

McGee and Branson: 'We'll fight for music'

by Martin Talbot

Creation president Alan McGee and Virgin founder Richard Branson are vowing to fly the flag for the music industry as members of the government's new "creative taskforce".

McGee and Branson have been appointed to the panel as well as film producer David Puttnam and fashion designer Paul Smith to help develop the UK's creative industries.

The decision to appoint two music industry representatives to the committee – the most from any individual sector – came as the industry was recognised at the centre of the newlyrenamed government Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

McGee declared himself delighted with his new role, vowing to: see a up for small labels and bud-

ding musicians;

 offer a voice of renson on drugs issues; and
 fight the corner against censorship.

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EMI Music Publishing scooped its second significant deal in puick succession last week winning the worldwide publishing rights to Sting's entire catalogue. The deal, which follows its acquisition of a half share in the Jobste Music catalogue a fortnight ago, is understood to be worth £20m and brings Sting's publishing under one worldwide deal for the first time. The deal, finalised last Wednesday, covers all Sting and Police works past, present and future, says EMI Music Publishing worldwide chairman/ceo Martin Bandier. Sting is pictured with (left to right) EMI Music Publishing UK senior business affairs manaper Chris Mileson, director of finance and administration Tom Bradley, managing director Peter Reichardt, manager Miles Copeland, publishing consultant Jim Dovle and (front) Bandier.

He says the creation of the committee underlines the government's commitment to the music industry and grass roots issues. "This shows that Tony Blair and the government, for the first time in 18 years, are in touch with real people," he says. "The SG, and I have a role advising the government. I think that says it all.

"Richard Branson and I know how to build a business, how to turn a small company into a £40m turnover enterprise," he says.

"I want to help people who want to start record labels and I want to help people who want to be musicians," he adda. "But in general I want to be a voice of reason, when people are going on about drugs and when they look to censorship of music. Because I've had drug problems and I've been through the rehabilitation and recovery process. I can be that veloce of reason.

"I'm sure the whole censorship thing could come up again, and I'm in a position to knock it back." A spokesman for Branson says he will fight for the film industry and education and training in creative skills, but adds, "Richard will want to fly the flag for the most successful music industry in the world and obviously play his part in keeping it that way."

industry in the worid and coroossy play his part in keeping it that way." Secretary of State for the DCMS Chris Smith says, "These are the people who understand how to build and develop creative businesses. They will be port and encouragement needed to help them continue to thrive. They will be a powerhouse of ideas."

BPI director general John Deacon was invited to Smith's House of Commons offices on Monday morning last week to be informed of the changes. And Music Publisher's Association general secretary Sarah Faulder says the move shows that the industry will be taken even more seriously than in the rest.

It is understood that Mark Fisher will remain as minister for arts.



name. It is understood that a change may be prompted as a result of Cable & Wireless Communications's decision to phase out the

Mercury brand by September. Mercury Music Prize director David Wilkinson, who unveiled the new 1997 shortlist last week, says no decision has been taken on whether to charge the parme

"We won't be launching the 1998 Prize until next April and at the moment we don't know if it will have a different name," he says.

Prodigy's The Fat Of The Land and Spice Girls' Spice were installed as favourites after the sixth Mercury Music Prize shortlist was unveiled on Tuosday. The winner of the award will be announced on August 25 in a ceremony which will be broadcast by BBC2 and Radio One.

A CD sampler is now being put together for release on August 11. The cover design for the album will be decided through the Art & Music competition for art students across the country. See story, p5 THIS WEEK 4 Strong pound sees imports rise

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imesDMX goes off air and into liquidation

Direct-to-home digital music company DMX Europe went into liquidation on Friday (18) after shutting down its signal to subscribers earlier this month.

It is understood that DMX Europe, offectively a licensing and distribution service for US parent DMX Inc, ceased trading at the beginning of the month operating with a skeleton staff until the signal was shut down at midnight on July 10.

Although the liquidation means the end of the current structure of the MARSH B European operation, Jerry Rubinstein, who runs DMX Inc in the US, is attempting to continue a European service by using the other company he controls = <u>XTRA Music</u> - to acquire the rights to programming across Europe.

Rubinstein says he hopes the new service will be available within the next six weeks and subscribers to DMX will receive bonuses from XTRA to compensate for interruption.

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ing and expanding the best and the largest programmed digital service in the world," he says.

Coopers & Lybrand insolvency manager Mike Smith, who would not reveal the size of the company's debt, estimates there could be up to 173,000 potential creditors because there are 3,000 subscribers in the UK and around 170,000 across Europe. "That is one of the reasons why the

service has gone down - because of the low take up in the UK," he says.



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RIVERDANCE EVOKES THE CELTIC PASSION AND RICH EMOTION THAT HAS CAPTIVATED AUDIENCES OF ALL AGES

THE SENSATIONAL ALBUM IS OUT ON CD AND CASSETTE IN STORES FROM 28TH JULY



CD - UND 53076 - £8.49 MC - UNC 53076 - £5.85 The The new Music Publishers' Association chairman Stephen James is vowing to raise the organ-Publishers' isation's profile and canvas grassroots opinion to make it a more responsive body.

James, the chairman of Dejamus Music, was elected as MPA president at the association's agm a fortnight ago, replacing Momentum Music's Andy Heath.

James says he aims to build on Heath's success in increasing the wider understanding of the role of music publishers, "Andy did a great

job in raising the profile, but I still think a lot of people think record companies do all the creative work when, in fact, we have a lot of impact." he says.

James also wants to survey the MPA's membership. "The past secre-tariat did extremely well, but they didn't have the time or the resources to get to the grassroots resources to get to the grassroots level and find out what issues they really want addressed," he says.

James hopes for a closer working relationship with the BPL "With the onset of electronic delivery. ers in terms of licensing rights," he says. "I want to work on a way of creating a central point for licensing of rights, a sort of one-ston licensing

James is standing down as chairman of the pop publishers' commit-tee; his place is being taken by MPA council member and Peermusic managing director Nigel Elderton.

The agm also saw the election of The agm also saw the election of International Music Network's managing director Ellis Rich as a new council member.

Marsh builds RCA team ready for autumn attack

by Martin Talbot

BMG music division president Jeremy Marsh has announced a series of senior changes at RCA, which will follow the departure of managing director Hugh Goldsmith and marketing dire Kristina Kyriacou

Marsh, who is temporarily returning to RCA as acting managing director, says he does not expect to appoint a new managing director until the new year. But he says he was keen to get a new senior management structure in place before leaving for a three-month advanced management course at Harvard Business School in the US on

He has appointed Simon Robinson to the new position of commercial director and David Joseph has been promoted to head of marketing.

Robinson will have day-to-day financial responsibility at the label. He was financial controller for BMG UK until 1995 and has spent the past two years

working for the company in New York, most recently as worldwide head of finance for BMG Classics.

"He is a very senior player with a real commercial background," says Marsh. Simon will be the administrative in face between marketing and A&R. His job is to balance the books and give the creative boys a real commercial aware. ness'

Joseph joined the label as head of press from Sega UK two years ago. He Mark Owen and North & South since moving to marketing two years ago, becoming senior product manager. In parallel moves, head of promotions

Dave Shack becomes director of prop tions, also taking a place on RCA's senior management board, while artist relations manager Suzanne Old has been promoted to head of artist relations.

Robinson, Joseph and Shack will report to Marsh along with head of international Anna Broughton and director of A&R Mike McCormack. In

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Marsh's absence, they will report to BMG chairman John Preston

Marsh says it was important to put in place a strong management team for the company, which has a busy autumn schedule ahead.

Besides continuing work with Gary Barlow, Mark Owen, Olive, Robyn and Wu-Tang Clan, RCA is planning the first releases by former Take That star Howard Donald, former Neighbours soap star Natalie Imbruglia, London's Burning's Steven Houghton and hotlytipped pop quintet Five. The company has also scheduled a new Heartbeat LP, plus albums by Robson & Jerome, Sleeper and Clannad.

Marsh will return from Harvard towards the end of November

He is only the second BMG executive to go on the business course - worldwide president Rudi Gassner was the first - which is designed to train senior executives from all industries advanced strategy and new practices in business and management

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EMI enjoys market share rise

EMI Group increased its global market share by 1% last year to a total of 15%, group chairman Sir Colin Southgate told the company's agm on Friday. Southgate said it had been a difficult year, but EMI Music had delivered satisfactory results while HMV outperformed the market. Southgate also suggested the \$35m savings expected to result from its US restructuring should arise quicker than originally planned, as it had closed the EMI US label earlier than envisaged.

Creation imposes strict embargo

Creation has reached an apreement with PPL in its hid to stop early radio broadcasts of Oasis tracks. PPL has circulated a letter to every radio and TV station restricting them from broadcasting anything from the Dasis album before 6.30nm on August 11. Any early broadcast will be deemed to be a breach of the broadcaster's PPL licence. The move follows the breaking of an embargo on the band's new single by three stations last month.

Reid takes new role in Canada

John Reid, the ex-marketing director of London Record has been named chairman of PolyGram Group Canada. He will assume the role in October when current chairman Joe Summers retires, Reid has been preside of A&M/Island/Motown Records of Canada since 1995.

KLF's Cauty returns to recording

Jimmy Cauty, one half of the KLF, has made his first foray into a recording studio since he split with partner Bill Drummond, Cauty, a former member of Brilliant before linking with Zoo Records founder and Echo & The Bunnymen manager Drummond, has been working on tracks at north London's Konk Studios. It is believed the solo project - titled Triple A - will coincide with a special event in October.

Evangeli switches to Logic

Former Proto founder and label boss Barry Evangeli has been appointed general manager of Logic Records. He has hired Lee Follos from BMG as product manager and Jan Melhose from Sony as A&R co-ordinator, and also expects to appoint a new sales team.

Tower pulls out of Kingston

Tower Records has reduced its UK operation from six to five stores with the closure of its Kingston, Surrey store. but the retailer is set to open a new store in Camden, north London this September.

HMV Classics is relaunched

MV has teamed up with EMI Classics to relaunch the budget price HMV Classics label today (Monday) with an initial batch of 50 popular titles. A sampler album containing selections from these and future releases is being issued at the same time.

Silva Screen and Mayerick

Silva Screen Records' recently-acquired German label is CMP Records, not CP as stated in last week's MW. And the partner and head of A&R at Maverick in the US is Guy Oseary, and not as published.

Cardigans collect BPI double

BPI Swedish band The Cardigans scooped two BPI sales awards last week, with their single Lovefool going gold and their album First Band On The Moon being certified silver. The Rembrandts' I'll Be There For You went platinum and the compilation Big Mix '97 went gold, while silver awards were earned by Mr President's Coco Jamboo and The Best Album In The World...Ever 6.

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Poole and Edwards end PR partnership

dent PR partnership Poole Edwards is being disbanded following the decision by founders Chris Poole and Alan Edwards to go their separate wave.

Edwards, who is launching his new company Outside on August 1, says it is an entirely amicable sep-Outside on August 1, says it is an entirely amicance sep-aration. "There was no dramatic bust-up over the cof-fee machine," he says. "Chris and I have felt over the past couple of years that we have been increasingly pursuing individual directions." Poole, who is launching his new operation later this

summer, is retaining a number of accounts, including Peter Andre, Mica Paris and George Michael's label Acgean. He will be joined in the new venture by som Poole Edwards staff including Peter Mountsteven and Liam McCoy. Further details are expected soon.

Edwards has launched Outside with former Poole Edwards employees including director Judy Lipsey, associate director Gerard Franklin and senior pre-officer Joolz Bosson. Outside's client roster includes UB40, INXS, Des'ree, David Bowie, the V97 festival, The Cure and Mulu.

Edwards is also maintaining his association with independent PR man Dave Woolf, who will continue to resent his own clients, including Jamiroqual, Kwesi and Beverly Knight. Woolf will also concentrate on developing Three 4 Music, the publishing company launched by Edwards in conjunction with Bucks Music earlier this year, and he is involved in Edwards' management company Famechart as co-manager of Knight.



One Little Indian artist Björk played a select 40-mi ring an international press conference at London's Trumar Brewery last Monday (14). The Icelandic singer performed a sele of old and new material, previewing several tracks from her forthcoming LP. Homogenic, with an eight-piece string quartet and LFO programmer Mark Bell. She describes the album, which is due in September, as "braver, darker and simpler".

COMMENT

McGee: a welcome friend in high places There will be few who will begrudge Alan McGee his personal triumph in achieving political recognition as one of the chosen few on the government's new creative taskforce.

The past five years have provided quite a rollercoaster ride for the one-time British Bail worker, from the personal hell of drug problems and rehabilitation, to the olory of Oasis's - and thus Creation's - relentless rise into global record industry legend.

Talking to McGee, it's impossible to miss his huge enthusiasm for the task. There remains one nagging doubt however - that this whole taskforce idea could turn out to be little more than a government PR stunt. Luckily, if there's one person who will be determined to prevent that it is McGee

Virgin: and there's more

There will be plenty of record companies hoping Virgin will ease up the pressure after two years in which they have swept all before them. But, after a sneak view last week of Virgin product for 1997 and 1998 I have to say those rivals will be bitterly disappointed.

Messrs Conroy, Cooper and Newton have lined up a frankly breathtaking line-up of releases, impressive for the range of strong new acts lined up and the broad spread of musical genres in which they excel. Carleen Anderson sounds cooler and funkier than ever

after working with Paul Weiler, McAlmont, The Verve and Catch sound ready to break through, and that's before both The Rolling Stones and Janet Jackson deliver albums for the autumn.

The scariest thing of all is the continuing form of the Spice Girls. Their next single set for October sounds to me like it could easily emulate the success of Wannabe, wrapping their ever-infectious pop sound in a seductive samba. Listen and weep. Martin Talbo Martin Talbot

PAUL'S QUIRKS

Encouraging signs for indie stores After a quiet start to the year, music retail has at last moved up a gear on the back of some excellent new albums and singles. The upturn, however, appears to be too late for some independents who for various reas have been forced to shut up shop through no fault of their own

The opening of a rival HMV or Virgin store plus the advent of a new supermarket in town is often the straw that breaks the camel's back and despite, in some cases, 25 years of success, the lone independent is nearly always the first one to suffer

Many major distributors now recognise the importance of the independent and are making an effort to understand the problems facing this sector of the retail isiness. Propress is being made, but there is still a long way to go to ensure that all music retailers have the same chance to prosper on the High Street. One welcome improvement has been the willingness of me companies to allow a re-order facility, with a deal, on new release albums. This not only eases the cash-flow situation, but often allows retailers to hear an album and gauge its sales potential before making a final stock commitment.

Time to slam the embargo cheats

Stories about early sales of new releases are again circulating within the industry and, unless positive action is taken and an example made of proven fenders, the problem will increase. As it stands, rival dealers are often the only way of policing the situation but it may be time for the labels and distributors to do more investigations on a Saturday and Sunday, possibly setting up a legitimate buying team to uncover the offenders. This may even provide an opportunity for former poachers to turn game-keepers

Paul Quirk's column is a personal view

NEWS Strong pound prompts record imports growth

hy Paul Williams

The strength of the pound sent imports rocketing to record levels last year with the growth in exports slowing sharply. according to new BPI data.

Around 133m CDs entered the UK market from overseas in 1996, compared with 140.1m units going out, as the gap between imports and exports narround significantly

The new figures, outlined in the BPI's 997 Statistical Handbook, show that CD exports rose by just 5.8m units over the year, while imports shot up by 19.3m units, representing the highest increase since the BPI started recording import/export figures for CDs in 1988 In all, CDs, cassettes and vinyl acc ed for 152m imports (worth £278.1m) and 173.9m exports (£359.2m). BPI research director Peter Scaning says that if the trend continues, imports will ertake exports by the end of the year.

He says the BPI is attempting to set up meetings with the DTI to make the government aware of the potential problems, he adds. One record company executive says the imports are focused increasingly on catalogue titles and are

BPI begins legal action over CD piracy offence

The BPI has begun court proceedings against three companies in Wales over alleged copyright infringement on more than 300 titles

The case against manufacturer PC Wise, handling house Lynic Technology and alleged bootlegger John Bradley - who trades as Sonico - was adjourned by Merthyr Tydfil magistrates at a preliminary hearing last Tuesday (July 15) and will now be heard on September 5.

The BPI's technical adviser Derek Varnals says legal proceedings followed the seizure of masters and stampers from PC Wise's plant in Merthyr Tydfil on March 29, 1996 and a raid on John Bradley's home in Sheffield on Scptember 17, 1996 when a quantity of CDs were confiscated. It is understood that Lynic asked PC Wise to supply the CDs on behalf of its client Sonico, but that the manufacturer failed to check if the audio content

PC Wise's managing director Alun Watkins, launched the company in 1990 as a duplication business. In 1995, he announced a £1m invest-ment to increase the production of CDs for the games industry and several music clients.



undermining the UK market

The BPI statistical handbook also highlights the continuing decline in the independent retail sector, with numbers of india stores down by a further 53 last year to 1.207. This compares with 1,792 indie stores operating in 1989.

