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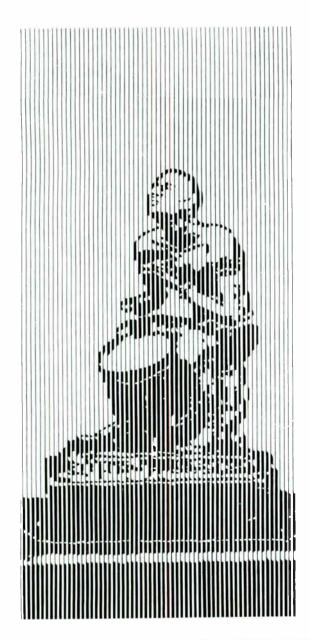




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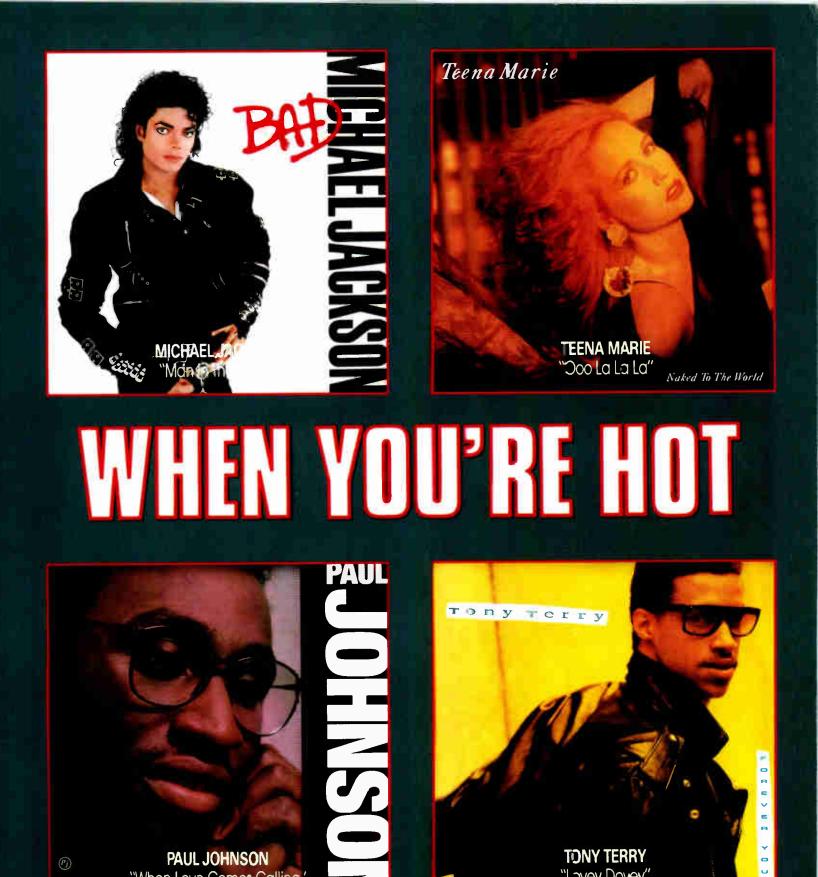
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### ARTIST

### TITLE

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### SINGLE OF THE WEEK

### GEORGE HOWARD LOVE WILL CONQUER ALL MCA

Howard is back with another cover from the Lionel Richie hit list. Picking a cool sounding ballad, the horn man extracts a sweetly emotive tone from the soprano saxophone, an instrument that he is quickly becoming a leading exponent of, following precedents set by Grover Washington, Jr. and before that Jazz legend John Coltrane. Produced by Howard with an eye for Jazz and Quiet Storm formats.

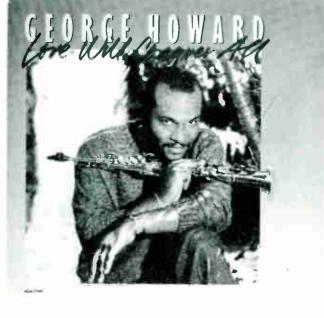
### ALBUM OF THE WEEK

### TEENA MARIE NAKED TO THE WORLD EPIC

Teena really goes all out on this hit packed LP, including orchestral and horn arrangements on most of her selfpenned and produced songs. "Trick Bag" is a bright up tempo dance groove that's ready for the airwaves, while cohort Rick James contributes vocals on the mid tempo funk rocker "Call Me." "Crocodile Tears" is another hot radio bound number, once again underscoring Teena's well developed and occasionally innovative songwriting talent.







# BRE MUSIC REPORT IMPORTANT RECORDS

### SINGLES

MAGIC LADY—BETCHA CAN'T LOSE (WITH MY LOVE)—MOTOWN— Magic Lady debuts with this rock solid arrangement from songwriter/ producer Michael Stokes. Coming across with a powerful contemporary R&B sound, the group is picking up adds out of the box!

**PRINCESS AND STARBREEZE—BABY IT'S OVER—MCA**—Lead vocalist and all-around talent Princess is getting a lot of attention with her aggressive, driving sound, a sound that she powers with her own extra funky bass plucking. Shades of Keith Sweat and Prince are evident in this up tempo, multi-format chart buster!

**CHRIS JASPER—ONE TIME LOVE—CBS ASSOCIATED**—Jasper finds himself in the midst of an exploding solo career after the hot debut release "Superbad" took off earlier this year. Offering another piping hot, hit bound groover with strong dance sensibilities, the Isley associate has another winner.





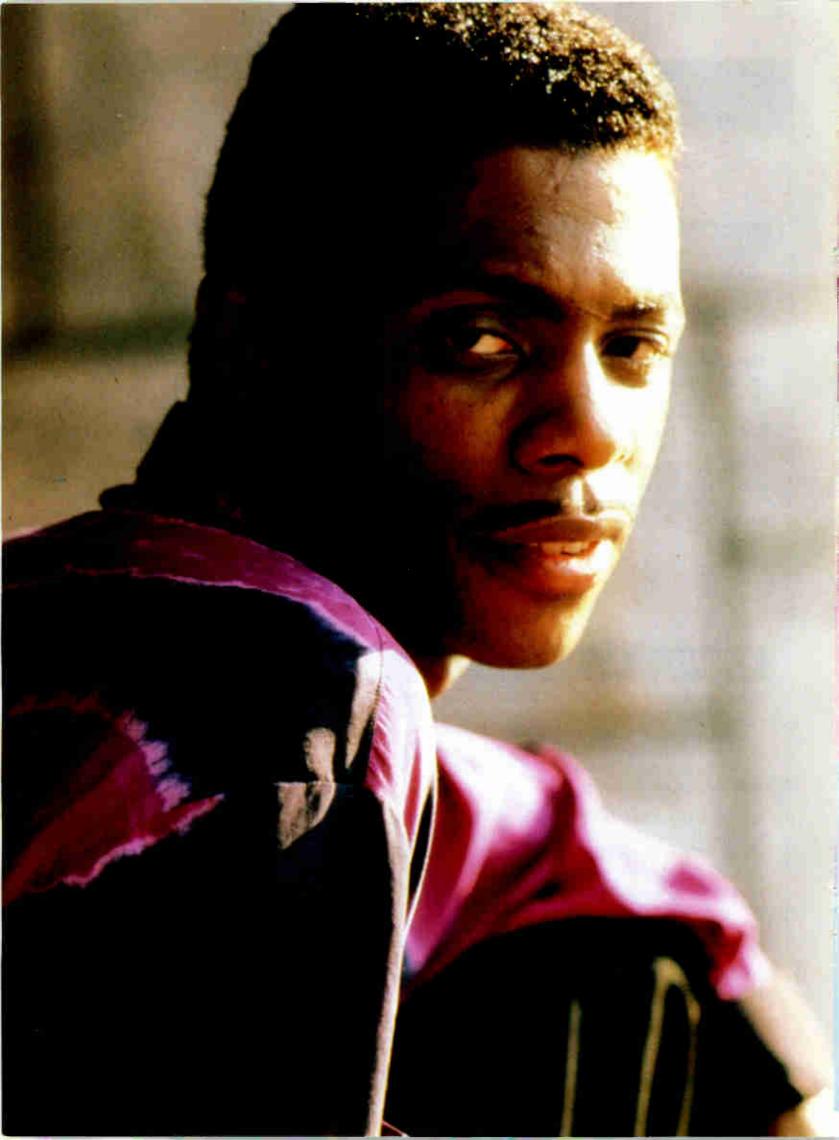
### ALBUMS

**TAKE 6—DOO BE DOO WOP BOP—REPRISE**—Take 6 takes contemporary Gospel up another level with their beautifully harmonious accapella vocals in, count 'em, six parts. Drawing from influences such as The Persuasions and The Manhattan Transfer, the group offers squeaky clean selections like "Gold Mine" and "Spread Love." An LP as impressive technically as it is artistically.

**NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK—HANGIN' TOUGH—COLUMBIA**—This teen vocal group takes a solid R&B direction on the Maurice Starr produced album. "Please Don't Go Girl" is an outstanding ballad that brings the young Michael Jackson to mind, it's already breaking big. "The Right Stuff" picks up the pace for the dancers and has a fresh Urban and Pop sound that is definitely headed for heavy radio action. "Hangin' Tough" is a hard rockish jam with strong Rap sensibilities, proving that the kids may be teen heartthrobs, but they're still tough!!!

JOHN WHITEHEAD—I NEED MONEY BAD—MERCURY/ POLYGRAM—Whitehead is a serious singer. His first single release is "I Need Money Bad," a theme most of us can relate to well enough. The vocalists depth of talent shines brightly again on the gorgeous composition "Pick Yourself Up," a quiet, reflective cut with loads of style and class. "Body Move" is a jammin' up tempo selection!





# KEITH SWEAT NOSWEAT

inger/songwriter Keith Sweat finally quit his 9-to-5 on the New York stock market last month. But unlike other colleagues who may have left due to the rise and fall of stock shares, Harlem-born Keith walked because he's just had the No.1 record on the black music charts. His debut single, "I Want Her," has become one of the biggest records in the nation over the past few months and his first LP, the hit-filled *Make It Last Forever* just turned gold on its way to platinum status.

Add to all of that the fact that Keith's second single, "Something Just Ain't Right" is a major add at Black radio across the country and you might have some inkling as to why Keith decided it was time to make that move and solidify his career in music. "It was rough trying to do it all," said 26-year old Keith, "working all the time and promoting the record so once my tour was set, I knew I could leave the job."

Keith admits that he didn't expect "I Want Her" to turn into as big a hit as it has. "I knew something was going to happen with the record but not all this. Actually, when I was recording it, I had a bunch of friends in the studio and I watched their reactions. That gave me a pretty good indication of whether the music was happening."

