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Power to the 'Pingsters'

Things are really starting to happen for The Sultans Of

Ping FC at the moment. Not only did they crack the UK

Top 30 with their last single, "U Talk 2 Much," but they've also just celebrated the release of their debut album, Casual Sex In A Cineplex. It includes the singles "Where's Me Jumper?", "Stupid Kid", "Veronica" and "U Talk 2 Much" and, to be honest, I was more than a little surprised how good the whole offering set like surprised how good the whole set like

didn't think it would be my 'cuppa' but I've been wrong

before and, rest assured, I'll be wrong again. I should

have had a more indepth look at the album before now

but, because of pressure on space, I've had to hold it

over. Hopefully, it might happen next week . . . Casual Sex In A Cineplex is well worth goin' on at length about

Film Review ...

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

THERE is just one change of programme at the Savoy this week, Deep Cover, taking over from Stay Tuned, a film which failed to get adequate response from local audiences. Larry Fishburne plays tough, black officer Stevens, alias John Q Hull, in Deep Cover, a

violent urban thriller.

As a cop, Russell Stevens Ir swore to follow orders, uphold justice and observe the law.

Then they changed the rules. When Stevens also changes his name to go undercover in the bloody corrupt world of a vicious cocaine cartel, the very

never be quite the same again. The movie, according to the co-writers, examines a man confronted by the darkest side

principles, Law and Order, will

of his being. Law enforcement is more than just a job for Stevens; it's a talisman he has used to keep his own criminal instincts at

For his life choices have been fuelled by the memory of his father—a junkie shot dead before his youthful eyes fol-lowing a bungled robbery.

But as Stevens/Hull burrows deeper and deeper in the world of heartless drugs barons, bent lawyers and beautiful women, he'll begin to find those choicbecome dangerously

Deep Cover co-stars Jeff Goldblum as an ambitious drug dealer, Victoria Dillard as a seductive art dealer and money launderer, and Gregory Sierra as a supplier with the est of mean streaks.

And Charles Martin Smith plays Carver, the man from the government's Drug Enforcement Agency, who first drives Stevens into the abyss. There is obviously a market for this kind of entertainment.

Otherwise it is as you were, with Dracula, A Few Good Men, Chaplin, Strictly Ballroom and Sister Act held over for a further week.

With a backlog of good films awaiting a Limerick play-date, cinema buffs are showing concern that retentions seem to be the order of the day at the

The Saturday and Sunday morning attraction is Curly Sue, and The Muppet Christmas Carol is at cinema five in the early afternoons.

There has been a mixed reaction in Limerick to Chaplin, but personally, I

This Sunday -

Wednesday Next -



Geraldine Chaplin, Charlie's real-life daughter, who stars in the film on his life. Geraldine was the little girl seen in Chaplin's Limelight 40 years ago.

found it most entertaining. Richard Attenborough captures the mood of the Chaplin era and there are some outstanding individual performances.

For many, Chaplin is the man who made the movies. Cinema pioneer star, director and mogul. Charlie Chaplin is also perhaps the greatest single personality in the history of Hollywood.

Scandal and controversy but, above all, a supreme comic tal-ent decorated his rags-to-riches career which spanned more than half a century He was the little man, with

his moustache, bowler hat, baggy trousers and bendy cane. He was the king of the silents. What's told by Attenborough is for real. In fact, controversy was never far attairs. wives, tribes of children, a long-running battle with the exile from his adopted country and, finally, a belated return to the town he had

helped create. t is all here in this film.

Look out as well for two silent greats, Mabel Normand (Marisa Tomel), perhaps Tinseltown's first woman director as well as one of its most fiery stars, and sweet leading lady Edna Purviance (Penelope Ann

Whether you like Chaplin depends on your mood.

