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### **FACING TOP 40 CHALLENGE**

# **AOR Programmers Plan More Variety**

This is the second article in a fivepart series surveying program directors on the direction key formats are likely to take in 1984.

LOS ANGELES-AOR programmers plan to play a wider variety of music in '84, in an attempt to counter gains made in the past year by top 40.

## WCI/PolyGram **Gets Canada OK**

By KIRK LaPOINTE

OTTAWA—The proposed merger of the Canadian recording interests of Warner Communications Inc. and N.V. Philips/Siemens has received a green light from the government's Foreign Investment Review Agency.

The two companies, as part of a desired worldwide joint venture, will (Continued on page 68) They are looking to play more compatible contemporary hit material, along with a continued heavy dose of heavy metal

But the programmers polled expect to expose somewhat less modern music, and a lot less of the '60s stalwarts who for so long comprised the core of the AOR format: the Beatles, the Stones, the Who, the Doors and Led Zeppelin.

Sentiment for heavy metal and against modern music runs strongest in the middle of the country. On the coasts, modern music is still expected to be an important factor, along with metal, contemporary hits, and possibly even some black music.

There will also be more one-hit acts and single-track albums, as opposed to the days when AOR would go five or six songs deep on a key album. As a result, AOR and top 40 ra-(Continued on page 66)

### CHAINS ARE CHEERED

# Yule Sales Boom Continues

**By EARL PAIGE** 

ANGELES-Record/tape LOS chains continued their bright yearend sales picture between Christmas and New Year's Day.

In confirming what stacks up as the best holiday season for the music industry since 1978 (Billboard, Jan. 7), many chains said last week that they had not yet been able to fully tabulate sales gains or break down volume on types of product sold.

Stan Goman, division manager of Tower Records, based in Sacramento, estimates a chainwide increase of 15% for record/tapes, but doubles that percentage with home video figured in (separate story, page 22). Latter surge was led by booming business for "Raiders Of The Lost Ark" "Making Michael Jackson's Thriller.

Personal stereo, both boom boxes and portable Walkman-type recorders/radios from Sanyo, helped drive volume at 150-unit Record Bar 22% beyond 1982 for chainwide comparisons, says chairman Barrie Bergman. Comparable location increase was

"There was an ongoing debate here early on about our having too much personal stereo. We finally ran out," says Bergman of the almost coast-tocoast chain's entry in the product.

Once rolling, Christmas sales volume never trailed off. "The only dip we got was the weather right after Christmas that hurt us in Tennessee

and throughout the Midwest. And we're picking it all up this week," Bergman says. The chain had "several \$1 million gross days" and totalled over \$18 million for December, he

"The comparative locations figure tells us how we're doing," explains Lou Fogelman of 26-unit Music Plus here. This contrasts stores in existence in both 1982 and 1983. For (Continued on page 65)

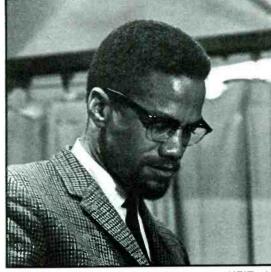
# Musicland To Buy Harmony Hut

NEW YORK—The Musicland Group is mapping organizational changes for the 24-store Harmony Hut chain following its proposed purchase of the web last week from Schwartz Bros. Inc. for \$8 million in cash. Target takeover date is Feb. 27, pending approval by Schwartz Bros. stockholders.

The chain, whose stores are based in Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia, topped the \$25 million sales mark last year. Its units average between 5,000 and 5,500 square feet. Purchase price represents "the book value" of the web's inventory, leases and fixtures, according to Schwartz Bros. president Jim Schwartz, who says that the company's distribution arm will now concentrate on video and computer software merchandise but still maintain an active interest in recorded product

