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# Cassidy now

DAVID CASSIDY fans warned this week of a possible disaster at his London concert at the White City stadium next month.

They believe many fans will get injured because all of the 40,000 tickets sold are unreserved.

"When the gates open there's going to be a riot to get the best spots," said Nicola Walker of London.

"Can't you visualise the stampede? Eight and nine-year-olds will be crushed. The fans may well say that they'll be orderly and calm, but when the doors open who can take responsibility for their behaviour? Who is going to be calm when they see Cassidy?"

A spokesman for promoter Mel Bush said safety and security arrangements for the concert were of the highest degree.

"The stadium is being divided into two areas - the centre grass area

## A row broke out this week when several RRM readers complained about security arrangements for the David Cassidy concerts at White City.

and the stand," she explained.

"There's enough room in the first for 20,000, but we're only having 10,000. The closer the kids get to the front, they won't be able to see because the stage is 12 feet high. They will have to push backwards, not forwards. There'll be crash barriers and security guys of course, and a section for wheel-chair cases."

In the stand area we're allowing room for 30,000

to be seated. The reason why there's been no reserving of seats is because the kids never ever sit where they're supposed to which causes aggravation.

The fans will be allowed in the stadium one at a time through a number of turnstiles and we're opening the gates at four o'clock instead of 6 p.m. as advertised.

There'll obviously be a Red Cross unit and a giant video screen is being set up so everyone has a good view."

The spokesman said that of the 40,000 going to the concert, there would be quite a number of parents, teachers with school parties and fans over 18.

"We realise that this is the first concert of its kind in this country and the eyes of the nation will be on us," she added.

"If the slightest thing goes wrong we'll be picked on, so we're doing out utmost to make sure everything runs smoothly."

# Bowie tour

DAVID BOWIE launches his North American tour - "an extensive series of theatrical presentations" - at Montreal on June 14.

The shows will feature material from Diamond Dogs. Bowie's new album due out next month, and will be staged and designed by him in collaboration with Jules Fisher - the award winning lighting designer who worked on Hair.

According to MainMan in America, Diamond Dogs is about the breakdown of an over mechanised society. Bowie conceptualises this vision of a future world with

images of urban decadence and collapse. This theme will be extended into a visual form for the stage."

Bowie arrives in New York on the S.S. France today (April 11) straight from talks in France with John Dexter, the director of the National Theatre in London and the Metropolitan Opera House in New York.

He begins preparing for his stage shows immediately and following the Montreal opening, continues through June and July with performances at selected cities in Canada and the East Coast of the United States.

Although Mike Garson is likely to play for him, it is understood that Mick Ronson will follow his own career from now on.

# Sabbath dates

BLACK SABBATH will headline three major London venues during their spring concert tour. The gigs are at Hammersmith Odeon (May 21), Croydon Fairfield Halls (26), and East Ham Granada (June 2).

Sabbath will be supported by America's "hard working band," Black Oak Arkansas. Meanwhile Sabbath has just been awarded a gold disc by the Recording Industry Association of America for chalking up a million dollars worth of sales with their album, Sabbath Bloody Sabbath.

Other dates - Bradford St. George's Hall (May 17); Stoke

Tentham Gardens (19); Liverpool Empire (23); Manchester Free Trade Hall (24); Southampton Gaumont (25); Glasgow Apollo Theatre (28); Edinburgh Odeon (29); Birmingham City Hall (30); Bournemouth Winter Gardens (31); Coventry Theatre (June 9).

## Arrows debut

ARROWS, a new trio discovered by Mickie Most, have their debut single released on April 19.

It's a Nicky Chinn / Mike Chapman composition called Touch Too Much and is out on the RAK label. The group consists of Jake Hooker on lead guitar and vocals, Alan Merrill on bass guitar and vocals and Paul Varley on drums.

## Strider

STRIDER, who have just completed their second album, will be special guests on the Status Quo tour of Germany during this month.

