Twitty/MCA
  11. Elvis in Concert
  Evis Prestoy/RCA
  12. Love is Just a Game
  Love Su Just a Game
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