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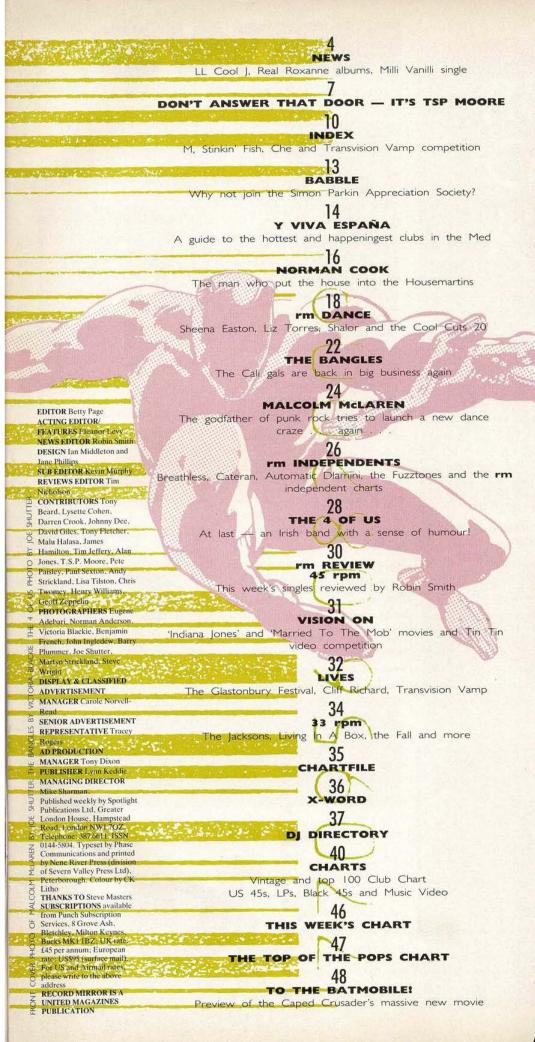
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ROXETTE



DRESSED TO KILL ALL THE WAY

Sultry Swedish duo Roxette are looking lively again with their single 'Dressed For Success' out on July 3. Like their previous single 'The Look', it's taken from their album 'Look Sharp', and the flip side features 'The Voice'. Over on the 12 inch you'll also find an extended mix of 'Dressed For Success'.

Roxette are just about to start a Swedish tour and we might even see them playing dates here before Christmas.

IT'S RAINING

Those dreadlocked desperadoes Milli Vanilli are back in action with their single 'Blame It On The Rain' on July 3. Produced by Frank Farian, the man who helped turn Boney M into megastars, the 12 inch features a special club mix of the song.

Milli Vanilli have decided to set up home in Los Angeles and they're busily searching all the shops trying to find a decent pair of curtains before they start a major American tour.



Rap's leading lady, the Real Roxanne, releases her debut album, 'The Real Roxanne', on July 3. The album features her current single, 'Roxanne's On A Roll', as well as her previous hits 'Bang Zoom (Let's Go Go)' and 'Respect'.

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Stevie Nicks follows up her top 20 hit 'Rooms On Fire' with 'Long Way To Go' out on July 3. It's taken from her album 'The Other Side Of The Mirror' and the flip side features 'Real Tears'. A limited edition of the single with a gatefold sleeve will also be available featuring two exclusive pictures of Stevie hand tinted by the lady herself.

The CD version of 'Long Way To Go' has a live version of 'No Spoken Word' recorded at the Red Rocks Stadium in Colorado way back in 1986.

PURRFECT

Legend in leather, LL Cool J, releases his third album, Walking With A Panther', this week. The action-packed 16 tracks include his current single 'I'm That Type Of Guy', 'Nitro' and the rather smoochy 'Two Different Worlds'. The album was produced by LL himself, with a little help from Dwayne Simon of the LA Posse and Hank Schocklee of Public Enemy fame.

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Bobby Brown, who will be playing to approximately 70,000 people during his sell-out shows at Wembley Arena, releases his single 'On Our Own' on July 3. The single will be featured on the soundtrack of the 'Ghostbusters II' soundtrack album due out in August. The video for the single took nine hours of solid dancing before Bobby was happy with the result!

GOOD GIRL

Michael Jackson will be back on July 3 with his new single 'Liberian Girl'. It was written by Michael himself and produced by Quincy Jones, while the flip side features 'Girlfriend'.

The video for the single is truly spectacular and features a selection of guest stars including Steven Spielberg, John Travolta and Dan Aykroyd.

SMITH TOUR

Classic American heavy metal band Aerosmith will be playing some long awaited tour dates in November. They'll be kicking off with Belfast Antrim Forum



\$5 million.

on November 11, followed by Dublin Point 12, Hammersmith Odeon 15, Birmingham NEC 18. Tickets are available from box offices and usual agents.

Aerosmith should be releasing a new album to coincide with the dates.

BIG TALK

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BEAST TROUBLE

The Beastie Boys, who release their new album 'Paul's Boutique' on the

Capitol label soon, are involved in a legal wrangle with their old record

The band say they received less than \$100,000 in royalties from their debut

album 'Licensed To III', even though it

sold more than four million copies, but Def Jam say they're withholding the rest

of the cash alleging that the Beasties

broke a contractual agreement to supply them with a second album.

The Beasties claim there was no such

agreement and that Def Jam owe them

company Def Jam.

Arthur Baker follows up 'It's Your Time', with 'Talk It Over' on July 3. It's sung by New York newcomer John Warren and the single also features Arthur's band, the Backbeat Disciples, who are featured on his forthcoming album. RUFUS & CHAKA KHAN

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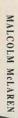
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Malcolm McLaren And His Bootzilla Orchestra release their long awaited album 'Waltz Darling' on July 3. Produced by Phil Ramone and Talcy Malcy himself, the album has eight tracks including 'Deep In Vogue', 'I Like You In Velvet' and the rather bizarre 'Algernon's Simply Awfully Good At Algebra'.

EXTRA DATE

Pet Shop Boys, who release their single 'It's Alright' this week, have added another date to their tour with a show at Birmingham NEC on July 13. Tickets priced £15.50 and £13.50 each are available from the box office and usual agents.

FACE FRONT

Waterfront, who are bubbling up the charts with their single 'Cry', release their debut album 'Waterfront' on July 3. The album features 10 tracks including the current hit single, and among the other tracks you'll find 'Nature Of Love' and 'Broken Arrow'.

BE CHOOSY

THE DARLING BUDS

The **Darling Buds** release their single You've Got To Choose' on July 3. The flip side features 'Mary's Got To Go' while the 12 inch features the bonus track 'Never Stop'. Both these tracks are new recordings.

The Buds are currently touring Europe but hope to be back for British dates later this summer.

ENEMY SPLIT

It seems that **Public Enemy** have split up because of a backlash against the anti-Jewish comments Professor Griff has been making.

Griff, who's a member of the Nation Of Islam, a black Muslim organisation, has claimed in recent interviews with the American press that Jewish people have a stranglehold on the American economy, and that years ago they were involved in the slave trade.

The Jewish Defence Organisation said it would picket any future concerts by Public Enemy, and many record shop owners have said they'll now refuse to stock any Public Enemy records.

We understand that Chuck D originally intended to just sack Professor Griff from the group, but in the wake of all the hostility against the band, he's decided to end Public Enemy completely.

As **rm** went to press, there was no official confirmation of the split by CBS, who distribute Public Enemy's records in the UK. A spokesperson said that as far as they knew, the band were still together.



Gloria Estefan follows up her top 10 single 'Can't Stay Away From You' with 'Don't Wanna Lose You', out on July 3. The song is taken from Gloria's forthcoming album, and the CD version will also feature her classic ballad 'Anything For You'.

ORELEASES

Syndicate, who have been supporting Transvision Vamp on tour, release their debut single 'Baby's Gone' this week. Syndicate will also be playing a date in their own right at the London Powerhaus on July 12.

Bradford release their single 'In Liverpool' on July 3. The flip side features 'Boys Will Be Boys' and the 12 inch features the extra track 'Everywhere I Turn'.

Skin Games release their debut album 'Blood Rush' on July 10 and tracks include 'Brilliant Shining', 'Your Luck's Changed' and 'Trade'.

OTOURS

Following their dates supporting **Bananarama**, **Perfect Day** have lined up a show in their own right at the London Marquee on July 19. The band should have another single out in Sectember.

Heavy metal band **Slammer**, who have just released their album 'The Work Of Idle Hands', have lined up some dates for next month and they'll be playing Edinburgh Venue July 9, Leeds Warehouse 10, Sheffied Limit 11, Milton Keynes Woughton Centre 12, Reading Paradise 14, Cardiff Venue 16, Birmingham Irish Centre 17, Newcastle Riverside 23, Buckley Tivoli 28.



don't answer that door

it's TSP Moore

This week: A cut-out and keep guide to making it big in the music biz magine, if you will, a land where money falls from the sky, all people are beautiful and witty, parties are still fun at 3am and 'Entertainment USA' is but a tiny piece of undigested food in the bowels of its creator. It sounds too good to be true, and indeed it is, yet if certain people are to be believed, this is what life was like in the Sixties.

I have often wondered whether I would rather have been born in 1951 (this would hopefully have made me young enough in 1964 to avoid wearing a hylon mail-order Beatles wig, and old enough in 1970 to realise that hopeless addiction to bowel-mangling opiates was not something to aspire to). To test this hypothesis, 1 constructed a time machine by putting four HP6 batteries (not included) into a kettle and placing one foot in it. Then, shutting my eyes, I go deeper, deeper, deeper (Star Trek' transportation noise).

"Hi, baby," coos Marianne Faithfull. Opening my eyes, I see I am lying in a bath full of freshly-cut daisies in a room smelling strongly of, um, incense, in a corner, Jim Hendrix discusses last night's 'Z-Cars' with John Lennoni A cross-legged Brian Jones tinkers casually with a sitar, watched benevolently by the Byrds. I am bathed and dressed by the Supremes, then float out into the light summer breeze on Portobello Board Strangers smile and gently nuzzle behind my ears. Michael Caine leans out of the first of a convoy of Mini Cooper S's, and begs me to be his chauffeur at a daily rate of £8,000. I drive him up and down the King's Road for a few hours, then stop off at the Unemployment Exchange where laughing bearded clerks gaily press huge sprays of carnations and thick bundles of cash into my pockets.

Thence to Highbury, where Jimmy Greaves, resplendent in the Spurs Biba-sponsored paisley away strip, scores six of the seven goals that crush the Arsenal (the seventh is scored by Bob Wilson, who dribbles neatly to the edge of his own area, turns, then deftly chips the ball over his frantically-gesturing defence into an empty goal).

Eighth I Am' by Herman's Hermits. Seeking refuge in the kitchen, where a naked Keith Moon is busily hurling appliances out of the window, I open the fridge, whereupon a Watney's Party Seven half-full of Heinz Beenz falls into my shins, heavily soiling my purple crushed velvet bell-bottoms (cavernous enough to comfortably conceal the chiming apparatus of St Paul's) and orange square-heeled PVC bootees. Scrambling straight through the perspex front door into the cold Hartlepool night, I plummet the 32 storeys between my pre-fab rabbit hutch and the asbestos-sprinkled adventure playground below. Getting to my feet, an Escort Mk I piloted waywardly by a kaftan-clad Perry Como screeches up. The passenger window is wound down and Ken Dodd, shaven-headed, begins blankly chanting "Krishna, Hare Hare".

The ground trembles, there is an earth-shattering roar, and a B52 screams 30 feet over our heads. Jack Charlton leans out of the cockpit, then, with a wild-eyed grin, releases a torrent of Agent Orange, much of it into Keith Richards' expectantly open jaws. Splutter, fade, the Shoppers Paradise Powapaks expire, and I return, a hollow, exhausted wreck, a sad, lonely irrelevance. No videos, no Victoria Line, no Glenn Hoddle, no McDonald's, no thanks . . .



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love junkies

Canada seems to be forcing its way onto the rock and pop map with a vengeance this year, what with the Cowboy Junkies and Mary Margaret O'Hara breaking through, and now it looks certain to be the turn of Toronto based band the Pursuit Of Happiness. The band have just released their LP 'Love Junk' over here, but it's the single 'She's So Young' that could well provide one of the surprise hits of this summer. A seductive, classy pop song that weaves a decidedly unwimpy love tale through a landscape of driving, almost Stonesish guitars coupled with some dreamy vocals from Moe Berg and co-TPOH members Kris and Leslie, 'She's So Young' is one of those rare records that plays the radio game without compromising too much. This is undoubtedly a band, not a collection of studio gadgetry, and if you still don't believe us and you happen to be within earshot of central London, you can catch the band when they pop over to Blighty this week.



competition

As the mercury creeps ever higher here at Index towers the last thing we need is an invasion of Transvision Vamp to blow the thermometer past bursting point. However, an Index competition is a sacred thing, so how do you fancy the chance to save yourselves a few quid by winning a free copy of the Transvision Vamp LP 'Velveteen'? We've got 10 copies of the fabulous record to give away, and each copy has been smouldered at by Wendy James herself. Phew, it's enough to give a boy a stroke (oo er missus!) so just correctly answer the three questions below and you could be a lucky winner.

1 Which celebrated alternative comedian, featured in the rm Christmas issue, has Wendy James been dating recently

a) Roland Rivron, b) Rik Mayall, c) Ben Elton?

2 Which of the following is NOT a definition of Vamp a) A woman who uses her charms to captivate men, b) A musical

accompaniment, c) A blood sucking rodent? 3 What was the title of the band's debut LP

a) 'Pop Said', b) 'Art For Art's Sake', c) 'Pop Art'?

Send your answers on a postcard to rm Transvision Vamp

Competition, Greater London House, Hampstead Road, London NW1 7QZ to arrive by closing date July 10. 'Beard It Through The Grapevine' Marvin Gaye
 'My Shaved Face' Paul McCartney
 'Lager Lout Come The Freaks' Was (Not Was)
 'Hand On Your Parts' Kylie Minogue
 'Licence To Kill' Gladys Knight Out With The Boys

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hand of god

If you see a half Argentinian, half English pop singer who sounds a touch like Prince wandering about, could you please let us, or his record company know. The gent beneath the sheets is known simply as Che, and since the release of his smouldering single 'I Wish He Didn't Trust Me So Much', he's done a runner. Could it be delayed guilt and shock at the Maradona goal against England? Could it be repulsion at Andrew Lloyd Webber's film version of 'Evita'? Whatever the answer, the singer apparently has an obsession with classic cars, lives in a castle in Wales and never wears socks. Sounds like a right 'nana doesn't he, but his single could force him out of hiding with its mixture of a touch of Prince and a touch of the Matt Goss in the vocal department. The single is produced by the happening Tackhead team of Adrian Sherwood, Doug Wimbush, Keith Le Blanc and Skip McDonald. Che's debut LP, 'Narcotic', is also out there somewhere folks. Strange!

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'Batman' Prince (WEA LP) 'Raw Like Sushi' Neneh Cherry (Circa LP) 'It's Real' James Ingram (WEA 45)

Kevin Murphy

'Counterfeit EP' Martin L Gore (Mute LP) 'Heart Shaped World' Chris Isaak (Warner Bros LP) 'Back To Life' Soul II Soul (10 45)

fisher folk

They're back. The band that left the Wonder Stuff's road crew to seek fame and fortune in their own right, the Stinkin Fish, have just released their debut single 'Mules To Asia' and made the first steps in their masterplan. Already picking up considerable radio play nationwide, as well as becoming a favourite in their native Midlands, 'Mules To Asia' is an irresistible mix of Pet Shop Boys, SAW, Fuzzbox and Tommy Cooper, just the sort of record to take full advantage of the silly season and perhaps sneak into the charts at the band's first attempt. Believe us when we tell you, these people are already stars just waiting for the rest of the world to realise the fact. They'll have their own TV series before Fuzzbox as well!



pop will remix itself

Looks like M's 'Pop Musik (1989 Remix)' is set to become the latest oldie to hit the charts with a new look and sound. Robin Scott, the man behind the hit from 1979 (good Lord - distinctly ageing Ed) has until now stubbornly refused to remix the single or even to let it be used on compilation records. He was even canny enough to delete the single when it originally dropped out of the charts and to buy back all rights to his material when MCA turned their noses up at his third LP.

Hence, the man was all set to re-release the quirky number whenever and however it suited him. Having been impossible to get hold of for the past 10 years, 'Pop Musik' was bound to rouse interest on its re-release and with Robin's remix, another by Ben Liebrand is due in two weeks. It looks like the charts may well be his lobster again this summer. Level 42 fans will remember that those mighty drums are being bashed by none other than a youthful Phil Gould. Robin Scott looks set for a busy year. He has just set up his own Freestyle label and is his own A&R man currently looking for new acts. Contrary to what many people think, the original 'Pop Musik' failed to reach the number one slot in the UK. Fourteen other countries sent it to pole position, but over here that nasty Art Garfunkel and his rabbits kept it at bay with 'Bright Eyes'. Here endeth the history lesson.



OSTINKIN FISH: "I said act cool. not act the fool, dummies"



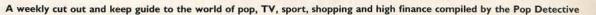
Bleak ashen Gareth was born plain GARRY WEBB. Even as a baby he was emotionless and dispassion ate. He did not cry when the doctor smacked his bottom as he was too busy listen ing to the faint "BLIP BLIP" of a distant electro - cardiograph.....





Grateth first displayed musical ab-ility when, on holiday with his fam-ily, he entered a talent-contest with his own radial re-interpretation of that well known summertime standard "oh I do like to be beside the seaside "! Gareth first displayed musical ab-







WHAT I DO ON MY HOLIDAYS: This week, Simon Parkin says: "I like pretending to be Grace Jones, going to parties in New York and wearing stupid clothes." was so overcome by **Simon Parkins** professionalism and downright solid as a brick performance on 'Top Of The Pops' recently that live decided to form the Simon Parkin Appreciation Society. If you're interested in joining, get in touch. Meetings will be held every Wednesday, where we will all sit in a ring and discuss our disturbing problem.