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# SSSSH!

WHATEVER happened to BILLIE DAVIS you may well ask. Billie who, just the lady who disappeared some six years ago after having such notable hits such as Tell Him and I Want You To Be My Baby - was another rave from the grave, a certain Mr. JET HARRIS, responsible for screwing up her career after a certain car crash. Anyway the lady is making a comeback and she was supporting RAB! (where's your housewife?) GLIX the other night in Nottingham... by the way, our "buzzy chest" contest is betting up 'cause ELTON JOHN reckons he's one of the hottest around, beating GARY GLITTER and Freddie Brass of QUEEN. But we'd better not mention QUEEN too much here because it seems they already have a weekly plug column in another top paper, Goody.

Now SWET! Sorry, but new for something has boring, heard a rumour from a friend who went to Vegas to see ELVIS PRESLEY and he was bitching about the fact that he can't reach dem high notes anymore and that session singer holding him the stage help him out during the difficult notes! well I never... I wish come to Marilyn and BRIAN CONNOLLY on the birth of their baby daughter, Nicole.

Hooker on lead guitar and vocals, Alan Merrill on bass guitar and vocals and Paul Varley on drums.

KEITH MOON and RINGO STARR have been banned from the Playboy Club but more serious side they're off to the States to do an album with MARY MONROE and JOHN LENNON.

are the BEATLES to disband? MICK RONSON was seen in Hyde Park on Sunday, so what, who cares... d'ya want a medal or something?

QUATRO is an accomplished classical piano player so she wins this week's prize luncheon.

MARC BOLAN's wife lined 129 for dangerous driving and earned out to drive in platform shoes again, perhaps Mr. T. REX should buy her a decent pair when they get home.

living together again (oops sorry I'm not another rumour) I've got a hunch that THE MEDICINE SHOW were stone-cold sober after their gig at the Rainbow this week, surprise! I certainly wasn't so our own OLIVIA failed miserably in the Eurovision and then she blames it on the voter's choice... it's nice to have the blame on to someone else isn't it dear? (She's got far in the business that get well.) PAUL SIMON's twin brother Eddie is accompanying Paul on his Japanese tour which should prove fun. I'm sure that after this week which is funnier, had any Eater gets any later?

# Williams Twins

THE WILLIAMS TWINS, Andy and David, arrive in Britain on April 23 for a promotional visit. They will be in this country for a week undertaking television and radio engagements, and interviews.

There are no plans for any concert appearances. Meanwhile a new single from the twins called, What's Your Name, is released this week on the Philips label.

## City Rollers

The Bay City Rollers follow-up to their recent hit, Remember, is called Shang-A-Lang and is released by Bell on April 19.

The band's remaining gigs for this month are - Tavern Club, Durdereath (11); Reflection, Disco, Halifax (12); Navada Ballroom, Bolton (13); Floral Hall, Hull (13); Tiffanys, Purley (16); Rex Ballroom, Hoggor Regis (17); Tiffanys, Bournemouth (18); Tiffanys, Gt Yarmouth (19); Aquarius, Lincoln (20); Caladonia Hotel, Inverness (24); Town Hall, Elland, Scotland (26); Strathelyde University, Glasgow (27); J. M. Ballroom, Dundee (29).



SCORES of fans were at St. Bede's Catholic Church, South Shields, on Sunday to see Georgie's Vic Malcolm and his German lady, Cecile D'Ambrosio.

The pair, who've been together for four years, have

no time to honeymoon as Georgie embark on an eight day British tour at Haverfordwest this Thursday (11).

Further dates: Hazells Club, Aylesbury (15); Clacton Town Hall (16); Dreamland Margate (19).

Lincoln Raven Club (20); Chester Quaintways (22); Newcastle City Hall (26); Barbarella (27).

In early May Vic and his bride get the chance for a "working honeymoon" during the band's European tour.

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