### -Inside Billboard

- THE BLANK VIDEOTAPE MARKET, already highly competitive in terms of both prices and brands, gets more crowded at this week's Consumer Electronics Show, with Kodak and Polaroid unveiling their new VHS and Beta tape lines. Page 3
- THE DOUBLEDAY CHAIN has a new vice president of programming: Dave Martin, who was most recently VP/programming for Bonneville's WCLR Chicago. Although Martin's background is in adult contemporary radio, both he and Doubleday president Gary Stevens say his appointment is not necessarily an indication of new programming directions for the chain. Radio, page 10.
- CHRISTMAS SALES IN EUROPE, especially Britain, offered encouraging signs that the music industry there may be emerging from the economic doldrums. Holiday business was generally stronger than it had been in several years, and hopes now center on sustaining the upturn through 1984. Page 70.
- APPLE COMPUTER is exhibiting at this year's Consumer Electronics Show after a four-year hiatus. The firm's return finds its network of business and home computer dealers divided over its apparent commitment to the home market. Page 3
- NARM PLANS CHANGES in its annual convention, set for March 23-27 at Miami Beach's Diplomat. Most significantly, video product will share the spotlight at the gathering, the theme of which is "The First Music & Video Carnival Of Entertainment." Page 4.
- GOLD AND PLATINUM ALBUM TOTALS declined in 1983 for the third straight year, supporting the contention that the trade's recovery last year was due more to the runaway success of a few titles than to an across-the-board jump in sales. Page 4.



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# **News**

By LAURA FOTI

NEW YORK-The camera com-

panies entering the blank videotape market at this week's Consumer

Electronics Show (CES) will be add-

ing their names to one of the most

price- and brand-competitive product

categories. There are currently more

than 30 different brands of videotape

ket last week, with the introduction of 17 different lengths and grades of

Beta and VHS tape, as well as 8mm

cassettes and a full line for the profes-

sional market. Polaroid will offer tapes in VHS and Beta formats.

Because of this proliferation, deal-

ers and suppliers do not forsee any

Kodak entered the blank tape mar-

on the market.



FABULOUS FANS—Barry Manilow attracts a gathering of stars backstage following the opening of his seven-night engagement at the Universal Amphitheater in Los Angeles. Pictured from left are Kenny Rogers' wife Marianne, Dionne Warwick, Kenny Rogers, Manilow, Shirley MacLaine and Leslie Uggams.

### FCC TO GET FORMAL RECOMMENDATION

# Stereo TV System Gets EIA Nod

By BILL HOLLAND

WASHINGTON-In a move that could hasten the emergence of the most important change in television viewing in the U.S. since color was introduced in the early '50s, the Electronic Industries Assn. (EIA) multichannel television sound committee has unanimously recommended a single stereo sound system for Amer-

Industry members including re-

ceiver and transmitter manufacturers, the National Assn. of Broadcasters (NAB), the three commercial networks and the National Cable Television Assn. recommended the Zenith Radio Co. transmission system and the dbx noise reduction system for use in tv stereo, which they call "multichannel sound."

The committee completed testing of three transmission systems and four noise reduction systems last fall and heard presentations from the companies Dec. 19-21. Formal industry recommendation will be filed with the FCC on Jan. 30.

However, industry filings with the FCC have already begun in the hopes of convincing it that quick adoption of the recommended single system would be better for the public and industry than passing on a decision and leaving the future of tv stereo to the

The new system will permit tv stereo sound, and, simultaneously, a separate audio channel which could be used for a second language or other educational use. System testing, coming after five years of study and searching, was conducted at Matsushita Industrial Co. in Chicago, the CBS Technology Center in Stamford, and NAB's Washington headquarters.

Also tested were transmission systems developed by the Electronics Industries Assn. of Japan (EIAJ) and Telesonics Systems Inc. Other noise reduction systems tested were developed by Dolby and CBS Laboratories.

The recording industry, represented by the RIAA, is aware of the developments but has not been asked to participate in the subcommittee's recommendation. Says RIAA president Stan Gortikov: "The emergence of stereo system television would truly be of great benefit to our industry. but I have nothing to offer in the way substantial changes in retail pricing of blank tape in the near future. They point out, however, that it is possible for retailers to make a profit on blank tape, especially through special promotions.

Videotape Competition Heating Up

Camera Firms Introducing Blank Tape Lines At CES

"I don't think that retailers today are using videotape as a loss leader as they have in the past," says John Bermingham, vice president of sales and merchandising for Sony Tape. He adds that, although there are "hotbeds of competitive activity," such as New York and Los Angeles, "in most areas you can make money. Partly this is because the influence of gray goods has declined."

He continues, "There's still some margins left. Manufacturers are trying to develop stronger consumer promotions-premiums, special rebates and so on-to help stop the declines. I expect to see a lot more of them at CES, because if there's continual support of a specific promotion, the price will be affected.

