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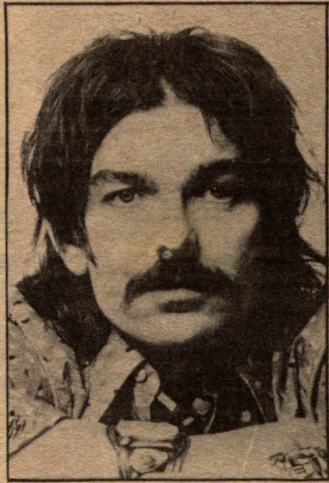


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Rock proms for Olympia



BEEFHEART

BEEFHEART FIXED, DYLAN A POSSIBLE

A NEW LONDON rock centre — the National Hall at Olympia — is being launched this summer with a string of three major concerts during the first week of July. Captain Beefheart and the Magic Band are confirmed for one of the events, and there is a possibility that Bob Dylan may headline on one of the other two days. The shows will be staged on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 5, 6 and 7 — with Beefheart set for the final day.

The venue has a capacity of well over 12,000, and this will be only the second time that rock shows have been presented there. The first occasion was seven years ago — when Jimi Hendrix, Pink Floyd and the Who appeared — and this resulted in the management banning further rock dates. Now they have relented, and the new season is being staged under the banner of London Rock Proms, promoted by Lou FitzGerald and Peter Adam of Greasy Truckers.

In addition to the three July concerts, it is understood that the same promoters will be presenting a longer pre-Christmas rock proms season at Olympia for six days from December 10.

There is no official confirmation that Dylan will appear at Olympia, although his British and European tour is expected to be taking place at about that time. A spokesman told NME: "All we can say is that Greasy Truckers have a close association with Island, for whom Dylan records. So in that respect, it must be regarded as a possibility."

Beefheart will head a strong bill, consisting mainly of Virgin artists, at Olympia on July 7. And the reason for his booking is mainly the Royal Albert Hall's ban on his projected May 28 appearance at that venue. Virgin announced this week that they have booked Beefheart to appear at London Drury Lane Theatre Royal on June 2, supported by Henry Cow, as the official replacement gig for the Albert Hall.

But Virgin's Richard Branson commented: "Obviously Drury Lane will not be large enough for all the Londoners who want to see Beefheart, so we have arranged the Olympia date to take place after his European tour."

Tickets for Beefheart's Drury Lane gig will be available after Easter, but Olympia booking arrangements are not yet set.

Major Lance due

MAJOR LANCE returns to Britain this weekend for a one-nighter tour, promoted by the International Soul Club, which runs for most of April. As previously reported, Lance supports the Detroit Spinners on two of their upcoming concert dates — at Birmingham Odeon (Good Friday) and Manchester Free Trade Hall (April 13) — and his solo gigs are as follows:

- CREWE Speakeasy (tomorrow, Friday), WHITCHURCH Civic Hall and LEEDS Queen's Hall (Saturday), HANLEY Heavy Steam Machine (Sunday), SHREWSBURY Tiffany's (next Monday), LEEK Samantha's (Wednesday), COLWYN BAY Dixieland Showbar and BANGOR Irbistock Country Club (April 11), HANLEY Heavy Steam Machine and STAFFORD Top Of The World and BIRMINGHAM Top Rank (all 15), LONDON Gulliver's Club (17), KENILWORTH Blazes (19), CLEETHORPES Pier Pavilion (20), SHEFFIELD Samantha's (21), BIRMINGHAM Mayfair (22), YORK Hypnotique (24), BIRMINGHAM Rebecca's (25), BURTON-ON-TRENT 76 Club (28).

Al Stewart tour

AL STEWART is to undertake a three-week British concert tour starting at the beginning of June, for which dates and venues will be announced shortly. He has just opened a two-month U.S. tour, and his "Past, Present And Future" album has been issued there to coincide with his visit. Following his British tour, Stewart will return to America for yet another concert series. His next single in this country, provisionally set for May 3 release by CBS, will be "Swallow Wind."