Keith's journey into the recording studios was no overnight occurrence. After a number of years of preparation encouraged by his family—Keith became lead singer for a local New York band, Jamilah, affording him the chance to share the stage of the famed Apollo Theater with artists the caliber of Teddy Pendergrass and The Whispers.

He laughed as he recalls that during his formative years, his mother made him sing with a swing band at a local club. "She used to really encourage me and my two older brothers and two younger sisters to sing all the time," Keith smiled. Obviously the family support paid off, although Keith is under no illusion that the kind of success he's having now was only achieved by paying dues.

After three years with Jamilah, Keith left the group: "I decided I should put

my hard-earned money into making some demos for myself but I soon found out that breaking into the business isn't the easiest thing to do. People take your tapes and never listen to them!"

In the process of playing his music for industry personnel, Keith met Rahiem LeBlanc and Herb Lane, two members of the group G.Q., who gave him the opportunity to record at their studio in the Bronx. Publicist Judy Hutson, a mutual friend, introduced Keith to Vincent Davis, head of Vintertainment Recordings Inc. Davis knew

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that Keith clearly had something to offer with his music and although the original plan was for an initial 12" single release, Elektra Records—with whom Davis has a production deal for Vintertainment gave the green light for an entire LP. "I guess everyone felt strongly about what they heard," Keith agreed.

Keith credits Davis with having the belief in his talent that allowed him the opportunity to produce his debut LP, with longtime friend Teddy Riley contributing as co-producer of half of the LP's eight cuts. "Vincent told me, 'do what you want,' and I felt great having that much freedom. It was a lot easier than having someone tell me how my music should sound."

by David Nathan

For the subject matter in his songs (six of which he co-wrote with Riley), Keith concentrated on love relationships "because that's something everyone can relate to," noting that much of the material is derived from his own personal experience. Even the choice to cover The Dramatics' '70s hit "In The Rain" came from Keith's own life experiences. "You know the old saying that 'men aren't supposed to cry'—well, that song's all about the hurt men feel sometimes," Keith reflects.

Describing himself as "single yet attached," Keith maintained that he's coping with all the sudden activity in his life. "To be honest with you, I haven't even had time to think about what's happening. It's just been about trying to fit everything into a tight schedule."

Keith's spent time criss-crossing the country as well as making a lightning trip to the U.K. where he's been voted No. 1 New Artist of 1987 by readers of a leading Black music publication there. However, the pressures of newfound international stardom haven't had any noticeable effect on the genial Mr. Sweat.

"I haven't had to deal with the kind of pressure of being stopped in the street yet—because I'm literally onstage, offstage and gone!" he laughed, referring to his non-stop itinerary. "Right now, I'm performing all the time—mostly in clubs. But I expect we'll be doing concerts next month," said Keith, who added that he hasn't even begun to think about his next LP, anticipating at least a couple more singles from his debut.

With all the immediacy of a No. 1 hit record, has Keith changed his lifestyle? "I really haven't had time to change anything!" he smiled. "I'm the same guy and really nothing's changed, except for the fact that I'm performing all the time now. It's tough not getting much rest but I don't see myself slowing down any time soon."

And that's not going to happen as long as Keith Sweat's distinctive brand of strong urban contemporary, blending soulful ballads and slammin' funk, continues to receive the kind of response that's propelling Keith to become a major artist for the '90s.

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### LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE BUS BOYS

Eddie Murphy showed up recently at The Palace in L.A. to catch a performance by his good friends the Bus Boys as well as lend a hand in singing back-up vocals. Pictured L-r: Eddie Murphy, Brian O'Neal (leader of Bus Boys) and Don Voss (Voss Records President).

# BRE-FLICKS



### 20/20 WAS THE PLACE

Miles Jaye, Island Records artist, (I) is shown with New York singing sensation, Ebony JoAnn, and Nat Adderly, Jr., musical director for Luther Vandross. The multi-talented artists performed with Ms. JoAnn recently at Ashford & Simpson's 20/20.



### **GOLDEN SAX**

Najee, EMI/Manhattan jazz artist is all smiles as he receives gold for his debut LP "Najee's Theme." Pictured L-r: Sal Licata, CEO, EMI/Manhattan; Varnell Johnson, v.p. R&B promo., EMI/ Manhattan; Najee; Gerry Griffith, Sr. v.p. EMI/Manhattan.



### WHAT'S THE WORD?

Jive and RCA execs joined some of the featured rappers at "The Word Is Rap" party held at Manhattan's Club Very Nice. The affair also served to showcase Jive's newest musicians including Kool Moe Dee (standing center) and the Skinny Boys (kneeling). Also pictured from I: Rick Dobbis, exec.v.p., RCA Records; Richard Smith, v.p. of R&B promotion, RCA; Mike Omansky, v.p. of mrktg. mngt, RCA; and Barry Weiss, v.p. of mrktg and operations, Jive.



### **THE WHISPERS GETTING BETTER WITH TIME** Solar recording artist The Whispers recently received Ampex Golden Reel Awards from the Tape Division in honor of their hit album *Just Gets Better With Time* certified platinum by the RIAA and recorded entirely on Ampex 456 Grand Master Tape<sup>™</sup>. (L-r): Thom Salisbury, AMPEX; Walter Scott, Whispers; Leaveil Degree, Whispers; Wallace "Scotty" Scott, Whispers; Hank Caldwell, Exec. VP, Solar; Doug Wilkins, VP, Marketing/ Promotion, Solar.



### **ALBRIGHT IS ALRIGHT**

Gerald Albright recently performed at the Biltmore Hotel in L.A. as part of his current tour, and his performance was aired on KKGO as one of that station's series of weekly live concert broadcasts. Shown L-r: Atlantic Sr. v.p./West Coast g.m. Paul Cooper; Gerald Albright; Atlantic v.p./g.m. Black Music Operations Sylvia Rhone; Albright's mngr. Ray Shields.



### NARADA NABS FOUR GRAMMYS

Narada Michael Walden was named Producer of the Year at the recent 30th Grammy Awards ceremony yielding four awards for himself, Whitney Houston, Aretha Franklin/George Michael, Aretha Franklin and the Starship. Shown L-r: George Benson, Anita Baker, Narada and Quincy Jones.



### **DE LA SOUL SIGNING**

Rap group de la soul are the latest addition to the Tommy Boy roster. Their first 12" release is "Plug Tunnin" b/w "Freedom of Speak." Pictured L-r seated: Prince Paul of Stetsasonic; Posdnoos; Mase and Deove of de la Soul; standing are Monica Lynch; Tom Silverman; CEO of the label, and vp Rick Dutka.



### **VIRGIN TERRITORY FOR TAYLOR**

A celebration was held recently in Los Angeles for the upcoming release, April 11th, of Gary Taylor's Virgin debut LP "Compassion." L-r: Atron Gregory, Taylor's manager; Jeff Ayeroff, Virgin's co-managing director; Gary Taylor; VirginA&R Director Jeff Forman; and Jordan Harris, Virgin's co-managing director. Photo credit—Arnold Turner.



### **CAN THEY EVER!**

Reprise Records newcomers, Take 6, recently taped a segment of NBC's "Today Show,." performing a cut from their justreleased self-titled debut LP, "If We Ever." Pictured L-r): Cedric Dent, Mark Kibble and Claude V. McKnight, III, of Take 6; Boyd Matson, segment host of "Today," Marvyn Warren, David Thomas and Alvin Chea of Take 6.

# **BRE-FLICKS**



### WING & SOLAR INSPIRE YOUTH

Wing and Solar Records sponsored the first of a scheduled series of assemblies for Black History Month in local high schools. The program was designed with the theme of "Inspiration" in mind to help influence students to stay in school and look at different options in the music industry. Involved in the project were L-r: Vanessa Williams, moderator; Lace, (Lisa Frazier, Kathy Merrick, Vivian ross); Shalamar, (Mikki Free, Sidney Justin, Delissa Davis); Michael Johnnson, v.p. promo. & mrktg., Wing Records; Doug Wilkins, v.p. promo. & mrktg, Solar; Tom Noonan, assoc. publisher & director of charts, Billboard Magazine; and Felicia Freeny, nat'l. mrktg. mngr., Wing Records.

### WKYS Sale To Minority Group Reported Near

WASHINGTON: Widespread industry speculation as to the new ownership of WKYS, the market-leading NBC urban outlet here, was fueled by reports of a nearly finalized sale to Boston-based Albimar Communications Limited Partnership. A price tag of slightly less than \$50 million was said to be offered by the minority-owned broadcast investment group, controlled by a Bertram Leea co-chair of Jesse Jackson's national campaign finance committee—and E. W. Finley, Jr.

Through limited partnerships, Albimar currently has controlling interest in three stations and was among four groups still in the running for WKYS at the late February bidding deadline. Other finalists were Inner City Broadcasting, New York; Tak Communications, Vienna, Va.;



Pluria Marshall

and Washington FM Radio Partners. Dropping out of the bidding as the price tag escalated was Merit Communications, which counted among its partners Muhammad Ali and Don King.

National Black Media Coalition Chairman Pluria Marshall, whose organization obtained a March 1986 commitment from NBC to sell at least one of its radio properties to a minority purchaser, was highly vocal in his opposition to the sale of WKYS to Tak, owned by a Pakistani-born entrepreneur.

NBC Radio President Randy Bongarten confirmed that negotiations were underway with a buyer for WHYS, but would not identify the group.

Contacted by BRE, WKYS PD Donnie Simpson commented: "Whatever happens with the sale of the station, there probably won't be any major changes here at KYS. We're a top-rated station." He added, "NBC has been great to me and I've enjoyed being a part of NBC. But just maybe I'll like working for a smaller organization now...I know I will."

# NEWS

### 6th Annual 'Budweiser Showdown'

HOUSTON: "The Budweiser Showdown," a major R&B musical talent search competition, recently kicked off in 41 major markets across the country. Designed to discover the best unknown urban bands, the competition will award the grand prize winner a recording contract from Capitol Records, \$10,000 in Washburn/Laney/ Sound Tech musical equipment and the chance to star in a national Budweiser radio commercial.

The show is produced and coordinated each year by multimedia marketing and promotion innovator Starstream Communications Group, Inc. Top urban contemporary radio stations participate by coordinating local showcase events in which bands compete for the first or second place award in their city. Tapes of the 82 top national bands are then judged regionally by the program directors of the participating stations in each of five regions, which determines the five national finalists who go on to compete live for the grand prize.

Tom Mataya, Manager, Anheuser-Busch Entertainment Marketing Group, said, "The Budweiser Showdown" is an integral part of Budweiser's marketing mix targeted to the black audience. The real hook is that it is a radio promotional tie-in, rather than just a media buy. It allows wholesalers an opportunity to participate on a local level by sponsoring talent events, and gives Budweiser great satisfaction to help new talent get started in the music industry."

