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Indies unite to back new charts form

Five of the UK's biggest independent distributors are proposing a new for-mula to reform the indie charts once

RTM. Pinnacle, Vital, 3mv and SRD have reached an outline agreement for a new chart, which could be in place by

Under the proposal, the existing independent singles and albums rundowns would be replaced by two charts showing the biggest-selling independently-distributed records in 200 selected independent dealers

The current chart is compiled from a sample comprising indie retailers and multiples including HMV. Virgin and

John Best, managing director of RTM, says, "The idea is to produce a chart based on sales from stores which support new music. The primary difference is that the chart would be weighted towards new, low level breaking acts and away from mass-marketed acts."

entated artists - such Backstreet Boys - would still figure in the chart, although not as prominently because they do not sell as well through dependent stores. Best says.

The more selective panel would also reduce the possibility of the chart being dominated by promotions such as Creation's Oasis singles campaign last

Vital director Peter Thompson says the new chart would allow more developing acts to flourish. As many estab lished indie acts - such as Oasis and Bjork - sell more records in the chains, the new formula chart would give more

prominence to younger acts.

And, Best adds, creating a more credible chart would help secure more media exposure for such acts.

The chart panel would be similar to that used for RTM's Chain With No Name chart, which surveys 120 independent stores. The sample would effectively be an amalgam of stores Pinnacle's The Network

The credibility of the indie charts has been the subject of debate since the late Eighties when the rundown was dominated by Pinnacle-distributed PWL releases by artists such as Kylio Minogue and Jason Donovan.

The new proposal has been drawn up by the five companies since the indie chart debate was reopened at a panel at last September's In The City conven-

CIN chart director Catharine Pusey ays the new format chart would need the backing of the Chart Supervisory Committee before it could be adopted as the official industry rundown.

Virgin managing director Paul Conroy, one of the BPI's representatives on the CSC, says if the option has the broad support of the indie sector it would have a strong chance of winning

Best says he hopes the chart can be presented to the next CSC meeting, which is due to take place on March 26.

Bard extends CIN charts data deal Bard and chart compilers CIN have

finalised a new deal extending their chart information deal for a further 18

The agreement will see Bard retail-ers-including HMV, Virgin, Our Price, Woolworths, WH Smith, Tower and Menzies - continue to supply informa-tion for the compilation of the charts and other information services until July 1998 Inked last Monday, the agreement is

backdated to January 1 and continues a seven-year relationship between the retailers and CIN. Bard chairman Richard Wootton

says, "This will ensure the continuation of accurate sales-based charts for the benefit of the industry." CIN chart director Catharine Pusey

says, "This deal follows a year of hard work and discussions by both Bard and CIN and I'm very pleased that data is secured for the chart for the future."

New HQ for MW Miller Freeman Entertainment.

including MW, MBI and CIN, has moved to new offices. From today (February 24), the operations will be based at 8 Montague Close, London Bridge, London SEI 9UR. Tel and fax remain the same

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Star acts to turn out for Brits Award show

Mark Morrison, The Artist, Puge Manic Preachers and Sheryl Crow have been added to the line-up for tonight's Brit Awards show, which takes place at Earl's Court in London.

The acts all join the bill slongside reviously announced acts including five-times nominated Spio Girls, Diana Ross & Jamiroquai, and the Bee Goes (see above).

Jarvis Cocker, who created frontpage headlines after clashing with Michael Jackson at last year's awards,

show, which will be broadcast in a two hour special across the ITV network on Big Picture, which took over world-

TV sales of The Brits from PolyGram this year, says it is already well on the way to selling the show to its target of 135 territories. Alex Fraser, production and develop-

ment executive, says around 80 countries have already taken the show, including 48 African countries, and negotiations are well advanced for

total to around 125

Fraser says that, in a bid to maximise revenue and audience figures, the company is approaching local broadcasters prior to fixing deals with pan-continental networks.

The group is also negotiating with seven new territories, including Israel, Lebanon, India and China. Fraser says he expects most territories to scree the event on Thursday or Friday, although six countries will receive a



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Huge Promo innerary: Loads of TV, radio and press (again!)

Fact: Gina has made an incredible one hundred appearances on UK TV over the last year (phew.). Impressive Marketing: Full page colour ads in SMASH HITS, TOP OF THE POPS, Impressive Marketing: Full page colour ads in SIMASH HITS, TOP OF THE POPS,
MUSIC WEEK (you're reading it), Mail out to Eternal's excessively large database of pop kids.



Heritage secretary Virginia Bottomley unveiled EMI's nev tive Music 100 exhibition at the Edinburgh City Art Centre Inst week to kick off the major's

centenary celebrations. The travelling exhibition which traces the music industry's development from the days before recorded sound through to 1997 and beyond. has cost £2m to develop. After 15 weeks in Edinburgh, the exhibition transfers to Canary Wharf in London in early July before moving to York next February, Pictured with Bottomley in a replica Fifties set is EMI's Rupert Perry.



Pinnacle loses appeal in KWS copyright case

Distributor Pinnacle's bid to clear its name in the KWS copyright case collapsed last week, when its appeal

dismissed in London's High Court. Three appeal judges upheld the 1995 High Court ruling that Pinnacle distributed KWS's version of Please Don't Go Network Records, knowing it infringed the arrangement of the sc licensed to the German-based ZYX

The 51-page judgment delivered on Thursday (20) reiterates many of the breach of copyright and arrangement arguments addressed by Justice Lightman in his ruling two years ago.

It also repeats the judge's stinging attack on Pinnacle chairman Steve Mason and director Sean Sullivan accusing them of engaging in a "deliber ate campaign of piracy and to mislead

appeal judgment, Lord Justices Hirst, Aldous and Schiemann copies. "On the judge's findings," they "Pinnacle's infringement was undoubtedly flagrant."

Tony Morris, head of music at Marriott Harrison, the solicitors acting for ZYX, says Pinnacle failed to prove Lightman got various points of law

The court has made a very detailed analysis of Lightman's judgment, taken it to pieces, re-constructed it and confirmed that the approach he took and conclusions he came to were absolutely correct." he says

Mason and Sullivan declined to comment, but the appeal ruling was con demned by John Simmons, a partner at Pinnacle's solicitors Kanaar & Co.

Simmons says the judgment may have wide-ranging implications. "It will be open to a complainant to claim damages not only against an actual primary body who deals with it on the simple

recordings," he says. "This will extend not only to distributors, but also to each and every shop that sells a copy and probably every radio and television sta-tion that plays the infringing version."

That assertion was dismis The original case was launched two years ago by German-based ZYX, which licensed an arrangement of the song from Italian producer Roberto Zanetti, That version became a number 41 hit for Double You in April 1992, before Network's KWS version topped the sin-

gles chart for seven weeks and sold more than 500,000 copies. Network partner Neil Rushton says the record label paid £60,000 to ZYX in November 1995 as part of an interim damages settlement and it was not involved in the Pinnacle appeal.

Network and Pinnacle now face a further hearing in June to assess the scale of damages although Simmons says Pinnacle is pursuing the possibility of a

Virgin gets tough after battle over Girl Power

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issued a stern warning to anyone look ng to cash in on the Spice Girls phenomenon after Global pull a high profile album last week. The BMG-owned

ordered by the High Court last Monday Girl Power compilation following complaints from Virgin that the

cover (pictured) copied its Spice Girls artwork Global, which had shipped out around 50,000 copies of the album for release last week, has been forced to amend the sleeve and has delayed its release until next

Will Meekin, Virgin's legal and business affairs manager, says "The signal is that if people want to

wagon and ride on the Spice Girls' success, if they go too close we will take

steps to stop them.
"In our view, the
way Global had done the artwork was infringing the copyright of the Girls logo, which was on

billboards and

the album," he says. Global has now made amendments to the packaging. Virgin Our Price, WH Smith and some independent stores have agreed to insert new sleeves. Other stores' stock is being recalled by Global, which will then send out repackaged versions of the album.

BMG operations managing direc tor Ratnam Bala says Global is still going ahead with the big pron tional push for the albun

Boyzone triumph at Irish awards

picked up three prizes at Friday's 12th Irma Irish Music Awards in Dublin. Walsh won the industry special recog-

nition award for his contribution to the Irish music industry, while the band on the best Irish group LP award for A Different Beat and the best overall act

The Spice Girls also won the first award of their careers, winning the best international pop album prize for Spice. Other winners included Celine Dion (best international female album), Peter Andre (best international male artist album), REM (best international group album). The Fugees (best international k album), Brian Kennedy (best Irish male album), Frances Black (best female album) Hardiman (best folk/traditional album).

The awards show was preceded by a showcase of acts including Boyzone, Spice Girls, Peter Andre and OTT - who ere named best new Irish act - at the

The performances will feature in a TV special, broadcast on Ireland's Netw

NEWSFILE

Ash to play at Leo Finlay benefit gig Ash have been announced as special quests for this Wednesday night's Leo Finlay benefit concert at the LA2 in London. The full line-up comprises Ash, The Fall, Travis and Formula One. Some tickets are still available priced £20 minimum. For details call Mark Allison on 0171-686 0939 or fax 0171-686 0991. A home-town benefit

Morrison makes Hot 100 debut Mark Morrison joins the British assault on the US charts this week, with his single Return Of The Mark entering the Hot 100 at number 42. The Leicester soul man's album, also called Return Of The Mack, has advance orders topping 500,000, says a WEA

at Whelans in Dublin, featuring the Ultra Montanes and

Whipping Boy, raised £2,000 for Finlay's family.

Hard Rock Café to open in Duhlin

Hard Rock Café is planning to open an outlet in Dublin next year as part of an international expansion over the next eight years. As Hard Rock announced profits up 12% to £46m, president and ceo Jim Berk also announced that the new Hard Book Records Jahel which is being established in the US as a joint venture with Rhino Records, will be distributed exclusively through the London café in the UK. The first releases will be compilations covering the three decades of the Hard Rock, which launched in 1971.

King creates contest for new talent Manager and promoter Paul King is establishing a

global contest for unsigned bands and acts. The Break is backed by seven organisations including PRS. solicitors Clintons, accountants and business advisers Martin Green Rayden and Sensible Music Group. The closing date for entries is July 31 when acts will be judged by a panel of music industry experts. The winners of national finals in October will compete in an international final in Switzerland in November.

Virgin links with Tricky

Virgin has signed a label deal with Tricky to release material on the Bristol trip-hopper's Da Poison imprint. The first release will be an album from London-based duo Superior.

Zomba opens Swedish office Alonoside the expansion of Zomba Music Publishing

into Scandinavia reported last week (MW, February 22), Zomba Records has opened its first office in Sweden. It will market and promote all repertoire on its Jive and Silvertone labels, which are being distributed through Virgin. Zomba Music Publishing managing director Steven Howard says the Zomba Group wanted to create a similar set-up to its Chicago operation. "In Scandinavia, there will now be an office, studios and a creative roster of writer/producers that will act as a repertoire source for the Zomba Group," he says

Beechwood move to new HO Beechwood Music has moved to offices at Littleton House, Littleton Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 1UU. Telephone 01784 423214 and fax 01784 251245.

Manics go double platinum

Manic Street Preachers' album Everything
BPI Must Go was certified double platinum by the BPI last week. The compilation All Time Greatest Love Songs reached platinum status and two other compilations, Wired and Amour, reached gold status, as well as No Doubt's Tragic Kingdom. The Homework album by Daft Punk was certified silver

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At last, the indie chart we can live with At last we can envisage a day when the indie chart is no longer included on the "to be resolved" list of industry dilemmas.

The five his independent distributors have come up with a new formula which, though something of a curate's eog. has got to the rubber-stamping stage without upsetting anyone. Quite an achievement, given the volatile history of this debate.

The new formula takes no account of genre and fails to address the contentions issue of independently distributed major labels. It's far from perfect – but, after seven or more years of wrangling, how could it have been? Up to now, the only point all parties could agree on was the fact the existing chart has become

However much of a compromise we've ended up with. the proposed chart does represent a vast improvement on the existing rundown. As we are now all acutely aware, no-one knows exactly what indie is, although everyone has a good idea of what they imagine the indie chart should look like. Somehow, the combination of independent distribution and an independent chart panel seems to throw up a chart which fits most people's expectations. It also has the advantage of putting the spotlight on the independent retail sector and the breaking acts which are increasingly more likely to emerge through indie stores.

There are already firm indications that the new chart will attract a lot more media coverage than the existing rundown. This is the strongest reason of all for supporting it.

Of course this chart is not a certainty. It needs the backing of the CSC before it can be given "official" status. But considering the tortuous route which has brought us this far, it's hard to imagine anyone standing Salina Wahl

PAUL'S QUIRKS

Time to seize back the control

The time is fast approaching when the music industry will have to face up to the reality that it no longer controls its own destiny. Jon Webster's comment (MW, February 15) that the current price-cutting by supermarkets and other non-traditional outlets will end in tears is a fair reflection of the state of the market. Indie dealer predictions that the tail would eventually be wagging the dog have come true sconer than expected, but the scenario was a familiar one and it was there for all to see.

Once record companies started supporting (paying?) large multiples to chart records in high positions in their own charts, which incidentally bear no relation to the industry-backed CIN chart, the meltdown had begun. Sales could be guaranteed by charting a single in the Top 10 before it had sold a copy anywhere in the UK. Even better if that single was at the ridiculously low price of £1.99 for the first week.

Bard, the BPI, CIN and and other interested parties should get together now and try to agree a way forward before the industry shoots itself in the foot again. First, we should only use data from shops that use and display the CIN chart, as that would mean the official chart would not be influenced by companies buying a position in a multiple's alternative chart. Second, we should encourage a £2.99 two-track CD single (similar to the current single cassette tage) as the norm and make this an industry standard. We should also stipulate that this format must remain available while it entures in the chart.

Finally, we must agree a minimum price for each format to qualify for the chart or possibly count three 99p sales of a single equal to one £2.99 sale

If we are going to move forward, it's about time the doo started biting back Paul Quirk's column is a personal view

More music Radcliffe wins industry support

Mark Radeliffe's new Radio One breakfast show last week has won instant acclaim from the industry for its more xtensive use of music - 20 tracks were played on last Monday's first show.

Producer Rhys Hughes, who has moved to Manchester from London specifically to take on the role, says the two-hour show will aim to reflect Radio One's overall music philosophy. It will stick to the playlist apart from four "free choice" slots chosen by Radcliffe, co-presenter Marc Riley and Hughes including the "worm of the week", the new equivalent to Chris Evans' "Breakfast show biggie".

Hughes, a former local radio DJ and Radio Five producer until he joined Radio One in May 1995, says there will be key differences to previous breakfast

There will be a move away from boy bands, he says, "and we are playing dance music that's on the playlist, which is not something traditionally found on the breakfast show."

ceived value of music-

in bid to protect margins

BMG is looking to strengthen its relationship with retailers as part of an ongoing battle to boost the per-

Speaking at BMG's annual sales conference at Brighton's Grand Hotel last Thursday (2), chairman John Preston urged the invited retailers to work more

closely with his company to help protect each other's

value of music, not only in the sense of quality but the

the marketplace," he says. "We don't want to see the industry, for the health and creativity of the business,

going the way of America where retailers are strug-

gling to make their margins," he added.

As part of that campaign, the company is pressing

head with its tough pricing stance which will see Gary

Barlow's first solo album sold to trade at BMG's top

super deluxe dealer price when it is released in June. It

continues an initiative started last year with both Take That's Greatest Hits and Robson & Jerome's Take Two

ommercial value as well so we can get the most from

He said BMG has spent more than £100,000 on a proprietary pricing study to determine the optimum price for music. "The key issue is to make sure we raise the

THE FIRST SHOW

Ve Love Us - Manic Street Preachers, Stay - 18 Wheeler; New Pollution - Back; Girls & Boys - Prince; Dark Clouds -Space; Novocaine For The Soul - Eels; Inferno - Souviaki; Crosstown Traffic -Jimi Hendrix Experience; Angel Interceptor - Ash; Before Today

Everything But The Girl; Remember Me -Blue Boy, Good Enough - Dodgy; Discotheque - U2; North Country Boy - The Charlatans (worm of the week); Come On Everybody - Us3; Alright - Cast; You've Got The Love - The Source feat Candi Staton; Bables - Pulp; Ginger - David Devant & His Spirit Wife; Don't Let Go - En Vogue. Tracks played from 7am to Sam, February 17 1997, Source: Badio One

"Much of the alternative music we'll be playing is what's on the playlist anyway. Radio One has moved on so much in the two years I've been here that Mark likes at least 50% of what's on the playlist, which is great." Radio promotions teams are already

gearing up to deal with what is the first

broadcast outside London and Hughes ays radio promotions executives have been reacting positively to the prospect of travelling to Manchester.

"It's interesting because the industry has to make a real effort to come to us, says Hughes, who is in the process of setting up an appointments system for

MCA director of radio promoti Damian Christian says he and his colleague Sally Edwards will be meeting with Hughes at least once a fortnight. 'It's important we keep face to face con-"It's important we keep face to face con-tact because it's a show that will work very well for us," he says. "Rhys is a big music fan who's always open to new ideas, and we're big fans of what we've heard so far."

Alan James, of Alan James PR, says he will be a regular vistor to the BBC in Manchester, while Justin Pritchard of New School promotions says the fact that he is a national plugger based in Manchester is a reflection of the grow ing importance of centres of music outside London

BMG seeks retailer help

Smeller, the Liverpudlian quartet led by Digsy, who was immortalised on the track Digsy's Diner on Oasis's album Definitely Maybe Gallagher plays guitar on the single Is, which is released on March 3

by Retter Records, the 3MVA/ital distributed label launched last year by Tim Abbot. The former Creation Records managing director was also a marketing consultant for Casis and his book about the

Mancunian superstars - Dasis Definitely - has now sold more than

amb triumph in snowbound Scotland THE LAMB TOUR

A bitterly cold, snow-sw Edinburgh did not seem the best of places for Lamb to begin their first fullyfledged UK tour, writes Jake Barnes. Such were the weather conditions that the prospect of any more than a handful

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of people turning up seemed remote. But Lamb proved to have the pulling ower and charisma to overcome such difficulties. By 10pm, the city's 400-capacity The Venue was filled to its mit with a young, early twentics mix of students and locals.

The only real cause for concern came when Lamb's Andrew Barlow intro-duced himself with the words, "Hello Scotland, this is the first date on our

English tour".

Cosmos, Athletico and DF Concerts

Booking Agent: Primary Talent Sound: Shan Hira Dates: Edinburgh Venue (Feb 18), Glasgow King Tuts (19), Leeds Cockpit (20), Birmingham Institute (22), Brighton Concords (26), Cambridge Junction (27), Portsmouth Wedgewood Rooms (28), Bristol Trinity Hall (Marc 1), Manchester Ritz (4), London Astoria (5)

due, whose Cotton Wool was one of the biggest club records of last year, appeared in rude health. Looking tanned, lithe and energised by a recent European tour, they were joined on ▶ ▶ SUPERGRASS: MATURING WITH THE SECOND ALBUM - p24 ▶ ▶

addition gave extra dynamism to the spectacle and helped emphasise the peculiar way Lamb merge breakbeats with a wide range of sampled melodies and Louise Rhodes' own folksy voice.

