

THE 83-year-old rock legend literally rose from the grave after reports wrongly said he died in Hurricane Katrina. Instead, the New Orleans native was miraculously airlifted to safety by a helicopter in 2005. Still, Fats admitted, "We've lost everything." The roly-poly singer-pianist of '50s monster hits Blueberry Hill, Ain't That a Shame and I'm Walking went on to perform two more years before calling it quits. While Bill Haley's Rock Around the Clock is called the first rock 'n' roll hit, many historians say Fats' 1949 recording, The Fat Man, was the original. The icon continues to live in New Orleans.

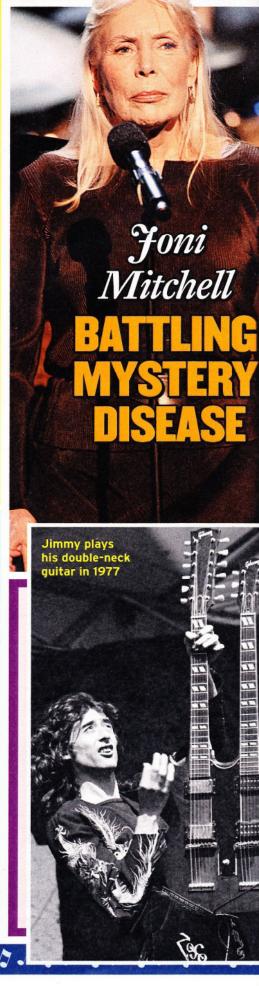
Sinead O'Connor LOOKING FOR LOVE

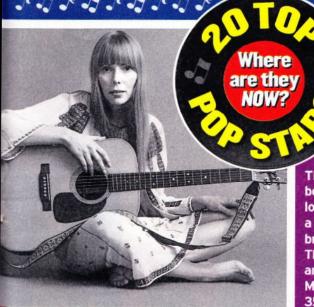
ONCE a slender beauty with a shaved head, the 44-year-old songbird now has hair but is frumpy and dumpy. And her love life's still a mess. A mom of four kids with four different men, the singer of the '90s hit Nothing Compares 2 U claimed she was a lesbian in 2000. But on her blog, she complains that she can't find a man and is "desperate for sex." While the Irish rebel, who



shocked fans by tearing up a photo of the Pope on Saturday Night Live,

is working on an album, she calls her manless life "very depressing."





THE Big Yellow Taxi singer needs all she can get as she battles the bizarre Morgellons disease that can sprout painful sores and rashes on her body. A star since her 1968 debut album with hits Both Sides Now and Chelsea Morning, the Canadian songbird and polio survivor notes that "Morgellons is always diagnosed as a 'delusion of parasites' and they send you to a psychiatrist." But Joni is convinced it's real. "I have this weird, incurable disease that seems like it's from outer space," says the 67-year-old singer. "Fibers in a variety of colors protrude out of my skin like mushrooms after a rainstorm. They cannot be forensically identified as animal, vegetable or mineral."

Jimmy Page PLAGUED BY BACK WOES

THESE days when Led Zeppelin's guitarist strums Stairway to Heaven - the world's No. 1 classic rock song - it's with an aching back. The 67-yearold former heroin junkie and boozer was recently spotted picking up special back and neck cushions at the Relax the Back shop in Plantation, Fla. "So much for sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. Jimmy's main concern is keeping limber," says a source.

His back problems stem from playing his heavy double-neck guitar. The pain intensified over the years and kept him from touring in 2000. The one-time "wildest man in rock" and member of The Yardbirds was known for his trysts with rock groupies. Now he is a dad of three with third wife Jimena and last year released a limited edition of his autobiography. In July, he made a surprise appearance at The Black Crowes concert in London.

Eric Clapton HEARTACHE

THE guitar bandit, who musically boasts I Shot the Sheriff, has found love with a new family after surviving a parent's most devastating heartbreak - the loss of a young child. The 66-year-old rocker is married to

artist Melia McEnery, 35, and is a devoted dad to their daughters - Julie Rose, 10, Ella Mae, 8, and Sophie, 6. But 20 years ago, he was shattered when his 4-year-old son Conor plunged to his death from his moth-



er's New York City apartment. The Cream and Derek and The Dominoes legend, who started out with The Yardbirds, also hid the existence of a daughter Ruth (photo inset), now 25, he fathered with her mom

Yvonne while both were married. Last month, the proud pop gave Ruth away at her wedding in September and sang for the quests at his Surrey, England, mansion. Despite making millions, Clapton likes to live simply and was even recently spotted washing his clothes in

an L.A. public

laundromat.