The 1988 Budweiser Showdown radio station affiliate list includes some of the top urban contemporary stations in the country, including WRKS/New York, WBMX/Chicago, KDAY/ Los Angeles, WDJY/Washington, D.C., WVEE/Atlanta, KDIA/ Oakland-San Francisco and KMJQ/Houston. Over 12,000 bands are expected to enter this year's competition. The finals competition will be held in Los Angeles in late May, for the second year marking the beginning of the yearly Black Radio Exclusive Conference.

### Jazz Festival Updates Music Schedule

NEW ORLEANS: Little Feat, Kenny G, Bonnie Raitt, and the Radiators are among the additions to the 1988 New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival (April 22-May 1). Another addition is on the "Gospel Is Alive" concert, where the Rev. James Cleveland, Evangelist Shirley Caesar and the Caesar Singers and the Williams Brothers are joined by locals the Rev. Paul Morton and the Greater St. Stephen Baptist Church Choir on Tuesday, April 26 at the Saenger Theatre at 8:00 p.m. This concert is presented by the Mayor and the New Orleans City Council/NOPSI Economic Development Fund in cooperation with KHAA/K106 FM and Rhodes Enterprises.

In a music line-up change, the concert on Wednesday, April 27 on the Riverboat President at 8:00 p.m. now presents the Michael Brecker Band, the McCoy Tyner Trio, and the Freddie Hubbard Quintet.

For complete ticket information, call 504/568-0251.

### IN BRIEF

### Census '90 Count Begins

In an effort to improve upon the serious undercount of 1980 when some 3.2 million Americans—primarily minorities—were missed, Census Bureau officials started gearing up last weekend for 1990. Reaching minorities and gaining their trust were cited as priorities. The enemy, according to one official: "Misconceptions about the census, or lack of awareness that would lead to an undercount."

An all-out campaign will be waged to counteract the possibility of another undercount which could seriously shortchange the political clout and ability of minorities and other groups to get federal funding.

### Howard Alumni Club Pays Tribute To Topper Carew

LOS ANGELES: The Howard University Alumni Club of Southern California will pay tribute to Topper Carew, Executive Producer of "Bustin' Loose," at their Second Charter Day Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 2, at the Stouffer Concourse Hotel in Los Angeles, beginning with a reception at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Carew is being honored for his outstanding contributions in the film and television industry.

### Vital Stats

Cassandra Ray was born Saturday, March 5, to Donnie and Tammy Cohen at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Burbank, CA. Cohen is MCA Records Promotion Coordinator for secondary markets and adult contemporary. His wife is an actress.

Rob Gold, A&M's Executive Director of Advertising and Merchandising, and his wife Ava are the proud new parents of Samantha Kahane. Samantha was born on Monday, March 14 and weighed in at six lbs., 15 oz.

### NABOB Confab To Address Key Issues

of its historic negotiations for greater advertising support of its member stations with corporate giant Proctor & Gamble-earlier with major music industry companies—the National/

WASHINGTON: On the heels Broadcasters will hold its 12th Annual conference this weekend (March 24-27) at the Hyatt Regency on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

According to NABOB Executive Director and General Association of Black Owned Counsel James Winston, scores

### \$200,000 Raised For Jackson at Los Angeles Fundraiser



Rev. Jesse Jackson

LOS ANGELES: Local black radio stations and press turned out in full force at a March 19 fundraising rally for presidential candidate Rev. Jesse Jackson. The event, held at the Baldwin Hills home of black businessman, Bondie Gambrell, became Jackson's biggest fundraiser to date. Nearly 1,000 affluent black supporters poured over \$200,000 into Jackson's campaign coffers.

Jackson was in town to gear up his campaign for the June 7 primary in which California has been historically significant in determining a presidential nominee

To continue to do well in the

### primaries and capture the nomination crown, Jackson has called on black radio, which he referred to as "the kingmaker."

Said Jackson: "It was black radio in fact that was most responsible for now deceased Harold Washington being elected mayor of Chicago. Black radio supported a boycott that toppled then-Mayor Jane Byrne and followed that with a push for voter registration."

Cliff Winston, P.D. for KJLH/ Los Angeles told BRE: "Black radio **does** have the power to influence people and get the registration of the voters. We, as black people must take elections seriously. Our task as a black radio station is to mobilize the black community to get out and vote. Not necessarily just to vote for Jacksonbut to get out and vote. However, once that is done the polls have revealed that over 95% of the blacks who do vote, vote for Jackson."

Jesse Jackson added, "My first interview was with Eddie Castleberry of WDAS in Philadelphia, not with Walter Cronkite or Dan Rather. Black radio is the kingmaker that holds the keys to the kingdom."

-By Camille Connolly

### "Man" Sets Record For Ailing Jackson

LOS ANGELES: It's official! Michael Jackson has become the first solo artist to earn four No. 1 singles from one album, thanks to the current #1 position of "Man In The Mirror" on Billboard's pop singles chart.

Sales figures also indicate that Jackson's Bad LP, which has remained in the top 5 of the charts since its release 27 weeks ago, is selling at an even swifter pace at this point than his record-breaking Thriller.

Stricken by a severe throat infection during the St. Louis leg of his "BAD" tour, Jackson was forced to cancel one of two scheduled concerts there. But the consummate showman was able to perform at his two weekend dates in Indianapolis.

According to a spokesman, a scheduled Pittsburgh concert was also cancelled, but will be made up at a later date in the tour.

of industry executives representing broadcast enterprises, as well as other communications and entertainment companies, are expected to attend the sessions focusing on the theme, "Turning It Around in '88-Signs of Progress."

NAOB Chairman James J. Hutchinson, Jr., president of Inter Urban Broadcasting, will be at the helm when panelists tackle issues strategic to the survival of minority broadcasters: increasing advertising revenues, role of rating services in increasing advertiser acceptance, sales and promotion, continuing dialogue between Black radio and the major record companies, and financing broadcasting acquisitions.

In addition to top level participants from the ranks of its membership and the corporate sector, NABOB has invited Mickey Leland (D-Texas), Member of the U.S. House of Respresentatives and Waymon F. Smith III, Vice President of Corporate Affairs for Anheuser-Busch to serve as guest speakers during the four-day confab.

### Sheridan Broadcasting & Major League Baseball Team Up

PITTSBURGH: The Sheridan Broadcasting Network in conjunction with major league baseball announce a new feature, "SBN's Major League Baseball Notebook," hosted by former all-star and National League Series MVP Gary Matthews. SBN's Major League Baseball Notebook, a fiveminute daily feature, premieres April 4 and will air throughout the 1988 baseball season concluding with the World Series.

"I played sixteen years in the big leagues," said host Gary Matthews, "and I'm absolutely thrilled to have the opportunity to share some of my baseball insights with fans across the country through the Sheridan Broadcasting Network." Matthews has played with the San Francisco Giants, Atlanta Braves, Philadelphia Phillies, Chicago Cubs and Seattle Mariners.

SBN's Major League Baseball Notebook is available to affiliates and non-affiliates. For more information, call 1-800-874-3010.

# EXEC STATS



Rosalind Stevenson

Rosalind Stevenson has been named director of press and publicity for Motown Record Corp. according to label president, Skip Miller. Stevenson, who will report directly to Miller, most recently was senior publicist for Universal's motion picture marketing group. Said Miller: "I am extremely happy about Roz's joining Motown. Her broad knowledge will be an invaluable asset for us.

Rhonda Rogers has been appointed to the post of coordinator of operations for Arista's R&B department, it was announced by vice president/R&B promotion, Tony Anderson. Rogers has been with the label for one year...Eva George has assumed the post of Arista's national coordinator of artist development.



# AIRWAVES By Carolyn Plummer Riley

### Floyd Blackwell Named PD At WEAS AM/FM



Floyd Blackwell

Joe Shamwell, GM of WEAS AM/FM, recently announced the appointment of Floyd Blackwell as Program Director for the top-rated AM/FM combo in Savannah, GA.

Blackwell will be responsible for the overall programming and air personnel acquisition. WEAS AM Classic 900 is a 5,000 watt 24-hour station. It programs Urban Classics—hits of the '50s, '60s, and '70s. It targets adults 24-54 with a heavy emphasis on nostalgic baby boomers. "It's the perfect complement to our sister station, WEAS-FM, a 24-hour, 100,000 watt stereo station which has an adult Black contemporary format," says Blackwell. WEAS-FM has been the ratings leader for eight of the past ten years.

In Savannah, Blackwell has a proven track record of success with WEAS. He led the Black contemporary FM station to the top of the ratings during a fiveyear stint, 1975-1980. He later positioned KRNB-FM, Memphis, on top of the ratings. WEAS-FM, Savannah's ratings leader for seven of the past eight years, slipped to #2 in the last book. Blackwell anticipates a return to the top of the slot in the next book.

### Lisa Fairfax Joins Power 99FM

There's a new voice on Power 99FM and it belongs to native Philadelphian Lisa Fairfax.

Fairfax, 24, joined Power recently taking over the Monday-Friday mid-day slot (10 a.m.-2 p.m.).

"We wanted a young, fresh talent," said Power 99FM PD Dave Allan, "and that's Lisa. She has a familiar sounding voice. She's thrilled to be here and we are thrilled to have her."

Fairfax joined Power from Crosstime WEGX, where she was doing the weekend overnight shift. In addition, Fairfax, who attended Temple University, also worked at the Shadow Traffic Network as an announcer.

### Power 99-FM/Lisa Lisa Benefit

Almost 7,000 Power 99-FM listeners jammed into the Spectrum recently to see Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam perform in a special benefit concert.

The concert, following a 76er/J.J. Nets game, raised nearly \$9000 for the United Negro College Fund and the Special Olympics. "What a great evening," said Philadelphia Special Olympics Area Director Donald A. White. "Not only did we raise much needed money for our kids, we also educated the public about Special Olympics. That's just as important."

For nearly an hour, Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam jammed to many of their big hits, including "Head To Toe," "Lost In Emotion," and "All Cried Out."

### WIDU/ Airs "Inside Gospel"



Don Reid

Don Reid, PD and MD of WIDU/ 1600 AM in Fayetteville, is one of the first stations in the Carolinas to air "Inside Gospel," with host Candida Mobley and produced by Lee Bailey Productions and Bailey Broadcasting Services.

According to Don, "This is a must for all Gospel stations and can be aired on Black Urban Stations because of the variety of the artists, interviews and music. WIDU is proud to be a part of 'Inside Gospel...plus Candida is a native of Fayetteville and we're all proud of her."



(L-r): Power 99fm Contest Winner Deborah Thomas, Philly Special Olympics Area Dir. Donald A. White, Spanador of Cult Jam, Lisa Lisa, Power 99fm PD Dave Allan, Promo. Dir. Marc Rayfield, and Pres. Bruce Holberg.

