



# MUSIC

With DOUG NEEMS

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Ever dashed to the record store to scoop up that hot new 12-inch you heard last night and suddenly realized you knew neither the name of the artist nor the title of the song?

After searching through the record bins, you locate an employee and explain your dilemma. Inevitably, you wind up singing what you know of the song (your personal interpretation) and still no one has any idea of what the title could be.

I hope this column will alleviate such incidents. I've chosen some of the current and brand new releases that elicit favorable crowd response and have listed them. Most are available locally. Some, especially the imports, can only be obtained through specialty shops.

#### Domestic Energizers

Dead or Alive's "Brand New Lover" continues to snowball, followed closely by Wang Chung, New Order, the Belle Stars and Bananarama. Harder to find, but well worth the search, are Linda Imperial's "Fire," Joan Faulkner's "I Don't Want To Talk About The Weather" and Desire's "Crazy Over You."

#### Urban-Oriented

The Pointer Sisters' "Gold Mine" is finally starting to make waves. So are Grace Jones, Sylvester and Samantha Fox (NOT the porn star!). Worth checking out are Cameron Paul's re-edit of Jesse Johnson's "Crazay" and J.M. Silk's "I Can't Turn Around" (the essence of Chicago "house" music).

#### From Abroad

The Nasty Boyz' "I Was Made For Loving You" paces the import pack,

which includes "Don't Pretend to Know" by Tapps, "Deliverance" by People Like Us and fast-riser Patty Ryan's "Stay With Me Tonight."

#### Slightly Esoteric

The Lover Speaks — "Every Lover's Sign," progressive funk with broad appeal.

Pet Shop Boys — "Suburbia" (remix), drama on vinyl.

Pepper Watkins — "So Glad," a bit fluffy but worth a listen.

Kraftwerk — "Musique Non-Stop" as the boys revise their electronics. Heavy Art of Noise influence.

Jimmy Lifton — "I'm A Man," wonderfully percussive update of a classic.

Cyndi Lauper — "Change of Heart" (12-inch remix), the remix makes ALL the difference. A sure shot for clubs and airplay.

Two Minds Crack — "Cry Cry Cry," quintessential modern dance music.

Leah Landis — "Boys," resurrected cut from the first Beatles LP takes on a whole new meaning. Pick hit nationally.

#### DOUG'S TOP TEN

1. Dead or Alive, "Brand New Lover." Epic 12-inch.
2. Wang Chung, "Everybody Have Fun." Geffen 12-inch.
3. Nasty Boyz, "I Was Made For Loving You." BMS 12-inch import.
4. Belle Stars, "World Domination." MCA 12-inch.
5. Linda Imperial, "Fire." On The Spot 12-inch.
6. Grace Jones, "I'm Not Perfect." Manhattan 12-inch.
7. Desire, "Crazy Over You." Sheik 12-inch.
8. Sylvester, "Someone Like You." WB 12-inch.
9. Samantha Fox, "Touch Me." Arista 12-inch.
10. Patty Ryan, "Stay With Me Tonight." XYZ 12-inch import.

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