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Townshend solo date

PETE TOWNSHEND of the Who is to appear as a solo artist in a special benefit concert at London's Chalk Farm Roundhouse on Easter Sunday (April 14). He will top the bill and perform a 20-minute spot. There is a possibility that one or two other musicians, including Keith Moon, may back him — although a spokesman emphasised that Townshend is being billed only as a soloist. Also taking part are Tim Hardin, Coast Road Drive, and Byzantium, and the charity is in aid of the Camden Square Community Play Centre. It runs from 3.30 to 10 p.m., with tickets priced at £1.25. More acts are expected to be added to the bill.

Fury rides again

BILLY FURY and Marty Wilde are reactivating the rock revival package, which toured Britain playing to capacity audiences in February. Heinz, Tommy Bruce, Carl Simmons and the New Tornados are again featured in the package, for which the provincial schedule so far is:

- EDINBURGH Usher Hall (May 20), WINSFORD Civic Hall (21), BIRMINGHAM Town Hall (23), BRACKNELL Sports Centre (24), CHATHAM Central Hall (25), YORK Theatre Royal (June 2), BRADFORD St. George's Hall (3), WATFORD Town Hall (5), SUNDERLAND Empire (7), BRIDLINGTON Royal Hall (8), BRISTOL Colston Hall (10), LEAMINGTON Royal Spa Centre (11), ST. ALBANS City Hall (12), SWANSEA Top Rank (14), HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Pavilion (15).

Thin Lizzy dates

THIN LIZZY, whose new Decca single "Little Darlin'" is released this weekend, are to play a short series of April gigs. So far confirmed are Folkestone Leas Cliff Hall (10), Bracknell Sports Centre (13), Bristol Locarno (14), Newcastle Polytechnic (26) and Cambridge Corn Exchange (27).

Giant college gigs

GENTLE GIANT will play a short tour of British universities in early May — there will be about six dates, and details will be announced shortly. Today (Thursday), the band were leaving for a ten-day German tour, to be followed by two weeks in France. Their first U.S. headlining tour begins on May 17.



JONI MITCHELL this month pays her first visit to Britain for two years. She is to headline two London concerts at the New Victoria Theatre on Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21 (8 p.m. each evening). She will be supported by her own backing band, Tom Scott and the L.A. Express, who will also be playing their own set.

The concerts are promoted by Barry Dickins of the MAM Organisation, and tickets go on sale this week priced £1, £1.50, £2 and £2.50. Joni is unlikely to undertake any other live appearances during her visit, although there is a slight possibility of a Manchester date.

Joni — whose current single is "Help Me" from her hit album "Court And Spark" — is also expected to film her own TV show-case while she is in Britain. A spokesman said this week that negotiations are nearing completion for her to tape a BBC-2 "In Concert" special for producer Stanley Dorfman.

Glittermen's gigs

THE GLITTER BAND, currently high in the Chart with their debut single "Angel Face," are to play a further series of one-nighter dates during April and May — prior to rejoining Gary Glitter for his series of June concerts, details of which will be announced shortly. Without Gary, the band visit:

- IPSWICH St. Matthew's Hall (April 13), PORTSMOUTH Locarno (16), HEREFORD Flamingo (19), LLANELLI Glen Ballroom (20), KINGS LYNN Corn Exchange (26), WHITCHURCH Civic Hall (27), GREAT YARMOUTH Tiffany's (30), CAMBRIDGE Corn Exchange (May 1), OUTWELL Youth Centre (4), COLCHESTER Woods Leisure Centre (5), BIRMINGHAM Locarno (7), READING Top Rank (8), WOLVERHAMPTON Lafayette (10).

