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remixed 'Ghetto Heaven', THE FAMILY STAND are preaching a more caring, sharing approach to dance music.

Phil Cheeseman did a little family planning

ew York trio The Family Stand, whose Jazzie B and Hooper-mixed version of 'Ghetto Heaven' is steadily asce the chart, aren't just another US group with some funky rh and nothing but banalities to say.

Something new is stirring in dance music, a willingness to express that are usually cold-shouldered in the rush to get up, get down ar pumping on the dancefloor. But it isn't the knew shout-loud-enough-and-everybody'll-hear, hate-filled theatrics of Enemy, nor the vague, simplistic meanderings that have crawled many a deep house/garage track. All of a sudden 1990 has becom year in which it's cool to care. One of the people to whom respect m for putting politics back into music (in the wider sense) is Jazzie B, v success shouldn't be judged by record sales, but by what he's got the And, perhaps, how he can help set up the careers of acts who otherwise still be languishing in their record company's 'could be' dr

The Family Stand are Peter Lord, Jeffrey Smith and Sandra St Smith. Their three years together have produced one US LP, 'Chapt record themed around the course of a relationsip. Up until now, success has been marginal, and they're quick to acknowledge Jazz midas touch.

"I guess once Jazzie's name was attached to it we kind of exp nominal success," says Sandra, "especially in the UK, but not this and not this quickly."

"But we knew we had a good song," says Jeffrey. "I wasn't crazy the mix, but I can see where it fits in with things here in the U everybody likes it, I'm happy." Peter's response is a bit simpler. "I like works really well with the song."

With a background they place in r&b, funk and rock, it's not surp that they're unimpressed with house music. After flying in to do 'To The Pops' — "That was like a suburban 'Soul Train'," says Peter v large grin spreading over his face. "We got on stage and started cra up"— they hoofed it straight over to London's Wag Club, unfortur for them the night of Rave 2001, an upfont house night.

"Yeah, we went to this club last night," says Jeffrey. "There were floors, one playing house, the next playing raw hip hop and loud fun there were no people up there! So we got on the floor and st dancing . . ."

Their next LP, 'Chain', this time to be released here, again has a th 'We're not trying to make it like 1967," says Peter, obviously an

not to sound like a fading hippy, but it will have a theme, a "Continuity," butts in Sandra.

"Yeah, that's it — no concept, no theme, a continuity. Thank



Sandra. She's the Buddha of the group! It's about getting free spir emotionally, politically, whatever — just breaking patterns in yo That's what 'Ghetto Heaven' is about."

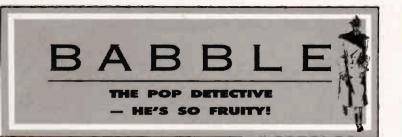
"Message music is starting to come back," claims Jeffrey. "Peop never get tired of love songs, but there are other things happenin the situation the way it is in the world today."

Peter takes over. "But we don't write about it in a namby-pamb hold hands and the world will be a better place if we eat ice cre day' way. It's not like that. We're like Tracy Chapman with a "Peneric and minimum and little the world as eath all the manif

"People might not listen to all the words or catch all the meaning somehow they should feel it — after the Jazzie B remix, they'll ca



Hilblins Something happened on the way to Heaven One World Remix



TELEPHONE CALL OF THE WEEK

This week's fave call to Record Mirror offices came from a rather posh young lady who asked: "Will you be doing any auto calls on Terry Scott?"

DESIGNER WEAK

More gushing design babble from our top style guru. This week: Kitty Brewster

promotional photography.



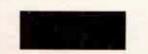
and image are important! Which is why top photographers use top "stylists" to help them create the right "ambiance" and "style" for their shots! Here is an example of "styling" at its ultimate! Kitty

Brewster is a versatile vocalist who will shortly release her first promotional album 'Sleeping Alone'! What a photo! With promotional naterial like this, Kitty is assured of huge following! This photo has 'Style"! With a capital "S"!

SECRETS OF THE STARS no 3 MORRISSEY

Morrissey's real name is Stephen Patrick Morrissey

- 2 He used to be in a group called The Smiths
- 3 Morrissey's idols include Oscar Wilde, James Dean and Charles Hawtry
- When Morrissey feels tired he ikes to lie down on a bed and close his eyes
- 5 When Morrissey was a child he ooked a lot younger than he does oday
- Morrissey doesn't eat meat
- Morrissey is a vegetarian
- 8 When Morrissey makes some oast he likes to spread a little nargarine on one side before he eats it



15 THIS YOU?

Each week we print a picture of a crowd and ask "Is this you?" If you are one of the two people circled you will win an incredible pop prize. To claim your prize either send a photo of yourself or turn up at Record Mirror's offices in the throbbing metropolis.





Buster Douglas, then now he's shaved his

hank you very much to all those Crystal Palace fans who sent me faxes which 'read 'hahahahahahahahaha'. They were all absolutely hilarious. Maybe I tempted fate a few weeks ago by organising a 'Palace will never get to Wem-ber-lee party'. So, perhaps I should start sending out the invites for a

Brighton & Hove Albion will never play in Division One again' shindig 🔴 My fave quote of last week comes from Jason Donovan, who after being asked if he was gay in the Daily Mirror replied: "I'm not gay. I go surfing. That's about as male as you can be"
Danny Wilson fans wondering what the chaps are up to will be over the moon to hear that Gary and Kit are both working on sold albums, whilst Ged has formed a new group with Glaswegian band Rich The Manchester rollercoaster goes on and on --- next a movie about happening Madchester with a soundtrack from all your favourite Lancashire beat groups
Those sexy chaps De La Soul look set to do a remix of Rebel MC's next single Boy George is the latest pop star . to turn presenter with his own show on the newly launched BSB satellite pop channel
Trouble for the London Boys when they did a PA in a small town in Bavaria. It's a unique by-law of the town that there is to be no dancing on a Sunday. The Boys were arrested but saw the funny side when they were fined a brace of pheasants! Meanwhile, some freaky custom stuff for those fine chappies UB40. No sooner had they arrived in New Zealand than they were unsuspectingly whisked away to a Maur festival where semi-naked men stuck their tongues out at them and prodded them with pointy sticks. Sounds a bit iffy, but it's all part of the friendly greeting ceremony especially for visitors from Birmingham. Quite an honour we were informed - the last person who suffered this friendly caper was none other than Prince Charles, which odd, because he's a Londoner
Oh

well I'm off to finish my Easter Eggs.

BLIPVERT CORNER

This week's subliminal pop adverts: (1) Whilst they were showing a film of Alex Higgins crying on 'Sportsnight', 'Decades' by Joy Division was playing in the background. (2) A copy of Record Mirror (The Wendy James issue) was on analogy while Mavis and Rita were yabbing about Jenny and Fick in The Kabin on Corrie Seven Burrows from Redditch and Smith win chart LFs

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Number 2 in a series of right royal Record Mirror cock-ups:

In last week's issue, Malu Halasa's Jungle Brothers feature ended on the rather confusing line "Nature . . . It shapes things, it makes the birds and the bees, makes it rainy one day. It's a". This was not, as one astute reader thought, just the Jungle Brothers being all deep and conceptual, leaving their sentences hanging unfinished in the air, as peripheral and infinite as life itself; just the Record Mirror staff having a bad day. The last line, lost mysteriously in the same technical Bermuda Triangle that claimed the final words in the Primal Scream feature some weeks back, should have read: "wonderful thing." Cut it out, stick it on the end, and please accept our humble apologies.



CHEEST

Yes, it's back — 'Cheese!', our fabulous series of interesting photos for you to cut out and keep to remind yourself that yes there are people more idiotic than Michael Barrymore. No 5: Top actress Gemma Craven and, er, friend.

LLOYD COLE . . . enjoying a greasy late night pizza in Brixtan

> DES LYNAM . in the frozen food section in Tesco's in Harsham

> > ROWLAND RIVRON • • • at Jonathan Ross'. Ronnie Scott's Radio 1 shaw. He arrived on his own and left with a giggling MICHAELA STRACHAN

BOBBY GILLESPIE from chart-toppers Primal Scream laoking at a long sleeved T-shirt with 'Brazil' an it in super-trendy Brighton

> SHAUN RYDER . . . fram the Happy Mondays (we think!) near Witton Station in Birmingham after the Astan Villa v Manchester City football match



AGENTS: Neil Holloway from Ashbourne, George from Brixton, Susan Barlow from Devon and Baby Elephant Head (??) from Buckinghamshire.

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ALL ABOUT EVE/THE LILAC TIME Royal Albert Hall, London

"Wow, rock 'n' roll man." Stephen Duffy - singer and comedian extraordinaire — and his beat combo do not like playing second fiddle to the main attraction. Assuring us that they were a polite support act and would refrain from vomiting, they somewhat reluctantly meandered through tracks old and new. 'The Girl Who Waves At Trains' shone bright as ever, as did much of the new material, suggesting long overdue success is now in sight. However, tonight's performance did little to muster any enthusiasm, and they were soon off, leaving a rather bland after-taste.

As All About Eve bounced on stage, 4000 born-again love children went wild. Off came the shoes, down went the hair, and up with the arms as the place began to sway from side to side with ethereal vibes. It was as if pop music was never invented.

Julianne's syrupy vocals warmed even the oldest of hearts as the 'Wild Hearted Woman' skipped and danced 'In The Meadow' and way up 'In The Clouds'. 'More Than The Blues' galloped at a fair pace, 'December' oozed out and away, and 'Martha's Harbour' held us spellbound. Suddenly it was peace and love all round.

At times the hippy dippy lullables did come dangerously close to inducing a deep slumber, but some nifty guitar work just managed to keep the eyelids open a while longer.

As the set came to a close, Julianne thanked us "for being brave enough to like one of the most unfashionable bands around", smiled, and whisked away into the sunset.

Upon leaving, we quickly removed the flowers from our hair and stepped back out into 1990 and on to the nearest nightbus home. Nick Duerden

THE FARM The Underground, Liverpool

As hardened ravers kicked their Timberlands to the groove of DJ James, drained the bar of Lucozade Light and gathered expectantly up-front, unluckier members of The Farm posse huddled outside miserably. The Underground, a dank subterranean club in the heart of Liverpool, was already packed to capacity with trendies who saw the



JIMMY SOMERVILLE Hacienda, Manchester

As the first stop on the ACT UP 'revue' tour, this show was anticipated with great expectation by fans of the diminutive warbler and sympathisers of the cause alike. After all, having cancelled his national tour last year, this was the first bona fide Jimmy Somerville solo bash.

If 'revue' had been a vague promise of the night's proceedings, then 'show' proved to be too grand a description. Those of us expecting a full live-band extravaganza, in the style of The Communards, had to think again. As soon as the bass-booming warm-up records subsided, a thin taped backing-track struggled to cut through the subdued audience mutterings.

Somerville appeared centre-stage, with the meagre support of two backing singers, a guitarist and a keyboard player. Oh, and a tape machine. 'Smalltown Boy' was a familiar welcome, but no-one really danced — it's hard to get into the groove when you can scarcely hear it. Young Jim took the applause then announced the next; but us punters without extensive knowledge of the Somerville back catalogue were none the wiser since his breath was wasted on an upward floating Scottish mumble. And so it goes. The whole half-hearted humble offering was met with a similar response. 'My Heart Is In

And so it goes. The whole half-hearted humble offering was met with a similar response. 'My Heart Is In Your Hands' nearly got there but not quite. It was only the participants' ACT UP T-shirts bearing the words 'POWER' and 'ACTION' that suggested anything by way of excitement. Inevitably, it was the likes of 'Mighty Real' and 'Read My Lips' that managed to inject a little life into the proceedings. Sadly the show didn't convey the purpose and the passion behind the exercise. **Craig Ferguson**

gig as the 'happening' place to be. Produce Records were celebrating their first signing in style.

By the time the band hit the stage the crowd had whipped up the perfect sweaty atmosphere that a party gig deserves. The set started with the old Farm classic 'Hearts And Minds' that immediately got the crowd bouncing, shortly followed by 'I Don't Know' which kept them on their feet. But it was the new 'Family Of Man' (quirky beat, catchy toon and global message to boot) that proved just how strong the band really is, and one that's bound to kick them firmly into the charts. Not bad for a new indie company debut.

Forty minutes of funky mayhem ended with the clubland favourite

'Stepping Stone'. Gently frenetic, confident and, as with the rest of their material, the type of music you could club out to on a Saturday night or mellow out to on a Sunday afternoon.

The night went down in trendy circles as one of those gigs that if you weren't there, then you're just 'Not there, man!'. Madchester may rave on regardless but Liverpool really knows how to party. **Melissa Blease**

RIDE/THE MILLTOWN BROTHERS ULU, London

The Milltown Brothers are one of the nation's growing breed of indie guitar rockers, displaying a neat penchant for funkier and more commercial nuances.

Led by singer Matt Nelson (equipped with the kind of blond shaggy bob Kim Basinger would be proud of), the Milltowns groove and croon their way through a breathtaking and highly provocative set. Matt's voice, with its Dylanesque aura, cuts straight through the University acoustics, slashing our ear lobes to shreds and forcing a previously suspicious audience to scream "More, bloody more!" by the end.

The new single, 'Seems To Me', refuses to lie down, constantly resurfacing to fill the place with incessantly grizzly guitars and soulful mania. Brazen, brutal and joyous, The Milltown Brothers are going places.

By the time Ride take the stage,

LOOP

Powerhaus, London

Call a gothe package or has plan groupy, hairy but lovable rogues Loop are making some fine left-field sounds in Sensarround bran-Fizzer cores exercismment. The recent 'A Guilded Eternity' is their third and best album to date

The set exceeded the from their last two LPs ('Afterglow', 'Pulse', 'Breathe Into Me', 'Fade Out') and of Arc Lite'. But live, song titles aren't important. Each burst of hypnotic power next. Four solemn-looking young men in black succeed in sticking the audience's celling.

Upper function and music inescapably pours over and through the massed swaying ranks. Tides of the second state of the second

comes as no comes as no comes as no comes as Ride have been the factor of the month for the

This fanatical following has given Ride tenure, encouraging them to develop a growing live confidence. Andy Bell (no, not that one) and his chainsaw guitaring provides the ideal backdrop for Mark Gardner's sultry, almost apologetic lead vocals.

'Furthest Sense' and 'Like A Daydream' are the pick of the new EP and come across powerfully amid this chaotic thunderstorm that Ride manage to create. 'Chelsea Girl' and 'All I Can See' emit almost tuneful melodies, without ever threatening to get 'nice'.

Some people find it difficult to know exactly where Ride's real charm lies but with dozens of psychopathically enthusiastic stage leapers risking life and limb every five minutes as they throw themselves blindly on to the heads and necks of the crowd below them, it is obvious that Ride are the best band around if you want yesterday's music tomorrow. **Tim Southwell**

TRASH CAN SINATRAS The Venue, Edinburgh

'Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue' and Abba's 'IDoIDoIDoIDoIDo': they say you can tell a lot about a band from their choice of cover versions and Trash Can Sinatras are no exception. In keeping with the title of their debut EP ('Obscurity Knocks') and the soiled glamour of their name, it's plain to see that amongst the immaculate songwriting there's still room for ironic humour.

Singer Frank Reid is the undisputed main attraction — a soon-to-be unlikely sex symbol, charismatically mannered in a way that previously only Morrissey managed and with a voice that smacks of loathing and longing and, not a little, of Roddy Frame.