At the same time, the power of the supermarkets has been growing with their market share doubling to 6% in the next year.

The BPI figures show that indies accounted for 14.2% of album sales in 1996 (16.9% in 1995), specialist multi-

49.3% (46.2%) and general multiples 36.5% (36.9%).

But it is the singles market in which the indics have lost most of their strength, declining from a 51.0% share of the market in 1992 to 26,0% last year (see table)

At the same time the specialist multiples' share has risen from 28.1% to 45.7%, further emphasising the effects of the wider availability of free product offers on singles, which were once only prevalent in the indie stores. General multiples - ranging from Woolies and WH Smith to Asda and Tesco - claimed 28.3% of the market.

The supermarkets' greatest success has been in attracting women shoppers, according to the Music Buyers Survey conducted for the BPI by BMRB in February; 8% bought their last album in a supermarket, compared with just 5% of

And age is highlighted as a factor in consumers' choice of store. HMV cap tured 22% of the album market for 15 24-year-olds but only 6% for the 55plus market, while WH Smith's share was 6% for the younger group but rose to 23% among the over-55s



Island releases its first Soul II Soul album Time For Change on September The album, the sixth by the band but the first since their split from Virgin. will be prefaced by the single Represent on August 18. The company is planning a campaign for the two releases which is designed to challenge perceptions of bigotry and racism. The single sleave will feature a picture of a closely-cropped white man. "One of the key areas of the campaign is to make it thought provoking; is the man a friend of Jazzie's, an ordinary man off the street or part of Combat 18?" says senior product manager Simon Quance. A second single, Pleasure Dome, is scheduled for October 6.

THE sets out its manifesto

THE has underlined its commitment to forging closer relationships with its suppliers and customers in a promise of performance unveiled last week

The distributor set out its aims in a 28-page manifesto which was unveiled to the music industry in central London last Wednesday (16).

The policy document follows structuring of THE's business, which has split into four groups covering entertainment, books, games and international operations. THE has also brought in a new management team and moved its buying team from Newcastle-under-Lyme to London.

Managing director Dick Francis says, "During the past few months, the busi

ness has changed substantially and we're building a strong platform for THE."

THE plans to build closer relationships with its suppliers through joint business plans and sharing information.

It is also looking to create unique promotions, a move that begins with a two CDs for £15" offer starting today (Monday) on titles by artists including Fugees, Genesis, Lightning Seeds and Take That. THE also nims to offer free posters or money-off schemes m

And on singles, it is hoping to boost its market share by extending the peri-od it re-orders releases after they drop out of the top end of the chart

Radio Authority gives Capital the go-ahead

The Radio Authority has given a clean bill of health to Capital Radio Group's proposed acquisition of Virgin Radio.

The association has ruled that the merger of the two companies is r against the public interest. However, it must wait until after a detailed study by the Office of Fair Trading into the implications of the purchase before it can make a final announcement.

The Authority proposes to amend Virgin FM's promise of performance, and limit its alternative rock output to 20%. It has also received assurances from Capital that any relaunch of Virgin FM would not be promoted before Christmas 1997 at the earliest

Nude signings Suede were among four acts to receive their second nomination when this year's Mercury Music Prize shortlist was announced last Tuesday at London's Queen's Gate Terrace. Besides Suede - who won with their self-titled debut in 1953 - previous nominees Primal Scream - who won in 1992 - The Prodigy and John Tavener appeared on the final rundown. Nude managing director Saul Galpern says, "To win twice would be fantastic, but even if we don't win it's great that Suede's Coming Up has been shortlisted." Galpern is pictured (right) with Dylan White of Anglo Plugging, responsible for promoting the release.



Spice Girls v Prodigy as Mercury goes pop

by Sue Sillitoe

Virgin Records and the independent sector emerged as the biggest winners in the Mercury Prize Albums Of The Year list, which was unveiled last Tuesday to a mixed response from the music busi-

Three independent labels picked up nominations - Creation through Primal Scream, XL with The Prodigy and Nude

Virgin scored nominations for Spice Girls and The Chemical Brothers, while PolyGram UK also achieve two nomina tions with Talkin' Loud's Roni Size and Decca/Argo's Mark-Anthony Turnage.

David Wilkinson, director of the Mercury Music Prize, says the 1997 shortlist is a testament to the creativity of British artists. "It provides a snapshot of a year in British music and highlights the quality of British artists," he says,

However, industry executives voiced disappointment that the list included too many established albums: six of the albums had peaked at one or two in the UK album chart, with four still featuring in the top five last week.

Jonathan Green, Mercury's general manager and marketing director, says, "I thought the aim of the prize was to highlight innovative albums and bring them to the attention of a wider public.

And Pinnacle managing director Tony Powell adds, "The Mercury Music Prize was always seen as an opportunity to

Cellist

John Tavener and is widely consid-ered the ideal foil for the compos-

from Tavener and the piece was

working with a choir in London and, as Isserlis is signed to BMG

from our A&R department made an

immediate decision to record it,"

says BMG Classics marketing dire-

tor Richard Dinnadge. "The minute

we heard the masters we knew it

was something very special."

Tayener and Isserlis had been

ics - Tavener has no record deal - the label got first option on the new work. "Dolly Williamson

first performed in London in 1996.

Isserlis commissioned Svyati

er's dark, atmospheric style.

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| Act/title | label | released | chart ceak | sales to date | odds | |
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| THE PRODICY: The Fat Of The Land | XL Recordings | June 97 | 008 | 600,000 | 2/1 | |
| SPICE GIRLS: Spice | Virgin | Nov 96 | one | 3m | 3/1 | |
| RADIOHEAD: OK Computer | Partophone | June 97 | one | 400,000 | 3/1 | |
| SUEDE: Coming Up | Nude | Sept 98 | one | 425,000 | 6/1 | |
| CHEMICAL BROTHERS: Dig Your Own Hole | Virgin | Mar 97 | one | 250,000 | 7/1 | |
| RIMAL SCREAM: Vanishing Point | Creation | July 97 | two | *90,000 | 2/1 | |
| RONI SIZE: New Forms | Talkin' Loud | June 97 | 34 | 30,000 | 16/1 | |
| BETH ORTON: Trailer Park | Heavenly | Oct 95 | 68 | 50,000 | 20/1 | |
| IOHN TAVENER & STEVEN ISSERLIS: Svyati | BMG Classics | May 97 | +four | 12,000 | 20/1 | |
| MARK-ANTHONY TURNAGE: Your Rockaby | Decca/Argo | Aug 95 | n/a | n/a | 20/1 | |
| Shipout *classical chart position. Chart and sa | les data refer to l | UK market | | | | |

ognise great acts that were not neces sarily mainstream. With this shortlist, it is in danger of looking like an alternative to the Brits."

Of the albums not included, Mansun's Attack Of The Grey Lantern and Jamiroquai's Travelling Without Moving were considered to be the most surprise ing omissions

But Parlophone managing director Tony Wadsworth believes the Mercury prize will always be controversial cause it is based on subjective deci sions by the judging panel. "But I'm thrilled that Radiohead has been recognised, particularly as The Bends was left off the list two years ago," he says.

Although sales success is not one of the judging criteria, many executives voiced disappoi tment at the inclusion of Spice, which is already nine-times platinum

director Jeff Barrett

first met Beth Orion

six years ago, after she had just com-pleted her first

musical project - a

But Ray Cooper, managing director of Virgin, disagrees. "It's the icing on the cake for Spice Girls," he says. "Not with-standing the fact that we have two albums on this year's shortlist. I think it's a good list and very representative of

dustry today." Heavenly managing director Jeff Barrett is delighted by the inclusion of Spice Girls. "I'm glad they are in, because they will guarantee plenty of dia coverage," he says

For the first time, the list includes two classical albums, by John Tavener & Steven Isserlis and Mark-Anthony Turnage, Richard Dinnadge, marketing director of BMG Classics, says, "I'm delighted the judges have lent their support to this genre and to Syvati, which is a great album

the excitement and dynamism in the

double nlatinum. **BA issues Fast Sussex licences**

The Radio Authority has issued FM radio licences in East Sussex to Arrow FM (Conqueror Radio Broadcasting) in Hastings, Easy 107 (East Sussey Radio) in Eastbourne and Surf 107 (Brighton & Hove Local Radio) in Brighton. At the same time, the Radio Authority has received 10 applications for two new small-scale Independent Local Radio licences in Cheshire. The applicants include Chester FM. Chester Radio, Diamond FM and Fun Radio

NEWSFILE

(APRS) has appointed Mark Broad as its new chief

executive. He replaces Philip Vaughan who is retiring

after 10 years in the position. Broad, a Basca member and co-founder of production and music publishing

company Barnes Music, says he aims to help upgrade

Sales certificates were awarded to 20 singles in the three months April to June, with a further 113 albums awarded in the second quarter. Two singles - I Believe I Can Fly by R Kelly and MMMBop by Hanson achieved platinum status, compared with five for the

same period last year, Among the albums honoured were Crowded House's quadruple platinum Recurring Dream - The Very Best Of and Woodface, which went

the services offered by the APBS and broaden its

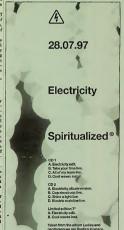
Hanson lead sales awards list

APRS appoints new chief The Association of Professional Recording Services

membership.

New offices for Universal Music

Universal Music is moving offices at the end of this week. The company will close its Piccadilly, London, premises on Thursday July 24 at 6pm and re-open on July 28 at 5-7 Mandeville Place, London, W1M 5LB. The new telephone number is 0171-535 3500.



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Steven Isserlis, who was recently named instrumentalist of the year by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, is a long-standing collaborator with

over version of John Martyn's Don't Wanna Know About Evil recorded with William Orbit

She was looking for a deal and, two cars later, she signed to Barrett's

Trailer Park was given its live, acoustic feel by Australian producer Victor Van Vught, who has worked with Tindersticks and Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds Three of the album's tracks were

mixed by The Chemical Brothers Andrew Weatherall, who had previous ly used Orton's vocals on Alive:Alone, the final track on Exit Planet Dust Orton's second album is almost com-

pleted and will be ready for release later this year, says Barrett



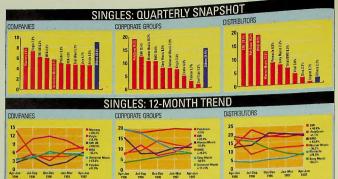
Turnage is con poser in associawith tion the English National Opera and artistic consultant to the ENO's Contemporary Opera Studio.

His distinctively lyrical works have earned him critical acclaim and he is widely regarded as one of the UK's most significant contemporary composers. Your Rockaby, a saxophone con

certo featuring soloist Martin Robertson and the BBC Symphony Orchestra, was released in August last year by Decca/Argo, which signed Turnage in 1993.

Dickon Stainer, head of Decca/Argo, says, "It's a very celec-tic fusion of jazz and orchestral music and as such I'm not surprised it made the shortlist because the Mercury prize is all about redefining boundaries."





TOP SINGLES

Jan-Ma 1997

- MMMDOD H-I BELIEVE I CAN FLY R Kelly (Jive)
- 3 I WANNA BE THE ONLY ONE
- Eternal featuring BeBe Winans (1st Avenue/EMI)
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- THE DUST BROTHERS/LIBONI
- RKELLY
- LOWISAVINANS
- 4 PETERSON DE DONATIS/TERZI 5
- JOHA
- D'INFLUENCI
- . TAYLOR-FIRTH/KELLETT
- COOMBS/STEVIE J 9 TORALES/MENDOZA/GAINES

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Pop continues to boom and Mercury seized its chance to go top thanks In

SINGLES 1

Virgin and Spice Girls' fates were inextricably linked in the second quarter as a new name emerged at the top of the company rankings for singles for the first time in a year.

It had been the quintet's unprecedented run of four opening number ones that had helped power Virgin to the top in convincing style in the previous three quarters. But, with no new Spice Girls singles coming out in the second quarter, the opportunity was there for another company to grab the glory.

That company was Mercury which built on the strong singles progress it made in quarter one by grabbing an unbeatable 8.0% market share, largely on the back of the quarter's biggest selling single, MMMBop by Hanson. It helped give Mercury a 135.3% year-on year rise rise, although the company's two other biggest singles, by Jon Bon Jovi and Texas, were only the 43rd and 44th biggest sellers of the quarter. Virgin's share declined from 10.4%

to 7.3% over the quarter, but that still accounted for a 15.9% year-on-year increase. Without its biggest-selling act releasing anything new in the period. Virgin demonstrated it was far more than a one-artist operation with 911 George Michael and The Verve all registering high. And Spice Girls' Mama/Who Do You Think You Are hung around long enough to give the company four singles in the quarter's Top 30.

Among those with the biggest smiles on their faces during the second arter was Neil Ferris who arrived to take the beim at EMI UK as it enjoyed its strongest singles showing in more than a year - albeit with two singles from Clive Black's reign. Its market share jumped 229.6% over the last quarter and by 138.5% year-on-year to take it to 6.2% overall. Leading the way re Eternal who pulled off their first



HANSON

chart topper, their biggest hit to date and the third biggest single of the quarter with the BcBe Winans llaboration I Wanna Be The Only One. It was one of two singles the company managed in the period's top five with its dance label Positiva represented at number four with DJ Quicksilver's Bellissima. The release spent 10 straight weeks in the Top 10 despite getting no higher than number fom

A similar situation befell Shola Ama's You Might Need Somebody WEA's biggest single of the period which enjoyed a seven-week run in the Top 10, peaking at number four. It helped lift WEA to fourth biggest singles company with a 6.0% share although year-on-year it registered a 56.2% drop, a decline which is attributable to an exceptionally strong showing during 1996's second quarter when the likes of Mark Morris Return Of The Mack and Gina G's Ooh...Aah Just A Little Bit wer reaching their peaks.

East West could not match its 5.9% first quarter showing, although hits from the likes of a reissued

Rembrandts helped give it a respectable 4.7% share, a 161.1% increase over last year. Flying just as high was Jive which experienced a 370.0% year-on-year rise after landing the second biggest single of the quarter with R Kelly's I Believe I Can Fly.

Universal Music is currently proto be the most consistent of the big companies. It registered a 5.7% share, down just 0.1% on both the previous two quarters, with its success spread more evenly over several titles. PolyGram comfortably held on at

ie in the corporate group listings, although with a reduced margin, as EMI leapt over BMG, Warner Music, Virgin and Sony Music to take second place with a 12.4% market share. Its 63.2% year-on-year rise was impressive, but could not match Zomba which registered a 380.0% increase on the back of a R Kelly-aided performance, while Telstar - with two big Sash! hits to its credit - and Universal Music produced 12 month increases of 200.0% and 113.5% respectively. There was not such good news for Sony, whose share fell by 58.8%, and Warner Music, down 31.0% over the year, but Coalition powered its way from nowhere to 10 on the back of the quarter's fourth biggest single, Time To Say Goodbye by Sarah Brightman & Andrea Bocelli

Just as it moved up the corporate table, EMI was doing the same on the distribution listings where it overtook BMG and PolyGram to become the quarter's biggest distributor. Its 19.4% share gave it a narrow 0.2% lead over second placed PolyGram with last quarter's champion BMG moving down to third on 18.5% in what is becoming a consistently close-fought battle

Much like the first quarter, the April to June period was dominated by high entries and short-stay numbers. But, as Shola Ama and DJ Quicksilver demonstrated, if a single captures the public's imagination, it can have real staying power. Paul Williams



ower pips girl power

to Hanson, But in albums, Harrow Road still remains the dominant force

ALBUMS

Just one week on sale at the end of June was enough to catapult Radiohead's OK Computer into the bestsellers list for the second quarter

It sold more than 135,000 units in a week to defy the timing of its release and finish runner-up to Spice Girls for

the entire three-month period. Great news for Radiobead, and their record company Parlophone, but hardly indicative of a vintage quarter for album sales.

Unease about the market aside, Parlophone could celebrate moving up Pariophone could celebrate moving u the companies' league from sixth to second place with a 5.9% share representing a 40% year-on-year improvement. As well as Radiohead, labelmates Supergrass played a significant part in Parlophone's access. Their second album, In It For The Money, also finished among the quarter's Top 10 sellers, albeit with nore of a run-up, as it was released at the end of April

The top slot in the company rankings is still occupied by Virgin, although by a reduced margin. The company's would-be successors should paus before assuming any vulnerability over at Harrow Road, however. The 14% reduction in share since the last quarter, and an apparent 23% slump year-on-year, can be at least partly explained by EMI Music's new ments for compilations, with EMI and Virgin dealing with compilations jointly, and splitting the resulting market share between them On recent form, this is good news for EMI's share and less so for Virgin.