Retailers surveyed say that they're making a profit—but the margins are low, ranging from 2% to 20%. "We find we move enormous volume at a small margin," says Dave McCulloch, manager of the video department at Tower Records in New

# **Billboard Confab Places Focus On Computer Trends**

ANGELES—Computer hardware and software sales trends and emerging marketing patterns will underscore three days of panel discussions sponsored by Billboard March 7-9 at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco.

The second Billboard Computer Software/Video Game conference will also feature a software awards ceremony, manufacturer hospitality suites and a formal luncheon where attendees and panelists will discuss key industry issues.

On the first day of the conference, hardware and software makers will confer over new technology schemes and software trends on a panel, "Keying In The Future: Hardware And Software Trends." "Categorically Speaking" is the name of a panel to focus on marketing entertain-

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# FOR FEWER RETURNS **CBS Offers Midline Discount**

accounts the option of trading off return allowances for discounts on midline product.

The move within \$5.98 list-equivalent product from the non-list label also involves an increase in return allowances in this category for "hybrid" (retail/wholesaler) accounts and for racks/one-stops. Hybrid accounts' returns have been lifted from 20.5% to 24%, while racks/onestops now have an exchange of 30% compared to a previous 23%. Pure

for a 6% reduction in return allowances. With pure retailers, for instance,

According to Paul Smith, CBS senior vice president and general manager, the trade-off plan provides a stimulus to the midline catalog, which he admits has been producing "flat" or "slightly off" sales patterns since its introduction five years ago. He attributes this to steadily climbing consumer prices, from under \$4 at the start to near list currently.

NEW YORK—CBS Records has made the unusual move of providing

retailers continue to earn an 18% return allowance.

As for the trade-off feature, it provides for 6% discounts in exchange

the formula, based on an 18% return, works in the following manner: 18% return, no discount; 12% return, 6% discount; 6% return, 12% discount; no return, 18% discount.

# Apple Back At CES; Dealer Reaction Mixed

By FAYE ZUCKERMAN

LOS ANGELES-Apple Computer's return to the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) following a fouryear hiatus finds its network of business and home computer retailers divided over Apple's apparent commitment to the home computer market.

Many Apple dealers already contend that businesses are choosing IBM computers over Apples because of IBM's stronger image as a business machine company. Many of these dealers readily admit, however, that this holiday selling season revealed record sales levels for Apple's IIe computer, primarily to the home

Meanwhile, computer and software dealers who traditionally attend CES are elated over Apple's reappearance there. They perceive it as bringing a stabilizing force to an extremely volatile industry.

Ron Cruickshank, president of the Record Bar chain, has been watching the computer market closely. He has seen very little use for computers in the home thus far, and believes that Apple's entry might bring viable home applications.

Record Bar stores sell video games, but have yet to enter the computer software arena. "We are very interested in computers, and will be pursuing information on software at the show," Cruickshank says.

One Colorado Apple dealer, Jon Carmain, the president of three-unit Idex Microsystems, evinces fear that the Apple IIe computer could become an off-the-shelf, mass-marketed item. "It would be a shame to see Apple handled in that manner," he says.

Carmain expresses little surprise over Apple's appearance at CES. The exposure and visibility, he says, will ultimately bring new business to his store.

Both Carmain and Dick Walker, owner of three Apple dealerships in Florida, note a marked increase in Apple He sales to the home market. They both caution that with Apple spearheading sales to the home market, its image as a business computer maker must be reinforced.

John Heitmann, general manager of New Jersey's Johnathan Computers, recommends the IIe for home use. He says the massive educational and entertainment software offering for Apple computers makes the He an appropriate home computer.

But, he adds, he has observed IBM PC sales outdistancing Apple sales to businesses. Many corporations he has sold Apple computers to are selling off their "used Apples" and outfitting their offices with IBMs.

I truly believe that if Apple intro duced the right product it would sell," Heitmann says. "The corporate world just believes in 'big blue.' Apple is perceived as a microcomputer

Heitmann, Walker and Carmain observe that nearly 40% of their Apple He sales are to the home market. Atlantic Business Computers' Walker places his sales at "half and half."

A spokeswoman for Apple explains that the company has returned to CES because of the changing nature of the show. "It has come to attract many computer companies and personal computer dealers," she says.