### Off To The BAD Concert



WQIC-FM, Magic 103.1 in Meridian, MS, recently sent PD Larry Carr and MD Alton Palmore to New York for the opening Michael Jackson concert. The station set up a promotion offering two listeners the opportunity to accompany Carr and Palmore on an all-expense paid trip to the show. Nearly 1,000 listeners entered. Winner was Vanessa Davis who chose her 7 year old nephew Earl to accompany her. (L-r): Carr, Earl, Ms. Davis and Palmore. WQIC-FM is Meridian's only Urban programmed FM station.

### The Right White Receives Proclamation



Barry White received a proclamation from the New Bern Mayor. (L-r): Ceacer Gooding, PD, WIKS/KISS 102; New Bern Mayor Pro-Tem Robert G. Raynor; White; and A&M Regional Mgr., Clifton Harris.

### 1988 K-FOX/Budweiser Showdown

Local finals band competition will be held March 24th from 8 p.m.-11 p.m. at The Oz Nightclub to determine which one of the five Pacific Northwest bands competing will go on to the Regional and finally National Competition where the grand prize is \$10,000 and a recording contract.

The winner will receive \$500 cash. have 1,000 copies of their songs pressed and distributed and receive airplay on

1250 K-FOX. The five bands performing have been chosen by K-FOX from the many tapes which have been sent to the station over the past 10 weeks. These bands are: Adrienne, Christopher, Double-Vision, Common Cause and Force Major. They will be judged by a panel of judges, including Seahawk and former Seahawk players.

Contact Brandi Walker, K-FOX (206) 728-1250.

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### **Opportunties**

Accepting airchecks for future full and parttime openings. Send tape and resume to: WPZZ-FM 4760 Kingsway Drive Indianapolis, IN 46208 Attn: Kelly Carson, OM Morning Drive Announcer sought. Send

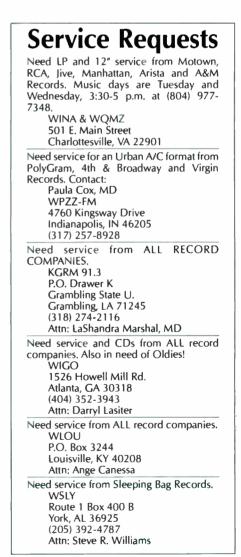
tape and resume. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE. Must have at least 4 yrs. experience. WAAA P.O. Box 11197

Winston-Salem, NC 27116 Attn: Tina Carson

### Seeking

Air Personality with PD/GM experience is seeking a comfortable position with preferably a Black gospel music station. Experience has been in area of Black gospel and news reporting. Flexible, can handle any music format. Willing to leave Big Apple for the best offer. Tape & Resume available upon request. Please contact:

Percy Williams (718) 282-0594 (212) 869-2300



# **REGIONAL RADIO REPORT**

The following reports reflect new adds to the stations listed from the cut off of reports on Tuesdays. These reports reflect changes for that week. Complete playlist information is on file at the offices of Black Radio Exclusive. For more information, please phone (213) 469-7262. LaVerne Blakely 89 LaSalle Av. Buffalo, NY 14214 716-834-1080 WDKX **Cliff Winston** Andre Marcel kjeh **WUFO** Cliff Winston 3847 Crenshaw Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90008 213-299-5960 Andre Marcel 6B3 E. Main St. Rochester, NY 14605 716-262-2050 HEST Pam Wells 1710 E. 111th St. Los Angeles, CA 90008 213-564-7951 PEBBLES, MERCEDES BOY LACE, STILL IN LOVE CHRIS JASPER, ONE TIME LOVE JERMAINE STEWART, SAY IT KAOE **IESSE IOHNSON, LOVE STRUCK** JESSE JOHNSON, LUVE STRUCK ROSE BROSS, IN THE MIX REGINA BELLE, HOW COULD MICHAEL BOLTON, SITTING ON GIORGE PETTUS, CAN YOU WAIT CHRIS JASPER, ONE TIME LOVE DAVID COCHRAN, WHY DO I EVELYN KING, FLIRT SUAVE, MY GIRI GLENN IONES, LIVINIG TEASE, I CAN'T STAND WEATHER GIRLS, LAND OF THE IESSE JOHNSON, LOVE STRUCK NIA PEEPLES, TROUBLE CIPECE DETTLIS CAN YOU 103.9FM O:3::9:F:M JAMAICA BOYS, SPEND SOME NARADA MICHAEL WALDEN, DIVINE GEORGIO, BEDROCK REGINA BELLE, HOW COULD YOU DONNA SUMMERS, FASCINATION WHISPERS, NO PAIN NO GAIN JESSE JOHNSON, LOVE STRUCK SHANICE WILSON, I LOVE THE MC HAMMER, LET'S GET IT Dave Allan WER Mike Love 440 Domino Lane Philadelphia, PA 19128 215-483-8900 POWER Nes Rodriguez Bob Wikstrom 2815 2nd Avenue Seattle, WA 98121 206-728-1250 GIORGE PETTUS, CAN YOU JOHNNY KEMP, JUST GOT KKFX IOHNNY KEMP, JUST GOT PAID Narada Michael Walden, Divine Suave, My Giri Jesse Johnson, Love Struck Pebbles, Mercedes Boy Elroy Smith EEEE Artemis Morale 90 Warren St. Boston, MA 02119 617-427-2222 Robert Holiday **KCEP** Dino Espisoto 330 W. Washington Las Vegas, NV 89106 702-647-2921 HOWARD/LEVERT, THAT'S WHAT WEATHER GIRLS, LAND OF SKWARES, DON'T MESS JESSE JOHNSON, LOVE STRUCK NORMAN CONNORS, I AM YOUR DYNASTY, DON'T WASTE MY GLENN JONES, LIVING IN THE RANDY HALL, SLOW STARTER JOHNNY KEMP, JUST GOT PAID BETTY WRICHT, NO PAIN NO CAIN LACE, STILL IN LOVE JEAN CARNE, AINT NO WAY PEBBLES, MERCEDES BOY NORMAN CONNORS, I AM YOUR TONY TONI TONE, LITTLE WALTER JUNIOR, YES WHISTLE, FALLING IN EVELYN KING, FLIRT CHRIS JASPER, ONE TIME LOVE **OHIO VALLEY** Howard Thomas Brian Castl WB<u>I</u>Z **KMYX** Gary Weile P.O. Box 1060 Ojai, CA 93023 805-647-1055 JESSE JOHNSON, LOVE STRUCK DINO, NIGHT TIME LOVE 1211 w. Sharon Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45240 513-742-3600 Jack Patterson Hector Hannibal David Dickenson P.O. Box 1340 New Haven. CT 06505 203-776-1340 11:11 Lisa Canning 1700 N. 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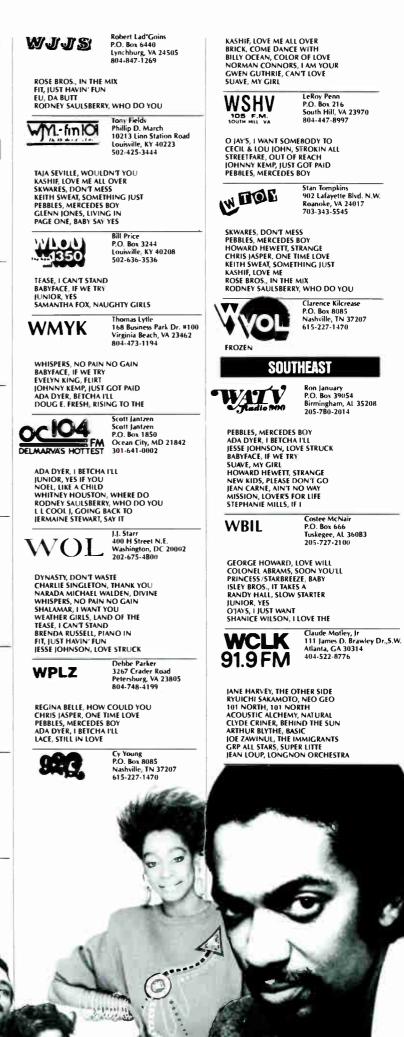
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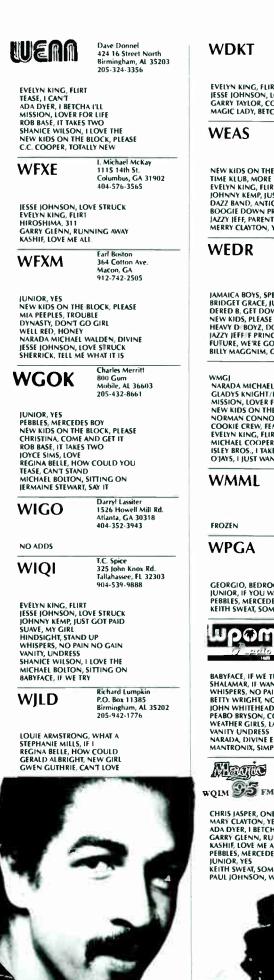
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# PROGRAMMER'S POLL

**KDAY** 

Los Angeles, CA

### LISA CANNING

Jazzy Jeff & Fresh Prince, "Parents Just Don't Understand"---Here is a hip hop record every kid in the world can relate and jam to. Solid rap. Music's pumpin'. It will even make the old folk smile.

Jesse Johnson, "Love Struck"—Along with Prince, Jimmy Jam, Terry Lewis and Morris Day, one of the fathers of the Minneapolis sound. Jesse comes back once again with a patented, serious Twin-Cities groove.

Evelyn King, "Flirt"—After a few sub par records, this single was a pleasant surprise. It seemed the switch from RCA to EMI has given her a much needed shot in the arm. With a combination of the infectious groove and Evelyn's distinctive vocals, I think the folk at EMI will be busting out the champagne real fast...cause this one will be flirting with the top of the charts!

W 81

Tony, Toni, Tone, "Hey Little Walter"—Producers Denzil Foster and Thomas McElroy (producers of Club Nouveau) have done it again with this fresh young band from Oakland, CA. After seeing the video starring "Sinbad" on BET, I was hooked. Great singing, great playing and a great message. Sounds like an exciting debut from what I think will be an exciting band. Something fresh, check it out.

### **KEVIN FLEMING**

### KGFJ Los Angeles, CA



Al B. Sure!, "Nite & Day"---A serious smoker. One to watch.

Dianne Reeves, "Better Days"—Great record from Dianne. Heavy phones.

Another hit for Natalie Cole with "Pink Cadillac."

### NORTHEAST

### **MIKE LOVE**

### WUSL/POWER 99 Philadelphia, PA

Johnny Kemp, "Just Got Paid"—Uptempo killer record. Check it out.

Narada Michael Walden, "Divine Emotion"—Lots of telephone requests. Very sm-o-o-t-h!



"Love Struck" by Jesse Johnson is an uptempo smoker with a funky beat. Jesse Johnson is back.