Virgin's success with artist albums was not in fact diminished, with the aforementioned nine-times platinum Spice Girls coming out on top even after 33 weeks on the chart (although behind Now! 36 in the combined list). Significantly, too, Spice only provided around 20% of Virgin's total share,



compared with nearer 40% last quarter Virgin's other big success was with fellow Mercury nominees The Chem Brothers - their Dig Your Own Hole was the quarter's fifth biggest artist was the quarter's nith biggest artist album – while George Michael, back in 29th place overall, continued to sell strongly

The other companies with mo celebrate at the end of the second quarter are Universal and Mercury The latter leapt from ninth to fourth place after scoring with Texas and Wet Wet Wet (both among the quarter's Top 10) as well as Alisha's Attic (48th), Hanson (58th) and Jon Bon Jovi (61st). Its 5% share represented a leap of mor than a third year-on-year. Universal, meanwhile, looks ready for this Thursday's (24) big split after notching up a share of 4.4% - up 69% year-or year - through the success of No Doubt, Erykah Badu and Telstar TV.

As a corporate group, Universal does even better, as its Seahorses release on Geffen is also factored in, taking it to a share of 6.2% - up 82% year-on-year. Universal is still a way off the pace

in the corporate group stakes, however It is back in seventh place with

PolyGram holding at the top with a barely-wavering 22.2%. EMI, benefiting from the

compilations boost mentioned above, storms into second place from sixth with a 14.5% share, which is a third bigger than the slice it took this time last year, Compilations sside, EMI had four big albums among the quarter's Top 20 - OK Computer. In It For The Money, the Romeo & Juliet sou and Eternal's Before The Rain

Elsewhere among the majors, it was a flat quarter all round. More notable was the appearance of the independent Beggars Banquet in eighth place with a 1.4% share, up 250% year-on-year, thanks primarily to The Charlatans' Tellin' Stories. One wonders where Beggars will appear in next quarter's Prodigy-fuelled market share figures.

A notable addition to the corporate group ranks is Crimson, back in ninth place with a 1.1% market share. Not ne Crimson title finishes among the Top 500 albums of the quarter, but the company set up by former Warner esp man Phil Knox-Roberts has a very different business to most of its rivals in the past three months it has focused on selling around 60 releases through Woolworths.

It was business as usual in albums distribution in the second quarter, with EMI and PolyGram holding on to the top two places, although EMI has pulled away from its rival. The gap between them is now 2.8 percentage points, compared with a minuscule 0.4 three months ago, with EM1 distributing seven of the 10 biggest selling albums of the quarter. Back in third place, BMG provides

some action by leapfrogging Sony with a 16.9% share, representing a 4.3% year-on-year improvement. Its biggest successes were with the Warner/Global/Sony TV compilation New Hits 1997 (third place overall) and Deconstruction's Republica (18th). Selina Webb

TOP ARTIST ALBUMS

- PICE Spice Girls (Virgin) **OK COMPUTER Bad**
- (Parlophone) WHITE ON BLONDE Texas (Mercury)
- TELLIN' STORIES The Charlatans
- (Beggars Banquet) DIG YOUR OWN HOLE

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- DIG YOUN OWN HOLE The Chemical Brothers (Virgin) 10 Wet Wet (Precious Organisation/Mercury) IN IT... Supergrass (Parlophone) BEFORE THE RAIN Eternal 8
- ue/EMI)
- TRAVELLING... Jamiroquai (Sony S2) OCEAN DRIVE Lighthouse Family 10

TOP ARTISTS

- RADIOHEAD
- THE CHARLATANS
- THE CHEMICAL BROTHERS
- WET WET WET
- BEE GEES
- JAMIROQUAI SUDEBCBASS
- 10 ETERNAL

TOP PRODUCERS

- ABSOLUTE/STANNARD/ROWE
- GODRICH/RADIOHEAD
- TEXAS/HEDGES/STEWART/BAE/
- CHRISTIAN/BOILERHOUSE BOYS THE CHARLATANS/CHARLES
- THE CHEMICAL BROTHERS
- CLARK/DUFFIN
- SUPERGRASS/CORNFIELD/
- WILLIAMS
- CHARLES/WILSON/LOWIS/MASON/
- CUMIE
- KAY/STONE/ M BEAT 10 PEDEN
 - **TOP COMPILATIONS**
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- Soundtracks) IN THE MIX '37 2 (Virgin/EMI) THE BEST CLUB/EVEN! (Virgin/EMI) DANCE NATION 3 PETE TONG & JUDGE JULES (Ministry Of Sound) KISS ANTHEMS (PolyGram TV) WHAT A FEELING! (Columbia) BIG MIX '97 (Virgin/EMI/Warner) 7
- SPICE GIRLS PRESENT THE BEST GIRI 10
- POWER ALBUM ... EVER! (Virgin/EMI)

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QUARTER MARKET

PROFILE

Decisiveness and diversification are secrets of O'Brien's success

The past few months have been pretty frantic for Telstar founder and chairman Sean O'Brien

A series of acquisitions, joint ventures and label launches have, in the past two years, broadened Telstar away from the TV marketing business in which it made its reputation.

And the first half of this year has provided its most frenzied period of activity to date, through a label launch with Capital Radio, the creation of joint venture company Telstar TV with Universal Music, a new distribution deal with Warner Music and the cement of plans to move into regional radio as part of the Motionsound consortium

Add to that the arrival of Sash!, as company's biggest success in the singles market, and O'Brien is buzzing

"So far. 1997 has been fantasticwe've achieved all we set out to do by the halfway mark of the year," he says.

Today, 15 years after the company was launched. Telstar is a highly diversified, £100m-turnover busines which has not only survived the market saturation in TV compilations but used it as the springboard to become one of the UK's biggest independent music nies

The new initiatives sit alongside a portfolio which includes a distribution wing, an export division, and a 50% stake in indie label and distributor. Total.





As the business head of the company - his partner Neil Palmer is the creative force - 44-year-old O'Brien has driven the refocusing of the company.

"Sean's great strength is that he makes decisions quickly," says Total's Henry Semmence, who reveals that the Telstar/Total deal was wrapped up within 24 hours. "We met one night in a pub to discuss it, had a load to drink and the next day he was back on to me with a deal."

"Telstar is now well placed in a broad range of activities," adds industry financial expert Cliff Dane. "They have successfully developed away from their mid-Eighties roots.

Telstar has been forced into these w areas as its TV advertising business suffered in the face of fierce competition from major repertoire owners - TV-advertised compilations w account for less than 25% of Telstar's total sales, which reached £108m last year. Indeed, the company's singles market share is now bigger than its album share, due primarily to the success of acts such as Sash!, whose latest hit Ecuador crashed into the chart at number two at the end of June

When it launched in 1982, Telstar's aim was to bring a "quality" approach to TV advertising. Early success with greatest hits packages by the likes of Michael Jackson and Odyssey was followed by a slew of big-selling releases by the likes of Black Lace and Jive Bunny, as well as "concept albums" by MoR acts such as Foster & Allen, James Galway and Michael Crawford.

Such hits were racked up as the TV music market began to gradually

overheat, with costs rising and independents such as Telstar squeezed by pressures both from the major labels and the retail multiples.

These days it costs an average £100,000 to launch a TV release, says O'Brien, but the premium on shelfspace and the increasing number of compilations released on to the market today mean that retailers no longer necessarily order every title.

"In the heyday we had 5% of the album market," says O'Brien. The arrival of the majors resulted in a squeeze on licensing generally, while BMG's decision to strike a label deal with TV specialist Global effectively barred Telstar access to the major's catalogue, O'Brien says. It was this move which prompted him to not renew the 15-year distribution deal with BMG and instead move to Warner Music

O'Brien's willingness to branch out is key to the group's survival, according to Warner Music UK chairman Rob Dickins. "Over the years Telstar has adjusted to the prevailing market circumstances," he adds. "Sean is very single-minded and his team have a feel for that business which is sufficiently different to the majors." Telstar's ill-fated link-up with Big

Life may not have been a business success - it acquired 75% of the indie label in 1994 for a reported £1.5m and pulled out two years later - but it illustrates O'Brien's fast-moving, sometimes opportunist, nature

"Scan is prepared to move in and out very swiftly," says one industry observer. "If something's not working, then Telstar is out of there."

O'BRIEN'S PROGRESS

Sean O'Brien (b. November 27 1952, Nottingham) 1970: O'Brien trains in the City as a chartered accountant, Meets lan Dewar-later to become elstar's financial director - on his first day 1974: works in UK film business as a freelance roduction accountant

1976: appointed financial director of Ronco, becoming managing director three years later 1982: persuades fellow Ronco executive Neil Palmer

to launch Telstar with him. Strikes distribution deal with BMG 1983: Telstar scores first sizeable hit with Michael

Jackson/Jackson 5 collection

1990: acquires Parkfield jukebox distribution and export business from receiver. Forms basis for Telstar Distribution and Lightning Exports

1991: Telstar provides seed money for the launch of Total, a joint venture with founders Henry Semmenc and Fran O'Donnell

1994: launches gamas company Telstar Electronic Studios. Acquires 75% share in B/g Life Records July 1994: renews BMG deal for last time. BMG reaches agreement with new TV specialist Global 1995: acquires Corinthian TV facility from Cariton for £2m-plus. Launches radio ad specialist Zoo Studios as joint venture with Commercial Breaks

as joint voltatie while common ball of common and in 1996; faunches Multiply imprint, signing Sashi, Basement Jaxx and N-Tyco. Terry Hall signed to South Sea Bubble sub-label. Telstar pulls out of Big Life

January 1997: launches Wildstar, a joint venture with Capital Radio to release albums from Live At Capital Cafe TV show

April 1997: part of Motionsound consortium bid for North West radio franchise, Has plans for two more recional radio bids

May 1997: unveils Telstar TV, new joint venture label with MCA/Universal June 1997: Ecuador by Sash! featuring Rodriguez

ters the singles chart at number two July 1-1997: Telstar drops BMG distribution deal after 15 years and strikes agreement with Warner Music

> There are no signs that this will occur in the newly-cemented Telstar TV launch with Universal Music. This provides the group with another power base, says O'Brien.

"Between us we reckon we have around 10% of the singles market," he says. "This means we can barter for tracks with other companies - if they want Telstar/Universal repertoire they will have to give us access to their repertoire."

However, it is unlikely that the Universal deal will increase Telstar's rate of TV compilation releases beyo the current annual figure of around 50 (compared with 80-90 three years ago).

Instead, the company intends to focus on raising the quality of its product, at the same time investigating new business areas such as radio, in which it is bidding for regional licen in the North East, North West and central Scotland as part of the Motionsound consortium. As main financier, says O'Brien, his compa has committed £500,000 to the bidding process over the next three years and anticipates that start-up costs for a successful licence could reach £4m.

Such willingness to reinvest is typical of O'Brien. He estimates that more than 60% of his company's profits are regularly ploughed into start-ups such as Telstar Electronic Studios, which recently won the licence to market games for the Nintendo 64 system

And he is clearly not prepared to stop there. "We're moving forward on a lot of fronts," he says, "and we're doing things a lot of major record companies can't Paul Gorman

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As if to make plain the fact that musical changes are afoot in the Levellers' camp, there is a kaleidoscopic selection of cov nestling on the second CD of the Brighto n-based quintet's new single What A Beautiful Day

A primal, almost garage punk cading of the Everly Brothers' gem The Price Of Love (reminiscent of Bryan Ferry's version) is followed by a faithful rendition of The Beach Boys' sublime Hang On To Your Ego, which leads into Germ Free Adolescence, the 1977 classic by day-glo punks X-Ray Spex.

Meanwhile, the summery What A Beautiful Day is getting strong support from Radio One. The station was attracted by the song's singalong style and has been playing the track weeks ahead of the July 28 release date.

The broadening of the Levellers' musical palette is most evident on their forthcoming album Mouth To Mouth Out on August 25, their fifth LP finds the group eager to escape the boundaries of traditional rock/folk instrumentation

For the first time, they use drum loops on a number of tracks (to best effect on the menacing Too Real), as well as a 20-piece string orchestra and brass section on five songs

Recorded at the group's home-from home Metway Studios in Brighton, the album features Eddi Reader, who sings lead on the outstanding Celebrate and provides backing vocals on other tracks

The group's adoption of a new sound follows a "healthy battle" after which they decided to take a more modern approach. Fiddle player Jon Sevink says

"We've been together for around 10 years and this time we promised ourselves we'd do things differently. Some of us wanted to use samplers and computers, because we have got into dance music," he says, citing Leftfield and the local Skint roster as influences.

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| | Zeitgeist | | |
| | (China) | 1995 | number one |

"That doesn't mean we are turning ourselves into a dance act. We just wanted to take those bits we think are good and merge them with our sound." Sevink suffered a blow early on in

the recording of Mouth To Mouth when

LEVELLERS SHAKING OFF THEIR 'CRUSTY' IMAGE

he broke both his wrists in a football match. Now fully recovered, he believes this actually had a positive effect on the outcome

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"It meant that we were forced to take more risks," he says. "We used a lot more samples. By the time I had recovered. I was able to record my fiddle over the mix, which made for a more interesting set of textures."

China Records managing director Derek Green points out that the Levellers' strong live following shows the breadth of their appeal.

"Go to one of their regular gigs at the Brixton Academy and you will see a real cross-section of 5,000 kids," says Green, who signed the act six years ago. "That fixed idea of them as 'crusty or 'new age travellers' should have died years ago and their new releases sho how untrue it is."

Both Green and Sevink believe a crucial factor in the group's development has been the decision to use producer Jon Kelly and engineer

Andrew Scarth. "Working with different people allowed us a fresh approach," says Sevink.

We didn't necessarily go into the studio and think about how a track might be played live. It was more

We promised ourselves we'd do things differently. Some of us wanted to use samplers and computers because we have got into dance music' -Jon Sevink

directed towards recording the music for the music's sake. A lot of us played different things from usual."

eduction team when they worked on last year's live video Headlights, White

Lines, Black Tar Rivers. "For this album, the Levellers have decided to become slave to the songs and Andy and Jon provided them with the space to achieve that," he says.

"We at China work very closely with them on the direction they choose Green says. "We're only a small label with just seven acts, so we tend to keep up to speed on what is going on, on an almost daily basis and comment and make suggestions as we see fit."

But the final test will surely con when the Levellers embark on their live tour in September and October, following a stint on the European festival circuit this summer and appearances at two UK festivals - at Middlesbrough (July 26) and Guildford

"They work brilliantly live," says Green. "That and the fact that Mouth To Mouth will be their biggest-selling album to date will finally get rid of this narrowcast' view of where th Paul Gorman Levellers are at."

Act: Levellers Project: single/album Label: China Records Songwriters: band Pr aducer: Jon Kelly Publisher: Empire Music Control Released: July 28/August 25

STEVE LAMACO ON A&R

Two festivals in consecutive weekends means that, by the time you read this, I'll have written off three pairs of old DMs, lost a Walkman and got down to jockey weight again. Which is a kind of excuse for missing various gigs over the past fortnight, although I can tell you that the Asian Dub Foundation rocked the LA2 last Tuesday in front of a near sell-out crowd. The ADF were picked to support Primal Scream, before the tour was cancelled due to illness. Unperturbed by that disappointment, ADF have a split single out this week on Damaged Goods, with Atari Teenage Riot on the flip. The ADF track, Free Satoal Ram, is raw and almost demo-like stuff, but gives a good representation of what they are about (and it's

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more than just an Asian Beastie Boys). Rumours are going around about record deals - but it sounds like there are at least two offers on the table (finally) and that they are very close to signing...Back at the starting block. Lemon Incest won the Loot Music Awards, which did, as predicted in this column, feature a token rock band. There was much talk afterwards, though, about fellow competitors Spud, who caught the attention of several judges, not least our own Evening Session producer Claire Pattenden and Columbia's Dave Balfe. (That has landed them with besieging phone calls for the next six months. Sorry)... And while we're on the subject of contest winners, Stealers, the band who won

themselves a day's recording in a top

BBC studio following the Talent 2000 showcase in Manchester, have emerged from the studio with three very promising tracks...Demos - can't move for them. Don't unsigned bands ever go on holiday? Anyway, here's a good one from Cast Iron Shoes, who hail from Salisbury, Wiltshire. The first track, Sunbreak, is a yearning, Mancindie inspired pop song (how many vocalists these days have that Mancunian/Liam lilt in their voices, regardless of where they come from?). The second track whines on a little. but E-Type Lovechild scores well on the song title front. More demos next week.