The Apple booth will not contain any new product introductions, and will feature mostly software as well as the company's Apple IIe and III computers. Most of the software featured will be from third party

At the show, Apple officials will not be taking any orders for products from retailers, she says. Retailers will, however, be able to pick up information on how to become an Apple dealer.

"You have to keep prices low to remain competitive," he adds, "and we're fairly aggressive about going after deals." Those deals, say retailers, vary from supplier to supplier, and even from week to week.

'You could have 50 different distributors and get a different deal from each one," says Ben Karol, head of King Karol in New York. 'No two people get the same price. It's very complicated, and involves givebacks, 30-day terms, buy a certain amount, get a certain amount

"The large users-the distributors-don't know from one purchase to the next what the price will be. This is a business like liquor, tobacco and small appliances. No profits are made except by the manufacturers and, in some cases, the distributors. The retailers make no profit.'

Wholesale prices for major brand T-120 tapes fall just under \$7. Average pricing across the country is

Retailers stress that, even though they don't make much money on tape, they consider it an essential part of the product mix. "We couldn't get away without selling it," says McCulloch. "It's probably 15%-20% of our dollar volume." Karol adds, "We sell a lot of Agfa tape at \$8.99 and make a fair profit on it."

Doug Chatburn, national sales manager for TDK, suggests the entry of Kodak will have a stabilizing effect on the marketplace. "Pricing has got to stabilize this year," he says. don't see how prices can continue to drop the way they did in 1983. This is a big growth business with a lot of (Continued on page 68)

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# **NARM Confab To Get Facelift;** Theme Stresses Parity For Video

By EARL PAIGE

LOS ANGELES-The National Assn. of Recording Merchandisers (NARM) board sees the trade group entering a new era as, for the first time, video product will share the spotlight at an annual NARM convention, March 23-27 at Miami Beach's Diplomat.

A number of sweeping changes, including group discount registration and a new format for record/tape manufacturer sessions, are also outlined by Lou Fogelman, NARM president and head of Show Indus-

The trade group's board, which met in Chicago Dec. 29 to select a new executive vice president following the resignation of Dan Davis (Billboard, Dec. 24), sees video and prerecorded music coalescing rapidly. Thus, the convention's theme is "The First Music & Video Carnival Of Entertainment." Moreover, the board of NARM's sister group, the Video Software Dealers Assn. (VSDA), will join NARM leaders Feb. 1 in Chicago to nail down a replacement for Davis.

Restructuring of NARM's conven-

tion derives from the efforts of Roy Imber of Elroy Enterprises, Port Washington, N.Y., as convention head, according to Fogelman. At NARM's retail advisory meeting last fall, Imber led a frank discussion on recent NARM conventions, "All we do now is go down there and wait for it to be over," was Imber's comment (Billboard, Oct. 8).

Most dramatic will be the new format for manufacturer/member interface. Though details still need to be firmed up, Fogelman says there will be sessions for retailers, one-stops and rackjobbers. "It may work out along lines of WEA meeting with retail at 3:30 p.m., while CBS meets with one-stops at the same time, and then another label with racks; then it

Harsh criticism came in October from board member Russ Solomon of Tower Records and others, who said NARM delegates tend to disappear up to manufacturer suites.

Retail advisory panelist Carl Rosenbaum spoke for small chains: "As someone not being a 400-store chain and never getting invited up to the manufacturer suites, I get down to Florida and ask myself why I'm

there." Rosenbaum heads 10-store Flip Side in Chicago.

A new registration discount will offer firms half-price on all delegates beyond five from the same firm. Standard registration is \$400. Fogelman says NARM's early funding of VSDA represents how the trade group can become beneficial to small, single-store proprietors and small

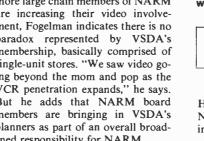
"That we are just large chains, and that small retailers have no influence, is a mental attitude," he says, adding that NARM welcomes participation by small record/tape chains and individual stores.

Of the new era in which more and more large chain members of NARM are increasing their video involvement, Fogelman indicates there is no paradox represented by VSDA's membership, basically comprised of single-unit stores. "We saw video going beyond the mom and pop as the VCR penetration expands" he says VCR penetration expands, But he adds that NARM board members are bringing in VSDA's planners as part of an overall broadened responsibility for NARM.

The new video emphasis in Florida may provide more of the excitement NARM lacked, but, also significantly, offers the video suppliers a second exhibit venue in addition to VSDA's convention, Aug. 26-30 at Las Vegas' MGM Grand.

