sound of rap act 2 Live Crew is nothing if not controversial. Their third album, 'Sports Weekend', is about to be released and its lyrics include references to sodomy, bestiality and violent sex. But, in a tradition they started with their last album, 'Move Something', they offer it in both its unexpurgated version subtitled 'As Nasty As They Wanna Be Part II' - and in a version that, to be frank, your auntie would still blush at, though rather less, tagged 'As Clean As They Wanna Be Part II' 'Move Something' attracted

with the dirty version outselling the clean one by 10 to one The highlight of the new set is

'Pop That Pussy'. As 'Pop That Coochie' it debuted on the US Hot 100 at number 70 last week Like many of their ilk, 2 Live Crew's desire to shock is greater than their desire to communicate. and lyrics like "suck my cock till my balls go blue" show a distinct lack of intelligent thought. And vet in their more lucid moments they are a fine rap act, and the instrumental beats used to undergin their rantings are pretty damn funky. When they grow up, they could become one of rap's





 After consecutive Top Five hits with 'Do You Want Me' and 'Let's Talk About Sex' to add to their 1988 brace 'Push It' and 'Twist & Shout', Salt-N-Pepa are Britain's favourite female rap/pop duo. They have also been busy on the album chart. In July they reached number 70 with the clumsily titled 'The Hits Remixed - A Blitz Of Salt-N-Pepa Hits, It's Time For Cuts, Beats & Rhymes' while 'The Greatest Hits' reached number six three weeks ago. A careful check reveals that even though one of these albums is being marketed as a remix package, and the other simply as a hits package, all the contents of the former can be found on the latter in identical form. 'The Greatest Hits' also includes four additional tracks: 'Let's Talk About Sex', 'I Like It Like That', 'I Am Down' and the new Salt-N-Pepa single 'You Showed Me', which has already topped RM's Cool Cuts chart.

Meanwhile, 'Let's Talk About Sex' is still a major hit after 11 weeks in the chart - but won't be one of the records to receive a boost after the Smash Hits Pollwinners Awards, screened by BBC TV a little over a week ago. Somebody at the Beeb thought its title was too racy for Sunday afternoon.

Bassheads

Is there anybody out there?

4/11/91





DV ALAM JONES

CONTROL-LED RELEASE

sually when a record by an unknown act makes its first appearance in the Top 40 it's because they've had TV exposure, heavy radio play or they have created a nationwide pre-release buzz in

None of these is particularly true of 'Dance With Me (I'm Your Ecstasy)', the introductory single by Control that debuted at number 40 last week

number 40 last week.
In fact, the record has been tremendously popular in the

clubs, but thus far only in the group's home county of

group's home county or Lancashire. The same situation worked exceptionally well for Oceanic, the Liverpool Irjo whose Trissanity also broke in and around Manchester, and entered the Manchester, and entered the of the country was aware it even existed. It subsequently climbed into the Top 10, where it spent a highly creditible nine weeks before finally diction below the

wire this week

Asked which ach has had most his work and wine in the past few most his was the history and a state of the had been asked to the history and allow "Yet the links due, which midway through 1983, has the history and had hen". Yet the links due, which midway through 1983, has burned the history and had hen had had been the history and had had been allowed. Although seven death of their albums have sold exceptionally well, they have still to reach the Took Links have sold exceptionally well, they have still to reach the Took Links have sold exceptionally well, they have still narrowly avoided the honorur in 1886, however, when Reminiscoring powed at 11.

 High chart debuts by Neil Young & Crazy Horse's 'Weld' and Slayer's 'Decade of Aggression' last week proves yet again that live albums can and often do succeed. Other live albums in the chart are Eric Clapton's '24 Nights' and 'Paul'
McCartney's Liverpool Oratorio',

Liverpool Oratorio', while INXS, Queensryche, Paul Simon and Poison all have concert performances due before the end of the month. It's not all

The total of 31 singles the

have made their chart debut

as stated in Music Week's

inside the Top 10 this year in

in the whole of 1990 life also

the highest annual tally ever

beating the 1989 figure of 30,

still further. It is interesting to

debuted in the Ton 10 while a

the same stage of the Fighties

only 18 records had done it

Nineties 55 singles have

plain sailing however – Happy Mondays' "Live' debuted strongly at number 21 last month, but rapidly floaded from the chart, a fate that befalls many live albums. Regular studio output stands much more of a chance with the uninitiated, live sets generally tend to be bought only by people who are already fass. There are odd exceptions to the rule — for instance Peter Frampton's 'Frampton Comes Alive', which was easily his most successful album. Generally, however, the annual spate of live albums that come out at this time are not expected to do as well as studio albums, and are simply a way of reducing the lengthy gap between studio releases and generating income from the Christmas market.



• Currently in production, with expected release in a year, is the animated feature film 'Straybgry Fields', which will feature a cast of characters from Lennon and McCartney songs with the songs performed by Michael Jackson, Siedah Garrett, Cyndi Lauper, Robert Palmer, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Cheap Trick, Stevie Ray Yaughan and Luther Vandross.