The Australian-made Strictly

Ballroom is a little gem, as is A Few Good Men, with Tom Cruise and Demi Moore. Due to open in Limerick on Friday week is the highly

acclaimed Under Siege. To mark the occasion the utors have made a number of prizes available to our ders, such as sweat shirts,

torches, baseball caps, etc. See Monday's Leader for

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The Cranberries 'linger' long on the taste buds

HITZ'N'BITZ by SHANE FOLEY

THIS has to be the one "Linger" is the new single from Limerick band The Cranberries and surely this is the one that will break them into the big time both nationally and across the

Coming just two weeks before the release of their much awaited debut album — Everyone Is Doing It, Why Can't We "Linger" is a world-class track that many a band with years more experience than The Cranberries would be only too delighted to call their own.

Their songwriting ability and the production talents of Stephen Street — employed both on this single and the - looks like it could be a real winning combination. I've said it many a time

before and, as they say, what's one more time between friends, this band can, and hopefully will, go on to reach the parts that other Limerick bands couldn't quite manage. here's hoping!
"Linger" is a tremendous

track and the superb, almost exquisite use of rich strings, an uncluttered backbeat and some



On the road to stardom . . . The Cranberries

the 'perfect' musical accompaniment for the wonderful vocals, courtesy of Dolores,

which are so much a part of any Cranberries offering.

very nice guitars all go to form

When will I be famous . . ? Fancy your chances of fronting a band?

FROM the ashes of Stormy Monday, the recently defunct Shannon based blues-rock band, has risen The Lost Boys, the latest Limerick outfit who simply want to 'conquer the

The new band includes musicians Roger Bourke and Frank Healy, both ex-members of Stormy Monday, and joining them will be rising young gui tar virtuoso David Hockedy.

There is, however, a slight roblem . . . as yet The Lost Boys have no one to front the band, no one to strut their stuff, no one to sing the songs! Yes, that is a rather substantial prob-

They intend playing a hard-hitting rock-metal concoction and they're now appealing for

a good rock voice to contact them as soon as possible. If you fancy yourself as the next Axl Rose or Jon Bon Jovi then you should consider gettin' in touch with these guys as soon

Time (or lack of it!) is a very definite factor as the band already have some nationwide gigs lined up and also want to demo some original material with a view to recording their first single.

So, if you think The Lost Boys are for you and you're serious about music, then you should ring their manager on 088-562726 to arrange an audi-

You'd never know, you

"Reason" is the second track on the CD single and it's a much livelier effort than the first. It's one of those happy songs that leave you hummir never a bad complaint.
The third and final track,

'How" (Radical Mix), much more of an indie feel to it. It's got a heavier backing of distorted guitar and a deeper drum sound but is, nevertheless, still very catchy. All three tracks are well

worth a listen but, to be honest, when compared to the really excellent "Linger", "Reason and "How" seem just a bit This single is the perfect

appetiser for the forthcoming album which, it has to be said. I'm really and truly looking orward to To celebrate the launch of the album The Cranberries will

be appearing in the Virgin Mega Store, Dublin, on Wednesday, March 3, at 3 p.m., and on the following day, Thursday, March 4, at 4 p.m., they are due to make a home town appearance in Empire

Majella Sutton (left) and Sharon Coffey who will appear in the Torch Players production of The Factory Girls which takes place at the Belltable from Monday next, February 22, to Saturday, February 27.

At the Belltable . . .

Scariff and Torch stage a seance and a sit-in

THE East Clare Scariff Drama Group is 'dying' to entertain this week in the Belltable with Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit, which started its short four night run this Wednesday (February 17) and continues until Saturday, February 20.

Scariff have a long and honoured tradition of drama and have presented many shows in the Belltable down through the years including The House Of Bernard Alba (which the allfemale Charabanc Theatre Company will present in the Belltable from March 15 to

Blithe Spirit is a three act comedy, a hilarious farce which sometimes is barely on the safe side of hysteria. The story revolves around an author, Charles Condomine, who is living rather comfortably with his second wife. Ruth, in rural England.