On stage, Barlow's boundless energy contrasted nicely with Rhodes compo sure. They played most of their selftitled debut album, including God Bless, Cotton Wool and Lusty, closing with their new single Gorecki before the inevitable enco

Cheers from the crowd were readily forthcoming, most often when Barlow indulged in one of his many fist-waving actions or when Rhodes completed a particularly skillful vocal passage, "Not bad for for a Tuesday night," she said And it wasn't

America The Brave is running scared

Brave, but in February 1997 it's very much a case of America The Decidedly Jittery, writes Steve Redmond

Last week's Gavin 1997 Conven tion showcased a business which quite literally does not know where it's going. Typical of the kind of knots the industry is tying itself into was the 40-minute discu as to whether alternative radio stations were best to describe themselves as "alternative". "modern rock" or "new rock".

Talk about grasping at straws

The problem is a whole generation of radio and music executives who have grown up through grunge and know nothing else. and they are scared.
Hence the consultant who angri-

ly declared, "Somebody ought to slap Pearl Jam and U2 around at are they doing?" His Canute like rationale was that the bands "difficult" new records were spoil-

ing alternative The problem for the business is that change in music is not cosy and evolutionary; it's sudden and fundamental. And new types of music require new types of p

Which brings us to the British invasion'. Talk of it was everywhere. What became clear, however er, is that enthusiasm for UK music is less than wholehearted. There is a huge inertia within the US business which is quite happy thank-you-very-much with the US way of

doing things, and will look outside America only as a last resort What that means is that UK acts still have to put themselves out majorly if they wish to be accepted in the US. For their PA at Gavin.

Spice Girls flew 14-and-a-half hours, had a two-hour rest, did a three-hour meet-and-greet, a threesong PA, and a series of interviewe before catching the next flight back home. That's hard work.

Don't mistake America The Decidedly Jittery for America The Pushover, It ain't, But the door is ajar. And it only needs a few good acts, and a few committed people,

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Country awards move to autumn

The 1997 Great British Country Awards show is to be moved from its usual spring date to late October or early November. The move is part of an attempt to open up the BBC-supported event to the public, according to a spokesman for the organising committee, A change in the voting procedure will also widen the judging panel to include representatives from country music publications, radio, promoters and retailers.

Metal Hammer ABC up again

Heavy metal magazine Metal Hammer has reported its fourth successive ABC circulation increase – up 23% to 34,757 for the period July to December 1996 - since Dennis Publishing relaunched the magazine in 1993.

Porter moves up at Tring

Steve Porter, group financial controller of Tring, is being promoted to finance director and company secretary. Porter, 34, joined the company in February 1996 from Price Waterhouse. He replaces Philip Keane, who is being appointed part-time company services director

New creative agency launched

Mercury Records product manager Candace Strickland has left the company to launch her own creative agency in London's Ladbroke Grove. Operating as Strickland Fairhurst Productions, the agency will specialise in the music industry and currently represents photographers, stylists and hair and make-up artists.

Edel launches TV themes series

Edel is faunching a series of seven volumes of cult TV themes. Volume 1 and 2 of Television's Greatest Hits will be launched on March 10, featuring tracks from soaps, sitcoms, cop shows and cartoons, including Perry Mason, The Pink Panther and I Love Lucy, Further volumes will be released at two-monthly intervals.

Number one Spice Girls unveil plans for new LP

by Steve Redmond

The Spice Girls are to begin work in June on the follow up to their debut album Spice.

Speaking to Music Week after a lightning trip to meet radio programmers at the Gavin Convention in New Orleans last week, Mel C and Geri spoke of their success in reaching number one with their debut US single, Wannabe

We were shooting the video for Who Do You Think You Are? [their double-A side single with Mama which is released in aid of Comic Relief next Mondayl and our manager Simon [Fuller] called us, said Mel C. "We had a bit of a jump

Said Geri, "We're doing this for Britain and for pop music - breaking down those barriers... It's uncharted water. Not even Oasis had done it." Wannabe went to number one in the Spice Girls' album went straight in at six. The album stays at six this week, while the single holds at one.

To further support both the single and album, the five-piece girl group - who are due to perform at tonight's (Monday) Brits ceremony in London - travelled to New Orleans for a three-hour meet-andgreet session at the Gauin Convention After meeting radio programmers from across America and posing for more than 300 photographs, the group gave a three-

song PA performance including the numher one Wonnobe The girls told MW that the past six onths have proven unforgettable. Mel said, "We can't complain about any-

thing. We've had the most fantastic year. And this year's getting even better."

Geri added, "Although it was 14 hours getting here, every radio station in America is here. If we had visited them

It's been well and truly worth it."

Mel C added that the frenetic pace of
the past year is set to continue. "We've got a lot more ideas," she said. "We're very excited about our second album

which we're going to begin writing in the summer, we've got a huge tour planned for next year and lots of stuff inbetween." Geri said the group already have some songs ready to record, "We wrote a lot of songs in the years we've been together." she said, "so we've got some material un

Sound excerpts from the MW in view are being made available on MW's sister internet site dotmusic from this week. The fully-interactive Spice Girls section, called "Spice Music" allows ers to click on pictures of the band embers Geri and Mel C and hear their answers to questions, dotmusic can be found at www.dotmusic.com

Solomon sums it up: 'the business sucks'

Gavin Convention - "The business sucks," he said.

But, in discussion with veteran journalist and Gavin managing editor Ben Fong-Torres, the 71-year-old retailer disputed the suggestion that consumers have lost interest in music.

"I'm not sure everyone has stopped collecting CDs. There's more variety of music than before," he said. "But there's a race for the dollar. A more critical thing is time. If people are busy doing something else they don't have the time to listen to music. The population might get older and become less interested in listening to music."

A critical issue for the industry is how to get young people interested in music, he said. "In the old days, during the summer holidays, business got busier because kids were out of school," he said. "Now an album on sale costs \$12-\$14. I don't think the kids have got the money." Besides suggesting a renewed emphasis on singles as in the UK, he said new releases by emerging artists could

In the future, Solomon predicted further retail growth internationally, including consolidation of the big chains. "There will be less stores and bigger stores like

chains. "There will be less stores and bigger stores like us, HMV and Virgin," he said. But he argued that super-markets will not pose a major threat in the US, because they are only suited to selling the biggest releases, such as Disney's Lion King video. ▶ ▶ ▶ EMI REGAINS ITS PUBLISHING CROWN - p8 ▶ ▶ ▶ ▶



Mercury priority act Hanson were the top scorers in a hall test of Top 40 radio programmers during the Gavin Convention. The act - who have been described as a "white Jackson Three" - came top out of 14 tracks tested with their debut single MMMBop, Second was Robin S with It Must Be Leve (Atlantic) and third was Robyn (RCA) with You've Got That Somethin'. MMMBop is set to be released by Mercury in the UK in the spring. Managing director Howard Berman says the pop act are one of his biggest priorities for this year





JONATHAN FIRE EATER TOUR THE UK . MARCH 3rd - 10th

BMG goes for strength in depth

and hold its annual sales conference in February looks a logical step in advance of a line-up of releases including new projects from Gary Barlow, Lisa Stansfield and Michelle

But, while the superstar acts took ntre stage at last week's gathering in Brighton, the major is concentrating much of its efforts on new and

developing acts. Having already gained a strong reputation for its pop and dance output, BMG is looking to extend that ess to other genres this year via a pool of emerging artists from its four record company divisions - Arista RCA, Deconstruction and BMG Conifer.

BMG chairman John Preston says, "There's always an emphasis on breaking new acts, but it's particularly important for us this year. We had an excellent year last year, but we need to broaden and strengthen the depth of our artist roster."

Preston's hopes for new acts to break

confident Jeremy Marsh, BMG's music division president, "BMG as a group of labels is probably at its most fertile since 1992 when we launched Take That, M People and Annie Lennox," he says. "I'd like to think we're going into another cycle of artist development.

The latter is very much in evidence at Arista which is currently relying on highly-successful overseas artists such as Toni Braxton and Whitney Houston to prop up a UK roster whose only notable success at present is Lisa

Stansfield. Although Stansfield returns in March with a new album, The Real Thing, much of Arista's attention this under the new leadership of Martin Heath and Adole Nozedar - will be on new UK acts including David Devant & His Spirit Wife, The Dharmas, Speedy and Posh, all of whom performed at a conference showcase on Thursday night.

Marsh points out that Arista has not had a strong UK roster since the days

the Eighties. But, with the presence of w managing director Heath, he feels it now has its best chance of new UK success. Echoing that view, Heath, w will have been a year in the job this April, says, "We have to have a breakthrough with a UK act.

Arista is by no means the only BMG mpany with high hopes for new acts. RCA's aims rest with the likes of Sheffield three-piece Olive and North & South who from April star in a nine part BBC television comedy drama called No Sweat. Among Deconstruction's new acts are UK band Republica, who have already tasted success in the US.

Elsewhere, last week saw the first release from Christian Tattersfield and Nick Raphael's new label, Northwestside, four months after the pair joined from London Records in October. The label's first single. Don't Knock The Hustle by Jay Z, will be followed by an album from the act on

anniversary in August of Elvis Presley's death, RCA is issuing a series of special releases over the year, including extended versions of his Golden Records series, repackaged film soundtracks and Always On My Mind.

a TV-advertised collection of love songs. But, exactly a year on from the group's split, the main focus of ttention is once again on the activities of the Take That members. Efforts to turn around the disappointing early UK performance of Mark Owen's Green Man will continue over the coming months and Howard Donald is set to unveil his first solo material later this

The star player, however, will be Gary Barlow whose first solo album is released in June following much anticipation. Scheduled to perform at the conference last Friday, he was ready to show that - despite the wealth of new acts emerging - he remains the company's most bankable artist this Paul Williams

SPRING RELEASES

REPUBLICA: Republica - Deconstruction (Mar 3). With two US Hot 100 hits already under their belt, the UK act are now looking for success at home with this debut album containing the first single Ready To Go and the planned follow-up Drop Dead Gorgeous. They are supporting Fun Lovin' Criminals on a nine-date tour in March

OLIVE: Miracle - RCA (Mar 3). This single from the Sheffield trio will be followed by a UK and European tour supporting Faithless. The follow-up single, You're Not Alone is out on April 14, two weeks ahead of debut

ESPIRITU: Baby I Wanna Live - Heavenly (Mar 18). The woman behind Espiritu, Vanessa Quinones, has been working with A Guy Called Gerald and PFM on a new m which will contain this first single

VARIOUS: The Old Skool - Global (Mar 10). Rufus & Chake Khan Rose Rowse and Sister Sledge are represented among 40

DAVID DEVANT & HIS SPIRIT WIFE: Ginger Arista (Mar 10). The band are currently touring the UK and this single will precede the June 2 release of the album Work. Love

OST: Star Wars Trilogy - BMG Conifer (Mar 10). New music by composer John William will be included on special editions of the three movie soundtracks being released to coincide with the trillogy returning to HK ma screens in March

/ARIOUS: Klubb Hoppin' - Global (Mar 17). Ads on Channel Four, Kiss and Capital will support this album which includes Faithless, Robert Miles and The Prodigy

VARIOUS: Cream Separates -Deconstruction (Mar 17). Issued as a triple set and as three separate albums, this will feature mixes by Underworld's Darren Emerson, Deep Dish and resident Cream OJs Les Ryder and Paul Blessdale. BETH ORTON: Someone's Daughter – Heavenly (Mar 17). Orton is currently single is taken from the folk singer's critically-acclaimed Trailer Park ath which has already sold around 20 000 units

NOTORIOUS BIG: Life After Death - Bad Boy/Arista (Mar 17). Specialist radio and magazine advertising plus (lyposting will support the release of this album. The track Hypnotised will be out as a single in April. WHITNEY HOUSTON: I Believe In You And Me - Arista (Mar 17). Arista is looking to boost UK sales of the album The Preacher's Wife with this follow up to Step By Step. Put The Message In The Box - RCA (Mar 17). A slot on the midweek National Lottery Live TV show has already been confirmed for March 19 to support this third single from the album A Better Man ABC: Skyscraping -Blatant (Mar 24). Martin Fry keeps alive the ABC name

has collaborated with quitarist Keith I owns and Heaven 17's Glenn Gregory. Its release will be preceded by the first single Stranger Things on March 10.

VARIOUS: Tha Flava - Global (Mar 24). This ving/R&B album will be advertised of Channel Four, selected ITV regions, Capital, Kire and Chains

TONI BRAYTON: I Don't Want To-LaFage/Arista (Mar 31). This R Kelly-penned track follows up Braxton's platinum-selling Un-Break My Heart single. Braxton will be touring in May, with the album Secrets being advertised in London and Central ITV reninns around Faster

JOHN TAVENER: Syvati - BMG Conifer (Apr 7). The team behind Tavener's The Protecting Veil are reunited on this piece for cello, voices and orchestra which will be supported by advertising on Classic FM and

PUFF DADDY: Hell Up in Harlem - Bad Boy/Arista (Apr 7). A one-off, as yet unconfirmed, live date will be staged to support this new album released in the UK



KENNY G: Havana - Arista (Apr 7). Bill Clinton's favourite will be touring the UK in April to support this second single t

WANNADIES: Hit - Indolent (Apr 7). This single by the Swedish band will precede their new album Bagsy Me, out on May 5 CARTER TWINS: single - RCA (Apr 7). Discovered by Boyzone's management October, the duo of Tony and Steven Carter are touring with Peter Andre in March and Boyzone in April. This single, as yet untitled will follow up The Twelfth Of Never released MICHELLE GAVIE: Sensational - RCA (Ann

28). Gayle achieved her highest singles chart debut in January when Do You Know entered at number six. A follow-up single, Sensational, will be released on April 14 ahead of a new album of the same na MARK OWEN: I Am What I Am - RCA (Apr). Owen will become the first ex-Take That member to release three singles with this follow-up to the hits Child and Clementine

Riding high on the top five success of the remixed People Hold On, Lisa Stansfield is set to make a high-profile return in March with the release of a single, The Real Thing, and her first new album in three years. The album will be launched on March 4 with The Real Thing being performed on the National Lottery Live TV show on March 8. That track will then be issued as a single on March 10 shead of the album's release on March 24. To back Stansfield's return will be a Rock Of The North television area in April shead of a national screening by Channel Four a few weeks later.

othing, it seems, is being left to chance when it comes to ensuring Gary Barlow becomes an international superstar. The former Take That member has turned to Madonna David Foster and Diane Warren for contributions to his first solo album Open Road which is being released in the UK on June 16. Barlow has been working closely in the US with Arista president Clive Davis on the new material, emphasising the importance BMG is putting on breaking the singer in America. As a taster for the album the Madonna-penned Love Won't Wait will be released as a single on April 7, followed by So Help Me Girl on June 9. RCA is promising a massive promotional push for the album which is also being released ultaneously around the world.

MORTH & SOUTH-I'm & Man Not & Roy-RCA (April). About to experience one of the biggest promotional pushes of the year, this teenage band's debut single will coincide with the screening of No Sweat, a nine-part BBC TV comedy drama in which they star. WAY OUT WEST: You And I -

Deconstruction (April) Rusy remixing for the likes of The Orb, the group follow-up last year's hit The Gift with this single and an

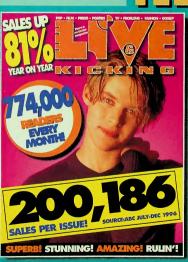
NORTHERN UPROAR: Anyway You Look At It - Heavenly (April). The band are presently completing a new album which is pencilled in for a June release and will contain this first single

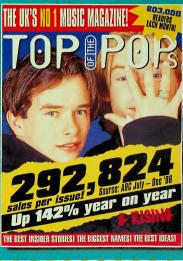
AZ YET: Hard To Say I'm Sorry -LaFace/Arista (April). The song's writer and original vocalist Peter Cetera joins the soul outlit on this cover of the 1982 top five Chicago hit. Following up the single Last Night, it is taken from their epony REAL McCOY: One More Time - Arista

(April). The Eurodance outlit will be looking for a sixth LIK Ton 40 bit with the title track from their new album coming out in May. NO MERCY: Please Don't Go - Arista (April). Their debut UK hit Where Do You Go has become one of the biggest hits of the year so far and the American band will be looking to further that success with the follow-up Please Don't Go in April and third igle Kiss You All Over, a cover of Exile's 1978's US number one. Their first album is

DAVE CLARKE: now album Deconstruction (April/May). The Baron of Techno unleashes the follow-up to Archive One this spring, previewed by two as-yetunannounced singles.

WHO REACHES IN OST THE MOSIC-MAD TEENAGERS?





EMI holds off PolyGram's advance to win back the publishers' crown

Nine months of decline have been overturned by a strong Christmas performance

The fourth quarter of 1995 saw EMI Music posting a 28.5% share of the overall publishing market with an astonishing 31.1% of album sales.

Inevitably, 1996 was a different story. The fourth quarter publishing results a year on reveal that EMI's market share performance dropped by a third on the 1995 figure.

However, they are still celebrating in Charing Cross Road because, in taking 19% of the overall market, EMI has overturned a nine-month decline in performance and added more than four percentage points to its previous quarter results. And, most importantly, it has returned to top spot overall in

the publishing league.
With PolyGram Island Music also improving its overall performance in the final quarter, EMI's return to the top is significant in the tussle for

Having been overhauled by PolyGram in the third quarter in both singles and albums, the Christmas ason provided the opportunity for EMI's diverse roster of writers to strike back, particularly in the albums market. EMI's performance rose from 15.2% to 20.3% of albums, off the back of sales surges by Simply Red's Greatest Hits, Jamiroquai's Travelling Without Movin', and Crowded House's Very Best collection – all almost wholly published by EMI – and contributions to a number of other big-selling albums, including Robson & Jerome, Fugees, Jimmy Nail and The Smurfs.

That was supplemented by some high performing singles, particularly Toni Braxton's Un-Break My Heart (written by the doyenne of pop songwriters and EMI's jewel in the crown, Diane Warren), What Becomes Of The Brokenhearted (Robson & Jerome trawling the EMI catalogue once more) and majority shares in The Prodigy's Breathe and Robert Miles's One & One However, it is clear that EMI's total

mination of the market is over at least for the moment. PolyGram may have been knocked off the top of the league, but it still increased its share overall, from 16.2% to 17.5%, and posted a year-on-year increase of more

PolyGram maintained first place in the singles market by claiming 17.9%, nearly two percentage points more than in the previous quarter, and half a percentage point more than EMI. The Beautiful South's Heaton & Rotherny with their two hits, Rotterdam and Don't Marry Her, Jim Steinman for Don t warry her, him steinman for Celine Dion's It's All Coming Back To Me, Fugees' version of Bob Marley's No Woman No Cry, and shares of the Boyzone and Dunblane singles all ontributed to PolyGram's success But, above all, it was the 50% contribution by PolyGram writers Stannard and Rowe to Spice Girls' 2 Becomes 1 which sealed the top sition. The hit-making writer/producers, together with Spice Girls, form the most successful writing

As with EMI, PolyGram songs feature on several top albums of the quarter, including the Tony Mortimer penned parts of East 17's Story So Far. orts of Fugees' The Score, Boys



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Attic's debut album and the continuing sales of PolyGram's biggest success stories of 1996, Ocean Colour Scene and The Lighthouse Family.