Watching them in a half full club but with an appreciative and enthusiastic crowd, it is blindingly obvious that great things are imminent. That much overused term 'post-Postcard' comes to mind but rarely have two guitars been so deserving of the accolade. The band are still learning the art of performance, still clumsy, still nervous and wide-eyed, but given time this will undoubtedly work to their advantage.

If the thought of a guitar band from the west coast of Scotland conjures up images of an American infatuation, then Irvine's Trash Can Sinatras are the perfect antidote. James Haliburton

EVERYDAY PEOPLE Mean Fiddler, London

These extremely talented Sheffield boys arrived on stage with every intention of getting the crowd to jive their asses off, and this they certainly succeeded in doing. Opening with the gorgeously mellow song 'Place In The Sun', they had me donning a pair of shades and searching for an ice-cream salesman until the pace increased and instilled the dancefloor with life. The soaring horns plus twangy guitars could easily have had James Brown escaping from his confinement to join in this funky spectacle. Their latest single, 'Headline News'. was given a new sales impetus by the vocalist Desy, offering a "Buy one get seven free" deal. But from the reaction of the crowd, this scorcher of a song was already owned by many of their new followers.

The infectious sounds drifting from the stage had the punters tirelessly jiving away, each song had your hips swinging this way and that until your trousers fell down. A respite from excessive exercise was offered by way of the beautifully cool number 'The Woman', a soothing tune with a haunting sax solo causing a mass swoon from all the couples present.

The closing song gave an opportunity to every member of the band to show off their skills, including Desy's brilliant dancing routine, putting us all to shame. And then before you could say "Don't they sound similar to The Style Council?", these dead certs for stardom had scarpered and were halfway up the MI. **Peter Stanton**

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DSINGLE OF THE WEEK MARTIN STEPHENSON AND THE DAINTEES 'Left Us To Burn'

KITCHENWARE

Master Martin and his diddy Daintees dish up this succulent morsel as an appetiser for their first album since the superb 'Gladsome, Humour & Blue' in 1988. Jazzy guitar, saxophone and brushwork sleazily frame Stephenson's velvet yet vulnerable vocals as they hiss hatred for Thatcher's penny pinching policies. Just try and make this man pay his poll tax.





November Spawned A Monster'

Morrissey, ideal elder brother and confidant to many, is back, and he's spawned a monstrously fine single. The man's wondrous and plaintive wailings waft lightly over this exciting, sometimes aggressive and ugly, sometimes tender and melancholy tune. There's some intricate guitar work, vigorous percussion and a damn dapper, punchy bassline, courtesy of ex-Smith Andy Rourke. This is all punctuated by a marvellous morbid bit in the middle featuring a choking Mary Margaret O'Hara, backed by a haunting harmonica. This'll make them forget 'Ouija Board, Ouija Board'.

PROPAGANDA 'Heaven Give Me Words'

VIRGIN It's been five years since Propaganda first graced the charts with the weird and wonderful 'Dr Mabuse'. Now they return. featuring two ex-Simple Minds and new singer Betsy Miller, whose vocals are a heavenly hybrid of Madonna and Tracie Young (where is she now?). Partly penned by Howard Jones, this lilting and lovely dance track should see the band back in the limelight.

SOHO 'Hippychick'

SAVAGE

They emerged two years ago with a couple of well received singles and a more recently praised LP. Today twins Jackie and Pauline bounce back with a corker of a dance single which takes the opening riffs of The Smiths' 'How Soon Is Now' and kneads them together with some Seventies funk, soulful vocals and nice touches of percussion. These Hippychicks have surely hatched psychedelic success with this one.

A WAY OF LIFE 'Trippin' On Your Love' ETERNAL

This is a simple uptempo number with some natty acoustic guitar and vocals which nod more towards the Sixties Northern Soul shouters, as opposed to the silky satin Vandross variety. Supposedly fast becoming a club classic, it definitely deserves wider acclaim.

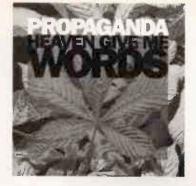
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TAYLOR DAYNE 'I'll Be Your Shelter' ARISTA

Imagine Tina Turner, Aretha







Franklin and Cher going into a changing room and, rather absent mindedly, getting all their togs mixed up. Besides conjuring up some unpleasant images, this also metaphorically describes the voice of one Taylor Dayne. Add to this some American background rock and moronic na na nas, and you're left thinking that Ms Dayne could do better.

RUBY BLUE 'The Quiet Mind'

This is the first single on a major label for the band that can boast none other than actress Rebecca Pidgeon amongst its ranks. Their subtle and original blend of pop, folk and blues culminate in this luscious lullaby of a song with its Clannad chorus, gentle guitars and haunting lead vocals. Sit back and enjoy.

ULTRA VIVID SCENE 'Staring At The Sun EP' 4AD

Hailing from New York and currently on tour with lan McCulloch, UVS are likeable indie-poppers whose style is difficult to pinpoint. From The Smiths leanings of 'Staring At The Sun' and the chugging, commercial 'Crash', through to the hectic 'Three Stars' and the melancholy, well behaved 'Something Better', it's a right riveting record.

THE LILAC TIME 'All For Love And Love For All'

FONTANA

Produced by Andy Partridge, this musical plea for universal love blends the honeyed pop of Mr Duffy's combo with the harsher sensibilities of XTC, giving it a raw and pleasing edge. Nice chorus too.

MONSOON 'Ever So Lonely' PHONOGRAM

This catchy and original tune, first released eight years ago, has been remixed by Ben (Silver Bullet) Chapman. I fail to see how adding a few hip hop drumbeats can further enhance this Bhangra club favourite.

PETER MURPHY 'Cuts You Up'

BEGGARS BANOUE

The man who would be Bowie moodily meanders through a pleasant and plodding guitar jaunt which, despite a raucous cymbal thrashing finish, fails to grab you by the turntable.

DSMALLS BILLY IDOL 'Cradle Of Love'

CHRYSALIS

On this track taken from his forthcoming album, ironically entitled 'Charmed Life', Hopalong Idol, one of the last money making punks left in the business, sneers, growls and rebel yells his way through another laughable, leatherclad anthem.

PHIL COLLINS 'Something Happened On The Way To Heaven' VIRGIN

Not content with endless hit albums he releases them in single by single instalments. Well, surprise surprise, this track from ". . . But Seriously' sounds very much like the last — pseudo Seventies Motown brass, the familiar Collins sticksmanship and the regular nauseating vocals. In fact, the only vague plus is that

comedian Tony Hancock replaces our Phil's boat race on the cover.



JAMES 'JT' TAYLOR AND **REGINA BELLE** 'All I Want Is Forever'

EPIC

This may be OK if it provides the music to your first youth club disco smooch, but otherwise it's just another slushy duet with the obligatory strings and guitar solo. All I want is for this to disappear up its own groove.

GRACE JONES 'Amado Mio'

CAPITO

FFRR

Gracie gets her bullfighting clobber on and goes all Lambada on us. Latin rhythms and castanets frantically swivel their hips behind Miss Jones as her theatrical and low ranged tones spout forth to no great effect.

MICHAELA **Take Good Care Of My** Heart'

Having successfully bludgeoned every last breath of life from Edwin Starr's 'Happy Radio', Michaela's having a bash at being a pop star again. This has about as much soul as an utterly soulless thing. Imagine any SAW record and you'll be spot on as Michaela's feeble voice occasionally surfaces from deep in the mix to reveal its true inadequacy. Any chance of a duet with Timmy Mallett?

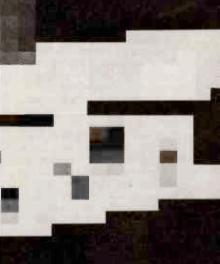


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SUZANNE VEGA 'Days Of Open Hand'

A&M

Suzanne Vega suffers from the reputation that she is the exclusive property of the first generation of CD buyers. Each mention of her name conjures up loathsome images



' yuppies quaffing Pimms as 'My Name Is Luka' plays in the background. It's not an easy task therefore, to disassociate Vega's work from the image which bears no direct relation to her music and which she undoubtedly had no part in creating.

'Days Of Open Hand' is immaculately crafted with Vega's plaintive vocals complemented by subtle musical arrangements and her polished co-production with keyboard maestro Anton Sanko. 'Book Of Dreams' is a fine song, with a melody faintly reminiscent of XTC and a completely obscure lyric. In fact, little of what Vega writes makes plain sense, although there is a poetic quality to the material that suggests that they weren't just thrown down on paper in a stream of consciousness. There is a general feeling of foreboding on many songs. Her rhythmic, almost nursery rhyme delivery is set against a haunting

percussive arrangement on 'Institution Green' and is echoed with curious synthesiser effects on 'Those Whole Girls (Run In Grace)'.

All in all, the assured finesse of this album should ensure that it becomes a successful follow up to 'Solitude Standing'. It lacks the essential warmth of soul to convince the doubters that Vega is not the Ice Queen of contemporary folk, but that shouldn't trouble her fans one jot.

INSPIRAL CARPETS 'Life'

The Inspirals' debut LP will come as quite a shock to those late comers expecting some Hacienda dancefloor connection to betray itself or to tumble across a Paul Oakenfold cameo appearance.

Recorded half a year ago, 'Life' is very much the tidying up of stage one of this band's career, the vinyl pinnacle of a lengthy run that's brought them a succession of indie chart topping singles and more compilation inclusions than there are plastic fibres in Oldham Athletic's Boundary Park pitch.

It's a raw, honest, unpretentious record that would have caused less rumpus and pressure on its creators if it had burst forth 12 months earlier and headed off the current Manc mania. Not that any of this is the responsibility of Tom, Clint and the boys, of course.

They've always relied upon a spirited Sixties simplistic pop, driven along by the even more influential drums. 'Song For A Family' highlights both, and betrays the band's greatest gift - their blossoming knack for an effective arrangement. It's the reason 'This Is How It Feels' was a hit, and why 'Sun Don't Shine' is the best song here. But if you want to 'get down' then swing your pants to the druggie observant 'Directing Traffik', the distinctly rockist 'Sackville' or The Wedding Present skip of 'Besides Me'.

Events have overtaken Inspiral Carpets and their 'Life'. It already sounds too much like last year's manifestation of a rapidly maturing group of young men. When they finally catch their breath they'll make a much better record than this. That said, it's still an exciting debut.

REBEL MC 'Rebel Music'

DESIRE

It's cheating slightly to call this the Rebel MC's first 'solo' album when it includes both his hit collaborations with Double Trouble, 'Just Keep Rockin' and 'Street Tuff'. Then again, it would be criminal to omit two such splendid singles. Indeed, 'Street Tuff', deservedly the best selling British rap record ever, with its shrill chorus and nagging beat, is one of the high points of the LP. The other, the Rebel's irresistible solo single 'Better World', really should have been a mega-hit.



So much for the songs you already know, but what of the rest of 'Rebel Music'? Well it's patchy, veering from feverish hi-speed reggae to the hardest of Cockney raps — a hybrid that reflects the Rebel's own mixed roots. Mostly it works well, though the anti-casual sex 'Storytime' is dangerously close to sexism and the dub/house rhythms hit monotony city when you listen to the whole album in one go.

'Rebel Music' wears its influences on its sleeve, but it assures the Rebel a future place in rap's hall of fame. He's got a way to go, but this'll be playing on car stereos across the nation this summer, mark my words.

VARIOUS 'Ambient House — The Compilation By DFC'

DFC/BCM RECORDS

The question is, what is ambient house? Who knows? All kinds of eulogies on new age and ambient house music have been written in style magazines which see it as 'the sound of the Nineties'. With Sueño Latino, Innocence and The Beloved in the Top 40, they could be right.

But what is it exactly? Well, according to the Italian label DFC, who compiled this selection, it's "a revolutionary new form of dance music that mixes moody, atmospheric sounds of new age and ambient music with pulsating house beats". Whilst Bill Drummond of top exponents The KLF simply calls it "music to listen to when you get back from a rave".

Most of the tracks here fall into DFC's description, with repetitive house beats speeded up and slowed down with washes of layered synthy squirty noises over the top, samples of the sea lapping the shore and bird noises. All very relaxing and soothing — this is the stuff to dance on your back to. And, unlike other forms of music, it's a compliment and not an insult to begin yawning halfway through.

The most oustanding track is the wonderfully titled 'A Huge Ever-Growing Pulsating Brain That Rules The World From The Centre Of The Ultra World' by The Orb. It's also the most simplistic, coupling a pounding drum sound with Minnie Ripperton's 1975 classic 'Loving You'. The KLF take the atmospheric theme to its extreme, looping the sound of a pan-American train rattling through the still night before some Rick Wakeman-esque keyboards arrive. Eco-friendly music for new age mods. Melt city.

SALT-N-PEPA 'Black's Magic'

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'A Salt With A Deadly Pepa' had a broad smile on its face. The snide sniggers of 'Tramp' swapped jokes with the comedy turn of 'Twist And Shout'. 'Black's Magic' shows the Little & Large of rap getting serious; lyrically and musically.

What's going on here is a convincingly mature record with a strong element of melody in the mix. The single 'Expression' is the perfect example of the merging of Salt-N-Pepa's razor-sharp rapping and a Madonna-like pop tune. 'You Showed Me', 'Do You Want Me' and 'Independent', featuring Sybil, fit into the same category. This combination crackles with the sound of music going pop in the frying pan.

"Doper Than Dope', 'Negro Wit' An Ego' and 'Swift' show that they can also take their rap and wrap it in a less playful style, displaying a skill with words and song that wipes the floor with most of their contemporaries.

The cover painting, which features images of Billie Holiday, Jimi Hendrix and Louis Armstrong, would have made no sense adorning Salt-N-Pepa's previous incarnations. But as an introduction to this thoroughly enjoyable and thoroughly intelligent record, the illustration is not as misguided as it sounds.

PUBLIC ENEMY 'Fear Of A Black Planet'

It's a testament to PE's character and sense of purpose that, despite intense media pressure, they can still produce an album that's progressive and provocative. Others would have cracked under the strain but PE, though they can't shock in the way they used to, have proved that no-one recreates the urban jungle on vinyl quite like them. 'Fear . . .' is over an hour long and features 20 tracks. Chuck D's megaphone style still has enormous authority and is more dominant than ever on 'Brothers Gonna Work It Out', 'Fight The Power' and the title track. Aggression and energy are still the dominant themes. The new school rappers like De La Soul and the Jungles have effectively hijacked the dancefloor from PE, and musically 'Fear Of A Black Planet' strays little from their previous albums, but the occasional rushes of power are enough to keep the noise in motion. 'Pollywanacraka', with its sleaze beat, is particularly effective, whilst Flav's pained whine makes 'Can't Do Nuttin' For Ya Man' a



BLACK BOX 'Dreamland'

CONSTRUCTION

The controversy that broke loose in the wake of the success of 'Ride On Time' submerged one rather crucial fact - that the song was a superb one that fully justified its success, no matter how it was made. Black Box's major problem then, wasn't how to live down the famous mimed video, or even Daniele Davoli's penchant for lúdicrous hats. It was how to follow up such a good song. Their first LP typifies the problems faced by an act who, faced with the success of a track only aimed at an underground market, suddenly find themselves in the position of having to transform themselves into a 'proper' group.

It goes without saying that 'Ride On Time' and 'I Don't Know Anybody Else' are the best cuts. But what of the rest? 'Everybody Everybody' is the obvious choice for the next single, but much of the rest ('Open Your Eyes' and 'Fantasy') owes an awful lot more to disco than it does to house. 'Hold On' takes things into more funky territory and 'Ghost Box' is a dreamy saxophone ballad that would fit into any soppy US drama series.