Young Simon was at the **Bee Gees**' party looking lost, lonely and ignored by the entire celebrity throng. Meanwhile his mate **Andy** 'Only here for the sausage rolls' **Crane** was hob-nobbing with the rich and bald.

Lulu was there too, wearing a Freemans Catalogue outfit and spending most of the time talking about the old days with ex-hubby Maurice Gibb.

Jacquie Sullivan of Bananarama spent the entire

evening swaying from side to side, talking very loudly and cramming as much quiche into her face as was humanly possible. Alan the fluff Freeman appeared for 30 seconds, put his arms around Barry Gibb and actor Simon Falcon's Crest MacCorkindale, grinned a fluffy grin, had his picture taken and left in a haze of dust. Other celebs in attendance: David Kid (The Network Kid) Jensen, Tony True Hadley Susan George and Bruno Blazer Brookes

One of my gran's friends lives next door to **Cliff Richard** in South London. The funny thing is she's lived there for years and didn't know it. She just thought Cliff was an ordinary bloke.

The grubby and shiny worlds of pop meet and shake hands — Vince Clarke is to produce the Happy Mondays next single. If they offer you any Dolly Mixtures, Vince, just say

After **LL Cool J** turned down Playgirls offer of a centrefold, the American magazine has approached **Tone Loc** with the same proposal. No news yet on whether he's accepted.

At a swanky party recently held in Madame Tussaud's in London, a Hoorah Henry who'd had one too many Pimms broke into a room marked 'Staff Only' and walked out of the world famous waxworks with a life size replica of **Kyfie Minogue** under his arm.

Local hometown newspaper the Dundee Courter ran a review of **Danny Wilson's** new single. The Second Summer Of Love'. According, to them, it's entitled 'Sacred Sun Of Love'.

Baby Ford's last single, 'Chikki Chikki Ah Ah', featured the voice of rm journo Tim Jeffery repeatedly saving 'Baby Ford ba-ba Baby Ford' sampled from a telephone message our man left on his answering machine. Mr Ford is so impressed with Tim's voice he'd now like him to call again and say 'Wigan' loudly after the tone.

George Michael is currently hiding away in a Swiss cabin miles away from howhere writing his biography. Meanwhile, Bob Geldof has turned down a Hollywood offer to turn his life story into a movie. Something we wish Richard 'Virgin' Branson had the modesty to do. 'Branson: The Legend' is premiered at the Brighton Film Festival later this year. Sheesh! I bet it's a real scorcher. Is **Prefab Sprout**'s mainman **Paddy** 'Macaroon' **McAloon** hard up for a few bob? Babble spies recently spotted the singer, who has worked with **Stevie Wonder**, **Thomas Dolby** and **Marti Caine**, working at a petrol station in Gateshead.

After the stories that **Elvis** is still alive, the latest wheeze from America's gutterpress is that **Andy Warhol**'s death was a cover up.

The true reasons behind two members leaving **the Lilac Time** for pastures new has just been revealed and it has nothing to do with musical differences. They, left because they couldn't stand another mile of

Stephen Duffy's driving Apparently the lead singer insists on driving the band to every gig in his Morris Minor Traveller which has a top speed of 25mph and doors held together with bits of masking tape.

Wet Wet Wet, on tour in Denmark, were missing their favourite hobby 'curry frenzy' so much while they were away from home (they don't sell curry in Scandinavia) that they phoned up their local Indian take-away and asked for three chicken masalas, a couple of popadoms, pilau rice and onion bhajis to be specially flown over. The joke turned on them when a young man from Bearsden arrived at their hotel with their order and a bill for £637.76. True! Honest it is.

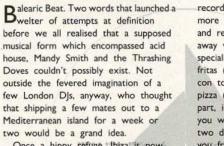
If **Frank Sidebottom** doesn't have a number one single by February 15 1991 he has promised to do a Joanna Lumley-style striptease live on the 'Wogan' TV show. For God's sake, rush out and buy Frank's new single! Oh well, I'm off.

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It's holiday time again, and as the nation rolls out its beach towels, whips out its Bergasol and toddles off to foreign parts (well, those who can afford to. anyway), rm offers you its very own travel guide to the swingingest parts of European nightlife. Your man with the blazer and courier's clipboard: Phil Cheeseman





Once a hippy refuge, Ibiza is now temporary home to Club 18-30 customers who can practise their ritual cry of 'You What, You What, You What, You What, You What' in an atmosphere of sun, sand and cheap booze; young couples with prams and a few fashion victims who've been misled into thinking that Ibiza's where it's at, man. Whatever 'it' is.

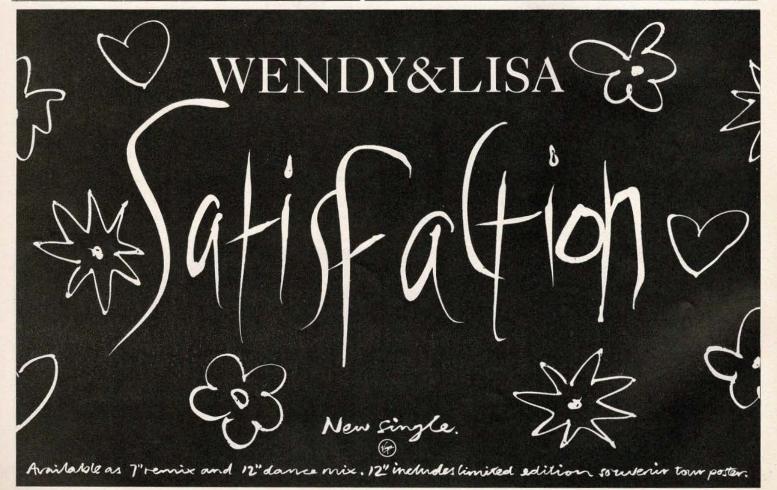
lbiza is a temple to the bizarre. The harbour area is jammed with bars pumping out three month old house records where drinks are four times more expensive than the local bars and restaurants some two minutes away where you can sample local specialities such as salchichon, heuvos y fritas (sausage egg and chips), habas con tostadas (beans on toast) and pizza (pizza). And if you look the part, ingratiating hustlers will accost you with club invites or offer you two drinks for the price of one if you frequent 'my bar'. This is Ibiza town, supposedly the haunt of beautiful people, the jet-set and the ultra-trendy.

On the other side of the island, San Antonio is worse. It's for you if your name's Gazza, Tel or Shaz and the only foreign things you appreciate are sun and crumpet.

Ibiza does, however, deliver the opportunity to rave all night, though spending a week in London would be just as rewarding and a lot cheaper. Clubbing in Ibiza requires the art of a master-blagger or a fat wallet in search of weight reduction. The perennial Big Three are **Ku**, **Amnesia** and **Pacha**, after which you can finish off at the appropriately monikered **Space** between seven and 11 in the morning, by which time you'll be finished anyway.

That's Ibiza. Barcelona and Madrid are much more like it, and with several world famous art galleries between them, you get the chance to become an art bore, too.

A word of warning: Spain is currently in the grip of a virulent outbreak of acid fever (though 'acid' stands for any form of house music). If Smiley makes you frown and house bores you silly, you have two choices: 1) limit cultural activities to sensible things like architecture, museums and flamenco evenings, or 2) go somewhere else.







Smiley T-shirts, patches, badges and stickers in every possible form are on sale from market stalls, clothes shops, fly stalls in metro stations, department stores and airports. Radio plays 'Work It To The Bone' and 'Acid Mix' (a Spanish mix album currently in the top 20) between Madonna, Jason Donovan and Spanish music.

Contrary to popular opinion, Barcelona isn't actually in Spain at all. Spaniards will readily testify to this, while Barcelonans will become deeply offended if you suggest they have anything in common with the inhabitants of Madrid.

Their language, Catalan, has been revived to such an extent that they don't understand each other half the time. The scope for making up your own language - my mix of Spanish, Italian, Catalan and English went down a storm - is enormous.

Barcelona really does deserve its reputation as crazy clubbing city, though its new-found prosperity has brought a proliferation of pijos (yuppies), though being from Barcelona they tend to have a little more style sense than Jonathan from 'Brookside'. At places like **ARS Studio** you can arrive at midnight and chat with the bar staff - they'll be the only other people there. Then you can watch with disbelief as the place fills up at 2am - on a Wednesday.

At **Fibra Optica**, a mixture of rich kids and Smiley casualties join Michael Jackson practising the dance steps from his videos to house music. Diehard househeads can happen along to the acid club at **Ozono**. 'Very intense' we were warned, but **rm** was turned away at 4am. Two hours early apparently.

Madriliños like to party all night too, particulary on fiestas (bank holidays) and weekends, but they're crazier, noisier and less design conscious. In fact, the people of Madrid like anything as long as it makes a lot of noise. When all else fails they drive to the nearest traffic jam (never far away) and join a horn orchestra. These motorised street parties can happen at any time, but five in the morning is a favourite. Of course, they like to club too.

Archy is the archetypal jet set club. Drop a British accent and you're in. Aire plays astonishingly good music but speeds it up until it's impossible to dance to, though the over 30's trying out their Travolta steps didn't seem to be having too much difficulty. Better altogether is **Kitsch**, younger, hipper and set in a converted underground car park. Current fave pijo hangout is the out-of-town Oh Madrid.

t all house and New Madrid isn you'd easily be forgiven Beat, though so. Incredibly enough, for th ng rockabilly club there 's a thrivi (King Creole), a club for all you Rot Smith clones (Yas'ta at nds) and in the Malasaña area, with an atmosphere more iscent of Amsterdam than Madrid, you can play pinball, roll

spliffs and listen to excruciating Seventies rock music from the likes of Peter Frampton. You can even, if you look hard enough, listen to Spanish pop at places like **Malasana**.

The only time you're likely to get some sleep in Madrid is at siesta time in the afternoon. So have a big lunch and enjoy the only peace at any time of day or night Madrid has to offer.

SPAIN'S CURRENT

Amnesia -'Ibiza' Richie Rich - 'Salsa House' Madonna - 'Like A Prayer' Westbam - 'Monkey Say Monkey Do' Ralphi Rosario - 'I Want You' Mickey Oliver - 'Intensity' LNR - 'Work It To The Bone' Jason Donovan - 'Sealed With A Kiss'









Can an ex-Housemartin really be into hip hop? As he releases his single, 'Blame It On The Bass Line', Norman Cook confesses to **Tim Jeffery** that all the time he was with the band his real ambition was to play with his turntables



All DJs are frustrated musicians, so the saying goes. They may look like they're having a good time spinning discs in nightclubs to hoards of eager dancers, but in fact they're probably dreaming of creating their own records and jumping around on 'Top Of The Pops' like Coldcut, S'Express and . . . the Housemartins.

Eh? Surely some mistake? Nope, it's true. Norman Cook, bassist with the now defunct indie pop heroes, claims he is in fact a hippety hoppety DJ who likes nothing better than to immerse himself in James Hamilton's jitters and jiggles, and what's more, he wants to make dance music. Now hold on there. Everyone knows indie pop and dance music have bugger all in common. Smiths fans cross the road when they see a homeboy coming down the street, so how can an ex-Housemartin be into hip hop?

"The Housemartins stuff was never really my kind of music," confesses Norm. "I always said I hated the

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Smiths and all that indie stuff." How come you joined the Housemartins then?

"Well it was an accident really. I'd known Paul Heaton since college we'd been in a band together. He approached me saying, 'Look, we've got this band the Housemartins a record deal, and a few gigs lined up, do you fancy helping out?'. I didn't really want to do it at first because I was quite happy DJ-ing, but it seemed a laugh, so I did and it just took off." But if it wasn't your kind of music

how did you stand it? "It was simply great fun, and I wasn't going to pass up such a great opportunity. It was very frustrating sometimes though, especially when I saw the kind of records that I wanted to make being successful. It was horrible, seeing Bomb The Bass and 'Pump Up The Volume' going to

number one, because I'd been making that kind of stuff at home as well. "There was one point where it got

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a little difficult with the band, because a DJ mix record I'd made came out as a bootleg, and the rest of the lads said, 'Look, either you're with the band or you're going to do the DJ stuff'. I chose the band."

Seen in this light, it wasn't so much that the Housemartins split as exploded! In all directions too, with the Beautiful South continuing in the pop tradition, Norman returning to his dance roots and Stan venturing into a weird indie direction with his album.

"When the band split I wasn't sure what to do at first," continues Norman. "Go! Discs were saying, 'You can knock up one of those 'Pump Up The Volume' things in an afternoon, can't you?', but I'd always shied away from making stereotype music. It's daft really, a white bloke from Brighton making rap records. I was always trying to think of a way of doing things that was still me and not just copying clichés off black American music."

Go! Discs gave Norman some time off, and he teamed up with Danny D to remix Eric B's 'I Know You Got Soul', which subsequently shot into the top 20. Before he knew it, record companies were asking him to do the same to other dance tunes.

"It got to the point where I was actually building whole new tracks, you know the first two minutes was all my work and people were dancing to it, so I thought maybe I can make this kind of music as well. I told Go! Discs I wanted to make a kind of dub album. They gave me a funny look, but said 'OK'."

Let Them Eat Bingo' is the result, and it's far more than a dub album. A curious concoction of funky riffs, Latin and African beats and hip hop sensibilities. There are one or two covers of songs like 'Dance To The Drummers Beat' by Herman Kelly, but they're so obscure you'd never notice, while an odd assortment of guest artists including Billy Bragg, the Real Sounds Of Africa and cockney rapper Wildski pop up every now and then. Apart from the distinctly current hip house-ish 'Blame It On The Bassline', the album sounds as if it could have been made 15 years ago.

"Yeah that's the drum sounds," explains Norman. "I didn't want that sharp drum machine sound, and however much we tried it just didn't work with a real drummer, so I sampled all the bits from old Seventies records — taking a hi-hat here, a snare there, and so on.

"I guess it is a hopelessly out offashion album, but hopefully by the time it comes out it'll be in fashion," quips Norman. "I'm already thinking of the next album and who I can work with. If a few interesting people in the pop world notice 'Bingo' then I might be able to get even more diverse next time. I'd love to be in the position of Coldcut where they've got so much credibility that they can work with anyone they want to people like Mark E Smith — that would be great."

Who would you really like to work with?

"Er . . . Elvis Costello, Roddy Frame — I'd like to do a deep house track with them!"

But they're guitar pop heroes not exactly normal for a dance fan?

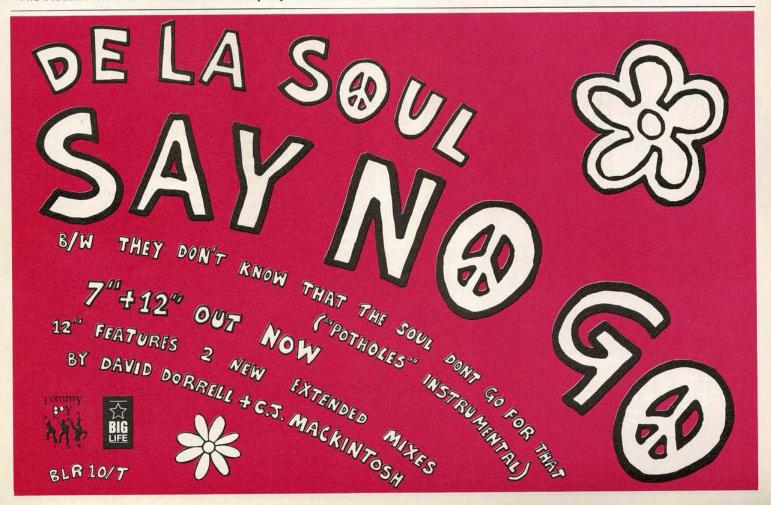
"Yeah, but they write great songs, and that's why dance music gets a bad name, because the songs are so crap. I'd like to put melody and songwriting into dance music."

Is there any rivalry with other members of the band?

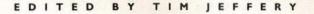
"Oh yeah, but it's all friendly. I'm sure there'll be a bit of piss taking on all sides. But I'd like to see the Beautiful South at number one and me at number two."

The other way round surely? "No no, Paul deserves a number one more than I do."

"The Housemartins stuff was never really my kind of music"



OK REPORT



It's not often that we here at rm dance get to talk about one of our secret fave raves — the Monkees — but now we can, because they make a brief appearance on Twin Hype's brilliant new cut 'Do It To The Crowd'.

It starts with the guys rejecting a real smokin' Monkees groove in favour of their own amalgam of 'Stone Fox Chase' and 'Black Riot' breaks and beats. But this is more than just another dodgy hip house cash-in tune with a rickety rap over any old house back beat. It's much more of a real fusion between house and hip hop, with a killer bassline, a wicked rap and some cutting and scratching that'll send every b-boy into ecstasy and plenty of mentions of James Brown, Paid In Full etc.

This is one of the first releases on the new Profile label (UK branch of the New York dance specialists). Watch out for a Twin Hype album soon! (CM) HYPE-ARE-ACT

After last year's massive club rap hit 'Know How' which heralded the beginning of hip house, the **Young MC** is back with another scorcher, though not quite in the classic category of his former release, it's still guaranteed to make 'em groove. This time it's more of a discofied backing to his strong rapping and not, as you might imagine from the title, a reggae influenced track. It's called 'Bust A Move'. Like many hip hop records nowadays it is also backed with an equally strong mid-tempo, rare groovy track called 'Got More Rhymes', where the man once again goes on about nothing in particular, in his own inimitable style. Luckily you also get instrumental versions of both tracks to really get into these grooves. He could easily have come back with a cop-out hip house track, but he is of more innovative than that. Young MC is still pushing back the boundaries of the rap sound. (**CM**)



It's true that Britain's been strengthening its claim on dance music during the fading of the Chicago boom, but it's New York's indie labels that have grasped the initiative in pumping out the highest quality dance music.