Grappelli on tour

STEPHANE GRAPPELLI, the veteran jazz violinist, returns to Britain later this month for a comprehensive concert tour which has been set up by London management. His itinerary comprises:

- FALKIRK Town Hall (April 23), GLASGOW City Hall (24), AYR Town Hall (25), ABERDEEN Music Hall (26), PERTH City Hall (27), EASTBOURNE Congress (May 1), BLACKBURN King George's Hall (3), REDCAR Coates Hall (4), CARDIFF New Theatre (8), LONDON HORNSEY Town Hall (9), ST. ALBANS City Hall (10), LONDON LEWISHAM Concert Hall (12), ALDERSHOT Princes Hall (15), CHATHAM Central Hall (18), CANTERBURY Marlowe Theatre (20), SOUTHPORT New Theatre (21), SWINTON Lancasterian Hall (22), LEAMINGTON Royal Spa Centre (23), BRADFORD St. George's Hall (24), HARLOW Playhouse (25), PETERBOROUGH Key Theatre (26).

LONDON DATES BY JONI

IN BRIEF

- **BLODWYN PIG** play Manchester Stoneground (April 13), Aylesbury Friars (20) and London Marquee (23). About another ten April-May dates are being lined up for the re-formed band, who will be spending most of the summer in Europe prior to undertaking a major British tour in the autumn.
- **ROCKIN' BERRIES**, Penny Lane and Dougie Squires' Second Generation are among the support acts in "The Frankie Vaughan Show", which opens a two-week season at the London Palladium on May 13.
- **SACHA DISTEL** returns to Britain to top ATV's "Sunday Night At The London Palladium" on April 14 and for a four-week season at London Talk Of The Town from April 22. He also plays Stockton Fiesta (April 21), Southend Talk Of The South (28), Frimley Green Lakeside Country Club (May 19), Manchester Golden Garter (20 week) and Caerphilly Double Diamond (26 and 27).
- **ALVIN STARDUST**'s date at Glasgow Apollo — part of his British concert tour which starts on April 12 — has been brought forward three days to May 21. This is because the May 24 date originally planned for the venue would have clashed with David Cassidy's appearance in Glasgow.
- **MUNGO JERRY** play April gigs at Manchester Pips (12), Llanelli Glen Ballroom (13), Epsom Ebbisham Hall (20) and Colchester Woods Leisure Centre (21). The band tour Spain from April 27 to May 12.
- **THE JOOK** will support the Sweet on their forthcoming British concert tour opening at Bournemouth on April 26 (full dates were listed in last week's NME). To tie in with the tour, Jook have a new single titled "Bish Bash Bosh" released by RCA on April 19.
- **DEL SHANNON** plays Jacksdales Grey Topper (this Saturday), Glasgow St. Roch Club (Sunday), Coatbridge Casanova (Monday for four days), Edinburgh Baron Suite (12 and 13), Leicester Bailey's (14 week) and Swansea Townsman (22 week).
- **COLIN BLUNSTONE** revised April gigs: Plymouth Guildhall (next Monday), London Lewisham Concert Hall (Tuesday), Watford Town Hall (Wednesday), Hanley Victoria Hall (11), Oakengates Town Hall (14), Leamington Spa Centre (16), Stockport Davenport Theatre (21), Paisley College of Technology (26) and Nottingham University (27).
- **JOSHUA RIFKIN**, the U.S. ragtime pianist, plays concerts at Farnborough Salesian College (May 3), Newcastle People's Theatre (5), Southport New Theatre (7), Manchester Free Trade Hall (9), London Royal Festival Hall (11), Birmingham Town Hall (13), Cambridge Guildhall (15) and York Theatre Royal (19).
- **NEIL SEDAKA** has extended his stay in Britain to undertake further cabaret dates. So far confirmed are Preston Park Hall (April 14 week) and Batley Variety Club (May 5 week). He is also taping guest appearances in BBC-TV's "They Sold A Million" and "Look Mike Yarwood".
- **MAGMA** return to Britain in early June for a 16-venue concert itinerary, opening at London Chalk Farm Roundhouse on June 9, and a new album will be released by A & M to tie in with the visit.