In third place, Warner Chappell's share of the market has fallen again after rallying in the third quarter However, its performance looks better than it did earlier in the year: while its album share may have dropped o point, steeper falls by Sony and MCA mean it has improved its relative position. Again, a spread of tracks on several albums, plus most of the Sheryl Crow album, accounted for its results

Warner also enjoyed some succ with singles, including Deep Blue Something's Breakfast At Tiffany's, Donna Lewis's I Love You Always Forever and Michael Jackson's Stranger In Moscow - all international hits - so its singles share fell by only half a per

cent. However, Warner Chappell's year on-year share performance continues to decline, down another 20% on its fourth With their various songwriting

ce Girls on figures has been significant. With its figures in decline all year - largely as sales of the Ossis albums tail off and there being no new Noel Gallagher material to replace them - Sony/ATV has benefited from the huge sales of Spice in the final quarter of 1996.

Sony/ATV's album share halved in the period - from 15% to 7.4% - but the impact of that was offset by improvements in its singles shar largely due to the 50% claim on the biggest-selling single of the quarter, Spice Girls' Say You'll Be There, via writer Elliot Kennedy. Bob Dylan's Knockin' On Heaven's Door, on the Dunblane double A-side, and Noel Gallagher's half share of The Chemical

ers' Setting Sun also pitched in. BMG's consistent performance and year-on-year 33% growth can also be partly attributed to shares of the Spic Girls' album, with the Gibb brothers Words, as performed by Boyzone, also contributing strongly. MCA's similar performance, and 42% year-o ement, by contrast, is largely

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	WARREN	Toni Braxton/	Celine Dion	EMI
	HUCKNALL	Simply Red		EMI
	HALLIWELL/BUNTON/BROWN/	Spice Girls	Windswep	t Pacific
	CHISHOLME/ADAMS/WATKINS/A	WILSON		BMG
	GIBB/GIBB/GIBB	Boyzone		BMG
	WEATHERSPOON/DEAN/RISER	Robson & Jer		EMI
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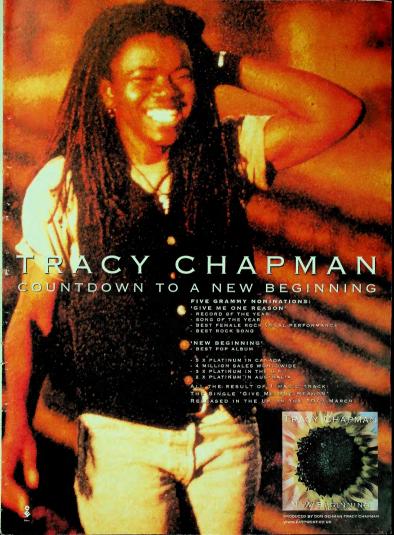
Jagged Little Pill from Alanis Morissette (with co-writer Glen Ballard), the film version of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's Evita and the remainder of The Prodigy's Breathe. But, with the writing team of

Halliwell, Bunton, Brown, Chisholme Adams forming one half of the first, second and sixth most successful songwriter partnerships of the fourth quarter, it is not surprising that Spice Girls' own publisher, Windswept Pacific, achieved a performance to match the

Windswept claimed 5.5% of the erall market, and registered a greshare than any other independent publisher for the second successive quarter.

Two quarters previously, Windswept's market share was so small it could not be measured.

Even the other high-performing independent of the moment, Hit & Run whose signings Kula Shaker and Space have led to increasingly impressive returns through the year - up to 4.7% of albums and 3.9% overall in the final quarter - cannot match that, David Knigh



SINGLES

forthcoming 10th - count 'em - album is pretty trademark stuff. For those who like Hutch and his crew it's

ICE CUBE: The World Is Mine (Jive CD419). Joined by Mack 10 and K-Dee, Cube stamps his usual authority with a typically menacing vocal on this single nich features in his new film ous Ground.

DAMAGE: Love Guaranteed (Big Life BLRDA133). Damage go through the soulful motions with a smooth silky performance on this polished, if somewhat ordinary, single. But, with their increasing popularity, this lo like becoming their third big hit. DOD THE BEAUTIFUL SOUTH: Blackbird On The Wire (Gel 5821252). The first Go! single to go through A&M, this slinky ballad is predictably smooth but causti other hit, without question. GALLON DRUNK: To Love Somebody (City

Slang EFA04986). This typically dark moody and even gruesome cover of the Bee Gees classic is an absolute delight. Not for the faint-hearted, but a cult classic. DDDD

FEEDER: Tangerine (Echo ESCD32). Full-on, lairy sonic rock from the band who recently supported Terrorvision. This capable second single should see them building their fanbase. PERFUME: You And I (Big Star Star C106) There's an early Julian Cope feel to this first single on the Big Star label from the Leicester beatpop combo. Still to

make a significant impact, but they're NAIMEE COLEMAN: Care About You (Chrysalis CHS 5043). The debut UK single from the Irish songstress is a soulful

ethereal grower, □□□ ROOTJOOSE: Can't Keep Living This Way (Rage LT1). From the first new signing to Avex's new rock imprint Rage, this funky little outing is poppy enough to seduce certain sectors of radio but lacks any real bite. DDD

THE NICOTINES: Mary Wana (Jealous NVENVY006). The Oxford trio display a particular knack for fast, energetic guitar pop on this promising debut single which, after recent support slots for the likes of Space and Mansun ould raise their profile further. CLOCK: It's Over (MCA/Media WMCSTD 40100). A rather plodding dance number from the UK dance outfit. This will struggle to come close to achieving the huge success of last year's Oh What A

THE SONS OF SILENCE: Spring Forward, Fall Back (The Leaf Label Dock 7), Londo arthouse techno dubsters Sons Of



THE NICOTINES: ENERGETIC GUITAR POP



Silence release an EP of spacey dancefloor tracks. Not overladen with hooks, this is the sort of stuff heat heard at festivals. ABC: Stranger Things (Blatant/BMG 74321453632). There's a dreamy, ethereal und to this unmistakeably ABC offering, their first for five years. The Human League made a successful return; Martin Fry et al may find it NIGHTNURSE: Golem (Better BET013), As NME Bratbus award winners, this quartet are guaranteed some exposure Their debut single is heavy on raucous, snotty punk, laden with attitude and energy but light on memorability. LOWER: All Change (Coalition TOGA014 CD). Manc power quartet Lower met in the welfare tent at Glastonbury and decided to play generic guitar rock like this for a living. Not a good idea. OD SIRENES: Blind (Higher Ground LC0162). Floaty, trip-hoppy grooves with a reggae bassline from this mellow female duo make for a diverting. scothing sound, but it's all atmosp and no substance. BLOSSOM: Bicycle Race (Edel 0042225CON) A 16-year-old Hamburg girl reworks

Queen's overblown hit in breathlessly

frantic fashion. The Europop result is very odd - and oddly appealing. uninspired jangly ditty from young Manc hopefuls going nowhere fast despite vaguely Housemartinesque

JAMAICA: Tell Me Where It Hurts (Rak CDSRK002). This north London gospel three-piece were discovered and produced by Mickie Most, Their debut. a soulful ballad by Diane Warren, lacks the real hook necessary for a UK hit and could fare better in the US.

SINGLE OF THE WEEK

FOUNTAINS OF WAYNE: Radiation Vibe (Tag/East West A5526CD). Hailing from New York, this oddly-named quartet have the potential to be America's biggest alternative export since Nirvana. This track is so close to perfection, it's scary, boasting a che to die for that still sounds fresh after the umpteenth listen. DDDDD

ALBUMS THE DIGGERS: Mount Everest (Creation CRECD193). Alan McGee's latest hope provide a slightly retro offering. The

foursome's sound at times recalls Longoigs and Teenage Fanclub, but displays none of the raucous edge that characterises their labelmates. An red debut, nevertheless. VARIOUS: Disco Biscuits (Coalition 0630181922). This compilation of underground dance tracks should cause a buzz among the "E generation", with Irvine Welsh and other cutting edge writers promoting the book of the ne. DDDD

JOHN DENVER: The Rocky Mountain Collection (BMG 07863668372), Take Me Home Country Roads and Annie's Song are unsurprisingly included on this retrospective, featuring 39 of the rustic C&W singer's best known songs on a double CD. CD VARIOUS: TV Greatest Hits 1 & 2

(Edel/Cinerama 0022702CIN). A substantial marketing spend and TV coverage should boost this definitive collection of 65 TV theme tunes, ranging from the Fifties to present day, DDDD THE ESSENCE ALL STARS: Jackies Blues Bag (Hip Bop HIPB8015), Branford Marsalis, Donald Harrison and Idris Muhammed are just some of the saxophone players on this excellent inzz tribute to Jackie MacLean. MOODSWINGS: Psychedelicatessen (Arista 74321442172), More Jean Michel Jarre than The Orb or FSOL, this electronic ambient outing from the conceptual duo Grant Showbiz and JFT Hood is summed up by titles like Lifeforce In A Pizza. THE BEE GEES: Still Waters (Polydor 53730022). Hot on the heels of their best of album, this new studio set sees the boys powering through some R&B hallads. Their Brit Awards exposure

VARIOUS: Journeys By DJs After Hours II (Music Unites JDJAH2CD). Some very mellow jazzy cuts from the successful post-club series, drawing together smooth tracks from the best dence imprints around, ODDDD JIMI TENOR: Intervision (Warp WAP87CD).

and other TVs should boost sales. 3

This weird and charming mix of Seventies glam funk and retro electro pop from this Finnish "keyboard nius" is worthy of mini cult status Wonderfully bonkers.

ALBUM OF THE WEEK

AEROSMITH: Nine Lives (Columbia 4850202) Following a three-year sabbatica Aerosmith are on top form on their return to Columbia, rocking with enough gusto and charm to ensure their formula never sounds tired. This week's reviewers: Simon Abbott Michael Arnold, Catherine Eade, Mike Pattenden, Martin Talbot, Paul Vaughan and Paul Williams

ALAN JONES

TALKING MUSIC

Fresh from the success of its Dominion offshoot's Newton single; Dome has given birth to another new label. This one, Secret Love, is launched with a superb R&B album from veteran Peggy Scott-Adams. The 48-year-old soulstress is on top form on an album of newlypenned old school material, primarily ballads. Tracks that work particularly well include You, Her And His, Part Time Lover, Full Time Fool and Bill, a controversial song in which her loved one is lost to another man. Blaxploitation - The Sequel is Global TV's

follow-up to last year's superbly conceived tribute to Seventies black movie culture and songs suggested by it. The new collection is a double, but features only 22 tracks as many of them are extremely lengthy. The epic 12minute take of Papa Was A Rolling Stone by

The Temptations is prime among them. although there are shorter but equally superb tracks such as Bill Withers' Use Me, Leroy Hutson's The Ghetto '74 - also featured on the new and worthy Hutson best of from Sequel this week - and Liberation Conversation, which finds Marlena Shaw exploring the same kind of scat territory she inhabits on The Blue Boy's hit single Remember Me...From Beck's critically-acclaimed Odelay album, The New Pollution is another gem. Like the hit Devil's Haircut, it sounds very tongue in cheek and combines the psychedelic swirl of The Beatles' Within You, Without You with the bass line from Taxman, although it doesn't really sound like a Beatles record. It does have their freshness and is very commercial and is sure to score...Anyone who watched TOTP2 a couple

of weeks ago and wondered whether the show's One Hit

Wonders, The Look, had anything available on CD would have been disappointed. The release of New Wave Classics, a new double album from Disky, remedies that situation by including the group's solitary hit I Am The Beat but, in truth, it's neither a classic nor new wave. The same could be said of other tracks on this 30-song compilation, although it does make for an entertaining visit to the time tunnel, with the near-forgotten lunacy of Tenpole Tudor's Wunderbar, Ultravox's Vienna it still means nothing to me - and China Crisis' Black Man Ray. Nestled among a collection comprising solely of hits however is Komtur's Hans Von Stoffeln. It must be a joke.

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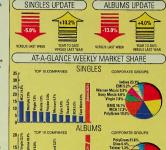
than a week in 1997, as Don't Speak romps home again. It sold 140,000 units last week, to take its two-week tally to 335,000. Their debut album Tragic Kingdom continues to improve too. It climbs to a new peak (number five) this week, and has now sold more than 1000,000 units. In America, where it has spent nine weeks at numb it has sold 7m units in 14 months. Incidentally, last week I erroneously tagged Don't Speak as No Doubt's debut hit. It isn't, of course, since they reached number 38 last October with the introductory single from Tragic Kingdom, Just A Girl.

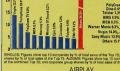
No Doubt's popularity deprives Sash! of the opportunity of becoming the first act from Belgium to have a number one hit. Their club hit, Encore Une Fois debuts at number two, equalling, the previous high-tide mark equalling, the previous many achieved for an act from that country, achieved twice by Technotronic, first with Pump Up The Jam in 1989 and then with Get Up (Before The Night Is Over) the following year. Encore Une Fois is also the biggest hit to date on the Multiply abel or any of the labels (Telstar, Ts XsRhythm, Pukka) in the Telstar

Vou can never unite off the Rea Gees. Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb have been having hits for 30 years and although they disappear from view at regular intervals, they nearly always return with a big hit. They've released five albums in the past 10 years and four of them have spawned a top five hit. 1987's ESP included the charttopping You Win Again, 1991's High ilisation included the number five hit Secret Love and 1993's Size Isn't Everything featured For Whom The Bell Tolls, which peaked at four The upcoming album Still Waters

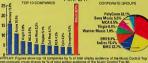
features their new single Alone, which debuts this week at number five. The only Bee Gees album in the past decade to fail to contain a big hit is 1989's One Only four groups have had more number ones than the Bee Gees' five Similarly, their tally of Top 10 hits (17) is the sixth-highest by a group and their grand tally of hits (34) is beaten by only four other groups. The number five debut of Alone is the highest of their career - although, of course, cover versions of their songs by Take That, Boyzone and N-Trance have all made very high debuts in the past couple of

Among the biggest disappointments in this week's chart must be Bjork's number 36 debut with I Miss You. It's the Icelandic icon's 11th solo hit, but only the first - Ocops in 1991 - has





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disappointment in the past few weeks for the One Little Indian label, which saw the Shamen's Move Any Mountain remix peak at number 35 in December, its release also prompting the group to quit the label. After five consecutive hit singles

been smaller. It's the second

each of greater magnitude than those that came before, Mansun's first album Attack Of The Grey Lantern debuts at number one, dethroning Blur's self-titled LP.

The Mansun album sold 48,000 units last week, nearly 50% more than its nearest rival, The Smurfs Hits '97 -Alon Jones A huge increase in support for Don't Speak - it adds 339 plays and 13m listeners to its already

BMG 5.5% MCA 6.2%

Virgin 14.0%

significant support - sends it surging 3 1, thus earning it the rare distinction of topping both the sales and airplay chart at the same time. Many number one sales hits top the sirplay chart, but they usually do so after they've been ed from the sales summit. The No Doubt hit was played 57 times by Capital last week, more than any other track so far in 1997. It also earned 54 plays at Atlantic 252, becoming a very early big hit on the Dublin-based

station, where records rarely gain significant airplay until they well into their sales cycle. Last week's highest new entry, Hush

by Kula Shaker, unexpectedly dips 13-18. This is despite increasing its support significantly from 214 plays to 386. Audience is the determining factor in the airplay chart and on this count Hush is down from 30 92m to 26 36m These contradictory signals are due to just one factor – shrinking Radio One support, where Hush was played 26 times a fortnight ago, but only 19 times

U2's Discotheque experiences a 6-14 drop on the airplay chart for similar reasons. It was Radio One's mostplayed disc a fortnight ago but only its 17th most-played last week. It is replaced at the top by The Blue Boy's Remember Me, which has thus risen to second time - a rare feat. Its support at the station remains unprecedented in recent times. An additional 30 plays last week took its five-week tally there to 141. Still pottering around the Top 10 of the sales chart, Remember Me finally made the Top 10 of the airplay chart, too, rising 12-6. No matter how quickly a single

tumbles down the sales chart, it usually makes a more dignified and slower exit from the airplay listings But Blur's Beetlebum is an exception to that rule. The number six airplay hit a fortnight ago, it has tumbled 6-28-51.

Finally, The Source's single You Got The Love debuts at number 44 on the airplay chart. But with 25 plays at Radio One and more than 50 regional playlists it clearly belongs in a higher orbit. The reason it is underachieving in that the original CD serviced to Music Control, the compiler of the airplay listings, contained an edit which was ruled unreleasable as it infringed a copyright. The record was subsequently reserviced to radio in another edit, which was widely playlisted, but belatedly sent to Music Control on Wednesday evening. Music Control cannot retrospectively identify tracks, hence the record's low position this week. Please note that all mixes and edits should be serviced to Music Control, whether promotional or commercial, so that it can fingerprint each mix. Many records are not serviced to the company at all and manual fingerprinting from radio output is generally unfeasible, partly because signals are compressed and varispeeded, distorting said fingerprints, and partly because monitoring nearly 70 stations 24 hours

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LIGHTWING SEEDS	22	

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AIRPLAY PROFILE

STATION OF THE WEEK

There are 2,300 country stations in the US, attracting 43m listeners a week. In the UK, however, the country format is still considered new, but London station RTL Country 1035 AM is

starting to make its mark, The station, which is almost three ears old, was one of the winners in the Rajars covering the fourth quarter of 1995, registering a rise of 31,000 listeners, taking its total to 264,000.

representing a 3% reach in London and a market share of 1.4%. And its owners have now applied for the East Anglia regional radio licence and have plans to back further stations

throughout the UK. Country 1035 has been moving vards a format of hotter new country

for the past six months, says general manager Paul Kerriage

"Most people's perception of country music is Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton, but there are a lot of different shades within country music "

*The big divide is music after 1985 when new country came along, which sounds completely different more rocky with a bigger drum sound and more lively lyrical content. It's all about people having fun, big power ballads rather than self-pitying balleds and it's

As you'd awant the murin planed by the station is mostly from US artists. British representation is not necessarily from country artists, says Kerriage, citing Eric Clapton and Sting

as two recent examples of artists that fitted into the station's format There are two British artists on our current playlist out of 1,200 songs

TRACK OF THE WEEK TORI AMOS: PROFESSIONAL WIDOW (IT'S GOT TO BE BIG)

Having already enjoyed Top 20 success and considerable sirplay for her original version of the song, Tori Amos must have been pleasantly surprised to score an even bloogr his and substantial widespread radio support second time around with a nce remix of the East West release

The success of Professional Widow (It's Got To Be Big) owes much to remixer Armand van Helden, who turned the introspective ballad into an -yer-face dance track.