Such a label is Broadway's MicMac Records, a label with an impeccable track record in freestyle/house fusion, spanning records from last year like 'Change' On Me' by Cynthia and Tony G's 'Tony's Song'. Latest offering from the label is 'Try Yazz' by the improbably named **Two Without** Hats, a highly effective if hardly subtle mugging of the riff in Yazoo's 'Don't Go'. There's no need to worry about the singing though — the only human noise mostly consists of something that sounds like 'this is mad' yelled in Spanish. Though it's been around for a couple of months, it looks likely to get a UK release — given the time these things take, it'll probably coincide with the single European market in 1992.

Meanwhile, despite the development being made in the freestyle/house crossover without the media megahype that prematurely detonated acid, it hasn't broken out of the Hispanic market in Miami and New York. Not yet.(PC)

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TWIN HYPE DO IT TO THE CROWD



Shalor sounds like one of Superman's cousins, but is in fact the name of the group responsible for 1'm So In Love' on the US label Jump Street last year. While some DJs here picked up on the track, it was never more than a cult record, though that may change now that de/Construction have licensed 1'm So In Love' for the UK. The song was put together by Ben Cenac, a NY DJ who had previously been in the American jazz funk group Nucleus. Better known then as Cosmo D, Ben decided to get into production work.

The Shalor project came about when Ben found the two girls Sharmelle and Lorrie, who were keen to form a group. The song is a rich, melancholic affair in the New York club tradition with strong harmonies. Watch out for the follow up 'Our Love Is Over', which is due in the summer. (**PA**)



SHALOR

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For all its undoubted merits, **De La Soul**'s '3 Feet High And Rising' did have one slight drawback. So packed with good ideas was this seminal album that many of its better tracks were either too short or recorded at too low a volume for most working DJs to play. Thus it comes as something of a relief to have the LP's finer moments plundered for single release, latest up being the excellent 'Say No Go'. Remixed by ex-M|A|R|S duo Dave Dorrell and C J Mackintosh, with its nagging guitar sample and anti-drugs rap, 'Say No Go' shows a more hardcore side often overshadowed by talk of yoghurt, daisies and general hippiedom. Still head and shoulders above anything else on the rap scene, the problem now for De La Soul is to achieve the impossible and follow this lot up. (**TF**)



DO THE AFRO-DIZZI-ACT!

◆ This is it, gang! The big 'Balearic' hit of this summer, and it isn't even house music. What is it, then? Well, just the most trashy, but brilliant mix of football chants — 'Afro-Afro-Dizzi-Act'— the heaviest hip hop beats this side of Adrian Sherwood, and some of the choicest samples since Coldcut cut it up. It's the sort of record that you buy and play at home then think,''God, why did I go so mad to this last weekend? It's so tacky.'' Then you go back to your club, and in the first few seconds, as the strains of the first sample — 'Afro . . . Afro . . .' boom across the floor and that heavy crazy beat crashes on your head, you know exactly why you bought it and why you love it. It's simply the heaviest and ' most brilliant and most silly dance record around. Barry Blue, who was a tacky Seventies star with such classics as '(Dancing) On A Saturday Night' and 'Do You Wanna Dance' has disguised himself as Cry Cisco and created a monster that just can't be tamed. Growl, scream, do whatever you like to it, this is what partying is all about! (CM)



If people could forgive **Sheens Easton** her rather mundane beginnings **A** and stop gloating about her sex life long enough to listen, they might realise that, given the opportunity, this girl really can sing. Sure, it's by no means easy to forget atrocities like '9.5', but they shouldn't overshadow the quality of classics such as the recent 'Days Like This' or her latest release '101'. Produced by Prince and lifted from the Lover In Me' album, the latter is clear evidence that Sheena is in a completely different league from the likes of Paula Abdul and capable of vocals that go a long way to justifying her inclusion in the US Black singles chart. Forget the inevitable house remix and listen instead to the screaming guitars and deep throat vocals of Prince's own extended uptown mix for eight minutes 30 seconds of music that transcends all categories other than brilliant. **(TF)**

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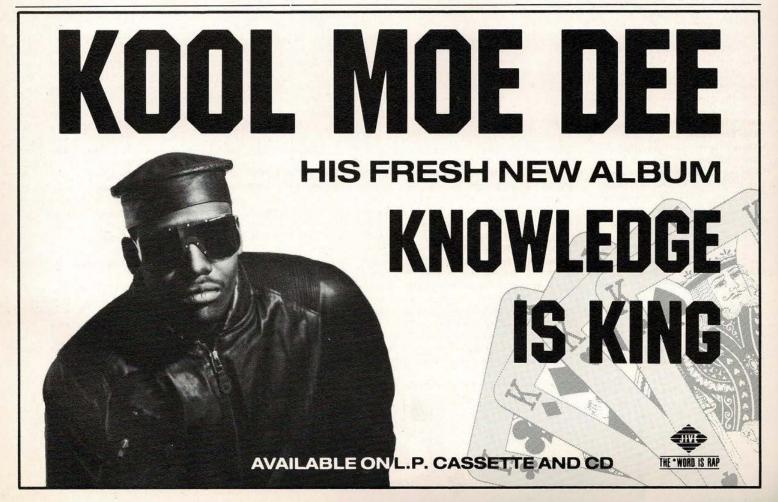




PAYBACK IS A BITCH

Latino house mistress Liz Torres is back with a whole LP's worth of one track, if you see what we mean, called 'Payback Is A Bitch (What Goes Around Comes Around)'. There are two 'song' versions of the track plus a total of four alternate mixes and dub versions. All this is fine if you're a DJ, and I guess it makes paying import prices for a 12 inch a little less painful when you know you're getting nearly half an hour's worth of music, but all the same song? It also features a suitably dodgy cover with a scantily clad Liz looking mean and moody and ready for a night of flamenco dancing.

No doubt the Spanish version is the one that will be played in the hipper clubs, mainly because it's got lots of Spanish words that sound really continental and summery. The best version though is probably the club mix featuring a reasonable song and a lot more of Liz's fine vocals. It's nothing really special but it is a good quality, good value modern house record. (CM)



". . . maybe the Lord is an alien"

TANGLES

This is BIG BUSINESS. Four supersonic Californian beat-girls have touched down on the tenth floor of a super-posh Kensington hotel. Some afternoon tea and serious pop analysis are called for . . . But both are in short supply.

The dreamiest LA pop pin-ups are too sleepy to pose properly for photos on the balcony, a Texas oil tycoon is stuck in the lift, while 200ft below, fashionable London boils in the sun. Two huge Daimler limos hold up the rush-hour traffic.

It's a very Sixties 'scene', the Houses of Parliament look closer than two miles away, a make-up girl and 'wardrobe mistress' bump into each other, and any moment you expect James Bond to bash down the door.

No such luck. The middle-aged manager of America's most successful all-girl band sweeps in with a frosty glance. Despite the cooing ballad 'Eternal Flame' (the UK's best-selling single this year), and soft focus designer videos, it's clear that in Bangle-land, life is neither running smoothly, or quite what it seems.

LOST WEEKEND IN AMSTERDAM

"There was this woman we saw in an Amsterdam sex club who was completely naked and smoking a cigar, not through her mouth, but another part of her body which I'll leave to your imagination," giggles doe-eyed pint-sized singer Susannah Hoffs.

Having jetted over the Atlantic to promote their hazy new power-rock single 'Be With You', the Bangles were carrying on in Holland in a way not normally suggested by their media image.

"She was performing to the song 'Smoke Gets In Your Eyes', as couples directly in front and behind us were making love," explains guitarist Vicki Peterson. "Even the boy who was handling the tickets on the door came in to do his little thing. Eventually it fall got too much, and we had to leave."

"Yuk, I managed to give that a miss," laughs her six-foot sister Debbi (drums), who's just announced her engagement.

"It's kinda like watching a porno movie," adds Susannah, sipping soda water. "You suddenly realise you're supposed to be a consenting adult, and interested to see such things. But it gets real boring after a while."

"I was bummed out , , , , it's not a spectator sport," concludes bassist Michael Steele.

WORN IN THE USA

When trying to chat to the Bangles, the word 'super' often comes up. Born and bred in Los Angeles, a city, according to Susannah, "full of super-fast food bars", to wealthy parents (her dad is a psychiatrist and Vicki and Debbi's an engineer), you might think their road to glossy pop superstardom has been easy. Wrong.

Multi-millionaire Miles Copeland (Sting's manager) signed them in 1982. But before that the fact that their parents' friends included Leonard 'Dr Spock' Nimoy, did little to help early releases on their own Downkiddie label.

Now nudging their thirties, they present a colourful sight. Susannah is dressed conventionally in faded Levi's and white blouse, but Vicki, in billowing hippy skirts and tight T-shirt, looks as if she's tripped in from a dippy psychedelic-revival festival.

Debbi and Michael are a wardrobe mistress's dream. Plastered in layers of rich eastern silks, Technicolour tie-dye garments, heavy chains, pancake make-up, and gold chains, their look is best described as AC-IEED Goth.

The Bangles' business stock may have shot up after the 1987 Prince link-up that produced 'Manic Monday', yet it's not so well known that since then, they've had their share of musical problems.

Susannah: "Last year we released 'In Your Room', which I thought was a great song, but it didn't sell very well in the UK."

'Eternal Flame' nearly had the same fate . . .

Vicki (nickname Vic): "You try your best to do your job, and you hope you can rely on those around you. But the BBC just wouldn't play it at first, because they thought it was too simple and didn't have a hook."

Michael (whose real name is a closely-kept secret): "We initially had the same difficulty with 'Walk Like An Egyptian'. It showed us that no matter how much press you do, or if you pose in the nude, or date famous people, you still won't have a big hit unless you get radio."

Susannah: "It's always the same. We release records that are a bit different and they don't get played, then suddenly they become best-sellers because the public pick up on them."

Debbi: "Radio is a huge business that doesn't know what Harvey Smith (not the showjumper, the LA equivalent of 'Joe Bloggs'), really wants."

Michael: "Radio is a MONSTER."

TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE

The criticism was made before the release of their fourth LP, 'Everything', (from which 'Eternal Flame' and 'Be With You' are taken, and only now selling by the usual truckload), that the Bangles have got by with a little help from their friends. Yet with their own songs, they're currently riding a new wave of international success, and are set to undertake a role few could have predicted.

rm can exclusively reveal that they are to become musical diplomats. A 'music summit' has been called in Moscow this summer, and they're to represent the USA.

ALIFC

Susannah: "We're going to be the first western all-female group to play there, and we'll also be striking another blow for glasnost and perestroika."

Michael: "She means we should be helping to draw attention to previously suppressed religious groups, because we're a bunch of Jews and Catholics."

WHERE'S CAPTAIN KIRK!

Vicki: "I refuse to be cynical. Apart from politics, I also pay attention to the spiritual or religious side. It would be too disappointing if there wasn't something else. There's many strange things that can't be explained by science."

Susannah: "I want to believe in religion."

Michael: "But maybe we're just being controlled from outerspace by aliens."

Debbi: "Our dad once saw a UFO in the desert in the Fifties. He's very conservative and didn't tell anyone for years, he was so scared. It couldn't have been anything else because 'Star Trek' hadn't yet put ideas into people's heads, and at that time there were no military aircraft that could suddenly fly sideways at fantastic speed, stop dead instantly, then suddenly move off in another direction at the same supersonic speed."

Vicki: "There must also have been something to do with extra-terrestrials or God at his house. There was a light that kept coming on, even though it wasn't touched, and electricians tested it."

Michael: "Oh no, maybe the Lord is an alien."

God willing, the 'Supersonic, Supersexy Bangs', as they once thought of calling themselves, will be hitting the UK in September for some concerts.

Be prepared to lock up your filing cabinets.



RNIA GIRLS

After being written off by many people, the Bangles bounced right back with the mega



selling 'Eternal Flame' and are big business once more. Back in the UK to promote their current single, 'Be With You', Henry Williams met up with Susannah, Vicki, Michael and Debbi and discovered there's something stronger lurking behind that sweet pop image

"There was this woman we saw in an Amsterdam sex club who was completely naked and smoking a cigar, not through her mouth, but another part of her body which I'll leave to your imagination" Girls on film: Victoria Blacki

WALTZ, MALCOLM?

"I'm lambasted for being this pirate, Svengali, ogre-like figure, but I really don't see what else there has been in the Eighties." So speaks Malcolm McLaren; pirate, Svengali and ogre-like figure, whose grasp of what the easily bored and constantly boring pop scene needs to bring it back from the brink is well documented. Having invented giam rock with the New York Oblis, punk rock with the Sex Pistols, prize chican dunder-age sex with Adam Ant and Annabella Lwin, hip hop with his own 'Duck Rock' LP and opera with the 'Fans' LP, Malcolm has unearthed a startling new type of music — the waltz.

"There has been nothing new in the Eighties, only appropriation, only emulation. I'm not a musician, I can't search for new things by pushing my talent to the limit. So, I look elsewhere to find something free/ from a clash of classics, and I set myself this task of marrying the three/four time of the 19th Century waltz to the four/lour rock beat."

'Waltz Darling' is the first meeting of these two contradictory musics, and though it doesn't necessarily succeed in combining the beats, it does have the liair of a modern dance record and the manners of a very prim and proper Strauss waltz.

MALCOLM MCMANNERS

Malcolm becomes very animated at the use of the word 'manners'. "The waltz is the dance of perfect manners, which is why, after making the record, I became enthralled by the people I saw vogueing." Vogueing, if you didn't latready know, is a dance craze originating from New York that consists of repeatedly striking poses and strutting like a catwalk model. Perhaps Malcolm should elaborate. "Vogueing is a hard thing to imagine; it sounds so complex. But when you see it, it really isn't, and it's very easy to rehearse, because all it is is emulating the best, most balanced, most coolest gestures and being very aware that you're doing them to a beat. Watching all your shoulder line. You do reach the point where you feel like some huge glamour queen; that's the idea, you do feel important doing it, it's a funny old thing, i suppose that's he idea, you do teel important doing it, it's a funny old thing. I suppose that's the bee's knees of it. Once you do that you're there.

"The vogueing bible isn't the Christian, Muslim or Jewish bible, but the bible of Emily Post, the American writer who wrote the seminal book on etiquette, 'A Guide To Modern Manners'. It tells you how to open the door to a vis-itor, the correct behaviour for a debutante, crossing the floor in the correct manner, never hang on to a man unless dancing. All these slogans of manners have become the 10 commandments to these kids from the Bronx, Oueens and downtown New York, and it's so completely at odds with the hard hip hop image.

"Income lobe called voguering bacause the poses they were emulating were taken straightiout of Vogue magazine, and to a certain extent they are stuck in that vocabulary. But it really can be anything; it's an attitude that certain people exuel. It's like walking down the catwalk at a fashion show and the photographer saying. "Pose, pose, pose, pose, pose, pose, pose, pose, and the camera freeze-framing the movements; snap, snap, snap, snap, snap, "When you see a whole floor doing that it looks extraordinary." You're not

often doing it in isolation. More often than not you're vogueing off someone

Malcolm McLaren, the man who brought you buffalo dancing and operatic pop, has returned with a wacky new craze called vogueing, where enthusiasts strike poses just like Vogue models. Tim Nicholson

sucks in his cheekbones. Stylish

shots: Joe 'Cecil Beaton' Shutter

else through a challenge. A challenge is often created by a stare, what they would call "throwing shade". "Throwing shade" may be a look of disdain, like a medieval knight throwing a gauntlet on the floor and you picking up the challence."

And, if all that is still clear as mud, then Malcolm is taking his vogue-show on the road (well, on to the catwalks of Europe, to be exact) to illustrate the art more fully. Asking for an impromptu performance receives the response, "Good God, I wouldn't vogue on my own. I'd feel a right titt"

WHAT DO YOU DO?

Malcolm does seem to have spent most of his career avoiding looking like a right it. His projects seem to take years to come together, and when they do see the light of day, it's never very clear what he actually had to do with the finished product. It has to be asked; Malcolm, what do you do for a living?

"That's not such a stupid question." He pauses for a few minutes, presumably to try and recall what exactly he does do. "I suppose it is true that a lot of people may be puzzled as to what exactly have to do with my records, it anything. Sure, I'm he voice on a few of them, but I'm not a musician, and I'm not a producer. The record company are lucky if they can get me to stay in a studio for more than half an hour at a time, because I need to be out in the fresh air and I'm just so damned lazy. I get bord very easily, and I'm not very focused. I've been going to a psychiatrist to try and rid myself of this inability to focus on anything. I'm so damned irresponsible for someone who's 40 plus, it's ludicrous and a little dangerous.

"It seems to be working, and the up-coming album is a case in point. I really was in the studio for long periods of time making this album, and at times I enjoyed the process and the satisfaction of completing the project. It was a new experience for me." COSI FAN TUTTI



Malcolm's previous LP, the opera-inspired 'Fans', was the result of a great many headaches and was eventually less than well received.

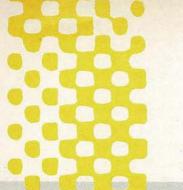
"If was the wrong record at the wrong time. That was an example of me not being able to focus. I blundered my way through that, not knowing what I was really trying to do. Having said that, I have never been involved in a record that has been an obsession for so many people. And most of them seemed to be the most conservative of people. A Wall Street broker stopped me in the streat and said "You're Malcolm McLaren aren' you. I must tell you that 'Fans' was incredible, I play it at all my parties.' And lots of glamorous women are fans of the record; Annie Lennox is a ginormous fan of the record. Cher is a huge fan, Kim Basinger loves the record to death, I could go on for ever.'' In fact he does, reding of this list of people he met during his stay in hollywood. While he was there he started and aborted around 10 attempts to make a movie out of 'Fans', but he hadn't reckoned with the interminable waiting involved in the making of a film.