RECORD NEWS

ELP's triple set

EMERSON, LAKE & PALMER's next album release is likely to be a triple set, the NME learned this week. Because of the complexities involved in manufacturing a package of this nature, coupled with the backlog of work stemming from the three-day week, release of the set — originally planned for this month — has had to be delayed. It is now expected to be issued in mid-May.

Osmonds 1971 hit

MCA release a single by the Osmonds next week titled "I Can't Stop," penned by ex-David Cassidy producer Wes Farrell together with Jerry Goldstein. The track was an American hit for the group in 1971, but it has not previously been issued in Britain. It was recorded before the Osmonds signed with MGM.

Anchor's aweigh

THE ABC-Dunhill catalogue, previously marketed in this country by EMI, will in future be distributed here by Anchor Records. This means that, from this week, all staff operating as Probe Records become part of Anchor — which is a subsidiary of the American Broadcasting Company's leisure division. The deal was negotiated by ABC-Dunhill president Jay Lasker and Anchor managing director Ian Ralphin.

Release of Procol Harum's eighth album "Exotic Birds And Fruit" has been delayed by technical difficulties, and it will now be issued on April 19 by Chrysalis. It features nine new Gary Brooker-Keith Reid compositions, including the band's newly-released single "Nothing But The Truth".

A new Guy Darrell single is scheduled for release on April 12 on the Santa Ponsa label. Title is "Suzie".

Robin Trower's second album "Bridge Of Sighs" is rushed out this week by Chrysalis, produced by ex-Procol Harum organist Matthew Fisher.

Russ Ballard, who recently announced his decision to quit Argent, is to produce a new album and single by New World. They go into the studios together this weekend. Ballard starts work on his own debut album in the early summer.

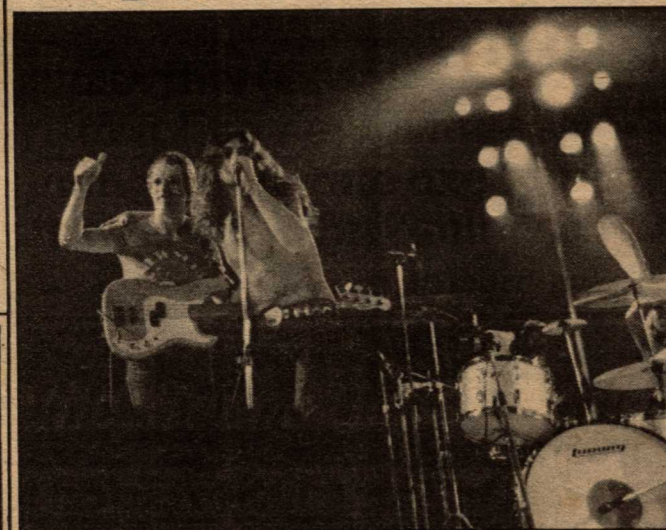
Neil Sedaka's new Polydor single, released this weekend, is taken from his recent album "Laughter In The Rain". It is the self-penned "Going Nowhere".

Lindisfarne's first single for over a year "Taking Care Of Business" is issued this week by Charisma. It was originally planned for December release, but delayed by the vinyl shortage. Next week the band start cutting their new album.

Neil Diamond's new single is "Skybird" (CBS), taken from his "Jonathan Livingston Seagull" album and released on April 11. Other CBS Group singles issued the same day include "The Whole Town's Talking" (Philadelphia International) by Billy Paul, "Hey Papa" (Epic) by Anne-Marie David and "Macumba" (CBS) by Titanic.

Phillip Goodhand Tait's current DJM single has been flipped, following reaction from disc-jockeys and critics. "Almost Killed A Man" now becomes the B-side and the new A-side is "Reach Out For Each Other".

Purple, Bogert, Appice



There was an unexpected bonus for the 16,000 audience at Nassau Stadium in Long Island, when Deep Purple played there during their 28-day U.S. tour. For that occasion only, the band were augmented by two thirds of the Beck Bogert Appice group. Our picture shows bassist TIM BOGERT (left) out front with Purple's GLENN HUGHES, and in the background the percussion duo of CARMINE APPICE (left) and IAN PAICE. Purple's British tour starts on April 18 — without any assistance from BBA.