The club version, which was around for some time on import before its neral release, was first picked up by Kiss 102 in July, Kiss 102 and now 105 group head of music David Dunne says e bought the import and knew the track was going to be huge when listeners began phoning in to ask about L "It was just such a strong track and when you've got that number of people

reacting we knew it was going to blow up, so we didn't hold hark " he cause The nature of the track meant it was never destined to become a huge hit on ILR. Radio One offered support and,



RTI COUNTRY 1035

TOP 10

- Let Me Into Your Heart
- Chapin Carpenter
 We Forgotten What Love Is
- t Care (If You Love Me

- I Don't Care (II You Love Me Anymore) The Mavericks Private Conversation Ly6 Lovett 455 Rocket Kathy Mattes Peace Train Dolly Parton We Danced Anyway Doanna Carter The Fear Of Being Alone
- More Than I Wanted To Know
- Regina Regina 10 Nobody Knows Kevin Sharp

A new line dance show, Kick N Mix, is being introduced between 7:30-10pm every Saturday to cater for the growing cult status of tracks such as the recent

ash Hill Billy Rock, Hill Billy Roll by the Woolpackers from Emmerdale. Kerriage says the main aim for the station is to draw in more light

listeners, increasing their listening hours rather than invest in evocacion advertising campaigns to try to attract

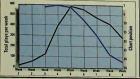
A promotion with Ed's Easy Diner has been set up to introduce custo to the etation Catherine Fade



in the week the track climbed to number one, upped its plays from eight per week to 28, making it the most played track on the station

50 plays from Viking, and it hovered around the 400 plus mark until the second week of February.

should ensure its presence in the airplay chart for some





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The following week, it had around 580 plays nationwide, including almost Despite Professional Widow's drop

in the sales charts (1-2-8-17-28-32), it is still receiving airplay, including Radio One, and Atlantic 252's belated support

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	5	2 1	7	DO YOU KNOW	Michelle Gayle	1st Avenue/RCA	1332	-3	46.82	-18
		12 22	6	REMEMBER ME	Blue Boy	Pharm	596	+27	41.94	+24
	7	9 16		CLEMENTINE	Mark Owen	RCA	1259	+12	39.75	-6
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_ 5	REAL THING Lisa Stansfield (Arista)	471	202	5	NATURAL Peter Andre (Mushrgom)	48	29	6
6	COME AROUND Mutton Birds (Virgin)	396	197	6	MOAN & GROAN Mark Morrison (WEA)	20	15	5
_ 7	DAY WE FIND LOVE 911 (Ginga/Virgin)	604	196	7	DAY WE FIND LOVE 911 (Ginga/Virgin)	58	45	1
8	CALIFORNIA Belinda Carlisle (Chrysells)	347	188	8	FOUND YOU Dodgy (A&M)	30		7
9	HUSH Kula Shaker (Columbia)	386	172	9	ALONE Bee Gees (Polydor)	23		4
18	DARK CLOUDS Space (Gut)	522	172	10	IT'S OVER Clock (Media/MCA)	43	15	4
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- 8 I SHOT THE SHERIFF Warren G
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- 10 THE DAY WE FIND LOVE 911
- 8 12 LET ME CLEAR MY THROAT DJ Kool 11 WATERLOO SUNSET Cathy Dennis
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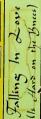
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V2 clinches competitive because heavy DJ mix deal as marketinn says JDJ branson moves managing directo Tim Fielding. The deal was into dance

JDJ product.

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biggest names from the

Jules, Paul Oakenfold and

the best LPs the mix CD

remains a brand leader in

terms of credibility, it has

recently found the market it

is intended to redress this

spending a fraction of what the majors were spending on marketing their compilations "We realised that we had

imbalance. "Over the past year and a half we realised that we were

helped to create increasingly competitive. The deal with V2

format has produced. However, while JDJ

Coldcut, whose JDJ album is

generally regarded as one of

label manger David Steele, who himself already Richard Branson's new V2 has considerable expertise in label has announced its first dance compilation marketing venture into the world of dance with the confirmation igvolvement as a marketing of a licensing deal with the consultant for The Ministry independent compilation of Sound's highly successful company Journeys By DJ. mix CD series The five-year deal will see V2 take over manufacturino

Steele says the plan is to give the JDJ compilations an marketing and sales of all added hoost rather than change the creative brief. Launched in 1993, JDJ "The compilations won't be compromised in any way by companies to successfully this deal. They're the quality release DJ mix CDs. Its lineend of things and we want to be associated with quality, he says dance world such as Judge

Steele says V2 will also be able to give JDJ an international advantage of many of its competitors

verseen by V2

V2 operates around the world and many of the territories have already shown interest, so from now on we'll be trying to get vorldwide clearance on tracks we license. Nearly all the other compilations out there just license for the UK and then export," says.

JDJ will start repromoting its 19-strong back catalogue as part of the deal and will release its second 'After Hours' compilation on March 10.

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Apollo 440 release their second album next Monday (3) hot on the heels of their current hit 'Ain't Talkin 'Bout Dub', Called 'Electro Glide In Blue', the LP will be released on Epic via the group's own Stealth Sonic Recordings and will include both the current hit and their previous Top 30, 'Krupa'. The LP will also feature th

last recorded work of vocalist Billy Mackenzie on the track 'Pain In Any Language'. Mackenzie, who died at the beginning of the died at the beginning of the year, was to have worked with Apollo 440 on his debut release for Nude Records. The group are also working on a live show, for dates later this year. 'Electro Glide In Blue' will be released on March 3







new single released 10th March CD / 12" includes remixes by Jon Carter DJ Pulse & Richard Fearless











7 DAYS IN DANCE

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"I got back from New York last Thursday where I'd been visiting some of my writers like DEEP DISH, DAVID MORALES and SALAAM REMI. It was a very productive visit and I found a few new people so that was good. That pight I went to the MERCEDES MICLAREN FORMULA ONE launch at the Alexandra Palace with JAMIROQUAI and SPICE GIRLS which was full of suits. Friday

was St Valentine's Day and I couldn't find a babysitter so I was the sad git going on my own to the tandoori for a takeaway. On Saturday, I played with my kids and listened to the ERYKAH BADU CD 'Baduism' which I brought back from the States. I love it to death but the point is we should be doing that type of stuff over here because we invented that style. At the moment I also really like RAY DAVIS JNR's 'Gabrielle' and the ADRIANNA EVANS' 'Reality'. On Sunday I went to a fashion show for a young upcoming young black British designer D.A. LILLARD

where my hero IAN WRIGHT was a model. There were a few industry people there like MICKEY D from Warners and JACOUI DAVIDSON from Hardzone, I publish JUMPIN JACK FROST and on Monday I went to visit him in the studio. He's really going to come through and shock a few

people with what he's doing now. On Tuesday I went to the NU CLASSIC SOUL party at the Hanover Grand which was excellent; lots of good people and it was really refreshing to hear BLUE BOY getting played next to ALFONZO HUNTER; that r&b scene seems to be getting more open minded. Tonight's Arsenal Vs Man Utd, so I'll be staying in and then tomorrow I'm going up to Leeds with LINCOLN ELIAS from Sony S2 to see BEDLAM A GO GO. world dance The World group scoops Live! prize

Dance Organisation has scooped Live! magazine's best

produced dance event of 1996 award for its World of Dance festival at Lydd Airport in Kent last August.
This is the second time the accolade has been ncluded in the Livel awards ceremony, held is year on January 30, and the second time WDO has walked away with it.

The Live! award is recognition from the duction services industry, and as such is he highest accolade that can be awarded to an organisation such as ours," says WDO's echnical director Daz Jamieson

WDO's first event for 1997 is coming up on aturday March 1 at the K-R Warehouse Complex on the Royal Victoria Docks, which sted WDO's Big Bang last November, DJs lined up for the night include Fabio, Grooverider, Tall Paul, Graham Gold, Brandon Block, DJ Hype, Doc Scott and DJ Krust.

More events are planned on May 3, August 2. November 1 and December 31



The first Ninja Tunes UK tour of the year The first Ninja Tunes UK tour of the year will be taking to the road next week. The Herbaliser will be playing live to promote their new LP 'Blow Your Headphones' (out on March 24) and single 'Scene (out on March 24) and single 'Scene Frem Control Center' (out today). They'll be supported by DJS Oillie Teeba and Malachi. DJ Amen Cobin will join the four for the Bristol and Brighton dates. The dates are: Co Degrape, Pymouth (7); The Brook, Southampton (12); Heety Geety's. Uterpool (14); Lidengreum (Leets (15); Liverpool (14); Lidengreum (Leets (15); Liverpool (14); Liverpool (15); Liverpool (14); Liverpool (14); Liverpool (15); Liverpool

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Fopp claims to be the only real independent dance shop in the centre of Sheffield. Alming to carry on the legacy of parent Warp by stocking techno, drum & bass and lettilied selections, Fopp also calers for the current demand for trip beyond fazz. The chop strives to provide a cale of the carried to the control to th Scott McCready.

BERRY MEDITATION" - UNCLE (Mo Wood): THE GREY AREA' - Robert Hood (M Plant); 'GROOVE SEEKERS ALLOWANCE' - Swog (Junior Boy's Own); 'SPIRITUAL anacea (Chrome); 'CODEBREAKER' - Underground istance (UR); 'MEERA' - DJ Com (Inflamm

dance publishers air prs grievance

A delegation of dance music ublishers travelled to the Performing Right Society last week to voice concerns over the distribution of royalties

The group included epresentatives from independent blishing companies such as Mute Songs, Moving Shadow Music, Westbury Music, Stage 1000, True Love Music, Active

Music and Paul Rodrigez.
The publishers told PRS chief executive officer John Hutchinson hat their concerns centre on what they see as an unfair distribution system and demanded immediate

PRS says it collect £2.8m from clubs and discos, but the publishers believe that money is predominantly given to Top 40 artists, ignoring much of the undergound dance music that

sustains club culture. "There's

nearly £3m being paid over to the Top 40 artists and that's wrong. There are indie labels that are struggling to get by and they deserve the money because they make the

records that are actually getting played," says Caroline Robertson of Westbury Music However, the PRS says that a current review of its distributio procedure will address these issues and will be ready for implementation in 1998 until which time it cannot take any

"The point is to stop tinkering with what might be currently flawed methods and look at the bigger picture

We all want a statistically valid system which we will have when this system is complete," says Shirley Northley, PRS's corporate communications manager



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ON THE AIRWAVES

Things get interesting this week with the publication of our

second dance radio chart. Like last week, the chart is heavily nated by US r&b. It's no surprise to see that Warren G, who leapt into the national charts at two last week with "I Shot The Sheriff', has climbed five nlares knocking LL Cool J off the too slot. 'Ain't Nobody' drops one place, as to Michelle Gayle and En Vogue, with

Cabrielle stable at the number five slot After that, things get a little more volatile, Good news for Mercury as highest climber NuYorican Soul's 'Runaway' jumps 10 places to six, and Funees' 'Rumble In The Jungle', the

highest new entry at nine, kicks in ahead of its release date of March 3. Warners must be chuffed to have two of the eight new entries, Mark Morrison

at 21 and Chaka Khan at 28. Not such good news for React whose guaranteed smash hit, 'You Got The Love' by The Source featuring Candi Staten enters at the disappointingly low slot of 23. React ssued an edited version which compl Music Control UK didn't receive until Wednesday at 7pm, just five hours before the chart is compiled. But its appearance here indicates that stations must have been playing the original during the week. Midweek, the track was at number three on the CIN charts so next week it's sure to see a big leap

airplay-wise. This little tale highlights the importance of getting your tracks to Music Control (address on chart) It's good to see Yvatte Michele, who topped our first Urban Chart last week entering at 40. Going down, the biggest drop of 17 places goes to Foxy Brown while close behind. Tori Amos' Professional Widow' slides 15 places

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does dance music get a fair deal from

the royalty collection societies generally? still be unfair, but it would be fairer than the current system."

RECORDS: "It's not just dance music but product released by independent record companies as a whole which suffers

under the current system. The structures of both the PRS and the MCPS are more geared for the major labels. It's down to us to make sure our labels and artists are registered. We need to be more organised, and some of the larger labels need to be less selfish when it comes to giving helpful advice to some of the up-and-coming labels."

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GUS LAWRENCE, MD, REINFORCED: "We're pushing for a dance database to be set up, drawing on different dance music charts and distributing the payments between the acts featured there. It would

CARRILLE BURERTON WE WESTRIBY MILEIC "The MCDC in good as it's chasing royalties based on sales. When it comes to the PRS, however, the dance industry is losing out on the best part of £3m per year. I know DJs can't be expected to fill out forms of their sets, but clubs could help by providing a breakdown of the type of dance music they play.

TONY MOSS, DANCE COPYRIGHT, MCPS; "Many, writers are still losing out through ignorance of their entitlement, and there will always be people who will use that to their advantage. But the situation is definitely improving as more people and companies become aware of their rights and obligations.

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Legendary US DJ JUNIOR VASQUEZ has announced that his first ever UK DJ appearance will be taking place on May 3 at the London Arena, Lime Harbour, London E14.

Harbour, London E14, Vasquez will be playing a full 10-hour set with no warm up, no support, just initiself. The event is being promoted by the Universe! Mean Fiddler Organisation and ticket details will be available soon...MOUING

SHADOW (see USA, RM last week) was so pleased with its 100th release, 'Shadow 100'; that it sent a copy to the Queen. Apparently Her Majesty was equally pleased by the gesture and asked her

gesture and asked he-private secretary to pas-on this message: "Her Majesty was delighted to receive this message, and sends her best wishes to day and for continued

success in the future."...Big Bang Records will be releasing ROSIE GAINES's 'Closer new mixes from Hippie forales and Mark Mendoza

(the track's origina producers) as well as Frankie Knuckles, In the

meantime, Big Bang are asking retailers and unters to steer well clear he rounds featuring just a demo mix...HARD TIMES has a new address at: PO Box 75, Dewsbury WF12 7XF, Tel: 01924 488220,

PLATIPUS RECORDS will be holding a special party at this year's Winter Music Festival in Miami, Florida, on Wednesday 26 March. UNION JACK will be

West Coast trance jock DJ TAYLOR.

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When PolyGram bought out Go!Discs last year, many people wondered what would happen to its dance imprint Go!Beat, run by A&R man

Ferdy Unger-Hamilton.
Go!Beat had established a
reputation and platinum
sales to match its roster of
successful acts. Now it has

been confirmed that Go!Beat will be run as a stand-alone label with Unger-Hamilton as

MD and its artist roster intact. We talked to the new MD about his plans

really interested in specialist music

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YOU MUST HAVE BEEN FACED WITH SOME PRETTY HUGE DECISIONS LAST YEAR. WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO STAY WITH GOIBEAT?

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"You not going to let that happen. My feelings have always been that if you get the music right, everything else will take care of listel." At lot of people spend too much time worrying about the structures that they're going to put around the music. I've always found if you concentrate on getting the recood right, at some point a cabilyst will come along that will make if happen.
"WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE MUSICAL ENVIRONMENT AT

THE MOMENT?

"Things are great at the moment, mainly because I've just signed someone. Last year was really boring, there didn't seem to be anything really outstanding happening. It was also personally frustrating because my hands were so tied I didn't have time to devote to new things."

HAVE YOU REVISED YOUR A&R POLICY NOW THAT YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY GOING TO HAVE A VERY DIFFERENT OPERATION? "We won't have a policy other than signing career artists. I'm not

at all. There's loads of great music in the specialist areas but you listen to it and think, that's great, but it's already reached the biggest level it's ever going to. So it's best to leave it to the specialist labels. For me, there's no point putting out a record that's just going to sell 5,000 copies. Also, Go! Beat isn't just going to be a dance label. We have a new act called Laguna Meth which is kind of West Coast stoner rock like the Beach Boys meet Beavis and Butthead. I want to have acts like that on the same label as, say, Gabrielle. The people I admire are people like legendary Sixties Columbia Recorde A&B man ton Hammond, who signed Bob Dylan. Janis Joplin and Bruce Springsteen. And Ahmet Ertegun from Atlantic, they're the people who I'd aim to be like FINALLY I HAVE TO ASK THIS WHEN'S THE NEW PORTISHEAD

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Emerging from an industrial high rise unit in Acton in 1992, No U Turn has endeavoured to stay at the cutting edge of drum & bass. Set up by Nico Sykes, who produces all No II Turn's tracks in the label's own studio, its first track, 'Bludclott Artattack' made with Ed Rush, immediately captured the attention of the jungle scene. Subsequent futuristic grooves have established Sykes' trademark of intricate drum programming and beat manipulation. Sykes says, "I knew Ben (Ed Rush) and I could produce records that would be more interesting than many I was hearing at the time." The label has retained its autonomy, avoiding compromise for financial gain. The first album on On U-Turn. 'TORQUE', is due for a March 10 release.

KEY STAFF: Nico Sykes, MD, A&R, producer, programmer, engineer; Toby Brace, art director; Beverley Prince, label manager; and Steve Lindon, business affairs.

SPECIALIST AREAS: Drum & bass KEY ARTISTS:

Ed Rush, Fierce, Nico, Trace. LAST THREE RELEASES:

Fierce/Nico 'Crystal' (Nu Black), Trace/Nico 'Amtrak' (Nu Black), Ed Rush/Nico 'Sector Three' (No U-Turn). COMING UP:

Ed Rush/Nico "Technology" (No U Turn); Ed Rush/Nico "TORQUE" (No U Turn); Trace/ Nico "Replicants" (Nu Black)

RETAIL VIEW:

"No U Turn is currently one of the top drum & bass labels. The combination of their efforts as a label and their artists keeps them at the cutting edge," — Steve Lyall, Section 5, London.



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and it will be out later this year."