"One day 'Fans' may become a movie, but I've learned not to believe things until they re actually happening. Stephen Spielberg was the only person i met there who was genuinely receptive to new ideas, and so I find myself working for him as an ideas man. But he's a rare animal in the film industry."

Is Malcolm McLaren the Stephen Spielberg of the music industry? Certainly, they are both 41-going-on-21 with sparking eyes and a childish sense of mischief. And who can doubt that when the last waitz has been danced, Mr McLaren will be oil digging someone else's scene.

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singles

1	()	CAB IT UP the Fall (Beggars Banquet)
2	(1)	PSYCHONAUT Fields Of The Nephilim (Situation Two)
3	(2)	STREETS OF YOUR TOWN Go-Betweens (Beggars Banquet)
4	(3)	JUST LIKE HEAVEN Dinosaur Jr (Blast First)
5	(6)	SALLY CINNAMON Stone Roses (Black)
6	(23)	PLASTIC BAG EP Eat (Fiction)
7	(10)	BLUE MONDAY 1988 New Order (Factory)
8	(5)	THE EVENING SHOW SESSIONS the Stranglers (Strange Fruit)
9	(9)	ROUND AND ROUND New Order (Factory)
10	(7)	LAZYITIS Happy Mondays (Factory)
11	(11)	MONKEY GONE TO HEAVEN Pixies (4AD)
12	. (8)	EARDRUM BUZZ Wire (Mute)
13	(16)	A LITTLE RESPECT Erasure (Mute)
14	(26)	THE CIRCUS Erasure (Mute)
15	(4)	A PLACE IN THE SUN Men They Couldn't Hang (Silvertone)
16	()	PURE Lightning Seeds (Ghetto)
17	(12)	EVERYTHING COUNTS (LIVE) Depeche Mode (Mute)
18	(13)	CRACKERS INTERNATIONAL Erasure (Mute)
19	(14)	JOE Inspiral Carpets (Cow)
20	()	HURT ON HOLD the Fuzztones (Situation Two)
21	(17)	MADE OF STONE Stone Roses (Silvertone)
22	()	SHIP OF FOOLS Erasure (Mute)
23	(18)	OH L'AMOUR Erasure (Mute)
24	()	ZERO SIX Christian Death (Jungle)
25	(15)	ELEPHANT STONE Stone Roses (Silvertone)
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27	(27)	CHAINS OF LOVE (REMIX) Erasure (Mute)
20	11	TRAIN CURRING Institut County (Cou)

- 28 (--) TRAIN SURFING Inspiral Carpets (Cow)
- 29 (19) SOMETIMES Erasure (Mute)
- 30 (--) FINE TIME New Order (Factory)

albums

1	()	COUNTERFEIT EP Martin Gore (Decoy)
2	(1)	STONE ROSES Stone Roses (Silvertone)
3	(2)	DOOLITTLE Pixies (4AD)
4	(3)	THE INNOCENTS Erasure (Mute)
5	(7)	CIRCUS Erasure (Mute)
7	(1)	TRANZOPHOBIA Megacity Four (Decoy)
8	(9)	TECHNIQUE New Order (Factory)
9	(5)	101 Depeche Mode (Mute)
10	()	THE NEPHILIM Fields Of The Nephilim (Situation Two)
11	(12)	SURFER ROSA Pixies (4AD)
12	(14)	TEXAS CAMPFIRE TAPES Michelle Shocked (Cooking Vinyl)
13	(16)	SUBSTANCE New Order (Factory)
14	(11)	THE MAN - BEST OF ELVIS COSTELLO Elvis Costello (Demo
15	(8)	SITTING PRETTY Pastels (Cooking Vinyl)
16	(19)	LOVE IS HELL Kitchens Of Distinction (One Little Indian)
17	(13)	IBTABA Wire (Mute)
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19	(18)	WONDERLAND Erasure (Mute)
20	(15)	SILVERTOWN Men They Couldn't Hang (Silvertone)

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Any band whose singer goes under the name of Rudi Protrudi must be Californian. The Fuzztones produce a riot of economic guitars and organ which they like to describe as "psycho punk revivalist". The band's single 'Hurt On Hold' fits the description perfectly, produced, not surprisingly, by Sixties hit maker Shel Talmy, who made his name working with the likes of the



Who and the Kinks. It's the latter that seems to inspire this particular single with its chopping guitar chords that share the honours with Rudi's OTT vocal and some crazed organ playing courtesy of Jason Savall. If an LA version of the Godfathers sounds like your cup of tea, the band will be arriving on these shores in August to promote both the single and the current LP 'In Heat'.

YO LA TENGO

Truth be told, we don't actually know a hell of a lot about **Yo La Tengo**, only that they're American in origin and immensely groovy on record. 'President' is the name of the recently released Yo La LP, and is full of post-punk, post-pop hypno-ray rock guitar and hip-swayingly tasty rhythms, not to mention two live tracks - one of which, entitled 'The Evil That Men Do', weighs in at around 10 and a half minutes - about seven of which are full of great wails of feedback and hysterical guitar. For balance though, they have their quieter, less frenzied moments too and a real head-swiveller of an arrangement entitled 'Barnaby, Hardly Working' which spirals a repeating pattern and wraps itself around your brain. We reckon their hearts must be in the right place to make such heady stuff. Massage your cranium with 'President' today! (DC)





with contributions this week from Darren Crook and Geoff Zeppelin

EASTERN BLOCKHEADS

Independents pages favourites Automatic Dlamini have just undertaken the longest ever tour by an English band in East Germany. It's been some time since Scott Tracey and his gallant gang released any new material over here due to the Red Rhino collapse, but abroad the band have signed deals and picked up favourable reviews and fans in Spain and Germany, as well as salvaging the excellent, lost single 'Johnny Pineapple' for inclusion in the film 'Slow Burn' which recently premiered at the Cannes Film Festival. Bandleader Scott recently produced the Brilliant Corners LP 'Joy Ride' under the ridiculous pseudonym of John Parish, and when the band return to the UK for some West Country dates at the beginning of July, they assure us they'll be heading straight for the studio to record the follow up to the excellent 'D Is For Drum' LP. We await the results eagerly.



BREATHLESS WHISPER

'Chasing Promises' is the latest album release (the third, in fact) from **Breathless**, who have been described as 'luscious' and 'ravishing' before now. Their music crosses Joy Division with Dead Can Dance, with the vocals of Dominic Appleton (who has also guested on This Mortal Coil's 'Filigree And Shadow' LP) reminding us of a lisping lan Anderson (he of Jethro Tull and trout-farming fame)! And yes, this rather strange combination actually makes for some wonderful music. 'Heartburst' is our current fave rave from the album, and has some very nice guitar overloading all over it. Scrummy! Moody atmospheric swirt is the name of the game, and they wanna play the game with you! (Just try to forget about Jethro Tull!) (DC)

Scotland's answer to the much missed Hüsker Dü, the very wonderful Cateran, return with a new album, 'Ache', on What Goes On Records. It's a major step on from last year's 'Bite Deeper', not least in sleeve design, with tracks like the elliptical 'Cage', the frantic 'Kitty Kitten' and the rowdy psychedelia of Storm 7' standing out. For fetishists, there's a cover of Hendrix's 'Love Or Confusion', more fun than faithful, but not up to their live thrashing (with harmonies) of the Byrds' 'My Love Don't Care About Time'. On stage, they're currently in great form, singer Cameron a chunky blur of energy, chucking his guitar around, balancing it on his head, dropping it on the floor, while his cohorts keep up the pressure behind him. This is really what used to be called 'punk rock' but the Cateran (ancient Scots word meaning 'sheep stealer' or something) have learnt enough to add strong melodies to their aggression. Well worth catching if they come down your way. (GZ)





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You may not have heard of this band from Newry, maybe not even their excellent smouldering single 'Mary', but I guarantee you will.

They're called the 4 Of Us, and halfway through an Irish tour, Brendan and Declan Murphy, two of three brothers in the band, are explaining their methodical approach towards conquering the rock world, seated in a cosy bar in the town of Tullamore.

Without a whiff of arrogance, this is a distinctly bullshit free zone - an Irish band who don't wish they could headline a Woodstock revival. A band with a sense of humour and a desire to hone their songwriting skills into an irresistible mixture of rock music for the dancefloor and tender, honest acoustic fare.

'Mary' betrays only one half of the 4 Of Us. Its acoustic feel harks back to when the song was written by a 16-year-old Brendan during a decidedly non electric phase.

"We liked the simplicity of the acoustic stuff and then suddenly Aztec Camera came along and we thought 'argh, we've missed it'. We wanted to be good at everything, the Rolling Stones and Simon & Garfunkel at the same time."

Determined not to haul themselves around the crumbling Irish live circuit, the band set about writing a set of songs that they felt confident would land them a major record deal. It took time, but their plan worked. They breathed a sigh of relief.

"You have to have a tougher attitude over here," says Declan. "I think you have to know what isn't going to work, what messes other bands up, and that seemed to be gigging and getting the Irish press behind you for everyone else to turn round and say 'so what'."

> This attitude is just one thing that makes the 4 Of Us different from every other Irish band you can mention. But what else is different, Declan?

> "Well we've never been into wearing sandals for a start!"

"I think maybe we belong more to the north which has more of a pop tradition," adds his brother.

Last night's mixture of serious young men and screaming young girls at the band's Dublin gig seems to testify that the band are doing something right. Live, they're exciting, and as their soon come debut LP 'Songs For The Tempted' shows, they really care about their songs.

This is a band that aims to be around in 10 years time. They may look good and wear some sharp suits, but they're a million miles away from the crass nonsense pop of much of today's chart fodder.

"The worst ones are the really bad lyrics that people put on the back of sleeves," laughs Brendan.

"And even worse is when journalists fall for it and try to theorise about something that was written in five minutes flat, and you get 'what is this song, you know when you go 'The Pluto moon descends upon the darkened sky'. 'Is this one about the astrological complications in your previous marriage with your first wife?'.

"And then you get the guy going 'well no, this was written during my Sting-olian phase, you know?". I think the basic premise is that a song is made up of two parts - a good lyric and a good tune, and if you balls up one, the song suffers. Get them both right and you've got a good song on your hands . . ."



bless the charts with some thoughtful pop this summer. Amen, says Andy Strickland. Heavenly pic: Joe Shutter

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REVIEWED BY ROBIN SMITH

OF THE WEEK

STEADY B 'Nasty Girls'

A sleazy tale of motel room lust, with Steady trying to get to grips with the sort of girl who's going to leave him with an empty wallet and scorch marks on his boxer shorts. It all comes packaged with an irresistible sense of humour and a rhythm so hot that even the hairs on your toes will want to dance.



CBS

Collar turned up against the rain, Andrew Roachford walks down a bleak tube station and remembers



a girl called Kathleen whose wealthy parents didn't like him. A lip-trembling tale of unrequited love, but the song never lacks for strong, steamy punchlines. Is it factor fantasy? Perhaps we'll never know.

INDIGO GIRLS 'Closer To Fine'

EPIC

Shame about their name, it makes them sound like a couple of rock chicks, but you couldn't be more wrong. 'Closer To Fine' is a mellow acoustic-based song full of fruity guitars, lush lyrics and a chorus that makes you want to go and roll around in a field of clover (well, it makes me want to roll around in a field of clover, anyway). It's not very likely to give

PHONOGRAM Well, Corinne old girl, you can

a darned fine song.

SWING OUT SISTER 'Where in The World'

whisk me away to the sun-kissed shores of Hawaii, the mountains of Peru or Barry Island Butlin's with this any time. Another instantaneous cocktail from the Swingies with that steaming, definitive Euro sound.

Kylie a run for her money, but it's

PET SHOP BOYS 'It's Alright'

PARLOPHONE

Still using broad and bold brush strokes, the Petties have come up with another Technicoloured panorama, and it really should wind up as the theme for something or other. Semi-operatic overdubs complete the effect, and it's the sort of single you should wallow in on your headphones

OWHAM!

NORMAN COOK 'Blame It On The Bassline'

GO! DISCS

Poor old Norm. He had to spend all those years wearing a baggy pullover with the Housemartins, and all the time he wanted to work on some sweet soul music. Actually 'Blame It On The Bassline' is a mighty hip hop attack, jumping around like the fleas on Kevin Murphy's lurid beach shorts. Good on ya Norm.

ELLA FITZGERALD 'Summertime'

POLYDOR

A classic tune recently dusted down because it's being used as the theme to advertise Pimms one of those trendy drinks that tastes like cough medicine to me. Still, it's a magnificent song, and the flip side features 'Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye', which always gets me snivelling into my glass of Coke.

LA MIX 'Get Loose'

A&M

One of those records that can only be truly appreciated driving in an open-topped Corvette Stingray down to Venice Beach. But sitting with your Walkman on the bus you can always dream. Lots of summer fun rolling like a surf



wave. Say woah! Oh alright then, don't.

THE BLOW MONKEYS 'Choice?'

RCA

As neat as the crease in Dr Robert's kipper tie, the Blow Monkeys settle down into some fine dabs of white soul topped off by some guest vocals from reggae vocalist Sylvia Tella. The Blowies chug along from time to time, but they always come back vibrant and reliable.

OTHUD!

THE POGUES 'Misty Morning, Albert Bridge'

POGUE MAHONE

Disastrously unseasonal. I can't see people flocking to buy this misty Celtic tale while the sun's blazing away. Truth to be told, the Pogues are getting a bit dull anyway and Shane is sounding more incomprehensible with every record they make. I think this one is going to be a loser.

FRAZIER CHORUS 'Sloppy Heart'

VIRGIN The rather smug

The rather smug Frazier Chorus are definitely the sort of people I'd try to avoid if I saw them in a bus queue, and those deadpan vocals are becoming more tedious with each single they make. Sloppy heart? Heart failure more like.

PAUL HAIG 'Something Good'

The trouble with Paul Haig is that he's always sounded like a one man Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark. I'm told he's an awfully nice chap and very kind to animals, but his constant reliance on living on the back of his cult status is becoming as big a pain as his dull, rumbling vocal style."Take something bad and turn it into something good." Meaningful, huh ?

THE FALL 'Cab It Up'

BEGGARS BANQUET

You know what I'd rather do than listen to any record by the Fall? Well, I'd much rather skin a giant Alaskan toad alive and eat its brains raw, that's what. Yup, it's your usual Mark E Smith manic vocals and all those other screechy bits. Brix, dear, why on earth did you marry him?

THE BLACK SORROWS 'Hold On To Me'

Strange band, the Black Sorrows. Their last single sounded like Van Morrison, while this one is a curious mix of REM and the Bangles. The sorrows play immaculately, but they lack spirit.

WENDY & LISA 'Satisfaction'

VIRGIN .

'Includes free poster,' says the blurb on the cover. How about a souvenir $\pounds 10$ note for an over tired and emotional singles reviewer instead? Well, well, well, off go Wendy & Lisa on what sounds like rather a tired re-run of their last single, 'Lolly Lolly'. Satisfaction guaranteed? Nah, this is well past its sell-by date.

ANDERSON, BRUFORD, WAKEMAN, HOWE 'Brother Of Mine'

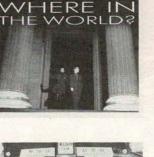
ARISTA

Hell, it must get boring sitting by the swimming pool counting your Rolls Royce collection. This lot are four fifths of former hippy mega group Yes. I enjoyed 'em in the old days, but this is a rather lame bit of cosmic pop about life and the universe part 194. Hey, have you ever thought about teaming up with Paul Haig?

THE CULT 'Edie (Ciao Baby)'

BEGGARS BANQUET

This song is dedicated to Andy Warhol's former starlet Edie Sedgwick who led a brief but colourful life. I don't know about you, but I've never been able to like the Cult. All those cheap Led Zep imitations have always left me with rather a sick taste in my mouth, and this rather messy thundering single is no exception.



VISION ON



BOB HOSKINS with his greatest co-star of all

TINDIANA JONES AND THE

LAST CRUSADE' (CERT PG)

Starring: Harrison Ford, Sean Connery

Two things about 'The Last Crusade' are a big surprise; the inspired casting of Sean Connery as Indy's dad works better than can have possibly been imagined, and the film is, against all odds, the most fun Indy film yet.

As per usual, the Jones boy is up against the Nazis. His father has disappeared while searching for the Holy Grail, kidnapped by an evil American collector who is in cahouts with the Nazis. Indy comes to the rescue and a series of spectacular ups and downs ensues. With Harrison Ford's growing experience has come a deeper, more clearly drawn Indy and his scenes with his father are beautifully played.

The prologue to the film proper features River Phoenix as the young Indiana Jones, and it tells the story of how he came by his fedora, his bullwhip, his irrational fear of snakes and the scar on his chin. This starts the rollercoaster off at a furious pace, which is maintained throughout. Stephen Spielberg gives us not one chance to draw breath.

It is a tribute to Spielberg's skill and untainted enthusiasm for movies that he can still motivate himself to make the third Indiana Jones episode better than the first and second.

Sean Connery adds a huge chunk of reality and credibility, his thinly disguised Scots accent delightfully rich amid the harsh American and fake German accents which predominate.

The last crusade this may be, but rather than basking in the glory of his previous escapades, this has to be Indy's greatest adventure. **Joe Gilmore**

FILIPP MARRIED TO THE MOB (Cert

Starring: Michelle Pfeiffer, Matthew Modine, Dean Stockwell

In this fresh and inventive gangster comedy, the sumptuous Michelle Pfeiffer proves yet again she has the talent to rival her looks. Here she's almost unrecognisable as the witty, touching and temperamental Mafia wife Angela.