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Anyone with their A&R senses finely tuned will know that no botter unsigned band exists than Ultra

After coming to light at NME's Brats Showcase gigs in January, the London based outfit contributed the epic Stay Young to Undiscovered, the London Music Week CD, and played a superb LMW show that received the first in a series of superlative-laden live reviews.

Now, as they contemplate three longterm offers, Ultrasound are releasing their regular set opener Same Band (backed by Floodlite World and Over There) as their debut single on NME inurnalist Simon Williams's indie label Fierce Panda

Williams first saw Ultrasound at London's Dublin Castle in March "They were literally stunning," he says, "None of our generation has seen or heard anything like it. I'd say they're something like The Dark Side Of The Bends - Pink Floyd meets Radiohead."

One of the label heads yving for their gnatures is equally overwhelmed "The band are extremely musical, very passionate, with great songs and fantastic performances," he says. "The whole is more than the sum of their parts, which is rare in a band these

Williams adds, "I see Ultrasound as the latest in the long, lost tradition of great English bands that is slowly coming back, what with the likes of The Verve, Radiohead and Spiritualized It's clear that this band is going to be around for a lot longer than 18 months

In the case of Ultrasound singer Andy 'Tiny' Wood, he has already been around" for nearly 15 years. He still recalls playing Gooff Travis at Rough Trade a demo by his first band Step TLV in the early Eighties. A deal cluded the band, and Wood

opted to study modern music at



ULTRASOUND LABELS BATTLE TO SIGN UP NORTHERN MISFITS

Wakefield Music College. It was here he met future Ultrasound guitarist Richard Green and drummer Andy

All three students qualified for a usic degree in Newcastle, where future Ultrasound bassist Vanesaa West was on the same course.

Wood and Green (then on bass) joined Sleepy People, whose main songwriter was ex-Step TLV guitarist Paul Hope.

When Wood failed to convince Hope to move to London, he and Pearce went to the capital anyway and formed Popacatapetal. Naming your band after a dormant Mexican volcano might be cool, but they went unnoticed nevertheless, with Wood blaming a conflict of interests.

Rock'n'roll needs to stay real, and not get full of itself and go the way that it went in the mid-Seventies - Andy Wood

Popacatapetal had a bit too much rog-rock about it," he says, "We had a whizz-kid guitarist and a classicallytrained keyboardist and, while Richard and I tried to lead it away from muso-land, they led it back. Richard and I decided to start over again." West had moved to London in the

meantime and was singing back-up for, of all things, a George Michael tribute band when she was asked to play bass by Wood and Green. With Green moving over to guitar and Pearce joining up, Ultrasound's line-up was

Wood admits it took a while to secure gigs. "But I knew that, as soon as people saw us live, they'd get it," he sava

Demos were duly dispatched under the jurisdiction of manager Karen Thompson, a friend of the band from Newcastle. Although fresh to the business, Thompson knew enough not to rush into any deal. "It's a big mitment and none of us have bee through it before. If there's genuine

interest, we knew it would hold out and

Despite the band's ascendancy, it hasn't been all plain sailing. A combination of inexperience and bad luck has meant that their recording of Same Band fails to capture the band's dynamic energy.

"We had a bit of a disaster, Thompson admits, "Through a friend we were offered a brand new, top-notch studio at a really cheap rate, and because Fierce Panda is so low-budget we thought it was worth the rick But the studio wasn't ready when the band went in. We ended up mixing it elsewhere, with Martin Brass, who salvaged as much as he could."

As Williams points out, Ultrasound are the kind of band who need a large recording budget to do justice to their songs. That said, Wood feels Same Band still sounds good on the radio and Radio One's Steve Lamacq and Jo Whiley have both been keen to play the

But the Ultrasound camp are my happier with the band's cover of Neil Young's Hoy Hey, My My, which ars on the Listen With Smother CD that Fierce Panda gave away at its fifth birthday party on July 3. "They did it all in a day, including learning the song in the studio," says Thompson "It's much better."

The single may be under-recorded. but the results still can't hide the teeming ideas and melodies at Ultrasound's fingertips or their distinct originality. Critics have struggled to pigeonhole them, raising comparisons om everything from early Genesis to The Who

"I do hear things in there occasionally, but I know that it's more a question of inspiration or feeling than lifting from source," says Wood. "The Who are one of the few groups that we all connect with, but we're inspired, more than influenced, by them, in that they attempted to do something very ambitions

The band have now added a fifth mber in the shape of keyboardist and programmer Matt Jones suggesting that the songs will become even more ambitious.

Already, Ultrasound songs tend to be on the lengthy side. "We have created songs that are two minutes long, but we tend to add bits on or change the chorus to elevate it a bit more, and then we end up at six minutes! We don't even have any solos in there.

The joy of Ultrasound is the way they can combine intricate arrangements (all five can read music) with Who-style energy. "Rock'n'roll needs to stay real, and not get full of itself and go the way that it went in the mid-Seventies," says the singer. "We may be proggy, but it's not clever, technical bullshit.

On top of the music, the band also possess a striking visual presence, starting with a singer whose nickname Tiny is derived from the fact that he weighs in at around 20 stone

Thompson reckons that Ultrasound's "misfit" quality can only help them. "Right now, everybody wants something refreshing and new. And almost all the best bands have a little bit of the misfit about them," he say

According to our anonymous label ad, "Ultrasound could have the sa effect as The Smiths or The Cure Tiny's got that certain something, in the way that people follow someone even quite blindly at times. But there's

I'd say they're something like The Dark Side Of The Bends - Pink Floyd meets Radiohead' - Simon Williams, Fierce Panda

still a big gap between that kind of following and making it a reality. After they came back from two trips to meet American labels, they played to 26 people in Chelmsford. That's the real world "

Wood totally agrees. "Being picked up by a stretch lime is glamorous at first, but it's no use if it doesn't further our career," he says.

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etimes in A&R you can tell from one play that you are hearing something exceptional. This was Deconstruction managing director Keith Blackhurst's experience when he first heard Sylvia Powell sing.

"I fell in love with her voice straight away," he says. "Mike Sefton, who works for our publishing company, played me some of her demos and they just blew me away. Sylvia didn't soun ike anyone I had ever heard before. Like most great singers, she is incredibly distinctive."

The 26-year-old singer/songwriter also impressed Blackhurst with the strength of her material. "She already had almost an album's worth of exceptional songs," he says

Blackhurst beat several other interested parties by signing Powell just over 18 months ago.

The former session singer has now completed her debut album. Revue a classy collection of poetic, romantic, mid-tempo tracks, which take in a myriad folk, funk and R&B influence

"We gave Sylvia as much time as she needed to be sure she was happy with the recording process," says Blackhurst, "She certainly didn't want us to team her up with a load of trendy. hotshot producers or try to change her sound to any great extent. It was a case of finding a sympathetic producer, who understood what she wanted.

From the outset, Powell had extremely strong views about her songs and her voice and the music that would surround them. She is therefore delighted with that autonomy. "The reason I signed to Deconstruction was because I could tell that Keith really believed in me," she says. "He didn't impose any ideas. He just told me to go

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away and make an album that I was happy with."

vue was recorded with Rob Cass, who had produced Powell's origina demos, and was written almost entirely

by the singer herself. Of the 10 tracks, only two - including forthcoming debut Act Sylvia Powell Project: single/album Label: Deconstruction Songwriter: Powell Studie: home Producer: Powell/Cass Publisher: Deconstruction Songs Released: September 8/15

single Butterfly - have co-credits. In act, Revue is essentially a re-recording of the demos that Blackhurst heard almost two years ago

"We reprogrammed some of the backing tracks and re-recorded the vocals on all but one of the songs," says

cell. "We worked mainly in the kitchen of the producer's house London. I've never heard anything like the sound we got from that kitchen, it was amazing! I did try to record in a couple of big studios, but it never felt right. I have to feel comfortable."

Born in Nigeria, Powell moved to England as a child when her mother married, but returned frequently to Africa during school summer bolidays Those contrasting cultures play an important part in her mus

So much of my childhood is reflected in my songs," says Powell. "When I was growing up, my family travelled a lot by car and my parents always played Carole King and Simon & Garfunkel, I literally know all of their albums off by heart and I certainly hear their influence in my music

"A lot of people tell me that my songs have a real African sound, which shocked me at first. But they're right Obviously I'm affected by R&B and reggae because of my culture, but you can't grow up in Britain and not be influenced by rock and pop, because they are the mainstream. When I was doing sessions. I sang for bands that played anything from jazz, funk and soul to rock and reggae. I wasn't fussy."

Blackhurst claims the climate is n right for Powell's work. "Acts used to have to be pure rock or pop or dance or metal to find an audience. Innovation w means a lot more," he says. "It's a plus that Sylvia sounds so unique. I'm sure her songs will make it on to TV and radio and that the album will b huge, but if it doesn't happen straight away, we can be patient

"We spent time on the record and I'm certain we've got it right. I'm looking forward to finding out just how m people agree " Lisa Verrico

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Being a top DJ these days means plying your trade around the world, letting between continents and city-hopping night after night.

For Dave Angel, techno artist and DJ extraordinaire, the results of continually circling the world can be heard on his new album for Fourth & Broadway, Globetrotting, and its steely second single, Tokyo Stealth Fighter, which is released on July 21.

Although recorded in his home studio, tracks like Sensor Zurich, Liquid Rooms and Chicago Emerald City reflect Angel's experiences in clubs around the world.

The resulting sound is a heady elange of smooth, funky Detroit techno with a difference. There are dashes of disco, on the aptly-named This Is Disco, the first single from the album, a trace of garage on Liquid Rooms, named after the Tokyo club, and even a hint of drum & bass of Road NZ, all spiced up with his hallmark jazzy viber

Indeed, Angel has taken a significant step forward from 1995's Tales Of The Unexpected, a respected slice of deep techno on Island's now-defunct Blunted Vinyl imprint.

Island A&R manager Jim Reid says

"The last album showcased his mor musical side and his production, which is second to none. This album is a real progression. It goes for a more direct feel, straight for the jugular. It's an album made on the dancefloor, for the dancefloor. Dave and I discussed it and he wanted to give something back to the dancefloor, to the DJs."

Angel's assured yet minimal style. with its smooth, jazzy feel, owes a lot to the fact that he is a musician first. unlike many DJs or technoheads. He comes from a musical family: his sister is rapper Monie Love, while his father was a jazz musician who taught him to play drums at the sge of eight. Angel went on to become a session player in a mber of bands and his percussive skills can be heard in live drum sounds on several of Globetrotting's tracks.

His first record, released back in 1991, was quite a different story, though. He put out an an unauthorised mix of The Eurythmics' Sweet Dreams (Are Made Of This), recorded using two record decks, two tape recorders and a

Armed with a list of record shop and around London, he personally distributed all 500 white labels Fortunately, Korda Marshall, then head of A&R at RCA, was impressed with the track and decided to release it.

A productive stint of working with claimed Belgian techno label R&S followed, plus a host of one-offs and remixes. Then Angel launched his own label Rotation Records. In the meantime, he was also building a hugely successful DJing career.

Offers of deals soon materialised, with Island proving the most persuasive. Reid says, "He was one of the first techno producers to have major labels stand up and take interest. He's one of the best in his field

and he's one of the world's best DJs as vell. These were prime reasons for us to want him on the label."

Island is marketing Angel carefully to retain his solid core of fans while also expanding his sales base. The release of Tokyo Stealth Fighter, the second single from the album - with mixes from techno stars Dave Clarke, Carl Craig and Slam - was specifically planned to come out on the back of Angel's Phoenix Festival performance to attract a crossover crowd

"Although this album is more diverse, he is still a slightly leftfield, experimental artist, so we have to be careful not to overhype him," says Island product manager Chris Dwyer. The result is a strong package from

an imaginative artist fast heading towards the mainstream. Looks like other stint of global jetsetting Sarah Davis

Act: Dave Angel Project: single/album Label: Fourth & Broadway Songwriter: Dave Angel Studio: own Publisher: Chrysalis Released: July 21/Aug 8

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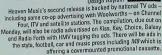
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It's close but Puff Daddy, Faith Evans and 112 return to the top of the singles chart this week, reclaiming

pole position from **Oasis**, 111 Be "" Missing You avoid 124,000 cupies last week, nearly 2,000 more than Oasis's D'fos Know What I Mean/. 111 Be Missing You is the fourth single to return to the summit in the Nineties, following Mr Bloby's self-titled 1993 abomination, Lightning Seeds Three Lions and Fugues Killing Me Softy, which were playing catch-up with each other a year sgo.

TII Be Missing You has now sold more than 700,000 copies, and has above great consistency. It stands a good chance of topping No Doubt's Dou't Speak to become the best-seller of 1997, and could have the record within three weeks. TII Be Missing You has spent four weeks at number one, the longest residency since Spice Girl'a serve-week angement with Wannabe, a run which started exactly a year ago.

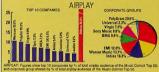
For the first time since Take That split, Robbie Williams has got the upper hand on Gary Barlow - but it's a hollow victory as both underperform woefully, with Gary's So Help Me Girl debuting at 11, and Robbie's Lazy Days at number eight. Seven of the last eight Take That singles reached number one: only two of the first eight singles by former members of the group (Gary, Robbie and Mark Owen) have done likewise. Gary's fall after two consecutive number ones is particularly sportocular although it's extremely likely that he would have had a safe Top 10 berth and a higher position than Robbie if So Help Mc Girl hadn't been impossible to find for less than £3.99, while Lazy Days was £1.99 everywhen

Ultra Nate's bizarre chart rollercoaster ride continues, with Free rising yet again. In seven weeks on t Top 10 so far, it has moved 5-4-7-6-4-8 5, never selling fewer than 40,000 o more than 46,000 copies per week. Its cumulative sales are 307,000. It's one of 12 singles in this week's chart shown with a bullet for out-performing the market but not one of them actually experienced a rise in week-on-week sales; they simply took a larger part of a much reduced pie, with sales returning to normal after the Oasis single and related hot product pushed es 34% higher the week before last. sal

Prodigy's The Fat Of The Land certainly gave artist album sales a fillip but, while it continues to rule the roost with a highly respectable 66,000 sales on its third week, the rest of the market is collapsing once again. It outsold the number two album - Radiohead's OK Computer by a margin of more than



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four to one last week. Meanwhile, Now That's What I Call Musici 37 easily maintained the mighty Now series' impeccable track record, debuting at number one while selling seven times as many copies as its nearest rivals.

Michael Jackson's tour dates helped him to make impressive gains on the album chart. The new Best Of Michael Jackson & The Jackson Five climbed 7.4, while Blood On The Dancofloor sprinted 21-10 and HilStory – Past Present And Future Book One climbed 54-41, the latter two increasing alse by more than 50% weeken-week, having made impressive spurts the week before. Alan Jones A savage 67% dip in week-on-week sales of D'You Know What I Mean by Oasis suggests that despite

the enormous interest in the single, IV having great problems penetrating beyond the group's now admittedly hung fanbase, and not perceived as a classic by the majority of record buyers IVE puzzing then that is should win such unanimous approval at radio, more so than acknowledged greats like Wonderwall, which never managed anything like the 1.817 plays and 70m audience that keep D'You Know What I for a second week, a good 10% ahead of Ultra Nate's still-growing Free. It's the least dynamic week at radio since Music Control started its monitoring, with no change whatsoever in the top six.

The Robbie/Gary head-to-head produced apparent victories for Robbie on both the sales and airplay charts but further investigation suggests Gary may have been the real victor in both On the sales side, a "value" chart based on takings would certainly have put Gary's So Help Me Girl ahead of Robbie's Lazy Days - and although Robbie's 16th place on the airplay chart. with an audience of nearly 37m sounds much more impressive than Gary's 26th place with 27m listeners they are mitigating circumstances here too Robbie's single was easily the winner at Radio One with 25 plays, while Gary got by with just nine, this simple fact alone more than explaining the difference in audience figures between the two records. On the Music Monitor panel as a whole, Gary got far more plays - 725 against Robbie's 643.

Marcelith Brooke Bitch is a houge his in America, and its title is a apparently not proving too controversial for radio here. Brooks' debut single climbs 34.20 this week, with nearly a thousand logged plays. It's easily the most popular record on the airwaves by an uniried artist, the only other one in the Tup 50 being Bobby D'Ambrosio and Michelle Weekees' Moment O'My Life, which is ranked 401.

Texas's Black-Eyed Boy continues Its rapid march toward the top. Looking for their thrid number one airplay hit of the year, the Scots group dimb 23-9 with Black Eyed Boy, which is even getting played on specialist dance stations, thanks to the Trainemen's mix. Its climb was aided enormously by Capital, where it ranks sixth which aired it 24 times has week.