Founder Orb member Alex Paterson has worked on a variety of wild and wonderful Orb projects with such collaborators as the KLF's Jimmy Cauly, Youth and System 7's Steve Hillage and Miquette Giraudy. As a DJ and artist he is a core member of the leftfield scene and was instrumental in starting the trend for ambient sounds and the eclectic chill out room concept

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'IT IS WHAT IT IS' RHYTHIM IS RHYTHIM (TRANSMAT)

That act's name sums it up, rhythm is what it is. Derrick May is shit hot, fabulous eccentric, and although the track came out in 1988 it's not dated. Model 500's 'Ocean To Ocean could be mentioned in the same breath, if I had had it in my box I would have

MUSIC FOR A FOUND HARMONIUM' PENGUIN CAFE ORCHESTRA (EG) "I did a remix of this last year. It's a real happy, jiggy track. It originally came out in 1984 on an album, and the single (which I have) came out in 1987. The first person I found playing it out was Andy Weatherall. He used to live upstairs in the same block of flats as me - I was A&R at EG Records at the time - and he played at Shoom. Our girlfriends - our ex-

girlfriends - were good friends." 'AMAZON' WORLD 3 WORLD

(UNDERGROUND RESISTANCE) "Another Mad Mike production. It starts off sounding like it's raining in the jungle. This is a re-press, I found a copy in Detroit and paid \$5 for it. I was bored with the records I had -I'd been on tour for four or five months and anted to get some new and old records. Dare I say it, but in America you can play slow jungle and anything with a 4/4 beat

works with slow jungle, around 130bpm," ALEX'S STEAMIN' 10

- THE SUR SHINES RETTER' John Martin
- YOU SEND ME (INSTRUMENTAL MIX) "NON NON NON" Je Marche Oeu Solitaire
- FEELING GROOVY DJ Wally's George Floor
- THE CARS (REMOX)" Witchman (Deviant)
- ZOMBIE (CAMEL HUMP MIXY The Crarberrie PITCHRENDER' Plan (Harthouse
- I CAN WATER MY PLANTS' Monk & Carne
- 'ASYLUM (DJ LEWIS MIX)' The Orb (Island) 8 MODELS IN A SAUNA' Fat Boy Slim (Skin) white label)

AFRICAN DUB CHAPTER 3' JOE GIRBS (JOE GIBBS GLOBE RECORD)

"This came out in 1977, which is the year I got it. It's an original, and was the first dub album I found that had such massive sound effects. I got ideas for the Orb from this album. The first track on side two is really

phenomenal. I do reggae nights, I do regular nights at the Vox and I've done lots of nights at Disgraceland; Zee Zee and Lou (who run it) are friends of mine. I did a night with the Mad Professor at Herbal Tea Party in

Manchester and he's doing a remix for us.

HERE COME THE FLEAS' (from the 'Electric Storm' album) THE WHITE NOISE (ISLAND)

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'HILLS OF KAT MANDU

(REMIX)' TANTRA (UNIDISC) The last time I played this was in Puerto Rico, It was brilliant. It came out in 1979 and it's really camp disco. The other side, 'Disco Choo Choo'. is so camp you could wear your wardrobe out. It's not a 4/4 drum beat so I can do what I want with it. Lewis, the Orb's DJ, got me into this, he played it at all the Orb's gigs."

[COMPILED BY SARAH DAVIS, TEL: 0181-948 2320]

FREE YOUR MIND' PIECE (PLANET E COMMUNICATIONS)

This is from Detroit and it's fucking phenomenal. It's a drum loop that will lick anything. Played now, it will fit in with all drum & bass stuff because it's not a house tune. It's got a snappy snare. It came out in '92 and I used to play it at Orb gigs. People danced to it big time and they still do.

'AXIS OF LOVE' EIGHTH RAY (DANCEFLOOR)

"Without doubt, this is one of the all-time records. It starts off in 3/4 time and changes to 4/4. It's American and came out in 1991. I got it in Our Price in Croydon, where I used to get records before it closed down. Then I went to Fat Cat - this was before everyone and his mother started going there. I love the boys but there's too many people. I get records when I'm away now and a lot of what I pick up turns out to be by friends of friends. This record has loads of strings and stops in the middle and goes into 4/4 with a spoken vocal, a muttered vocal, so it works with a crowd. It's got Axis of Love so it's got to be nice.

'GET RUSHED' DJ RAP & ASTON

(SUBURBAN BASE) This came out in 1994 and was one of my first jungle records. It's nice slowed down

and it fits in with house music very well, It's got strings and a nice jazzy vocal. When I first used to play it out. I played it at slow speed; now they ask me to play it faster."

'1 + 2' PLUG (BLUE ANGEL) "it's a really good drum & bass record. It's the best record of 1996, that and Way Out West's 'The Gift'. Massive record. One of the Meat Beat boys got it at a record shop and I put it on and fell in love with it, we all fell in love with it. Plug have put out four records. I have two of them and I want the other

two. I want to own all four

"Hallo, Chris Butter from White Noise. Give us a kiss. Anyone who knows that record knows what the bird is saying at the end of it. I play it at ambient nights and you can do anything in an ambient setting – from Mixmaster Morris to drums, loud if you want to. I like collecting records and this came out in 1967."

BORN: October 15, 1959 at South London Hospital for Women. I've been trying to get back in ever since." LIFE BEFORE DJING: "Failed grave digger – I was too happy; [cv] an usher, shoe shine boy, delivery boy, roadie." MOST MEMORABLE GIG: Best - "Playing by the ocean in Puerto Rico. I came off at Sam. It was an ambient camping club: just tents, no-one was dancing. It was the first time I played the new Orb album, it was a set within a set. The night before in Austin, Texas was brilliant too." Worst - "I went to Russia with the British Music Foundation. There were 60 of us and most people including Mark from Global Communications and Richard (Aphex Twin) came back with food poisoning: I was a vegetarian so I didn't suffer but all I had to eat was mud pizza, cabbage and breadcrumbs." FAYOURITE CLUBS; Herbal Toa Party, Manchester; Liquid Room, Tokyo; Matso, Amsterdam; "anything penguiny". NEXT GIGS; Escape From Samsara, Bagleys, London (Mar 7); Ultramat label

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EVER SIXTIES ALBUM IN THE WORLD.

party, Dublin (17), DJ TRADEMARK: "Brandy and chocolate milk." LIFE OUTSIDE DJING: Founder member of The Orb, new album 'Orbivion' out today (24); remixes include The Cranberries, U2; "reading, art, nothing and knowing",





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ZOOT WOMAN 'CHASING CITIES' (WALL OF

(A) The group's first release since 1995 sees them furrowing a very cool Nineties jazz funk groove with some warm digi-synth stabs mingling with juicy organ, afro rhythms and a slick vocal hook. The E-Klektik Death Disco mix goes for a full-on disco bassline and cheesy Seventies synths - and delivers. The file features two drum & bass mixes; the first, from Spacer, is a beautiful collision of double bass, sublime synth chords and a drifting vocal while the second, by the band, is a little harder, mashing beats with the strings.

DJO 'MAKE YOUR MIND UP' (FILTER)

Following up 'We Are One' was never going to be easy, but Glasgow's Paul Flynn has come up trumps with 'Make Your Mind Up'. It's another atmosphere-laden techno-boogie epic with William Hall returning to liven up the breakdown with his poetry. Overleaf, 'Tracking' is a Sneaky disco-house hybrid with full-on filters, while the flanged funk of 'Fila' takes in a huge pulsating hassline. O O O O

SOUNDSATION 'DO YOU FEEL IT' (SOS RECORDINGS

Originally out on the streets some 11 months ago, but recent interest from Digweed & Seamon, plus an appearance on Renaissance 4 at Christmas, has raised the demand for this track, so much so that there is now a major label buzz. You can already tell by the credits what sort of vein 'Do You Feel It' is in - good production and well considered sounds, although no epic breakdown is featured. The main attraction of this has to be the keyed riff in the latter half, which is so damn catchy and pleasing because it's nice to hear a record with one particular hook that makes you want to acquire it at all costs, and this track has just that. Let's hope that possible future remixers don't forget that important point, 00000

VARIOUS 'DONUTS - SAMPLER' (BOLSHI) (A) One of the sexiest beats labels to emerge over the past few months is little Bolshi. As with Wall Of Sound and Skint, the Bolshi crew manage to combine hard and funky rhythms with neat samples and hooks. The first label compilation is out this week and this four-track 12 inch is a good taster, featuring the fierce electro beats of Laid-back, the melodic funk of Westway, the frankly quite bizarre electro cut-up noises of The Lo-Fidelity Allstars and the almost ska-like beats of Beachcomas. Very tasty. O O O O O

BEACHCOMAS 'PLANET THANET EP' (BOLSHI) (A) What sounds like a classic new wave quitar sample introduces the gurgling, bass-fused instrumental that is

'Pussywhipped'. Then comes the Talking Heads-ish groove of 'Waiting For A Beach', a beat-heavy Dub Pistols mix of the last single 'It's Eggyplectic' and the cut-up disco of 'Slit'. Eclectic but just wide of the mark this time. O O O

CRUZEMAN 'OHM SESSIONS' (QUAD) A new Tyneside label set up by remix outfit The Forth to

il = house; D&B = drum & bass; T = techno; R&B = R&B; G = garage; S = soul; SW = swing; HH = hip hop; A = alternative; B = breakbeat; TR = trance



HORSE 'CAREFUL' (STRESS)

forse were one of those acts from the early Nineties that should have made it but neve quite did. But thankfully Horse's richly soulful voice has been rescued from obscurity by Brothers in Rhythm who've apparently been fans of this particular song for years. The moving vocal performance has been transformed into a typically epic BIR production with layer-upon-layer of unfolding planos, synths and strings - real end-of-the-night material. Jimmy Gomez provides a more pumping, slightly dubbler mix but really it ounds best in all its anthemic glory. O O



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2 'LET IT BE' DJ Deeon (Universal Funk)

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5 'FLASHY'S FRAGRANCIES 1' Flashy Fragrant (Confused)

6 'RAW SPIRIT EP' Pressure Funk (Soma)

7 'THE PRESSURE' DJ Gilb'r (Versatile)

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Commentary

'Alright' by JAMIROQUA extends its lead at the nearest challenger, which is now ARMAND

VAN HELDEN'S 'Funk Phenomena' miroquai are solidly ahead in every region but particularly in the South East, where they have nearly twice as many points as Van Helden... The week's two highest new entries are, naturally, both 1995 releases which failed to fulfil their potential first tin around. They are 'Get Into The Music' by DJ'S RULE - a number four club hit a year ago which subsequently peaked at 72 on

the GIN chart - and 'Fired Up!' by FUNKY GREEN DOGS, which was around in very limited numbers late last summer and has recently showed up in Billboard's Hot 100 There's little to choose between them, as they debut at 10 and 11 respectively this week. Just above them, the SOL BROTHERS' What Would We Do?"

demonstrates that it's not always when a record is gaining new support that it goes in the right direction. Last week, it gained 3% more support than a fortnight ago but eased down 7-9. This week it loses 15% of its

points but climbs 9-8. These, as Kurtis Blow once put it, are the breaks ... As it prepares to make a very high debut on the CIN chart, SASHI's 'Encore Une Fois' falls 10-25. It

never quite managed to top this chart, peaking at three, but it has accumulated more plays this year than any other record and has been in the chart for 13 weeks a very lengthy career by Club Chart standards

...Pure pop acts with bigger hits in this chart than in the Pop Chart include the PET SHOP BOYS and GINA G, primarily because on the more credible mixes while the more recently unleashed promos for both tunes are more pop-aimed - a fact which should ensure that the Pop Chart placings for both

next couple of weeks...JEAN MICHEL JARRE's 'Oxygene 8' is having a tough time in the clubs, even though it has been

promoed in a variety of guises. It was initially mailed bearing only the ID "Takkyu Ishino presents" and some Japanese writing. It was subsequently doublepacked, with mixes coming from Hani and DJ Dado

and it has now been mailed in new Sunday Club mixes. But after six weeks aloff, it has a best placing of 38, though it's moving back in the right direction, sprinting 72-56

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release hard house and trance from all over the globe and first up is this pumping Dutch track. The original mix starts out deep and steadily moves up to full thrust with every production technique used to full effect. The familiar Dutch percussion style exposes itself on the Bside's 'Tech Theme' while Coured Oxygen provide an excellent melancholy short ambient mix to round off a very useful debut release. O O O O TJ

NUYORICAN SOUL 'IT'S ALRIGHT, I FEEL IT' (TALKIN LOUD) (H)

If you failed to get your hands on the whistle-and-yo missed-it 'NuYorican Soul' album, perhaps the binnest loss you suffered was this tremendous track sung by the inimitable Joceyln Brown. It's a beautiful downtempo piece of unashamed rejoicing in the power of music and indeed the voices of Brown and her marvellous backing singers. Packed full of cliches, the "power of the groove", a great breakdown and such old-fashioned devices as never-ending tinkling ivories, it will bring tears to your eyes - especially if your faith in music, the power of the groove and so on, is in any doubt. The B-side, the unreleased 'Makes My Nature Rise', is for flute fans only. O O O O

TALL PAUL 'ROK DA HOUSE' (VC)

Another well tried and tested club favourite comes around again, this time on Virgin's club label, for another crack at the whip. Plenty of new mixes on this doublepack, including the Effective version, but sadiv missing the Hooj original that started the buzz back in '93. Nevertheless, an up-to-date '97 image will undoubtedly work wonders over a wide variety of floors, which is what is intended in this campaign. I headed straight for the Itchy & Scratchy remix - overemphasised keyboards, attractively harsh and piercing in an almost seven-minute rage. No doubt the Experts remix and the KGB dub will strike a wicked chord this

LAMB 'GORECKI' (FONTANA)

The lead track comes mix-free, the original being a midtempo dark, orchestrated epic worthy of end-of-set play. "Ear Parcel" is an eight-minute leftfield drum & bass

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Eva-style smiler from Paris. Only 45 seconds long but worth the rewind Compiled by gilles peterson

fusion that meanders all over the place. The killer cut though is the Kruder & Dorfmeister mix of 'Trans Fatty Acid', which is all cool, deep Fila Brazilia-style vibes and then moves effortlessly into more

uptempo jazz territory - a real musical feast. OOOO

FUNK ESSENTIALS 'ONLY YOU' (MCA) In more mixes than is decent, this is a very fine cover of a Teddy Pendergrass track. The Jupiter mixes are more garage than Esso while Movers N Shakers provide some excellent uplifting house mixes as well as some OK 3am harder mixes for people afraid of noncey soft music. Farley & Heller are on typical

recent good form with a hard-hitting vocal and a silly playground-chanting dub. OOOO

HOT LIZARD '165 DROP' (PACIFIC)

Probably the strongest release yet on this label, "165 Drop" is a superbly crafted atmospheric piece of deep house, though just to place it in this category doesn't do it justice, The simple swishing hats provide a rhythmic background to a procession of intertwining, arpeggiated synth lines that blend beautifully, all the time gradually building into quite a pacy groove. Love From San Francisco's mix is slower, gentler and effective in a more easy listening manner but there are more mixes to follow on this track in the coming months so this package may get stronger still. O O O

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MOUNT RUSHMORE 'YOU BETTER' (DANCE 2)

This lot usually come up with something interesting and this single is no exception - a very unassuming funky number in an almost Murk style with a very Murky quivering vocal. The Andi Amo mixes on the B-side are more Alex Party in attitude while Greg Fenton does a lot of healthy piano uplifting and Ken Doh does even more. A good selection but the original has the most promise. O O O

'ELECTRONIC BATTLE WEAPON' (FREESTYLE DUST)

A big question mark hangs over the identity of this act on the Chemical Brothers label. The 'Orange' side starts as a looped drum-hisser before shaky radio voice samples fly all over the place. Nagging bass-humming attacks the brain before fading out but returns to the sonic collage which bursts frantically just before the sudden end. The 'Dark Blue' side squelches into dark techno territory sending urgent Morse code bleeps into the breakbeat battleground that grows louder and whose 'Cacophony' recalls much of Djax's output. The X-Dust etching provides a strong clue that the Chemicals may be involved in a musical or production capacity, because the abstract sounds are obviously innovative new directions they are moving in. OOOO

GENASIDE II 'NARRA MINE (MIXES)' LONDON)

The proto-jungle early Nineties classic now finds its way into the hands of Armand Van Helden whose East Coast mix soon blends in sonic toy-gun blasts/sirens, "There's no stopping what can be stopped" snippets and vocal over a digi-funked floor-slapping beat. The West Coast mix brings back some of the old skool rave flavour with hardcore breaks, dark bass and the freestyle feel before ragga chat propels the mix to its climax. The Original is there as well as Wu Tang Clan's earle electro mix with vocals coming through loud and proud, OOOO

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here as fingers fly furiously across the frets of a double bass and a military-style drum beat clatters alongside on 'Escobar Blues', 'Bad Guys' features a neat dialogue sample over more double bass and midtempo beats. Something experimental for the weekend.

LAND OF MY MOTHERS 'TRA DI DI' (BLUES ROSE) (D&B) Old school drum & bass with the accent on the

bass - is what Alan Emptage offers on his GENASIDE I mixes of the Welsh collective's latest single. One mix is in a hardcore vein while the second goes for a more relaxed, strings and

lime-stretched vocals feel. On the flip, there's a Ronnie Stone mix which is more in keeping with the melodic vocal-led original, and a Rolling dub from Ray Keith which is, er, exactly that. OOO

BASCO 'CAN'T GET ENOUGH' (CONCRETE) (H) To be honest, this tune and the flip, 'Rok Da Fonky Beat',

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in the Top 10 by Motown labelmate with her version of Jean Knight's 1972 Stax classic 'Mr Big Stuff' (trainspotters

D's first hit way back in 1987). In an otherwise US-dominated chart, the UK's shoots into the rundown at 12 with 'The Real

following in the r&b world...Elsewhere, Gee St/V2 has announced that it has, after allsigned the Wu Tang Clan's mastermind for a solo record deal. Rza, who has been hip hop's most innovative producer for more than three years, will release his debut solo record See St on new material from The Gravedings who will be releasing a new single and LP in by Paul 'Nash' Antony and will feature r&b. hip hop and gospel tracks from the UK and the US. The label's debut release will be Birmingham gospel quartet DESTINY's single 'Love Amazino' at the end of March Well

done to DEEP BEATS for finally putting together a comprehensive compilation of the great LEROY HUTSON, 'The Very Best Of

are a little disappointing considering the promise that the debut 'The Best Is Over' held. The two sides of midtempo beats and disco guitar licks are pleasant enough but never really blow up. 'Rok...' is the more lively of the two but even that needs a little pitch adjustment to really get it kicking. O O O

DREAMON 'THE BEAT' (DOWNBOY)

This Downboy doublepack 'The Beat is a percussive headnodder in its original form with intriguing organ lines meandering in and out through most of the track. The Scratcher's Groove backs up the first 12 inch it's a little deeper with fresh use of cut-up female vocals all covering the almost foggy backing organ riff. The Tuff Club Jungle Excursion and the KCC/Downboy remix fill the second 12 inch. The first is not really a jungle mix but a harder house option with a fierce pitched-down D&B pattern at the second break, while the Downboy remix has a crisper

beat mixed with a more stuttered vocal repeat. Very competent house indeed from the London-based label. OOOO

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16B 'VOICES IN THE SKY (REMIX EP)' (ALOLA)

Man of the moment Omid Nourizadeh returns with a remix package of 'Voices In The Sky', taken from

his 'Paris EP' a few years ago. Retouches are delivered by Omid himself, Muzique Tropique and Hot Lizard. The 16B update is the best of what's on offer, with its uplifting strings and filtered riff. A real hypnotic excursion that will send shivers down your spine. If you're still not convinced, try MT.Boys tear-jerkin' mood swinger for comfort. OOOO

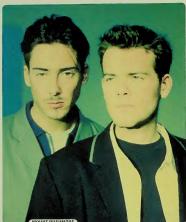
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DJ SNEAK 'YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM YOUR BUD'

(CLASSIC) The Classic label has picked up a real treat with this one. The house master delivers another long and deep house groove that mesmerises and excites. Perfect for mixing or simply drifting away to. And, as if that wasn't enough there are some Derrick Carter mixes on the way too.