It's certainly a very different portrait of a mobster's moll than she displayed as the cool blonde in 'Scarface'. Tartily dressed Angela stumbles unhappily around her nouveau riche house, decorated in a vast diversity of styles depending on what recently fell off a truck. She can't stand her bizarre collection of friends - a colourful bunch of gangster bimbos — and she's had it with her hitman-hubby, a complete swine who lies, cheats and steals. Worst of all, he's a bad influence on their seven-year-old son who no longer wants toy guns 'cause he knows where Daddy keeps the real thing! Poor Angela's life's a dreadful mess. But there's no escape for a girl who's married to the mob.

Then her rotter of a husband's bumped off and Angela grabs her son and starts a new life in the New York slum. All is going well until the seriously slimy Mafia boss, Tiger (Dean Stockwell), who has the hots for her, locates her. Enter sweet FBI agent Mike (the miscast Matthew Modine) who's so eager to nail Tiger that he starts dating Angela in order to get inside info! Of course, hapless Angela immediately falls for him.

If zany and off-beat wackiness is your kinda thing, then this wonderously enjoyable little caper is *definitely* for you. **Roald Rynning**

interview BOB HOSKINS

If Bob Hoskins wasn't an actor, he would probably be a writer. Under the name of Robert Williams — his first names are Robert William — he has written many stories, some of which have been dramatised. With 'The Raggedy Rawny' he has written and directed his first feature.

"The only trouble with writing is that it doesn't involve other people. It's too private," says Hoskins, who wrote his first play when he was drunk one night. It was a one-act play and the next morning a friend came around, looked at it and said, 'Who wrote this?' Well, I was too embarrassed to say I had written it and said it was Robert Williams. And it was published under that name."

'The Raggedy Rawny' is based on a story about gypsies told to Hoskins by his grandmother. At first, he had no ambition to direct it. Then the producer suggested he did, and Hoskins wrote the parts specially for his acting friends.

I wanted to surround myself with very close friends. I've observed directors I've worked with and the important thing is to put together the right people, then step back and give them encouragement to flourish. That way they do all the work and at the same time they make me look damn good!" grins Hoskins happily.

Surprisingly, he didn't turn to acting until he was 26. Before that he was a fire-eater in a circus, a trainee accountant, a lorry driver and a window cleaner. Then how did he end up as an actor?

I stumbled into the theatre when I went with a friend to an audition. Waiting for him, someone gave me a script and said, 'It's your turn next!' I became an instant actor."

Hoskins candidly admits that acting has its disadvantages. It's not healthy to live a part for too long. 'Roger Rabbit' cracked me up completely. After talking to Roger and other non-existent characters for 16 hours a day for six months, I began seeing them around me all the time. My kids were great, they only said 'Daddy's having trouble with his invisible friends again'. But my doctor told me to go to bed for five months and sleep. Thank God I didn't play Al Capone for five months. Then I wouldn't have many friends left!"

Thanks to 'Who Framed Roger Rabbit' Hoskins is now a Hollywood hero. 'Yeah, I'm a short, fat, middle-aged English bloke with a bald head. Every young girl's dream," laughs Hoskins, who after his directing-debut still only sees himself as an actor. Recently I've been offered more directing jobs than acting jobs, but I'd only direct if I'm personally involved in the story. So I'd never say I'm a director," says Britain's favourite Cockney, who's already planning to direct and star in 'another film I feel passionate about'. **Roeld Rynning**



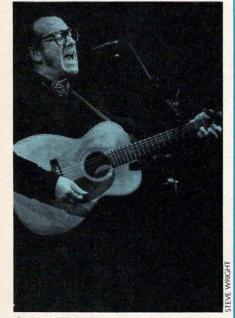
MARRIED TO THE MOB: "D'ya think anyone'll guess we're really gangsters?"



GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL

As a hardened festival-goer, I arrived equipped with wellies, sowester, flask of steaming hot Bovril, sleeping bag and 24 tog quilt, Kendal mint-cake, two towels and a good book. How was I to know that this was going to be three days of baking hot sunshine, rendering my festival arrival kit useless except as a platform for helping me see over the ocean of boiled heads?

Friday kicked off with Pixies and Throwing Muses doing whatever it is that inspires slavish devotion. I'm not sure what their hold is over people, but both groups are adept at finding flowers in the dirt. All About Eve looked perfectly at home in this situation, warbling their gipsy mysticism to that portion of the crowd who were stopping over 'til Tuesday night to worship the summer solstice in their velvet dresses and whale-bone cords. The Wonder Stuff looked less at ease with their surroundings, pumping their way through an average set, eager to



• ELVIS COSTELLO: "Aaargh, there's a load of hippies out there!"

> reach the point where they could say "We're the Wonder Stuff, thank you, goodnight!". Suzanne Vega was ... Suzanne Vega, which is nice. Her perfectly rounded, concise songs hung in the air, listened to attentively by a largely impressed audience.

> Saturday was the day when Van Morrison shuffled on stage an the world stopped to listen. He was good, and those in the know said he was godlike. Fairground Attraction practically disappeared into the haze,

their easily digested, Angel Delight music failing to cut through the merry banter. The Proclaimers fared better, though a few more jokes wouldn't go amiss. Hothouse Flowers wiltered on endlessy about nothing particular. Elvis Costello appeared, unaccompanied, his voice bitter and cutting. Not a joyous way to end your day, but faultless and engrossing.

Sunday was a wash-out (not literally), bar a remarkable set by the Waterboys, whose appropriation of Celtic folk is becoming more appropriate. I chose not to stay for the solstice, afraid of being labelled a hippy by Sandy Gaul. **Joe Gilmore**

LES NEGRESSES VERTES **Town And Country Club**, London

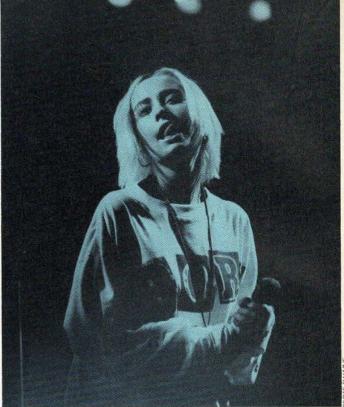
"I am veree 'ap-pee," announced singer Helno midway through the set. So were we, mate. More than happy. With the indiscreet charm of the boulangerie, this bedazzling baker's dozen (including Helno's twin brother) surpassed all expectations and gave one of the most entertaining and exciting shows London has seen for years.

'Les Yeux De Ton Pere', a brass-necked, uptempo flamenco scorcher, set the carnival atmosphere that was sustained throughout. A fine song that contains the recipe for an omelette made from the eyes of your father! The single, 'Zobi La Mouche', with its terrace-style chorus, followed. Like a debonair bluebottle on speed, Helno buzzed flylike all over the stage, egged on by the chants of the rowdy crowd.

There was so much going on you didn't know where to look, 12 crazy people, one brilliant venture. With the exception of the Pogues, there hasn't been a live band like this since early Dexy's or perhaps les Specials. Imagine, if you can, Joe Strummer singing Jacques Brel, and there you have Helno. Mix up the Gipsy Kings with some Algerian Rai, the spirit of Piaf and the antics of the Pistols, and that's the flavour of their delicious pot-pourri.

Guitarist Stephane took the vocal on the sensitive 'L'Homme Des Marais', while on the polk'd reggae of 'La Faim Des Haricots', the comic turn around of the boys with the brass was fun to behold. And therein lies the essence -FUN. They love what they're doing and their enthusiasm is positively infectious.

The crowd refused to let them go until they'd done three encores.



WENDY JAMES: "Mmm, I'm just sooo yummy"

TRANSVISION VAMP Brixton Academy, London

Outside, the touts are selling tickets for "Wendy" — not Transvision Vamp, not even Wendy James. Inside, "Wendy" is acting just as you might if you were being "sold" like the star of a Soho peep show. No doubt keeping the bloke yelling "Get your kit off!" in mind, Wendy's particular act tonight is the just-got-out-ofbed-but-unduly-pretty routine.

Wearing a long T-shirt/nightie and not a great deal else. Wendy is frantically jumping around like a teenager on heat. Wendy wants you to know that she's terribly excited (lots of inane "This is the best concert I've ever been to" style comments) and that she reckons herself a bit of a rebel (aren't all the "I don't care" lines getting a tad predictable?) However, what she really wants the front row to know is that her legs are mighty fine things and that she is wearing knickers (really). It would help if the moves weren't quite so blatant, but Wendy James being a shameless flirt doesn't bother, particularly as the rest of the Vamo's personalities don't exactly sparkle.

It seems rather out of place to complement them on being fine musicians, especially as it's their job to steer clear of Wendy's limelight. Except, that is, for the twerp of a keyboard player who seems to have a strange mix of influences. Like the guy in Brother Beyond, he waves his arms around rather than playing his instrument, but he also tries and fails to generate some excitement by sending his synthesiser crashing to the floor. The man is quite obviously desperate when he makes an embarrassingly inept show of his basic inability to remove the thing from its stand.

All this occurs within one of the sharpest and most entertaining rock shows currently on the road. The band haven't got that many good songs apart from the singles you've already heard, but when the greatest hits album comes around in a few years time it should be a seriously good thing. Roger Melody

Even then they had to come back for a final curtain call. C'est fantastique! Je ne regrette rien! **Muff Fitzgerald**

THE JEREMY DAYS The Waiting Room, Cologne, West Germany

A band called the Jeremy Days can be found at number 11 in the German charts performing the kind of 'perfect pop' that has you grasping for the names of Lloyd Cole, Danny Wilson and even the Cure as worthy comparisons.

Lyricist Dirk Darmstaedter (try saying that after a few bottles of Pils), writes in English, as a German from

New lersey is guite entitled to do. Coincidentally, this means their music could quite easily find a home in our charts and this is why I'm here - to check out the score before Europe opens for business, so to speak.

The venue, previously a waiting room for Cologne's railway station, is packed to the rafters with enthusiastic: followers. Even the Jeremy Days are suprised by the roar of a thousand voices that greets their appearance. Memorable songs include the radio friendly 'Brand New Toy', 'Julie Thru The Blinds', and 'Rome Wasn't Built In A Day' (which pinches its opening chords from a Johnny Marr play-in-aday book).

The band's performance is immaculate. Every harmony is heaven sent and each note is struck with precision. Unfortunately, the night has its tackier moments and the occasional pompous guitar solo does nothing to stir a cynical soul, although it sends the crowd wild.

The highlight of the evening is an acappella version of the Turtle's 'Happy Together'. When simple and diret, the Jeremy Days rank highly among the current crop of pretenders. Last time they visited our shores they played support slots at pubs in Fulham and Camden. Next time it could all be so different. Lestyn George

THE TRIFFIDS/GOODBYE MR McKENZIE/DEL AMITRI Town And Country Club, London

A couple of years ago Del Amitri were crafting classy pop songs in an honourable void created by the disappearance of Orange Juice and Josef K. Tonight they returned to pour scorn on their janglier days with a performance of rock nostalgia suggesting a growing desire to follow the likes of Deacon Blue and Love And Money into the charts and the promised land of stadia rock.

With the possible exception of 'Hatful Of Rain', Del Amitri's short set was without inspiration, and one can only hope they've saved their best for future days.

Flexibility seems to be the key qualification to join GMM, and to prove it, on stage we had an ex-Exploited guitarist, two raunchy girl keyboard players/vocalists, a stacked bonehead on bass, a library assistant on drums and, in Martin Metcalfe, a Roger Moore/Shane MacGowan lookalike lead singer.

In order to show us how diversely their solid guitar/keyboard melodies can be translated to a live show, band members continually swapped places and instruments. Their finest moment came when the onslaught of gritty guitar and sensual beats was put on ice to give the morosely tuneful 'Dust' room to breathe.

And so to the main band. Over 1,000 expectant Triffids fans waited, all ready to witness the confirmation of a new rock renaissance. So, were they good? Were they bad? God, what can I say? The whole thing was a bit confusing really. At times the Triffids' tunefully aggressive and occasionally creepy music prompted considerable excitement. 'Too Hot To Move, Too Hot To Think', pre-empted by lead singer David McComb's comment, "phew, what a scorcher", was superbly ironic, the commitment of the band being matched only by the streams of sweat gushing from the furrowed brows of the front rowers.

But are the Triffids the stars of tomorrow? Not yet - not on this showing. True, they have some great songs - 'Goodbye Little Boy' sung by the sultry Jill Birt, sees the Triffids in playful mood, reminiscent of Altered Images before they got big time. But over all, there was something missing. It's all a bit clumsy, too complicated for its own good. Songs which stood out supremely on their last LP, 'Black Swan', tend to pale when played in a live set lost and forgotten as soon as the next number begins.

The Triffids have already produced some of the most intriguing records to be released in Britain over the last couple of years. Their live shows will undoubtedly follow suit sooner or later, and when they do it's gonna be... triffic. **Tim Southwell**



• ROBIN GIBB: The right profile **REE GEES**

Wembley Arena, London

There is an ironic note to the Gibb brothers singing their recent (not quite a) hit, 'Ordinary People'. Part of their attraction is that, far from being ordinary, the Bee Gees are stars, in the old-fashioned sense. They are other-worldly, with skin a colour you can't get below a certain tax bracket, clothes you don't see outside of 'Miami Vice' and hair that can only have been teased by the legendary Dust Fleming (troubleshooting hairdresserr to the stars).

Also, like true stars, the Gibbs know why we are here. We're here to see them sing their hits. And what a lot they've got! Right through from 'New York Mining Disaster 1941' to 'You Win Again' it's a brilliant song after brilliant song. The biggest cheer comes during their disco days revisited, 'Staying Alive' shocking in its enormity. 'How Deep Is Your Love' threw us back down into our seats, tears streaming from our eyes, but 'Jive Talking' lifted us back again.

There were no cynical sneers to be seen, as the Bee Gees joyous music is immune to such pettiness. They are heroes for not taking the easy option to become cabaret stars. They see themselves as a pop group, and for that they should be worshipped.

When Barry takes over the singing, the world is amazed, and faintly amused, at what an extreme parody of himself he seems. This is one impression Bobby Davro would find hard to exaggerate.

They close on the celebratory note of 'You Should Be Dancing' and leave us hating them for not doing 'Tragedy'. But then that might just have been too much for all of us. **Tim Nicholson**

A CERTAIN RATIO Free Trade Hall, Manchester

ACR's first task was to get over the disappointment of playing to a half-empty, no-atmosphere concert hall usually inhabited by the Halle Orchestra. This was the first bona-fide gig for over two years where they were actually floggin' a product; ironically, the fanfare heralding the new start was the old instrumental favourite 'Sounds Like Something Dirty'. But when they do deliver the new 'goodies', they're melodic, shiny and instant. Who is this band?

Singer Jerry takes a swing at a comment made in a single review, asking if the new ACR really do sound like Deacon Blue. Well no, but yes. The introduction of co-vocalist Flo McSweeny has much to do with it of course, but she is no mere sugar coating, since she has the kind of voice that could shatter Ella Fitzgerald's pint pot at one hundred yards.

After ye olde customary technical problems, the gig starts in earnest with 'River's Edge', one of the finer new songs, straightforward and whistleable — in fact, the antithesis of ACR as we've known them. In such company, some of the old songs are sore thumbs, being the wilfully awkward beasts that they are. That said, our Flo adds a desirable new dimension to old faves 'Shack Up' and 'Wild Party', smoothing down the rougher edges, and adding direct power.

The new songs, with the exception of the superb 'Big E', tend to flirt with blandness and exhilaration alike, with one eye squinting at the charts. But despair not; they're still the funky funsters they always were. You'll definitely be dancing to 'Good Together', with its acid beat, before the summer's over. And who else could encore with a 10 minute Brazilian percussive instrumental?

This is a band still in transition; fine musicians who don't want to be Deacon Blue, but certainly don't want to be just good ol' ACR either. **Craig Ferguson**

LOVE AND MONEY Shaw Theatre, London

Love And Money, like their name, are a mass of contradictions. They're a pop band with no pop hits, they play a theatre then want people to jump out of their seats. They don't fit together, they don't look like a proper pop group. They just write songs that are 10 times better than any one of the pop people could even dream of.

lames Grant, singer, songwriter and guitarist, looking like a cross between lames Dean and a gate post, chats between the songs. We hear tales of TV evangelism and artichokes, sex and salvation or sex as salvation, and people with catholic tastes. I always wondered what that meant, now I know it's the kind of people looking for a strange kind of people looking for a strange kind of love. A real mixture, from bearded beatnik teacher types to be-shorted skinned balearic types. They have only one thing in common the knowledge that Love and Money have a string of undiscovered classics in their closet -'River Of People', 'Hallelulah Man' Strange Kind Of Love', 'Jocelyn Square' and a countrified newie called 'Lips Like Her', to name but five.

Maybe their image isn't quite what you'd expect, maybe the things they sing about are too wry, too close to reality for immediate success, too far removed from Kylie-anasthetic pop. Maybe they're still a little too fond of rockin' out US style.

They ended with a shameful rendition of the appalling 'Jumping Jack Flash'. Totally unnecessary unless it was proved that their best songs are as good as the Rolling Stones, which they are. They should stick to pop and new country, and live up to their promise — a wonderful secret waiting to be discovered. Chris Mellor



EDITED BY TIM NICHOLSON

THE FALL 'Seminal Live'

BEGGARS BANQUET

There are some who would gladly pull their own heads off before saying a bad word against the Fall; and then there are those who find no method in Mark E Smith's madness. I find myself warming to his cynicism (12 years too late, of course) and it's true to say there are some fine moments on this album.

The line "white walled tyres were a lifetime from his thoughts" in the introduction to 'Elf Prefix LA' made me chuckle, as did Smith's ridiculous country drawl on 'Pinball Machine'. If it ever came to a musical duel between the Pogues and the Fall, Smith would have Shane MacGowan lying face down in a pool of Jameson's by the end of round one. 'Dead Beat Descendant' is a cracker too, the rhythm section crashing about while the crudest of guitars scratches out the melody.