It's an accomplished debut that sits firmly in the mainstream, but it's unlikely to assuage the beliefs of those cynics who still think that the face of the singer in Black Box remains a mystery.

classic. PE are still the front runners in the revolutionary generation.

VARIOUS 'Alvin Lives (In Leeds): Anti Poll Tax **Compilation'**

SPASM/MIDNIGHT Let's face it, on the whole, the Seventies was a pretty dreadful

decade. The music was poor, the haircuts were awful and the clothes were a joke. But it was an optimistic period; everyone thought that things would get better. And then the worst joke came in 1979 when we elected a penny-pinching, indifferent government with a remit to improve matters. And the cruel and unfair poll tax is definitely no laughing matter.

So it seems appropriate that this anti-poll tax record, a compilation of upbeat Number Ones from the

Seventies, recorded by some of the most prominent independent bands, is more than a joke with a good punchline.

'Alvin' is a glorious, chaotic tribute to happier times. OK, so most of the songs are fairly crap, but here they are given a good dusting until they shine like tiny but valuable gems.

Lush pitch in with an excellently wooden 'Chirpy Chirpy Cheep Cheep', while Cud grind 'Bohemian Rhapsody' up into little bits and then spit it out quickly, as though it tasted nasty. The Popguns provide a chirpy "Bye, Bye Baby' and Robin Hitchcock's acappella 'Kung Fu Fighting', justifies the price alone.

Other notable moments are The Corn Dollies' upbeat 'Le Freak', The Wedding Present's turbocharged 'Make Me Smile' and The Close Lobsters' dreamy 'Float On'

All the profits from 'Alvin' will be donated to the non-militant Can't Pay, Won't Pay anti-poll tax organisation, and that seems a good enough reason for any record, even 40 minutes of whale noises. Buy this record and together we'll try to stop this terrible tax. Or go mad and buy two! Middleton

SAM BROWN 'April Moon'

A&M Imagine a concoction of the worst excesses of Pat Benatar and All About Eve, with some country

twang and blustery soul thrown in. The result is double yuk appeal. Since the powerfully emotive chart topper, 'Stop', something has

gone drastically wrong in Sam's career.

'April Moon' seems to be an eclectic overview of contemporary musical modes which has resulted in a directionless album full of melodrama, 'nice' arrangements, and very little else. What is needed is more originality, energy and rawness, which would give Sam's impressive vocals the material they deserve.

There seem to be millions of musicians on the album, which

explains the lack of continuity. As Sam is dragged through 'Eye For An Eye' (Sinéad O'Connor meets the lackson family) and 'Where You Are' (Kate Bush circa 'Hounds Of Love'), you just want to scream "Will the real Sam Brown please step forward", because she has been lost in a quagmire of over-produced, over-blown session playing.

'Kissing Gate', the next single, suffers from this same affliction. Too many cooks are in the kitchen which gives it a whooshing epic feel. But that golden voice gets lost somewhere in an utterly dreadful axe-attack guitar solo.

Sam Brown has the voice and the looks to be big, big news. This is not the way to utilise them. Get back to basics, Sam. **Russ Hodson**

LUXURIA 'Beast Box'

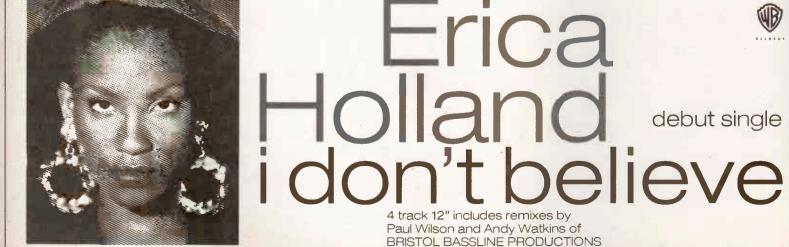
BEGGARS BANQUET

Things are not what they seem. Luxuria are a band formed by Howard Devoto, ex-Buzzcocks and Magazine supremo, and Noko (no, not John Noakes), an immensely talented Scouse guitarist. Now, we would expect some form of quirky, post-punk thingy to emerge from this partnership. But no, we are faced with, dare I say it, a concept album. Shocking!

Luxuria balance a myriad of musical modes with Devoto's bizarre world-view, unleashing a selection of ferocious songs, balanced by subtle, delicate arrangements.

The album opens with a fuzzy, unfocused guitar scratching its way through 'The Beast Box Dreams' supplemented by an African drum beat. It ends with the title track, which sees Devoto flirting with dance music. A funky finalé to this mind-blowing LP.

Diversity is the name of the game on 'Beast Box'. It succeeds in balancing the conventional with the abstract. It's one of the most thought provoking, disturbing documents released this year. File under 'deliciously disorientating'. **EEEE** Russ Hodson



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Erica



uther Vandross wears enough gold rings to pay the poll tax for half of London. But a deserves some luxuries when set zillions of hearts fluttering songs like 'Any Love' and 'Give The Reason'.

like expensive things," he purrs. I like my possessions to have and character. I don't like s which are deliberately tatious. At home I have original ngs by Hockney and Picasso. didn't buy them as an ment or so that I could show bought them because I love art."

d with 'Here And Now' nering around the charts and reatest hits album doing very , Luther should be well on his to picking up some more e artwork.

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He's not as big as he once as, but in other ways he's bigger than ever. LUTHER VANDROSS, the man who ends relationships with his songs about lurve, is currently causing much lling and cooing with his single 'Here And Now'. Robin Smith offered him some cream cakes

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MIND THE WIDTH, FEEL THE QUALITY

"I'm sure that several rocky marriages have been patched up because people listened to my we

been successful is because I know the value of communication," ponders Luther. "For me being a singer is like being a medium. I help the audience to appreciate their thoughts and feelings through the songs I sing. I sing about situations people identify with, they can make my work *their* songs. I'm sure that several rocky marriages have been patched up because people listened to my work.

"I can't say I've lived through all the emotions in the songs myself. God, if I'd done that I would be an emotional cripple now. No, I just identify with the feelings of the songs and when I see faces in the audience appreciating what's going on, it makes me happy."



million miles away from the 'Oh yeah come on baby' school of soul and funk, Luther has always preferred to woo his audiences with gentle kisses rather than with a tongue down their throats. But it's meant he's sometimes been labelled as being too cabaret and even a black Frank Sinatra. Luther, of course, disagrees.

"Just because I don't go in for having rather cheap and nasty effects like bringing a bed on stage and I don't sweat and get down on my knees, it doesn't mean that I am not a soul singer. I was born with soul in my voice. Soul is not about stupid effects and if people think it is, then that's false."

Luther has quite a pedigree to back up his words. Before going solo he was a highly successful session singer whose range was so varied that he even sang jingles for Kentucky Fried Chicken and the American army. He also arranged the vocals on David Bowie's Young Americans' album and the couple recently met up again when they took the same plane over to London. Luther's hoping to do a duet with Bowie someday, but before that happens he'll be teaming up with Aretha Franklin for a song or two.

"I think I've built up a reputation for quality, but I've had to work hard to get it. I'm not the sort of guy who has sleepless nights worrying about the competition and I'm not really an angry sort of person. Of course, it seems to be in vogue to make angry and political statements through music, but that kind of approach doesn't interest me. I'm proud to speak about love.

"I don't know a great deal about some of the younger guys coming up these days but I do like Heavy D." Public Enemy? "No, I don't really know anything about them or where they're coming from."

And now for the continuing s of Luther's weight problem. His waistline has expanded and decreased more times than Mich Hutchence has snogged Kylie Minogue. But these days he's looking very trim, having slimme down from 22 stone to a mere

"I've been on a fast," he say literally haven't eaten anything a all. I've just been drinking lots a water and making sure I get al right minerals. I feel really good but when I open up a paper it seems all they want to write ab is my weight. I think that to concentrate on my weight and really care about what I have t say is a bad thing. Fat or thin, the same person. A person's ba appearance doesn't really matter what's in their hearts that count

Anyone for a sticky doughnut

GOODBYE MR MACKENZIE

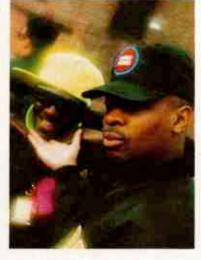
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NEMY OF THE PEOPLE

PUBLIC ENEMY's opinions are wide open to public scrutiny. Though they preach a form of peace and love on their album 'Fear Of A Black Planet', many of their methods and mouthings appear deeply offensive. Lisa



Tilston looked Chuck D and his pals straight in the eye and said "Defend yourself". Public pictures by Normski

bands have created a buzz to rival the storm of troversy kicked up by Public Enemy. While they're ely acknowledged as one of the finest rap bands and, producing a challenging and abrasive noise ch has revolutionised the genre, many potential have been alienated by the stream of confusing often contradictory statements that have issued in the Public Enemy camp.

hings came to a head last year when Minister Of rmation, leader of the paramilitary Security Of The World and the most outspoken member of PE, essor Griff, made an anti-Semitic remark which a shadow over their supposedly anti-racist policy. The States it led to chains of record stores refusing to k their records, assasination threats from Jewish tics and increasing racial violence at their live ws. Leader Chuck D first defended Griff, then ked him, then split the band. When the furore died n Public Enemy reformed, but Griff has recently left oncentrate on his own outfit, The Last Asiatic iples. It's been left to Chuck D to repair the age.

GOOD GRIFF

Chuck D isn't the kind of man you want to argue with. He's wound tight as a coiled spring, he's firm in his beliefs to the point of tunnel-vision, and his displeasure at Griff's ill-considered outburst is countered by an obvious reluctance to badmouth an old friend and respected brother. So Chuck, what was it all about?

"Statements were made with our guards down which weren't totally clear, and we have to be clear because we're trying to reach our objective in a field full of landmines. Our whole thing is to promote our blackness, not to criticise other people. A mistake was made and I think if Griff had come out to repair it right away it would have been easier. There were some rumblings but the whole group philosophy is intact, and that is that we are pro-black, not anti-anything.

"Griff outgrew his position, and his group The Last Asiatic Disciples is a redistribution of Public Enemy ideology, it's a redistribution of a revolution. Griff has to take the front seat now, he's one of the most intelligent black men in the music business but the pressure's on him, we're all looking for him to *be* so." You and Griff have been called black supremists.

"The cover of the new album says 'a counter-attack on *world* supremacy'. There's no such thing as black supremacy, but we perceive black nationalism as different from white nationalism. Black nationalism is the grouping of all our people around the planet in order that we won't be beaten down any longer. Pro-black is self-defence.

"Public Enemy is a name I chose back in '86 because even though there's a constitution in America, they once considered the black man three-fifths of a human being. Those beliefs are still here in a subtle way, and this constitution is for the public, so we as black people must be the public enemy.

"Our new album, 'Fear Of A Black Planet', deals with the theory that if the world was to truly come together through the process of peace and love, this would be a black planet. Ten per cent of the planet's population runs things from its cultural point of view and 90 per cent have to follow. There's paranoia about Afrocentricity taking over, because Eurocentrism hasn't been beneficial to the majority of people on the

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planet. The Afrocentric view is collective, we share, we respect each other's culture. The Eurocentric view is, 'If you're not like me, damn you', and intertwined with this are murder, lies, capitalism and slavery. Afrocentrism should take its place because it's centred around humanism and respect for the planet."

So it's a white supremist fear of a black planet?

"Yes, because a white racist believes his race is pure and separates the issue into white and non-white. He does not acknowledge the fact that the white race *comes from* the black race ... and that's not bragging, it just shows that we're all in this together. It shouldn't even be about the complexion game because in the black world we're on the colour scale from the lightest of light to the darkest of dark. There's only one race, and that's the human race."

FEAR OF A GAY PLANET

Would you say black male attitudes to women are changing?

"There's a song on the album called 'Revolutionary Generation' which talks about how the black man was taught to disrespect his woman by white world supremacy. Especially during slavery, our families would get separated, and this took place over 400 years. The change will be in the next generation. Once the rebuilding of the black male happens we can come up to their level and say, 'Thanks, sisters, for holding the fort', because they've been raising families by themselves.

"There's a line "they disrespected mama, and treated her like dirt/America reshaped her, raped her, nope it never made the paper". America disrespected the black man first by just killing him. Now there's a degrading type of subtle racism. The black man is at the bottom and the black woman is exploited. The white man has historically raped the black woman, had offspring but disregarded them, yet wouldn't let the black man have any kind of peaceful relationship with the white woman or the black woman. Things are changing, but it's a hard way to go because beliefs are embedded in the system."

You've said that black men 'can't afford' to be homosexual. Isn't that just replacing one type of oppression with another?

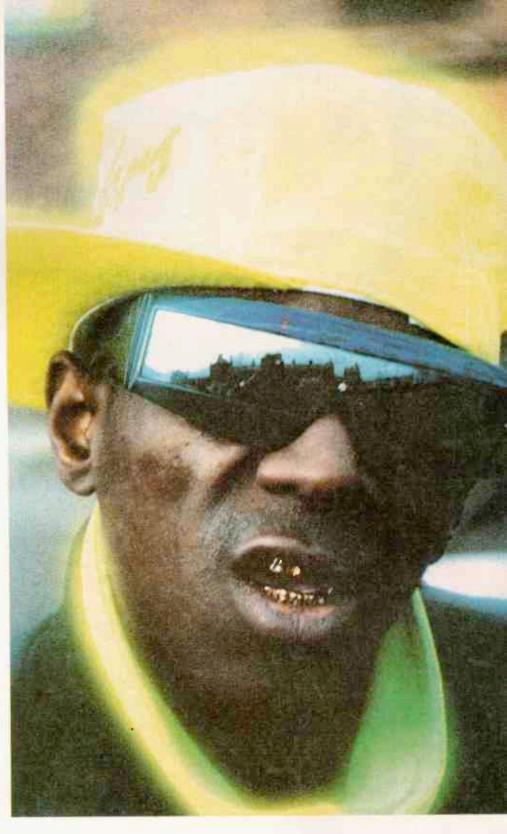
"Not at this present time, because the black man has to raise the community, raise his kids and be a responsible father. Men and women were put on this planet to work with one another. Man can love his fellow man but once he deals in the area of sex I think it's a violation because the parts don't fit. Your purpose as a human being is to make it a better place for those after you, and what a lot of people leave as a legacy is children. The world is a cycle and the cycle is God's nature and you contribute to the cycle by setting a standard for people to follow. The people after you are the people you put here on earth.

"In the black situation now, what the black man and the black woman's role should be is cloudy. I'm not saying everyone should be out of a cookie cutter, but if you cloud the image there's no use fighting. People get mad at Naziism, but it comes from white world supremacy, and in order to battle it you have to counter-attack it with strong role models."

But do you see Public Enemy as a role model for young blacks?

"For young blacks, and for whites who want to shoot down the beliefs that have been bred into them," he explains. "They will rebel against the bullshit that doesn't add up. But I say if you're looking for a good role model, *be* one."

Later Chuck D, Flavor Flav and the rest of the Public Enemy collective go outside to meet an enthusiastic posse of kids waiting for that night's show to begin. Chuck shakes hands, jokes with Flav and is obviously delighted to meet the people who really matter to him. It's the only time he lightens up ... but then, as he'd probably tell you, rap's a serious business.