Contrary to what was printed here last week, Texas aren't the only act to have two number ones on the airplay chart this year, however, as Eternal also did the double with both Don't You Love Me and I Wanna Be The Only One

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ch in common with Radio Two's head of music policy Geoff Mullin We have both realised that you

must bring the music more up to date if you want to attract new listeners to a station that has traditionally targeted an older audience - which is eroding through natural wastage," says Mann "I am trying to address the lack of stations in this region for the young middle aged - the rock n'roll generation - who grew up in the Sixties, but still appreciate good music." When Mann took up his post in

eptember 1995, he already knew Swansea Sound 1170AM extremely well because he was its programm controller in the mid-Seventies. The station celebrates its 22rd highdow this year as the market leader with a 25% reach, ahead of Radio One's 22%

Mann took one key radical decision when he was appointed which has enabled Swansea Sound to broaden its playlist. The station had been broadcasting on both FM and AM, but he decided to launch a new station called Sound Wave on FM aimed at a much younger audience

Sound Wave was third in the market share stakes in the last Raiar survey with 21%, and Mann expects it to be amber one when the new audience figures are published on August 2 I always knew it would overtake

TRACK OF THE WEEK

SOUND WAVE TOP 10 Nothing Lasts Foreve Echo & The Burrymen [lorden] MMBop Hanson Somewhere Pet Shop BoystParlophonel Air We Breath Alista's Attic(Mercury) A Change Would De You Good Shervy 1 Wan na Be The Only One Eternal/BeB re Have All The Cowboys Go Paula Cole (Warser Bro Coco Jamboo Mr President (C)ub Warter Brost Time To Say Goodbye Sarah Brichtman& Andrea Bocelli (Coalition) Call The Man Celine Dico (Epic)

the AM station eventually, but it is my aim to have the number one and two stations in the market. This is possible as the two playlists do overlap." he says. "Swansea Sound will play Hanson and Verve , for example, because it is a sound our audience can relate to.

He adds that many pluggers are vare of how modern its music policy is. "We are not monitored by Music Control, so there is not the incentive for the promotions companies to target us," he says. "You may not be able to hear a dog whistle on AM, but the signal is clear and that is all our listeners care about.

Swansea Sound is owned by the Radio Partnership which has invested more than £100,000 in new equipment tince 1995 Steve Hemsley



CAST: GUIDING STAR

Radio has been a keen supporter of Cast's Guiding Star - sending the single into the Top 10 and providing a boost for the parent album Mother Nature Calls

The track has spent a month at the top of Virgin Radio's airplay chart, with spins peaking at 42 a week and not falling below 40 during that period.

But while Virgin may have kept faith in the track for longer, each week there have been other stations who have given Guiding Star even more For example, Hallam FM and Aire FM both played it nearly 50 times a week at some stage of its radio life. "All stations are finding Cast

accessible to their audience," says Polydor's head of radio promotion Ruth Parrish. "The track fits in with specialist shows and daytime schedules."

Nationwide airplay for Guiding Star did not pick up significantly until its June 16 release, but once the song entered the CIN sales chart at number nine on June 28, weekly plays remained at more than 1,000 with the track on 62 regional playlists at its peak

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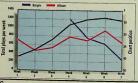
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Although the song dipped to 24 on the sales rundown following its debut, airplay support in early July helped push the album Mother Nature Calls up from number 26 to 17 before it dropped back again. The band's new single, Live The Dream, is released on August 18 and promotion for the track starts on August 4 with a two-week tour of ILR stations around the country

"Cast will promote tracks if there is a musical way to do so. Gigs have been recorded for Radio One, for example," says Parrish. Steve Hemsloy







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Having secured one of the biggest hits of the year with 'l'll Be Missing You', Puff Daddy aka Sean Combs will be releasing his debut LP, 'No Way Out', today (21) on his own Bad Boy Jabel through Arista. The LP will feature Puffy's previous Top 20 UK hit 'Can't Nobody Hold Me Down' and forthcoming single 'II's All About The Benjamins' plus a number of collaborations with rappers such as Foxy Brown, Jay-Z and Lil Kim, although many of the tracks Puffy carries himself. "I had to learn a lot about delivery. I had to find a way to maintain my personality while I was rapping. I'm taking people on a journey of ghetto flyness, from my point of view," he says. Puffy says it's always been part of his plan to be an artist on Bad Boy, as well as ceo. "There are a lot of things I wanna do - I wanna act too There's a piece of me in all my artists and now I can show there's a piece of them inside me. I can be the conduit to show the entire vision of Bad Boy," he

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Decon woos Muzik's Tumer for A&R role

Deconstruction Records has fured the accietant editor Ben Turner, of IPC's flagship dance consumer magazine Muzik to its A&B department.

Turner will be replaced at Muzik by Frank Tope, urrently the assistant editor of rival dance music title MixMag, owned by Emap. Turner will, however, retain a role as associate editor of Muzik.

Turner says, "My move into A&R for Deconstruction has been a nerconal ambition for some time and I'm honoured to be joining one of the strongest teams around

"It's a big challenge for me to take on two roles for two companies, but when did I ever know when to stop'

Turner's role as associate editor at Muzik will see him maintain responsibility for events such as Muzik's SAS Dance Awards and Masterclass Tour, as well as offering advice on editorial matters. "I am delighted with my new position at Muzik as

i can now concentrate on the development of the magazine in clubland and the general dance market, as well as remaini highly influential on the editorial team," he says

On leaving his position as assistant editor of MixMag and editor of Update, Frank Tope will bring to Muzik an irreverant writing style and a reputation as one of the dance industry's biggest trainspotters 'I'm well up for working for Muzik They've got a great team and I'm very excited about

the move. "I've been at MixMag since 1994 and it's been brilliant. I'll be sad to go but it's time I went and took the piss out of a new bunch of people," he Nick Jones will take

over from Tope as editor of Update, However, no announcement has been made about a replacement for Tope at MixMan. Finally, Muzik has also announced that Calvin Bush has been promoted

from staff writer to reviews editor.

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Wednesday in LA with MICA PARIS mixing down tracks for her LP with GERRY BROWN who works with people like Tony Toni Tone. Caught a movie called FACE OFF starring John Travolta. I thought it was ridiculous, Mica thought it was great. Thursday: had an 11-hour flight back, arriving in the UK on Friday morning and going straight to work at EMI. Had a



three-hour meeting catching up on things with my assistant Harriet. Then off to UPTOWN RECORDS to get tunes for my radio show from RONI HARRELL. Friday night I nearly died, I was so tired I couldn't sleep and I won't use sleeping tablets. Got up early on Saturday morning and spent four hours wading through records. Got to RADIO ONE and met my producer CZARINA and LISA KENNEDY, my assistant. Did my show which had LAURNEA as our guest choosing her favourite record - Marvin Gave's 'You Sure Love To Ball'. In the evening I went to my club, CLUB YO YO in Holborn, for the first time in three weeks. Finally got some sleep, then off to the Kensington Gore Hotel on Sunday morning for a meeting about a video for LYNDEN DAVID HALL (who I A&R) with director RANDEE ST NICOLAS and Lynden's manager TONY HALL. Back to Radio One, got a bite to eat with CLIVE WARREN to catch up on all the gossip, then did my show at 11pm. Monday morning I had a meeting with SHABBS from Media Village about promotion and spent the afternoon trying to track down ERIK SERMON for some late mixes. In the evening I hosted and DJed at the RASHAAN PATERSON showcase at the CAFE DE PARIS. Thoroughly enjoyed it and did a lot of socialising. Tuesday I was in Covent Garden for the first day of shooting the video. Skipped lunch and did a voiceover for a KEITH SWEAT SPK and then went to the ROUNDHOUSE in Camden for the rest of the shoot. A very quiet week really.

glasgow been chosen as the location for to host billed as the UK's dance fair

first free standing dance trade fair and exhibition. The event. which takes place

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between December 3-7, will be split into two parts: first a trade fair at the Moat House Hotel in Stasgow between December 3-5 and then a public exhibition at the SECC in Glasgow.

Organiser Lynda Kiltie says, "I used to work or a dance label and whenever you went to a trade fair or exhibition, dance music was always marginalised. So we wanted to create a forum to deal with the things that are important to dance. For the trade show, Soundscape is looking to

attract exhibitors covering every bit of the dance industry from record companies and manufacturers through to fashion and design firms working in the dance arena. As well as the on there will be panel debates and acilities for record labels to hear new material and cut deals. The event will be supported by events in Glasgow's bars and clubs

The organisers hope Soundscape will attract the industry beyond Scotland. "We're looking at t as a nationwide event," says Kiltie.

Full details are available on: 0141 226 9988.

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107a High Street, Chatham, Kent ME4 40H; Tel/lax: 01634

842134, Solid Dance only started trading last November but has quickly established ItedI as one of Kont's leading underground dnare shops. Based on wo forcer, he basement is where jungle, drum & bass, happy hardcree and qabba can be lound, togetter with COs and tage packs, while in the main como on the groand floer are house, garage, intuce, progressive and techae selections and a merchandisting department.

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coldcut unveil plans for first tour tie in with the release of their new album, 'Let Us Play". The LP promises to be a typically far-out affair with collaborators ranging from tabla player Talvin Singh and ex-Dead Kennedys singer Jello Biafra to the legendary American

session drummer Bernard Purdie. The UK leg of the Coldcut tour, which will

The UK reg of the Coldcut four, which will also take in America, will begin with a special party at London's 333 Old Street venue to be called "Noah's Tollet" on August 21. This event will feature Coldcut playing live, as well as artists drawn from their Ninia Tune label such as DJ Food, DJ Vadim, Ollie & Malachi from Herbaliser, Funki Porcini and Amon Tohin. The line up for the rest of the tour will be Coldcut and DJ Nextatic and DJ Food

The tour dates are: 333 Old Street (August 21); Sankey's Soap, Manchester (25); Que Club, Birmingham (26); New Trinity, Bristol (27); Paradox (November 1); Essence, Nottingham (8); Christmas party, 333 Old Street (Decemt 4); Leadmill, Sheffield (December 10); and **Biverside**, Newcastle (11)





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Basics' DAVE BEER has teamed up with Sheffield superclub GATECRASHER for a residency at The Republic in Sheffield, Starting on July 26. Gatecrasher will also be staging a third birthday party on August 24 at Colwick Hall in Nottingham, DJs will be Paul Oakenfold Roner Sanchez, Tail Paul, Seb Fontaine and Mark Moore...SLOW MOTION will be celebrating its first birthday at London's The End on July 30. The DJ line-up includes DJ Le Rouge & Cleveland Watkiss, Doc Scott and Grooverider. Gilles Peterson, Patrick and Khalid will play in the bar.

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be performing a PA...PRODIGY album 'The Fat Of The Land' looks well set to become the most successful UK dance record over. It has already become one of the fastest-selling albums of all time having clocked up 317,000 sales in the UK in its first week of release. The LP went to number one in 23 countries and XL says it sold an estimated 3m copies worldwide in one week .RADIO ONE will be broadcasting a live performance by MASSIVE ATTACK on August 3 (10-11pm) and will also be alring COLDCUT's performance the following week...Back To

BEATS&PIECES

RM has finalised the DJ line-up for our party v the BPI at next month's POPKOMM event. The DJs and record companies represented will be (In order of appearance) RICHARD FORD DISTINCTIVE, TUFF & JAM, FIFTY FIRST RECORDINGS, ROB PLAYFORD, MOVING SHADOW, RICH B. 4 LIBERTY RECORDS, D.I. FORCE and DIVERSE. ALISON LIMERICK will also

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This week we turn our attention to one of the stations across the country whose support for dance music doesn't show in the Dance Airplay 40 but is nevertheless strong

Take this week's highest new entry, Gala's 'Freed From Desire' on Big Life, as an example The station mainly responsible for its chart entry at 15 is Galaxy 101, which gave the track 30 spins from Sunday to Wednesday in the week the chart was generated. But over the sam eriod London's Capital Radio, which added the track on May 28, played it 41 times

"As soon as we heard it we knew it would fly," savs Capital music editor Patrick Johnston, "It was in the same vein as Sash!'s 'Ecuador', a strong track which wouldn't go away."

"Freed From Desire' started its life at Capita on evening programming, moving up to heavy daytime rotation. Last week, when it entered the sales Top 40 at number four, the track was at

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umber 10 in Capital's most frequently played list, giving it a total of 44 weekly airings. Johnston is keen to stress that although Capital has upped its dance music coverage with the arrival of Jeff Young on Saturday nights, nothing is considered "specialist programming" "We are a 'hit music' station, and we realise

that the days of the mega rock star are over," he says. "People want to hear all sorts of music, and it's a question of being flexible. We've increasingly been picking up on dance tracks we immediately know are poind to be bin hits, such as the current Rosie Gaines, Ultra Nate, Coolio and Puff Daddy songs. A lot of the r&b and rap tracks coming over from the States are more

accessible and turning into hits." Up-and-coming tracks which Capital has tipped for the top are Bobby D'Ambrosio's 'Moments Of My Life' on Ministry of Sound, which was playlisted on June 16, and The Heartists' 'Belo Horizonti', which enters at 30

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TINA MOORE 'NEVER LET YOU GO (DELIBIOUS) (GARAGE)

Originally on US Scotti Bros and now after an inevitable bidding war, on Danny D's Delirious label in the LIK this sneed narane anthem bounds along with skipping beats, scat prods, deep probing bassline and instantly recognisable Kelly G vocals that hook most effectively when heard in their looped wailing whiney hitempo fashion (familiar from Double 99's 'RIP Groove'). On two 12-inches, the previously bootlegged Kelly G remix is included alongside Tuff Jam's UVM dub, the Warehouse Junkie mix, a Tuff Jam Vocal and the original r&b mixes. Echoing the classic status of tracks such as Jomanda's Cot & Love For You' and Roberts Flack's 'Uh-uh ooh ooh' and more recently Rosie Gaines' 'Closer Than Close', this will undoubtedly achieve the chart success it deserves. JH.

WILL WEB 'INVASION' EP (ASTRALWERKS)

This is the first in the 'United Sounds Of Astralwerks' series which not only showcases the various styles of LIS breakbeat but has been limited to 1,000 pressings. Detroit's Bill Webster slips into his Will Web guise for some downright funky old school electro. 'Chemical Breakdown' squeezes out layers of acid lines and smashed-up beats. On the flip, 'Arrival' heads in a more atmospheric direction while keeping the hard, uncompromising breaks. 'Bioerasure' finishes it off in style, with film dialogue from the needle drop, leading into an ass-shakin' b-line to die for. . . . DM

SHENA FEATURING BYRON STINGILY 'LET THE BEAT HIT 'EM' (VC)

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A remake of the classic Lisa Lisa track utilising the line from the original C&C remix. A club favourite, it's now revised with Shena's own defined vocal with several tasty mixes from Byron (who backs one of the mixes), Derrick Carter and Mike Dunn. A spread of smooth house in varying themes certain to appeal to those who favoured the original and for those that love good quality garage with the sun out.

JACKNIFE 'SPRINGBOARD' EP (HARTHOUSE)

The Harthouse label once again proves its good ear for solid music with new techn signing Tom Gillieron. South London boy Tom delivers a healthy four-tracker of

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U-N-1 'SOULSEARCHER' (20:20 VISION) (HOUSE)

This Jazz 'N' Groove production first appeared on Lis label Soulfuric a while back. Leeds-based 20:20 Vision not only picked it up for re-release, but also brought in the new school Rainy City boys to add their touch. The Rainy City crew strip back the track to a minimum, delivering a deeper and more dubby affair with their own signature keyboarding and funk filled rhythms. Cool early morning stuff for the more eclectic househead. . . DM

FIRST CHOICE 'THE PLAYER' (MINIMAL) (HOUSE) Hot on the heels of 'Armed & Extremely Dangerous' arrives another reverentially updated disco classic from the Philly faves. This time it is Mousse T and Boris Dlugosch who carefully beef up the beats while

keeping the original discotastic vocals and strings well to the fore. Plus there's a true a capella to have some fun with. . . .

KITACHI 'SPIRIT ~ REMIXES' (REACT)

(ALTERNATIVE) No wonder it's creeping up all over the place - what

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with the certainly-sounds-like-a-live-jamming Aloof remix, the reliable Roni-Size-does-it-again remix and the Kitachi 97 mix that sounds like the soundtrack to your average medieval castle storming ... or

MARY J BLIGE 'EVERYTHING' (UNIVERSAL) (R&B)

For me this is the standout song from 'Share My World', the familiarity factor in the music and Mary's best vocal yet having a lot to do with it. The song is largely based on the Diana Ross/Marvin Gaye

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- 10 'SUBSTRATA' Biosphere (All Saints)



[commentary] by alan iones THE SOURCE register their second number one of 1997.