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Five Years Ago

- Last This Week ending April 2, 1969
- 1 I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE Marvin Gaye (Tamla Motown)
 - 2 GENTLE ON MY MIND Dean Martin (Reprise)
 - 3 SORRY SUZANNE Hollies (Parlophone)
 - 4 THE BAD, BAD OLD DAYS Foundations (Pye)
 - 5 SURROUND YOURSELF WITH SORROW Cilla Black (Parlophone)
 - 6 WHERE DO YOU GO TO Peter Sarstedt (United Artists)
 - 7 GAMES PEOPLE PLAY Joe South (Capitol)
 - 8 BOOM-BANG-A-BANG Lulu (Columbia)
 - 9 FIRST OF MAY Bee Gees (Polydor)
 - 10 GET READY Temptations (Tamla Motown)

Ten Years Ago

- Last This Week ending April 3, 1964
- 1 CAN'T BUY ME LOVE Beatles (Parlophone)
 - 2 I BELIEVE Bachelors (Decca)
 - 3 LITTLE CHILDREN Billy J. Kramer (Parlophone)
 - 4 JUST ONE LOOK Hollies (Parlophone)
 - 5 WORLD WITHOUT LOVE Peter and Gordon (Columbia)
 - 6 NOT FADE AWAY Rolling Stones (Decca)
 - 7 I LOVE YOU BECAUSE Jim Reeves (RCA)
 - 8 THAT GIRL BELONGS TO YESTERDAY Gene Pitney (United Artists)
 - 9 TELL ME WHEN Applejacks (Decca)
 - 10 BITS AND PIECES Dave Clark Five (Columbia)

15 Years Ago

- Last This Week ending April 3, 1959
- 1 SIDE SADDLE Russ Conway (Columbia)
 - 2 SMOKE GETS IN YOUR EYES Platters (Mercury)
 - 3 IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE Buddy Holly (Coral)
 - 4 AS I LOVE YOU Shirley Bassey (Philips)
 - 5 MY HAPPINESS Connie Francis (MGM)
 - 6 PETITE FLEUR Chris Barber (Pye-Nixa)
 - 7 STAGGER LEE Lloyd Price (HMV)
 - 8 A PUB WITH NO BEER Slim Dusty (Columbia)
 - 9 GIGI Billy Eckstine (Mercury)
 - 10 TOMBOY Perry Como (RCA)

NME Charts

SINGLES

(Week ending Tuesday, April 2, 1974)

		Highest position	Weeks in Chart
1	(1) BILLY, DON'T BE A HERO Paper Lace (Bus Stop)	6	1
2	(7) SEASONS IN THE SUN Terry Jacks (Bell)	3	2
3	(5) EMMA Hot Chocolate (Rak)	3	3
4	(19) REMEMBER ME THIS WAY Gary Glitter (Bell)	2	4
5	(2) THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL Charlie Rich (CBS)	7	2
6	(16) ANGEL FACE Glitter Band (Bell)	2	6
7	(4) I GET A LITTLE SENTIMENTAL OVER YOU New Seekers (Polydor)	5	4
8	(9) SEVEN SEAS OF RHYE Queen (EMI)	4	8
9	(3) THE AIR THAT I BREATHE Hollies (Polydor)	8	2
10	(15) JAMBALAYA/MR. GUDER Carpenters (A&M)	3	10
11	(13) SCHOOL LOVE Barry Blue (Bell)	5	11
12	(8) YOU'RE SIXTEEN Ringo Starr (Apple)	8	4
13	(18) YOU ARE EVERYTHING Diana Ross & Marvin Gaye (Tamla Motown)	2	13
14	(6) JET Paul McCartney & Wings (Apple)	7	6
15	(17) LONG LIVE LOVE Olivia Newton-John (Pye)	3	15
16	(12) CANDLE IN THE WIND Elton John (DJM)	6	9
17	(—) EVERYDAY Slade (Polydor)	1	17
18	(14) IT'S YOU Freddie Starr (Tiffany)	6	10
19	(24) MA-MA BELLE Electric Light Orchestra (Warner Bros.)	3	19
20	(—) GOLDEN AGE OF ROCK 'N' ROLL Mott The Hoople (CBS)	1	20
21	(11) JEALOUS MIND Alvin Stardust (Magnet)	8	1
22	(10) REMEMBER SHA-LA-LA-LA Bay City Rollers (Bell)	7	6
23	(20) EVERLASTING LOVE Robert Knight (Monument)	4	20
24	(25) ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK Bill Haley & The Comets (MCA)	2	24
25	(—) DOCTORS ORDERS Sunny (CBS)	1	25
26	(21) WOMBLING SONG The Wombles (CBS)	10	4
27	(—) THE STING The Ragtimers (Pye)	1	27
28	(—) I'M GONNA KNOCK ON YOUR DOOR Jimmy Osmond (MGM)	1	28
29	(—) HOMELY GIRL Chi-Lites (Brunswick)	1	29
30	(—) THE WAY WE WERE Barbra Streisand (CBS)	1	30