SIMONE My Family Depends On Me

RELEASED NEXT WEEK

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BELL BIV DEVOE

Word To The Mutha!

Bobby Brown, Ralph Tresvant and Johnny

Gill have got back together again with Ricky

BY JAMES HAMILTON



(US Smash Records 865-009-1) eer now switches to almost Smokey Robinson style as he breathly coos a self-penned and Steve 'Sik' Hudey co-conduced marily jounty bounding 120.1bpm chugger that in its Hurley's House Mix and Dubstrumental has the infectious old 'Don't Push It. Don't Force It'/ Get Down On It' rhythm, with a "yes, close your eyes" mumbling liggly more "You Got The Love' — like Maurice Mix and pleasant but less catchy percussively surging E-Smoove Late Nite Mix, just the (retifled) 120.2bpm Hurley's (0-)120 3bpm - E-Smoove and 120.3bpm Maurice Mixes being due for slightly edited UK release next week (Urban



'Love's Gonna Get You' (Debut DEBTX 3132, via Pinnacle) Remixed with new backings by Steve 'Mac' McCutcheon from the 1986 original's acappella (by permission of Next Plateau Records Inc). union labor their fractionties

BASSHEADS 'Is There Anybody Out There? (de/Construction 12R 6303, via

With all but one of its original samples re recorded since Merseyside DJs Desa and

Nick Mumbu first circulated it as a Debouse ng gossamer light soul floater is in 121.1bpm Blu Zone, Radio, Dub's Gorns Get Ya, and Mollow Mixes, a must for all lovers of music rather than noise

UNDERTAKERS What's Going On

(12 SPR 001) White labelled by apparently the Cash Cress this sub-bass thrummed untidily jerking 127.4bom raver has some "What the fuck is goin' on?" halfway, flipped at 331/urpm by the ing bassily jolling 108.4bpm 'Hemridge

enisorically muttered twittered introduct plinked, rock riffed and Afrika Bambastas "just get up and dance" chanted atmos pheric long (0-)121-0bpm ever shifting suite is now flipped by the flute-like tones driven pounding new 123.8bpm 'Non Verbal Communication (Extended)' like a housed-up

CONTROL 'Dance With Me (I'm Your Ecstasy)

(All Around The World Productions 12 GLOBE 105, via Total/BMG) On a Blackburn based label, this Manchester smash is a piercingly shrill Jo-an Ramsay wail-ed surging jangly pounder in exciting 124bpm Original, disjointedly acappella Strange Vocal and lerkily building more ambitious new (0-)123 Shom Hard On Mixes



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No More

Ten Records TENX 387) Brackord's finest return with this plant pounded breezily blipping and swirt walled by Erica Harrold (the uncredited gruff eigh on Unity's 'Unity'), first promoed eight 12-inch singles that come into force today it is out with in addition that original promo's 130bom Chilstrumental and slippery twittering sub-bass 132bpm I Can't Weigh introed/outroed although otherwise more ly rollicking 0-125.2-Obpm Club and

LOVE DECADE

'So Real' (All Around The World Productions 12 GLOBE 106, via Total/BMG) Another right little raver from Blackburn's Reidy's record shop, this guy hollered noisily twittering, droning and jangling frantic galloper is in exciting 128.1bpm Massive, girl muttered oppressively bleeping less loose 0-128.1bpm Crunch and Elysian Mixes.

NOMAD SOUL Candy Mountain (Island 12 IS 505)

Digne Charlemagne breathly crooms a de lightful suphisticated cool groin grinder that should make your blood run warmer with es capist thoughts of summer, in chunkily bubng 0-100.9bpm Nelice Hooper Remix and more delicate 0-100.5bpm Radio Mix versions, fipped by a stark jerky funk beats ma ing 0-101.1bpm DJ Intellectual Mix and its



BY JAMES HAMILTON ANTICAPPELLA

PWL Continental PWLT 205, via Warner Music)

Fronted by Stack Box inspired Londoners, "oh love you, baby" stuttering Shaun Kendall and her almost silent partner Rodney Rawe Bishop this Milan recorded (by Italy's Media Records) bounding simple Euro house raver is in Belgian style synth chords scrubbed 0-122.8-122.7-122.6bpm Extended and 0-122.9-122.75bpm Hour, Italo style piano jangled 0-122.9bpm House and 123bpm Plano-A-Pella Mixes, all with pauses punctuated inconsistent beats. Although it's nothing different, advance orders suggest to PWL that it could be another

JOANNA LAW Celebrate Love EP

6 M 1201) A limited edition white label by Simon 'The Funky Ginger' Law's classy sister (whose 'First Time Ever' summer club smash oddly failed to cross over last year), this superb jazz-soul four tracker has the bongos tapped exotic coolly thrumming breathy slick 119.7-0bpm 'Turn My Love Around' and its burbling Dub Mix, reggae ish percussion woven huskily spoken/sung. homeolised and scatted sparing 85hpm 'Cele Ivate Love', and brass horked littery swee swaying 101.7bpm 'Peace & Satisfaction', each a haunting beauty

BOZALLA Faith (In The Power Of Love) ulse-8 Records 12LOSE 15, via BMG)

that her 'Everybody's Free (To Feel Good)' has hit so big, the waiting Zambian's earlier trisky galloper from April (the lead review in reissued in its jumpily jangling original 123.1-0bpm The Chic Mix, plus producers the Band Of Gypsies' stereo panned plinking calmer 123-0-bom Space Station and T Vannelli's jaunty Spanish flavoured 0-123-0bpm Musik Out Of Control Mixes, all catchily punctuated at times by spacey saxophone-like synth tones.