"There's no such thing as black supremacy, but we perceive black nationalism as different from white nationalism. Black nationalism is the grouping of all our people around the planet in order that we won't be beaten down any longer. Pro-black is self-defence"





"I don't think I could really pull it off as a drug addict"

ng her latest single, 'Opposites Attract', and choreographing the Oscars, PAULA ABDUL is hungr her first acting role. Tim Southwell sees the attraction

o doubt about it, Paula Abdul is set to become a bloody great colossus of an international superstar.

More so than any other woman and second only to Tom Cruise, she is the celeb of the moment Stateside. She has won countless high profile entertainments awards in America for her work on the debut LP 'Forever Your Girl', including the music section of the coveted 'People's Choice Award ', voted for by 197 million people in the USA, and was also in the top three of performers in general, along with Roseanne Barr and Michelle Pfeiffer. Not to mention her seemingly limitless talent for choreography.

Her friends include Gene Kelly, director Oliver Stone and Prince. Everyone wants to know Paula.

It's difficult to recall any recording star who's had such a devastating impact on the US charts so quickly. 'Forever Your Girl' is currently enjoying its second lengthy spell at Number One, its 11 consecutive weeks breaking all records for longevity in the USA Top 10 — an amazing 87 weeks in a row.

Choreography-wise she is the most sought after woman in the world and her arrival in the UK to promote a new single, 'Opposites Attract', follows a five week stint in which she choreographed the Oscars. "The last month I've been devoted to doing the Oscars which took me f she says, feigning exhaustion with a dramatic roll of the eyes. "It was a lo and more hectic than I'd anticipated, but really good fun. It's the type of jo my career as a choreographer I just couldn't say no to. It's like the biggest can do."

Paula's fiendish good looks have been well documented and so overplayed in the past, but as we settle down in her plush hotel room for g nay American, portions of coffee and mineral water, it's impossible no nonplussed about those disarmingly pretty eyes and her modest dis Morever, she maintains a certain vibrancy, despite the ridiculously strenuou of her schedule.

For blimey's sake woman, don't you ever get tired?

"Yeah I do!" she says somewhat thankfully, as if relieved to be able to adn tired now. It's funny, we were laughing earlier, my assistant and I, 'cause eve come here from America it's either after a 48 hour video shoot or a couple dance rehearsals. After the Oscars I flew straight out here and what happ me is I work and work and the second my body realises I'm not working I ge C 0 N T. 1 N U 8. D 0 M G E

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"I definitely couldn't bite the head off a bat"

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 e all this way out to Britain and the weather's so lovely, I just start to relax, and nmediately ill again."

hard not to sympathise with such a committed artist, especially when you're ning to think you love her.

ut why sympathise? It's all going to be worth it. Her new single, 'Opposites Attract', the fourth single release from 'Forever Your Girl', is burrowing its way into the UK charts like an extremely determined burrowing thing.

s really exciting with this single coming out here," she explains, "because it's getting a hit in the UK for me. Also, it's like a transitional period because l've d working on material for my second studio LP and there'll also be a remix I 'Shut Up And Dance' out later in the year which is like a remix of the 'Forever Girl' stuff."

e you going to start writing your own songs for the studio LP? es, I'm writing now which is great because I didn't get the chance to really bute on 'FYG'."

is that because you didn't really feel ready for writing?

'ell, it was my debut LP and there was all the pre of actually getting an album out. Plus I was ographing George Michael and 'The Tracey in Show', so I never got the chance. Now I'm time out and working with LA & Babyface and The Family Stand. There are going to be a different songs this time. There are definitely to be dance grooves, r&b grooves and a few ds too. It's very exciting because when you think tit, for two years I've been living with the 'FYG' and just doing stuff related to that."

at LP must be getting on your nerves by now. s weird though, coming to a different country earing your song on the radio ... I'm like a little she answers. "But in America, I don't know. I say I hate it but... well, it's been around a long

uld you ever like to do something totally off the Maybe a collaboration with Ozzy Osbourne his Unfortunate Bats?

ZZY OSBOURNE??!" shrieks Paula with a ed laugh. "Hmmm . . . I would like to do thing unexpected, I don't know about Ozzy

urne though. I definitely couldn't bite the head off a bat. Yeah, I wanna do a I'm not sure who with yet, the record company is tossing ideas around. No, Ily I'm going to be working with Young MC soon. I don't know if you know

at? He's on my shortlist of suggested collaborators look.

ally?" asks Paula, examining my notes. "Oh yeah. That's weird. He's just a good guy. He's got his head firmly on his shoulders. I like that." when are you going to make your first film then?

tually, it's funny you should say that because I've been working on Oliver 's 'Jim Morrison Story' for the past few months. I'm basically just overseeing Val r who's playing Jim Morrison. I mean, it's not really choreography because Jim son didn't do anything. He was kinda stoned all the time, so I'm just helping Val ose and not feel inhibited. We studied hours of Jim Morrison footage. He never d, he'd always have one foot forward and then all of a sudden he'd go into this Indian type Apache dancing. Val Kilmer's going to be amazing. He actually looks like him now."

Has he got skinny enough legs for the job? "Oh yeah. Val Kilmer has totally transformed into Jim Morrison. He sings just like

him, it's incredible."

Will you be acting yourself soon?

"Well, yes. I'm in the process of picking the right film to do as an actress. I'm going to be making my film debut this year at some point."

Don't you think it's becoming a little inevitable for pop stars to act these days? "Yeah, it is inevitable and I've been approached with some pretty inappropriate scripts. I am being careful. I mean, the natural thing for me to do would be a huge bring-back-a-big-MGM-musical thing, but I don't want that yet. I want to get into it gently, like work in a 'buddy' film or have a really strong supporting role with great people around me. I don't want people saying, 'Oh, she rode on the success of her album and now she's starring in a film'. Oh Gaaahhhd...y'know? I'm having serious acting lessons now and I'm very fortunate to have Oliver Stone as a great friend.

He's said that eventually something will come up for me — something suitable. Obviously there wasn't one in the Jim Morrison story. I don't think I could really pull it off as a drug addict."

aula bursts into laughter at the very thought of drugs, which is no surprise considering her clean and possibly blinkered approach to her craft. If ever a girl didn't need 'foreign stimulants' to enhance her career, Paula is her. From her days as a cheerleader for the Los Angeles Lakers basketball team to the dizzy heights of 'Wogan', Paula has been wrigglin' and gigglin' her way from bank to bank, maintaining a level of physical fitness most of us inspired gym part-timers could only dream about. During this time she has drowned in gushing critical praise but does she, in her heart of hearts, believe that she is progressing?

"Well, I never anticipated this. I'd be lying if I said I did. It's been just unbelievable. Sometimes I feel that it's not real, like how can this be? I don't think about it a lot . . . no, that's not true, I do think about it a lot because it amazes me, but I'm working so much I don't get a chance to really analyse what's going on."

Or enjoy it?

"It's tough, it's something that you have to work on. It's so hard to catch up with it all. In a way I think that it's worked to my advantage 'cause it keeps me on my toes constantly, but I do realise that I have to be human and have a good time sometimes. I do step outside of it all occasionally and realise how fortunate I am and how wonderful it is. Like, I've realised that you have to pat yourself on the back and go and take a holiday. Not only because I deserve it but also so I can be creative on my next project."

With everything happening so fast in Paula Abdul's life you begin to wonder about the sanity of becoming so immersed in it all. But maybe that's what sorts out the pop stars from the artists. Being on 'Top Of The Pops' is one thing, but being on the verge of establishing international careers in three highly skilled and immensely demanding fields is quite another. It's the difference between driving a fast car and piloting the next NASA trip to Mars.

The universe hasn't seen anything yet.



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MARK SHAW SUED

ark Shaw, former vocalist with Then Jerico, is being sued by Jake Panayitou, manager of the plush London nightclub Browns. Shaw, who has recently signed a record deal with the EMI label, is being taken to court for non-payment of a £3,500 debt owed to the club.

GUNS N' ROSES DENY SPLIT IN THEIR RANKS

ecent reports in the music press that **Guns N' Roses** drummer Steve Adler is to leave the band due to health difficulties have been strenuously denied by their label Geffen. Although Adler's alleged drug problem had meant his temporary departure from the band, it is understood that Martin Chambers (former skin thumper with The Pretenders) is not taking over drumming duties and Adler has already returned to the fold.

OSTONE ROSES



STONE ROSES ADJOURNMENT

The Stone Roses' appearance at Wolverhampton Crown Court on April 12, to face charges of criminal damage caused at the offices of their former label Revolver FM. has been adjourned for a second time until April 26. Rumours that this latest delay intends to maximise publicity at the time of the band's next single 'One World' are unfounded, as both parties have asked for extra time to prepare their respective cases.



OINSPIRAL CARPETS WITH CHARLOTTE HINDLE

FESTIVAL FOR MANCHESTER'S OLYMPIC BI

Inspiral Carpets. James, The Fall and **The Buzzcocks** have been approached to play Salford rugby league football ground on July 14 and 15, in an effort to boost Manchester's bid to stage the 1996 Olympics. Salford City Council's accident prevention and licens committee have approved the plans and a final decision will soon b made by the full council. The event will be open to an audience of 18,500 and local councillor Melvyn Higson believes that it will furth enhance their Olympic bid and show that Salford is capable of stag prestige events.

Meanwhile. **808** State have already completed a theme tune for t 1996 Olympiad should Manchester's bid prove successful.

Back in the Inspirals camp, the Manc heroes have recorded the theme tune for the new BBC1 Saturday morning show, 'The 8.15 Fro Manchester'. Presented by Charlotte Hindle, the series runs for 22 weeks from April 21.

AWARDS FOR JASON, BOWIE, SAW AND LISA STANSFIELD

ecent recipients at the Ivor Novello Awards held at London's Grosvenor House Hotel included Stock, Aitken and Waterman, who walked away with Songwriters Of The Year, best selling A-Side for Jason Donovan's 'Too Many Broken Hearts' and Most Performed Work for Donna Summer's 'This Time I Know It's For Real'. The Best Contemporary Song award went to Lisa Stansfield for 'All Around The World' and Mike And The Mechanics' 'The Living Years' was deemed to be last year's Best Song Musically And Lyrically. Special awards went to David Bowie and The Kinks for Outstanding Contributions To British Music.

DRIVING BAN FO

ric Clapton, rare car colle and occasional guitar hero has been banned from driv for three months and fined £300 after being caught speeding dow the Esher bypass in Surrey at 105mph in his Mercedes. This follows an incident in 1988, whe he was banned from driving afte overtaking a police car at 111m



BUM RAP FOR MÖTLEY'S TOMMY LE

The sensitive, mother lovin' boys from **Mötley Crüe** have be getting up to their high jinks again. Drummer Tommy Lee ha been charged with indecent exposure after he bared his rear end to a 6000 strong audience at the band's show in Augusta, Georg He was freed on £1000 bail.

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nd O'Connor, London Imersmith Odeon orrissey finally gets around to releasing his much delayed single 'November Spawned A Monster' on April 23. It features two other new songs on the 12-inch and CD copies, 'He Knows I'd Love To See Him' and 'Girl Most Likely To', and is also available in cassette form. Morrissey is joined by Canadian songstress Mary Margaret O'Hara on additional vocals and the song was co-written by producer Clive Langer. Keep 'em peeled for the mega promo video shot in California's Death Valley. Yikes!

Bebby Brown releases his single 'I'll Be Good To You' to coincide with his UK dates at the beginning of June. The single is backed with a megamix of all his previous hits.

nspiral Carpets release their long awaited debut LP 'Life' on April 23. The band, who recently merged their Cow Records empire with Mute, are also being tipped as one of this year's headline acts at the revitalised Reading Festival. The LP features their current hit 'This Is How It Feels' plus others including 'Directing Traffik', 'She Comes In Fall' and 'Song For The Family'.

Eurythmics prove they're not resting up just yet with the release of their single 'Angel' on April 23. It's taken from their 'We Too Are One' LP and is backed with 'Angel Choir Version'. A special remix from Dave Stewart will be released at the end of the month featuring a reworking of the classic 'Sweet Dreams'.



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Idek Box release their debut LP, 'Dreamland', on April 23. Featuring the group's rather popular 'Ride On Time' hit, other tracks include 'I Don't Know Anybody Else' and the forthcoming single 'Everybody Everybody' which is released on May 7.

Sunsonic, who've already recieved heaps of praise from *Record Mirror*, finally release their rather nice debut single 'A Kind Of Loving' on April 23. Formerely known to the world as The Flowerpot Men back in 1986, the duo of Ben Watkins and Adam Peters have gone for a shock in the remix stakes. Yep, you've guessed it, Paul Oakenfold takes the credit.

OGRACE JONES

rian Kennedy, the much tipped Irishman currently on tour with Suzanne Vega, releases his single 'Hollow' on April 23. The track is taken from Brian's LP 'The Great War Of Words' which topped the charts in Northern Ireland knocking Sinéad O'Connor off the top spot.

The Charlatans, the band whose indie debut 'Indian Rope' sold 15,000 copies after they supported The Stone Roses, have signed to Beggars Banquet and release their second single 'Only One I Know' on May 14.

Go-Betweens have compiled a video selection of their finest moments entitled 'Video Singles', for release on April 30. It features such *Record Mirror* favourites as 'Right Here', 'Bye Bye Pride' and 'Streets Of Your Town'.



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ebel MC, currently enjoying life in the charts with 'Better Warld', releases the LP 'Rebel Music' this week. The album also features his 'Street Tuff' single which became Britain's biggest ever home produced rap reconstructed and the charts with 'Better Warld', releases the LP 'Rebel Music' this week. The album also features his 'Street Tuff' single which became Britain's biggest ever home produced rap reconstructed and the charts with 'Better Warld', releases the LP 'Rebel Music' this week. The album also features his 'Street Tuff' single which became Britain's biggest ever home produced rap reconstructed and the charts with 'Better Warld', releases the LP 'Rebel Music' this week. The album also features his 'Street Tuff' single which became Britain's biggest ever home produced rap reconstructed and the charts with 'Better Warld', releases the LP 'Rebel Music' this week. The album also features his 'Street Tuff' single which became Britain's biggest ever home produced rap reconstructed and the charts with 'Better Warld', releases the LP 'Rebel Music' this week. The album also features his 'Street Tuff' single which became Britain's biggest ever home produced rap reconstructed and the charts with 'Better Warld', releases the term also features his 'Street Tuff' single which became Britain's biggest ever home produced rap reconstructed and the charts with 'Better Warld', releases the term also features his 'Street Tuff' single which became Britain's biggest ever home produced rap reconstructed and the charts with 'Better Warld', releases the term also features his 'Street Tuff' single which became Britain's biggest ever home produced rap reconstructed and the charts with 'Better Warld', releases the term also features his 'Street Tuff' single which became Britain's biggest ever home produced rap reconstructed and the charts with 'Better Warld', releases the term also features his 'Street Tuff' single which became Britain's biggest ever home produced and term also features his 'Street Tuff' single which became Br

Jools Holland launches another stab at a solo career away from his Squeeze pals with the release of his single 'Holy Cow' this week. Jools is currently on tour as well as presentine 'The Happening' on BSB TV.