### MIDWEST

### HERMAN PEARSON (PAPPA GATTOR)

### KBWH Omaha, NE

Evelyn King, "Flirt"—It's nice to have King back with a super single. Look for this one to move up the charts fast.

Keith Sweat, "Something Just Ain't Right"—This single will certainly move to the number one spot. Keith is back with another hot one. Lots of telephone requests. All demos.

Al B. Sure!, "Nite & Day"—Look for good things from this new artist. Hot single. Should go to the top ten.

### MID-SOUTH

PATRICE CAREY

KNON Dallas, TX



Whistle, "Chance For Our Love"—Heavy phones from the teen demos. The station's heaviest requested song.

Keith Sweat, "Make It Last Forever"—Monster LP! All cuts heavily requested. Nice tune with super melody.

Norman Connors, "Passion"---One of the hottest new LPs out. Some really good soulful singing. R&B and Jazz stylings.



### By Billy Paul

In part two of our series on the good ole' production studio, we'll take a look at boards, or if you feel more technically inclined, *mixing consoles*.

### SILENCE AT LAST!

Thank goodness, the days of crackling, noisy pots (volume controls) are over. In the last generation of boards the audio signal itself went through the pot. If the pot was dirty, that annoying static was heard when the level was changed. In the latest generation of mixers the volume is controlled by using a logic type circuit (an offshoot of today's computer micro-chip technology). To make a long story short, no more crackling volume controls. There are still some fine boards with the older technology on the market, but the potential of noisy pots still exists.

Another plus to the high-tech boards

is that the mike or any other device can be switched on and off without putting a chilling pop on the air.

Looking at this from an engineering point of view, downtime is radically reduced for two reasons.

1. Less time is spent in replacing pots 2. Most of the new boards have plugin modules. If a channel should go out, the engineer just replaces the module. Most of these boards have external power supplies. Its a good idea to have redundancy in this area, because a blown power supply could put you out of business.

There are quite a few high quality, high-tech boards on the market. I'm sure you know that they "ain't" cheap, but there's more than one way to skin the cat.

First, let's take a look at Carvin, a California-based company. Carvin has become a familiar name to musicians and sound companies. In addition to manufacturing fine guitars and guitar amplifiers, they also build recording/live sound boards. These are hi-tech boards with a budget price tag.

Carvin's MX1644 is a board with 16 inputs, and 4,2, or 1 channel(s) out. It has 20 db headroom, and a quiet -128 dbv input noise. This board sells for less than \$2000! You can add a 9 band built in graphic equalizer for around \$200. I'm sure Carvin would be glad to send you a complete catalog if you call them at 1-800-845-2235.

Another great budget system is the Tascam M-500 series. I personally found the early Tascam boards somewhat noisy, but they seem to have solved that problem. Their boards are around the \$2000 mark according to how many bells and whistles you want. One nice thing is that you can start with the basic system, and expand on it as your needs expand. As a matter of fact most of the hi-tech recording boards are expandable. Tascam is Teac's professional division, and you can call them at 213-726-0303.

These boards are recording boards. With a little *creative* engineering they can be used as back-up for on air operations, but not as a full-time on air board.

Now, for those lucky folks with a healthy budget, there's always the Pacific Recorders BMX or ABX series, and the Auditronics boards. The great thing here is they are both broadcast, and/or production mixers. Watch your engineer's eyes light up when you mention the prospect of having identical boards in both the on-air and the production studios! Of course these boards are expandable, and promise years of low maintenance operation. I feel that such an investment will pay off in the future.

Next week we'll take a look at speakers, mikes, and power amps. Then pull all of this together with a few complete system recommendations for well under \$10,000.

### **NETWORKING ANYONE?**

If you should have any special technical problems, feel free to call or write BRE. If I can't give you an answer, I'll find someone who can. I'd like to share some of your ideas with other BRE readers. Send to Billy Paul, Black Radio Exclusive, 6353 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, CA. 90028 or call me at 213/ 469-7262.



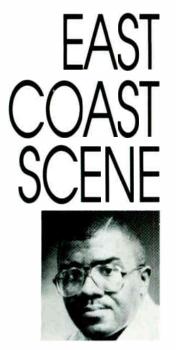
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By Clyde Wayne MacMillian

Yes, Michael Jackson is the new Dr. J! He was bestowed a Honorary Doctorate degree by Fisk University at a recent dinner honoring him by the UNCF. Now here's a little backstage gossip from the stellar affair. Spike Lee sort of surprised me when he showed up with the very blue-eyed and very blonde cover girl Christie Brinkley (Mrs. Billy Joel). After all. Spike is the one who has publicly chided Oprah Winfrev and Whoopi Goldberg for their "blues eyes." Whitney Houston was there, glamorous as ever. Who cares if she forgot the words to "Lift Ev'ry Voice." She's Whitney-the greatest female vocalist on the scene today. Liza Minnelli was also among those honoring Michael.



Whitney Houston

The UNCF Celebrity Basketball Game stars St. John's University's Mark "Action" Jackson and it features such celebrities as Run-D.M.C., Whodini, Eric **B. & Rakim, Spike Lee** and **Full Force.** The game, co-sponsored by WBLS, is March 27.

In Mobile, Alabama: The Mad Hatter at WGOK announces that Inner City will headline the first reggae festival in that part of the country on April 30. He is looking for air checks to play in May at the Young Black Programmers Annual Convention in Houston. Interested jocks can send 5-7 minute cassettes or 7½ speed reel-toreels to: Mad Hatter, P.O. Box 1425, Mobile, AL 36633.

In Macon, Georgia: Macon, the city that is proud of such natives as James Brown, Otis Redding and The Reddings is beautiful this time of the year as they celebrate the Cherry Blossom Festival. In addition to actively participating in the festival, Earl Boston and WFXM sponsor the Budweiser Showdown on March 26. There are 50 entries vying for top prizes. Boston has a special "DJ for a Day" promo where listeners write the station explaining why they would like to be a radio DJ. Lucky winners get to actually host an hour program on Saturday and the top three winners compete against each other for the grand prize which is a part-time announcer position with WFXM.

In Maryland: KwasiWorld Productions in Baltimore has some real hot tracks on Kwasimoto, Richo and Classic Revue. They're looking for a deal. Call Stephen Blackmore at 301/542-6077...

**K.J. Holiday** and WJDY in Salisbury are readying for the First Annual Del-Mar-Va (Delaware, Maryland, Virginia) Black High School Basketball Classic on March 26. It's an oldtimers game sponsored by the NAACP where all black schools during the pre-integration days compete against each other. K.J. has added "Community Connections," a highly controversial public affairs program, to his format which airs every Wednesday morning...

In Philadelphia: Cecil Parker, who has performed with Billy Paul, Earth, Wind & Fire, Pieces of a Dream and Pretty Poison, has formed his own label, Spectrum Records. The label debuts with Cecil's "I'm So Hurt." Cecil is seeking a major deal. Inquiries 215/665-5765... In New Haven, Connecticut: Hector Hannibal of WNHC announces that Lenny Green is new a.m. drive person and new part-timer is DeVanne Bowers formerly of KMJM in St. Louis...

In Goldsboro, North Carolina: Benny J. at WOKN informed me that WU will be at Easter Wayne High School on April 2. Ron Freeman is the new afternoon drive host. Benny J. is extremely proud of Robin D. and Enga, two 17 year old high school students who rock the airwaves every day.

In Savannah, Georgia: Don **Jones** at WEAS says that the rap tune, "WEAS DJ's Rap," an antidrug message, is pumping the airwaves and the TV stations in Savannah. The track and the upcoming video are in conjunction with the Boys' Club. Don is also sponsoring a "Live Free For A Month" promo, which has been sponsored annually for the last five years. The promo urges listeners to register for a special drawing. The grand winner will get all bills paid for an entire month.

In Shaker Heights, Ohio: J. Rick McEachern, who owns a production company and the nightclub, Vices, and I talked the other day. I can always depend on Rick to give me the 4-1-1 on Ohio happenings. According to Rick: Michael Henderson is on the comeback trail and is due to drop product in May; Terence Trent D'Arby will be at the Hanna Theatre on March 28; Jeffrey Osborne just completed a SRO gig there; Gerry Woo, Bert Robinson and Rebbie Jackson performed at WZAK Anniversary Party; LeVert and Miki Howard are scheduled for the Front Row on April 29; Ziggy Marley appears April 15; The Temptations return in April; Millie Jackson and The Manhattans will be at the Front Row on May 15; Comedian A. J. Jamaal was recently there; Sinbad was there March 18-20; Keith Sweat set the house on fire two weeks ago. Meli'sa Morgan will be there soon; Dave Rosas of Virgin Records has been promoted to Regional Manager for the Midwest and the new wave groups, The Latest and Avatarr are seeking deals. Rick and his partner, Major Hudson, can be reached at 216/561-8847.

Records to Watch: "I'm The

One For You" (the vocals remind you of Freddie lackson) and "First On The Dance Floor" (different, plenty of synthesizers) by Jerry Green on the HSR label. Call 213/627-0557..."Full of Love" (has potential and features a smidge of rap) and "Wendell" (uptempo ballad/pillow talk) by Ava Green for Diamond Gem. Also on Diamond Gem: Shirley Johnson's vocals have the style of Judy Clay and Martha Call Reeves. 312/536-6326...Alice Brown's cuts-"Steppin' Up and Reachin' Out" and "It All Belongs To You"—have a gospel/bluesy sound. Alice is on the Blue Dakin Record label..."Trippin' On You" and "Waiting In Vain" are reminiscent of the '60s sound. Uranus Records' Billy Wells' "Without Your Love" and the remake "Girl Watcher" are interesting tunes. Call 516/435-4389...

If you have tidbits of information that you like to share with our BRE readers then please call me today at 718/919-0533 or write P.O. Box 023750, Brooklyn, New York 11202.





# WHATEVER HAPPENED TO ...?

**By Spider Harrison** 



### MEL "KISS ME, HOLD ME, THRILL ME" CARTER

In 1965, "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me" was an international hit for Mel Carter. Many artists have covered this tune, but no one has outclassed Mel Carter's version. The song was first recorded by a pop artist named Karen Chandler on Decca Records in the early 50s.

We should all remember 1965-the year the new Voting Rights Act was signed. 1965 was also the year that the Watts Riots erupted, 35 people died and property damage was estimated at \$200 million.

And, that same year, one of the most popular songs was "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me" by Mel Carter and it was right on time for the general market.

Every now and then you hear about a young talent who comes to Hollywood unknown and goes straight to the top. This was the case with Mel Carter in the early 60s. Never an R&B force in the industry, he was nonetheless a proud Black brother who made it big on the pop scene.