RISE PRODUCTIONS present Audio Analysis EP

On a white labelled techno four-track are the thrumming twittery frantic 133.5bpm 'Rise'. jerkily spurting percussive 129.5-06pm 'Bleep 16', tinkly surging jittery 129.6bpm "Stalker shrill synth washed jittering twittery 0-128.9bpm 'Serene Sequence'

FRANSCHENE Express Yourself - The

(Omen Recordings ZT 45028, via BMG) On 12-inch only, the 20-year-old Mancur four track follow-up to 'Go Sista' has the episodic ragga rapped, pipingly bleened. James wn guitar yowled, synth droned, wailing 6-128bpm "Express Yourself", straightforwardly raving Euro style 129.2-129bpm 'Can You Hear Me?", ragga rap duetted gently rolling 96.1bpm 'Find A Way', and briefly Hammer-style jeggled building from a pause, bass throbbed jangly wailing 116.1-0-128.1bpm 'Koso The



'Rhythm is A Mystery (Remix)'

KWANZAA POSSE Wicked Funk (Flying Records UK FLYUK6T, via

Pinnacle)

Here featuring two German remixes but still including its Italian creators' original 103.6bpm Funk Rebirth Mix. a brass and organ accented unhurriedly rolling jiggly pattering mid-Seventies style funk fusion of African per curries and useal influences with RT Express's The B 'Té You're Satisfied' bass and quotes from Stretch's 'Why Did You Do It', big on the Balearic scene back in the spring, this is joined on the flip by a similarly sympatico lush atmos phere washed Alro Ambient Mix, while the much more brashly exciting A-side's jittery 0.106.0hnm Dimensions Of Blue Clouds Mix actually consists largely of a frenetic raggamuffin rap - which works well even if, or perhaps because, it does obliterate the ole original point!

HEAVY D & THE BOYZ 'Peaceful Journey' (MCA MCST 1589)

Remixed by the Young Disciples, the Jacksons' 'Heartbreak Hotel' based lethargic joply swaying gruff mutterer is in 96.7bpm Tranquil Voyage and The Eye So Mix vers together with their Instrumentals, plus its orig nal catchier 97bpm Album Version, subtly nagging but probably too undynamic to cross over

much more episodic jangling; pattering and pausing 121.1-0bpm new remix plus a sparsely tapping 121.25bpm Percussion Ma and its tighter frisky 122.4bpm orginal

EXTORTION featuring Dihan How Do You See Me Now?'

(Boy's Own Productions/ffrr BOX 8) Originally on New York's Easy Street label but remixed here by Dave Lee, this rush released Rimini fave is a mumbled and warbled Crysta Waters-ish sturdily lurching garage stride in 119.3bpm Joey Negro's Remix, Roy Ayers in fluenced calmer jazzy 0-117.2bpm Joe/s Young Soul Rebel Mix, and its producers Jason Load & Pavel DeJesus's much more 'Gypsy an'-like 119.3bpm US Remix.

JOEY NEGRO 'Do What You Feel' (Ten/Z Records TENX 391)

Originally on its creator Dave Lee's Z Records only two months ago (when, with six tracks it was classified as an album!) but now reverp ed and reissued, this Debbie French walled late Seventies style wriggly rambling stuffer still has its disjointedly repetitive 122.1bpm Expanded and Candido 'Dancin' And Prancin' in spired breezily churning 122bpm Body Rock Mixes, plus new piano planked lurching & 122.76pm Rhythm Supply, properly sung slithery schlurping 0-121.7-121.85pm Dun Dum Vocal, cymbal shushed jolting 121 Shprin Last Rhythm, and plaintively charted 121.7bpm Dum Dum Club Mixes. More of a song would help!

BriefLy...