BBE 'FLASH' (POSITIVA)

(H) To be perfectly honest, before I heard this I was expecting a duplicate '7 Days', no-questions-asked-getready-to-cringe commercial rip-off. But no, 'Flash' is a cracking hard-edged synth monster that really does kick in. The arrangement is quite simple really - a slightly similar beat effect to the last release built up by basic repetitive keyboard lines planned between the peaceful breaks, which sums up the Club mix completely. The Extended mix leans towards full-on and is more ferocious at the start, and is probably what the

chartbound version will be based on. A huge pat on the back for refraining from the obvious choice of a '7 Days' sequel and coming up with something equally as good.

GOLDEN 'BMF' (4TH & BROADWAY)

We've not heard much in this style of music from 4th & Broadway for a while, but the Island-based label returns to the house fray with a very provocative track. Its style is aimed squarely at the main set - a very powerful, lots of energy idea combining acid lines, Faithless-esque short, echoed, high pitched stabs, and chummy piano chords. The main mix utilises all of these qualities right up until the second break, and that's where the main vocal cuts in. The first two words are "bitch" and "mother" so, taking that into account with the title, probably not a wise record to play at weddings. It's a very distinct and clear swearing section, but who cares - it makes everyone smile and on the whole is very feel good. This puts 4th

& B'way back up there with the best. 0000 THREE WHEELS OUT 'RISE UP CHILDREN" (PUSSYFOOT)

Here's another one to chant along to ... stamp your feel even...performe your air drum solo to...practise your Robert Plant impersonation,, whatever, It jumps about all over the place and so will you as you attempt to keep track of the tempo changes. Our only concern is that, enormous as it is, it comes a little early for the festival season where it will no doubt find its most deserved reaction. The B-side 'King Of The Road' and 'Under The Road' are all enough to provide further proof of the dangers of old movies, LSD and bongos mixed in a cocktail. D&H

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ROMATT PROJECT 'THE ROAD' (KULT US) DJ Romain and Matt Keys mix up some deep but tough grooves, some lovely jazz-tinged plang and some distinctly acidic moments on their very useful Romatt Plano mix of 'The Road'. On the flip, the Matt Keys dub focuses on the beats and the plano, while The Alternative Road Bonus messes with the

drums. Some recent Kult releases have been a bit ordinary, but this track and the recent UBQ Project EP have restored the label's status as one to watch. AR

DRUM & BASS TUNE OF THE WEEK

(D&B) GANG RELATED 'RUKUS' (DUB PLATE) This track will be forthcoming soon on the Dope Dragon label. It begins with ruff rolling beats and airy sounds to be hit by the most living bassline around. This track just keeps building all the time. Proper funky business for the record box. A stormer, OOOO

MASTERBUILDERS 'NEW YORK, NEW YORK' (MATRIX)

The work of Simon Mattocks, Rob Aitken and Crispin J. Glover, 'New York, New York' is a latter-day lazz-funk gem with its fast and furious disco drums, meandering Moog, free-flowing flute and funky keys. The B-side has a tougher floor-friendly Dub and a Percapella, which lays on lots of Latinesque percussion for those who rocked to 'Breaking Point' by Crime, one of Glover's Nuphonic projects.

POTENTIAL BAD BOY FEATURING MELISA BELL 'SET ME FREE' (3RD ETE) (D&B) A wicked rolla of a remix from an original anthem. There is an excellent funky b-line around the

infectious jumpy breaks and incorporating Melissa Bell's inspiring vocals. It includes some tuff edits and will be massive. OOOO



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CLOCK are ascloseasthis at the top of the Pop Chart though they all retain th ranks they held a week ago, with Planoman losing support while the other two are gaining .. Two records are to be found in all three of our dancefloor charts. LISA STANSFIELD's The Real Thing' is the most obvious multiformat success, with non-r&b and house mixes spread across three 12-inches, which result in a number five club hit, a number 19

pop hit and a number 12 urban hit - and it's still moving in the right direction in all three. YVETTE MICHELE'S 'I'm Not Feeling You retains its position at the top of the Urban Chart, while debuting at 38 here and at 42 on the Club Chart. A third record trying to join the club is JAMAICA's 'Tell Me Where It Hurts', which ranks 18 (pop), 21 (urban) and 82 (club). It's a fine song, the latest off the awasome Diane Warren production line. Diane's recent pop smashes include 'Because You Loved Me' by Celine Dion and 'Un-Break My Heart' by Toni Braxton... The flood of

NRGised covers continues apace with this week's gaudiest new bauble coming in the shape of 2 HOPE 4's re-workings of the Lightning Seeds' 'O Lucky You' and the Boo Radleys' 'Wake Up Boo', the combined clout of which land 2 Hope 4 with this week's number 17 record on the pop chart. Another brace of covers - WHO'S THAT GIRL's Like A

Prayer and Don't Cry For Me Argentina move 14-5, having slipped 10-14 last week. A second mailing caused the improvement.

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NATURAL ESSENCE 'INJURY OVERTHROW EP' (SIRKUS) This label has got off to a consistently strong start irrespective of whether it is

dealing in hard and fast beats (Divine Hustlers/Karime Kendra) or the slow'n'low, as is the case with this EP. The original mix of 'Injury' takes blunted beats to their spacey and scary outer limits. Howie B's excellent remix of 'Overthrow' is a more mellow, blissed-out affair with some funky touches that make it more engaging than his recent solo output. Violet, aka Box Saga, contribute two mixes of 'Injury' both moody slices of nu electronica. O O O O

URBAN BLUES PROJECT 'TESTIFY' (SOULFURIC)

Gospel garage may be starting to become something of a cliche but when it's done well there's no topping it. Jay Williams is the vocalist "testifying" his way through an



of sax, organ and backing vocals. with production duties by Jazz 'n' Groove and Roger S who explore mix angles that narane DJs will droot over Mousse T, whose style so suits this kind of material, also comes up with some excellent versions but really there's not one bad mix on this doublepack -

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2	(1)	FIRED UP Funky Green Dogs (The one that got away in '96 now in new mixes from Angel Moraes)	MCA/Twisted
3	NEW	FLASH BBE (Meladic Euro-NRG following in the footsteps of Robert Miles)	Positiva
4	NEW	AGENT DAN Agent Provocateur (Shaun Rider on vocals and Propellerheads on the mix) Wal	1 Of Sound/Epic
5	(10)	THE BOSS The Braxtons (Masters At Work with a faithful old school disco production)	Atlantic
6	MEZ	REVERENCE Faithless (Deeper than previous outlings with Van Helden's mix of 'Insomnia' as a bonus)	Cheeky
7	(8)	TESTIFY Urban Blues Project (Uplifting garage tune with mixes from Roger S and Mousse T)	Soulturic
8	KIN	TECHNO SOLUTION DJ Philip (Galloping Euro techno stomper with new mix from Hole in One)	Additive
9	(13)	NO ACCESS Hondy (Last year's Ibiza "toon" with mixes from Sneak, Hani, Eddie Fingers, Pavesi and others)	Manifesto
10	(6)	JOY Nu Colours (Gospel-tinged garage produced by Maurice Joshua)	HI-Life
11	Nev	ONLY YOU Funk Essentials (With hot new Farley & Heller mixes to add to those from Movers N Shakers and Jupi	ter) MCA
12	200	SOMETIMES Brand New Heavies (Classy production from Masters At Work)	ffrr
13	(9)	TAKERE Salif Keita (Mathew Roberts provides the house mixes)	Mango
14	WW	CHUPACABBRA Freddy Fresh (Breakbeat frenzy with mixes from Bassbin Twins and Propellerheads	Harthouse
15	NEW	WE HAVE EXPLOSIVE Future Sound Of London (Mantronix drags FSOL back on to the dancefloor)	Virgin
16	NEW	TAKE ME UP Canny (Bouncy UK house with familiar samples)	white label
17	787	DON'T YOU LOVE ME Eternal (Multipack of mixes from Mark Picchiotti, Tony De Vit, Roni Size and Blacksmith)	1st Avenue/EMI
18	NW.	DAY ONE EP Freaks (Cool deep house excursion from Luke Solomon and Justin Harris)	Phono
19	NEW	DON'T SAY YOUR LOVE IS KILLING ME Erasure (Tall Paul and Jon Pleased Wimmin on the mix)	Mute
20	NEW	DO WATCHA DO Hyper Go Go & Adeva (Back again with new mixes from K-Klass)	Distinctive
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US CHARTWATCH

Snice Girls' Wannabe sold more than twice as many conies last mock as any other single in America, It recorded a weekly sale of 181,000, a 21% increase over the previous week. Its color are at the highest waskly level of any single since Los Rel Rin's Macarena went into orbitand that didn't come down until it had sold more than 4m copies With radio support for Wannabe also continuing to grow, it has a formidable lead in Billhoard's Hot 100, and seems set for a Sales of the girls' Spice album grew even more rapidly, soaring 27% to 104,000 after selling 82,000 the previous week. The single and album have each Shipped more than 1m copies to date, and the single's retail sales stand at 626,000 in six

wooke But the most literal and potent demonstration of girl power comes from LeAnn Rimes, a 14 year old from Mississippi whose first two albume backend the Tan 10 this week. The accomplished retro country singer has sold 3m copies of her debut album. Blue. en months. It dips 8-10 this week, while The Early Years/ Unchained Melody debuts in note position with a sale of 160,000. The Early Years is a remixed collection of demos recorded before Blue, with the newly waxed radio htt Unchained Melody prafted on Among the songs LeAnn tackles are I Will Always Love You and The Beatles' Yesterday, which thus earns the remarkable distinction of appearing on a number one album in each of

the past three years.

More good news for Britain

in the singles chart where Mark



Morrison's Return Of The Mack debuts at 42. It has been available in a limited 12-inch pressing for some weeks, and has been steadily climbing the B&B chart Now fully serviced to Top 40 radio, and distributed am outlets, it is strongest in New York. The only single to debut higher this week is Aussie band Savage Garden's I Want You a throwback from the outback resemble Duran Duran school of Eighties

Completing the British contingency on the Hot 100 are: Gina G (moving back up 15-14 but without a bullet). Donna Lewis (I Love You Always Forever, 28-30). The Prodiny (41-32), Eric Clapton (33-39), Depeche Mode (47-56), Seal (51-59), Rod Stewart (61-66). Donna Lewis (Without Love, 68 75), Phil Collins (79-85) and Republica (93-100)

Finally, it's a reflection on the state of the singles market and Too 40 radio in the HS that the vast majority of big sellers there are by black acts. Aside from Spice Girls, the only white artist to be found in the Top 10 is that of Madonna, whose recording of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's Don't Cry For Me Aroentina moves 17-8 this

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ARTIST PROFILE: DEPECHE MODE

Depeche Mode have been to hell and back since the release of their album Songs Of Faith And Devotion four years ago.

But after their welldocumented nightmare of drug ddiction, nervous breakdov and ill-health, the group have made a triumphant return internationally with their comeback single Barrel Of A

in charting around the world. Now reduced to a trio following the departure of Alan Wolder the Mute act hour seen the single topping the chart across Europe, including in Italy, Hungary, Spain and Sweden as well as reaching the top 10 in Germany, Denmark, Finland, Greece and Norway. "It shows a lot of people out there still like them." says Mute managing

director Daniel Miller. And, from an international perspective, he reckons the timing of their return has also been a tremendous success. "There was a period a few years ago when there was Britpop in Britain, German techno in Germany and French rapping in France and it was hard to break national houndaries but it's different

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now " he cove For a band whose last experience of touring was nothing short of hell, playing concerts at present isn't an option they are considering But, with touring taken out of the equation, the group have managed to increase their ional activities. Miller says, "They are thinking about touring again eventually because they miss the performance side, but it's the rest of it they feel a bit rejuctant

about going through again. But

they are doing more promotion



withan I can ever re The band have just completed a long promotional trip around Europe, taking in TV, radio and the press At the end of last week they set off for a oromotional trip to America. shooting a new video and undertaking a tour of radio stations, and will be returning there in the next few weeks. Despite their long absence, the hand remain a big draw in the States with the new single reaching the top 50 of Rillhoand's Hot 100 in its first week following massive support on modern rock radio. Their last album became one of only a handful by a UK act to debut at the top of the US chart.

Now, with their next LP set for simultaneous global release in Anril Miller is confident it can match the single's success. The album is fantastic, the band are in great shape and the fans have responded better than we ever imagined," he

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2	4	REMEMBER ME	The BlueBoy Pharm 12PHARM 1 (TRC/BMG)
3	3	DON'T LET GO (LOVE)	En Vogue East West A 3376T (W)
4	2	LET ME CLEAR MY THROAT	DJ Kool American Recordings 74321452381 (BMG)
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8	5	AIN'T NOBODY	LL Cool J Geffen GFST 22195 (BMG)
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10	6	DO YOU KNOW	Michelle Gayle1st Avenue/RCA CD:74321419282 (BMG)
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12	9	STEP BY STEP	Whitney Houston Arists CD:74321445332 (BMG)
13	8	WALK ON BY	Gabrielle Go.Beat GODX 159 (F)
14	7	JUST THE WAY	Afforzo Hunter Cochempo 12000L 326 (E)
15	10	TELLME	Dru Hill Fourth & Broadway 12BRW 342 (F)
16	11	PONY	Ginuwine Epic 8641286 (SMI)
17	13	INVISIBLE	Public Demand ZET ZANG 85T (U)
18	12	DAYS OF OUR LIVEZ	Bone Thugs-N-Harmony East West A 3992T (W)
19	18	STREET DREAMS	NAS Columbia 6641306 (SM)
20	14	DO YOU THINK ABOUT US	Total Puff Daddy/Arista 74321458491 (BMG)
21	17	COLD ROCK A PARTY	MC Lyre East West A 3975T (W)
22	15	HORNY	Mark Morrison WEA CD:WEA 090CD1 (W)
23	20	COSMIC GIRL	Jamiroquai Sony S2 CD:6638295 (SM)
24	28	TWISTED	Keith Sweat Elektra EKR 223T (W)
25	16	KNOCKS ME OFF MY FEET	Donell Jones LaFace CD:74321458502 (BMG)
26	23	WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT	Warren Gleaturing Adina Howard Interscope COS/1082 (Import)
27	21	FOREVER	Damage Big Life CD:BLRDA 132 (P)
28	29	LOVING EVERY MINUTE	Lighthouse Family Wild Card/Polydor CD:5731012 (F)
29	28	NO DIGGITY	Blackstreet featuring Dr Dre Interscope INT1299003 (Import)
30	34	I BELIEVE I CAN FLY	R.Kelly JIVE 424222 Jive (Import)
31	25	NO WOMAN, NO CRY	Fugees Columbia CD:6639922 (SM)
32	19	THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' LIKE THE LOVE	Montage Wild Card/Polydor 5733171 (F)
33	32	I AIN'T MAD AT CHA	2Pac Death Rowstsland 12DRW 5 (F)
34	22	SO MANY WAYS	The Braxtons Atlantic A 5469T (W)
35	31	SPACE COWBOY	Jamiroquai Epic 4277827 (SM)
36	27	YOU CAN'T STOP THE REIGN	Shoquille O'Neal Interscope INT95522 (BMG)
37	37	HOW DO YOU WANT IT?	2 Pac featuring KC and Jojo Death Row(Island 12DRW 4(F)
38	24	OVER AND OVER	Puff Johnson Colombia CD:6640342 (SM)
39	33	SNOOP'S UPSIDE YA HEAD	Sneep Doggy Dogg feat CWilson Interscope INT 95520 (BMG)

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4	9	FUNKATARIUM	Jimp	Heat Recordings HEAT (05 (V)
5	1	DA FUNK/MUSIQUE	Daft Punk	Virgin VST 1625 (E)
6	N.	CAN'T KNOCK THE HUSTLE	Jay-Z featuring Mary J B	lige Northwestside 70321447191 (BMG)
7	100	SNOW	ORN D	econstruction 74321447611 (BMG)
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9	2	LET ME CLEAR MY THROAT	DJ Kool America	in Recordings 74321452091 (BMG)
10	100	BEFORE TODAY	Everything But The G	irl Virgin VST 1624 (E)
11	STA	SUMTHIN' SUMTHIN' THE MANTRA	Maxwall	Columbia 6638646 (SM)
12	4	LIFE'S TOO SHORT	Hole in One	Manifesto FESX 21 (F)
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14	8	I SHOT THE SHERIFF	Warren G	Def Jam/Mercury 120EF 31 (F)
15	11	RUNAWAY	Nuyorican Soul featu	ring India Talkin Loud TLX 20 (F)
16	3	FEEL THA VIBE	That Kid Chris	Manifesto FESX 16 (F)
17	12	INFERNO	Souviaki	Wonderboy WB0Y 003 (F)
18	m	TWISTER/THIS SONG	Mental Power	Formation FORM 12070 (SRD)
19	HA	GOOD THING GOING	Yazz	East West EW 062T (W)
20	20	GET UP (EVERYBODY)	Byron Stingly	Manifesto FESX 19 (F)
21	10	AIN'T TALKIN' 'BOUT DUB	Apollo Four Forty	Stealth Sonic SSXT6 (SM)
22	9	JUST THE WAY	Affonzo Hunter	Coohempo 12C00t 326(E)
23	13	ON A RAGGA TIP '97	S12	XI, Recordings XLR 29 (W)
24	-	LAST NIGHT	AzYet	LaFoce/Arista 74321423201 (BMG)
25	13	TELL ME	PMHII	4th & Broadway 128 RW 342 (F)
26		NEVER MISS THE WATER	Choka Khan featuring Me'	shell Mdegeocello Reprise W 8383T (W)
27	5	LOST IN LOVE	Legend B	Perfecto PERF 132T (W)
28	22	DRIVE ME CRAZY	Partizan	Multiply 12MULTY 17 (TRC/BMS)
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5	RE	ALL WORLD	LL Cool J	Def Jern/Mercury 5341251/534125
6	MEW	SET IT OFF	OST I	East West 7559619951/7559619954 (B1
7	1	HOMEWORK	Daft Punk	Virgin V 2821/TCV 282
8	NEW	CLUB MIX 97 - 2	Various	PolyGram TV -/\$53364
9	BÉ	ANOTHER LEVEL	Blackstreet	Interscope -/INTC 90071 (B1
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4	3	BILL WHELAN: Riverdance-The Show	VCI VQ6484	70	24	CLIFF RICHARD: CHIR At The Movies PolyGram Video 43244		TOY STORY Walt Disney 027214;
5	5	WUOLPACKERS Emmendance	BMG Video 74321442563	21		ANGELIQUE FERNANGEZ Sunset Stempede - Greatest All Time Wignerwoold WINESSS		BARNEY - FUN & GAMES PolyGram Video D45488
6	4	BILL WHELAN-Riverdance - The New Show	V08555	22	22	VARIOUS ARTISTS: The Greatest Karanke Video. Event Avid AVICOS	7 103	BARBARA CURRIE - AGE FREE BOUT BING VICEO PAZZALOGO.
7	6	LIVE CAST RECORDING:Las Miserables In Concert	Video Collection VO8528	23	23	ROBSON GREEN & JEROME FLYNN: So Fee So Good BMG Video 7432131646	3 6	101 DALMATIONS Walt Disney 021253
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FRONTLINE

BEHIND THE COUNTER

ANTHONY COX. Andy's Records Oldham

"Republica's single Ready To Go has been the week's best-seller. Their recent appearance on TFI Friday did a lot to boost awareness, while RMG used its database to target potential consumers with a five-track sampler. This kind of marketing initiative works really well because it doesn't cost the customer anything and it brings more people into the stores. With a lot of clubs in the locality, a high percentage of our customers are DJs. This week, they've been snapping up Sash's Encore line Fois which looks set to storm up the chart. Among our student customers, anticipation for Korn's forthcoming video is riding high. It was trailed on the back of their last single Adidas but, as yet, we have not had a firm release date from Sony Video, Backstreet Roys - The Video, on Jive, is also destined to be a fast mover judging by the number of requests we've had for it."