Mel Carter was born in Cincinnati, attended the same school system as the Isley Brothers, He also knew the students who had the hit, "So Young" in 1961. Mel grew up listening to Cincinnati's pop stations and of course WCIN.

As a teenager, almost at once he became leading soloist and assistant director of the greater Cincinnati Youth and Young Adult Choral Union-noted

members of the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses of America-resulting in his award in 1957 as the nation's top tenor in the gospel field. He also formed his own gospel group, The Carvetts. Mel hasn't lost his roots. Today he performs at various gospel events and workshops in Los Angeles.

Before moving to the Coast, he had worked with Quincy Jones on Mercury Records. His first R&B hit was "When A Boy Falls In Love" on Sam Cooke's label, Derby Records. In 1963 this song was number 30 on the Billboard chart.

Mel Carter's first appearance on wax was at the age of four-thanks to his grandmother, who held him up to the microphone while he sang out a popular Black spiritual. It was in one of those 25-cent recording booths generally found in penny arcades, but it encouraged Mel's family enough to launch his career.

At age nine, following years of experience entertaining at the church functions and on local shows, Mel thrillingly accepted an engagement with the great Lionel Hampton at Cincinnati's Regal Theater. He had entered and won an amateur contest at the theater, resulting in a regular spot with Hampton, who was obviously impressed with young Mel's talent.

Anxious to see new sights, Mel decided to join the air force at sixteen. Following his tenure in the service, Mel seriously embarked on a singing career.

Mel came to the BRE office recently with his manager of 25 years, Zelda Sands. Zelda believes strongly in her artist and told me of the hard times back in the '60s when she had to fight major department stores to carry Mel's albums. "They didn't want to carry his albums because his picture was on it," she said. Eventually she won.

In addition to night clubs, concerts and recordings, Mel has been seen in many commercials, movies, variety, comedy and dramatic TV shows. Mel says, "I've never been approached by an R&B producer, but I'm open to all ideas." Sounds like a j-o-b for Al McKay, formerly of Earth, Wind and Fire.

Best of luck to the gentle gentleman, Mr. Mel Carter.

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- 23 29 Will Downing WILL DOWNING Island
- 24 18 No Baggage GREG & BEN SMITH Intima/Enigma
- 25 20 Brasil MANHATTAN TRANSFER Atlantic
- 26 19 Dancin' On The... KIT WALKER Hip Pocket/Windham Hill
- 31 El Camino The Road HILTON RUIZ RCA/Novus
- 28 32 Gamalon GAMALON Amherst
- Celebration
  PAQUITO D'RIVERA
  Columbia
- 30 24 Portrait LEE RITENOUR GRP
- 31 23 Dakota Song JIM PEPPER Enja
- 32 21 Just Between Us GERALD ALBRIGHT Atlantic
- 38 Neo Jeo RYUICHI SAKAMOTO Epic
- 39 Natural Elements ACOUSTIC ALCHEMY MCA Master Series
- 35 33 Harlem Blues DONALD BYRD Landmark
- 35 40 Behind The Sun CLYDE CRINER RCA/Novus
- 37 36 Dancing In The Dark SONNY ROLLINS Milestone
- 38 \*\* New York Rendezvous S.O.S. ALL STARS CMG
  - \*\* Century End DON FAGEN WB
  - \*\* Behind The Sun CLYDE CRINER RCA/Novus

# JAZZ RIFFS

### COSBY WILL HOST PLAYBOY JAZZ FEST

Bill Cosby, who has emceed seven of the previous nine Playboy Jazz Festivals at the Hollywood Bowl, will return again this year to host the Tenth Anniversary weekend, June 18-19.

Previously informed by Playboy's PR arm that this year's emcee would be comedian Mort Sahl, BRE readers were so advised in our March 18 issue. However, since the original announcement of the line-up, there have been changes in Cost schedule permitting him to appear. "We are delighted that Cos will again join us," said Dick Rosenzweig, the festival's exec-in-charge. "His vast knowledge of jazz and his casual, enthusiastic stage presence have made him synonymous with the festival."

### MILES DAVIS GETTING

Trumpter Miles Davis is recuperating in a New York City hospital from an infection in his leg caused by an injury sustained while touring France, it was announced March 15. Davis, 62, is in good condition and is expected to remain hospitalized until the first week in April.

His condition forced him to miss an appearance at the 30th Annual Grammy Awards, March 2. In addition, he has had to cancel concert dates in Chicago, Detroit, Hawaii, New Zealand and Australia. According to his manager, Peter Shukat, all of Davis' affected dates will be rescheduled, if possible.

The tour, which kicked off in February with concerts in France and Italy, is the first in which Miles and his band use state-of-the-art light and sound stage technology.

Davis was hospitalized in 1975 for a hip implant because of injuries sustained in a car accident. His doctors say that his latest infection is unrelated to that operation. Following his recuperation, he will resume the tour, which highlights music from his Warner Brothers album, *Siesta*.



Miles Davis

### COLUMBIA JAZZ SERIES TOPS MILLION MARK

Columbia Records' Jazz Masterpiece Series moves into its second year with record sales for reissues of America's premier art form. More than one million combined units have shipped on the first five groups of releases, 41 albums (and three commercial samplers) chronicling the work of Louis Armstrong, count Basie, Dave Brubeck, Charlie Christian, Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, Erroll Garner, Benny Goodman, Billie Holiday, Charles Mingus, Thelonious Monk and many other greats.

Columbia, the only major record label to maintain a steady jazz profile since world War 11, is in the process of digitally remastering all the classics in their library.

Along with the success of their record reissues, Columbia's monthly syndicated "Jazz Masterpieces Radio Show," hosted by Wynton Marsalis and produced by Radio Works, Inc., of Los Angeles, debuted in December and is now heard on nearly 20 radio stations around the country.

### **BLACK RADIO EXCLUSIVE**



Epic recording artist **Basia** recently took time out from her busy schedule to talk to BRE. Originally from Europe, Basia is on a promotional tour of the U.S in support of her debut album *Time and Tide*. A vocalist with a lot of Black/Urban Contemporary musical influences, Basia **Basia:** I wanted it to be an expression of something inevitable such as my career in the music industry—something certain as if to say it's going to happen.

In May of this year Basia will be touring with Arista artist Billy Ocean in Europe and in June she will be returning to the U.S. to perform live. A very successful career in the music industry is inevitable for Basia. Already charting nationally on the jazz charts, she recently hit the BRE jazz chart at 35 with a bullet. Epic Records will soon be adding another gold record to their wall of gold as Basia will soon bring it home.

After their grand opening late last year Greene Street Record-



Solar artist Ralph Butler has been tracking and mixing his first product for the label scheduled for a spring release at the 7th Street Studios. At the console with Butler is Bill Wolfer, producer and engineer.

told BRE that her dream is to cross over to the R&B charts. **BRE:** What has the response been from radio and the public in general to your current album *Time and Tide*?

**Basia:** Well, as you know it started with Jazz response and now is starting to pick up A/C (Adult Contemporary) stations. But it is currently strong in the Jazz market.

**BRE:** What female vocalists in the Black/Urban genre were strong influences?

**Basia:** I really love them all, but Aretha Franklin, Chaka Khan were favorites.

**BRE:** Any male favorites? **Basia:** I love Stevie Wonder, Prince and Michael Jackson. **BRE:** What was the concept behind your album title, *Time and Tide*? ing Studios in NY are still continuing to attract some of the industry's top recording acts. Public Enemy has been in all last month completing their new LP for Def-Jam/Columbia with producers Hank Shocklee and Eric Sadler. Both Greene Street Studios have been used while Rod Hui, Nick Sansano and Chris Shaw have handled all the recording and mixing. The word is out that this record is so good that the studio management started a betting pool to guess how many Public Enemy records will be sold. So far the bets are all on a million plus!

Currently enjoying the success of two hit records—one by Virgin artists **Boy George** and **Well Red—John Robie** took time out to sit at the editing



Run-D.M.C.

block to work on the Bee Gees project...Also at Greene Street, Run-D.M.C. were in working on their new LP as well as the soundtrack from their new film, "Tougher Than Leather." Nick Sansano handled the engineering in Studio B (fondly known as the house that Run/Russell, etc., built) on moving fader AMEK APC 1000. Africa Islam and Ice T. were in Studio A for Warner Bros., working a new project. Sansano engineered while Matt Tritto assisted. Vanessa Williams was in working on her new PolyGram album with producer Hank **Shocklee.** The 48-track mix was done in Studio B on the new APC 1000. Rod Hui handling things with Chris Shaw assisting ...

In Los Angeles, a sister and brother group known The 2 Master Crew are currently working on their first 12" for an independent label. The East Palo Alto, Ca. natives have recorded a trak titled "Chill'n the Most" scheduled for an early summer release. The rappers are currently available for gigs, and can be contacted at (415) 322-1219 or (415) 853-9835. Ask for their manager, Mrs. Gloria Mouton...

In Atlanta, Georgia, famed soprano tenor vocolist Paul **Beasley** was featured guest artist on a recently aired segment of Inspirations Across America (IAA), the nation's number one syndicated contemporary gospel program. Beasley, who is embarking a solo career afer many years with the internationally acclaimed Mighty Clouds of Joy, visited with IAA's host Burke Johnson and producer Vanessa Vaughn during the promotional tour for his newly released album titled I'll Live My Life For You, on Gold Thumb Records. Inspirations Across America is recording at the 2560 Recording Studios in Atlanta, where Beasley also recorded his solo LP.



Beasley and Friends in 2560 Recording Studio—(L-r) Burke Johnson; Vanessa Vaughn (at the board); and Beasley.

# MUSIC REVIEWS By Duff Marlowe

\*\*\*\*Top 10 Material \*\*\*Jump On It \*\*Worth A Whirl \*Wack It!