Also about now are Q BASS 'Dancin People' (Suburban Base SUBBASE 005, SRD), Danny Donnelly creat jountily jittering 0-129.6bpm rayer with sampled madly familiar whistling (Cameo?), and a frantic fierce (0-)131-Obpm E-Type Remix; COSMO & DIBS (Moving Eyes' SHADOW 8, SRD), Rob Playford pro duced chimingly bleeping 126.9-126.8bpm rave rumbler with the frantic 131.1-131.2bpm 'Up Keys TRANQUILLIZER (Rising High Records RSN 6, SRD) atmospheric spacey synth swirled surging twittery throbber in Nick Slater & Dave Allen's 0-127,8-0bpm Shades Of Rhythm Mix and Caspar Pound's "you are a child of the universe" repeating stop/start (0-)127.9bpm Hippy Mix: X-STATIC 'Free' (Production Mox. X-STATIO House PNT 033, VIS 081-968 8870)

Dice created jerkily episodic urgent 0-127.8bpm girl nagged raver with an 128-0bpm E-Type Remot KRAFTWERK 'Radioactivity (Remixes)* (EMI 12EM 201), robotic 1975 bleep prototype in new smoothly burbling 0-126.6bpm François Kevorkian and twittering 0-129.3 -Obpm William Orbit Remixes; URBAN HYPE 'Hyper-Active EP' (Perception Records UNI 20, RTM/P), ndiculously bleeping rave four-track with the 135.8bpm 'Catastrophe', 0-139.7 Obpm 'Destiny', 132.7bpm 'Odys98/ more ambient 0-130.8bpm 'Emotion FIRST FRONTAL ASSAULT Bloodfire Assault' (Music Of Life NOTE 56, P), Handsworth rappers gunfire and sirens introed angry (as 126.7bpm PROPHET OF RAGE Somebody Scream (Rising High Records RSN7, SRD), Caspar Pound co-pro-duced cliched frantic twittery thundst-ing 0-132 75 Nb ing 0-132.75-0bpm raver

TIZIANA

Seduce Me' (Splish SPLISH 1, via Rough Trade

Raye 2001's subsequently much boo tune was largely ignored by DJs when the origmore recent guises being this Belgian remake from R & S Records that now launches Mark Moore's Rhythm King associated label, a repetitively entreating girl's deadpan spokeni sung, hi-hat shushed jiggly burbling 118bpm shuffler simply in Versions 1 and 2

DE MELERO featuring Monica

Night Moves

(ZYX Records ZYX 6598-12, via European Music Services/Greyhound/ Target/Panther Music) Rickster's house oldie remodelled by Span-ish brothers Cesar & Chito de Melero, re-The Club, this lerkily starting. Monica wailed. 122.7-122.5-122.7opm En El Calor De La Noche Mix, 122.4bpm Monicapella, and less cluttered jiggly jumping 122.6bpm 'de Melero's Groove (The Club Mixi' instrumental, originally 4bpm faster when on Spain's



ROBERT OWENS

'I'll Be Your Friend (US RCA 07863 62156-1)

Created by David Morales with keyboardist Satoshi Tomie and its anxiously meaning title line singer, this pulsing, swirling and shuffling ric chugger is in nagging sax tone honked 122bpm Original Del Mix, organ chorded pattering 121.9-0bpm Dead Zone, trumpet tones tootled jingly thumping Def Infully vocal 121.9bpm 7" Radio Mix versions, inevitably an instant seller

SOLIND SYSTEMME

'Crazy Lover (Go.Beat GODX 61, via PolyGram) Although promoed (as the translated 'Ammanti Loco') in seven mixes on a 35 minute 331/srpm 12-inch, which would now qualify as a single for chart purposes, ragga rapping Valentine Nonyela and sweetly cooing Carla Marie Mersh's reggae-house wriggler is nevertheless out commercially in just Nell McLellan's 0-123.3bpm Master Radio Edit and Instrumental, its producer Richie (Well Red) Stevens' bouncy "boinggg" effect bonged scuttling 123.4bpm Stutter Dub, and a virtually unvelated (adapted by someone called Menthol) percussion samples pattered excellent brassy oure jazz-funk instrumental 116.1bom Menthol Salad Mix, this latter having been the lead track on promo, along with Richie's sparsely looing 0-123.4bpm Rocker's Mix and Stutter Dub. Neil's original 123.5bpm Techno Mix, plus Norman Cook's breezy 120.8bpm Norm's First Mix and crawling pure reggae 61.8bpm Lover's

Rock and 60.3bpm Norm's Dub versions JEFF REDD You Called & Told Me'

ILIS Lintown Records/MCA MCA12-54141) From the movie soundtrack "Strictly Business"

soulfully crooning and keening Jeff's chunkliy olling early Eighties style jogger is in 0-107.1bpm Club, 0-107.2bpm so-called Hip Hop and Radio Versions.

Beats

BLACK DIAMOND is a label on which tracks then released on PWL Records ing, the reason being that (far from a promotion company, used just for its promos - run by ex-Hammersmith Palais DJ Phill France and ex-Number One magazine's Jacqui Carter, with help from John Mayoh's staff at JMP in Manchester, the company will also soon be open for business to promote 5274) . . . Capital FM presenter Tim Smith, his Tyneside partner David Prever and London recruit Jonathan Pool have started a new dance musi otion service at EPM/Essential Promotion & Management (071-287 2619) ... Greensleeves Records is actually play ragga music, contact Katy Bartlett (phone 081-749 3277/fax 081-749 7360) with full work details ... Simon Harris's series of nine 'Beats, Breaks & Scratches' alburns are now available in six volumes on Compact Disc. suitable for studio sampling the complete set being discounted to £108 (full details from Music Of Life. 'phone 071-631 3846/fax

C & C MUSIC FACTORY Just A Touch Of Love (Everyday)

(US Columbia 44 74032) No close relative of any previous Touch Of Love' (although zippily driven throughout by familiar sampted beatsh. Clivities & Cole's pirts leaper is in 122bpm The Standard House Mix. 0-121-0bpm The C&C Garage Mix, 121bpm The Garage Dub 2 Mix and journty ins The C&C Garage Dub Mix. Fierce!