ON THE BOAD

MARC SAYD'HERBE, LMG rep for East Midlands

"We're selling in the new Fugees single, which is not on Sony this time because it's from a film soundtrack, and that's doing really well. We're also selling in Wet Wet Wet, which is a possible number one, although it clashes with the Red Nose Day single so may have to settle for number two. I've got Joanne May's Eurovision single. Everybody is taking it because of the promise of the National Lottery Live performance. The James album is going down really well and a lot of neonle are asking for that, while there's still a lot of demand for the Warren G single. The Midlands seems to be really strong at the moment for that kind of stuff and we've got a Foxy Brown single next week, which is going to be massive as well. There's a new single next week from JX, but the big one for us is going to be Alisha's Attic. It is the third single from the album and looks like doing very well."

IN THE SHOPS THIS WEEK

NEW RELEASES

Many stores had a good week with albums from Gene, Mansun, Gravity Kills and NuYorican Soul. Gene and Mansun were both buoyed by special formats, while the latter also benefited from a widely discounted cassette. Sash was the hottest single to smerge and its closest competitors were The Source, Bush, Lithium, Everything But The Girl and No Doubt.

PRE-RELEASE ENOURIES

Singles - Wet Wet, R Kelly, Embrace, Sharky, Didy; Albums - U2, The Prodigy, The Charlatans, Radiohead, Supergrass, Candyskins, Apollo 440, Ocean Colour Scene, My Life Story, Digital Blondes, James, Carl Cox

ADDITIONAL FORMATS

NuYorican Soul limited-edition CD album with bonus remixes, Gene limited-edition CD album in special packaging with booklet, Mansun limited-edition double viryl album

IN-STORE

Windows - Fantazia House Collection Volume 5, U2, Brits '97, James, Warren G, The Orb, 911, Adiemus 2, Hunchback Of Notre Dame; In-store — Aerosmith, Erasure, Eternal, Brits '97, Babyface, Kula Shaker, Suzanne Vega, Mansun, White Town, Candyskins, 911, Eels, ames, QFX, Warren G, Peter Andre, Manic Street Preachers, Kiss Smooth Groov

MULTIPLE CAMPAIGNS



Radio singles - Eternal, Aerosmith; Windows - Fantazia House Collection Volume 5; In-store and press ads - Mansun, Adiemus 2, White Town, Celine Dion



Single - Peter Andre; Album - 911; In-store - Kula Shaker, Eternal, The Artist, Beck, Robin S. JX, Babyface, Fantazia House Collection Volume 5. Suzanne Vega, Women In Country, The Orb, Eels, James, Warren G, Once In A Lifetime, 911, Brits '97 promotion with CDs from £10.99 and cassettes from £7.99, Sony budget promotion with CDs at £4.99, three CD boxed sets for £7.99, budget CDs at £4.99



In-store - free hox of Roses chocolates with selected CDs and videos, Brits '97, Voices From Heaven, Evita, Rhapsody videos at £9.59, Hunchback Of Notre Dame, Independence Day, Timon & Pumbsa, Father Of The Bride II, James And The Giant Peach

Windows — The Meistersinger, In-store — PolyGram three CDs for £20 campaign, You Must Remember This budget promotion, Philip Glass, Carmen, Shine and Hamlet soundtracks, Romantic Spirit, The Entertainer, selected videos at £4.99

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Album - James; Windows - U2, Brits '97, Hunchback Of Notre Dame, X Files; In-store - Suzanne Vega, Warren G, 911, Eels, QFX

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Singles - Aerosmith, Babyface, Foxy Brown, Eternal, Kula Shaker, Mark Morrison, Dilve; Windows - Brits '97, Aerosmith, Kula Shaker, EMI sale, Babyface, Eternal, Peter Andre, Bee Gees, Gene. Mansun, Blur, Jean Michel Jarre; In-store - Club Mix '97, U2, No Doubt, Fantazia House Collection Volume 5, Ministry Of Sound Sessions Volume Seven: TV ads - Manic Street Preachers, Jamiroquai (national Channel Four)

Singles - Eternal, Kula Shaker, Erasure, The Artist, Mutton Birds: Windows – Warren G, The Orb, James, Brits '97, EMI mid-price sale, Adiemus, Fantazia House Collection Volume 5; In-store – EMI

MISCASSIONS

Windows and in-store — Brits '97, The Orb, Fantaria House
Collection Volume 5; in-store — Babylon 5, Hunchback Of Notre
Dame; Press ads — Gene, Eels, Hard Core Expansion, Carl Cox, Puff Jehnson, Nu Classic Soul, Women In Country

W H SMITH

Singles - Babylace, Kula Shaker; Albums and windows - Brits '97, 911; In-store - Suzanne Vega, Women In Country

WOOLWORTHS

Singles - Peter Andre, Eternal; Album - Manic Street Preachers; In-store - Warren G, James, three CD albums for £18

The above information, compiled by Music Week on Thursday, is based on contributions from Andy's Records (Oldham), Airsley's (Luicester), Popp (Aberdeen), HMV (Hull), Our Price (Uxbridge), Piccadilly Records (Manchester), Swordfish (Birmingham), Tag Records (Soho), Tower (Piccadilly) and Virgin (Kingston).

If you would like to contribute, call Karen Faux on 0181-543 4830

EXPOSURE

TELEVISION

Live And Kicking features Eternal, BBC1:

9.15am - 12.12pm Scratchy & Co with Peter Andre and coverage of the Brits, ITV: 9.25-11.30am Made in Britain Weekend, festuring Oasis, Blur, Ocean Colour Scene and The Prodigy.

MTV: 1-4nm VH-1 To 1: Mick Hucknatl, VH-1: 3-3.30pr National Lottery Live with Wet Wet Wet, BBC Varese: documentary about the French

composer Edgard Varese, BBC1: 12.25 -1 30am MUSIC WEEK 1 MARCH 1997

Beat Specials with the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Channel Four 5.55 - 6.20am 2.3.97

The O Zone features Eternal, Sneaker Pimps and Aerosmith, BBC2: 11.45am-12.15pm Ant & Dec Unzipped with Star Turn, Channel 3.3.97

Air 'N' Style, featuring Bush, Ugly Kid Joe and Massive Attack, MTV: 8-8.30pm 7.3.97 1996 World Music Awards with Michael Jackson, Celine Dion, Mariah Carey, Seal and Alanis Morissette, VH-1: 2-4am

1.3.97 Record Review, featuring the latest releases

in Sonv Classical's Masterworks Heritage series, Radio Three: 7am-noon Return To Jollity Farm: the story of the Bonze Dog Doo Dah Band, Radio Two: 5.03-6pm Don Henley and Jose Feliciano, Radio Two: 6.03-7nm Live From The Met: Aide featuring Sharen

Sweet, Radio Three: 6.30-10.35pm The Essential Mix features Daft Punk, Radio

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5.2.97 Voices features baritone lan Burnside

singing works by Debussy, Ravel and Roussel, Radio Three: 10-10.45pm 6.3.97 Paul Jones features Sixties blues man Spencer Davis, Radio Two: 9-10pm

Music Machine featuring mezzo-soprano

SUPERGRASS

SECOND LP FEATURES A MORE MATURE SOUND

Two years ago, Supergrass BMX'd into the nation's hearte Buoyed by a handful of superbly catchy singles and the cartoon sideburns of singer Gaz Coombes, the suspicion remained,

owever, that they were destined for a brief stay in everyone's hearts.

They have maintained a low profile at home for the past year, with just one release, the February single Going Out, which reached number five and sold

ere than 100,000 units But the Oxford hand are now back with a follow-up to their chart-topping

I've always thought of

respectable halfin the UK and 990,000

worldwide The album In It For The out on April 21, preceded by a new single Richard III. on

Parlophone managing director Tony Wadsworth remains confident that absence has only added to the band's mystique.

"Conventional wisdom would say that the album should have come out last year and that the band should have done more last year than release one single, but I don't think conventional

wisdom applies with Supergrass," he says.
*Some bands go away and people forget about them because they don't

care about them any more. If anything, with this band the anticipation for their return has been heightened." Supergrass themselves wish they

could have got the album together sconer. "We had to go off and do loads of touring," says bass player Mick Quinn, "Brazil came up last year and it sort of cocked up the timing. The plan was to release the album in

September, but there was a further delay when drummer Danny Goffey and keyboard player Rob Coombes (brother of Gaz) both had children.

Between festival commitments and appy duties, Supergrass moved to the Sawmills studio in Cornwall - where

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they'd recorded their first demos - and began producing themselves with John Cornfield, the engineer on I Should

The band dynamic was also altered by having Rob Coombes contributing to the writing process, previously shared by the three band members, despite the popular misconception that Gaz was

the chief songwriter. "Rather than us having writter parts and bringing them in and him playing them, he jammed with us," says Gaz Coombes. "All of a sudden, there was a lot more depth and room to make the sound

bigger." "It wasn't much of a mo Supergrass as a long-term rock from Going Out really," says band. The first album had leanings Quinn. "We worried that it towards that anyway - it was quite wouldn't fit with the rest of the different - Keith Wozencroft album but it

The suggestion that Going Out may have been deliberately written to dampen the enthusiasm of the your end of their audience is denied by the band, who talk about natural development rather than cynical manipulation

"Before Alright you had Lenny and that was pretty much a Zeppelin rock-out," says Goffey. "Every single is going to be different. Richard III is sort of a Stooges/hardcore Sonic Youth sort of thing and the single after that is really

That poncey song, Sun Hits The Sky, an immediate psychedelic por sweetener, is destined to be the ace up the sleeve of In It For The Money Like Alright, the third single which propelled I Should Coco to the top slot.

it will be released after the initial flurry of activity on the album. probably in May. Keith Wozencroft, Parlophone's head

of A&R, made the occasional fleeting visit to Sawmills but was confident enough to leave the hand to their own devices

Like kids in a sweet shop. Supergrass were soon trying out all sort of new instruments, coaching



Act: Supergrass Label: Parlophone Project albu

belchy electro sounds from an old Roland synth, using a Fender Rhodes. clavinets and "the trendy old

"The clavinets were amazing," says Coombes, "really Stevie Wonds They also experimented with Joe Meek compressors and the The Q

Sound, as well as recording themselves by the creek outside the studio. When the tide comes in, it alters the echoes from the far side of the creek so you get a rebound effect," says Goffey. "Also, you get the wild geese flying overhead. We built a massive teepee with my drums in it. It was like a free festival by the end."

Should Coco was a frenetic buzz of punky pop, In It For The Money is a far more composed rock album, with me complex arrangements and a slightly slower tempo. "It's slowed down because I can't play live any more at that speed," says Goffey.

Another distinctive change is that Coombes's vocals are layered within the mix rather than over the ton "At one point while we were mixing, we stuck on I Should Coco to compare it with what we were doing," says

Coombes. "The first thing I noticed were the vocals were way up there and really dry." "And the whole band was in a little

			NEW SIGNINGS		
ARTIST	MANAGEMENT	SIGNED TO	TYPE OF DEAL	SIGNED BY	DESCRIPTION
AKIN	Sir Harry Cowell	PEER MUSIC	worldwide publishing	Andrew Greasley	Peer snaps up the young UK R&B female duo signed to WEA by Mickey D
CINNAMON SMITH	MRM Management	MOTHER RECORDS	albums deal	Andy Leese	Mother's first signing for a while are a Bolanesque Swindon three-piece
GEEK	Steve Machin, Cynthetique	COLUMBIA RECORDS	albums deal	Oliver Bezardis/ Fran de Takats	mad Manchester mix of guitar and dance sounds. Without publishing
JUNIOR GISCOMBE	Katrina Barnes, FBM	WARNER CHAPPELL	worldwide publishing	Sas Metcalf	the Eighties soul sensation, once known simply as Junior returns with new material
MAGIC DRIVE	Bruce Finlay and Dave Stewart	MERCURY RECORDS	album deal	Richard O' Donovan	teenage Scottish five piece with a Spector-like sound and a forthcoming Fierce Panda single
MONTROSE AVENUE	CEC Management	COLUMBIA RECORDS	albums deal	Oliver Bezardis/ Fran de Takats	Columbia's spending spree continues with the Eagles-ish Montrose Avenue. No publishing
REDBONE	Knok Cultcha	WARNER CHAPPELL	worldwide publishing	Sas Metcalf	two-piece traditional R&B act managed by Digger Elias, cousin of S2's Lincoln
BILL RILEY	self-managed	BUCKS MUSIC/ FULL CYCLE	worldwide publishing	Kirsty Booth	talented, young drum and bass artist from the west
SUPERCHARGER	Matt Fisher	CHINA RECORDS	albums deal	Angus Blair/ Chris Checkley	country, now based in London with his own Protocol labe dirty dance beats and the last signing by Blair before he
TAMPASM	Stevo Pearce	MERCURY RECORDS	albums deal	Howard Berman	joined Parlophone combative Brighton-based all female guitar group with a

taste for punk and suspenders



album Producers: Supergrass/John Cornfield Publishing: EMI Music Publishing Released: April 21 For Parlophone, it was clear that

pergrass had matured on record. Tve always thought of Supergrass as a long-term rock band," Some bands go away and people save

ozeneroft. forget about them. If anything, with The first album had this band the anticipation for their leanings towards that

return has been heightened -Tony Wadsworth

different and there were pop songs on it."

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"I was really chuffed at how well

be," adds Wadsworth. "They were very hands but they wrote great non songs precocious on the first album, I felt, but and I think Supergrass bear a it's now become quite mature very, very similarity." quickly. They look Comparisons with The Monkees,

like pop stars and

play like old rock

stars, but in the

"What we've got is

nicest possible

a really strong

rock album with

great pop songs,

real traditional Great British bands were always

known for," Wadsworth adds.

"The Who and the Stones were rock

which is what the

however, have been firmly dismissed by the Supergrass camp. Last year, the band met up with Steven Spielb who had seen Supergrass on MTV and came up with an idea for a TV series about the group. Parlophone is keen to point out it was "nothing like The Monkees" in the first place, adding that the band are not getting involved, for the time being at least.

Instead, we'll have to content ourselves with the band monkeying around on Top Of The Pops and in those breezy videos. Shaun Phillips

TRACK BY TRACK

A three-minute crespends with a Thrille creaky door intro. Reatles-like horn arrangements and vocal interplay la

track, probably symbolic of global war," says

A malevolent rocker. Ninvana meets Frank Black with a theramin! "It's about not being able to get out of your head," says Goffey

Drinking, dressing up and going out. It features David Bowie "wo-hoos" and a Kids In America break in a West Side Story-meets-Smashing Pumpkins experience. "I just thought for the chorus it would be good if you had San Francisco car chase horns," says Late In The Day

An acoustic quiter number with an untempo chorus. The lonely, far-away-from-hor number. "At the time, I was listening to a Graham Nash record," says Gaz. G Sona

Big-bassed blues rocker. A bit of Blurred Parklife, "It's about walking to a park completely out of your mind," says Gaz. Sun Hits The Sky

Marmalade skies, psychedelic pop, a windmill guitar riff, a Doors Hammond solo to end, and a dubious reference to a 'doctor'. "It could like Or Livingstone ... actually its about a local into ur turngstone... actually, its acout a local GP," says Gaz. Going Out Twelve months on, the hit single sounds better than ever. "Subtle, ambiguous media

rences," notes Gaz.

Acoustic downbeat ballad, with flanged electric guitar and fat, phased synth. "We did If in ely hours and used the monitor mix " says Cheapskate Scheduled to be the next US single, this track

is held together by an uptempo guitar riff reminiscent of Gloria. "For that scratchy guitar, I did have that in mind, and KC And The Supshine Band for that chorus," says Gaz, You Can See Me

other song about the media, with an intro that could as easily be Supertramp as Hollow Little Reign

It's late and Supergrass are tired. A mellow Lennon hovers nearby, probably, "A riff from my brother. One of those songs that was totally jammed," says Gsz. "It is kinda Doorsy.

metimes I Make You Sad human beatbox, an organ and a bag of weed. going along with waird vocals on," says Quinn.

ON A&R STEVE LAMACO

Great quote from an A&R friend this week on the zeitgeist-chasing mood of the moment. Put simply: "Well, it's against the law not to have a band who sound like Radiohead on your label." Ha! Rumbled! And by the end of 1997, it'll be against the law not to have a band who could be "the next Chemical Brothers"... The only problem is, where do you find your Radioheadesque band? Is there a finishing school for young Radioheads? Or maybe a singles' night for A&R folk where they meet unsigned Radioheads?... Imagine how much effort you could save if there was a music equivalent of your lonely hearts columns: "Me - record label, still young at heart, likes travel, Top Of The Pops and good tunes. You - four people with guitars who sound a bit like Radiohead. Picture

ensures standard rejection letter." Or: Successful but bored head of A&R seeks Creep for company and platinum sales drive. All offers considered"...Back in the real world, a sizeable turnout for Cuff in London last week, a band who've recently received favourable press reviews and are under the guidance of former Reef manager Andy Allen. And there's continued interest for newcomers Fling. Couldn't get to either gig myself, but it's been a mad week, what with the Radio One changes and the chilling news that I had to move desks again. It took two-and-a-half hours, but at least it threw up a few demos that have been hiding in the mess. For starters, Spillage, who deliver frenzied, thrashy pop. The first track goes for the throat like a heavy, Brit version of Veruca

Salt, but the second is like Blandie meets

Things...In contrast, Sizzorfish are acoustic and bittersweet and from unsexy Lincoln, Songs are slightly awkward but Heaven Here Waiting is interesting and the girl's voice is good... And you know when you hear a tape that's had a better-than-average production job done on it? Here's one. Trigger Happy sound big, and ambitious and like they're nearly the finished product. The second song is a huge baggy rock epic, with a natural swagger and unmistakable Manc confidence. It's not the next Radiohead, but I'll tell you if I find one.

