

NEVILLE'S COLUMN



NEVILLE PURVIS AT YOUR SERVICE

BEING AN underground cult sensation is all very well, but when a record company waves a contract under your nose — what can a poor boy do?

On the strength of being pissed as a rat at the time, I signed. Neville's show-stopping hit *IT TAKES MONEY* will be on 45 release for PHONOGRAM later in the month.

THE BACKSIDE of the disc was a piss in the hand. Having been driven mad by the Bee Gee's *Disease* (White Disco), I tore off a song last Wednesday night after a 24-hour saga on the lager. The band learned it on Thursday and we recorded it on Friday.

DISCO ON MY RADIO came out so well that the record company are releasing it as a double A-side. It's a chunk of pure funk. The band were tight and so is the music (backed up by the sweaty soul of the PURVETTES). Me Mum likes it.

COMINGS AND GOINGS: As the number of live venues shrink in other centres, Auckland continues to be the Mecca of Music for Kiwi Bands... SPATS are thinking of moving up semi-permanently. ROCKINGHORSE are in Auckland with a new drummer — ex-ROUGH JUSTICE man Steve Garden. Garden replaces Jim 'criss-cross' Lawrie who is now skinning for POWERHOUSE... JUSTICE are in Auckland after rocking Wellington's Cricketer's Arms... The new FLYERS line-up brings in guitarist Paul Clayton and pianoman Dave Gandar... LIP SERVICE fast creating a following in Auckland.

HEALTH researchers have found that the reason so many NEW WAVE bands play so LOUD is that they're becoming stone DEAF. It's one of those vicious cycles — the louder they play the deafer they get. And the deafer they get, the louder they have to play. A health official suggested the musicians could wear ear-muffs. That's OK but

what about the poor bloody audience — assuming there's anyone listening?

MET a muso in the pub the other night and told him if he bought me a lager I'd give him a mention in the Neville Purvis Rock Column. He turned pale and offered me all the piss I could drink if I DIDN'T mention him. Funny bastards, musos.

BLOODY TYPICAL of a Mickey Mouse rock and roll magazine to spell me name wrong like they did in the first line of last month's column. It's not PERVIS it's PURVIS! That's U as in UNLEASHED, UNDERATED, UNIQUE and UNFORGETTABLE.

ON THE LEVEL

Neville



"the fan club" - photographs by jeremy templer - znaps gallery, 30 aire dales street, city - showing may 15 to june 3 mon-sat, 11am-2pm.

Just for the Record...

- 1 SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER — Bee Gees/Various Artists
- 2 GOING PLACES — Ron Goodwin/N.Z.S.O.
- 3 THE STRANGER — Billy Joel
- 4 LONDON TOWN — Wings
- 5 I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE WITH ME TONIGHT — Neil Diamond
- 6 RUMOURS — Fleetwood Mac
- 7 SILK DEGREES — Boz Scaggs
- 8 DOWN TWO THEN LEFT — Boz Scaggs
- 9 ABBA — THE ALBUM — Abba
- 10 SIMPLE DREAMS — Linda Ronstadt

(National Sales Chart — 1978. Record Publications Ltd.)

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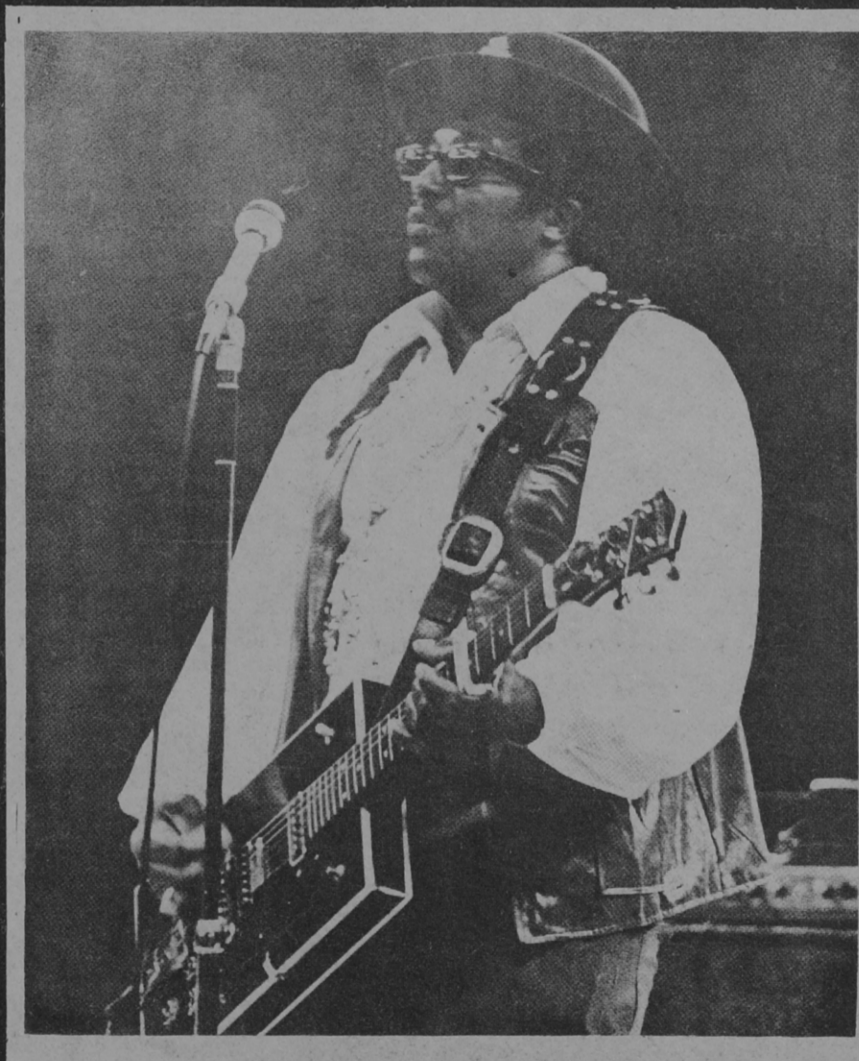
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