Much of the rest is standard Fall fare, interesting if only to judge the band's influence on today's young pretenders. The Mark Smith approach to life (if in doubt, sneer) seems to be an increasingly saleable commodity and invariably makes interesting listening. Having said that, 'Mollusc In Tyrol' is a totally unbearable drone which should never have found its way from the vaults.

Mind you, things could have been a lot worse considering this album is merely plundering the Fall's back catalogue, conveniently fulfilling the band's contractual obligations with Beggars Banquet as they move on to greater things in the Big League. There's enough snarling and growling to grace any Fall record, but 'Seminal Live' is not to be taken too seriously. Just try telling that to any self-respecting vinyl junkie though.

VARIOUS ARTISTS 'Sleeping Bag - The Mixdown - Part One' SLEEPING BAG

Since it began, Sleeping Bag Records has been one of the most exciting US labels. Now's your chance to catch up on some history and sample the best of their current output.

This double LP contains a mix of rap, Latin, hip hop and garage

sounds that are the main Sleeping Bag output. All the big names are in there - Todd Terry, T La Rock, Mantronik, EPMD. You also get the new Latin dance classic 'Let Me Love You For Tonight' by Kariya and the first ever Bag release, the highly influential 'Go Bang' by Dinosaur L, in its fifth incarnation. In fact, four whole sides of real smokin' stuff.

It's amazing that a label with such a diversity of acts can retain a distinctive sound, but there is something that holds all this lot together. It's a mix of styles and influences, of creeds and colours, it's the sound of young New York. As an introduction to the

Sleeping Bag sound, or simply as a convenient compilation of hard city sounds, this one can't be beat. Try it. **SUBBL Phil Cheeseman**

LIVING IN A BOX 'Gatecrashing'

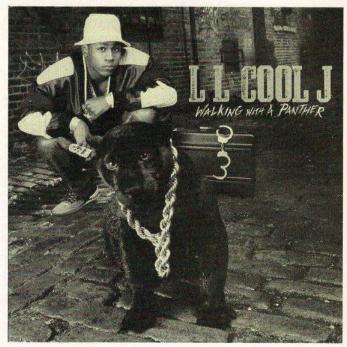
Formulas aboy! Side one of the new Living In A Box LP features a pair of fast tracks, two medium pace ones and a slowie, in that order. Side two is a spot the difference competition with one Speedy Gonzales, three

middlers and then a ballad. Isn't this

just a bit contrived? Apart from being a worryingly crude way of programming the tracks, it also makes 'Gatecrashing' even more predictable than it might otherwise be. You know exactly what is going to happen next — things will just get slower. (There are no other variants in a Living In A Box song). What's more, the medium and slow speed stuff is nothing more than clichéd padding, which only leaves the three quite good songs that tear through at an alarming pace, including the 'Blow The House Down' and 'Gatecrashing' singles. You'll know yourself what you think of them as a singles band but whatever that opinion is, they are not an albums band. You could buy the 12 inchers of those singles for less than the price of the album - that is, until it reaches the bargain bin. **II Roger Pebody**

THE JACKSONS '2300 Jackson Street'

Having spent 25 years in the music business, the Jacksons have marked the occasion by naming their new



LL COOL J 'Walking With A Panther'

DEF JAM

More than the first or second album, it is the third LP in hip hop that separates the men from the boys. The music changes so fast that the initial style a rapper made his mark with may be totally out-of-sync with today's trends.

LL Cool J is a survivor. Def Jam's Russell Simmons told him, bragging wasn't what people wanted to hear anymore, so he has come up with an interesting package of goods. Unable to hide behind his hardcore B-boy persona, he inadvertantly reveals glimpses of his previously closed-off self. LL displays a sense of humour in 'Big Ole Butt'. He likes to cause sexual mischief in 'I'm The Kind Of Guy'. He also worries about being loved, and while he isn't loyal to his (probably many) girlfriends, he wants to make damn sure they know they have 'One Shot At Love' with him and him alone.

But rap is also about embracing new styles and keeping up with emerging black youth culture. LL can rap fast like Big Daddy Kane and calls himself an Asiatic man, a reference to the rise of religious consciousness among the Islamically-inclined. He has made his raps more musical, a trend that will be the rage by the autumn. With a singer, 'Two Different Worlds' is essentially about not being accepted because of race and class. LL never did seem political, but there are things going on in the States — KKK men elected to public office, middle class black kids turning into vicious rapists — that need comment. Crack is the grim reaper in 'Fast Peg', a morality tale for ladies about to go under when their own people desperately need them not to.

But LL is at his best when he slips on his trusted Kangol. 'It Gets No Rougher' harkens back to the days when B-boys walked tall and talked shit. We can never go back again, but my goodness it's fun remembering.

album after their old home address in Gary, Indiana.

With Michael sitting comfortably at the pinnacle of pop music, his brothers have remained in his shadow, failing to create strong musical directions in their respective solo careers. Marlon has opted to give his more attention, thus leaving Jermaine, Jackie, Tito and Randy to record as the family group.

After the rushed and disastrous 'Victory' album a few years back, you seriously wonder whether the spirited and soulful style of 'Triumph' could ever be recaptured. As it turns out, '2300 Jackson Street', is not much more than a plain dance pop album, with just two exceptions — both of which have the sharp musical guidance of Gene Griffin and Teddy Riley. There's the mellow title track, on which Michael, Janet and the rest of the family feature, and the strident 'She', with Randy as lead vocalist. Their LA & Babyface hit 'Nothin' (That Compares 2 U)' will also give the album a higher profile.

The family ties may be strong, but their own musical output tells a different story.**IIII Justin Onyeka** •For the fourth year in a row, a song first recorded by, and a hit for, **the Supremes** is poised to chart for another act. The song is

COMPILEDBY

Holland/Dozier/Holland's

'Reflections', updated 1989 stylee by **Dorothy**, for whom it will be their first hit.

Last year, **Bananarama**'s cover of 'Nathan Jones' reached number 15. In 1987 **Shakin' Stevens** improbably revived 'Come See About Me' and was rewarded with a number 24 hit, and in 1986 **Kim Wilde**'s reconditioning of 'You Keep Me Hangin' On' climbed to number two, having reached number 18 in a cover by **Vanilla Fudge** as long ago as 1967.

Three other Supremes songs have also been hits — 'Where Did Our Love Go' climbed to number eight for Donnie Elbert in 1972, and to number 40 for Manhattan Transfer in 1978, Former anarchist Honey Bane took 'Baby Love' to number 58 in 1987, and Phil Collins topped the chart with You Can't Hurry Love' a year later which means, as the mathematicians among you will already have worked out, that seven songs given their first chart outing by the Supremes have subsequently returned as covers.

Only two acts' hits have provided more successful remakes - those of **Eivis Presley** and **the Beatles**. Eight songs first recorded by Presley have made it in new versions, along with 12 by the Beatles — the latter total excluding 'Yesterday' and 'With A Little Help From My Friends', as in both cases the Beatles' version was belatedly released years after the songs

had been hits for others.

In all, the Supremes had 24 British hits, and, as far as I can establish, all but three of them have attracted at least one cover version.

The most recorded song in the Supremes' catalogue is not 'Baby Love' (that's second) but 'Stop! In The Name of Love'. Among the scores of artists who have recorded it are **Barbara Dickson**, Leif Garrett, Gene **Pitney**, Margie Joseph, Grace Kennedy, Gloria Gaynor, the Isley Brothers, Billy Preston and the Hollies, for whom it was a US top 30 hit (their last) in 1983.

Despite its popularity, 'Stop! In The Name Of Love' has never been a UK hit in a remake. Neither have such seemingly attractive songs as 'Love Child', 'Someday We'll Be Together' or 'Up The Ladder To The Roof'.

The pedigree of the Supremes' catalogue, largely written by Holland/Dozier/Holland, is not in question, but equal measures of incompetence and insensitivity have thrown up some horrific versions of their songs, among them **James Last's** 'You Can't Hurry Love', **the Clouds**' Bad Weather', **Peggy March**'s 'Where Did Our Love Go' and, most of all, roly-poly astrologer **Russell Grant And The Starlettes**' remake of — what else? — 'No Matter What Sign You Are',

which came frighteningly close to charting when released by BBC Records in 1983. Incidentally, **Shakin' Stevens**.

whose Supremes cover is mentioned above, equalled **Showaddywaddy**'s record of having hits with 10 songs first charted by others when 'Jezebel' reached the top 75 earlier this year. Interestingly, Shaky has also had a hit with a song recorded by Elvis ('Blue Christmas') but has yet to tackle the Beatles' catalogue. Let it be, Shaky.

Returning to 'Reflections', the original was something of a landmark. It is the Supremes single **Diana Ross** likes least of all, a fact which may not be unconnected with its failure to reach number one in America, bringing to an end the group's run of four consecutive number ones. But Diana's low opinion of the song is a little surprising, considering it was the first record styled 'Diana Ross And The Supremes', giving the ambitious Ms Ross centre stage, and paving the way for her departure from the group a little over two years later.

Since signing for Jive Records three years ago, **Samantha Fox** has released 12 singles, and, to the surprise of her knockers (sorry!), they've all charted. But Sam had better look to her laurels — her latest single 'I Wanna Have Some Fun' peaked at a lowly number 63 a fortnight ago, making it her least successful to date.

OScritti Politti's David Gamson wrote Jaki Graham's latest hit 'From Now On' with Porter Carroll. David also moonlighted to write Luther Vandross' recent hit 'Come Back' with the big man himself.

•I failed to notice it at the time, but Michael Jackson's 'Bad' slipped out of the US album chart recently, making its farewell appearance at number 187 on May 20.

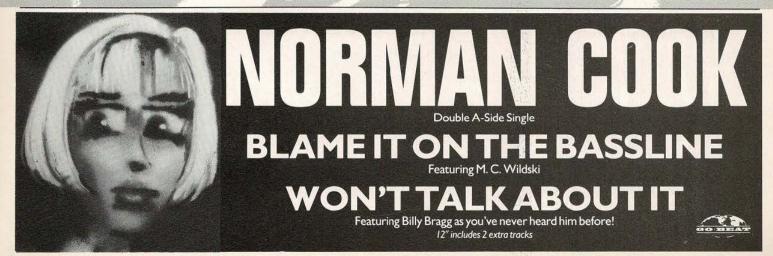
'Bad' is still going strong here, where it is the longest running album on the chart, with 95 consecutive appearances to its name, It's a racing certainty to complete 100 weeks, as did 'Off The Wall' and 'Thriller' before it. Only one act has had more albums spend 100+ weeks in the chart — **Dire Straits**, five times out of seven.

•Data on record sales collected by PolyGram International show that 1,820 million albums and 390 million singles were sold around the world in 1988, compared to 1,695 million albums and 420 million singles in 1987.

As suspected, the figures show a sharply declining singles market and an equally fast increase in the albums sector. As recently as 1983, singles sales were 200 million higher at 590 million, while albums were over 400 million lower at 1,411 million.

According to my calculations, Britain is becoming more important as a world market, as growth here outstrips the world pace. Where British sales accounted for 12 in every 100 singles and six in every 100 albums sold in 1983, the corresponding figures for 1988 were 15 and nine.

PolyGram's estimates show 405 million compact discs were sold last year (22 per cent of the market), up from 265 million (16 per cent) the previous year. LPs dipped from 520 million (31 per cent) to 420 million (23 per cent), while cassettes climbed to 995 million (51 per cent) from 910 million (50 per cent).





ACROSS

I Donna doesn't want to feel any pain (1,4,5,3,4)

8 Lloyd Cole LP that has a sting in its tail (12)

9 Every bit of Sabrina was included on this hit (3.2.2)

10 Reg who was striking back during '88 (5,4)

12 Def Leppard LP that can cause an emotional outburst from listeners (8)

14 What Rod had to say about romance in 1979 (4.4.1.5)

16 XTC added wires and released an LP

17 Group that crashed into the singles

chart in 1988 (10)

18 What Belinda drew a circle in (4) 20 A perfect place for the Christians (5,5)21 She brought her 'Girlfriend' into the

charts last year (7) 23 Having Loadsamoney helped him 'Doin' Up The House' (5,7) 25 ABC label (7)

28 What the Fine Young Cannibals have

had going (4,5) 30 What Terence Trent D'Arby asked his

sister to do (5)

31 KC reached number one in 1983 with this advice to all smokers (4,2,2)

33 Singer who told us the problems of

being 'An Englishman In New York' (5)

37 Four Tops classic '---- Out I'll Be There' (5)

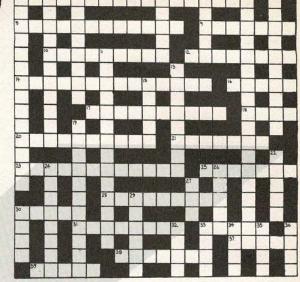
38 Covered by Then Jerico (3,4)

39 Madonna's heavenly messenger (5)

9 DOWN

- I Cyndi's telling us she's spent a long time in her car (1,5,3,5)
- Song for inmates of Cell Block H (2,3,6) 2 3 Group that released the 'Spirit Of Eden'
- in 1988 (4,4) 4 REM's environmental LP (5)
- 5 Description of Robert Palmer's nova (5)
- U2 hit that says a bit more than Phil 6 Collins did (3,6,4,2,3)
- 'Hi Ho Silver' singer (3,7)
- 11 & 22 down Rick Astley's first and best (5,5,4,3,2)
- 13 1986 Depeche Mode hit performed with no clothes on (8)
- 15 A hit constructed by the Housemartins
- (5) 19 Queen wanted us to abide by the rules
- in 1980 (4,3,4) 22 See 11 down
- 24 Home for Deacon Blue (8)
- 26 The number of days in the Beatles'
- week (5) 27 A 'Respectable' girl (3)
- 29 Ms Newton John (6)
 - 30 They want to know if it's time to get funky (1,3)
- 32 Paisley or MacArthur (4)
- 33 69 needed to be added to Jimmy
- Pursey's old outfit (4)
- 34 Maiden metal (4)
- 35 Queen's radio station (2,2)

36 Sonny's former partner found somebody else in 1988 (4)



ANSWERS TO JUNE 24

ACROSS: I Songs For Whoever, 5 Crawl, 7 Ring Of Ice, 8 Stevie, 9 Fry, I I Echo And The Bunnymen, 14 He Aint No, 15 Fleetwood, 19 Girlfriend In A Coma, 23 Young, 24 Chiquitita, 26 Natalie Cole, 28 City, 30 The Best Of Me, 32 Alone Again Or, 34 Never, 37 Rich, 38 Blondie, 39 Mac, 40 Asia, 41 PYT.

DOWN: 1 Street Fighting Years, 2 Neneh Cherry, 3 Raindancing, 4 Revenge, 5 Cream, 6 Word, 10 Geno, 12 A-ha, 13 Competition, 16 Leaving, 17 Tom, 18 Circle, 20 Four Letter, 21 Bohemians, 22 Aztec Camera, 25 Uncle, 27 The Works, 29 Door, 31 Monkey, 33 Gold, 35 Rick, 36 Chic.

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- 2 M J Potter, Blackwood, Gwent
- 3 Roger Kirman, Tyne & Wear
- Brian McHugh, Worthing 4
- 5 Alison Winter, Cheltenham
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- John Williams, Oxford 7
- Deborah Clarke, Derby 8
- 9 Elaine Hatfield, Chester
- 10 Simon Davison, Hants

GO BETWEENS

- I Gary Kiewan, Cheshire
- 2 J Pennington, Birmingham
- 3 C B Winter, Glos
- 4 B F Jenkinson, Rhyl
- 5 Catherine Thompson, Cleveland
- 6 M Allen, Essex
- 7 L Philpott, Somerset
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- 10 M Leckie, Scotland

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QUEEN

- I J Hinks, North Yorkshire
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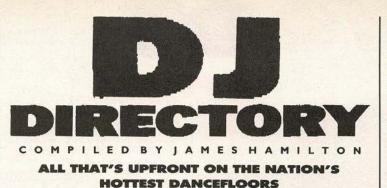
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- 5 Angela Raper, Bristol
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- 7 Lynne Worth, Merseyside 8 M Miller, Queens Park, London
- 9 P Fletcher, Gloucestershire
- 10 Alison Eames, Essex



BEATS & PIECES

"MENTAL HOUSE" is fast becoming this summer's replacement for "acid house", with (as in the Manic MCs) "mental" the new "acieed" chant ... PRT's abrupt closure has caused consternation and upheaval in the dance music business, its distribution wing having handled perhaps more independent dance labels than any other, these now suddenly finding themselves with no way of marketing their product ... Peter Edge has moved from Cooltempo, which he set up at Chrysalis, to start a similar though more "left field" artist orientated black music label (untitled so far but for probable August launch) at WEA, as a UK collaboration with specifically US Warner Bros, working in association with the latter's Benny Medina, vice president of black music (and a demon dancer!) ... Rhythm King have promoed on 12 inch off The Beatmasters' album their very derivative (but no less powerful for that) storming 0-1231/2bpm 'Ska Train', authentically Sixties style ska with just a few token modern twitters so hardly sk'ouse/ sk'acid, amazingly not scheduled as the next single although sure to hit The Club Chart ... Precious 'In Motion', as the lead review last week should have read, is nowhere near as strong as the now UK flip relegated similar though much chunkier 1193/s-1191/sbpm A Definition Of A Rap and superb struttingly swinging dry bass driven instrumental (0-)119%-1201/sbpm A Definition Of A Track (these tracks now of course being due as the A-side after all!) Motown's hot soundtrack compilation album from Spike Lee's new movie is now out here following full review on import, 'Music from "Do The Right Thing" (Motown ZL 72665), as is LL Cool J 'Walking With A Panther' (Def Jam 465112 1) ... **KISS-fm**'s bid for the Greater London FM incremental radio licence will hopefully not have been harmed by a dreadfully amateurish cassette demo of the station's presenters (on which, incidentally, **Bob Jones** sounded exactly like **Pete Tong**!), it being the cassette's production that was at fault rather than many of the actual jocks, sounding as if all the worst bits had been slung together ... Solar Records' new association with Epic will be kicked off by solo product from **Babyface** ... **David Morales**' percussively throbbing

121 /3bpm The Classic Remix of Frankie Knuckles presents Satoshi Tomile 'Tears (ffrr FXR 108) has a couple more new 1211/3-**Obpm** mixes as flip although only one Classic Remix Dub is labelled ... Champion's rapidly promoed UK pressing of **Chubb Rock** 'Ya Bad Chubbs' (CHAMP 12-215) has the here 108bpm Chubb Club, 1071/2bpm Instrumental, 1181/4bpm Crib Mix and 1071/3-0bpm Howie's Beat (retitled as a Remix) versions ... Leotis alleges that his friend **Miki Howard**, who sang on **Side Effect**'s 'Always There', is to be heard also on CharVoni's current version! . Lindsay Wesker points out that Corporation Of One's 'Vanessa Del Rio', apart from its 'Break 4 Love' influence, is based on **the Police**'s 'When The World Is Running Down (You Make The Best Of What's Still Around)' ... Limahl's comeback album on Arista (one everyone's sure to be waiting for!) will include a Shaun Imreipenned house track produced by Kevin Saun-derson, called 'Life Must Go On' ... Graeme





L.A. MIX FEATURING JAZZI P 'Get Loose (Not For Long Mix)' (Breakout USAT659) Plaintively rapping Jazzi Pauline joins (I to r) Emma Freilich, Les Adams and Mike Stevens for the first single from their variety packed upcoming 'On The Side' LP, an Atmosfear 'Dancing In Outer Space' break beat based (by permission) frantically wordy hip house flier, 127-127½-127bpm now that the Aleem originated "get loose" line has been re-recorded for this commercial pressing, flipped by Mike's 0-127-0bpm Atmospheric Sax Dub and a Chad Jay (Jackson) scratched less frenetic 0-127bpm Rock To The Hardcore Mix (Jazzipella too). Oh yes, your own MC Jammy Hammy provides the pivotal male sample of "But not for long" — which may explain a few things!