In order to research his new book on dreams, he asks the local medium, Madame Arcati, to perform a seance in his house. The seance has many far reaching consequences, one being the return of his first wife, Elvira. This is when the real fun begins. Monday next (February 22) see the Torch Players stage their production of The Factory Girls at the Belltable, Runn until Saturday, February 27 The Factory Girls is a very funny and moving account of five women who stage a sit-in at a Donegal shirt factory when they are threatened with redun-

The group, led by one of the older workers, Ellen, decide to in the course of the sit-in the find themselves compelled to confront each other. The Factory Girls was writ-

ten by Frank McGuinness who has also penned Observe The Sons Of Ulster Marching Towards The Somme and one To Watch Over Me which was produced on Broad-way last year. This production is directed by Maurice O'Sullivan who has been directing

with the group since 1976.

The Factory Girls was last staged at the Belltable in 1982 by the Abbey Theatre and played to capacity houses on that occasion. The Torch Players are looking forward to a similar success this time around, so, early booking is advisable on 061-319866.



power to the Pingsters!

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B-52's to play the Point

music's deliciously infectious bands, make their first longawaited visit to these shores when, for one night only, they play the Point Depot on Wednesday next, February 24.

In their own surreal way, the B-52's are as quintessentially American as the Beach Boys. Sixteen years into a career that began as a new wave lark in Athens, Georgia, the hugely popular group have become ar integral part of the musical

"Rock Lobster", From "Planet Claire" and "Private Idaho" to "Channel Z", "Roam" and the seriously famous "Love Shack", the B-52's have twisted their colourful sense of the absurd around infectious dance-rock tunes that start a party every time the

The current chapter of the B-52's story began in 1987 with singers Fred Schneider, Cindy Wilson and Kate Pierson and keyboard/guitarist Keith Strickland. Along with Nile Rogers and Don Was producing, the quartet brought the ultra successful Cosmic Thing to earth in the summer of 1989 Four videos, four million albums and 14 months of touring later, the B-52's were on

top of the world. Then Cindy decided to leave the band, bowing out just prior to the first bout of songwriting for the new album . . . the door, however, is always open for her to return. Thus, the B-52's became a trio. Back into the studio trotted

the trio and the resulting offer-

recent album, Good Stuff. There's a lot more than what moves the hip on this album besides such essential corner stones of American culture as hot pants and strange beings arriving in UFOs, the new songs addressed important social and political issues. The lyrics urged listeners to respect both the environment and their

own individualism. "We're out there to entertain people", says Fred Schneider, but it's great to get people thinking and dancing at the same time". That comment, it has to be said, really sums up what the band are about. Also joining the B-52's on

fans of the cult TV series with her hauntingly beautiful voice.

The B-52's remaining female, Kate, will, of course, also be remembered for her guest vocals on REM's excellent single "Shiny Happy Peo-ple" and one more tiny titbit of info is that they've also had everyones favourite 'sex kitten', Kim Basinger, sing four or five songs 'live' with them

US and attracted many loyal

Kim might not be at the Point on Wednesday and neither, I'm sure, will any of Athens other favourite sons, however. I have no doubt that the gig will be something to reme stage next Wednesday will be Twin Peaks songstress Julee

If you're going to the gig,

Tuesday, February 23 — **INN** Jimmy Buckley & Secrets



Andy, Niall and Hoss . . . The Hitchers. Who's a busy IT has and continues to be a very busy time for Limerick's favourite power trio. The

Hitchers . . . September '92 saw Niall (the drummer) win the Hot Press/Sun Studios song writing competition which got the band some much needed studio time as well as exposure in a highly favourable Hot Press review and interview. The Hitchers closed last year in party mood, supporting The O'Malley's in the Savoy in what proved a very memorable

January saw the lads play support slots with They Do It Mirrors in the University of Limerick, The Village/Sir Henry's, Cork, and The Rock Garden, Dublin. As a direct

ings for Cork's UK chartbusters The Frank & Walters last Wednesday (February 17) when they played the Top Floor (Savoy).

On Tuesday last The Hitchers closed the show at the

this week . . . so, fingers crossed.

There's only one thing better than a busy Hitcher . . . three of

IMRO Showcase at the Theatre Royal. The gig was organised by the Irish Musicians Rights Organisation and A&R men from 10 UK record companies were expected to attend. They are also to take part in a Bandslam in Wexford at the end of

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