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## The Latest and the Greatest Rock News

The latest in a series of no-show concerts is **Renee Geyer**. Renee Geyer will not be playing here in September. This is apparently due to a sudden change in her Australian management. There is, however, a possibility she may be here later in the year, but I wouldn't start crossing your legs in anticipation. It's only a maybe ... **Little Feat** are to record a live album when they play 4 days at London's Rainbow Theatre in August. They'll play the entire show with no support act, however, they will be using the Tower of Power horn section behind them. ... others in on the great live double album stakes for 1977 are: Rainbow, Steve Harley and Cockney Rebel, and Laura Nyro (hers is called *Season of Light*); while further off, there are projected live LP's from Jackson Browne and Streetwalkers ... Surprise, Surprise. The New Wave bands are in the news again. **Sex Pistols** Johnny Rotten and Paul Cook have been injured in separate assaults. In both cases it appears they were identified as members of the Sex



### TRANSFER TOUR

Four-person vocal group, the Manhattan Transfer, tour New Zealand between August 31st and September 3rd. They play Christchurch on August 31st; Dunedin, September 2nd; Wellington, September 4th; and Auckland on September 6th.

Originally pegged as a nostalgia group, the Manhattan Transfer have now moved on to mix more contemporary material with the show-biz style songs for which they originally became known.

Group members, Tim Hauser, Janis Siegel, Laurel Masse and Alan Paul come from varied musical backgrounds that include R & B bands, folk trios, New York girlie groups and straight Broadway musicals. Together, the four have been described as putting on a show that features them as "humourously agile dancers" as well as fine singers.

Pistols and beaten. Johnny Rotten had his face slashed with a razor, while Paul Cook required 15 stitches for a head wound. Meanwhile, their manager Malcolm McLaren was beaten by the police after the Pistols played a promotional gig on a boat on the Thames. After the owner found to whom he'd hired his boat, he tried to get the band thrown off and in the subsequent scuffle McLaren was beaten ... **The Sex Pistols** first single "God Save the Queen" has now racked up British sales of 1/4 million, even though it only held the number one spot for one week. Their second single, "Pretty Vacant" with a flip side of the Stooges' "No Fun" was released, even though their first single still held a number 5 position in the singles charts ... meanwhile **Jonathon King** who's never been slow to cash in on a trend, has released a single called "God Save the Sex Pistols". This time he's used the name Elizabeth ... two members of **The Clash**, Joe Strummer and Nicky Headon, were arrested for petty theft in Newcastle after it was alleged they'd stolen pillow cases and the room key from the Holiday Inn where they'd stayed the previous night. Guitarist, Joe Strummer was also arrested in London after he'd been caught spraying the word 'Clash' on a wall — well, at least it's cheaper than hiring billboards ... and the fun goes on. New York punks **Johnny Thunder and the Heartbreakers**, while on a British tour,

were arrested in Birmingham on suspicion of theft ... and attempts in Britain to organise a punk festival have been consistently thwarted. One organised for the Windsor area had a line-up featuring **The Sex Pistols, The Stranglers, The Vibrators, The Clash, The Damned** and **The Jam**. It had to be cancelled when the local council found out what the organisers were up to ... meanwhile, back at the Old Wave it's Name Dropping Time. See how many of these well known names you (yes, you!) can recognise ... checking out **Bryan Ferry's** New York gig was an audience that included: Mick Jagger, Andy Warhol, Lou Reed, Ace Frehley (from Kiss) and Deborah Harry (of Blondie) ... back ups on the new **Roger Daltrey** album, *One of the Boys*, are provided by the likes of Rod Argent, Alvin Lee, Andy Fairweather-Low, Mick Ronson and John Entwistle ... signed to appear in the musical film of *Sergeant Pepper's* are Ringo Starr, Peter Frampton and the Bee Gees ... also those of you with perceptive ears will detect the presence of the rubber-lipped one himself, Mick Jagger, singing back-up vocals on one track on Peter Frampton's new album *I'm In You*. Stevie Wonder can also be heard on aforementioned LP blowing a rather nice harmonica solo, while Little Feater Ritchie Hayward lays in with a little drumming skill on one track ... NZ bass player for Be-bop Deluxe, **Charlie Tumahai**, has finally been granted a work permit for Britain. Tumahai has had continual problems since his work permit ran out in 1975. He was ordered out of the UK earlier this year, which forced the rest of the band to move to France to work on their next album. Their latest album, *Live! In the Air Age*, recorded live on a recent British tour, should be released shortly ... that enigmatic man **Van Morrison** popped up recently in Britain, and played an impromptu gig at a press reception held for him. He had a mere 48 hours of rehearsal time with a pick up band that included



Mac Rebennack, also known as Dr John, on keyboards, Mick Ronson on guitar, Mo Foster on bass and Peter Van Hook on drums. At half-time, various other old fogies were added to jam on blues standards. The extra musicians included Brian Auger, Peter Bardens, Roger Chapman and Bobby Tench. By the way, Van assured interviewers that the title of his last album, *Period of Transition*, did not refer to the music therein, but rather to the series of photographs on the cover. So, now you know ... **Bob and Sara Dylan** were formally divorced in early July, although a formal division of property has yet to be decided ... the individual members of Roxy Music continue to follow independent careers. **Phil Manzanera** has completed his second solo album, and is

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