JAMES BROWN—I GOT YOU (I FEEL GOOD)—A&M—The opportunity should not be missed to grab a hold of this sparkling moment in music history. With the godfather of soul being sampled on nearly every Hip Hop and dance track that we encounter, it's a real pleasure to hear the real thang! A vinatge re-release. \*\*\*

**COLONEL ABRAMS—SOON YOU'LL BE GONE—MCA**—Abrams' strong vocals, loaded with richness and depth, guide this languid, meandering arrangement down it's romantic path, with the help of female back up vocals and tons of soulful sax work. Nice! \*\*\*

**STREET FARE—OUT OF REACH—ATLANTIC—**Street Fare cuts loose a selection from their self-titled debut album. Throwing down a slick brand of studio—bred dance music, the team court the same success that hit makers Club Nouveau have experienced. **\*\*** 

**ANTHONY WATSON—MISSING YOU—AMHERST**—Here's a finely produced ballad from Watson, a talented vocalist with striking range and sensitivity. Boasting a hit bound radio sound, the straight ahead R&B love song was produced by Jeff Tyzic.\*\*\*

**BARRY WHITE—THE RIGHT NIGHT—A&M—**Ladies take note, sensual super-star White, lays his cards on the table agreeing in his ever seductive form that "haste makes waste," but submitting respectfully that tonight may be just that right night that she's been waiting for.\*\*

**ROOSEVELT CARTER—ALL NIGHT LOVE AFFAIR—OLA—C**arter has a easy, natural vocal style on this excellent Indie selection. The romantic ballad features well constructed arrangements and major league production quality. Nice straight ahead R&B feel.\*\*

**PEABO BRYSON—COME ON OVER TONIGHT—ELEKTRA**—Peabo returns after a brief hiatus with this pop flavored down-tempo composition. Driving the point home with a strong chorus section, the vocalist proves that he can still hit on both sides of the format fence! Made for the airwaves!\*\*\*

MADHOUSE—13—PAISLEY PARK—Madhouse, the Funk/Jazz outfit that is a spin off of the Prince posse, releases a smoking up tempo jam from their second album "13." Re-mixed for the dancers!\*\*\*

**PAUL JACKSON—I CAME TO PLAY—ATLANTIC—**Jackson comes to play and play he does, throughout this hard-edged instrumental cut. Sampling techniques and an out front drum sound back up the improvisational guitar work, giving this one a broadly based appeal. \*\*\*

## NEW RECORD RELEASES

Label	Artist, Title	12″	45	LP	CD	Tempo	Description
MAJORS:	-			1	1		
ELEKTRA	PEABO BRYSON, Come On Over		•		1	M/S	A Platinum Plus Pro
	TRACEY CHAPMAN, Fast Car	1	•	1		M/S	A Debut Single
MOTOWN	MAGIC LADY, Betch'a Can't Lose		٠			M/E	Dance Material
A & M	BARRY WHITE, The Right Night		•		1	S	A Love Ballad
MCA	COLONEL ABRAMS, Soon You'll Be Gone		•		-	S	Strong Vocal
	GEORGE HOWARD, Love Will Conquer	•			•	NI/S	A Cover
	PRINCESS/STARBREEZE, Baby It's	•	٠			F	Hot Hot Dance
ATLANTIC	PAUL JACKSON JR., I Came To Play	•	•			F	Instrumental
	G. T., I Need You	•	•	-		M/F	Disco
COLUMBIA	NEW KIDS ON BLOCK, Hangin' Tough	_		•		A	Their First LP
	ARTHUR BLYTHE, Basic			•		A	Sax Man
POLYGRAM	JOHN WHITEHEAD, I Need Money Bad			•	1	A	A Debut Album
REPRISE	TAKE 6, Take 6				1		Incredible Vocalists
EPIC	TEENA MARIE, Naked To The World	Ī		•			She Writes/Produces
INDIES:							
	ONSTAGE, I'll Give My Best	•	•		[	S	Smooth Ballad
EVEJIM	KAREN ROBERTS, Star	•		1		F	A Female Vocalist
AMHERST	ANTHONY WATSON, Missing You		•	-		S	Strong Male Vocalist

E: Cassette Single TEMPO: F-Fast, M-Medium, S-Slow, A-All



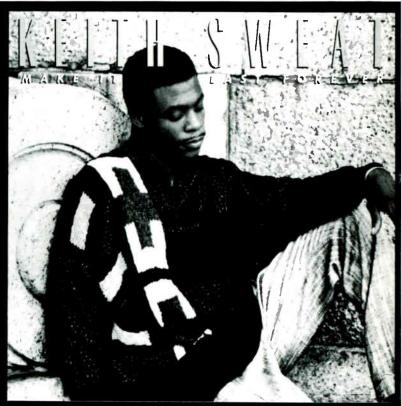




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TW	LW	WOO	
0	1	11	KEITH SWEAT, Make It Last Forever, Elektra
2	2	11	MICHAEL JACKSON, Bad, Epic
3	3	11	STEVIE WONDER, Characters, Motown
4	4	11	GLADYS KNIGHT & THE PIPS, All Our Love, MCA
5	5	11	GEORGE MICHAEL, Faith, Columbia
6	6	8	THE DEELE, Eyes of a Stranger, Solar
0	9	11	ROGER, Unlimited, Reprise
8	13	11	TERENCE TRENT D'ARBY, Introducing the, Columbia
9	20	5	MORRIS DAY, Day Dreaming, Warner Brothers
10	11	11	WHITNEY HOUSTON, Whitney, Arista
11	10	11	ALEXANDER O'NEAL, Hearsay, Tabu/EPA
12	7	11	EARTH WIND & FIRE, Touch The World, Columbia
13	12	11	MELI'SA MORGAN, Good Love, Capitol
14	8	11	PEBBLES, Pebbles, MCA
15	17	11	JODY WATLEY, Jody Watley, MCA
16	14	11	SALT-N-PEPA, Hot, Cool & Vicious, Next Plateau
17	15	11	KASHIF, Love Changes, Arista
18	16	10	SOUNDTRACK, Less Than Zero, Def Jam/Columbia
19	18	11	NATALIE COLE, Everlasting, Manhattan
20	19	11	O'JAYS, Let Me Touch You, PIR/Manhattan
21	21	11	ANGELA WINBUSH, Sharp, Mercury/PG
22	22	11	BARRY WHITE, The Right Night, A&M
23	27	4	PEABO BRYSON, Positive, Elektra
24	26	4	CENTERFOLD, Centerfold, Columbia
25	23	7	CHRIS JASPER, SuperBad, CBS/EPA





TW	LW	WOC	
26	**		BILLY OCEAN, Tear Down The Walls, Jive
27	28	11	SHANICE WILSON, Discovery, A&M
28	30	11	LEVERT, The Big Throwdown, Atlantic
29	25	6	STACY LATTISAW, Personal Attention, Motown
30	35	3	SKWARES, Start It Up, PolyGram
31	31	6	<b>REBBIE JACKSON, R U Tuff Enuff, Columbia</b>
32	43	2	DA'KRASH, da'Krash, Capitol
33	37	11	STEPHANIE MILLS, If I Were Your Woman, MCA
34	39	11	LISA LISA/CULT JAM, Spanish Fly, Columbia
35	32	5	WALTER BEASLEY, Walter Beasley, Polydor/PG
36	48	11	ANITA BAKER, Rapture, Elektra
37	24	11	JOYCE SIMS, Come Into My Life, Sleeping Bag
38	45	2	GAVIN CHRISTOPHER, Gavin, EMI/Manhattan
39	29	11	KOOL MOE DEE, How Ya Like Me Now, Jive/RCA
40	33	11	DANA DANE Dana Dane with Fame, Profile
41	42	11	GERALD ALBRIGHT, Just Between Us, Atlantic
42	34	7	TAYLOR DAYNE, Tell It To My Heart, Arista
43	38	11	MICHAEL COOPER, Love Is Such A Funny Game, WB
44	46	11	ERIC B. & RAKIM, Paid In Full, 4th & Broadway
45	44	2	VARIOUS ARTISTS, Greatest Collection, Sleeping Bag
46	40	11	ARETHA FRANKLIN, One Lord, One Faith, Arista
47	41	11	MIKI HOWARD, Love Confessions, Atlantic
48	47	11	FORCE MD'S, Touch and Go, Tommy Boy/WB
49	49	11	L.L. COOL J, Bigger & Deffer, Def Jam/Columbia
50	36	3	BRICK, Too Tuff, Magic City



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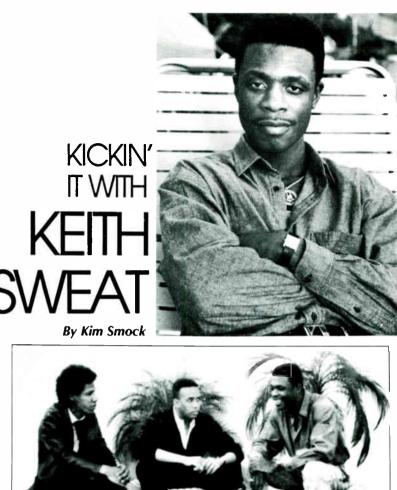
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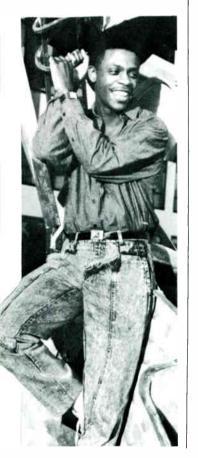


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(L-r): Kim Smock, Vincent Davis and Keith Sweat.



uring a routine record review session at BRE late last year (in the midst of working on our year-end issue, in fact) staff writer Duff Marlowe played an LP by an artist who was virtually unknown in the music industry. "Who is that?!" came my voice from the art department. "Keith Sweat" was the reply. "Hey, man, that is hot stuff," I exclaimed. "Play it again."

Believe me, from that moment on Make It Last Forever by brother Keith Sweat must have been played 900 consecutive times by yours truly, BRE former art director Kim Smock. I liked the record so much that I borrowed it from BRE's music library and played it. And played it. And played it. I played both sides of that record all day, all night and into the next morning. I could relate to every song, every word, every note.

This continued until somebody in the office borrowed the LP from me and never returned

it. I think they were trying to tell me something.

Working at a music trade publication, I am constantly exposed to new music. It's easy to become jaded and think "well, I've heard it all." But something about Keith's debut LP for Elektra/Vintertainment made me think I was listening to my own personal anthem.

t the time, I didn't under-Astand why that was the case. Now I realize it's because I was relating the songs to that special someone in my life. At first it was "I Want Her," and now I've got her...and now I'm trying to "Make It Last Forever."

I got the opportunity to meet Keith Sweat recently. With him and Vincent Davis, president of Vintertainment, I talked about personal relationships and how Sweat's LP seemed to reflect my own life and experiences. He agreed with me that when you the see one you want...acknowledge it!

I want to thank Keith Sweat for writing songs that have made such an impact on my own life. And I want to take this opportunity to thank him on behalf of all the people who helped make "I Want Her" into a #1 chart-topper. When it comes to music and love, it never pays to be jaded. Wouldn't you agree?



(L-r): Mino Cinelu, Sting, Kenny Kirkland and Branford Marsalis.

It was a warm, summer-like night on March 20 when megastar Sting played to a sold-out crowd at the Los Angeles Forum. Sting hysteria reigned everywhere, and everywhere I looked there were Sting posters, Sting t-shirts and Sting sweatshirts.

Even before the rock artist took the stage, there was an electrical feeling of excitement in the air. When the lights went off abruptly and Sting lit into his first number, the crowd was on its feet roaring their delight.

His band's jazz/rock/reggae grooves mesmerized an audience that remained on its feet for the entire show. His excellent personnel included Tracy Wormworth, a young female bassist who once played with New York-based group, The Waitresses; Delmar Brown, a magnificent keyboardist; and guitarist Jeff Campell were stickin' those rhythmic riffs and driving everybody wild. Great chops!