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illy Bragg, that "disgraceful loony lefty", releases his 'Internationale' LP on April 30. The ambitious projectives are solved and also tackling Blake 'Iserusalem'. 'Internationale' is released on his own Utility label and costs £3.99 on vinyl, £5.99 on C

Sam Brown continues her attempt to return to pop favour in a big way with the release of her single 'Kissing Gate' on April 23. The track is taken from her recently released LP 'Apr Moon' and is backed with the intriguingly titled 'Is It Mustard Or Mango'.



race Jones, who shocked even hardened *Record Mirror* writers with the sheer raunchiness of her rece live outings, releases her single 'Amado Mio' this week. It's a remix of the track on her 'Bulletproof Hea



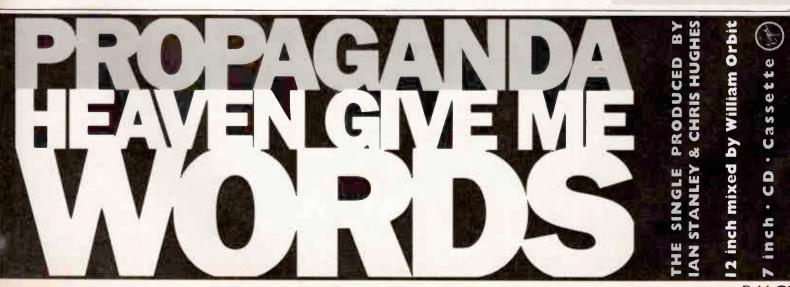
obby Brown has been forced to add two extra rubber-limbed dates to his schedule due to being rather popular at the old box office. Bob now plays further nights at Wembley Arena on June 5 & 6.

The Railway Children, favourite popsters of *Record Mirror's* esteemed editor, set off on the road with dates at Windsor Psychic Dancehall May 10, Dudley JBs 11, Coventry Warwick University 12, Newcastle Riverside 17, Forres Victoria Hotel 18, Inverness Ice Rink 19, Dundee Dance Factory 20, Birmingham Edwards 23, Leeds Duchess Of York 24, Bristol Polytechnic 25, Walsall Junction 10 27, Liverpool Polytechnic 29, Wolverhampton Polytechnic 30, Coventry Psychic Dance Hall 31, Bath Moles Club June 1, Leicester Princess Charlotte 3, Cambridge Junction 4, Manchester Ritz 5, Sheffield Polytechnic 7, London Town & Country Club 8.

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MORE LENNON

The Christians, Hall And Oates and Level 42 have been added to the line-up for the John Lennon Concert in Liverpool on May 5. They join the already prestigious bill which includes Paul McCartney, Lou Reed. Cyndi Lauper, Deacon Blue Dave and Stewart. The concert takes place at the city's Pier Head venue and may help make up for Liverpool's defeat at the hands of Palace in the FA Cup semi finals.





TELEVISION

WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL Rapido

BBC2 7.30pm Monsieur de Caunes, alias Inspector Clouseau, plays host to Suzanne Vega, Timbuk 3 and Robert Plant. The Match

ITV 8pm

Arsenal v Liverpool. Can Brian Moore rekindle last year's "most exciting night" of his life? Can Michael Thomas make any more friends in Merseyside? Watch and find out.

THURSDAY 19 APRIL Top Of The Pops

BBC1 7pm

Introduced by Jakki Brambles. Film: A Month In The Country C4 9.30pm

Shakespeare's best mate, Kenneth Branagh, stars with Colin Firth as World War One veterans coming to terms with the mental scars of war. Film: The Mission

BBC1 10pm

Not a life history of Wayne Hussey but the Roland Joffe award-winning epic with Jeremy Irons as a priest of a doomed 18th century Jesuit mission in South America. Worth watching for the breathtaking photography and beautiful soundtrack.

FRIDAY 20 APRIL Coronation Street TV 7.30pm

Ee bi eck, it's celebration time down Rovers. Ger us a pint in Jack. Stevie Wonder's Birthday Celebration

BBC1 11.05pm Which of Stevie's songs could they possibly choose to celebrate his happy birthday? Jazz 625 BBC2 12.20am Big Joe Turner, one of the best

known blues singers and inspiration to Elvis and Mick Jagger, in session.

SUNDAY 22 APRIL Land Of The Giants

C4 1pm The sooner some giant treads on these little gits the better. **The Manageress** C4 9pm New series of the popular drama about a football team aiming for the top under a lady manager.

MONDAY 23 APRIL Five Go Mad In Dorset C4 10pm

Hilarious mick-take of Enid Blyton's Famous Five from the Comic Strip team. No-good villains, secret passages and lashings of ginger beer, Hurrah!

TUESDAY 24 APRIL Rock Steady C4 10.30pm

Nicky Horne in his own land of the giants hosts this rock music show.



WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL John Peel R1 8.30pm Bloated stomachs galore with Force



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JP and the unlikely sounding Force Fed in session.

THURSDAY 19 APRIL John Peel R1 8.30pm Fatima Mansions in session.

FRIDAY 20 APRIL Jonathan Ross R1 6pm Live from Wonnie Scott's with French band Mano Negra.

SATURDAY 21 APRIL In Concert International

R1 9.30pm Highlights from the We Love Music, We Love The Earth' concert in Tokyo, featuring James Taylor, Patti Austin, Sadao Watanabe.

SUNDAY 22 APRIL Phillip Schofield R1 3.30pm Cuddly Phil with even cuddlier Kim Wilde.

MONDAY 23 APRIL Bob Harris R1 12 Midnight Hinterland in session. Peter Stanton

'BILL AND TED'S EXCELLEN ADVENTURE' (Cert PG)

In which Keanu Reeves establish himself as something of a star. Nothing much was expected of this nonsen romp about two high-school frien who find the easiest way to pass a exam is to travel through time in telephone box in order to find the answers. However, \$45 million late the film has become a rather big de in the States, one town eve pronouncing an 'Excellent Day' honour of the phrase "real excellent" that has already entered th American vocabulary. The fil appeals to the more juvenile part a people's nature, and within weeks a its release here, you can be sure th word "excellent" will be irritating yo something stupid.

'JOHNNY HANDSOME' (Cer 18)

Mickey Rourke perpetuates th phenomenon of being a very famou film star without having had a bi success (financially or artistically) for yonks and yonks. 'Johnny Handsome is a very unpleasant tale of a New Orleans criminal cursed with mal-formed face. With his life i danger in prison, he is pursuaded to undergo plastic surgery by a docto who believes that his crimina behaviour is caused by his unfortunat features. When the result is a kind a Mickey Rourke face you wonder wh he doesn't ask for his money back. The film is chock full of graphic violence of the distinctly unnecessary kind, and indeed the whole film seem unnecessary.

'THE BIG MAN' (Cert 18)

Liam Neeson carries this film on his no unimpressive shoulders. The story of a miner who leaves the underground fo the underworld of drugs and bare-knuckle fights sounds particularly unattractive. But the performances from Neeson and Joanne Whalley Kilmer are convincing enough to drag you into this dark and stark tale.

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WHAT'S GOING ON ... EDITED BY ANDY STRICKLAND

Scotland meets Malaysia — no we're not on an early World Cup story here, it's the return of that rather pleasant Betty Boo person. The multi-cultural teenager shot to deserved fame last year with her invaluable contribution to The Beatmasters' 'Hey DJ I Can't Dance (To That Music You're Playing) and her warm-up appearance at Bros' Wembley extravaganza. Now Betty is destined for the top in her own right via the brilliant single 'Doin' The Do', out next week. The single confirms Betty Boo (real name Alison Clarkson) as the poppiest rapper in town on a disturbingly effervescent track that comes as a taster for her debut LP 'Boo Mania', released at the end of next month. A girl with a training in vocals, studio engineering and a great ear for a bass line, Betty's gonna be up there in the next few weeks — that's a

promise!

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NEW MOVEMENT

"We've had two years of running around waving our hands in the air, shouting and screaming. We're tired. We want a change." So says Paul Oakenfold, producer and creator of the hip tune 'Joy And Heartbreak' by Movement 98, fronted by the loved larynx of Carol Thompson.

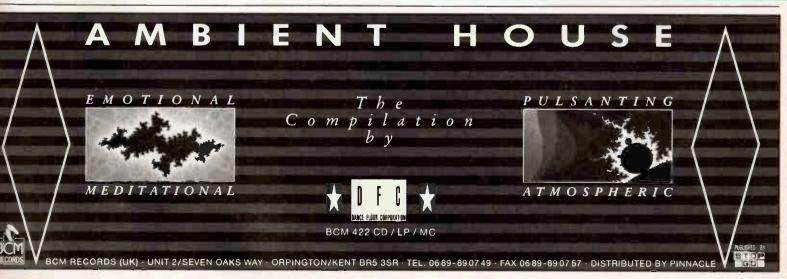
With almost missionary zeal, Oakenfold has been making a stand, declaring that the mortar that holds our happy house (music) together is about to crumble and fade away. A contentious opinion to hold maybe, especially when the Top 40 is so full of house you could mistake it for a council estate.

> 98 refers, just in case you hadn't guessed, to the tempo of this rather clever little tune, taking in an idyllic walk down Lovers Lane, hand in hand, heart to heart and face to face with the classical melody of Erik Satie's

'Les Trois Gymnopedie', itself a tune that as a backing to a TV ad has shifted more soap than the combined teams of the First Division would use in a lifetime.

'Joy And Heartbreak' seems destined to break in a big way, and if a slow beat means more records like this, then all well and good, but a world without house music? Why, t'would be like a poachee egg without the toast. Muff Fitzgerald

'Joy And Heartbreak' is released by Circa on May 8



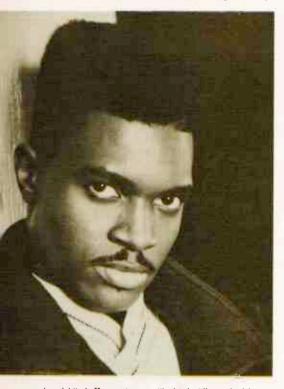
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EDITED BY TIM JEFFERY



SIMPLY REDD

want to take the world by storm. Quietly." So says Jeff Redd, not only stating his intent but sneaking in a plug for his upcoming debut album. 'A Quiet Storm' belies its good taste title, serving up a solid selection of swingbeat rhythms, hard-edged ballads



'A Quiet Storm' is out now on MCA

sounds old." Jeff continues, "I think I'll probably get more acceptance as a ballad singer." His album's mellower moments feature Redd involved in some of that late night heavy breathing. Hard to keep a straight face? "Yeah, but we got a pretty girl in to help with the sexy talk. It got a little steamy in there . . ." Watch out for this guy, it might not be too long before you're seeing Redd. JB Bernstein

and traditional r&b vocalising. New Yorker Jeff, a five year veteran on the assembly line at General Motors. earned his spurs singing covers (like The Fatback Band's anthemic 'l Found Lovin" which appears on 'A Quiet Storm') in the city's clubs before singing with Uptown records, home of, among others, Guy. Redd's record betrays a noticeable Teddy Riley influence, though he confesses: "I think New Jack Swing is just about over. It peaked six months ago, now it just



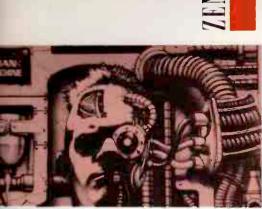
ACE IN THE HOLE

These days the choice of a good sample can really make or break a s and so it is with Mellow Man Ace's 'Welcome To My Groove' w shows an outrageous amount of good taste in paying tribute to the i of MFSB's disco classic 'K-Gee'. 'Welcome' also boasts an infuriatingly ca rap by Mellow Man and some dramatic female vocals. Given a variety of m by Steve 'Silk' Hurley, of which the urgent driving house mix seems to be r popular, for sheer power alone the tune shames most of the other house tra around. Cuban by birth, 23-year-old Mellow Man's work complements 'Black Havana' compilation which appeared on the same label last year. Latin connection will continue with the release of Mellow Man's own 'Esc From Havana' LP which features Spanish rapping and the production skil the Dust Brothers. Definitely one of the best house tracks around, and if yo looking for that intro just blow the dust off your 'Saturday Night Fe soundtrack. Tony Farsides

'Welcome To My Groove' is out now on import on Capitol



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ow some people change. Now that **Man Machine** has made his name with his first single for Outer Rhythm, 'Denkimi Shakuhachi', we can reveal that he's not really very

mechanical at all; he's Ed Stratton of the defunct duo Jack 'N' Chill. Yes, you might well ask who that is, and the answer is that Jack 'N' Chill managed to get a British house cut, albeit a rather tame one, into the charts long before most people had realised what was happening. Bu 'The Jack That House Built' didn't lead to anything greater.

However, his Man Machine alias is proving a lot more satisfactory with the unleashing of two new tracks featuring Zen, whom we think is a concept rather than a person. 'Denkimi Shakuhachi' and 'Robot To-Okoku' may not exactly trip off the tongue, but they certainly sound

a treat bounding out of your speakers, taking the techno-induced sound of 'Man Machine' up to a higher plane. Try that with your miso soup. And don't mention Kraftwerk. **Phil Cheeseman**

Denkimi Shakuhachi' is out now on Outer Rhythm

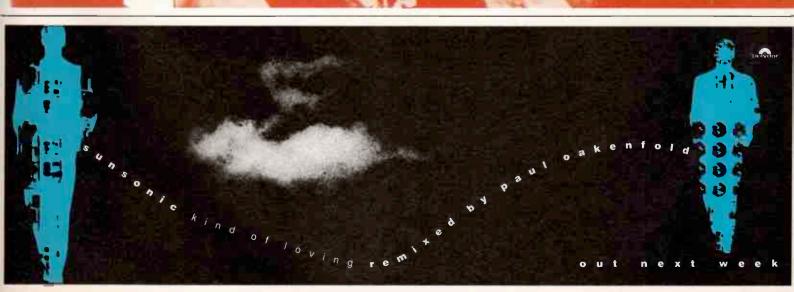
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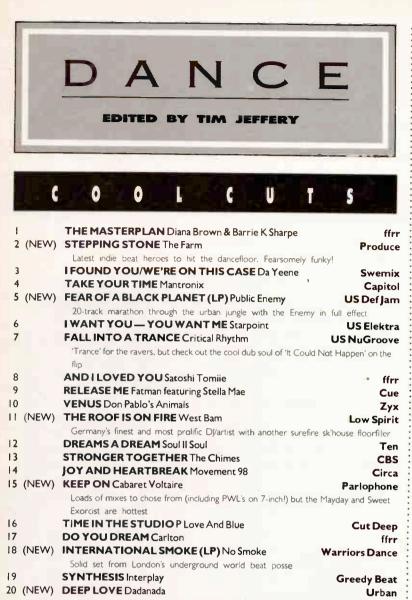
istening to the **A Tribe Called Quest** album it's hard to believe that only a few years ago rap was referring to itself as 'cold dum gettin' stupid'. Indeed, after playing 'People's Instinctive Journeys In The Paths Of Rhythm' you might decide that 'cool and getting cooler' might be a better way of describing rap's present state. Cast from the same mould that's shaped both The Jungle Brothers and De La Soul, the Tribe have tapped a slightly different vein.

"It's really jazz orientated rhythms, very melodic," explains Q-Tip, the group's leader. "When we rap our cadences fit in with the music, it's like our instrument."

This jazz influence is also heard in the samples that the group appropriate, like the snatches of fusion classics by Donald Byrd and Roy Ayers incorporated alongside live instrumentation on tracks like 'Ham 'n' Eggs' and the excellent 'Bonnita Applebum'. The Tribe also possess a comic wit to match their musical prowess, though it's not slapstick comedy à la Fat Boys.