Chart tonners for a fortnight in January with their remixed classic 'You Got The Love', they enjoy an emphatic victory on this week's chart, their latest single 'Clouds' forging a massive 37% ahead of all-comers to become one of the year's clearest winners, 'Clouds' features vocalist TAKA BODM, who was the singer on the Undisputed Truth's 'You + Me = Love', one of the first ever commercial 12-inch releases, and an RM-Club Chart topper in 1977! She last appeared in the chart the following year with her solo single 'Wight Dancin', Taka's sister Chaka Khan recorded the original version of 'Clouds'. It's been fairly quiet for a while but mailing list DJs have been unundated with product in the last fortnight, the result of which is that while few records have the massive penetration that some recent hits have had when competition was lacking, there are loads of new records peppering the chart, with 31 new entries to our Top 100 - 21 of them in the published Top 60...Leading this parade, AM:PM's FUTURE BREEZE debut at number 10 with 'Why Don't You Dance With Me', which is due for a chart ineligible doublepack release as soon as next Monday (28), with full release due in mid-August. It's one of three AM:PM records in the Top 12, marking the highpoint of that label's 1997 campaign, which has been rather quiet thus far... The remixes of ARMAND VAN HELDEN'S 'Funk Phenomena' - whose appearance caused some confusion a few weeks ago, since the record was a Top 40 CIN hit only four

months ago - are now revealed as part of an album project called 'Welcome To The Meat Market', which is due imminently on firr. Three other tracks from the album have appeared on a promo - "Ultrafunkula" 'Reservoir Dogs' and 'Push 'Em Up'. As they will all appear commercially on the same disc, they have been combined with the 'Funk Phenomena' mixes for chart purposes, pushing it 15-6 this week. More Van Helden confusion is in the offing, however, as ZYX has just promoed new mixes of another of his classics, 'Witch Doktor'...Breakers this week include: PARADISE PEOPLE FEAT. KYM MAZELLE. OPEN ARMS, VADIS, WARHOL, NU-BIRTH LIL' KIM, POB, HIDDEN TALENTS. UNKHEADZ ATMOSEEAB and BELLIN

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with DJ Clark Key Motowo original 'You Are Everything', though Mary makes it her own with her

now distinctive vocal style at its most soulful and expressive. Furthermore, while the original makes for perfect daytime radio, the Curtis & Moore house mixes offer clubland a couple of reworkings with a particularly good dub. The release also includes a previously unreleased D'Angelo produced track 'Everyday' not to BT be missed,

K-CI & JO JO 'YOU BRING ME UP' (UNIVERSAL)

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(R&B) The Halley brothers stick with the new jack swing beats and continue to utilise them better than most. The track comes from the new album ahead of a promised Jodeci reunion some time in the future, the combination of signature wailing vocals with close upfront harmonies and phat beats making for a serious urban r&b jam. Mixes by the Ignorants and Snoop Doggy Dogg complete the selection of alternative mixes to ensure full support from both the r&b and hip hop massive. . . .

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[commentary] by tony farsides

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Never mind shooting straight up to number one from 22. gever thought LIL' KIM would

release a record called 'Not Toniel Whatever, if you've heard the record you now the motor propelling it to the top ofchart is the Kool & The Gang 'Ladies Nig sampling remix. Close behind, ZHANE to four (from 23) with the 'Cross doublepack which also contains some new mixes of 'Saturday Night'. Finally number 20 look out for ROBYN's 'Do y Know (What It Takes)' - poppy but an prover... Elsewhere, BOYZ II MEN WER reteasing their third LP, 'Evolution' X Sentember preceded by a single, " Seasons Of Loneliness', on September Babyface, Puff Daddy and Jam & Lewisa on the production. The group will a apparently be doing a live show in the list August... Delivery has finally been taken he WU-TANG CLAN's video for the Trium single, which is reputedly the ma expensive video ever made and is as OTT you'd imagine. However, it will have to on long way to beat the Notorious B.I.G. Money Mo Problems' video which break

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latest single but the combinatio and 'Ghosts' proves formidable enough for him to take a third week at the top of the Pop Chart. It's likely to be his last, however, with CLOCK, LIVIN' JOY and LE CLICK all looking to pose a challenge ... The Le Click record is most likely to succeed. Already a major hit on the continent, it's a typically energetic Euro hit, which has been remixed by a host of hin names, including Junior Vasquez, Umboza and D-Bop. At number four, it's the highest of 14 new entries and has been mailed by Hyperactive, Euro Solution and Push & Plug on behall of Logic. The label has had hard times recently but could be back on track with this and a forthcoming Junior Vasquez project, which sees the return of Vicki Sue Robinson, last seen in the Club Chart back in 1976, with her US hit 'Turn The Beat Around' ... Many rock and pop records have had thoroughly suitable remixes which take them into the dance arena without tosing any of their original feel or credibility. Among those which spring to mind instantly are 'Drivers Seat' by Sniff 'N' The Tears, 'Lean On Me' by Cliff Richard, "When Your Heart Is Weak' by Cock Robin and 'Hey Little Girl' by ICEH The latter, a Japan/Bryan Ferry clone of the finest pedigree, was a Top 20 hit in 1983, and has now been remixed for upcoming release

on Edel label Control. It's instantly popular again with DJs, debuting this week at 14.

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one bounces out in true "sound of the moment" style and it's good to see oldtimers like Kevin Swain (of DOP) keeping up with the trends. It's a simple but effective track with a teasing vocal, what sound like some Sunscreem samples in there somewhere - and it's that good too - if eerily like that old Guernilla sound. All-round better than a good number of the current house/or-is-it-speed-garage tracks. D&H

TUOMAS SALMELA 'QUALITY CAT EP' (20:20 VISION) (HOUSE) Four more deep ones from the Leeds label, this time from Finland's Tuomas Salmela, "I'm Really Tired" is a smooth houser with plenty of emotion. Don't be out off by the Marvin Gaye-esque vocal because it happens to work a treat. Solid programming and easy key work make this pretty versatile for most parts of the night. Other highlights include 'Nevski' and the retro-injected plano lead 'You Make Me'. Top stuff, especially for a debut release. Keep 'ern coming son. DM

CORRINA JOSEPH 'WISH TONITE' (ATLANTIC JAXX) (\$000) Basement Jaxx show the ide a singing cohort, Burbling backdrop to the

wistful vocal on 'Wish Tonite', while the funkiness of the tune shines through on the dub. The flipside features the even stronger "Lonely", with the yearning song set off by strolling breakbeats and plunging subbass. Fans expecting a more housey feel should not miss the Lonelee Dub.

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Two of London's most sparkling gay nights, Fruit Machine at Heaven and Sherbert at Soundshaft, just wouldn't be the same without the effervescent DJing style and friendliness of resident Rich B. Rich looked after Heaven's PR for some time before taking up DJing tull time. He's a man of contrasts: when he's not DJing, he likes trashing it up at Trade but he also loves to go hill tramping. A man for all seasons

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'BATHCADA' DJ DERO (DANCE STREET) "This came out in 1993 and it's carnival house at its best. It was the first track to use carnival-style drums, the kind of thing the Goodmen did. It's nure carnival vibe with a Brazilian or South American feel. It still goes down really well as it never charted. It still whips the crowd up - it's a Fruit Machine track!"

'UNMANAGEABLE' EAST ANGLIA (SHARP)

"This is one of their earliest things They're always acclaimed for the Candy Girl remixes and this was just before. It's a completely timeless mix, completely versatile. You can play it in a hard or a light set, it can take you from one mood to another because although it's got heavy percussion it never gets too hard. It's one of their finest moments and I know they really like it."

'BABY TALK' FUTURE FILES (SOUTH OF SANITY)

"This record came out last year and was a white label some months before. Right from the first play it became an instant anthem. Bubbly, building hard house with a stunning guitar in the main break which raises the roof."

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 - Phantem (Club for Life) PANTHER PARTY (DEX & JONESY MOC)' Mod Moses
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'LET THE BEAT HIT 'EM PART 2' LISA LISA & CULT JAM (COLUMBIA)

"This is a Clivitles & Cole production. You don't have much scope to play it except in a warm-up set. I do warmup as well as main sets at the Fruit Machine. It's oot beautiful production and it takes you on such a journey. It builds all the way through. The vocals are so clear. It puts a big smile on your face. It's so crisp.

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'DRIVE ME CRAZY' PARTIZAN (KARTOONZ)

"This was one of Graig Daniel from Trax and Tall Paul's first production ventures. It was picked up and released by Multiply this year and went into the Top 40. I'm pleased for Craig. The original single had 'Kelly's Heroes' on the flip and I like to play it. Paul named it after Kelly's In Port Rush. 'Drive Me Crazy' is effective bouncy house and "Kelly's" is more a towards-end-of-the-night track - it's really fast, about 145 or 150 bpm.

'DO WHAT YOU FEEL' DCO2 (HOOJ CHOONS)

"This was recorded in 1994 and is about the only classic in my box yet to be released. It's probably the oldie I play more than any of the others. It always works, especially on the gay scene because of the title! I always play the JX mix. It never fails to inflict maximum dancefloor damage.

STUCK ON A SPACE TRIP' DEMONIC EMOTIONS (TEC)

"It's only from last year but in my mind it's one of Jon The Dentist's finest moments to date. This mix, and the Montini Experience, "My House Is Your House', are fantastic. Stylish, banging techno which has a completely happy edge to it. It doesn't get too deep. When I play this at Sherbert you can feel the happiness rising from the floor.

'CIRCUS BEAT' TECMANIA REBEL (PLANET DANCE)

"I think this came out in 1995 and it's Dutch. It uses a hook that's used on Todd Terry's 'Jumpin', Again, It's a ssive percussion-led hard house tune. Simple and effective It really whips up an atmosphere."

CORERINNER' NATURAL BORN GROOVES (NBG)

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"This was originally from Belgium and came out in 1994. It is very percussion led. It is a very innovative track, simple and basic with loads of energy. It's different and it works really well. The crowd really like it for its bouncy energy, I play the new and original mixes."

'EMOTION' MEGA'LO MANIA (NO RESPECT)

"The ultimate last record - fantastic. It's really fast, totally uplifting, brilliantly arranged. It came out around 1993-94 and it's fab, it's got little flourishes and rounds things off brilliantly. But it's only for those nights when the crowd are really up for it. It's become a Sherbert classic. Because it's so fast you can't always play it but it's good as a last record, as an encore, because you don't have to mix it.

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n the 22 years since Spain emerged fascist rule the market

international rock and pop has developed slowly.

By contrast, its dance scene has grown at an incredible pace. It can be broadly divided into three categories: the emerging underground; the established Spanish labels which are diversifying into dance; and the multinational majors which are releasing their largely US and UK derived dance product in Spain. Leading underground companies

such as So Dens, Cosmos and Boozo - act as distributors, labels and club promoters and are run by trendsetters who are often D.Is and

One of the most dynamic is Cosmos chief Albert Salmeron. In addition to running the label, a distribution company and club promotions, Salmeron writes, DJs. promotes live appearances by hit acts such as Tricky, Orbital and Underworld and publishes Disco2000 magazine. The most recent issue of this former freesheet included features on Wall of Sound, Daft Punk and NuYorican Soul, and attracted advertising from the likes of PolyGram, Axis, Roland and Pioneer

"Dance has been netting stronger over the past three years," says Salmeron. "At first there was no media attention, but now there's a real hype surrounding it. A scene is building, which involves magazines, radio, clubs, bands and festivals. It looks like becoming a big thing So Dens international manager

Eloy Martin confirms this boom. He estimates his distribution business has 2.000% in two years. "We were one of the first

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pick of labels and tracks," he says. So Dens now distributes more than 60 labels from the LIK. Germany. Belr ium. France and the US. A newer addition to the underground is Boozo, which last June started releasing tracks by German producer 0 Com

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alongside Spanish techno acts such as The Frogmen, Toni Rox and Resonic, The label now has 10 12 inches and an album under its helt. At present, however, the number of records sold

by even the leading seven underground labels -Cosmos, Bopzo, Novaphonic, Minifunk, Beat Goes On, Full On and High Glam - are limited. Cosmos is attempting to

increase its average 1,000 units per 12 inch release to 2,000 Eloy Martin of

So Dens who started the Minifunk label earlier this

year, is also hoping to increase sales figures "People in Spain aren't used to buying records," he says. "Jeff Mills played in front of 2,000 people in Barcelona alone, and we'll be lucky to sell 1,000 copies of his compilation which we've just licensed from Axis," adds Martin. "People go out and enjoy the social scene, but at the moment only true enthusiasts are buying the records."

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Established Spanish labels such as Ginger Music, which has domestic hitmakers EX-3 on its roster and also regularly licenses European tracks for release, enjoys sales figures which the underground labels can only dream of. Robert Miles' 'Children', for example, sold 13,000 copies for Ginger, and the company is hoping for similar success with 'Ecuador' by Sash!.

Three years ago it was easy to sell 4,000 to 5,000 copies of a 12 inch," says Ginger's Blanca Bermejo. "Now there are too many releases. We're Berniep. Now there are no namy releases, we re lucky to have two singles a year which self more than 5,000, and we used to have one a week. The market is also saturated with compilations, and our sales figures have dropped from 300,000 on average per compilation to 100,000."

Max Music is another example of an established Spanish company which has grown with the international dance boom. Max first got involved with dance in its embryonic stages 12 years ago releasing megamix compilations. The first volume sold 13 000 units, the second 400,000, Now Max has a market share of 7%

sold 2.5m compilations last year, reports an annual over of \$30m in Spain and has offices in Germany, Portugal, Mexico, Brazil, Puerto Rico and

America. "Around 50% of our A&R source is on import," says international A&R Matthew Tallon. Max's house label

Container picked up on several tracks well before they become hits across the rest of Europe, including BBE's 'Seven Days And One Week' and 'Insomnia' by Faithless. Otherwise,

much of Max's business is putting together TVadvertised compilations and running deals with such labels as Time, Media, Flying, Hooj Choons and Limbo

Blanco y Negro, which has been importing international product into Spain for the past 18 years, is now also highly active in the dance arena. The label has set up two imprints. Vendetta for house music and Made In D.I for technol while mainstream pop dance material by acts such as 2 Unlimited and Coro is released on Blanco y Nepro itself. Rossella Solmi, export manager

at the label reports that it receives samples from all around the world and licenses many European dance hits. recent examples being Ultra Nate's 'Free', Urban Blues Project's 'Testify' and Age Of Love's 'Age Of

Love' One of Blanco y Negro's contributions to the Spanish dance scene is educating the public in the

history of house music with a triple compiled by A&R manager Fernando Fuentes, Practically all the 34 tracks are early house classics, and sleeve notes by Spanish DJs provide the background. The compilation was at number five in the national albums chart a month after release, having sold between 15,000 and 20.000 units To date the

majors' role in Spain's dance boom has been limited. But this is set to change. Miguel Tudanca was appointed

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has been **'Dance has been getting** successful with international product by artists such as Jam & three years. At first there Spoon, Boy George, Victoria Wilson James and Pharao. But domestic product is beginning to gain a foothold, too.

PM Proyet, signed to new imprint S3 Ibiza, is breaking in America, Italy, Sweden and Denmark and scoring locally while ASAP on the Dance Pool Spain label is doing well in Latin American territories.

Dance Pool now releases about 15 titles a month, including compilation albums and in June showcased many of its International artists and DJs

Spain's dance market has grown at an incredible pace in recent years, Although European hits licensed to Spain are the biggest sellers, domestic product is gaining a foothold too. But first the industry has to re-educate consumers in buying records. savs Caroline Moss



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Meanwhile, BMG Dancenet was set up six months and based in Barcelona, which is fast becoming Spain's dance capital, to release tracks from Logic, Deconstruction, Hansa and Breeze. It is currently enloying its first top five hit with 'Love And Respect' by Supa T And The Party Animals, signed to German party dance label Breeze. To date the track has sold 2.000 vinyl and 3.000 CD units but marketing director Raul Orellana is expecting sales to reach around 15,000 as the track is soon to be used for a beer commercial

Promotion in Spain is still at an embryonic stage While some

underground labels handle their own motion, many labels promote new releases through specialist distribution companies which know the vinyl stockists and shops used by DJs. Sony's Tudanca is one of the few to mail out white labels to DJS but this form of promotion is still ite undeveloped.



quite tindeveroped: Radio support is just beginning to kick in. Nationwide broadcaster Cadena yo Principales has started some specialist programming, and Flash FM, which covers Catalonia, "has really pushed house and techno with its specialised programming," according to Blanco y Negro's Rossella Solmi.