Pieces

071-436 0715) . . . Altern 8's "iump fierce 129.5bpm Hallucin 8 Mix of 'Frequency' has been coupled with a documentary programme about their recent car park gig as a strictly limited 1000 copies only pressing, on the Stafford North logo (actually Network NWK TR 34!! . 'The Noise' is the track that has been selling SL2 to . Korda has been picked up by Flying UK for release here, while include Simone pext week on Fast West and Dread Flimstone in a fortnight on Urban Adamski's promo in addition to the four tracks released commercially, also has a quietly strol ling 100.25bpm Pal Joey Remix of 'Born To Be Alive!' and the strange twittery percolating 120.3bpm 'I'm Sure That If . . . (Orange Telephone Re-mix)* . . . Nellee Hooper will be work-ing out of a studio in Los Angeles for Blackburn's latest Capital Gold Soul Night Out is a Motown special staming Jimmy Ruffin this Friday (Nov 8) in the Cockney Cabaret, at the Warren Street end of London's Tottenham Court Road ... AND THE BEAT

YA YA'S

(Ariola/Arista 614 179)

Created by Wildmax for Germany's Under ground Records, this Jimmy Castor Bunch Troglodyte (Cave Man)/The Bertha Butt Boogle' inspired vigorously throbbing jangly pounder is in 0-122-0bpm Piano House, 0-122bpm Radio Cut, and space invaders bleep ed ratting 128.3-0bpm

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Ultramarine

Ambience is still an unpopular concept in dance music, either because of its "hippy" connotations or because it just doesn't kick like a top rave tune, mate. But Ultramarine, however much they use Kevin Ayers samples in their work, are young and very much a part of the emerging London live-performing dance scene.

'We've always done quite spacey stuff," admits Paul Hammond. "But I think our work is more song-orientated than The Orb.

Ex-members of

Primary Industry,

Paul and partner

indie band A

Ian Cooper

Ultramarine in

1989. 'Every Man

laid-back sounds

on 'Honey



And Woman Is A Star', their exceptional third album. encompasses a wide range of musical genres and moods, from the gorgeously

'Every Man And Woman Is A Star' is released by Brainiak on November 11

through the twittering techno of 'Lights In My Brain' to the dub reggae vibe of 'Geezer'. The album is suited to all three stages of clubbing: before, during and after. But there has to be an underlying theme? "Well, we did have a storyboard of ideas." laughs Paul. "We had this image of a journey across America by canoe."

Ultramarine: the "ambient" act you can listen to between Davydd Chong raves without losing your credibility.



Pressure Drop

Justin Langlands and Dave Henley, clubland's latest experimentalists, are nothing short of audio landscape gardeners. They have a positively greenfingered ability to deliver earthy mellow grooves, as heard on their latest offering, 'You're Mine'. But then any track with the combined talents of Joanna Law, Galliano and Mark Cornell, currently NYC's hottest unsigned talent, is bound to bear fruit

Signed appropriately enough to Big World, Pressure Drop have scattered Indian tablas, African talking drums and even a South American rainstick on to

'You're Mine' is released early next year by Big World.

the deliciously afrocentric 331/arpm platter. "Maybe it's a cliche, but we try to make a track with something for the mind. body and soul," says Langlands.

You're Mine' is just one of four tracks on Pressure Drop's EP-sampler, 'You're Mine', 'Big Noise', 'Nice Touch' and 'Gotta Make It Home' embrace live Hammond and brass, plus the percussive talents of the Brand New Heavies' Paul Daley.

It's only a taster," says hairdresser Henley, who can still be found delivering short back and sides upstairs at Kensington Market. Dom Foulsham

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A guide to the hottest new club sounds, as featured on Pete Tong's Radio One FM show, 'The Essential Selection', broadcast every Friday from 7.30 to 10pm. Compiled by sales returns from the following record stores: City Sounds/Vinyl Zone/Black Market (London); Bloc/Underground (Manchester); 23rd Pre-

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Defiant and proud, Joi can be found at a point where cultures clash. Their Rhythm King debut 'Desert Storm' is uncompromising in its celebration of Asian music, yet as

tough a dance track as you'll find. "We're giving Asians a sense of pride," explains Farouk.

"There's a new generation out there, but what we're trying to do is nothing to do with bhangra."