ALBUMS

(Week ending Tuesday 2nd April 1974)

		Highest position	Weeks in Chart
1	(1) THE SINGLES 1969-1973 Carpenters (A&M)	12	1
2	(9) MILLICAN & NESBITT .. (Pye)	3	2
3	(2) BAND ON THE RUN Paul McCartney & Wings (Parlophone)	16	2
4	(3) GOODBYE YELLOW BRICK ROAD Elton John (DJM)	24	1
5	(4) OLD NEW BORROWED AND BLUE Slade (Polydor)	8	2
6	(22) QUEEN II (EMI)	2	6
7	(5) BURN Deep Purple (Purple)	7	3
8	(8) TUBULAR BELLS Mike Oldfield (Virgin)	32	6
9	(23) DIANA AND MARVIN Diana Ross & Marvin Gaye (Tamla Motown)	10	9
10	(6) AND I LOVE YOU SO Perry Como (RCA)	40	3
11	(11) ALAN FREEMAN'S HISTORY OF POP . Various Artists (Arcade)	4	11
12	(15) DYNAMITE Various Artists (K-Tel)	6	12
13	(7) DARK SIDE OF THE MOON Pink Floyd (Harvest)	53	1
14	(12) NOW AND THEN Carpenters (A&M)	39	1
15	(24) TOGETHER New Seekers (Polydor)	2	15
16	(20) NOW WE ARE SIX Steeleye Span (Chrysalis)	2	16
17	(17) COURT & SPARK Joni Mitchell (Asylum)	4	17
18	(27) BUDDHA AND THE CHOCOLATE BOX Cat Stevens (Island)	2	18
19	(21) SIMON AND GARFUNKEL'S GREATEST HITS (CBS)	87	1
20	(10) THE UNTOUCHABLE Alvin Stardust (Magnet)	5	10
21	(—) MA, HE'S MAKING EYES AT ME Lana Zavaroni (Philips)	2	21
22	(13) THE FREE STORY (Island)	4	12
23	(—) THE STING . Soundtrack (MCA)	1	23
24	(—) THE HOOPLE Mott The Hoople (CBS)	1	24
25	(19) SLAUGHTER ON TENTH AVENUE ... Mick Ronson (RCA)	3	19
26	(26) PLANET WAVES Bob Dylan (Island)	8	4
27	(18) BEHIND CLOSED DOORS Charlie Rich (Epic)	2	18
28	(—) THE STORY OF POP Various Artists (K-Tel)	2	27
29	(28) RINGO Ringo Starr (Apple)	18	6
30	(—) HARBOUR ... Jack Jones (RCA)	7	11

