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produced his best sounds with Roxy Music. My particular favourites are "Same Old Scene", "More Than This" and "Dance Away." Streetlife will be in the shops from tomorrow.

- L.P. CHART**
1. Hits 4 (Various)
 2. Brothers In Arms (Dire Straits)
 3. Please (Pet Shop Boys)
 4. Parade (Prince)
 5. Whitney Houston
 6. Hunting High And Low (A-Ha)
 7. Welcome To The Real World (Mr. Mister)
 8. Dirty Work (Rolling Stones)
 9. No Jacket Required (Phil Collins)
 10. From Luxury To Haute (Culture Club)

land's is "We've Got The Whole World At Our Feet". The England footballers also have an L.P. out this week entitled "World Cup Party"; produced by Tony Hillier, who is famous for his string of hits with the Brotherhood Of Man.

Re-released this week is Frank Sinatra's "Strangers In The Night", which was his last No. 1 back in 1966. The year of England's World Cup victory!

Album of the week is "Streetlife", featuring the greatest hits from Bryan Ferry's musical career (1972-1985), both with Roxy Music and as a solo artist. This wonderful double-L.P. includes almost all the old favourites. In my opinion Ferry

issued a 13-track compilation album called "The Very Best Of Tavares", which includes Dutch D.J. Ben Leitbrand's remixes of their biggest hits.

A new single with a difference is "The Queen's Birthday Song" by the St John College School Choir (in honour of the Queen's 60th Birthday on Monday). It is the first time for over 300 years that a monarch's birthday has been marked in this way; the last occasion being when Purcell wrote "The Birthday Ode."

Other new 45s with a difference are the four-yearly World Cup efforts, Scotland's is a double-A-side, "We're Making The Big Trip To Mexico", coupled with "They Carry The Hopes of Scotland", and Eng-

As reported in last week's column, Madonna's new single, "Live To Tell" is released this week, and it would not surprise me if it enters next week's chart directly at No. 1.

It is a slower song with a similar feel to "Crazy For You" (her No. 2 hit of last June), and it is her first completely new sound since "Into The Groove" (her only No. 1 last August). She shows a more mature approach to her singing on this new disc.

Released tomorrow is a brand-new 45 from Level 42 entitled "Lessons In Love" and on Monday Tavares have another remix in the shops. This time it will be "It Only Takes A Minute" with "More Than A Woman" featuring on the 12-

Record Review

The best new album release of 1986 so far is "Please" by the Pet Shop Boys (on Parlophone). Neil Tennant (31-year-old former pop journalist) and Chris Lowe (29-year-old former architecture student) have been referred to as "the thinking man's Wham", and this LP gives credibility to that quote.

The record includes their first three Parlophone singles, namely "Opportunities (Let's Make Lots Of Money)", released last July, "West End Girls" released last October, and the current hit "Love Comes Quickly."

"West End Girls" was originally issued as a one-off deal by Epic records in 1984 but the version on this album is the re-recorded 1985 production that climbed to the top of the charts in January, selling 700,000 discs.

It would not surprise me if "Opportunities" is re-released; it has a great rhythmic feel to it and contains words of hope to the unem-

ployed youth of the Eighties. The lyrics throughout the record are strong and are very relevant to the England of today. All the tracks are set to an international dance beat rooted in hip-hop — except for the slower song called "Later Tonight".

All ten songs in this package are winners, so it is difficult to pick favourites. Apart from the three singles "Suburbia" really stands out for its melodic appeal in addition to the aforementioned qualities. The Boys have been working on the LP for three months... time well spent.

Portsmouth's current local sounds can be heard on compilation cassette entitled "Against The Tide", which can be bought for £2.99 plus postage from Bite Back, 14 Teddington Road, Southsea, Hampshire.

The tape includes a song by Renaldo And The Loaf who have appeared on BBC Radio One's John Peel programme, and it features music to suit every taste in the pop spectrum. A video of "John Len-

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non Live in New York City" is now in the shops priced at £14.99. It is a recording of Lennon's only major U.S. concert since the days of the Beatles and was taped on August 30, 1972 at Madison Square Garden. This great performance can also be bought on LP record and cassette and tracks include "Instant Karma", "Imagine", and "Come Together".

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3. Whitney Houston
4. Black Celebration (Depeche Mode)
5. Hits For Lovers (Various)
6. Welcome To The Real World (Mr. Mister)
7. No Jacket Required (Phil Collins)
8. Rocky IV (Soundtrack)
9. The Hymns Album (Huddersfield Choral Society)
10. Be Yourself Tonight (Eurythmics)

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"Living Doll" has become Cliff Richard's 11th chart-topper and Hank Marvin's 13th. They have both emulated Gerry Marsden's previously unique achievement of reaching No. 1 with different versions of the same song.

This year's British entry in the Eurovision Song Contest (to be held in Norway on May 3) will be "Runner In The Night", by group Ryder.

Recently "Top of the Pops" has lost much of its appeal; they show very few videos, apart from tantalizing little clips, and the performers billed as "five in the studio" are only miming to their hits. So it is good to know that tomorrow (Friday) at 5.30 p.m. Channel Four is starting a 26-week series called "The Chart Show."

It will feature 45 minutes of continuous videos. At 6.15 p.m. there will be a video-review programme entitled "Revid", and at 6.30 p.m. "Solid Soul" which follows on from last year's excellent "Soul Train." No.

1 in the Disco charts at the moment is a superb dance record by the S.O.S. Band entitled "The Finest", which is also doing well in the mainstream charts.

On Monday, Madonna will be releasing "Live To Tell", a brand new song which will also appear on her forthcoming album. Simple Minds are also back with "All The Things She Said" but fans should buy the 12-inch single as this contains the previously unavailable extended U.S. remix of "Promised You A Miracle" as well as the "live" recording of "Don't You Forget About Me."

The Moody Blues will be issuing a new L.P. "The Other Side Of Life" in a few weeks' time on their Threshold label, now distributed by Polydor. A track called "Your Wildest Dreams" (written by Justin Hayward) is already available on a 45. Chichester folk will, of course, recall that the Moody Blues used to have a Threshold Record Shop in East Street — which is now the premises of Thomas Cook's Travel Agents.

Members of the group Foreigner have now gone their

separate ways, but lead singer Lou Gramm is recording a solo album in London.

Jean-Michel Jarre has released "Rendez-Vous," his eighth album, which can also be bought on CD. The track "Four Rendez-Vous" will be in the shops as a single tomorrow. The sound-effects and production on the L.P. are interesting, but more work should have gone into the composing of the music. The tunes are too basic for a musician of Jarre's pedigree.

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