

Bob Marley

Q - Is "Zapp," the new rock band, really Parliament -Funkadelic in one of their incarnations?

> N. Saunders Chicago, ILL.

A - "Zapp" is a collection of boyhood freinds of p - funkers George Clinton and Bootsy Collins. The group includes Zapp Troutman, and his brothers Roger, Larry and Lester. Their hit p "Zapp" includes the hit single "More bounce to the ounce" and was produced by Bootsy. Needless to say, Bootsy and a few other p funkers "sat - in" on the record

Q - Is it true that Bab Marley has cancer?

B. Jiggetts L.A., Calif.

A - The answer to that question remains a mystery at press time. We do know that Marley was confined to the Sloan -Kettering Cancer Center for a few weeks last fall. At the time, spokesmen for the hospital and the Jamaican superstar's publicist claimed Marley was suffering from "exhaustion.". Most recent reports have the Rastaman being treated for cancer in Europe, Germany or Czechoslavakia, depending upon to whom you talk. Whatever his condition, he was



Stephanie Mills

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By JASON:

forced to cancel a tour with Stevie Wonder scheduled to begin last November. However, he did appear with Stevie during a Center in Maryland just before Thanksgiving. We thought he appeared to be in good health.

Q — Would you please settle this bet for me? I say it was Jean Knight who sang "Mr. Big Stuff" in the early 70s. My buddy thinks it was the Honeycomb. Who's right? And what became of both

> D. McMurray L.A., Calif.

A - You are right on this one. "Mr. Big Stuff" was a big hit for Jean Knight in the late '60s. She still does night club dates. The Honeycomb have disbanded and are no longer singing together.

Q - Will you please tell me if the woman who plays "Sadie Grey" in the soap opera General Hospital and the black woman in the "S.O.S." TV commercial are one and the same person? I say they are two different people; my niece says they are the same.

Dorchester, Mass. A. The actress you refer to, Lillian Hayman, plays the character Sadie Grey on 'One Life

to Live," a soap opera appearing on ABC. Your niece is right. Miss Hayman appears on a number of TV commercials, including the "S.O.S." commercial and a "Reach Out and Touch" spot for Bell Telephone.

Q - I would like to know if I can get a letter from Teddy Pendergrass and a picture of him with his autograph on it. I am 13. I might be too young for him, but I'm not too young to like him very much. I'm glad he likes Stephanie Mills, another person that I adore. Could you also send me a picture of Patrice Rushen?

S. Gordon Cleveland, Ohio

A - Akhough we at Dawn are not equipped to provide pictures of the artists we write about, your requests have been forwarded to the record companies for which T.P., Stephanie and Patrice record. W anticipate that your pictures will be coming soon. Incidentally, although Stephanie and T.P. recorded a live album together, they are "just friends."

Q — In a recent issue of a popular magazine, there was a story on police use of deadly force. They mentioned an organization called NOBLE, that is credited with raising the issue to the policemen's union. Is this a new civil rights group?

> J. Parham Chicago, Ill.

A - The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) is a group of black police officers, ranked at captain or above, from all over the NOBLE, formed originally charged itself with. setting accreditation and performance standards for law enforcement agencies. Since that time, NOBLE has addressed itself to many issues that concern the black community related to law enforcement. In 1980, the organization introduced resolution to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) that would have restricted police use of deadly force (guns) to situations where there is immediate danger to the lives and safety of either police officers or bystanding citizens. Local chapters of NOBLE also provide security to traveling black leaders such as Andrew Young and Coretta Scott King. NOBLE's national president is Bishop Robinson, who, as Deputy Commissioner of the Bakimore city police department, is the highest ranking black at that

Incidentally, NOBLE'S 1981 National Conference will be held in Baltimore July 14 - 19th.

All letters should be addressed to Jason, DAWN Magazine, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201. All questions are welcome, but while Jason cannot provide individual answers, questions of general interest will be used in this column.



Lillian Hayman

Q - I have a friend who has deopped out of school from the pressure of trying to adjust. His name is Danny and he needs someone to help him make it. You see, Danny has a great voice and he used to sing in the school choir.

I read in your magazine that Zelma Redding owns a nightclub which is less than 30 miles north of here. Since her sons are away singing as "The Reddings," I'm sure Danny could fill in for them (at the club). Just give him a shot. It would berak my heart to see him lose his life. Knowing how I feel, I can imagine what his parents are going through. Signed with tears in my eyes and love in my heart for a friend.