 Steve Lamacq presents Radio One's Evening Session, Monday-Thursday 6.30-8.30pm





ware the subject of a heavy bidding war that dimested at a canned Portsmouth gig. Senta Cruz exhibit trad reck rects with shades of the Robes. Their debut sangle, released at the end of March or

As No Doubt's hold slice of pop/ska melodrama Don't Speak topped the UK singles chart last week, the US act's Inhel Universal/MCA was reflecting on an astute marketing strategy which has

As MCA's commercial director John Pearson explains, "We felt it was not a particularly bright idea to launch a band in high season just before Christmas, even though Europe as the rest of the world went big on No Doubt in November, so we scheduled the single for February. But we started talking to retail at Christmas and the with me not back was astonishing So without any element of cockiness, we are not surprised to have a number one

Don't Speak is the UK's biggestselling single so far this year, with 250,000 units sold by the end of last week. And in the US, No Doubt are o of the biggest breakthrough acts of the past 12 months. After two low-key independent releases, the quartet's third album and MCA debut Tragic Kingdom was issued early in 1996 and eventually reached number one on the Billboard 200 in February. It has no old 6m units after 58 weeks on the chart, and MCA is predicting similar longevity for the album's UK shelf life.

Product manager Mark Bell says, "This album is like Alanis Morissette's Jarged Little Pill, not musically but it's the kind of album that will hang around for ages. We're already looking at a huge Christmas campaign.

However, MCA's immediate concer is a single to follow Don't Speak. The inevitable choice is a reissue of Just A Girl, which was originally released as No Doubt's first UK single last summer and peaked at number 38. An upbeat song with a girl-power lyric delivered tongue-in-cheek by blonde superbabe singer Gwen Stefani, it was a huge US



NO DOUBT MCA CERTAIN OF A LONG SHELF LIFE

hit and looks certain to follow Don't Speak into the UK Top 10 on its release in the second week of April.

Bell says, "It wasn't as big as it

deserved to be first time around, but it's another immediately radio-friendly song and we'll be promoting it with TV ads. This band is no one-hit wonder

"They have been a priority act for us from the start, so a hell of a lot of planning went into that single. And, of course, it's such a natural cross

Two more singles are scheduled for UK release after Just A Girl: Spiderwebs, which has already been a

big hit in the US, and Excuse Me Mr. the new American single, which is accompanied by a high-energy video directed by Oil Factory's Sophie Muller.

To date, Tragic Kingdom has sold 116 000 units in the UK and Pears reckons that figure will have trebled by

"No Doubt are the sort of act who will sell over a long period," he says. These days, any good album can be promoted for a year to 18 months, so we'll be working this one until the end of the year at least.

No Doubt's UK success is especially sweet for British-born bassist Tony Kanal, who spent the first 11 years of his life in the London borough of

ngsbury. *I still have family here." Kanal says on the morning after No Doubt's sellout show at London's Astoria, "Last night I sat down before the encore and thought about us being number of here. It was an incredible feeling."

Can Kanal explain No Doubt's phenomenal success after 10 years as a arage band in Orange County, California?

"We've been trying to analyse why Tragic Kingdom has done so well, and all we can put it down to is a changing taste in music. Right now, what we're doing is the 'in' thing. And obviously it helps to have your record company right behind the band. But as for why Don't Speak has been so successful as a single, hell, I don't know! We still can't holieve it," he says. No Doubt have been on tour plugging

Tracic Kingdom for 18 months already. and the end of the road is still not in sight. Following their European to will be a three-and-a-half month US trek, with UK festival appearances slated for late summer. By which time, MCA's predicted half-n-million UK sales may well be a reality. Paul Elliott

Act No Doubt Project album Label Trauma/Interscope Producer, Matthew Wilder Songwriters, No Doubt Publisher, Knock Yourself Out Music/Ascap Studio: various Released; out now

WATERSON:CARTHY THE FOLK FAMILY BUILD A HEALTHY FANBASE

British folk music is enjoying its most fertile period since the Sixties with its profile largely boosted by a younger dience and renewed critical interest

Norma Waterson's eponymous sol effort only just failed to pip Pulp to last year's Mercury Music Prize and it seems inevitable that Common Tongue the new album from Waterson: Carthy. will be seen as its successor. That's what exposure in 2,000-plus record shop windows does for your profile

heir previous album, 1994's Waterson: Carthy, was named as Folk Roots magazine's album of the year, largely because the group had returned the traditional material the trio-Waterson, husband Martin Carthy (one-time member of Steeleye Span) and 'folkbabe' fiddler, daughter Eliza are accustomed to playing.

While Norma is signed as a solo act to Hannibal, the new album revives a link with folk/roots independent Topic, forged in the Sixties and still going strong. They even persuaded managing director Tony Engle to return to the production seat after many years' ence and he is delighted with what

We started recording the Watersons n the label back in the Sixties before Martin was around," Engle reveals.
"Those early albums have exceeded more than 25,000 sales each over 30 years. This is three people, two of whom are in their fifties, producing

timeless music that stands up today and it'll stand up in 100 years time if there's anyone around to hear it."

Norma Waterson says, "Topic has a great reputation of doing stuff that will ast: even if it deletes a record we know the tracks will appear in another form somewhere. The label doesn't belie music is throwaway stuff and I think that's great. You sing something, you know it's going to stay around and that you'll get royalty cheques for the next 30 years.

Engle expects Common Tongue to emulate the 20,000-plus sales of Waterson's Mercury Prize contender "but in two, three years, not overnight". As befits its title, the bulk of the

music on the new album is English Carthy says, "We've never deliberately ed anything before, but we felt an awful lot of fuss has been made of Celtic music, whatever that is and it occurred to us that English music has lost out. We decided we would make a

point: it's music we all know and have been doing for well over 30 years. The choice of tracks avoids obvious standards of the Strawberry Fair variety in favour of numbers like Claudy Banks (familiar to folk fans through Shirley & Dolly Colling) American Stranger and the climactic Stars In My Crown, last heard in Dennis Potter's Cold Lazarus. It remains to be seen whether an album of "trad, itional" compositions will be as Act Waterson:Carthy Project: album Label: Topic Songwriters: traditional/Waterson:Carthy Publishen: Topic Studie: Pands S

critically well received as No readings of Costello, Bragg and Garcia, although she claims "no-one's walked out of our gigs yet' David Sinclair, The Times' music

critic and a Mercury judge, says,
"Norma's choice of solo material was a way of drawing people into a deeper is to lead people in by whatever means

folk tradition. Part of the Mercury brief possible to new music they wouldn't otherwise have heard. Norma did that herself in a way by the material and writers she used and I believe the new release will attract a far wider range of attention than it otherwise would.

Common Tongue takes a tentative stop towards the mainstream with ncreased production values. "That's down to Eliza, who's more and more

interested in using the studio," says Carthy, "and it's something we're very happy to go along with."

Both Waterson and Carthy are greed that the inclusion of 21-year-old Eliza, whose Heat Light And Sound album won rave reviews last year, helps broaden the age range of their fanbase

"I did a solo gig in Bristol," says Carthy, "and there were a lot of kids there, 18-24 year olds, to whom I'm Eliza's dad! They're also making really perceptive remarks about the music. cople like to be stretched.

The family that plays together stays together is a motto they could well have coined themselves and Common Tongue should set the seal on th Michael Heatle

od Released: March 24



HIT MAKING "I think Wet Wet Wet are one of the most un-credible bands in the world," announces Marti Pellow with a wry

A DECADE OF

But the fact that the Wets aren't hip doesn't really bother them that much When it comes to sales, the Scottish. four-piece are among the UK's elite after selling 15m records in the past decade and notching up the second biggest-selling single of all time with their cover version of Love Is All Around, which topped the charts for 15

Their popularity extends to the live circuit, too: in 1995, they sold more gig tickets in the UK than Oasis, Pink Ployd or Tina Turner.

The band are now posted for another sales triumph with their new album. their 10th, simply titled 10. And on the eve of the release of If I Never See You Again, their first single from the new

album, they have little to worry about If anything their isolation from the ainstream of the industry has made Wet Wet Wet surprisingly independent Long ago, they discovered they were better off producing their own records They work against the normal rules of ording, starting in the studio with little in the way of songs and never demoing anything for fear of "wasting a

special performance "A lot of people think we're mad because we go into the studio with only a couple of chords," says the band's business head and drummer Tommy

Cunningham Pellow adds, "We tried making cheap demos, but there's always something there you want to keep. If you set out just to master a track, it becomes too clinical. We've never been into the

studio and come out without a new The Wets like to isolate themselves in a residential studio, away from the temptations of the city or the routine of Glasgow life. They spend a lot of money on making records but earn enough for the record company to let them.

Act: Wat Wet Wet Label: Mercony Project of ng: Mercury Records Released: April 1

The recording of 10 took place in a ries of six-week stints at Peter Gabriel's Real World complex and Hook End Manor.

Additional mixing was carried out in America by Bob Clearmountain without the band being present. "He considerable difficulty in LA," says bassist Graeme Clark, who co-produ with the band's guitarist Graeme

"He said he hated mixing by phone because he'd never get exactly what we'd want. But Bob's been mixing our tracks for five years now and, to me, point telling him what to do beca

Duffin he's the best in the business. There's no

think the results are fentastic "Clark

10 is clearly a Wets album: Pellow's mooth vocal style is instantly recognisable, but it is also an album with a few surprises. Two tracks are big hand crooning numbers and two others are enhanced by the input of veteran hit-writers Graham Lyle and Terry Britten

When you get co-writers in, it takes the pressure off you a bit," says Duffin. "With If I Never See You Again, we'd had the verse hanging around since the last album and they came in with this big ballad chorus. They were great because it wasn't like they walked all

Other collaborators included Finchra Tench whose silky strings colour mans of the tracks, and Neil Sidwell, the trombonist who introduced the big hand element. Axel Krohl also returned to the fold. He had produced their earliest big hit, Sweet Little Mystery and the band decided to go back to that sound on the song called Strange, "It just wasn't fitting with the other tracks," says Clark, "so we brought Axel back to try to recapture the excitement of that Eighties sound. It was weird handing over the power to him. We're probably a bit precious about our stuff because we've been doing it too long, but I think it worked."

loward Berman, Mercury's managing director, believes 10 could provide a singles bonanza. "If the album proves to be as successful as the last, I would imagine up to five or six singles coming from it. It has great potential. I think the band appeal to such a broad spread of people that different singles serve different parts of the audience," he says.

Mercury is putting substantial marketing effort behind 10, including national newspaper ads and an appearance on National Lottery Live.

Most territories are getting a simultaneous release, but the US is being saved for a later campaig Berman acknowledges the US is a difficult market despite the success of Love Is All Around "America's always been an elusive

market for them and their genre of music," he says, "I'm hoping that the change in American radio will give this album more airplay potential than it has in the past. We need to concentrate on America and a simultaneous release would make that impossible. It would be like trying to fight a battle on too many fronts at one

Despite this continued struggle to crack America, Berman remains

confident. "I don't take anything for granted but if you look back across the charts since Wet Wet Wet started having hits, they've been one of, if not the, most consistent UK acts. I think the first single is one of the very hest they've ever done. Because they've never ridden on the coat tails of any particular trend, it's all been down to the music and the band's sound.

"It sounds terribly trite to say it but it's true - they're very underestimated songwriters and very good producers, he adds. "Basically they're a fairly autonomous unit, but they're certainly one of the harder working acts.

And, with 10, the hard work looks set to pay off once again. Neville Farmer

Just winding up their Placebo tour slot, the Glaswegians' I Messiah Arn Messich Am
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The first single, Greeme Clark says, "Although the verse had been around for a while, the song was completed in a couple of hours when Britten and Lyle became involved." Back On My Feet

A simple singalong track. "This is a hopeful song," says Clark. "It nearly didn't make the album. It was a dark horse that came up later." Fool For Your Love

This took a long time to write," Clark admits. "Halfway through, we wrote this little jazz place for the beginning. It's my kind of thing." The Only Sounds

A great chorus. Little wonder Pollow was so keen to play this in rough form back in June. A

If Only I Could Be With You "A true representation of what the band are about," Clark says. Flachra Tench's strings stand out especially well here and the chorus guarantees success with Wets fans

I Want You "The obligatory song with everything plus the kitchen sink in it." is Clark's description. A lazy, rolling start drifts into one of those classic Wets choruses

Maybe I'm in Love Pellow shows his crooning credentials to good effect with this classic. "I have to give a big pat on the back to Neil Sidwell who cam with the big band arrangement," says Clark.

Beyond The Sea A classic cover. Pellow belts it out in front of an immaculate orchestration. Lonely Girl
"This was the first song we wrote and it took

us nearly a week to get a direction," Clark says. "We see it besidely in the vein of our early work." A very big and bold melody. Strange "Axel Krohl came up with the up-temp

arrangement a bit like Sweet Little Mystery,"



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There will be advertising in the dance and india press including NME,

Melody Maker and Blugs & Soul which will tie in with the current single.

Ads will run in Londed, NME, Melody Maker - including a co-op with Our Price, The Independent with Andys, Observer, Qwith HMV and Select with Virnin. There will be nationwide posters and in-store displays. Twenty classic albums by the likes of Crowded House, Freddy Me Beach Boys and Pink Floyd will be re-released on viryl as part of EMI's

centenary celebration. The collection will be press and poster edvertised. There will be radio ads on Kiss and Choice plus ads in the specialist press Displays will run with selected independent retailers.
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ads in The Guardian with Virgin Ads will run on Classic FM and Melody FM backed by oress ads in The Guardian, Independent, Sunday Times and Empire. This album will be re-released next Monday and promoted with ads in NME. Melady Maker and the specialist dance: Ads in the music and style press will be backed by extensive retail

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112 - POP Record label: Island Media agency/executive: Target Media/Steve Gill, Ceri Ward Senior product manager: Andy Tribe Creative concept: Steve Averill at ABA The long-awaited new U2 album will be backed by an extensive press and retail campaign when it is released by Island next Monday. The album will be

press advertised in NME, Melody Maker, Time Out, The Face, Q, Mojo, Loaded, Vox, Dazed & Confused, FHM and i-D and there will be a nationwide poster campaign including a 96-sheet site on London's Cromwell Road. All of the big multiples and independents will be running in-store and window displays and there will be midnight store openings across the UK on the night before release plus album playbacks in selected club venues around the country during the first week of release. MUSIC WEEK 1 MARCH 1997

TRIP TO THE ANDES Record label: Tumi Dance Media agency/executive: Single Minded Promotions/Tony Byrne Product manager: Adrian Saiers Creative concept: Tony Byrne

Trin To The Andes - the follow-up to Tumi Dance's Ambient Amazon - will be released on Monday and backed by extensive press and radio advertising.

The album features drum & bass, trip hop and dub sounds inspired by Inca music. It will be radio advertised on Kiss 100, 102 and 105, Galaxy, Frequency and Choice. Ads will run in Wax, Muzik, MixMag,

The Guardian, Times, Observer, Time Out, Loaded, NME, Melody Maker, Herb Garden, The Vibe, On, Dream Creation, Wire, Eternity and Chill Out. In-store displays will run with selected independents and there will be support from multiples. The second phase of the campaign will include club nights, posters and, possibly, TV ads.

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Remember where you heard it: Retailers got a bit of a fright at the RMG conference in Brighton when Darth Vader turned up to plug the company's Star Wars trilogy of CDs "The only way to save your planet is to stock these albums," he said menacingly, before signing off with the line, "May the sales force be with you"...Excellent speech from John Preston, but one couldn't help recalling one stinging line - "Our artists don't need Osmonds covers to get in the charts" - when the Carter Twins turned up to promote their single The Twelfth Of Never, a Donny Osmond cover ... Storming was certainly the best way to describe Parlophone's Mansun album launch in the Isle Of Man on Monday night. The media throng and EMI bigwigs nearly missed the entire set when the small craft in which they'd flown to the island had to touch down - and nearly didn't - in gale force winds ... The Gavin convention was just as miserable weather-wise, Chris Blackwell shed a little sunlight on the proceedings, recalling his spell in the Sixties as a location scout in Jamaica for the Bond film Dr No. Not that everything went smoothly back then. "Things were going very well with Ursula Andress - until Sean Connery arrived," he recalled ruefully ... Has this radio plugging lark gone





Def Jam flew two of its meanest, deffest, mutha-est stars into London to thrill a packed Hanover Grand with their illest, badassest, bitch'nest toons. Foxy Brown hit the stage first to blast out two tracks, including new single Get Me Home released today (24) through Mercury in the UK. Warren G took no prisoners when he followed his foxy stablemate, racking up five tracks before nipping backstage for one of the impromptu-est of impromptu photo opportunities. Left to right Mercury director of marketing Jonathan Green, Warren G's manager Wron G, Mr G, Foxy, Def Jam head man Lyor Cohen and Roger Ames, PolyGram presidente.

too far? Arista's head of radio promotions Michelle Campbell appeared in the office last week with a head of bright ginger hair. But was it a change of image, or just a tribute to the new David Devant & His Spirit Wife single, Ginger?... The Labour Party press office was obviously working overtime last Thursday, sending out a statement from "multi-millionaire boss of Creation Records Alan McGee" responding to Andrew Lloyd Webber's threat to quit the UK if Labour get in. McGee is obviously delighted. "No more will we have to suffer his pompous crimes against music," he says. "His departure is an appealing prospect. It has managed to unite everyone under 50 in one fell swoop." Now Alan, don't mince your words...The industry was out in force as Chelsea Football Club unveiled plans for its new radio station on Thursday. Not surprising really given the number of execs stepping in as presenters on match days. Not only is Creation pressmeister Andy Saunders doing the match commentary - an interesting thought for anyone at last year's MW Awards - but WEA's Barbara Charone guested on the post-match

inquest show hosted by Suggs...Kentbased pressers and duplicators Cops wondered what had hit them the other week when four Japanese teenagers in dayglo coats who spoke no English appeared out of the blue and ordered a thousand copies each of three seven-inch dance singles. The teenagers, who had apparently come to the UK on holiday, went off happy with their 3.000 seven inches but without. leaving any forwarding address... Justin Hayward got an unexpected surprise when he turned up to perform at a showcase in Richmond last Wednesday: who should turn up but Michael Aspel, complete with red book to do a This Is Your Life on the chap...The tribute gig for former MW staffer Leo Finlay this Wednesday is shaping up to be quite an event, with armfuls of bands as well as industry execs requesting tickets. And this must be the first gig where the bands playing - Ash, The Fall, Travis and Formula One - are actually paying to get in. Thanks to everybody involved for your support so far...And finally, good luck and best wishes to MW's departing mother-tohe Catherine Eade



When student radio station Oxygen 107.9 FM in Oxford launched on February 14, it caused particular pleasure for that bunch in Great Marlborough Street. The alternative outfit with an Xfm-inspired playlist is the first student station to win a full licence from the Radio Authority after numerous restricted service licences. And it has been supported by Sony Music Entertainment UK, which will use its alternative strike force to introduce more Sony acts to the station. Pictured at the launch are Reef with (I to r) Sony vp of commications Gary Farrow, Sony director of promotions Robbie McIntosh, Oxygen's head of music Dave Laub and Sony Music alternative rep Dave Reid.

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