Park turns out not to have had any involvement in Kicking Back's 'Keep On Trying' on Submission ... Chris Phillips & Paul Bennun are joined by Prince's official UK fan club The Revolution at a massive Minnea-P-Funk party in Exeter's Warehouse this Thursday (29) for their latest GOD (Get On Down) night, which next Thursday (July 6) moves to Southampton's Escape Club for a W.E.F.U.N.K. one-off ... Norman Jay gets 'High On Hope' by the sea this Friday (30) with the likes of Norman Cook, Carl Cox and Streets Ahead at Brighton's newly revamped Zap Club ... Stu Allan brings his funky stuff to Blackpool's Adam & Eve's opposite the central pier every Wednesday through the summer, with a wear what you like policy ... Tim Westwood and Lindon T throwdown Thursdays at Paddington's **Starlight** in Praed Street ... **Lonnie Gordon** maybe should consider changing her name, the number of times she ends up misprinted as "Lennie", (incidentally, the close proximity of "t" and "g" on typesetting keyboards probably makes it inevitable that "chanting" will often end up in print as "changing")... Scotland, sweltering early last week on my quick four day tour, apparently is getting fewer American visitors this year just because that unfortunate airliner was blown up over Lockerbie ..., I'm outta here — **BUT NOT FOR LONG!**

• HOT VINYL SYBIL 'Don't Make Me Over' (Champion CHAMP (2-213)

One of the few long delayed pre-release promo strategies that have worked for the label, as massive already on Djs' play alone and still not due commercially until July 17, this Bacharach & David penned Dionne Warwick launching 1963 classic has been revived with a sweetly simple street soul vocal and attractive tinkling arrangement set — here's the commercial clincher! to a gently jogging 96/sbpm swingbeat rhythm (fully vocal so-called Dub Mix and 96/s-0bpm 3.29 Mix too). Thanks to a combination of the sweet treatment and the son's familiarity, it'll possibly have wide enough appeal even to top the pop chart!

LIL LOUIS 'French Kiss'

(US Diamond Records LL-01)

Although accurately described by Pete Tong as "to house music what 'The 900 Number' was to hip hop", this moronically repetitive (0-)123%-123%-123%-0-124-0bpm instrumental driver does modulate through several changes of emphasis during its 10 minutes, most notably a gradual deceleration and acceleration into and out of an orgasmic girl groaned tempoless passage about two-thirds through, the mesmeric result creating dancefloor mayhem for the lucky few who managed to find one of the fourtracker's initially limited pressings, coupled by the sheet metal clanging tumblingly swaying (0-)125%-125%-126bpm 'Wargames (Remix)', percolating 124bpm 'New York', twittery 0-121%bpm 'jupiter'.

RUFUS & CHAKA KHAN 'Ain't Nobody (LP Remix Version)'

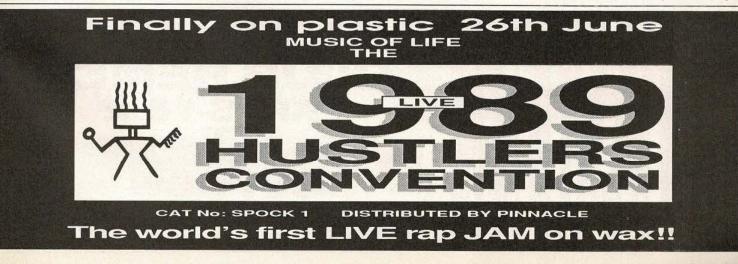
(Warner Bros W2880T)

Now out commercially after all, Frankie Knuckles remixed not only this bass bubbled bumpily swaying **0-104**^{1/2}bpm new version from Chaka's current oldies album but also the flip's unincluded totally different drumkit tapped and moody piano jangled resonant instrumental **0-104**^{1/2}bpm Hallucogenic Version (coupled now, unlike on promo, by a Dancin' Danny D remixed Dub Version of 'I'm Every Woman', which I hop you'll excuse my not BPM-ing but there are other things to do before summer's over!).

VARIOUS 'Paradise Regained: The Garage Sound Of Deepest New York Vol. 2'

(RePublic Records LIC 20 LP)

Consisting of New Jersey artists produced by Blaze (with help on a couple of tracks by Smack and Backroom Music Productions), and designed to recapture the spirit of New York's now closed legendary Paradise Garage club, this gatefolded single album interestingly shows what seems to be some African influence especially on the infectious party flavoured (0-)1201/3bpm jazzily skipping instrumental STARDUST 'Blazin'', my own favourite from a consistently good set that also has the 1191/sbpm catchily churning soulful SHAR-ONE 'Play To Win', 1191/sbpm smooth lightly flying JERRY EDWARDS 'I Am Somebody', 1181/sbpm guys emoted jiggly trotting SENSE OF VISION 'All Of My Love', 1211/sbpm







TEN CITY 'Where Do We Go?' (US Atlantic 0-86409) Much beefed up from their album's version although, to my mind, still not an obviously catchy standout, this typically whinneyed slower than usual trotter is now in three totally different contrasting remixes, Timmy Regisford's chuggingly striding calm lush 115bpm Dance Remix Edit, Steve 'Silk' Hurley's less richly rolling jittery stark 114½bpm House Of Trix Piano Remix (the most wailingly vocal of all, in fact), and Marshall Jefferson's faster percussively rumbled and chattered rambling 121½-120½-120½-120¼-119¼-119½bpm Earl Young's Revenge

fluidly scurrying CYNTHIA "COOKIE" ABRAMS 'Best Part Of Me', 0-118/4bpm mounrful guys harmonised freewheeling ON TOP 'Wake Up', 121/4bpm gruffly nagged jerkily shuffling BREED OF MOTION 'Gotta Dance', and already known 115%-116bpm loosely striding TAWANNA CURRY 'Let Me Show You'.

DIGITAL EMOTION

(US Tommy Boy TB 932)

Impatiently awaited by all who've heard Tim Westwood plug it, this De La Soul-ish lazily drawling guys chatted terrific P'funk roller is ear-grabbingly interrupted after 3¹/₂ minutes of its 1085%-0bpm Playhowyalike Mix by an amusingly announced pause for station identification and false fade for radio DJs — not false in the actual 1085/bpm Radio Mix! (Instrumental and Underground Like-Appella Mixes too) — coupled by the sleazily rumbling and in spurts jauntily vaudevillian 921/bpm 'Hip-Hip Doll' (Instrumental Mix too).

DAVID PEASTON 'Two Wrongs (Don't Make It Right)'

(US Geffen Records 0-21215)

The Rance Allen-like soaring and roaring gospel toned continual winner of the weekly amateur talent contest in the recently televised 'Showtime At The Apollo' series makes his debut with this Teddy Riley & Gene Griffin remixed, so inevitably swingbeat, jiggly roller with different degrees of litter in its 1061/2bpm Club Body, Almost there — fairly straight, Bonus Beats, Percaptella and 105bpm 7" Radio Mixes, coupled ralso by the similarly swooping but gentle⁴ acoustic piano backed 311/2-343/bpm Thank You For The Moment' — this single having sold fast before being closely followed by his also big selling but mainly downtempo alum.

'introducing . . . David Peaston' (US Geffen Records GHs 24228)

on which the rollingly smacking 105bpm 'Two Wrongs (Don't Make It Right)' and excellent slinkily jolting soulfully intensifying 99%bpm 'We're All In This Together' — plus the lightly frantic (0-)155bpm 'Eyes Of Love' and superb acoustic piano backed slow then suddently brassily swinging 0-28%j)126/2bpm 'Can I?' rise above the smooch tempo of the tender 34/68/2-35/70bpm 'Tonight', Billie Holiday's bittersweet crawling 0-30-33/66-0bpm 'God Bless The Child', anguishedly weaving 46/2/ 93bpm 'Don't Say No', and above mentioned 31/2-343/abpm 'Thank You For The Moment', all classy listening.

FARLEY JACKMASTER presents PRECIOUS RED 'Think'

(Champion CHAMP 12-210)

Not due commercially until July 10 but too hot to hold om promo until then, Farley 'Jackmaster' Funk's fairly straight revival of Lyn Collins' 'Think (About It)' comes complete with the "wooh yeah" chant, powerful female vocals and a beefed up jittery leaping rhythm drive topped and tailed by a few acidic twitters in the **120-121bpm** Farley's Hip-House Mix, flipped (minus the "wooh yeah") by the original break beat based stuttery **119/sbpm** Farley's House Mix and Precious Female Preachin' Hip-House Mix.

BÄS NOIR 'I'm Glad You Came To Me (Club Mix)'

(US Nugroove NG 017)

Mary Ridley and Marie Bivins return huskily cooing and wailing a Ronald Burrell created but blatantly Roy Ayers-like 'Running Away'-type jerkily leaping **0-121%-0bpm** staccato jazzfunk/house bounder, with a freakier flanged and phased Dub Mix **^0-0121%bpm** Radio Edit too), catchy and instantly huge.

KARINYA 'Let Me Love You For Tonight (The "Pumped Up Mix")' (Sleeping Bag Records SBUKR 4 T)

Deborah Cephas's real "sleeper" hit from last year, still included in its 'Tubular Bells'-ishly tinkled grittily chugging **111**/2**Bpm** Original Version (and a new Vocal Dub), is now relaunched in this sparser, more cleanly and clompingly lurching **111**/2-**0bpm** remix by CJ Mackintosh of M|A|R|R|S (hence the pumping subtitle), a sinuously wailed unhurriedly rolling garage jogger with many added electronic effects, edits and scratches, making it bigger than ever.

ROBERTA FLACK

'Uh-Uh Och-Och Look Out (Here It Comes) (Steve Hurley's House Mix)'

(Atlanta A8941T)

Ashford & Simpson's attractively undulating and surging song, included here in its 118½bpm Original Version, is tightened up by Arthur Baker's jerkily bumping 118%-119-118%bpm Dance mix but, now sensibly the A-side, it's Steve 'Silk' Hurley's exciting stuttery percussive (0-)119-0bpm remix that has had all the dancefloor action — even if it does sacrifice the song to its jolting drive.

VARIOUS 'This Is Garage'

(Cooltempo CTLP 12)

The label's compilation album is helped or hindered according to taste by including the already well known II8'/2bpm Monie Love featuring Dancin Danny D remix of **ADEVA** 'Respect', II8'/3bpm Tuff E'nuff Mix of **CHANELLE** 'One Man', II2'/4-II2'/3bpm You Got The Love Mix of **PAUL SIMPSON featuring CANDI STATION** 'Musical Freedom', leaving room for the fresher I21'/4bpm huskily moaned wriggly striding **FRED FOW-LER** 'Times Are Changin' (Extended Mix)', **II5**'/3bpm girl wailed jittery thwacking **FB3** 'Faith Hope & Charity (Dancin' Danny D Remix)', plus Smack Music Productions' **II9**'/3bpm wrily talked and barked bubbly bumping K-Y-ZE 'Stomp (Move, Jump, Jack Your Body)', II9'/3bpm hi-hat hustling bass burbled sinuously moaned **MICHAEL WAT**-

JITTERY

JIGGLERS

I know that for the casual reader, there may appear to be a puzzling repetition of adjectives, adverbs and verbs in my reviews of records. While these reviews are there for all to read, they are actually written for the professional users of records, DJs — who hopefully by now understand what's going on! Every descriptive word has been repeated consistently for years as near as possible within the same context, to describe specific elements in the structure of records, with the result that regular readers should in theory be able to tell exactly what something is going to sound like. From the feedback I've had over the years, this thankfully would appear to be the case. As for the repetition — have you had to listen to all these records? A lot of them sound the same, so, using this style of consistently descriptive reviewing, repetition is inevitable! Once it used to be "hi-hat hissed hustlers", "funkily bumping chuggers", "juddery hip hop jolters", "rolling soulful joggers", "bounding house fliers", "twittery acidic sizzlers"; right now I am swamped by, and am consequently churning out in turn, "jittery swingbeat jigglers" — can anyone who has to listen to them deny that they all jitter and jiggle? Unfortunately, Roget's Thesaurus does not suggest any more appropriate descriptive alternatives. Personally, I still yearn for that long past era when everything came with "chanting chix"!! (Personally, I certainly don't --- Ed.)





FORD 'Baby Love', 0-117%-118-117%bpm male group moaned cantering ALIAS 'Runaway', 118%-119%bpm disjointedly testifying jerkily trotting KAVON 'Stand Up & Make A Difference'.

STEREO MCs 'On 33'

(US Gee Street WAR TP 87/11)

Released in the US via Warlock/Idlers but apparently due here from Fourth & Broadway, UK based wordily rapping Rob B, The Head and scratching DJ Cesare appear to be hottest around Manchester with this bassy chugger in its 0-123/sbpm Voc.l, 0-123/sbpm A to B instrumental, mesmerically syncopated 123/sbpm Chase The Bass, DJ Mark The 45 King remixed more starkly bumpy hip house-ish 124/s-124%-124bpm Vocal and 123%bpm Instrumental, plus the throbbing drums rumbled 119%-0bpm 'Non Stop'.

TAMMY LUCAS 'Hey Boy (Club Mixes)'

(RePublic Records LICT 019)

(Reroalic Records LCI 019) Commercial copies of the newly Gordon 'G-Man' Williams remixed Timmy Regisford & Boyd Jarvis created wailing 1986 New York garage hit have as A-side a rumbling bass tugged and hi-hat ticked shuffling **I18bpm** 12" Club Mix, flipped by the initial limited edition promo's similar though more sparsely rambling **I18bpm** House Mix and chunkier more instrumental **(0-)118bpm** G-Man Mix.

LIZ TORRES

'Pay Back Is A Bitch (What Goes Around Comes Around)'

(US Jive 1239-1-JD)

Sultrily whispered, panted, spat and spoken (sometimes in Spanish), bounding bass and jerky beats hustled cool latin house galloper differently treated in 123bpm Club, Bassy Bitch, Lugo Dub and Radio Edit Mixes, 122⁴/sbpm Spanish Version and 123¹/sbpm Edward 'Get Down' Crosby Mix variations.

BRAVO

'Life (Vocal)' (US Quark OK016)

Mutteringly introed then huskily moaning guy nagged calmly striding through jitteringly backed 0-1203/s-1203/s-0bpm garage loper, coupled by longer and sparser less jittery rambling dubwise 0-1203/s-1201/sbpm 3am Or Better and 120-1191/sbpm Platinum Mixes, plus — possibly the track it's selling for — a stutteringly whispered then funky guitar chinked long 1233/s-123-1223/sbpm Remix of 'Can't Stop'.

DYNASTY OF TWO 'Stop This Thing'

(de/Construction Records DOO 2)

Mancunian "green" house, an ecological message

from Mike Pickering and Graeme Park, this 'The Onion Song'-ishly introed then mournfully keening girl wailed 0-117-1164/sbpm electronically lurching episodic keyboards backed shuffler is flipped by its 0-1174/s-1174/s-0bpm instrumental and the straightforwardly thundering 122-0bpm 'Energy'.

FRANKIE "BONES" 'Call It Techno'

(US Breaking Bones Records BBR-400)

Conceding in its space monster-like electronically droning vocal that Frankie's version of techno owes more to Brooklyn than to Detroit, this synth chorded ominously chugging lurcher sounds actually more like Belgian new beat in its **119%spm** House Mix, **119*5-0bpm** Technopella, **0-119%s-0bpm** Bonesbreak Dub, with a flutteringly driving lighter instrumental **120-0bpm** Technocolor Dub.