Drummer Jean Paul Ceccarelli and percussionist Mino Cinelu (both from France) did a great job of holding down the groove. Cinelu, a current member of Weather Report, and keyboardist Kenny Kirkland, in fact, played the most utterly complex and exciting jazz piano solo on "When The World Is Running Down." He left the crowd in awe.

Branford Marsalis also played several solos and be it on alto or tenor sax, this man can play. Sting's band is simply superb, and that includes the sweetsounding Dolette McDonald, a back-up singer who sings his material to perfection. All in all, a hot night!



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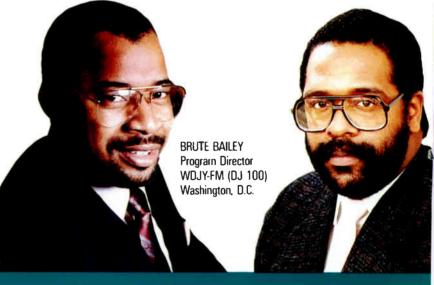
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Regular Registration (before April 30)	\$335	\$305
Late Registration (after April 30)	\$350	\$325
		Special Rates
Special Radio/Retail Reporters (before Ap	ril 30)	\$220
Spouse accompanying registrant (before A	pril 30)	\$150
College student with ID (before April 30)		\$150
Black Radio Music Awards Show, Universa		
Friday, May 27 (Tickets not included in registrat	tion.)	\$20
Extra Ticket, Banquet Awards Show,		
Registry Ballroom, Saturday, May 28		\$50
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# **Conference Schedule**

### Tuesday 5/24

- Company meetings
- Celebrity Golf Tournament
- New Talent Jam

### Wednesday 5/25

- Company meetings
- Plenary Session
- Starstream Budweiser Showdown Pre-Party
- Starstream Budweiser Showdown

### Thursday 5/26

- Seminars
- Luncheon
- Seminars
- Reception
- Party/Show

### Friday 5/27

- Keynote Speech
- Luncheon
- Seminars
- Reception
- BRE Black Music Show (Amphitheater)

### Saturday 5/28

- Seminars
- Lunch
- Networking
- Awards Reception
- 12th Annual Awards Dinner Show

### Sunday 5/29

- Winners Brunch
- Millers Sound Express Concert (Robinson Park)

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# GRAPEVINE

**DENIECE WILLIAMS** gave birth in March to Forrest Matthew Westering, 9 Ibs., 3 ozs. Mother, child and hubby (record exec Brad Westering) are doing great and BRE wishes them much happiness.

BARRY HANKERSON, manager of THE WINANS—who'll be on the lineup at BRE's Black Music Awards show at the Universal Amphitheatre again this year—has a big production deal with Geffen Records. His first project will be DAVID PENSTON, a singer who will be produced by MIKE POWELL, best known for his platinum production chores with ANITA BAKER.

**EDDIE MURPHY** as **LITTLE RICHARD**? Sounds strange, but Murphy's to portray the flamboyant rock pioneer in a film bio set to go into production. Wild Richard will act as creative consultant for the movie.

Murphy will make his own directorial debut with "The Butterscotch Kid," a film set in the '50s South and his close buddy **ARSENIO HALL** is expected to collaborate on the project. Murphy is also set to appear as a presenter on the "60th Annual Academy Awards" presentation on April 11. Busy guy, huh?

**ZIGGY MARLEY** and **STING** are planning a new version of POLICE's "One World," which will debut on a European TV special in May.

CHUBBY CHECKER, after working with THE FAT BOYS on a rap version of "The Twist," exclaimed to one reporter: "Hey, they make me feel thin!!" (That's what happens when you take chubbiness to a whole new level.)

JULIO IGLESIAS debuts with an allin-English new LP in April, which will include a duet with STEVIE WONDER on a track, "My Love." But when he's not in the studio, Iglesias has been spending his free time with a very pretty 19-year-old named DAYSE NUNES, the first black woman to win the Miss Brazil title. Hey, nobody ever said the Latin crooner didn't have good taste.

WHITNEY HOUSTON, as we told you last week, wants to get into the studio with rocker BILLY IDOL. but she reportedly also would like to record a duet with either dark-&-lovely Wonder or **MICHAEL JACKSON**.

Jackson and that leggy model, **TATI-ANA THUMBTZEN** (who appeared in his "The Way You Make Me Feel" video) are said to be enveloped in a big-time romance. (We asked **BUBBLES** for verification on that, but he's not talking.)

Bubbles, by the way, won't be allowed to accompany the Bad-and-Buckled-One when he tours Sweden in June. Due to quarantine regulations, Sweden turned down Jackson's request for an entry visa for the little whippersnapper.

NELSON MANDELA, the imprisoned South African activist, will have a huge birthday party held in his honor in London this June. HARRY BELAFONTE and Whitney Houston are set to appear; the event will benefit several African political/humanitarian organizations.

**PATTI LABELLE** will be featured in an upcoming **OPRAH WINFREY** talk-show segment. Wonder if the topic for the day will be hairstyles?

**PEGGY LIPTON,** who put her acting career on the backburner during her marriage to **QUINCY JONES**, plays a district attorney in an ABC TV movie ("Addicted To Love") that airs March 28.

**SMOKEY ROBINSON** has received a six-figures advance to pen his life story. For that kind of \$\$, give us all the dirt, Smokey!

**CLYDE WAYNE MACMILLIAN** had the following item in his "East Coast Scene" column last week, but it was cut for lack of space (so "Grapevine" will take credit for it!): SADE, who has been commuting between London and Spain (where she lives with a Spanish filmmaker) for the past year is set to release her anxiously-awaited third LP, Stronger Than Pride. She'd gotten tired of dealing with the demands of fame, but after a lengthy hiatus she's ready to tackle it again.

**REV. JESSE JACKSON** inspired the best quote of the week we've heard. **JOHN MALLOY**, author of the best-selling "Dress For Success," was asked to comment on Jackson's campaign wear: "He is too sharp, too chic, too well put together, too beautiful. Jackson is dressing in clothes that are telling black America that he is one of them. He should be dressing to tell white America that he is one of them. If only he and George Bush could change closets."

That quote is even better than the one comedian **ROBIN WILLIAMS** gave at a recent Beverly Hills party in honor of political great **BARBARA JORDAN** (which was attended by **SIDNEY POIT-IER** and **BARBRA STREISAND**). Said Williams: "Jimmy Swaggart is starting a new magazine. It's called Repenthouse." And that's all, folks!

### **BLACK RADIO EXCLUSIVE**

# **PROPHET**

### ARIES (March 20-April 19)

Dramatic changes are afoot, most like centering in your career. Heavy decisions must be made.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Business is booming! Financial matters—loans, clients, payoffs—take a great turn for the better.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You may be dodging bullets the early part of the week, after that it's smooth romantic sailing.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Freaky times indeed: You'll need massive energy to get things done, points will be scored at work, and a partnership will hit a rough spot.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Don't be surprised if you feel like a yoyo this week. What a ride! Go easy on final judgements.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Deal with what there is to deal with, step-by-step. Otherwise, let things chill.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Main event this week will be your effort to warn a friend against some stupidity. Be gentle, but firm.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is not the time to spend your money like water. Be cool and cautious.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

A family soap opera may resolve itself. And the cash comes and goes before you know it.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Any long-term project—new business, marriage, whatever—would be best started now! Use all your energy to do so, but no dirty deals, please.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)

One of your relationships may be on the road to history this week (read: over and out). Chill on the partying.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 19)

Once again money and a career break figure strongly. Be cool for the first half of the week; after that, go for it!

### BIRTHDAYS

Jay Johnson, WTLC	4/2
Jimmy McGriff	4/3
Kingston, Hill, WXAG	4/5
Jack Patterson, KDAY	4/6
Maxwell St. Clair, WORL	4/6
Brenda Russell	4/8

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You got a fast car I want a ticket to anywhere Maybe we make a deal Maybe together we can get somewhere Anyplace is better Starting from zero got nothing to lose Maybe we'll make something But me myself I got nothing to prove

You got a fast car And I got a plan to get us out of here I been working at the convenience store Managed to save just a little bit of money We won't have to drive too far Just 'cross the border and into the city You and I can both get jobs And finally see what it means to be living

You see my old man's got a problem He live with the bottle that's the way it is He says his body's too old for working I say his body's too young to look like his My mama went off and left him She wanted more from life than he could give I said somebody's got to take care of him So I quit school and that's what I did

You got a fast car But is it fast enough so we can fly away We gotta make a decision We leave tonight or live and die this way I remember we were driving driving in your car The speed so fast I felt like I was drunk City lights lay out before us And your arm felt nice wrapped 'round my shoulder And I had a feeling that I belonged And I had feeling I could be someone, be someone, be someone

You got a fast car And we go cruising to entertain ourselves You still ain't got a job And I work in a market as a checkout girl I know things will get better You'll find work and I'll get promoted We'll move out of the shelter Buy a big house and live in the suburbs

You got a fast car And I got a job that pays all our bills You stay out drinking late at the bar See more of your friends than you do of your kids I'd always hoped for better Thought maybe together you and me would find it I got no plans I ain't going nowhere So take your fast car and keep on driving

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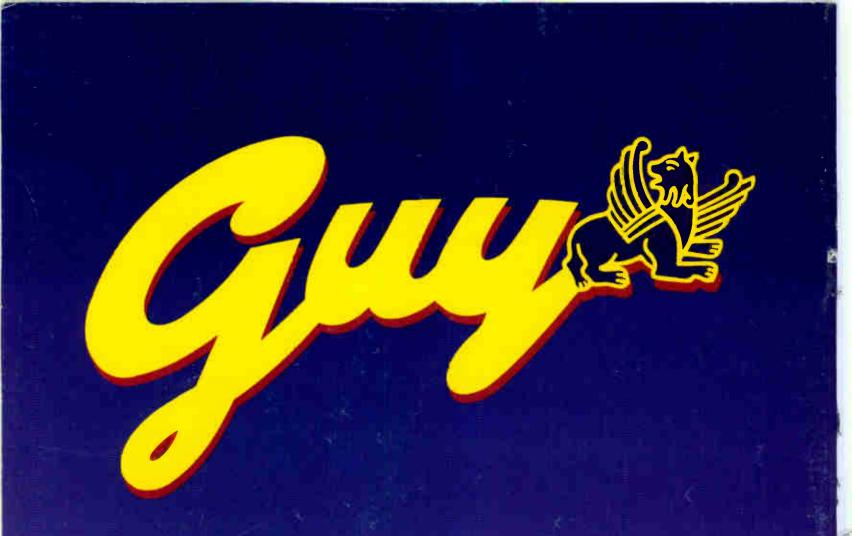
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