"It's not so much humour as satire, poking fun at serious stuff. I think that's kinda needed to see different sides of things." Currently outselling the new Public Enemy album on import, it seems the mellow approach pays off as well. **Tony Farsides** 'People's Instinctive Journeys . . ' is released by Jive on May 7





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Since the break-up of Linx in the early Eighties, singer David Grant has had more than his fair share of flops. But super trouper that he is, Grant is always persevering to regain his rightful place in the echelons of stardom, and musically speaking he's going from strength to strength. Proving that there really is life after a Kim Wilde duet, David returns to the forefront of the British dance scene this week with the release of the superbly classy 'Keep It Together'. Grant's voice is sounding better than ever, with a delivery that's laid back but never complacent, as if he's spent the past months listening in earnest to true soul icons such as Sam Dees and Marvin Gaye. It would have been easy for Grant to cash in on the much copied Soul II Soul technique, but 'Keep It Together' has a retro feel about it, chugging along merrily with a kicking 'rare groove' feel. The endearing detail on the track should see a few people hanging up their high tops, dusting off their loafers and brushing up on those intricate dance steps that we all used to attempt until The Pasadenas made us feel that we were born with two left feet. Exactly what we're supposed to keep together we're not quite sure, but Grant's produced one of the spring's brighter moments. Vie Marshall

'Keep H Together' is out now on 4th + B'way, with an album due im June

THE NEW SINGLE THE CLIVILLES & COLE REMIXES

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here seems to be no end to the variations on the house theme. 'Release Me' is yet another curious synthesis of club music by **Fatman featuring Stella Mae** which has been gathering momentum on white label. With a seering buzz-saw bassline, 'Release Me' careers through various styles, a little soul here, a little rap there and is about as easy to categorise as nailing jelly to the ceiling. Fatman, aka Adam Routh, once part of the Blow duo, is the main man behind the track and he isn't really that fat at all.

"I've always wanted to be a kind of Alfred Hitchcock figure, being at the centre of things and ordering everyone about," says Adam of his name. Of the record: "Yeah, I haven't figured out what it is either. It's kind of housey, rappy, veering into ambient, ducking and diving, you know!"

Well that's a relief. Whilst Adam is deciding exactly what it is he has created, the rest of us can merrily twist our heads, hands and feet around his unusual creation, happy in the knowledge that even its author can't pin it down. **Tim Jeffery**

'Release Me' is available on white label from specialist stores and is released officially by Cue in mid May

'Synthesis' is released by Greedy Beat on April 23

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INTERPLAYTIME

on't ask us why, but frantic techno music seems to be enjoying something of a revival at the moment, what with Detroit getting busy again, and the Sheffield sound continuing apace. But 'Synthesis' by **Interplay** (right) comes from neither of these places, but from a city where, by popular belief, there's little interest in techno — London.

Slewing towards the more dreamy, hypnotic side of things, much in the style of Model 500's 'The Chase', it's no surprise to learn that the men behind the machines of Interplay — Ben Bellman and Lukas Burton — have just returned from the decaying motor city and a spell in the studio with Derrick May.

"Detroit's like nothing you've ever seen," says a jet-lagged Ben. "It's the pits. They're so isolated up there. They don't care what else is going on, it's almost as if they're making records just for themselves. I think that's why they make such great music."

In the current climate, it's difficult to see how brave new music like 'Synthesis' will achieve the recognition it deserves, but it's rewarding for those who make the effort. **Phil Cheeseman**





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hose American chappies sure know how to pack a 12-inch with spanking great tunes and absurd value for money. A case in 5 point is 'I Want You - You Want Ð Me' by **Starpoint** — a Teddy Z Riley/Gene Griffin produced track taken from the six hardened soul veterans' tenth album. On one side you'll find three beefy swingbeat and hip hop mixes to distress your bass bias. Flip it over and there are 5 two radically different, sizzling remixes by New York's Def Mix King, David Morales. Dave's 'House Mix' features a chugging garage backbeat, lush strings, stabbing brass and huskily wailing lead vocals from Renee Diggs. His 'Red Zone' mix, meanwhile, is chopped down to its bare bones with just a throbbing, mesmeric bassline, pounding kick drums and one of the lads on mournful wailing honours instead,

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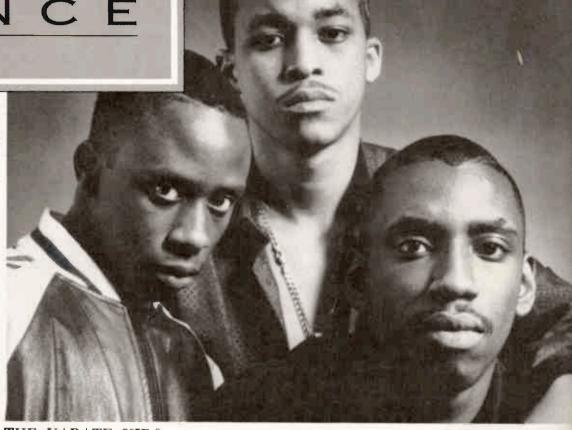
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The core of Starpoint, the four Philips brothers and a pal, Ky Adeyemo, hail from Maryland and started out in their high school marching band. That led to club gigs and a string of early Eighties funk hits. More recently, Ky co-wrote 'Girl You Know It's True' for Milli Vanilli, but then everyone has skeletons in their cupboard, don't they?

Richie Blackmore

Want You - You want Me Starpoint is an import now



THE KARATE KIDS

et's get it straight from the start - 'International Karate' is not a reworking of 'Kung Fu Fighting' nor a badly dubbed martial arts movie. 'International Karate' is the brand new slammin' 45 from North London finest ragga-rap outfit the Demon Boyz. The three strong posse, Mike J, Demon D and DJ Devastate, H returned with a vengeance after a brief hiatus, switching from Music Of Life to Mango Street Records in the interim.

The Demons first rose to cult status in '88 with the release of 'Vibes' and their debut album 'Recognition' rated by many as one of the top three rap albums of the decade. Their music has always combined the two m popular music forms of their native Tottenham, namely reggae and rap. 'International Karate' is actually nothing do with martial arts but merely a front for rappers Mike J and Demon D to battle with the subject of racism.

"From the time I was born, I've had to fight this thing. I've been put down mentally and physically," says Demon D. "The title was inspired by a Bruce Lee type film," continues his MC partner Mike J. "If you've ev seen one, you'll know that there's always a winner and an underdog. In life the black man is the underdog. If we'd called the single 'International Racism' people would have shyed away from it."

The Demons are well and in effect, black and strong, the winners over racism by one fall and one submission If hip hop was a martial art, the Demon Boyz would have black belts. Vie Marshall

'International Karate' is out now on Mango





BEATS AND PIECES

S UNWITTINGLY hinted in last week's ance Ellington review, the 'dance' label reakout has in fact been dissolved, all its rectly signed acts being dropped apart om L.A. Mix and Jazzi P, who will now e on the main A&M label — to which teve Wolfe (from Cooltempo) and ob Masters (from Sleeping Bag ecords) are moving as of next Monday to in a revamped dance music division, under e guidance of Jeff Young ... Arthur aker and the Backbeat Disciples, nongst the defunct label's dropped acts, e already talking to RCA ... Wendy K kes over as head of club promotion at eeping Bag Records . . . L.A. Mix, cidentally, are preparing to record their cond album and as before are talent outing for singers and rappers to feature guest vocalists — those interested in ditioning should first call their manager, mmy O'Reilly, on 071-372 1005 . .

antronix are again joined by Wondress r the April 30 released sinuous jiggly gging 'Take Your Time' (Capitol 12CL 3), in segued Club (1071/4bpm) and Dub 081/2bpm) versions, not so far included their album (although this apparently is ing rectified), flipped by the Bryce wah rapped jerkily racing hip house on't You Want More (Club Version)' 22bpm) . . . DJ Mark The 45 King's he 900 Number' was recently deleted to ild up a surge of demand after already ling about 50,000 copies here (its pularity since late 1988 as a dance craze te having been spread slowly by word of outh), so that it should finally storm the p 40 (and then be killed stone dead?) en re-released on April 30 (Dance Trax XZ 9 12) including, as previously vealed, some brand new Chad Jackson mixes, currently promoed (though not are due commercially) with his funkily umming and James Brown grunts nctuated Numeric Breakdown, C.J. eakdown (108bpm) and 'For The Love Money' bassed amongst other changes Different Style (1081/2bpm), plus the wed down Marva Whitney 'Unwind

looping Yourself intro Original Instrumental (1071/4bpm) . . . CBS have postponed commercial release of The Chimes' slinkily swaying 'Stronger Together' (94¹/2bpm), promoed on white label in David Morales'lushly drifting Red Zone and more immediately wailing Unified Mixes, as detailed last week by Dave Dorrell, rushing instead their version of U2's 'Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For' within the next fortnight to coincide with its US release (although apparently we'll be getting some different mixes) . . . Soft House Company 'What You Need...', an import 'sleeper' since last November, is due here soon on a new Phonogram label, Global Village . BCM Records have finally got around to releasing Wood Allen 'Airport '89' here (BCM326X) ... 'House Party', the US hit movie's rap and swingbeat soundtrack album featuring Flavor Flav, LL Cool J & Marley Marl, Kid 'N Play, Today, Force MD's, Full Force Family and more, fully reviewed on import w/e March 24, is now out here (Motown ZL72699) ... Public Enemy's disappointing '911 Is A Joke' (103bpm) has been taking its time hitting The Club Chart but is flipped by the much better frenetically churning and 'Revolutionary iiggling Generation' (113½bpm) Cherrelle with Alexander O'Neal 'Saturday Love', a surprisingly brief flash in the pan once commercially released in Olimax & DJ Shapps' invigorating remix, is also now out in a much more mundane Steve Anderson remix (116bpm) that sticks closer to the original (Tabu 655800 8) . . . Frankie Knuckles' previously promo B-sided Frankie's Favourite Garage Mix of Tongue 'N' Cheek 'Tomorrow' is due now commercially flipped by Frankie's Def Dub plus 'Encore (Slammin' Mix)' (Syncopate |2SYX 34) . . . Boney M featuring Liz Mitchell's cryptically white labelled cover version of 'Stories' (Ariola 612 997) is flipped by not only what appears to be its Radio Mix (933/4bpm) but also the unrelated joltingly rolling instrumental 'Rumours' (1011/4bpm) ... 'A Vinyl Junkie' anonymously infos from

M.C. DUKE & D.J. LEADER 1 'The Final Conflict (Rap Version)' (116¹/4bpm) (Music Of Life NOTE 35 DJ)

Introed like a trailer to 'Omen III (The Final Conflict)', this Simon 'DJ Leader 1' Harris mixed and co-produced angry rap jiggler is full of menace though lightened by some title line quotes from Peter Gabriel's 'Games Without Frontiers', with its Instrumental too and coupled also on promo by The Buggen Haggen Mix, Bonus Beats and Percapella, but flipped commercially by a scratching jittery 1990 Remix (119-119/4bpm) of 'I'm Riffin' and its 1990 Instrumental (119/4-119/2bpm). (JH)

Marlow that the girl group track on the 'Take Sting Away On Acid EP' bootleg's B-side is 'Take Me Away' from the original Italian flip of The Mix Master's 'Grand Piano' (of which I only ever had a Spanish pressing, with a much altered Raul Orellana remix of 'Take Me Away') thanks, AVJ! ... Rhythmatic are revealed as being Leroy Crawford and Mark Gamble, the guys from Krush - it seems they named the 0742 Records label (on which their now Network scheduled 'Take Me Back' first appeared) after the telephone area code for Sheffield merely as that is where they happened to be at the time! ... Reachin' Records have moved offices to Unit 302, Metrostore, Eastman Road, Acton, London W3 7QS (telephone 081-749 8619, fax 081-746 1209, the different exchange numbers being correct) Lisa Farrar and Rupert Garricks will be handling respectively radio and club promotion under Marie Birch at Impact Record Promotions (071-602 8822) ... Middlesbrough's Blaises has a Murder Inc Monday next week (April 23) with DJ Naz, DJ Mad 'A', Jason Bushby, DJ Liam, MC Fox, plus raving keyboardist 'Scoots' live . . . Paul Campbell hosts house and hip hop Thursdays at Warrington's Oliver's pub . . . Steve Aspey is the new presenter of the Saturday 6-9pm 'Dance Trax' show on Severn Sound 102.4FM/774AM ... BBC producer Nick Ware is currently working on a three part series for Radio I about the history of discotheques and disco music in the UK, which should be well worth hearing when eventually it's aired ... The Club Chart's entry threshold was the highest it's ever been last week, thanks to DJs' concentration in strength on a



narrower range of records (despite there being increasingly more dance product about) than in the past, the points needed to enter at 100 = last week being enough normally to hit the upper 70s, the result being for instance that **Larry Joseph & Science** kept the same number of points as the previous week yet fell from 61 to 83 while a massive 30 breakers had enough points normally to hit the 100 **KICKIN'!**

HOT VINYL MOVEMENT •98 (featuring Carroll Thompson) 'Joy And Heartbreak'

(Circa Records YRTPRX 45) Created by the Electra team of Rob Davis, Paul Oakenfold and Steve Osborne, this twinpack promoed (out separately next week) instantly massive Carroll cooed and naggingly familiar chimes accented sweetly swaying gorgeous - one hesitates to say, yet again, Soul II Soul-ish — drifter has Oakenfold & Osborne's tightly tapping The Future Mix (96bpm) and gently weaving The Raid Mix (931/2bpm) on one single, and on the other (with repetition of the latter) Smith & Mighty's resonant though less fluid Mellow Mix (94bpm) and perhaps more atmospheric doodling Mellow Instrumental Mix (93¾bpm). (JH)







JSTO & BONES 'All I Want Is To Get Away' (1213/4bpm) (CityBeat CBFT 5) Only on dely circulated) promo as a sampler plugging Tommy & Frankie's 'The Future Is Ours' um, this jittery scurrying Italo house meets Todd Terry-type wriggler has a catchy though erly repeated title line chorus, flipped by (from just the CD version) the acidically churning is Will Be Mine' (1213/4bpm) and twittery 'Tequiro' (1223/4bpm), both in washing machine e. (JH)

TOUCH OF SOUL

'We've Got The Love' (118bpm) (Cooltempo COOLX 204)

Vigorously cantering Italo house with 'Roots'-ish piano, an oddly lisping girl's occasional comments, and wailing "we got a love" chants sampled from the (fully credited) recent Lonnie Gordon remake of First Choice's 'Let No Man Put Asunder', or with separate self explanatory Piano and Xylophone instrumental versions. Just starting to warm up on import when it was rushed out here, this has fast become one of the big 'uns! (JH)

DON PABLO'S ANIMALS Venus (The Piano Mix)' (1261/4-1251/2bpm)

(German ZYX Records ZYX 6281-12) From the same Italian BHF Team as 'Moments In Soul', this ultra commercial Chuck Berry 'My Ding-A-Ling' introed then dynamically pounding instrumental revamp of Shocking Blue's 20 years old classic (phasing the original guitar by the sound of it) uses the "wooh yeah" hip house beat and is so exciting it's sure to be huge once easier to find, flipped by the title throbbing muttering, and swirling 'Paranoia' (116bpm). (JH)

adventures of STEVIE V 'Dirty Cash (Money Talks) (Sold Out Mix)" (1201/2-1201/4bpm) Last autumn's hip house-ish 'sleeper' now belatedly remixed by David Morales with his own gently throbbing percussion driving the attractive girl sung main melody, the Stevenage rapper whose record it is hardly getting a look in now, and not at all on the flip's sparser more ambient Red Zone Mix (1201/2bpm) and totally instrumental Sax Mix (1203/4bpm). (JH)

