

# Elo Captures Gold



( \* \* \* \* \* ) A NEW WORLD RECORD - ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA ( UNITED ARTISTS)

It is hard to believe one man can write such consistently great songs. Once more, Jeff Lynne has written all the songs on the new ELO disc, "A New World Record", and this time he has come up with the best compositions of his career. As a result, "A New World Record" is the greatest by far of all the ELO discs, including "Ole ELO".

The nine cuts on this one are dominated by synthesizers, but those classic ELO melodies are not lost. "Telephone Line" is a good example. The precise harmonies. "Rockaria!" and "Do Ya" are the out and out rockers of the album, offset by the soft, melodic "Mission" and "Shangri-la". When I first listened to "Shangri-la", the first verse reminded me of the Beatles. It really surprised me when part of the chorus went as follows: "My shangri-la has gone away Faded like the Beatles Hey Jude"

This album has everything any listener could want. There's great rockers, beautiful ballads, a couple of closely controlled "space" numbers, and even a spectacular new single,

"Livin' Thing". Anybody who likes popular music should not be without "A New World Record." It deserves a gold medal. ( \* \* \* \* ) THE BEST OF THE DOOBIE BROTHERS (WARNER BROS.)

One of the Doobie Brothers' albums was called "What Were Once Habits Are Now Vices". It made reference to the fact that the Doobies were controlled by the Top 40, to the extent it became a vice on their musical creativity. They broke that vice with "Takin' It To The Streets", but this new musical direction has yet to prove itself. Their best of album contains all those vice-like songs, along with "Takin' It To The Streets" and "It Keeps You Runnin'". At least the Doobies deserve a greatest hits package, more than I can say about some of the others that are being released.

( \* \* ) FOREVER-JACKSON HAWKE ( COLUMBIA RECORDS)

Jackson Hawke is Canada's latest "pop" group, making national hits out of "Into Thy Mystic", "You Can't Dance", and "She's The One". These songs immediately catch your attention, but hold it for a very short time. They grow tiresome rather quickly.

"Ain't No Cowboys" is a patriotic tune about the U.S. influence in Canada. It is the strongest song lyrically on the album. The strongest track musically is "Forever". The remaining songs are med-

ioce at best. The only real good thing about this group is that it shows some promise. ( \* ) PULLING TOGETHER-GRINDERSWITCH (CAPRICORN RECORDS)

This is another typical Southern U.S. band, featuring unoriginality, boredom, and a cure for insomnia. If they and their label hope that they'll replace the now defunct Allman Brothers Band, they're both sorely mistaken.

( \* \* \* ) SIREN SPELL-KEN TOBIAS (ATTIC RECORDS)

Tobias has lost something between this one and his previous "Every Bit Of Love". The songs on "Siren Spell" are, for the most part, simply

dead. Few have that vibrant quality the songs on "Every Bit Of Love" had. A notable exception is "Siren Spell", the title cut. With spoken verses and a great chorus, it comes off as one of Tobias's best ever. Too bad a song like this is weighted down by poor material like "Oh Lynda" (his worst single yet) and "Lovin' Fever". Tobias is at his best with Top 40 material, and he's departed somewhat from that with this album. He got on a boat that was going the wrong way. Hope he get straightened out for his next voyage.

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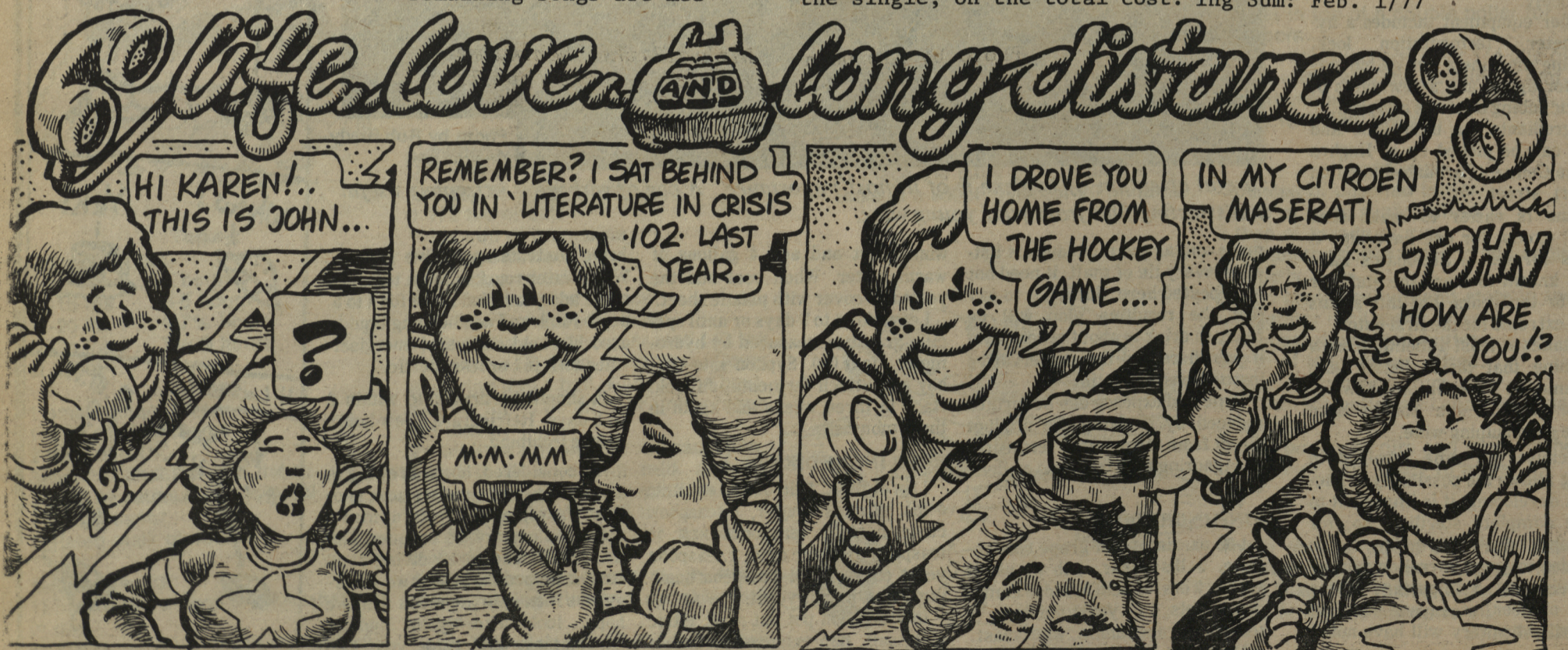
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