

Big Country's 'Crossing':

An overdue upheaval of rock music standards

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'THE CROSSING' Big Country, Mercury 812870-1
If you haven't heard of Big Country by now, you soon will. Big Country is an English band who has enjoyed moderate success in England with a Top 10 single "Fields of Fire..."

The Crossing was recorded earlier this year and is now breaking upon the American rock scene with a buzz of expectation rarely seen from rock critics. And with one listen to The Crossing, it is obvious why Big Country is predicted to hit it very big in the United States.

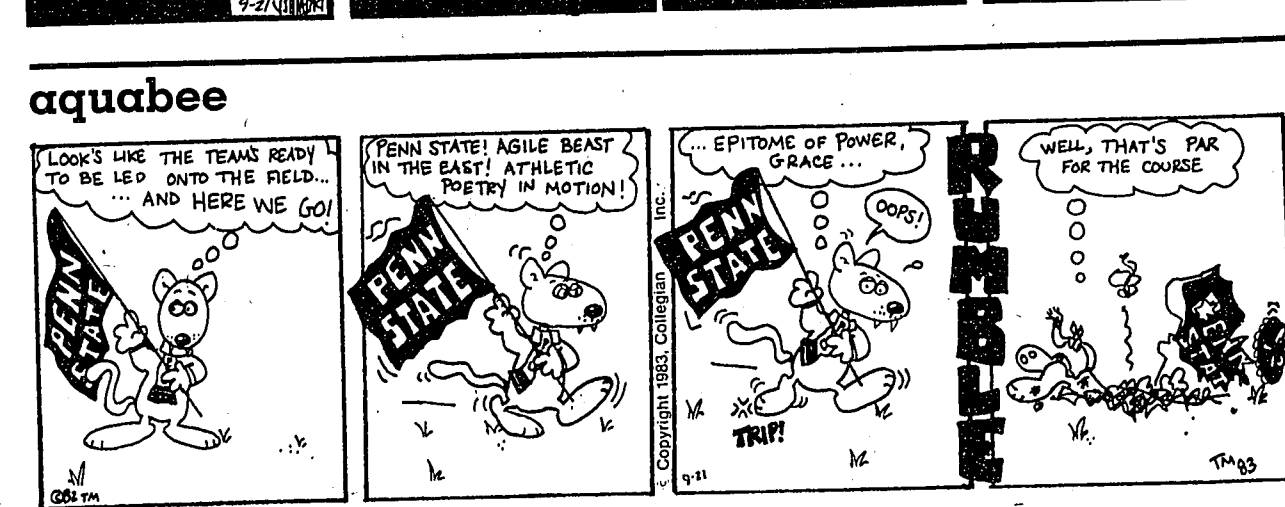
head/that you never knew you were young/ Because you played chance with a lifetime's romance/and the price was far too long. "Fields of Fire," their moderately successful British hit, follows. The best way to describe this one is a new-wave Bonanza theme. It has the airy feeling of the great plains while you can just picture horses trotting across the open expanse.

album or the band is not perfect, but they really have very little room to improve. In a way ruled by techno-pop and flashy funk of late, Big Country is a debacle that should give rock music an overdue upheaval and make performers think about the music.

But until then, suffice to say (and DARE I say?) that Big Country may be one of the most significant British bands to hit the American rock scene since The Beatles.



Big Country



Crossword puzzle with 'Across' and 'Down' clues. Clues include 'Arabian tambourine' and '27th president'. A crossword grid is provided with some numbers filled in.

Advertisement for 'QUALITY COPIES 5¢' and 'kinko's copies'. It features an image of a Kinko's logo and text about copying services.

Homecoming '83 Reminder. Today is the last day to register for Homecoming Event Competitions, 203-B HUB by 5pm. An orientation meeting for group chairman will be held at 7:30pm Sunday, Sept. 25 in 60 Willard.

'Eating Raoul' is a tasteless delight

By SHAWN ISRAEL
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'Eating Raoul' is one of the tamer things that go on in Paul Bartel's offbeat black-and-blue comedy that, after almost an eternity, finally made it to State College. If you're in the mood for some thoroughly off-the-wall humor, 'Eating Raoul' is just the ticket.

The sweet inspiration: lure the regular throng of white-collar perverts into their apartment using unappealing sexual delusions as a lure, then knock them out, lift their cash and stuff them in the trash compactor. Dastardly but brilliant.