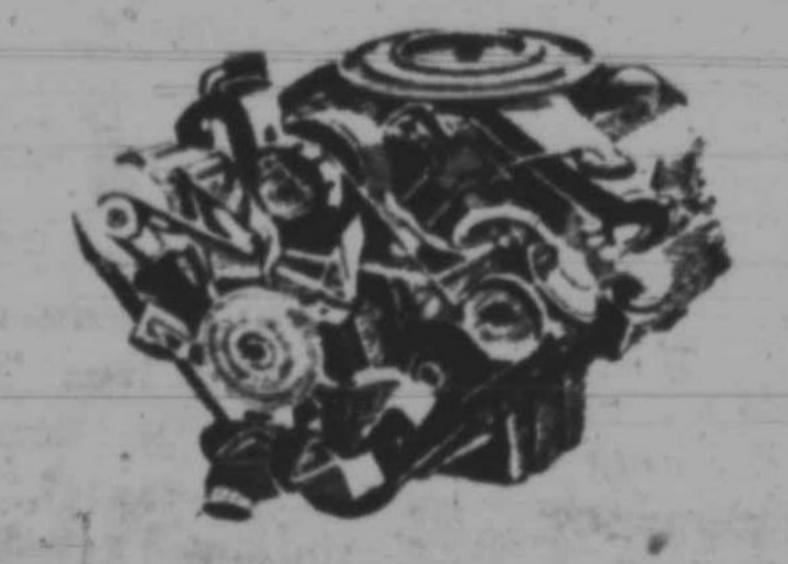
> T. Baker Fort Valley, Ga.

touching; and your concern for your friend is understandable. As much as we would like to help, we are unable to function as agents. even for people with talents like Danny's. You may be able to help by suggesting to him, his parents. or taking it upon yourself to find our what alternative high schools are available in your area.

For all but a few, singing is a part - time, temporary, and not very lucrative pursuit. However, if your friend has the talent, the drive and the determination, suggest that he begin moving on every possible opportunity to do that in your area, and go for it! +Remember, however, that, although Mrs. Redding's son Otis has a hit record, he continues

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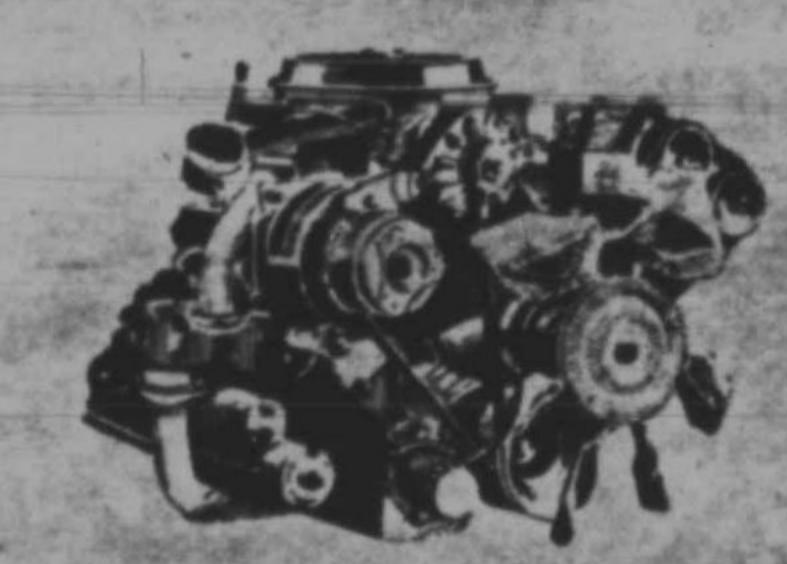


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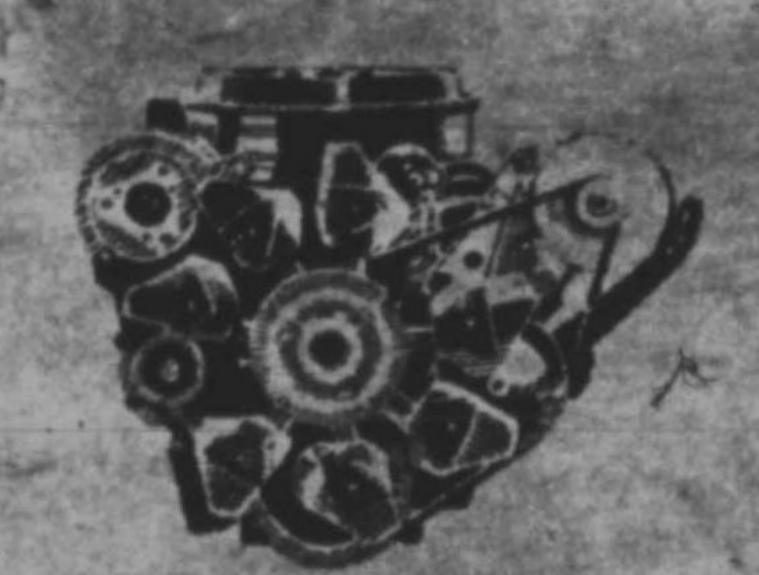


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