With morale high on the domestic front, Spanish labels are now looking to the international market for further success. "It's amazing, but the international

reaction to our records has been better than the Spanish, says Boozo's label manager Roberto Roman, who exports to the UK, Germany and France via Frankfurt-based distribution company Neuton. For the majors in particular, success abroad depends on English vocals. "We have very good producers but no English oices," says Marion Dacal at BMG Dancenet. "That's why product from here doesn't

really do well outside Spain. You can't sell a track with Spanish vocals to the German market, for example Max often tests tracks with English language vocals. If they sound right singers are flown in from the UK for the recording session. Boozo has so far released only instrumental tracks but is working on two deep house releases with English lyrics.

The need for English voices is clearly one of the reasons why vocal-free instrumental house and techno does so well in Snain. "Dance music is a more universal language than rock music," savs Salmeron. 'It's like Bach or Mozart." The underground labels are all heavily committed to

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working with local dance acts. Cosmos is bringing four of its DJs and two live acts over to London th mmer for a showcase at

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the Blue Note and is discussing UK distributio with Timewarp. Max had a top five hit in Germany earlier this year with a techno track, 'Ping Pong' by Object 1. Blanco y Negro is producing homegrown dance in its three studios and has planned a series of

mix compilations by well known Ibiza DJs. Ku resident Cesar de Melero has already mixed "Vendetta House Fruits Volume 2", and releases are lined up from DJ Piol from Pacha and DJs Reche and Jose de Divina from

However, the Ibizan scene doesn't have a huge bearing on what's happening on the mainland "Batearic music had been going on for ages before the UK discovered it," says Solmi. "Ibiza could have been an influence, but now the British bring their own clubs with them."



Desnite the UK-led nature of the worldwide dance market Snain is certainly enjoying success on home ground and has its sights set on becoming an international force.

"Our techno and house producers are finding it easier to be accepted by the European market than the rock bands did." says Boozo's Roman. "They're getting into it more easily and spontaneously. I definitely think it's time for Spain to dance."

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The fourth Sonal convention in Barcelona proved the growing importance of dance music in Snain By bringing artists and DJs of international renown to the atry, it has raised public awareness of the

genre throughout Spain. This year it attracted more than 27,000 visitors from Germany, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Italy, Japan, Portugal, Switzerland, the UK and the US.

The convention combined live acts, DJs, multimedia events and panels with the Sonarvillage, a forum of

around 60 stands taken by record companies, distributors, club noters and manufacturers of recording equipment. However, it was more geared towards selling records. magazines and club gear than actually steeh nnioh

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'It's more a music festival than a mini-Midem," says Warp director Steve Beckett, who was attending for the second time. "I love the whole feel of it."

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Although the emphasis was more on music than usiness, UK delegates like Beckett still found time to discuss licensing tracks and it's likely that as the event grows. more and more international contacts will be forged and deals

> Each evening hardes of people thronged Barcelona's Poliesportiu de la Mar Bella which was

turned into the Sonar Club for the duration. On the first night, Andrew Weatherall and Daft Punk were billed to appear amidst Spanish acts and DJs. Even those with no hope of gaining entrance were undeterred, setting

up their own parties outside the evenue, with sound systems booming from the backs of vans and car boots reminiscent of the early Brilish raves. Other Das and eats appearing across the weekend included Carl Craig, Roger Sanchez, Kruder & Dorfmeister, Dave Clarke, Coldcut, Richie Hawtin, Jeff Mills and Laurent Garnier.



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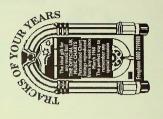
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Entering at number one in the US is difficult enough for a UK act, but holding on for more than a week it proving to be an even tougher proposition

Just seven days after impressively debuting at the top, Prodiny's The Fat Of The Land tumbles to three this week on the Billhoard 200 to mirror a fate ffered by five other UK

It means six of the last nine UK minana which want in at one onned a week later including two by The Bestles and one iece from Eric Clapton and Pink Floyd. The last instant UK mber one to enjoy any sustained nun was The Reaties' Anthology number one for four weeks at the end of 1995, while Elton John's Captain Fantastic And The Brown Dirt Cowboy remains the champ with seven weeks at the ton in

Leapfrogging Prodigy on the same chart is Spice Girls' Spice, which moves back up to two this week as their third single, 2 Recome 1 continues to alimb Billboard's airplay top 40. Spice isn't the only Virgin album inside the top 10 because it is joined at er 10 by the compilation Pure Moods, giving the record company its first US top 10 compilation

While the compilation market has been going strong in the UK since the launch of Motown's Chartbusters series in the Sixties, in the US compilations have only recently been making any notable impact on the

A handful of various artist compilations did make the top to in the late Fifties and early Sixties, including a trio of RCA albums in the series 60 Years Of



Music America Louise Root, but hig-sellers are usually confined to film soundtracks - as essed this week with the OST of Men In Black climbing to one and three others in the ton 23

Pure Moods, which has been adapted from the original threeyear-old UK release, is joined by a growing band of various artist releases in the chart suggesting the likes of The Best Christian Rock Album In The World ... Ever! may not be too far away from US record shop she

On the Hot 100, Sting's new oublishers FMI Music Publishing, will be pleased to know I'll Be Missing You by Puff Daddy, Faith Evans and 112 has nade it seven weeks in a row at number one. Heavily sam Every Breath You Take, it heads Maradith Bracke' Bitch at 2 Backstreet Boys' first big US hit Ouit Playing Games (With My Heart) at three and a UK line-up of Mark Morrison (3-4) Spice Girls (8-15), Bee Gees (32-35), White Town (41-46), Sneaker Pimps (55-55), Gina G (53-60), U2 (Last Night On Earth, 57-61). Depeche Mode (58-65), U2 ring At The Sun \$8-87), Paul McCartney (92-93), Damage (95-95) and Faithless (97-98). Paul Williams

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Although You're Not Alone

ARTIST PROFILE: OLIVE

They had to play a waiting game back home, but Olive are quickly discovering the international benefits of having a UK number one single

After seeing You're Not Alone topping the chart at home seven tooths after its first release, the hand are now making significant inroads overseas with their big hit currenth enjoying top 20 status in Denmark, Finland and Sweden. It is also in the top 40 in Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland, while continuing to build up its profile elsewhere. "The key to the success has

been a great UK set-up with a number one single which people can't ignore," says RCA international marketing manager Julian Wright

And, just as was the case in the LIK, it's been on the dancefloor that the track has mede its initial impact abroad "It's come through completely from the clubs and the reaction has been similar to the UK, only much slower," he says. "It's going through the German clubs ow, while in Australia it is number nine on the dance chart and is being predicted as a future number one. The strong dance following

for the single is being evoluted outside clubland with a specially re-edited dance mix of the video going to MTV, while its obvious radio appeal is seeing the song pick up notable airplay across continental Europe where the hand supported Faithless on tour last autumn. "The club support has helped

to a certain extent, but the airplay has always been the most important element," says Wright



not officially op to radio in the US until today (Monday), it is additionally picking up airplay support there. "It's getting a good reaction on Groove Radin on the West Coast," sava Wright. "They've been supporting Olive since the UK success and it's now being nicked up by other stations People are picking it up on import, particularly through Virgin and Tower stores, which is helping to create an underground buzz.

A new video is being made specifically for the US, while their album Extra Virgin is due to he released on August 4. That will be followed by a promotional trip to the States taking in New York and Los Angeles, scheduled for the last two weeks of September, A European tour is taking place in October and then in November they will visit the Far East where the single is just starting to take off Paul Williams

OLIVE You're Not Alone top 10 in Ton 20 hit in Swedon and Norway Top 40 in Belgium. Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland • US album release August 4

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| 28 | | MR. BIG STUFF | Grandmaster Mele-Mel & Scorpio Reputation 0098430 RAP (P) |
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higher-quality, and more imaginative, products coming to the fore

hen Radiohead embark on their forthcoming UK arena tour, they will not only be making the leap into becoming a stadi band, they will be leading a revolu tion in music merchandising, too.

Radiohead have launched their own merchandising outfit W.A.S.T.E. +0 design and market their own high-quality range of products and they hope the new initiative will help them secure a foothold in the booming High Street sportswear market that has drastically reduced inter est in the traditional rock band tour shirt.

"Music merchandisers should forget about formats and listen to the customer," says Chris Parkes, managing director of Merchandising For Life, which manages W.A.S.T.E. products.

"If we are to survive, we've got to behave the same way as the fashion industry. It's no use us going in saying We're rock'n'roll so we can do what we like". This is real business and we have to treat it as such with all the testing procedures, proper samples and everything else. We are aiming to bring out shirts that a kid would be proud to buy at his surfin'skate shop. We want to break out of the mould of music merchandising.

Radiohead-branded merchandise was among the bestsellers at this year's Glastonbury Festival. On their forthcoming tour, they will offer their own custom-

designed range of caps, shirts and sportswear, with not a single picture of the band, screen print or list of tour dates in sight.

The band basically decides what they want and we are just here to stop i them tripping up," says Parkes. "For bands like Radiohead, it's not a ques-

tion of how much money can be made from merchandising. They see it as a further reflection of their art and a question of making the right investment. The profit margins may be lower, but they don't have to worry about being embarrassed by their merchandise."

Paul Weller's current tour offers further pointers to the way music merchandise will develop in the future. BIG (Bravado Internationa Group) Tours, which handles lier's merchandising, has MUSIC WEEK 26 JULY 1997

struck a deal with fashion shirt makers Ben Sherman, resulting in one of the company's too-of-the-range shirts carrying a Weller label and logo selling for "We are trying to get into this idea of

cross endorsement heteinese with savs the act" BIG's head of A & Doug Hurcombe, "Pau Weller's marketing has to be very tar geted, You won't sell many posters and you wouldn't want his name

stamped over everything. You have to go for something a little more subtle a classy and there has been a great reaction to the Ben Sherman shirts Like Radiohead's W.A.S.T.E products,

Weller's upmarket shirts are moving retail music merchandising away from the record shops and into the High Street sportswear and fashion shops. Oasis are even opening their own internet shop

during August to sell their own range of clothing, further shifting the emphasis away from the traditional tour stalls/ record stores strategy. "Oasis are very opinionated about the whole thing, they're well into it," says Wayne Clarke, with a company dire tor of Lindonworld, which looks after Oasis's merchan-"If we are to survive, we've got dise. "We've been working with them to behave the same way as the from day one and fashion industry. We want to we've got a good understanding break out of the mould of music with them and their fans. They merchandising" - Chris Parkes, know they can buy Merchandising For Life a new range of

clothes at the gigs and they aren't going to fall apart or shrink when you wash them.

Heavy metal has faded as a merchan dising force in recent years, overtaken by the previously moribund dance mark led by Prodigy products. The teen industry remains buoyant, however, ignited by the continuing success of Spice Girls, Boyzone, Peter Andre and 911. The demand for higher-quality product

has also reached the younger end of the market, where cheap posters and low range T-shirts traditionally reigned

There are still a few people plugging the old photos and there's still some cheesy stuff in the sector," says Doug Hurcombe of BIG, which handled the recent Peter Andre tour, "But we are certainly trying to treat the range in as

grown-up a way as possible. For Peter Andre, we tried to put a design element into all the narments we were selling on the tour - the sort of stuff the fans might see in Top Shop. Our bestseller was the tour book, which we sold for £6, but it was very good value with out-outs and embossing We also sold a lot of knickknacks such as badges and key rings

The Andre tour also struck a signifi ant blow against bootleggers. Police and trading standards investigators swooped to arrest teams of bootleggers before Andre's concert at Glasgow NEC

At this level, merchandising has unlim ited - and more lucrative - retail possibilities. BIG is currently handling the licensing of an Action Man-style Peter Andre doll to be sold into stores alongside mugs and bedspreads.

Boyzone, too, are diversifying. In September, they launch their own range of perfumes, birthday cakes and even a fizzy cola drink. "We've already had 1.2m pre-orders on the Boyzone drink," says Wayne Clarke of Underworld, which handles Boyzone product. "The trick is being creative all the time. We've just finished a Boyzone tour and we broke most of the hall records for gross income. With a band like that, we have to work harder at paper product but we introduced the idea of skinny-fit stuff for girls in lycra and that did really well. We also did a nice hooded tracksuit top, which we sold et around £28 and that has flown

out. Profit margins are tight, but if you get your quantities right and go for sales it can still be a good market

Supergrass also sold a wide range of products on their recent tour. "We had everything from custom made shirts to fridge magnets with the band logo on, branded cigarette paper holders and lighter holders with the logo cast into them," says Andy Allen, managing director of Backstreet, >





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Supergrass's merchandisers. "The bands now want something individual to them and it's become vitally important to the fans that they can get

something different at the glgs, too. "We now go to a band like Supergrass

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with as many as 40 differed design ideas, providing samples and all the rest of it. The whole market has become much more sophisticated and compettive. The volume of sales is about the spread across more attists. Bands like Nod's Atomic Dustbin and Carter USM used to sell more attists. Bands like Nod's Atomic Dustbin and Carter USM used to sell more attists. Bands like Nod's Atomic Dustbin and Carter USM built had desar't happen any more. The appendix desary in the word lart logging to there is no feeling for the band which is on Jt."

The overheads of merchandising have become so prohibitive that Alien now actively encourages new bands to use Backstreet purely as a supply service, while the traditional "friend of the band" sells the product out of the back of the van after the gig.

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"It makes more sense to them and us," he says. "The band can make more money that way and it still works. We've had to wait a couple of years to get paid by some bands at the lower end. When they start playing bigger venues, that's when you have to get into royalty splits or profit shares from the tour."

Costs to merchandsers can be even more risky at the top end of the scale as venues raise their prices on concessions. BIG has just completed a Colline Dion tour where many of the concerts were at outdoor stadiums, avoiding concession fees but incurring the costs of installing their own staff. "People just don't realise the costs involved," says BIG's Hurcombe. "Vou still get people looking

at a £13 T-shirt saying "What a rip-off" and they're standing there in a £30 Stussy



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For many UK retailers, creating space for musi-related merchandles is one way of improving tight profit margins. Traditionally, rock band T-shirts and posters have been the favourite option, but many retailers are now adding more dance-oriented items such as jackets, bags and silpmats to their standard such offers.

Not surprisingly, it is the bigger chains which have maximised the opportunity to make money out of merchandise. Between them, HMV and Virgin/Our Price now claim a 65% share of the High Straet market. A sizeable slice of that share comes

A sizeble slice of that there comes from poster sales – worth around £7n a year according to suppliers' estimates. Since the collapse of the Athena chain in 1995, most of this business has been taken up by music retailers, who have been rewarded by a growing market. According to Joanne Copley-Dunn,

According to Joanne Coptey-Lunn, general manager at GB Posters, one of the UK's largest specialist poster suppliers, tales are up by 60% on last year's figures. "We have tripled our customer base thanks to new accounts with the major trailiers," she says. "Sales for the year ending August 1997 should top 2.25m."

Virgin is now centralising the buying of its posters and will start to barcode them individually so it can develop a historical sales pattern. Sophie Watson Smyth, paper product

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Sophie Watson Smyth manager at Virgin/Our Price, says, "Poster sales consistently outperform budget. Once we know what we are selling, we can manage the range better and improve sales. Posters have better margins than previously recognised and are low maintenance products." Ricky Gordon, buyar for related products at HMV, agrees that the posta

products at immense potential, "The market has immense potential, "The problem for music retailers is that posters have always been low down on the list of priorities and always will be," be says.

"This year, however, we are looking to maximise poster sales and so there is an obvious need to get the presentation and operational structure right if we are to do that successfully."

to do that successivily." But while the poster market is unmistakably buoyant, Robert Graves, general manager at manufacturing company A Bigger Splash, worries about the time it takes record labels to produce artwork needed to produce postors which the in with album releases.

This problem is most keenly felt in the T-shirt sector which, although estimated to be worth around £30m, is nevertheless in a state of stagnation. HMV's Gordon believes much of the blame for this can be levelled at the suppliers and record labels.

suppliers and record avers. "The market is flat because the licence holders still don't make the effort to have designs out in time to go with big releases in order that we can make the most of cross-merchandising opportunities."