Earth' and 'Born to Kill' — films that will live forever in all-night drive-in movie shows and on late-night Home Box Office. He also makes Paul Bland and Robert Belmont and stuff them in the trash compactor.

named Diomed, played by Ned Beatty. "The Last Days of Pompeii," by Columbia Pictures Television, chronicles life in the Roman city of Pompeii immediately before, and as, the eruption of the volcano Vesuvius destroys the city in 79 A.D. The series is being filmed on location in Italy and in England.

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Tyme Daly, discussing her canceled CBS series "Cagney & Lacey," says she liked her character, Mary Beth, because "she's tired."

Alan Alda is the new Atari spokesperson

From the Associated Press
HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Alan Alda, who was Hawkeye Pierce for 11 years on "M*A*S*H," is assuming a new role as the advertising spokesman for Atari, makers of video games and home computers.

miss Daly starred in the series of two women detectives as Mary Beth Lacey and Megan Gless was her partner, Christine Cagney. As sometimes happens when a series is canceled for low ratings, it did better in the summer reruns. The show was first in the ratings for the week ended Aug. 21.

Radio drama is alive on Iowa morning show

By ROGER MUNNS
Associated Press Writer
AMES, Iowa — As Doug Brown began reading "The Iliad" on the radio one recent morning, a loyal following in kitchens and cars across the state tuned in to catch the latest plot twists.

to assume different characters. "You really have to live with a book," he said later.

Dick," Brown said. "People would ask, 'Are you still reading Moby Dick?' Which meant I was the only one around at the end, I suppose."

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — C'est la vie. Actor Howard Lang has gone from British prime minister to Roman slave.

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC's "Saturday Night Live" is going to give a new performer a break as the host of the late-night show on Oct. 8.

ABC registers another fantasy show tonight with 'Hotel'

By FRED ROTHENBERG
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NEW YORK — During the Depression, filmmaker Busby Berkeley made leggy spectacles to help a nation forget breadlines. ABC seems to be taking similar flights of fancy in these tough economic times, selling fantasies, fairy-tale endings and stars, stars and more stars in tonight's debut of "Hotel."

tel" is bound to be heavily booked this season. Every week, elegant guest stars will check into the hotel, involve themselves in flimsy and whimsical plots about faded romance or blooming love and check out before we can be charged for an extra day's thought.

Nathan Cook plays a black former convict, who now serves as the hotel's chief of security. Tonight's stars and storylines: Pernel Roberts and Shirley Jones, each on the rebound, bounce into each other's arms; Erin Moran, a struggling singer, exploits the infatuation of a hotel staffer; Phil Macy and Laima Kazan depict a stereotypical bickering couple; and Jack Gilford, an older man, is made ecstatic by a younger woman (Stephanie Faracy).

Then there are the spunky, all-too-appealing young newbies, Dave and Megan Kendall, who can never find time alone together. Dave (Michael Spound) is a bellhop and law student. Megan (Heidi Bohay) is a desk clerk. They work different shifts, alternatingly frustrating each other in what promises to be a running tesse throughout the fall.

Another major characters touch the right demographic bases. Comic Sallica plays the beautiful assistant manager, Christine Francis, who walks off the street and, without any hotel experience, begins running the hotel. Shea Farrell is the handsome head of guest relations who, based on the pilot, will fall in love much too often.

BEER OF THE WEEK advertisement for the Golden Hammer Country Tavern. It features a logo and text about the beer.

Advertisement for 'The Scorpion' by 232 W. Calder Way. It mentions 'Emotional Recording Artists' and 'THE DADDY LICKS'.

Advertisement for 'Wednesday Oldies with Larry Moore' at THE SALOON. It lists the address as 101 HEISTER ST. serving Pepsi-Cola.

Advertisement for 'PICK UP THIS WEEK'S OFFICIAL PENN STATE BOOSTER BUTTON'. It features a logo for 'THE DADDY LICKS' and 'BEAT TEMPLE!'.

Advertisement for 'THRIFT DRUG the Experts' featuring 'ONLY 49¢ AT THRIFT DRUG YOUR OFFICIAL PENN STATE HEADQUARTERS'.

DOMINO'S PIZZA advertisement. It offers '\$1 off any large thick crust pizza' and lists addresses for North and South locations. It also mentions 'Fast Free Delivery'.

Advertisement for 'Put on dazzle and take off 33 1/2 %'. It features images of diamonds and jewelry from Kranich's, including solitaires, earrings, and pendants.