VOLUME TEN

'Pride' (102bpm)

(RCA PRIDE I) Jolley Harris Jolley created terrific densely tugging reggae tinged Soul II Soul-ish girl wailed jogger, with sexy French muttering as it progresses through its appropriately named Dance Hall and even tighter More Than Special versions, out commercially in a fortnight. (JH)

K COLLECTIVE

'Never Stop' (973/4bpm) (ritmo recordings 12 RIT2, via Total/BMG) Brand New Heavies drummer and bassist Jan Kincaid and Andrew Levy back the former's tenderly mournful moaning with one of those rumbling and rolling, jiggly jogging, groin grinding grooves that

traditionally always carry the swing in London's blacker clubs, flipped by a more percussively tapping Special Mix. (JH)

DOUBLE TROUBLE

'Taikback' (120bpm) (Desire WANTX 27)

Janette Sewell grittily wails the now Rebel MC-less duo's jerkily pattering and jiggling urgent percussive jitterer, in just a Club Mix and smoother Low Frequency Response flipside version (though doubtless there will be a myriad of remixes to follow). (JH)

JAY WILLIAMS 'Sweat (Garage (1191/2bpm)

(Urban URBXR 50)

Bass bumped jangly sparse remix by Bigshot Records' Nick Anthony Fiorucci, with a tighter jittery Progress Mix and stuttery Fiorucci Dub (both 1193/4bpm), now proving more popular than the original. (JH)

Mix)"

PLUS ONE

'It's Happenin'' (118bpm) (MCA Records MCAT 1405)

Bumpily lurching and percolating sparse simple hip house bubbler from Huddersfield by brothers Sam and Dexter Roberts, plus one languidly chatting lead vocal by a guy called Sirron (which is how the act gets its name), with Instrumental and Dub (1173/4bpm) too, due fully next week but proving hard to hold until then. (H)

DAVID GRANT

MANGO STREET PRESENTS DIRECT FROM JAMAICA

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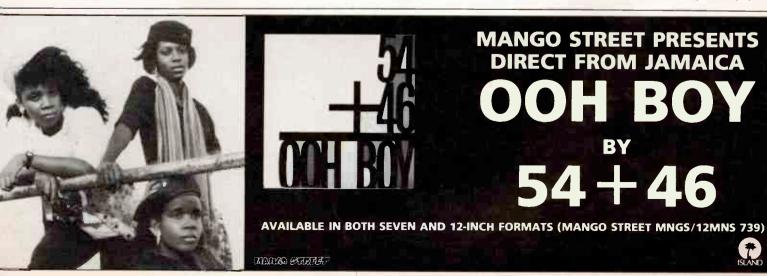
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'Keep It Together (Extended Mix) (106bpm) (4th + B'way 12 BRW 169) Mike Stevens & Livingston Brown

produced pleasant jiggly rolling soul swayer

ADEVA 'Treat Me Right (The JZJ Mix)' (120bpm) (Cooltempo COOLXP 200) Now also remixed here, her gritty staccato wailer has been stripped right down by this sparse jerky thumping Jazzy M & Julian Jonah revamp, coupled with a probably better more lushly pulsing The Big Jam Mix. promoed like the preceding two Smack Productions mixes ahead of commercial release (when both, apparently still separate, singles will also include the previously unreleased 'Love Is Special'). (JH)

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featuring some of Mike's jazzy sax, with mix interference by Simon Law also in the similar Single Mix (106bpm) but not the more drily jolting Rare Groove Mix (105¾bpm), coupled also with last year's Blacksmith remixed more slinkily jogging 'Life (Brixton Bass Mix)' (98bpm). (JH)

CRITICAL RHYTHM (Featuring Angelique)

'Fail Into A Trance (Brooklyn Funk Essential Mix)' (122bpm) (US Nugroove NG 044)

Victor Simonelli & Lenny Dee created, with help from Peter Daou and Tommy Musto, girl and guy muttered jiggly swimming trotter, with a virtually rhythmless Alternative Ambient Mix (61bpm), coupled by the Jango Thriller & Vandal featuring breathily sinuous slow reggae tinged 'It Could Not Happen (Essential Trance Hall Mix)' (85bpm) with its Version, plus the emptily pulsing Indian flavoured 'Eastern Breeze (Authentic Mix)' (1191/4/591/2bpm), all a bit specialist. (**JH**)

D MOB featuring Cathy Dennis 'That's The Way Of The World (The Final D-Mix)' (118³/4bpm) (ffrr FXR 132)

Smoothly thrumming and chugging spaced out David Morales remix creating a pleasant mood before eventually reaching the attractive song, flipped by his similar even more mellow resonant Dub-Me Mix instrumental. (**JH**)

MAUREEN WALSH 'Don't Hold Back' (122½bpm)

(Urban URBX 49) Promoed as a twinpack (with just one mix per side), this Krush produced, Bruce Forest & Robin Hancock mixed throbbingly pounding galloper by the Maureen who made Bomb The Bass's 'Say A Little Prayer' is cut in half for commercial release, in its Club Vocal and totally instrumental Space Mix. **(JH)**

LOOSE BRUCE 'Feelin' Moody' (121bpm)

(Tam Tam Records TTT 025)

Movie acting New Yorker making his rapping vinyl debut with a staccato jerky sparse hip house lurcher, in sampled snippets woven Loose Mix (a bit of a misnomer!), Radio Mix, Feelin' Dubby and Rapless versions. **(JH)**

2-MAD

'Don't Hold Back The Feeling' (124³/4bpm)

(Big Life BLR 18T)

Chase and A.Z. with rapper Voidskee's debut single is a tongue twistingly fast talking frantically jittering and surging tight bassy throbber, in

Don't Hold Back The Bass Mix, more acidic Piano Mix and twittery instrumental Acidic Dub versions. **(JH)**

BETTY BOO 'Doin' The Do'

(Rhythm King LEFT 39TP)

Promoed ahead of April 30 release, this abrasively rapped R. Dean Taylor sampling bright sk'ip house jumper is in King John mixed cheerfully thudding Betty Side (1201/2bpm) and Beatmasters mixed jiggly shuffling Boo Side (1181/2bpm) versions. (JH)

TWENTY 4 SEVEN 'I Can't Stand It! (Hip House

Remix)' (1221/2bpm)

(BCM Records BCM 395x)

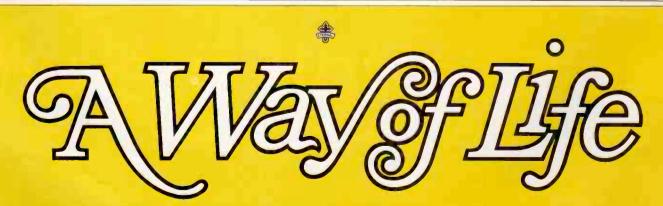
'Roots'-ishly jangled routine though bright Dutch pop-hip house jumper with corny rapping by Tony Harrison a.k.a. Capt. Hollywood and chanting support by Nancy (Long Instrumental flip), soon to be the basis for DJ David's debut release. **(JH)**

PROFESSOR GRIFF AND THE LAST ASIATIC DISCIPLES

"Pawns In The Game" (1083/4bpm) (Luke Skyywalker GR 131, via Greyhound Records)

The controversial Public Enemy reasonably stating his standpoint to rolling JB samples and scratches (Instrumental too), coupled at greater length by his new militant colleagues' equally good 'Last Asiatic Disciples' (1081/4bpm), and his own

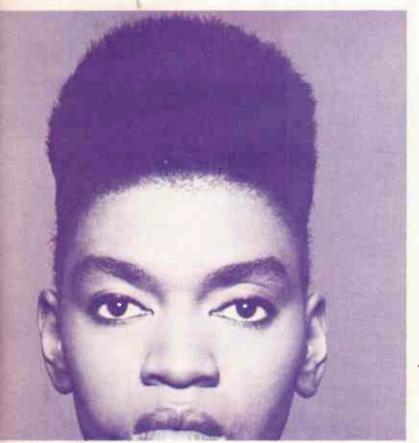
Disciples' (1081/4bpm), and his own cryptically titled jerkily tugging angry 'Love Thy Enemy' (1073/4bpm), here with backwards tape edits protecting us from the more inflamatory words. (**JH**)



Eternal records presents; Trippin' on your love, The Sunburst Remixes

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CHARTFILE

BY ALAN JONES

The best-selling singles of 1990, as we went into the Easter break: I NOTHING COMPARES 2 U - Sinéad O'Connor, 2 DUB BE GOOD TO ME - Reats International featuring Lindy Layton, 3 GET UP (BEFORE NIGHT IS OVER) THE Technotronic, 4 HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO LIVE WITHOUT YOU -Michael Bolton, 5 TEARS ON MY PILLOW - Kylie Minogue, 6 THE POWER - Snap, 7 LOVE SHACK -The B-52's, 8 GOT TO HAVE YOUR Mantronix, 9 | DON'T LOVE ---KNOW ANYBODY ELSE - Black Box, 10 HANGIN' TOUGH - New Kids On The Block.

As far as albums are concerned, it will come as no surprise to anyone to learn that Phil Collins' ' . . . But Seriously' leads the way. So far this year it has sold over 650,000 copies, more than twice as many as any other album, to bring its cumulative sales to nearly 1,900,000 copies. It thus becomes Phil's biggest selling album to date, edging ahead of 'No Jacket Required'. The Top 10 are as follows: I ... BUT SERIOUSLY - Phil Collins, 2 PURE SOFT METAL -Various, 3 ROAD TO HELL - Chris Rea, 4 AFFECTION -Lisa Stansfield, 5 FOREIGN AFFAIR -Tina Turner, 6 NOW DANCE 90 -Various, 7 JOURNEYMAN - Eric Clapton, 8 VIVALDI FOUR SEASONS - Nigel Kennedy/ECO, 9 HANGIN' TOUGH - New Kids On The Block, 10 PUMP UP THE JAM -Technotronic.

... But Seriously' is the best-selling album of the year to date in every Western European country, a staggering achievement. Phil's triumph is particularly sweet in Germany, where he also has the year's best-selling single with

'Another Day In Paradise' leading the way from Lisa Stansfield's 'All Around The World' and Milli Vanilli's 'Girl I'm Gonna Miss You', with Kaoma's 'Lambada' and Billy Joel's 'We Didn't Start The Fire' filling the next two places.

•Radio Caroline was Britain's first pirate radio station. It was officially launched on Easter Sunday, 1964.

Twenty six years later it is with us still, the sole survivor amongst more than a dozen offshore pirates - some based on ships, others on wartime forts - that have beamed programmes to Britain from the high seas. It is, sadly, a mere shadow of its former self, wth an audience that must be only a fraction of its audited daily listenership of 6,270,000 in 1965. In those

IS December 1966	PIRATE CHARTS RADIO CAROLINE -
Supren	YOU KEEP ME HANGIN' ON
Seek	2 MORNINGTOWN RIDE
Tom Jor	3 GREEN GREEN GRASS OF HOME
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Val Doonig	S WHAT WOULD I BE
Kir	6 DEAD END STREET
Bachelo	7 WALK WITH FAITH IN YOUR HEART
RTED Jimmy Ruf	8 WHAT BECOMES OF THE BROKEN HEAF
Easybea	9 FRIDAY ON MY MIND
Roy Orbis	10 WON'T BE MANY COMING HOME
Elvis Pes	IF EVERY DAY WAS LIKE CHRISTMAS
Donov	12 SUNSHINE SUPERMAN
Beach Bo	13 GOOD VIBRATIONS
Wayne Fonta	4 PAMELA PAMELA
Gene Pitn	IS JUST ONE SMILE
Dozy, Beaky, Mick & T	16 SAVE ME Dave Dee, D
Sandie Shi	17 THINK SOMETIMES ABOUT ME
Spencer Davis Gro	18 GIMME SOME LOVING
	19 SEMI-DETACHED SUBURBAN MR JAMES
Martha & The Vandel	20 I'M READY FOR LOVE

John Peel offered listeners a vital alternative to the staid and rather stilted BBC speak of David Jacobs, Pete Murray et al.

DIDATE CHARTS DADIO CADOLINE

The pirates employed disc jockeys with personality, but they were also about music,



days mail and food arrived almost daily, and disc jockeys rarely spent more than two or three weeks on board at a stretch. Recently, however, DJ Neil Gates spent 22 weeks on board and was only relieved when he complained on air of food shortages and lack of new records.

The reality of broadcasting from a storm-tossed ocean is in contrast to the romantic image of the pirates which captured the public's imagination back in the Sixties, a time of innocence and innovation when the eccentric Kenny Everett and

and stations like Caroline and its great rival Radio London were frequently responsible for breaking hit records.

'Remember The Pirates' is a new EMI album that brings together some of the hits the pirates played - and some of the records that, despite their patronage, failed to make their mark. In the latter category come The Roulettes' 'Long Cigarette', New York Public Library's 'I Ain't Gonna Eat Out My Heart Anymore' and David McWilliams' 'Days Of Pearly Spencer', a superb string-driven, almost

mystical example of late Sixties pop won very heavy support from all the pir but failed to chart - except, that is, Radio Caroline's Top 40, where it clim to number seven.

'Remember The Pirates' also inclu many records that did become legitin hits, like 'I Can't Let Go' by The Holli 'Excerpt From A Teenage Opera' Keith West, 'It's My Life' by T Animals and 'Got To Get You Into Life' by Cliff Bennett And T Rebel Rousers. As a further bonus, gap between each song on the albun punctuated by a pirate radio jingle.

Add Brian Hogg's informa sleevenotes and you have a spler package, and one which you can win for price of a stamp. Simply by corre answering the following questions:

Who was the founder of Radio Carol 2 Tony Blackburn broadcast from Ra Caroline and which other pirate?

3 Name the US-owned pirate that launched in 1984 with the boast that "You never more than a minute from mus

Answers on a postcard or the back of sealed envelope to: Chartfile's Pirate Po: Record Mirror, Punch Publications, Ludg House, 254 Blackfriars Road, London 9UZ. There are three copies of the alb up for grabs in each format (LP, cassette a CD), so please state your preference

exposé tell me why us top 10 smash hit single out now on 7, 12 & cd single remixed by dakeyne of dmc

COMPETITION

deva, the mighty New York songstress who put the fear of God into one trembling Record Mirror write last year, has just released her brilliant single 'Tr Me Right' which you've probably already got nestling in your record racks. What you won't have though, unless you've been to Germany recently, is a rather exclusive German-only release of the 'Adeva! The 12-Inch Mixes' featuring extended workouts of such classics as 'I Thank You', 'Warning!' and 'Respect'. The LP has been released Germany to coincide with the lady's spring tour, but we happening types at Record Mirror have managed to imp no fewer than 25 copies to give away in a great free competition. And as if that wasn't enough, we'll bung in copy of the new single as well. Just answer the question below.

Q: Whhich heavyweight 'Mobster' remixed Adeva's 'Respect' great effect

a) Paul Oakenfold, b) Ian Broudie, c) Danny D? Send your answers on a postcard with your name and address to Record Mirror Adeva Competition, Punch Publications Ltd, London SE99 7YJ to arrive by April 30.