PINK NOISE 'Give Me Energy'

(US Fourth Floor Records FF-1099) Tommy Musto & Frankie "Bones" created stuttery and jittery samples built quite acidic twit-

tery and jittery samples built quite acidic twitterer in **122-121%sbpm** Energetic Club and **121%-0bpm** Hyper Dub Mixes, flipped by the bragging title line repeating (ad nauseaum) monotously jittery long **122bpm** 'I Gotta Bigga Dick' (in two mixes).

SAMURAI SAM 'House Of Japanese'

(US Trax Records TX180)

Japanese geisha girls sampling simple bass throbbed 123%-0bpm vigorous canterer (123%sbpm Dub The Japanese and Rub The Dub Japanese flip).

EQUATION 'The Answer'

(US Nugroove NG-019)

Ronald Burrell created odd little 'Popcorn'-ish percolating, tapping and lurching percussive synth instrumental in **120-119**¹/₂-**0bpm** X² (RB) Mix (My Time) and **0-120-0bpm** X³ (RB) Mix (Your Time) versions — whatever all that means!

OVERLORD X 'Radical Kickbag' (Mango Street 12IS 415)]

Untidily cluttered frantic 0-125%-0bpm gruffly rapped slitherly hip-house, using bursts of 'Papa's Got A Brand New Pigbag', flipped by a slowly dragging 0-98-0bpm alternative 'Kickbag' version, and the scrubbing samples backed angrily jiggling remorseless 0-1181/sbpm 'Weapon Is My Lyric (Remix)'.

BOOGIE DOWN PRODUCTIONS 'Why Is That? (Extended Edit)'

(US Jive 1231-1-JD)

DE LA SOUL 'Say No Go (Say No Dope Mix)' (Big Life DLS 2) Dave Dorrell and CJ Mackintosh of M|A|R|R|S remixed this now Big Ben introed more resonantly booming slinky terrific 0-110bpm infectiously chugging and scrubbing gruffly chatted rap, based in surges on Hall & Oates' 'I Can't Go For That' and likely to be even bigger here than 'Me Myself And I', promoed with a pictorially etched blank flipside but due commercially flipped by an unreceived 'They Don't Know That The Soul Don't Go For That (Potholes Instrumental)'.

KRS-One created weaving sombre **96bpm** social commentary rap, drawing on biblical examples for black youth to follow and declaring that "the age of the ingnorant rapper is done," with repeated samples of (I think) Malcolm X's "the government you have elected is inoperative" (edit/inst too, plus the really angry police criticising brilliant sparse short **87bpm** 'Who Protects Us From You?').

BROOKLYN FUNK ESSENTIALS 'Change The Track'

(US Minimal Records 6)

Victor Simonelli & Lenny Dee created Todd Terry-type samples woven and Prince Charm (Phil Falcone) raucously rapped rather untidily frantic 120½-0bpm hip house leaper in Micaliami Hip House Mix, Brooklyn Bomb Dub, wailing girl punctuated ironically more garageish London Groove and twittery acidic New York Mix versions (Percapella too).

TONY TERRY 'Forget The Girl' (Epic 655021 6)

From the movie 'TAP', this Ted Currier produced at first quite calmly lurching though vocally anxious pshta pshta-ing chugger builds increasingly through cliched Todd Terry-type samples to end up quite a naging house-ish stormer, here in just its **113**½-**0bpm** Extended Remix and more acidic Midtown Mix (Acappella too).

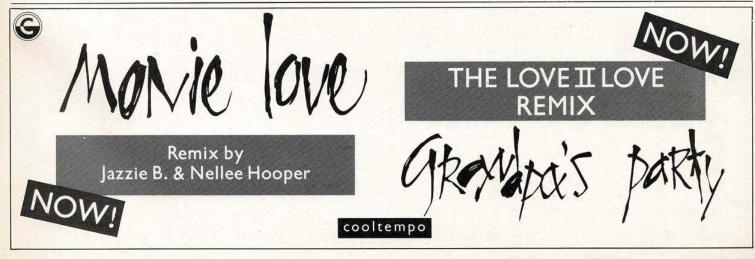
JOHNNY KEMP 'Birthday Suit (Extended Mix)' (CBS 654838 8)

Keith Cohen's vigorously chugging A-side mix of this **120**//s-**0bpm** choppily chanting and surging modern funk strutter is flipped on promo by his more tightly jittering hi-hat hissed socalled House Mix, whereas the unreceived commercial flip apparently features a Club Dub (the same thing?) and Percapella.

R. TYME 'Illusion'

(Kool Kat R. TYME I, via Big Life)

Another that originally appeared on the 'Techno-I' album, this Derrick 'Mayday' May produced unusual reedy organ spiked jerkily shuffling instrumental (co-penned also by Kevin Saunderson and Detroid DJ Darryl Wynn) is here 12-inched in brand new 125½-125½-125-123½-124½-0bpm Mayday and burbling bounding 127-127½-0bpm Magic Juan Mixes, flipped by the tunefully synthed 'R-Theme' in straighforwardly cantering 125½-125½-125½-126½-126½-0bpm Mayday and more percussively episodic 125½-125½-126½bpm Darryl Wynn Mixes. For my sake, guys, please get your beats together!



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2	1	IF YOU LEAVE ME NOW Chicago	CBS
3	3	YOU MAKE ME FEEL LIKE DANCING Leo Sayer	Crysalis
4	4	SOMEBODY TO LOVE Queen	EMI
5	13	LIVIN' THING Electric Light Orchestra	Jet
6	10	MONEY MONEY MONEY Abba	CBS
7	8	LOVE ME Yvonne Elliman	RSO
8	5	IF NOT YOU Dr Hook	Capitol
9	9	LOST IN FRANCE Bonnie Tyler	RCA
10	6	MISSISSIPPI Pussycat	Sonet
11	22	SORRY SEEMS TO BE THE HARDEST WORD Elton John	Rocket
12	15	GET BACK Rod Stewart	Riva
13	11	ROCK 'N ME Steve Miller Band	Mercury
14	28	WHEN A CHILD IS BORN Johnny Mathis	CBS
15	14	BEAUTIFUL NOISE Neil Diamond	CBS
16	38	LEAN ON ME Mud	Private Stock
17	25	DON'T MAKE ME WAIT TOO LONG Barry White	20th Century
18	17	COULDN'T GET IT RIGHT Climax Blues Band	BTM
19	18	SUBSTITUTE the Who	Polydor
20	7	PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC Wild Cherry	Epic
21	23	SPINNING ROCK BOOGIE Hank C Burnett	Sonet
22	33	LITTLE DOES SHE KNOW Kursaal Flyers	CBS
23	27	FAIRY TALE Dana	GTO
24	19	HURT Manhattans	CBS
25	24	STOP ME (IF YOU'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE) Bill Ocean	GTO
26	39	PORTSMOUTH Mike Oldfield	Virgin
.27	20	SO SAD THE SONG Gladys Knight & The Pips	Buddah
28	12	DON'T TAKE AWAY THE MUSIC Tavares	Capitol
29	49	YOU'LL NEVER GET TO HEAVEN (EP) Stylistics	H&L
30	21	WHEN FOREVER HAS GONE Demis Roussos	Phillips
31	16	LOVE AND AFFECTION loan Armatrading	A&M
32	50	HANG ON SLOOPY Sandpipers	Satril
33	26	DANCING WITH THE CAPTAIN Paul Nicholas	RSO
34	48	WE CAN WORK IT OUT Four Seasons	Warner Brothers
35	42	SECRETS Sutherland Brothers & Quiver	CBS
36	29	SAILING Rod Stewart	Riva
37	30	WITHOUT YOU Nilsson	RCA
38	-	LIVING NEXT DOOR TO ALICE Smokie	RAK
39	31	IAWS Lalo Schifrin	CRI
40		HEY MR DREAM MAKER Cliff Richard	EMI
41	35	TEENAGE DEPRESSION Eddie & The Hot Rods	Island
42	41	LOVE SO RIGHT Bee Gees	RSO
43		BIONIC SANTA Chris Hill	Philips
44	36	HOT VALVES Be-Bop Deluxe	Harvest
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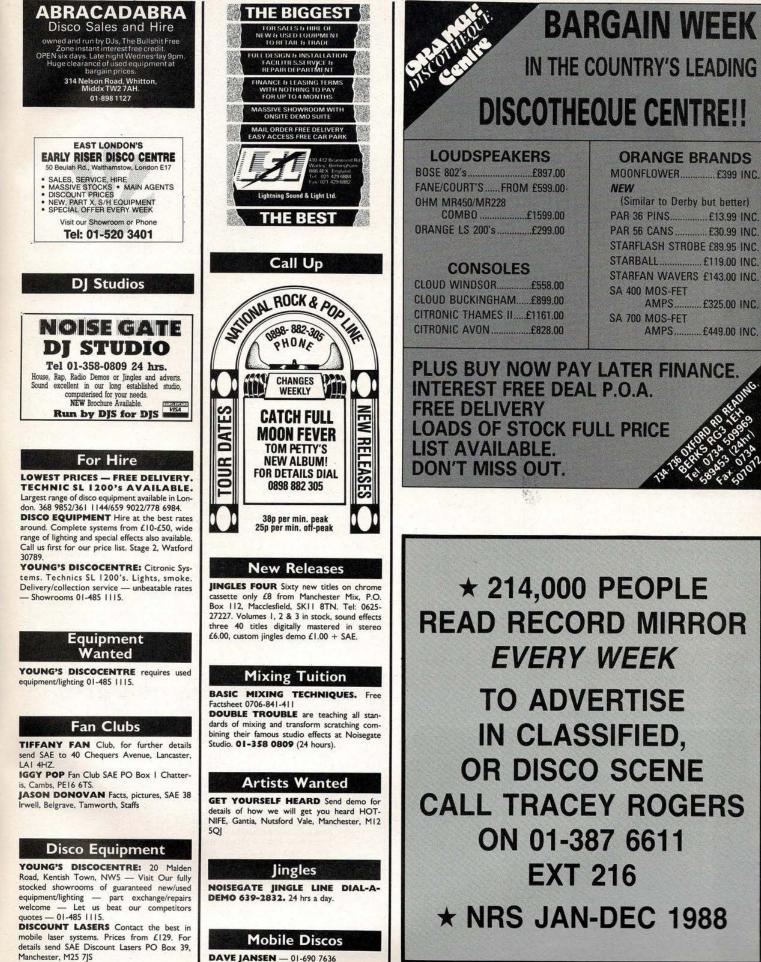
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Soul II Soul enjoy their second week atop the chart with 'Back To Life', but it is fairly certain they would be number two this week, had **Prince's** 'Batman' album not been released, thus diverting sales from his 'Batdance' single which still has enough impetus to climb to number two.

The 'Batman' album debuts at number one, becoming Prince's second chart topper here. The first purple reign was courtesy of his last album 'Lovesexy' only 13 months ago.

Whilst Prince is having success with 'Batman'. **Eartha Kitt**, who played the evil Catwoman in numerous episodes of 'Batman' when it was a TV series in the 1960s, is back in the chart with 'Cha Cha Heels', the single she recorded with

Bronski Beat.

It is a bizarre pairing, but one which seems to have worked to the satisfaction of both partners. Eartha last appeared in the chart on 12 April 1986, whilst Bronski Beat made what appeared to be their farewell four weeks later.

61 year old Eartha's first chart hit was 'Under The Bridges Of Paris' more than 34 years ago. Only **Nat 'King' Cole** and **Petula Clark** have lengthier chart careers — and *no-one* has managed to top Eartha's feat of staging a successful return to the chart after an absence of nearly 28½ years — the amount of time that elapsed between 'Under The Bridges Of Paris' dropping out of the chart in 1955, and 'Where Is My Man' resuming Eartha's chart career in 1983.

• Five years to the week after she was last in the UK and US Top 10s simultaneously with 'Time After Time', **Cyndi Lauper** does it again, with 'I Drove All Night', the first single off her

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new album 'A Night To Remember'.

'I Drove All Night' holds here at number seven, which looks like being its peak position. Meanwhile, it climbs strongly from number 12 to number eight in America.

Cyndi, who was 36 last week, reached number two in Britain with her first hit 'Girls Just Want To Have Fun', whilst her second single 'Time After Time' peaked at number three. But Cyndi failed to capitalise on her fairytale start, and 'I Drove All Night' is her first Top 10 single here since. In the interim, some of her singles have been very badly received: 'All Through The Night' peaked at number 64, 'Change Of Heart' got to number 67, 'What's Going On' flopped at number 57 and 'Goonies 'R' Good Enough' failed even to make the Top 75.

In America, however, Cyndi's chart placings have been more consistently good. Indeed, 'I Drove All Night' is her eighth Top 10 hit there from nine releases, and could be her third number one. Cyndi's only non-Top 10 hit in America is 1985's 'Money Changes Everything', which peaked at number 27.

• 12 years ago last week, **Gladys Knight and the Pips** entered the Top 10 for the third and last time with 'Baby Don't Change Your Mind'. This week, Gladys, temporarily deprived of her Pips, returns to the Top 10 with 'Licence To Kill' the theme from the new James Bond film of the same name.

Bond producer **Cubby Broccoli** and his team seem to be better than ever at picking hits to publicise 007 — 'Licence To Kill' is the third Bond theme in a row to be a big hit, following **A-Ha's** 'The Living Daylights' (number five, 1987) and



PRINCE: "Holy humungous chart returns, Batman!"

Duran Duran's 'A View To A Kill' (number two, 1985). 'Licence To Kill' is the 17th official Bond theme, and never before have three in a row reached the Top 10.

Incidentally, one that failed, but shouldn't have, **Lulu's** 'The Man With The Golden Gun' is available again for the first time in years on a new album released on the Start label. 'Souled Out — The Best Of Chelsea' brings together 16 tracks recorded for the Chelsea label and its subsiduaries in the mid-70s. Apart from Lulu's Bond theme and her **Bowie**produced cover of 'The Man Who Sold The World' you can also find classic hits from **Linda Carr, William DeVaughn, New York City, Disco Tex and His Sex-o-Lettes, Jim Gilstrap** and **Dee Clark.**

● 'I Want It All' **Queen's** first single in over 21/2 years, debuted at number three a mere eight weeks ago, and paved the way for their album 'The Miracle', which has sold over a quarter of a million copies in just five weeks. Their latest single, 'Breakthru' is this week's highest debutant at number 13.

• 'In A Lifetime' by Clannad and

Bono climbs four places to number 17 this week, beating the number 20 peak it scaled in 1986.

CHARTFILE USA EXTRA

THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF IT: Milli Vanilli have the unusual distinction of having the number one and number 100 singles in America this week with 'Baby Don't Forget My Number' and 'Girl You Know It's True'. The latter title, which gave them their first hit, peaked at number two at the beginning of April. The French/ German duo's album, which shares its title with their introductory hit, has also been a big success in America, selling over 13/4 million copies so far. It climbs a notch to number eight this week.

SIMON BATES - AN APOLOGY

In the Babble column last week (issue dated June 24), a story was printed concernily Simon Bates' 'Our Tune' section of his Radio 1 show. We have been asked to point out that, contrary to our report, none of the stories on 'Our Tune' are made up — in fact, Simon Bates checks every story himself to make sure it is genuine. We have also been asked to point out that no-one at Radio 1 writes letters in different handwriting or catches trains to places like Swindon and Doncaster in order to fool him. We accept this and unreservedly withdraw evrything we labbled about.

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AS HOLY BATFEVER HITS THE COUNTRY WITH THE IMMINENT RELEASE OF THE 'BATMAN' MOVIE,

TIM NICHOLSON SORTS THE RIDDLERS FROM THE JOKERS The most eagerly awaited film of the decade looms ever closer. In America, the hysteria that had Bat fans tearing down the posters before the wall paste had dried, has turned into queues the like of which have rarely been seen since 'Gone With The Wind', with people crossing the Atlantic to attend the opening night last Friday.

The Tim Burton-directed 'Batman' film is the classic story of the Caped Crusader's origins and his battle of wits with Jack Napier, ex-henchman for Gotham City crime boss Carl Grissom, who has struck out on his own in the guise of the Joker (played by Jack Nicholson, grinning the Joker's evil grin with relish). Millionaire philanthropist Bruce Wayne (played by Beetlejuice himself, Michael Keaton), offended by the corruption he witnesses in his beloved home town, creates, with the aid of his faithful butler Alfred, a sophisticated laboratory in the bowels of Wayne Manor. The Batcave, as it is known, becomes the home of Batman, Wayne's crimefighting alter-ego, together with his outlandish vehicles, including the infamous Batmobile and the versatile Batwing aircraft.

The movie marks a return to the original, rather sinister Batman, whose distress from having witnessed the brutal murder of his parents when he was only nine and his frustration with Gotham City's escalating crimewave have left him with deep mental scars. He will stop at nothing to 'stop the violence', as it were, and perhaps even enjoys seeing the villains get a taste of their own medicine. Nevertheless, 29-year-old Tim Burton, whose previous two directorial outings were Pee Wee Herman's hilarious 'Pee Wee's Big Adventure' and last year's funniest film, 'Beetlejuice', is certain to have injected some of his perverse humour, though it is unlikely to be as camp as the popular TV series.

Batman's Lois Lane is photojournalist Vicki Vale (originally to be played by 'No Way Out' star Sean Young, before she fell off a horse during filming and broke her leg, but now played by Kim Basinger) who becomes romantically involved with Bruce Wayne, unaware of his secret life underground. The absence of a Robin in the proceedings may upset fans of the TV show, but aficionados of the original comic strip will not be too bothered as old Holy-weasel-features was a later addition to the stories.

Already the shops are choc-full of Bat-memorabilia and Prince is climbing vertically to the top of the charts with the aid of his Bat-rope. Batmania has hit town: watch the skies for the Bat-signal and keep August 11 clear in your diary.