NARM, while interviewing candi-

At the NARM board meeting in Chicago were, in addition to Fogelman, Imber and Solomon: Jack Eug-Musicland, Noel Gimble, Sound/Video Unlimited; Leonard Silver, Transcontinent Record Sales, David. Camelot Paul Enterprises.



dates for the executive vice president post, isn't losing its grip on its many activities, Fogelman asserts. The "Gift Of Music" local advertising campaign is now being analyzed by various NARM chains involved. he indicates. Also ongoing are a number of meetings Imber has set with manufacturers as plans for NARM's convention are firmed up. "We're looking for a couple of strong acts as headliners," says Fogelman, refer-ring to the effort NARM is making to have more representative talent at the annual convention.

### Zamoiski To Get Out Of **Indie Record Distribution** By BILL HOLLAND WASINGTON—The bution arm had suffered from the loss

Zamoiski Co., the Baltimore-based multi-million-dollar consumer electronics/ home appliance/record distribution firm, is getting out of the indepen-dent record distribution business.

An announcement from Zamoiski Co. vice president Irv Gomprecht follows an in-company financial analysis that the 86-year-old company could find a greater return on its investment by taking the revenue generated by its indie business and investing it in the company's other divisions.

While Zamoiski has been in the indie distribution business since 1958, the greater part of its revenue has been generated from its wholesale business ranging from microwave ovens to home washers and drvers. In the last few years, the record distri-

of several key labels. However, staffer Joyce Heider says, "We were making money, we

were surviving on (non-hit) product. It wasn't that we were losing Zamoiski has always been pitted

Washington competitor Schwartz Bros. (separate story, page one), and, recently, another indie, Malvern, has also entered the highly competitive Maryland-Virginia-D.C market. Says Heider: "There just isn't enough business for three distributors out there. To be frank, there isn't enough for two."

Zamojski has made offers to employees in the distribution arm to

### take jobs within the company's other divisions. "They're taking good care of us," Heider says. '83 RIAA Tally: Fewer Biggies Gold, Platinum Totals Down For Third Straight Year

By PAUL GREIN

LOS ANGELES—The industry's total haul of gold and platinum al-bums declined in 1983 for the third straight year. This supports the contention that the trade's recovery in '83 was due more to the runaway success of a handful of smash hits than to an across-the-board pickup in album sales.

The Recording Industry Assn. of America (RIAA) certified 49 platinum albums last year (signifying sales of one million copies), down from 55 the year before, 60 in 1981 and 66 in '80. The association also certified 111 gold albums (for sales of 500,000), down from 130 the year before, 153 in '81 and 162 in '80.

Epic was the big winner among combined labels. Epic and its associated labels accounted for 13 gold albums, putting it ahead of Columbia, RCA and Warner Bros., each of which notched 12. Epic also led in gold singles, with seven, compared to four for second-place RCA. And Epic and Columbia tied for the lead in platinum albums, with eight each.

Five disparate artists led the industry with two platinum albums: Air Supply, Pat Benatar, Culture Club, Def Leppard and Kenny Rogers. Rogers was also one of only two artists to collect three gold albums in '83. The other was Willie Nelson, who was cited for collaborations with Waylon Jennings, Ray Price and Merle Haggard.

Rogers' duet with Dolly Parton, "Islands In The Stream," was also one of only two singles to be certified platinum last year (for sales of two million), along with Toni Basil's "Mickey." This platinum count ties the 1981 tally, but represents a drop from last year, when there were four platinum singles.

Discounting oldies and kiddie disks, the RIAA certified 23 gold singles last year (for sales of one million). This represents a slight gain over last year, when there were 21 non-oldie gold singles. Michael Jackson was the year's big winner with four gold hits, two of them duets with Paul McCartney.

But overall, single sales in '83 remained depressed. Epic and RCA were the only combined labels to score more than two gold singles during the year. And four of the year's No. 1 pop hits have yet to go gold: Toto's "Africa," Dexys Midnight Runners' "Come On Eileen," Michael Sembello's "Maniac" and Billy Joel's "Tell Her About It."

Rock in its various permutations, as ever, dominated the certifications. Of the year's 49 platinum albums, 20 were by traditional pop/rock acts, nine by heavy metal or hard rock acts and six by modern music bands.