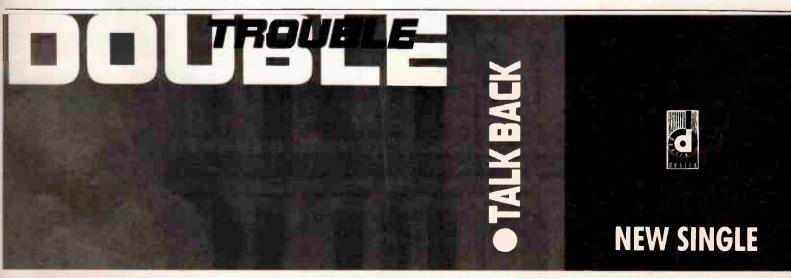
Treat me right

The debut single Mixed by David Morale Seven inch, twelve incl and compact disc.

Lance Ellingtor

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1	1	GHETTO HEAVEN (THE JAZZIE B MIX) The Family Stand Atlantic 12in	
2	6	TRIPPIN' ON YOUR LOVE (MIXES)/DISTANT THUNDER A Way Of Life Eternal 12in	
3	2	WHAT "U" WAITIN' "4"? (JUNGLE FEVER MIX) Jungle Brothers Eternal 12in	
4	- 4	THE POWER (REMAKE) Snap Arista 12in	
5	3	DON'T MISS THE PARTYLINE (SHEA STADIUM MIX) Bizz Nizz Cooltempo 12in	
6	13	JOY AND HEARTBREAK (MIXES) Movement .98 (featuring Carroll Thompson)	
	-	Circa Records I 2in twinpack promo	
7	5	CHIME/DEEPER Orbital Oh'Zone Records/ffrr 12in	
8	92	A DREAMS A DREAM (A NIGHT AT THE OPERA MIX/CLUB DUB)/COURTNEY BLOWS South Sout	
9	9	WEIGHT FOR THE BASS (MIXES)/MUSICAL MELODY Unique 3 10 Records 12in	
10	7	KILLER/BASSLINE CHANGED MY LIFE Adamski MCA Records 12in	
11	_	DO YOU DREAM (MIXES) (120)/COME ON BACK (881/4) Carlton Three Stripe Records/ffrr 12in	
12	21	THE POWER (TRANSFORMER/GENERATOR MIXES) Snap Arista 12in	5
13	14	THE PLANET DANCE (MOVE YA BODY) YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND (MIXES)	
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16	25	MAMMA GAVE BIRTH TO THE SOUL CHILDREN (THE INFANT/SECONDARY MIXES)	6
	-	Queen Latifah + De La Soul Gee Street I 2in	6
17	8	GO ON GIRL/LIVE ON STAGE (THE HIP HOP MIXES) Roxanne Shanté Breakout 12in	6
8	58	UNTIL YOU COME BACK TO ME (THAT'S WHAT I'M GONNA DO) (BRIXTON BASS MIX)	6
		Miki Howard Atlantic 12in promo	
19	16	RHYTHM OF LIFE (VERSIONS) Oleta Adams fontana 12in	6
20	20 28	BETTER WORLD (PEACE/UNITY MIXES) Rebel MC Desire 12in SNAPPINESS/(HAPPENING/IMPULSE MIXES) (106) BBG Urban/Hoax Recordings 12in	6
22	37	WHAT AM I GONNA DO (ABOUT YOUR LOVE)? (SILK ON STEEL MIX) Tafuri	6
		Sleeping Bag Records 12in white label	6
23	65	TAKE ME BACK (MIXES) Rhythmatic 0742 Records I 2in	7
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28	60	PRIDE (DANCE HALL/MORE THAN SPECIAL) Volume Ten RCA 12in pre-release	7
29	18	DEVOTION (DANGEROUS MIX PART ONE) Kicking Back with Taxman 10 Records 12in	
30	40	FEELTHE MELODY/STRINGS (BREAK IT DOWN)/ORGASM Da Posse & Underground Crew	7
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 Madonna retains her leadership of the chart with ease this week, suggesting that 'Vogue' - although very ordinary by her extraordinary standards - may continue at Number One not only next week, but the following week too. Of her six previous number ones only her first, 'Into The Groove', managed four weeks on top.

Madonna is — in titular matters at least - a woman of few words. Only one of her two dozen hits has had as many as four words in its title ('The Look Of Love'). 'Vogue' is the first Number One to have a one word title since **U2** topped the chart with 'Desire' in 1988. These two records also figure in the list of nine number one hits with one word titles by artists with one word names.

• So good they named it thrice, Jesus Jones' biggest hit to date 'Real Real' isn't the only Top 30 entry whose title comprises solely of the same word three times.

A quick scan through the memory banks also reveals 'Money Money Money' by Abba, 'Yummy Yummy Yummy' by the Ohio Express, 'More More' More' by the Andrea True Connection and Carmel (different songs) and 'Never Never Never' by Shirley Bassey.

Potentially the most repetitive title of any hit is a track on 'Numbers', the debut album by US band President Kennedy Has Been Shot.

The group's members are all keen believers in numerology, and each of their album's tracks is named after the number which they interpret, with each song having a numerically appropriate number

of words in its title — 'One', 'Two Two', 'Three Three Three' and so on until the final track 'Nine Nine Nine Nine Nine Nine Nine Nine'. So precisely has the group worked it out that the latter song has nine verses and plays for exactly nine minutes!

A dearth of decent new singles this week means that the highest new entry ---at number 28 — is 'Dirty Cash' by The Adventures Of Stevie V, a record that was originally released last November, before climbing as high as number 93 in February.

Andrew Ridgeley's debut solo single 'Shake' dips to number 85 this week, having apparently peaked at number 58. Quite a contrast to his former Wham! partner George Michael whose opening solo single, 'Careless Whisper', soared to Number One.

In the great battle of the jeans themes, Wrangler are well ahead.

Bad Company's 'Can't Get Enough', the latest in a long line of songs used to advertise Levi's 501 brand, debuted at number 88 last week but has now dropped out of the Top 100. Meanwhile, 'Crosstown Traffic' by Jimi Hendrix, as used to promote Wranglers, climbs from number 78 to number 61.

'Can't Get Enough' was Bad Company's first hit, reaching number 15 in 1974. 'Crosstown Traffic' was one of four hits taken from Jimi Hendrix's 1968 album 'Electric Ladyland', reaching number 37 the following year.

The album, a double, houses three



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other hits: 'Burning The Midnight Lamp', 'All Along The Watchtower' and 'Voodoo Chile'

ERRATUM: In Chartfile last week a printing error resulted in sales of the Carpenters' compilation album 'Only Yesterday' being listed as 20,000. The correct figure is 200,000.

CHARTFILE USA Sinéad O'Connor's 'Nothing

Compares 2 U' leaps to number one in America to head an all-female top three, ahead of Canadian Jane Child and our own Lisa Stansfield.

Sinéad is the first Irish act to top the chart since U2 reached pole position in 1987 with 'I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For'. More impressively, she's only the second Irishwoman to breach the Top 40 with a solo hit. The first was Enya, who scored last year with 'Orinoco Flow'.

Meanwhile, Sinéad's album 'I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got' rockets to number two, and should be challenging Bonnie Raitt's incumbent 'Nick Of Time' for honours next week, having already sold over 1,200,000 copies in a

mere 21 days.

The top of the US album chart is ev more of a female domain than the sing chart, with Janet Jackson at numb three and Paula Abdul at number four. It's the first time ever that the top four places have all been held by fema soloists.

Swedish duo Roxette seem destr for their fifth consecutive Top 10 hit w 'It Must Have Been Love', off the soundtrack of the film 'Pretty Woman'. accelerates from number 49 to numbe 34 this week, equalling the peak scaled only a week ago by the first single from the film, Natalie Cole's 'Wild Wom Do'

'It Must Have Been Love' is a new version of Roxette's 1988 Swedish Christmas hit, with all seasonal reference replaced by more timeless, though no l trite lyrics.

The 'Pretty Woman' soundtrack, whi also includes Bowie's 'Fame 90' (delay Stateside by a legal wrangle) and Robert Palmer's certain hit 'Life In Detail', has sold over half a million copie in three weeks, and climbs from number 55 to number 32 this week.

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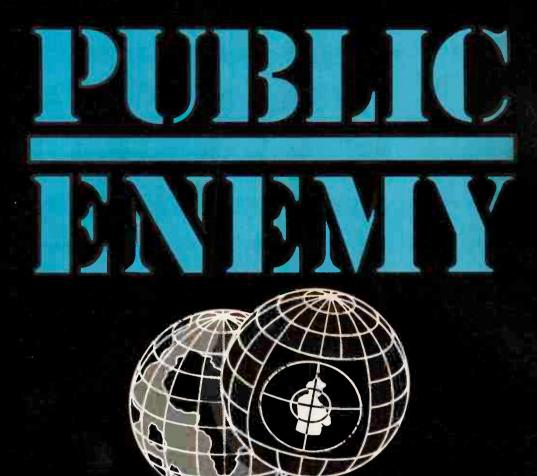
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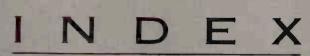
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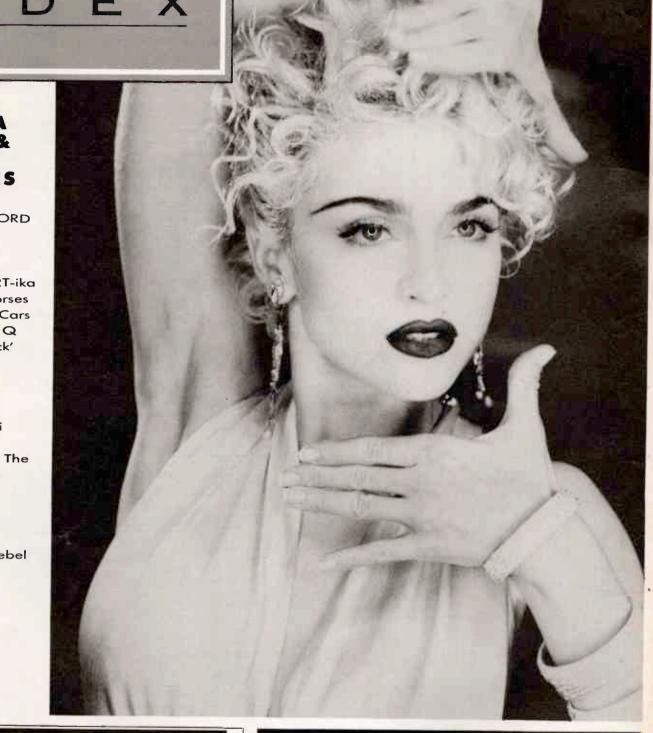
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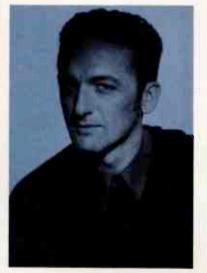
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CLOSEST THING TO HEAVEN

n 1985 the maverick label ZTT, run by producer Trevor Horn and journalist Paul Morley, released a classic album by German pomp pop group **Propaganda**. 'A Secret Wish', as it was called, turned out to be an immense piece of computerised music that shows no sign of ageing five years on.

After the album which spawned the hits 'Dr Mabuse' and 'Jewel' came the split, with ZTT and with each other, singer Claudia Brücken leaving to form ACT with Thomas Leer. But, after an interminable wait, the name returns, with a new label, Virgin, and a new staff. Original members Michael Mertens and Ralf Dörper are now joined by former Simple Minds Derek Forbes and Brian McGee, with vocal duties being performed by American-born, Munich-based Betsi Miller, who has the traditional Brücken profile.

Their single, 'Heaven Give Me Words', is less epic and more poppy than their previous creations, but it still has the undeniable Propaganda class. The only disturbing element is the appearance of Howard Jones on the co-writing credits. One can only hope that this is a clerical error. **Tim Nicholson**

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Standing proud as purveyors of powerful guitar pop. The Popguns fire their latest salvo of fine tunes on an unsuspecting public, headed by the excellent 'Someone You Love'. This Brighton five-piece first caught our attention with the 'Where Do You Go' flexi on the local La Di Da label. Their altogether punchier approach, headed by the emotive lyrics of Simon Pickles and brilliantly brought to life by vocalist Wendy Morgan, set them apart from their more fey counterparts seeking to emulate the success of The Primitives and The Darling Buds.

A couple of transfer deals later, the band settled with independent label Midnight (home of McCarthy and The Wolfhounds) and 'Someone You Love' threatens to spread The Popguns gospel to Hassocks and further. Completists may be intrigued to discover that they've also contributed a cracking version of The Bay City Rollers' 'Bye Bye Baby' to the forthcoming anti-poll tax album 'Alvin Lives (In Leeds)', with Amelia, late of Talulah Gosh helping out on the high bits. lestyn George Avan Aavid

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BIZZ NIZZ seem o have come from owhere with their monster hit 'Don't **Miss The Party** ine', but are they here to stay? Vie arshall pokes her nose into their bizznizz



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hey're fun, they're foreign and they're funky. Other than that not much is known about Bizz Nizz, currently doing the damage in the nationals with their break-all-the-rules house monster, 'Don't Miss The Party Line'. Nancy, Sabine and William are two wannabe models and an ex-basketball player and if their current hit is anything to go by they're gonnabe absolutely massive. Achieving Top 10 status in a group that no-one's heard before is pretty good going to put it mildly. William seems to be even more nonchalent about the affair.

"It's pretty cool to think we might have a Number One with our first single," he says in a gentle giant sort of way - he's over six foot six and used to be in a group called Yes We Are Tall with another biggie, a bloke of seven foot.

On first reading the title, you might jump to the conclusion that 'Don't Miss The Party Line' was some obscure track about chatlines, or a 'Freedom To Party' anthem. Bizz Nizz's tune has far more DAISY meanings than that. "Life to me is a party," says William. "And I think it should be for all young people. The song's about being young and enjoying life to the full. It's written on the up note, basically telling people not to wait around wishing for what someone else has, but to try and find something good in what they've got.

"Many young people waste their youth wanting to be grown up. What's the use when you've got everything going for you and your whole life ahead of you when you're young.

"When I came to write this song, I took a look around at all the good things that young people all over the world are doing to make the world a better place. The next song will go in to that issue a little deeper."

But hold here a minute, this song's got no lyrics. "It has."

What, "Hey DJ where's the bass' and "Feel the beat. feel the rhythm" "When I'm talking about the meaning of the song, I'm talking more abo the feeling of happiness it's meant to convey. A song doesn't have to have words to make someone feel happy or sad . . . does it?" Point taken there. I guess.

"I'm just getting used to you English guys," he says. "This is a really vers place. I was really freaked out when I went to one of your pubs and here the bell ring for last orders at quarter to 11. Where I live in Belgium you carry on drinking and partying all night long. I didn't write the song to broke that to light intentionally, but I can see that it fits and I'm glad.

"I think Mrs Thatcher should probably go to an all-night rave. She's read out of touch. She should get to know what the young people of this courses are into because they're basically the future. I don't understand her po to a all." (You're not alone there, mate.)

Is it hard being tall and such a sensitive chappie?

"Do you think I'm sensitive? I never think of it really. The problem you to face most of the time when you're tall and you come from the sort of background that I do is inheriting other people's hand-me-downs, which I do until I protested by forming Yes We Are Tall.

What happened to Yes We Are Tall, did you shrink?

"No, it was just meant to be a college thing. The Bizz Nizz is my concerned the moment. The dancers, Nancy and Sabine, have just become fulmembers and we're just going to keep on that party line for a second

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