

New "Glam Rock" video looks back on stars of the 1970s

VIDEO BEAT



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Nostalgic for the '70s? Check out "Glam Rock," a video compilation from some of the trend-setting (make-up wearing) bands that first utilized the video medium. The Virgin Music Video reel (list price: \$14.98) includes performances by T. Rex, Alice Cooper, Wizzard, Gary Glitter and the Sweet.

• Another '70s icon (and now an '80s icon, too), Aerosmith, stars in "Texas Jam '78." It's an hour of live footage

from the monster 1978 rock concert that also featured Ted Nugent, Heart, Journey and Van Halen. More than 150,000 fans drove to the Cotton Bowl to watch them a decade ago; you can get them for \$19.98 at your video store.

• Remember "Good to Go," the much-heralded dramatic movie set in Washington D.C.'s underground go-go music scene? Well, go-go has gone mainstream thanks to the success of

bands like EU and Trouble Funk. But "Good to Go" never got off the starting block. It has, however, been re-named "Short Fuse" and is being distributed on videotape by Vidmark Entertainment. Art Garfunkel and Harris Yulin star, along with most of go-go's top bands.

this summer.

• After almost two generations as host of "American Bandstand," Dick Clark has finally turned over the reins of TV's longest-running dance party.

But let's not deceive ourselves that the man is in any way slowing down. The eternal teen-ager's latest project is "Dick Clark's American Bandstand Concert Tour," which will swing through 75 U.S. cities this summer.

The concert package includes live performances by the Drifters, the Association, Guess Who and the Spinners, along with outtakes of classic "Bandstand" footage and dancers performing the hot steps of four decades. Clark calls the show "The History of Rock 'n' Roll 101."

• The Jefferson Airplane, now completely reunited with the signing of original bandmate Marty Balin, debut their new/old lineup at an Oakland Coliseum benefit for AIDS research. Others on the bill include the Grateful Dead, Tracey Chapman, Los Lobos, and Huey Lewis and the News.

• MTV, that most capitalistic of ventures, has found a first foothold in a communist country. Hungary now broadcasts the music cable network's European edition 24 hours a day via satellite feed through Budapest's cable system.

About 200,000 viewers are estimated to be tuning in to the station's regular fare of rock music, supercharged graphics and iconoclastic humor. And so far, says an MTV spokesperson, "It's being very positively received."



Alice Cooper

• Speaking of EU, they are developing a nicely reciprocal relationship with film director Spike Lee. He used their single "Da Butt" in his movie "School Daze," and they ended up winning a Soul Train award for the disc. Now they have Lee directing the video for their new release, "Buck Wild." And as soon as that's finished, they're off to appear in Lee's next movie, "Do the Right Thing," due out

What is Alan Autry really like?

ASK DICK KLEINER



DICK KLEINER

Q. My friends and I would like to know everything we can about Alan Autry, who plays in "In the Heat of the Night." Has he played on anything else? Is he married? Does he really talk like Bubba? — M.A.B., Louisville, Ky.

Q. Is Alan Autry — Bubba on "In the Heat of the Night" — any kin to Gene Autry? — A.M., Abingson, Va.

A. No, Alan is not related to Gene. He is another pro football player to turn actor. Autry (who played under the name Carlos Brown) was a quarterback with the Green Bay Packers in 1975 and 1976. It was film director Robert Altman, a football fan, who encouraged him to try acting. He was born in Shreveport, La., on July 31, 1952. But he grew up in Riverside, Calif., and went to the University of Pacific. Still, Autry's Southern accent comes back on demand. He's been in such movies as "Southern Comfort," "North Dallas Forty" and "Popeye." He is divorced, with one daughter.

Q. My husband and I have a bet riding on this. Could you please tell us what they are saying at the end of "Family Ties"? Are they saying, "Sit Ubu" or "Sit Boo-Boo"? We are sweating this out. — D.S., Hot Springs, Ariz.

Q. Whose voice is it that says "Sit Bubba Sit. Good dog" on "Family Ties"? I say it is Lorne Greene, but my husband says no. Who's right? — R.M., Bristol, Tenn.

A. The voice belongs to Gary Goldberg, the show's producer, who also owned the dog — whose name was Ubu.

Q. Several years ago, I saw a western called "The Fastest Gun Alive." I believe Glenn Ford starred in it. Could you tell me about it, and is it available on videocassette? — J.M.C., Dieppe, New Brunswick.

A. That 1956 film, starring Glenn Ford, Jeanne Crain and Broderick Crawford, is one of the old black-and-white movies that has been colorized for its videocassette release.

Q. My question concerns Bill Boyd, who starred in the Hopalong Cassidy films in the '30s. Whatever happened to him? — R.K.O., Findley Lake, N.Y.

A. The inevitable happened — he died in 1972.

Q. During the mid or late 1930s, I saw the movie "Anthony Adverse." I think Claude Rains played one of the main characters. Who else was in it? — E.W.L., Comstock Park, Mich.

A. That was a 1936 film, directed by the late Mervyn LeRoy, with Frederic

A. It must have been quite a long time. Poor perilous Pearl died 51 years ago — in 1938. She made her stage debut as a child in the 1890s. Later she broke into silent films as a stuntwoman. After starring in "The Perils of Pauline" in 1914, she became a popular leading lady — the "Queen of the Silent Serials." She was only 49 when she died.

Q. Last winter, I watched a show on NBC called "She Was Marked For Murder." There was a young lady in it named Deborah Farentino. She looked very familiar, but I cannot place the show where I've seen her before. Can you give me that information? — G.A., Lurkin, Texas.

A. You most likely have seen her on the TV series "Hooperman," with John Ritter. Debrah (who changed the spelling of her first name) was a regular on that series.

Q. Whatever became of Susan Hayward and John Gavin. I recently saw them in the '63 movie "Back Street Wife," and I thought they were both excellent. — P.S., Sayre, Pa.

A. The movie was just called "Back Street" — but no matter. Susan Hayward died in 1975. Gavin recently retired as the U.S. ambassador to Mexico. He is considering a return to acting.



Alan Autry



Glenn Ford

March and Olivia de Havilland, and Gale Sondergaard in a supporting role that won her an Oscar. It is available on videocassette.

Q. Please help me. I say Steve McQueen played in "Star Wars," in the beginning when Darth Vader overtakes Leia's space ship. My mother says he was too big a star to play an extra. Who's right? — P.O., Killeen, Texas.

A. Your mother is right, as usual. Steve McQueen would not have done a bit part, at that stage in his career.

Q. Could you tell me please what happened to Pearl White? Is she still living? If so, where? And how old is she? She's been on my mind for a long time. — J.A.E., Lowell, Mass.

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