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Whoever thought that we'd ever catch The Rollers without their trusted tartans—let alone in a bath and just covered with foam! Well, good old Mirabelle did just that and only for you the boys reveal all—so to speak!

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I dreamt that I was looking at the cover of Mirabelle dated December 21st, and Ron Mael's face kept getting bigger and bigger. It seemed to be taking on a balloon-like shape. Suddenly, the face started floating about and began gabbling away in French. Somehow I found myself sitting on this balloon, which began to float out of the window. I pulled a hair

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grip out of my hair and popped the balloon. It gave a large bang and I fell to the ground with a thump. Then a voice called out; "Wake up, Patricia." It was my dad shaking me because I'd fallen out of bed!

Patricia Harries, Wilts.

Hi! Warmest greetings in a bright and still shiny new year. I have good vibes about 1975 and I think it's going to be terrific for everyone!

Q. I just got back from spending the Christmas holiday with my grand-parents in San Diego, California, and I was sorry that I didn't get to meet you. But I did 'discover' a new passion — your wonderful tropical fruit, the avocado. And I wondered if you liked them as much as I? — Gillian Day, Kent.

A. Glad you like California and one of our most popular edibles! I seem to forget about avocados from time to time and then rediscover them with much pleasure. I guess it's because they're not something that you eat every day like apples or oranges or such, so I tend to forget just how much I like them until I go somewhere and an avocado dish is served to me. One of my favourite ways to eat this delicious pear-shaped fruit is in a bacon and tomato sandwich on wholebread with a wheat little mayonnaise dressing.

Q. Did you ever play a role where you had to have an accent? I'm going to be a 'southern belle' in our school play, but I am afraid I won't sound real and people will laugh at me.—Nancy Allen, Essex.

A. So far I've never needed an accent for anything I've done on-stage or film, but I have tried to disguise my voice when I've answered my telephone or when I've called friends on the telephone and wanted to



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play a trick on them for some reason. But as far as I'm concerned all southern accents sound phoney, so don't worry. Just do the best you can and everything will be just fine.

Q. This year I have decided to give up biting my

nails for my new year's resolution and I was wondering what kind of resolutions you've made for 1975? — Avril Matthews, Bristol.

A. I gave up making new year's resolutions a long time ago. Instead I do make

one or two 'promises' to do something better at different times during the year. For some unknown reason this works for me and I manage to stick to them whereas I always failed to 'live up' to all those ambitions I listed at the new year's beginning.

Q. When are you coming back to London? It's been so long! — Patti Sommers, London.

A. Actually, I've been back to London a couple of times recently, but not for any public appearances. I was working on some music in a recording studio, and I didn't ever have any free time to enjoy one of my favourite London activities—antique hunting. So, you can be most certain that I'll be coming back very soon to make up for that!

Q. As you've had your hair cut very short, please, please could you send me a cutting for my locket? — Marie Fletcher, Somerset.

A. Well, it's very flattering to receive a letter like yours, Marie. And let me let you in on a little secret. I've received a few other requests for cuttings from several other Mirabelle readers, too. But, alas, every single strand of hair that was cut from my head, was swept up and thrown away with all the other cuttings of the day.

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