Black music accounted for five platinum albums (Michael Jackson, Lionel Richie, Prince, Luther Vandross and, unexpectedly, Midnight Star). Country also contributed five (two by Kenny Rogers and one each by Alabama, George Jones and Elvis Presley). Adult contemporary had three (two by Air Supply and one by

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BMI BOON—Jazz vibraharpist Lionel Hampton, left, visits with BMI president Edward Cramer after preseting the company's Archive Collection with the original big band arrangements by Quincy Jones and Ernie Wilkins of two of his compositions, "Flying Home" and "Midnight Sun."

# **Executive Turntable**

**Record Companies** 

Don Ellis joins MCA as international senior vice president, based in London. He was RCA's vice president for the U.S. and Canada. In addition, MCA's Nashville division ups **Bob Schnieders** to West Coast vice president of marketing and administration, based in Los Angeles. He was the division's West Coast









**Schnieders** 

promotion and marketing manager . . . PolyGram ups Emiel Petrone to senior vice president, Compact Disc in Los Angeles. He was vice president of Compact Disc marketing . . . In Los Angeles, Elektra/Asylum/Nonesuch names Eddie

Gilreath sales vice president. He was executive vice president of sales for Island.

Al Gurewitz is the new general manager of New York-based Arial Records. He was promotion vice president for Epic/Portrait/Associated Labels . . . Allen Harford is appointed corporate vice president of human resources and administration for Capitol Industries-EMI Inc. in Hollywood. He was EMI Music's human resources and organization director, Europe and International. Also at Capitol, Sandy Richman is named manager of studio production and XDR cassette administrator. She was production coordinator.

In a restructuring of Atlantic and Elektra's accounts payable department in Los Angeles, four promotions have been made. George Gotsulias moves up to director of accounts payable from manager. Julie Bearden, Norma Moreno and Geri Aulkoski are all upped from staff spots to supervisors... menzo is promoted to controller from assistant controller for A&M in Hollywood.

Ben Middleton is appointed vice president and head of a&r for the newlyformed label Dee Vee Records in East Orange, N.J. He was president of Ben Middleton's public relations and management firm . . . In Canoga Park, Calif., Sparrow Records promotes two vice presidents to senior vice presidents, Bill Hearn for marketing and Rick Horne for administration.

### Video/Pro Equipment

Lisa Harman is upped to planning manager for RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video in Burbank, Calif. She was marketing manager . . . In New York, Windsor Total Video appoints Robert Marmiroli marketing vice president. He was director of Interactive Video Services.

The Sony Corp. appoints Kevin Finn vice president and general manager of its newly formed Component Products division in Park Ridge, N.J. He was vice president and general manager of TRW's Semiconductor division. In addition, Myles Tintle Jr. is appointed vice president of marketing and sales for the new division. He was general manager of Sony Data Products.

### Related Fields

Sherrie Levy joins the public relations firm of Solters/Roskin/Friedman in New York. She was a private consultant for public relations companies . . . Paul Bryant and Steve Lassiter join Nashville's Top Billing International as agents. Bryant was with United Talent and Lassiter was an agent for Variety Artists Andy Dunkley is named promotion person and press liaison for the Irving Plaza club in New York. He was the club's stage DJ ... Steve Jensen is promoted to vice president of International Creative Management in Los Angeles to head its West Coast concert department. He was head of its concert department

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### **ACTS INCLUDE ENGLISH ROCK, R&B**

# Compleat Strives For Full Line

By EDWARD MORRIS

NASHVILLE—Compleat Records had its earliest success with country and specialty product, but the company isn't putting all its speculative eggs into just one or two baskets. Now in its second year of operation, the Nashville-based, Poly-Gram-distributed label has built a roster of 12 acts that embraces country, pop, r&b, beach music and exercise.

Additionally, Compleat is licensing recordings by several English rock acts for release in this country. A John Verity album is scheduled for February release, and Compleat will

# Vanguard On Compact Disc Bandwagon

NEW YORK—Vanguard Records ships its first Compact Disc this week, a Joan Baez "Greatest Hits" package, to be followed within the month by an additional five titles.

The Baez compilation, consisting of 16 cuts dating back in some cases to the '60s, will not have an LP or cassette counterpart in the domestic market, says Seymour Solomon, Vanguard president, who pegs the list price of the label's CDs at \$19.50.