'Desert Storm', its pummelling transcontinental mixture of beats already impressing DJs, is the first single since Farouk

and his brother Haroon produced two small-scale ventures, 'Tai Ma House' and 'Funky Asian'. four years ago. Both have long been involved in projects which promote Bengali culture, a culture which they believe deserves more than the odd token sample. normally added to spice up a rather average tune. Davydd Chong

Desert Storm s released by Transglobal/



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ake any recent club or dance chart. Ignore the instrumentals and compare the numbers of female and male singers. The chances are that the women will out-number the men by at least three to one

For example, at the time of going to press, the Club Chart Top 10 includes records by Adeva, Ce Ce Peniston, Lisa Stansfield, Alison Limerick, Cookie Watkins, Rodeo Jones (with vocals by Jayne Tretton) and M-People (with vocals by Heather Small). The only male representatives are Kenny

Thomas, Simply Red and SL2. There is no doubt that, save for rap acts and a few soul singers, female vocalists have taken over on the dancefloor. The change is not part of any particular fad or fashion. House and garage tracks do not have to be sung by women - look back to these genres' earliest records and they are more likely to have been performed by men. There has simply been a gradual, almost imperceptible, change over the past few years. There are many theories on why it has happened,

First there is the practical point

is certainly the case in the UK," says Dave Lee, who runs Republic Records and as Joey Negro produces tracks with female vocalists such as Debbie French and Pacha, "I know about five female singers that I can work with," he says, "but I can't

think of any men. The point is echoed by Steve Long, A&R director for Pulse 8, the label behind Rozalla and Sue Chaloner. "We are quite keen to sign male vocalists," he says, 'but there don't seem to be

many about. Nancy Noise, DJ and club promotions person at Perfecto. points out that the situation has arisen because most UK dance producers tend not to nurture their own vocalists but simply use session singers, the vast majority of whom are female.

The same situation applies to acts using sampled vocals. Apart from a few notable exceptions, such as The Peech Boys, the majority of acapellas available for them to sample are by female vocalists such as Loleatta

Holloway and Candi Staton. Another important factor is that the hedonistic up-tempo house records of recent years tend to sound better with female vocals - try imagining Black Box's Ride On Time' with male vocals As Dave Lee points out, using

and there is an element of truth in all of them. that there are more female vocalists to choose from. "That







DISCO DIVAS

While the mixing desks on the club scene continue to be monopolised by males, it is the large-lunged ladies who are hogging the limelight in the Club Chart. Andy Beevers examines the female floor phenomenon male vocals can instantly give a record a more serious soulful feel. "With Frankie Knuckles using a male vocalist on It'ts Hard Sometime", the song is almost taken into the soul territory you associate with major labels and artists like Glenn Jones. "If it had a female vocal, it

"If it had a female vocal, it would have sounded more street and more poppy." Lee believes another factor

Lee believes another factor which encourages the use of female vocals is that they do not have to be of a particularly high quality to sound good on a dancefloor.

'An OK female voice sounds much better than an OK male voice. Unless it is really good, a male vocal can sound very dodgy in a club'

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 Sue Chaloner (left) and Innocence's Gee Morris (below): cashing in on the dearth of male vocalists





 Mica Paris: crossed over from the clubs to achieve regular chart success

 "An OK female voice sounds much better than an OK male voice," he says. "Unless it is really good, a male vocal can sound very dodgy in a club."

Long says a big influence has been the male domination of raves, particularly on the dancefloor, but also behind the decks, "You can get a 70% male audience." he says, "that is the crowd that Rozalla has got to by doing hundreds of PAs. It is impossible to pinpoint

what prompted the female

resurgence, but the successes of acts like Black Box, Adeva, Lisa Stansfield and Caron Wheeler with Soul II Soul have helped

build up momentum. Adeva sees herself as the latest in a long line of disco divas. "It goes all the way back to Donna Summer," she says. Given the huge number of female vocalists achieving club success, it is surprising how few actually go on to establish

themselves as mainstream stars. Of course, Madonna can trace

her performing roots back to the New York clubs of the early Eighties.

But of the hundreds of US house and garage singers who years, only Adeva, and to a lesser extent Kym Mazelle have established themselves as "pop

stars" in this country. All the UK-based female artists who have recently crossed over from the clubs to achieve regular chart success have tended to deliver a more soulful or

pop-oriented sound, rather than out-and-out house music Examples include Lisa Stansfield. Cathy Dennis, Yazz, Gee Morris of Innocence, Caron Wheeler and Mica Paris.

There is an on-going trend in many clubs towards real songs, he they up-tempo house songs. garage tunes or Talkin Loud-style tracks. With very few neonle prepared to buck the trend and use male vocalists, the rise of female singers looks certain to continue

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 Dancefloor darlings Nomad (left) could only sell 25,000

copies of their album, while Prodigy's appeal is regarded as too instant to develop

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Despite the huge success of dance acts in the singles charts, album sales still elude them. Matthew Cole reports on those labels trying to lead acts out of the dance ghetto into soul's mainstream

lways there" wailed Jocelyn Brown on Incognito's Top 10 hit. But she could not say the same of the Incognito album it peaked at 44.

Another of the year's dancefloor darlings — Nomad — were similarly deserted. Despite selling 300,000 singles with a number two and a number 16 hit, the album could not top 25,000.

