

MUSIC NEWS

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STEVE CROPPER: Famed Memphis guitarist Steve Cropper, who played on many Otis Redding and Sam & Dave records, was in San Francisco recently to play on an album by The Dynatoners. Warner Brothers will release the album early next year. Cropper was brought to the project by the producer, Jim Gaines. They have been friends since the Redding and Sam & Dave days.

KEITH EMERSON: Keith Emerson and Carl Palmer are said to be working with a new bass player and songwriter by the name of Robert Berry, meaning E-L-P may become E-B-P. It's not known which record company will be releasing any product from the trio.

TALKING HEADS: The Talking Heads have been in Paris recording the follow-up to "True Stories." No producer has yet been chosen for the Lp, which should be out at the end of this year.

U2: U2 has finalized their U.S. itinerary. Their fall tour will run from September 10th through December 11th and will include outdoor stadium dates and indoor arenas. Worldwide sales for "The Joshua Tree" now stand at approximately eight million.

GEORGE MICHAEL: "I Want Your Sex," has been banned by 75 radio stations in America for allegedly being harmful to children. In Belgium, the national music show, Rocks Box, has incorporated the song as part of an educational segment that teaches French...to children.

GARCIA TO STAR ON BROADWAY THIS FALL: Jerry Garcia will star in a one-man show on Broadway this fall. The Grateful Dead guitarist will take over the Lunt-Fontanne Theater for a three week run beginning October 15th -- one month after playing for 100,000 people with the Dead during five shows at Madison Square Garden. "Garcia On Broadway" won't exactly be a one-man show. The evening will open with Garcia and bassist John Kahn in an acoustic segment; two members of the New Riders will then join Garcia for a bluegrass set, and the evening will close with a full electric performance by Garcia's six-man band. A trial run of the show will take place August 29th and 30th in Northern California. In addition to the Broadway show, Garcia has two shows booked in San Francisco in early October. He'll also be doing the show in L.A. in December.

WORLD'S BIGGEST "GLASS SPIDER": It takes 19 trailer trucks to haul David Bowie's "Glass Spider" tour production around the U.S., according to set co-ordinator, Rick Mooney. Mooney says there are three trucks which go to every show, then two fleets of eight trucks each -- one red and one blue -- which leapfrog across the U.S.. Mooney says the color co-ordinated trucks haul two complete lighting rigs and two complete sound systems. "This is a lot more than a rock band sitting up there banging on instruments," Mooney said, understating the situation rather nicely.

FIRST RELEASES FROM NEW ROCK INSTRUMENTAL LABEL: Former Climax Blues Band frontman Peter Haycock, Wishbone Ash, Stewart Copeland and William Orbit will be the first artists to release albums on I.R.S. Records' all-instrumental, no speak series. I.R.S. Chairman Miles Copeland says it was a demo tape he received from Haycock last spring that inspired the new line and resulted in Haycock's album, "Guitar And Son." Copeland recruited two original members of Wishbone Ash to play on their Lp, "Nouveau Calls." The Copeland album, "Music From The Equalizer And Other Themes," will be based around his work on the CBS Tv series. Orbit, who also

produced the Wishbone Ash Lp, will release "Strange Cargo." The albums will be out in October.

SIXTIES STARS KICK OFF NEW HOME VIDEO LINE: A new line of rock home videos will debut in January with a tape featuring The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix, The Who, Cream, Janis Joplin, The Rolling Stones and Steppenwolf. The tape is part of a new series called "Rock And Roll Goldmine," which will be hosted by Casey Kasem and distributed by Vestron Music Video. Other titles in the series will include "The Soul Years," "The British Invasion," and "The San Francisco Sound." Each tape will sell for \$19.98.

NEW MAC MEMBERS HAVE PREVIOUS HISTORY WITH BAND:

Fleetwood Mac has already started rehearsals with their two new members, Billy Burnette and Rick Vito. They'll kick off the "Shake The Cage" tour on October 1st, which will bring them to major venues in at least 50 cities in North America. Burnette, now billed as the lead guitarist and vocalist in the group, has toured and recorded with Mick Fleetwood's side group, The Zoo, which has featured surprise appearances by Stevie Nicks. Burnette also co-wrote a song with Christine McVie, "So Excited," which appeared on her 1984 solo album. Burnette has also released his own albums and his songs have been covered by Roy Orbison, Ray Charles and Jerry Lee Lewis. The Memphis-born Burnette, who now lives in L.A., has been friends with Fleetwood Mac since 1968. Vito also has a previous Fleetwood Mac connection, having recorded with John McVie back in the mid-seventies on a John Mayall project. Vito was most recently with Bob Seger on the "Like A Rock," tour and played with Jackson Browne on "Lawyers In Love."

BIRTHDAY BOOK FOR THE WEEK OF MONDAY, AUGUST 31:

A special happy birthday wish to Van Morrison, (born in Belfast, Northern Ireland) who is 42. It would have been broadcasting and television legend Arthur Godfrey's 84th birthday. On this date 24 years ago master producer Phil Spector garnered his first #1 hit with the Ronettes. The song was "Be My Baby." Actor James Coburn, who portrayed "Agent Flint" in "Our Man Flint" so successfully, is 59. Gina Schock, former drummer of the Go Go's, is 30. On this date 37 years ago Nat King Cole's "Mona Lisa" was named Most Popular Song Of The Year by Billboard Magazine. **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1:** Barry Gibb, of Australia's Bee Gees, is 41. He and his wife, Linda, also celebrate their 17th wedding anniversary on this date. Comedienne/actress Lily Tomlin is 51. Country legend Conway Twitty is 52. **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2:** Tennis great Jimmy Connors is 35. It's wedding anniversary #9 for former Beatle George Harrison and his lovely Olivia. The couple has one son, Dhani (in India it means strong one). The guy who made "Archie Bunker" a household name in America, actor Carroll O'Connor, is 62. **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3:** Al Jardine, of California's Beach Boys, is 35. Actress Valerie Perrine is 44. Former Grand Funk Railroad rocker Don Brewer is 39. Actor Alan Ladd would have been 74 (he died in 1964). **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4:** On this date 25 years ago in London, England, the Beatles had their first recording sessions. George Martin, the legendary British producer, was sitting at the dials. Gene Parsons, one of the original Byrds, is 42. Gary Dunkin and Gregg Elmore, both former members of the rock band Quicksilver Messenger Service, are 41. **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5:** Jazz legend Buddy Miles is 41. Raquel Welch is 47. Freddie Mercury, of Queen, is 41. California musician John Stewart is 48. **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6:** On this date in 1961 (26 years ago) Bob Dylan performed his first concert ever in New York City at the Gaslight Cafe, in Greenwich Village. Roger Waters, of Pink Floyd, is 40. Jane Curtin, formerly of "Saturday Night Live," and more recently of "Kate and Allie", rings up birthday #40.