Coming within two weeks is an orchestral showpieces CD featuring the Baltimore Symphony conducted by Sergiu Comissiona. The same conductor will be director of the entries slated for February release, including the Saint-Saens "Organ" Symphony and the Tchaikovsky Fourth with the Baltimore, and the Franck D Minor Symphony, as well as a Debussy program with his present orchestra, the Houston.

issue a double-album by the Kinks (priced at \$11.98) the same month. Henning Jorgensen, Compleat's vice president and treasurer, confirms that the label is negotiating to reissue albums by David Bowie and Eric Clapton, but adds that the material has yet to be licensed.

Compleat's roster now includes Vern Gosdin and Jayne Kennedy, its biggest sellers, as well as Mike Martin, Susan Jacks, Rusty Wier, Kelly Foxton, Zella Lehr, Autumn, Jesse Boyce, Bohannon, the Tams and Willie Clayton.

Autumn is a four-man r&b group that originated at Nashville's Fisk Univ. Jacks, in addition to her solo work, was lead vocalist for the Canadian act the Poppy Family. Martin, Wier, Foxton and Lehr are all familiar names in the country field, while Boyce, Bohannon and Clayton have established their reputations as r&b artists. The Tams are beach music standard-bearers.

Charlie Fach, president and chief operations officer of Compleat, has manifested a particular interest in the label's r&b activity. As the former vice president and general manager of Mercury Records, Fach worked with such r&b bands as Kool & the Gang, the Bar-Kays, Con Funk Shun and the Gap Band.

"We have always planned to be a full-line record company," says Irwin Steinberg, Compleat's board chairman and chief executive officer. He says the label will be represented at Midem this year in its continuing search to find "as much foreign music as possible that might make it in the marketplace."

Steinberg reports that Jayne Kennedy's exercise albums are among the label's best sellers. Her "Love Your Body" album has sold almost 100,000 copies, and her followup, "Love Your Body More," has racked up sales of between 50,000 and 60,000 according to Steinberg.

# New York NARAS Wing To Hold Monthly Seminars

NEW YORK—The New York chapter of NARAS launches a series of monthly seminars this month on "The Recording Industry Structure And Its Uncertain Future."

Open to the public as well as NARAS members, the seminars' opening session, "What Lies Ahead For The Songwriter In The Hi-Tech World?" will take place Wednesday, Jan. 19 in the main building of New York Univ. here at 100 Washington Square East, Room 703.

The panel will be composed of Ed Cramer, president of BMI; Jerrold Gold, an attorney in the Bee Gees' plagiarism case; songwriters Ralph MacDonald, James Mtume and Alan Merrill; Mike Millius, director of creative service at MCA Music and Irwin Schuster, vice president, creative, at Chappell Music. Attorney (and chapter legal counsel) Jeff Graubert will moderate.

All succeeding seminars will be held at the Center For Media Arts here, starting in February when, on a date yet to be determined, a panel, "The Electronic Threat," will feature Herbie Hancock demonstrating computerized instruments, together with studio musicians and John Glasel, president of New York Local 802 of the Musicians' Union.

On March 23, the history of the recording industry from 1877 to the present, "How It Got From There To Here," will be offered by musicologist Russ Sanjek, the New York chapter president.

In April, May and June, respectively, the series will offer "To CD Or Not To CD: A Digital Debate," "The Classical Repertoire Straitjacket" and a seminar on music and record criticism.

Admission to each session is \$5 for the public, \$4 for students and \$3 for NARAS members. Further information is available through the New York chapter's offices at 157 W. 57th St. Phone: (212) 245-5440.

### Total Experience Pacts With RCA For Distribution

NEW YORK—RCA Records has signed a worldwide distribution deal with Total Experience Records. The label's artist roster includes Goodie, Pennye Ford, Switch, Yarborough & Peoples and the Gap Band, which will issue a new album in the spring.

Total Experience, which is understood to have completed its distribution pact with PolyGram, explored the possibilities of independent distribution and the establishment of formal contractual ties at one point last summer (Billboard, July 23).

Neither Lonnie Simmons, president of Total Experience, nor vice president Forrest Hamilton could be reached for comment at presstime.

Steinberg places Vern Gosdin in the same sales range as Kennedy. Within the upcoming four months,

Compleat will also have out new product on Martin, Jacks, Wier, Lehr, Autumn and Clayton. Except for Autumn, the releases will be singles.