Lessons like these have become commonplace in an industry that once saw hit singles as the key to album success. And as more dance singles break into the chart, labels seem no closer to solving the dilemma. Dance accounted for 17 of the Top 40 singles in the third quarter of 1991, but has only two acts among the Top 40 albums.

Dance music has opened a new route to the singles chart. But without the usual follow-on of lucrative album success the end result is more frustrating than encouraging for major labels.

"Some of the majors have had

their fingers burned," says Mick Clark, A&R director of Ten Records. "I even hear that certain major labels have told their A&R departments not to sign dance

product any more."
But acts such as Ten's Soul III
Soul, with over 5m album sales
worldwide, are a constant
reminder that dance can produce
lucrative long-term results.
Clark's formula for success is
"great spons and an act with a

strongly identifiable character". And at Phonogram's Talkin' Loud and Island's 4th & Broadway, new faith is placed in the old formula of songwriting talent and real musicianship. These labels form a new consensus trying to lead acts out of the dance ghetto into soul's replectations.

Another is Chrysalis subsidiary Cooltempo. A&R director Ken Grunbaum believes that while out-and-out rave tunes such as Prodigy's 'Charly' turn up massive hits, their appeal is too instant to develop further.

"Some of the major companies still only see dance as these oneoff singles," he says. "We are trying to find the acts that can develop and cross over. They must be able to write good material and perform live."

A shift towards live performance is evident across the entire spectrum of dance music. Even East London's Shut Up And Dance label, known for its hardcore rave ethos, has recently had its acts limbering up with a live strings section.

The musical style best suited to this trend for "real" dance music is at the jazz and funk end of the market. And it is here that most major labels hope to find tomorrow's gold album sellers.

One act in the vanguard of this new wave is The Young Disciples, whose label, Talkin' Loud, has been careful to present the act as a group rather than a faceless studio collaboration. It is all part of a process that will take far longer to succeed than their number 13 hit



While dance has launched few successful single artist albums, the genre has dominated the compilation album charts. Despite releasing 10 'Deep Heat' albums in two years, Teletar has been able to launch spin-offs such as 'Thin lee,' Megabass' and Make You Sweat' to soak up extra demand. Hits are in such demand for compilation series that Dave Brooker of Rumour Records has licensed Nomad's 'Bevolion' nine.

times. "But I don't believe it detracts from sales of the Nomad album. "It is a different market again," he says.

The Young Disciples — tomorrow's gold album sellers?



Il II Soul's Jazzie B is a constant der to acts such as Incognito's yn Brown (above) and PM Dawn w right) that dance can produce long-



'Apparently Nothin'. The album 'Road To Freedom', dropped rapidly from the chart after entering at 21.

"To just expect album sales straight away with dance is wrong," says Paul Martin, Phonogram's head of dance with responsibility for Talkin' Loud. "Labels need to show more commitment than that - they would with a rock act."

His words are carefully chosen. Martin believes that fostering longevity means distancing acts

from the dance scene in favour of a more mainstream approach.

A similar attitude is evident at the Island labels 4th & Broadway and Gee Street. Island's head of marketing Paul McGarvey says PM Dawn's recent first album was deliberately designed to appeal outside the dance market. "The sleeve looks more like a rock album - that is what we wanted."

The Young Disciples are also placed to appeal to an audience outside clubland, says Martin.

"Their strength is that they have tunes you can hum in the bath - you just happen to be able to

dance to them as well," he says. But it is not only the more soulful acts that can attract album buyers, Sony Music's C&C Music Factory broke through with a less traditional sound but by very traditional means.

"They did it by the age-old policy - three hits and you're there," says Steve Ripley, Sony's dance marketing manager. "They became a pop act."



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Now with the credits set to Michael Jackson's new LP Riley is very much the man of

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he says. "I've turned down a lot of artists who are big but who I don't reckon have the ability."

Riley is determined to go in the direction of real sound: "You can copy sure, if you learn and move forward. Sampling is cool if it teaches

you about music, but I'm not using samples anymore.
"On Kool Moe Dee's last record 'Funke Wisdom' (Jive/RCA) there are a lot of samples that I now realise were

a mistake. That approach just isn't me arymore.' Riley is set to give r&b a new lease of life by mixing it with rap and hip hop. And he believes his association with Jackson will give it greater credibility: 'I want to take this movement to both a wider r&b audience and an older generation in addition to the young dance market.''

Riley believes rap has been undervalued as a musical form: "People don't realise that most rap artists have an enormous understanding and knowledge of music — especially in terms of its evolution. You can sit and talk to lee Cube about anything from Gwen McCrae and Herb Alpert to Sun Ra and Miles Davis. And these influences all come out in the music."

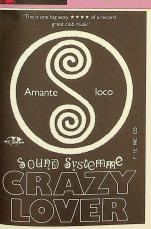
eponymous debut over here while MCA reports that the follow-up 'Future' is now edging up to a similar level, Guy's recent Hammersmith

 Teddy produced 15 tracks for Michael Jackson



Odeon shows and the release of a longform video should help to boost sales of the forthcoming remix version of "Future"

"As soon as I've finished with the Jackson album it's going to be Guy rules the world," asserts Riley. "Since producing "My Perogastive' for Bobby Brown we've learned the lesson that we've got to keep the best for ourselves."