Suppliers counter with the argument that retailers' presentation of their products is out of date and out of step

with the rest of the music marker. "A tot of the chains still ask us to prepare the gear for shrink wrapping in a 12x12 packets oi can fit their alphabetical racking." complains one supplier. "This perpetuates the cheap rock" or oil maga. They need to display T-shirts on mannequies or hang them out as you would in a clothes store." Yinks Adegote

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Today's generation of clubbers are proving to be enthusiastic buvers of fashion items linked to their favourite venues

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you want a gauge of i important merchandising is to today's premier dance clubs, then look no further than the fullpage ads Ministry Of Sound have placed in recent issues of The Face and Musik magazines

Below the address of the ve the club's mailing list details and the address of its London store receive equal billing. However, as Ministry Of Sound's managing director Mark Rodol explains, the key to continued expansion and longevity in the club business is definitely not simply milking your logo for all it's worth

The first thing to say is that the peron who comes to the door of the Ministry Of Sound in a big white T-shirt with a Ministry logo is the person who gets turned away. Clubs promote themselves as attracting the most fashionable people in the city or area where they're based, therefore there's a dilemma between what the club produces and what clubbers wear." Rodol believes that the Ministry's gasp of this dilemma is what sets it apart from many other clubs which are active producers of branded



By restricting wholesale business, the Ministry is able to control its brand through mail order. Rodol says, "What people often ignore is that distribution is a form of media and that merchandise sold in the wrong shop is therefore a bad advert for the brand.

Since a superclub is effectively a brand, he says, it has to understand the way the market divides up: serious club bers tend towards logo-free apparel, which is the best-selling range at the Ministry's London outlet, but a mailorder customer in Tokyo is more likely to opt for a logo-emblazoned T-shirt because there such a garment is a

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scarcity, so it makes sense to splash your exclusivity all over vour torso.

Laurence Bagnell, merchandising manager at World Dance and A Way Of Life, also stresses the discernment shown by club consumers. "Once, dance logos would sell anything. Now, the quality of garment is of paramount importance. We're spending more than twice as much on the basic T-shirts as we were three years ago without increasing the retail price. It cuts unit profits, but increases loyalty."

James Smallman, of the RM/pop promotions depart ment at London's Mega-Bullet Promotions, adds, "Things like slipmats and mousemats are ideal promotional items.

Like record bags, they're functional and that usefulness means they'll be

around as a reminder to a DJ or a journalist when a label's next record is released." Steve Lucas, senior salesper-

son at merchandise manufacturer Green Island, says record bags remain a core product. On top of the standard black rylon garment. client retailers can opt for hologram logos or logos in plastic cansulations

Similarly, colour trims and V-necks can be added to T-shirts according to the desires of the manufacturare

"Skinny-fit T-shirts are now the stan-

dard club requirement," explains Luna "Big, baggy T-shirts are now only really "Big, baggy i-shirts are now only really used for promotion. Tight T-shirts have been a fashion item for the past three or four years and now they're really popular for branded music merchandising, too. By contrast, sales of MA2 bomber

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ackets, which once rivalled record bags in popularity, have now passed the peak, leaving merchandise departmente at clubs and record labels looking into fleeces and puffas to take up the slack Consequently, clubs and merchandise manufacturers alike must stay alert to such changes in taste if they are to avoid being stuck with excessive quantities of branded stock.

Those who still associate clubs with luminous gimmicks and other novel items might be shocked at the serious ness and emphasis on materials which now reigns in the realm of dance musimerchandise The opinion of the Indus-



"but clubbers want to express their own personalities through how they dress; the point is to stand out from the crowd, not follow it.

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CD174321). Owen adopts a rather atrange vocal style on this rocking pop song – but the result is actually quite appealing.

KIM MAZELLE: Young Hearts Run Free (Capitol COXYMAJ101). Nollee Hooper is at the controls for Mazelle's pumped-up version of the soul classic, lifted from the Romeo & Juliet soundtrack. DO FLUNE-Just As You Are (Chrysalis CDCHS5661). A storming debut single

with a savagely addictive chorus from this goth-tinged quartet. DOOD GNUWINE When Doves Cry (Epic 664498 2). This R&B Cover of the classic Prince track moves into Fugues territory, with help from hot producer Timbaland. It could be a bir hit. DOO

TINA MOORE: Never Gonna Let You Go



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(Delirious DELI5). This wailing vocal garage track has been lapped up by Kiss 100 and may cross over in the wake of Rosie Gaines.

SHOLA AMA: You're The One That I Love (WEA/Freakstreet WEA/21CD). Following the Top 10 hit You Might Need Somebody. Ama repeats the samppy pop soul formula and adds quality club remixes. Should benefit from recent live dats...TOTO

ROBYN Do You Know What It Takes (RCA COSM9532). The Swedish popr& & Byian bombshell has exploded on the US charts and is heading for certain UK airplay and a probable Top 40 platform for her upcoming debut album. DOCO-ULK MM. Not Tennight Aldanist An007). Built around Kool & The Gang's surefire Ladies Night hythm, this is a seductive hip hopper from the Junior Mafa rapper. OCOO

COLDCUT: Beats And Pieces (Ninja Tune ZEN CDS58). Kitchen sink collection of samples, loops and cut-ups over wide-



AQUASKY: DREAMY DRUM & BASS

Amazingly, it was not promoed to clubs, where

it would have been a major success, but with

wonderful Jam & Lewis creation Everything,

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anyway...Mary J Blige is back with the

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Superb summer music...Puff Daddy & The

Family's All About The Benjamins, featuring

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ranging current rhythms may be too catholic for some, but will delight far mare. Remarkable. OLIVE: Outlaw (RCA 74221508372). Nowhere near as ear-grabbing as its chart-

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STEREOPHONICS: A Thousand Trees (V2 WVR500043). Damned perhaps by comparisons to the Manics, this Welsh trio are one of the most underrated acts around. This is another searing, passionate statement with real depth in its lyrics. DDDD

ALBUMS

GRANT McLENNAN: In Your Bright Bay (Beggars Banquet BBOCD192). Last seen at the Go Betweens' lump-in-the-throat sunion gig at London's Forum. McLennan gets back to business wit another well-crafted exploration of the an heart. Lovely. AQUASKY: Orange Dust (Passenger Aqua 3). immering, dreamy drum & bas contrasts with slower jazzy rap tracks on the Bournemouth act's impressive first release on their own Passenger bel, backed by Polydor. OMAR: This Is Not A Love Song (RCA 74321496262). With an inspirational nod to Innervisions period Stevie Wonder, Omar re-emerges with a stylish

collection. DDD PINK RAVD: PiperAt The Gates Of Dawn (EMU UK DEMUTIO). A reissued, repackaged mono version of the seminal psychedelic work, which stands up to plenty of scrutiny 30 years after its initial release. A must for fans.

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MULU: Smiles Like A Shark (Dedicated DEDCD03). Sumptuous, atmospheric mood music which takes a Sundayslike slant on trip hop and takes it into new, seductive waters. One of the year's hishlichts. ODDD

This week's reviewers: Dugald Baird, Sarah Davis, Sophie Moss, Ian Nicolson, Martin Talbot, Paul Vaughen and Paul Williams

You, anchoring a fairly unremitting rap over a funky



bass riff. Crossiver potential is very limited. Universal's new budget label Half Moon is up and running with a dozen releases deale-priced at 23.7. Highlights from the first batch include MacArthur Park by thespian Richard Harris, not a great singer, but one with a charm and style all of his own, and Tell Ma Something Good — The Best Of Hauts Faurring Chaka Khan, a very strong selection including no faver than 10 US hiss, among hum the funky thic, the soulful Walkin' In The San and more. A set of areq quality.

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FRONTLINE

ON THE BOAD

STEVE MOSS, BMG rep for for Yorkshire/Lancashire "Business is fairly buoyant at the moment. Primal Scream is still selling well, along with the Ministry Of Sound Sessions and the Echo & The Bunnymen album. The Gary Barlow single is expected to chart high after getting a lot of profile on radio and TV, which has already increased sales of the album. Omar's new single comes out on Monday and already his new album is getting strong reviews, although it's not out until August 4. I'm being asked for the new Way Out West single coming out on Deconstruction, while people are already asking about the new Notorious BIG single Mo Money Mo Problems, which features Puff Daddy and Faith Evans. The Notorious BIG tribute single, I'll Be Missing You, meantime, is still selling strongly and could well knock Dasis off the number one spot."

IN THE SHOPS THIS WEEK

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NEW BELEASES

BEHIND THE COUNTER

JAYNE WOOD, Now, Castleford

"The Gasis single is still chugging along quite nicely, although a lot of people are now hanging on for the album and the pre-orders are

eginning to stack up. There's a lot of interest in Jon Bon Jovi's album

Destination Anywhere and we've been recommending the companion

window display for Jon Bon Jovi, supplied by PolyGram, and this is helping to maximise his sales. Otherwise, it's the compilations which

are selling well. Ultimate Party Animal is still steaming out, although it has been around for a while, and War Of The Worlds recently

benefited from a burst of local TV advertising. As for singles, we're

shifting loads of Gala and Mr President to customers who have just

video. We usually find that real fans are interested in buying both

formats if we point them in the right direction. We've got a great

ed to get Now! 37 off to a fiving start, while Echo & The ional TV advertising help Bunnymen initially failed to live up to the promise of its pre-release interest. On the singles front, Gasis and Puff Daddy still dominated although Robbie Williams, The Seahorses, Super Furny Animale and Delizious were backable newcomere

PRE-RELEASE ENQUIRIES

returned from their holidays abroad."

Singles - Meredith Brooks, Knuckleheadz, Chess, Boyzone, Backstreet Boys; Albums -Dasis, Levellers, Ocean Colour Scene, June Tabor, Linoleum

ADDITIONAL FORMATS

Spiritualized limited album as 12-CD boxed set, Lee Perry album as four-CD boxed set, Pet Shop Boys limited-edition double CD album

IN-STORF

Windows - Puff Daddy, Teenage Fanclub, The Mother Of All Swing II, Meredith Brooks, Universal, Edwyn Collins, Nimbus boxed sets; In-store - Backstreet Boys, Cliff Richard Barry Manilow, Kathleen Ferrier, Robbie Williams, Megadeth, Long Live Tibet, Dreamscape Vol 1, Peter Cox, U2, Universal

MULTIPLE CAMPAIGNS



Radio singles - Meredith Brooks, Peter Cox; In-store and press ads Long Live Tibet, Megadeth, Dreamscape Vol 1, Earth Wind & Fire, Bobby McFerrin, Madame Butterfly, Diggin' Desper 1 and 2, Isley Brothers, Return To The Source, Tan Dun, EMI Mini Classics, U2 back catalogue promotion, 20% off boxed sets, £4 off T-shirts, £1 off selected uidans



Single - Backstreet Boys; Album - Cliff Richard; In-store Boyzone, Universal, Mamas & Papas, Meredith Brooks, U2, Edwyn Collins, Morrissey, Reef, In The Mix 97 3, Teenage Fanclub, Fun Lovin' Criminals, The Seshorses, After The Break, Mother Of All Swing II, First Summer Of Love, Sony Millennium promotion with CDs at £9.99, hudget promotion with CDs at £5.99 or three for £12



In-store - Prodigy, Jackson Five, Essential Bread, Royal Pageant Of The Horse, Sarah Brightman, Classic FM Midnight Moods, Evita, Cinema Choral Classics, Voices From Heaven, Friends, The Birdcage, The Rescuers, Barney, Mr Bean

Windows - Illuminations, Ry Cooder, Andrea Bocelli, David Helfgott; In-store - discounted Nimbus boxed sets, EMI All Time Greats, Musicians Of The Globe, Maria Callas, Piano Dreams, **Collins Classics**

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| MEGASTORIES | Singles – Mamas & Papas, Dave Angel, Backstreet Boys, Univer Meredith Brooks; Windows – Teenage Fanclub, Dungeon Keepe Collins (Classics: In store – three singles for FLD, Morrissey, EMI Classics, U2, 30 years of Sgt Pepper promotion, Naxos jazz |
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| OLWORTHS | Singles – Universal, Backstreet Boys; Album – Cliff Richard; Windows – Nowl 37; In-store – Best.Ever Album CDs at £10.99 e or two for £20, Michael Jackson back catalogue campaign |

The above information, compiled by Music Week on Thursday, is based on contributions from Andy's Records (Lichfield), Fopp (Glasgow), Jumbo (Leeds), Graham's (Belfast), Happy Daze (Isle of Wight), HMV (Cardiff), Tower (Piccadilly), Our Price (Tunbridge Weils), Pure oove Records (Holloway, London) and Virgin (Newcastle) If you would like to contribute, call Karen Faux on 0181-563 4830

EXPOSURE

TELEVISION

26.7.97

Mashed, with Code Red, ITV: 9.25-11.30am The O Zone, featuring Puff Daddy, BBC1: 10.35-11am National Lottery Live, with Michael Ball,

BBC1: 7.45-8.05p Warren G Live 'N' Direct, MTV: 8-9pm

Blackstreet Unp gged, MTV: 9.30-10pm Alpha Zone, with Whitney Houston, Channel

Five: 9.30-10am Star Trax: Mary J Blige, MTV: 2-3pm

Jack Docherty Special, featuring Gary Barlow, Channel Five: 6.05-7pm

28.7.97 Classic Albums: Paul Simon - Gracelands, BC1: 11.20pm-12.20am

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EY'S DIAR



surely not every day the unlikely bedfellows John Tavener, Prodigy and Spice Girls snuggle up with each other on a cultural list. But so it was at Kensington's 41 Queen's Gate Terrace last Tuesday, when the 10 albums shortlisted for this year's Mercury Music Prize were revealed to the world. On hand to witness it all was a strong contingent from Parlo-phone (1), paranoid androids perhaps

after The Bends' previous absence, but it was all OK Mercury when Radiohead were listed this time. Parlophone's Tony Wadsworth (with son Ben), Malcolm Hill and Terry Felgate even posed with the contest's MD David Wilkinson (second left), to

cement the relationship. Virgin Records' Ray Cooper and Paul Conroy (2) were more than happy to pose for the camera. although even they're not sure who they are just now after

performance of their new single was marked by only the second stage invasion in the show's history. The first invasion, we are reminded, was when Nirvana performed a few short years ago. What's this in The Guardian? East West is seeking new A&R ears and asking for graduate applicants with the immortal line, "Come and have a go if you think you're A&R'd enough" ... First it was fruit and veg to protest about grocers selling CDs, now Tower is staging a

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Weller's Heavy Soul, had not made it on to the final list. Pictured with the pair is HMV display and marchandise co-ordinator Robert Read

On Sunday list of the Top 50 industry

movers and shakers. Ready to show the

sun was not setting on the Chemicals'

success were (left to right) (3) Paul

Connolly of the band's publisher MCA

Music, A&M/Mo Wax's Steve Finan, and

Virgin Records joint MD Ashley Newton

and A&R ouru Paul Kinder, it was a case

of Mercury at the Mercurys (4) as Howard

Berman (left) and Jonathan Green (sec-

ond right), posing with London's Laurie

Cokell (second let) and Faith No More

manager Warren Entner (right). Else-

where, HMV's marketing director John

Taylor (left) (5) was no doubt discussing

with Island Records' Clare Britt (right)

why one of his chosen 10 albums, Paul

bondage show at its Piccadilly Circus store window today (21), To promote the release of the Preaching To The Perverted OST on Spank Records it will feature two mistresses from the film demonstrating the Spank-O-Matic and teaching their male slave a thing or two ... THE was no doubt hoping to land itself with plenty of "orders! orders!" after turning its presentation to the industry last Wednesday (16) into a mock House of Commons session. Taking their places in a scaled-down version of the lower chamber in Whitehall Place were THE's very own cabinet, headed, of course, by prime mover Dick Francis. "Cash for questions is not a problem in this house," bellowed a specially broughtin madam speaker. "It's an absolute necessity". Riotous and often rowdy. the session recreated the real thing perfectly, even referring to several staff members as having "crossed the floor of the house" from EUK ... Talking of government, Alan McGee is a proud man following his

appointment as the music industry's

minister with portfolio When he set up Creation 14 years ago, he never expected it would put him into power, but he has some pretty odd ideas why London is so brilliant. "People come to London because Noel and Liam live here - it's not about Big Ben. it's about Oasis" ... The noise is always deafening at Silverstone, But at least it was tuneful at last week's British Grand Prix when

nearly a dozen highly-tuned music machines leapt on stage after Villeneuve took the chequered flag. Among regular rockers such as Chris de Burgh and Jamiroquai. Damon Hill slung on a guitar and strummed some toons ... Big bells to London's top dog Tracy Bennett who hitched himself up to model Joanna Rhodes recently, and hearty congrats to Tracie London, Chrysalis Music's head of TV and advertising music, and Echo product manager David Rowell who were due to tie the knot on Saturday (19) ...



Maverick boss Freddy DeMann found time in his chocke nedule to fly in and pick up a multi-platinum disc for Alania Morissette's Jagged Little Pill from Warner Music chairman Reb Dickins and WEA UK MD Meira Bellas. From left, May crick head of A&R Guy Oseary, Bellas, DeMann and Dickins



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