U.S. SINGLES

- 1 (5) HOOKED ON A FEELING ... Blue Swede
- 2 (5) BENNIE AND THE JETS Elton John
- 3 (3) MOCKINGBIRD
Carly Simon & James Taylor
- 4 (2) DARK LADY Cher
- 5 (1) SUNSHINE ON MY SHOULDERS
John Denver
- 6 (8) TSOB MF5B
- 7 (11) BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED
TO ME Gladys Knight & the Pips
- 8 (10) THE LORD'S PRAYER Sister Janet Mead
- 9 (13) COME AND GET YOUR LOVE Red Bone
- 10 (14) A VERY SPECIAL LOVE SONG
Charlie Rich
- 11 (9) ERES TU (TOUCH THE WIND)
Mocedades
- 12 (16) LOOKIN' FOR LOVE ... Bobby Womack
- 13 (6) JET Paul McCartney & Wings
- 14 (17) I'LL HAVE TO SAY I LOVE YOU IN A
SONG Jim Croce
- 15 (19) KEEP ON SINGING Helen Reddy
- 16 (18) OH MY MY Ringo Starr
- 17 (21) THE LOCO MOTION Grand Funk
- 18 (7) ROCK ON David Essex
- 19 (15) MIGHTY LOVE Spinners
- 20 (24) LET IT RIDE .. Bachman Turner Overdrive
- 21 (29) JUST DON'T WANT TO BE LONELY
Main Ingredient
- 22 (28) PIANO MAN Billy Joel
- 23 (25) HONEY PLEASE, CAN'T YA SEE
Barry White
- 24 (—) TUBULAR BELLS (THEME FROM
EXORCIST) Mike Oldfield
- 26 (—) TELL ME A LIE Sami Jo
- 27 (12) SEASONS IN THE SUN Terry Jacks
- 28 (—) MY MISTAKE Diana Ross & Marvin Gaye
- 29 (—) TOUCH A HAND, MAKE A FRIEND
Staple Singers
- 30 (22) THERE WON'T BE ANYMORE
Charlie Rich

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- 1 (4) TUBULAR BELLS Mike Oldfield
- 2 (1) JOHN DENVER'S GREATEST HITS
John Denver
- 3 (7) BAND ON THE RUN
Paul McCartney & Wings
- 4 (3) COURT & SPARK Joni Mitchell
- 5 (2) THE WAY WE WERE ... Barbra Streisand
- 6 (5) HOT CAKES Carly Simon
- 7 (12) RHAPSODY IN WHITE
Love Unlimited Orchestra
- 8 (8) GOODBYE YELLOW BRICK ROAD
Elton John
- 9 (16) LOVE IS THE MESSAGE MF5B
- 10 (15) THE STING Motion Picture Soundtrack
- 11 (14) UNBORN CHILD Seals & Crofts
- 12 (9) AMERICAN GRAFFITI Soundtrack
- 13 (6) PLANET WAVES Bob Dylan
- 14 (19) WHAT WERE ONCE VICES ARE NOW
HABITS Doobie Brothers
- 15 (21) THE PAYBACK James Brown
- 16 (25) POEMS, PRAYERS & PROMISES
John Denver
- 17 (23) BURN Deep Purple
- 18 (18) BACHMAN-TURNER OVERDRIVE II
Bachman-Turner Overdrive
- 19 (11) YOU DON'T MESS AROUND WITH JIM
Jim Croce
- 20 (10) HEAD HUNTERS Herbie Hancock
- 21 (—) A LOVE SONG Anna Murray
- 22 (9) SABBATH BLOODY SABBATH
Black Sabbath
- 23 (22) BEHIND CLOSED DOORS . Charlie Rich
- 24 (—) BOOGIE DOWN Eddie Kendricks
- 25 (29) IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME New Birth
- 26 (—) INNERSVISIONS Stevie Wonder
- 27 (—) TODD Todd Rundgren
- 28 (17) TALES FROM TOPOGRAPHIC
OCEANS Yes
- 29 (—) CHICAGO VII Chicago
- 30 (—) SAINTS & SINNERS Johnny Winter

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