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Retailers fear increasing fragmentation of an overcrowded market could damage sales. Dom Foulsham reports

espite the best attempts of Bryan Adams, one third of all chart titles passing over the shop counters this year will be dance singles. But with an ever increasing quantity of dance titles packing into an overcrowded release schedule, there are fears that fragmentation of the market

could ultimately damage sales. The progress of Joanna Law's Club Chart hit 'First Time (That Ever I Saw)' last summer seemed to bear out this view when it became the first number one Club Chart track to fail to automatically crack the Top 40 Gallup Chart. This was a far ory from February 1986 which saw Tim Simenon's dance collective were classified by Gallup as dance tracks.

dance tracks.
But as Darren Ensom, who
handles promotions for a number
of new independent dance labels
including Rumour, Debut and
Elicit, points out, an increased
market share of dance music
disguises a more fundamental

problem.
He says: "In the past year, the enormous increase in the number of releases has meant there is a greater choice of product within each of the dance genres of techno, rave and soul, which in turn has meant the sales volume on a lot of garage titles has dropped dramatically. There's so much out there right now."
Network director Nell Rushton.

has seen a similar increase.

than 40 new 12-inches a week.

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While the Industrial North/Soulful South divide has become blurred with buying tastes tending to follow the larger local clubs and mix-show playlists, more British product overall is being bought.

overall is being bought.

Tony Hickmott, director of
Greyhound Records, one of the
Ult's largest record importers
and distributors of dance music,
says: "The last year has seen a
considerable increase in British
product, and it's now a large part
of our business."

According to Hickmott, the past year has seen both US and European imports' share of 12-inch sales at specialist shops fall from around 75% to between 40% and 50% of turnover.

While UK labels are now committed to pumping out more dance product, Brian Harris of Jolley Harris Jolley, the independent production house whose acts include Innocence, cautions: "As labels find it harder to make sufficient returns on increasingly shorter-term dance acts, the less likely they are to develop dance acts for the long terms of the product of the contract of the cont

With a considerably stronger independent record distribution network than was ever available during the previous dance boom of the middle to late Seventies, a sudden collapse in the market on the same scale is implausible. The boom is unlikely to be

The boom is unlikely to be followed by a sudden slump. For now the beat goes on.

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enter the Gallup Top Five from nowhere, with no TV, radio or widespread press coverage. The track, 'Beat Dis', had crossed over purely on the strength of its fan base.

More recently after an extended period in the top slots of the Club Chart, both Sabrina Johnston and Ce Ce Peniston succeeded in reaching the Top 40, but with the Peniston track, for example, only achieving a peak at number 29.

At the same time, other Top Five club tracks, including the successful pop cross-over Rozalla's 'Everybody's Free', were reported by less than half of the *Record Mirror* DJ returns in any one week.

In 1987 dance accounted for 26% of the best-selling singles. In 1988 the figure was 27%, in 1989 28% and in 1990 one third of all the top 3,000 selling tracks describing the numbers and selection of releases as "beginning to reach saturation point in some formats".

point in some formats".

John Barry, director of Eastern Bloc, one of Manchester's largest retailers, has noticed more specialisation among DJs.

"A lot of DJs are specialising," he says, "because for the first time they've probably got enough current material to choose from for their particular club style. But don't think that specialised purchasing is a particularly good thing, and many DJs are waking up to that. There's certainly a richer market for pure garage DJs or rave DJs but there is a limit. At Jav. Seports in At Jav. Sepords in

At Jay's Records in Cambridge, Alan Rudford reports a similar trend. Two years ago the outlet would see a dozen or so dance releases a week. Now Rudford has to deal with more

VOLUME







One company that has capitalised on one of the most rarefied of dance genres is React Music with its 'Reactivate' series of Belgian techno compilations Label manager Thomas Foley says 'Reactivate' was based on the realisation that there was a gap in the UK market for the Belgian material, "Many of their creations were selling 10,000-15,000 copies in the UK on import but were ignored by UK dance labels," he says. 'Reactivate Volume I The Belgian Techno Anthome' was thus licensed direct from Belgium, apart from one track, T99's 'Anasthasia'. which had already been picked up by Beggars Banquet label XL Recordings and went on to reach 14 in the singles chart. The album reached 13 in the compilation chart and its successor. Volume II Phasers on Full' neaked at number 9. Now Foley is hoping for an even higher chart position for Volume III. out on November 25. Foley is convinced techno has a future. "The European acts are the creative leaders," he says. "Let's face it -London and New York no longer exclusively control the dance

 Counter attack: (clockwise from top) Tim Simenon's Bomb The Bass, Rumour's Omar, Joanna Law, Ce Ce Peniston and Rumour's Tricky Disco

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49	56	TAKE IT EASY		98	NE	W OMEN Program 2 Boltram	Belgian R&S
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