Crossword

"Hee-Haw" by Dave Jenkins

## Australians swim ashore; Hall and Oates sink

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"BUSINESS AS USUAL," Men At Work, Columbia FC37978.

Hot on the heels of Australia's Split Enz, who recently made its debut in the states, comes Men At Work, hitting America with an album that's been more successful than any other effort by an Australian group. Split Enz's 1980 lp True Colors was hyped and had a run on the charts with the single "I Got You." The entire lp proved that Aussie-influenced rock was about to have its

"Who Can it Be Now?" was Men At Work's first single from Business As Usual. It made people wonder "Who are these guys?" Colin Hay's vocals are quirky and fit well with his songs' mesmerizing lyrics. "On a hippie trail, head full of zombie," from "Down Under" is just an example of 'Hay's refreshingly unusual style. "Down Under" is going to be their next big single from the lp. The tune seems to have been influenced by a variety of musical styles. Greg Ham Ham on the more down-to-earth sax is featured in a Jethro Tull-like intro

combine just right with the group's indefinable sound. "Helpless Automaton" and "Underground" have a strong Split Enz flavor. Men At Work does not imitate anyone for long, however. Split Enz is

on flute. And the song's reggae roots

Daryl Hall and John Oates

heavily into the electronic sound "H2O," Hall and Oates, RCA AFL1while Men At Work frequently utilizes

These guys are getting pretty fun-

This band came along just when I ky. was getting bored with typical New Wave performed by strange-looking gressively pop hit-oriented lp utilizes the two men's talent as much as it guys with weird hair. But how can anyone resist being down under in could. Where's the softness and senti-Australia with the imaginative music mentality of "Sara Smile" from eons

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old style as one of the few tunes sung and written by John Oates. I like the unaffected lyrics, "I eat too much

But even "Italian Girls" has the boring sound of the dreaded top 20 song. On this latest release of a band that's been plugging away for 10 years, the words and music are too "cute." The tone of the album is too bouncy and cheerful. It lacks depth. They did score with two songs. though. "Maneater" (already a hit) and "Crime Pays" are both great danceable tunes and, fortunately for H&O, commercially accessible.

these days.

nally been packaged artfully by a Lethal, an ep. contemporary band. Cardiac Party, produced by ex-Eagle Glenn Frey, is a lively, infectious

collection of tunes featuring The being bad points. But who cares? The Heart Attack Horns. Jack Mack's fans don't mind. five-member horn section has performed with Rickie Lee Jones, Kansas, War, Billy Preston and Quarterflash. And all 10 band members are established musicians. Max Van Halen's squeals and whines on Gronenthal, lead vocalist, has done lead guitar. Vocalist Dana Confer two solo albums and has written even throws in a few David Lee Roth songs with Kenny Loggins and Mi-screeches. Not bad! "Breakin' Out"

nite Angus Young-like guitar riffs.

The band plans to tour Europe and Japan, both places which are typically receptive to heavy metal music (note the success of Germany's Scorering the large turnout for hard rock bands in clubs and concert halls. nenthal at his best. His throaty vocals

"LETHAL," Nitro, Red Dog Records That seems to be what they're after RD8206.

slightly raucous style.

adds a few backing vocals.

"True Lovin' Woman."

Enough of the credits — how's the

music? Jack Mack really shines on

the fast numbers, namely the title

track, "Hooray for the City," and

They even do well on the slower,

bluesy-er numbers ("Don't Need No

Reason"), but ballads are out ("Won-

derful Girl"). "Real Good Feeling"

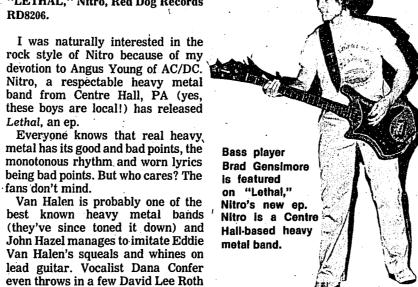
has a great sax solo by Jim Coile, and

"Kansas City Limit" shows Max Gro-

are the perfect touch to the band's

I was naturally interested in the "CARDIAC PARTY," Jack Mack and the Heart Attack, Warner Brothband from Centre Hall, PA (yes, Good-time Memphis soul has fi- these boys are local!) has released Everyone knows that real heavy

> monotonous rhythm and worn lyrics Van Halen is probably one of the best known heavy metal bands Nitro is a Centre (they've since toned it down) and



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