Compleat owns three publishing companies: Flagship and Radio Cowboy (BMI) and Starship (ASCAP). Glenn Sutton is the only staff writer.

Compleat was founded in late 1982 by Fach, Steinberg and the late Bill Hall, who was then head of Welk Music's Nashville office. It was financed through the Nashville investment firm Jacques-Miller.



THREE TO GET READY—Jeffrey Osborne, left, joins former Mother's Finest vocalist Joyce Kennedy for a duet on her forthcoming album, which he is producing for A&M, while the label's owner, Herb Alpert, offers some advice.

# Chartbeat

# 'Joanna' Not Too Hot For Black Chart

By PAUL GREIN

Kool & the Gang moves up to No. 1 on this week's black chart with "Joanna," probably the group's most pop-oriented single to date. It's the Gang's first No. 1 black hit since "Take My Heart" in late 1981. On this week's pop chart, the smash glides to number 13, looking to become their first top 10 hit since "Get Down On It" in early '82.

"Joanna" is Kool & the Gang's ninth top 40 pop hit so far in the '80s, which, as one Kool-phile pointed out, is more than any other black group has scored in this decade. In fact, it's as many as the next two runners-up combined. In second place are the Pointer Sisters, with five top 40 hits since 1980, in third place are the Commodores, with four.

Kool & the Gang first hit the pop chart in 1969 with the instrumental "Kool And The Gang." They first cracked the top 40 with "Funky Stuff" in 1973 and first reached the top 10 with "Jungle Boogie" in '74. The band's peak to date came with the No. 1 pop, black and dance smash "Celebration" in 1981.

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Nine Years On: Barry Manilow's "Read 'Em And Weep" (Arista) holds at No. 1 on this week's adult contemporary chart, and also retains its bullet in its second week at 18 on the pop chart. It's Manilow's 26th consecutive single to crack the top half of the Hot 100, which is his entire output since "Mandy" nine years ago.

"Read 'Em," which was written and produced by Jim Steinman, first appeared on Meat Loaf's "Dead Ringer" album in 1981. This isn't the first time Manilow has charted with a cover version of a previously released rock piece. He reached the top 10 in 1979 with Ian Hunter's "Ships" and cracked the top 40 in '82 with Shakin' Stevens' "Oh, Julie."

One of the curious aspects of Manilow's singles output in recent years is how few of the singles he's written, especially compared to his '70s peak period. Manilow co-wrote six of his singles from 1975-78, but has had a hand in only two since '78: "I Made It Through The Rain" and "Some Kind Of Friend."

It's odd because both of those songs were substantial top 30 hits, as were all six of the singles he composed in the '70s: "It's A Miracle," "This One's For You" and "Even Now," all written with Marty Pan-

zer; "Could It Be Magic" and "Daybreak," both written with Adrienne Anderson; and "Copacabana," written with Bruce Sussman and Jack Feldman.

This steady singles success is having the desired effect on Manilow's albums. His "Greatest Hits, Vol. 2" was certified gold last week, and this week climbs into the top 30 on Billboard's album chart.

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Country Action: T.G. Sheppard's "Slow Burn" (Warner/Curb) jumps to No. 1 on this week's country chart, displacing George Strait's "You Look So Good In Love" (MCA). But the Nashville division of Chappell/Intersong can't be too disappointed, since it controls both songs.

"Slow Burn" was co-written by Charlie Black, "Look So Good" by Rory Bourke. Those two writers, as it happens, also collaborated on Chappell/Intersong's last No. 1 country hit, Anne Murray's "A Little Good News."

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We Get Letters: Kevin Campbell of Portland noted that Stevie Wonder isn't the only artist in recent times to lift two hits from a greatest hits package. Donna Summer also culled two top five hits from her "On The Radio" collection—"No More Tears" and the title track.

Last but not least, Chartbeat wants to wish all of you the best of everything in the new year. May you always have a bullet on the chart of life!

## Largest Creditor Offers \$50,000 Loan To P&S

LOS ANGELES—A petition for additional funds to run the Stan Lewis mini-conglomerate and an offer by the firm's largest creditor to open such a transusion with a \$50,000 loan will be considered by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Shreveport, La., next Monday (16).

The positive offer by Pioneer Bank & Trust, a secured creditor owed \$965,000 (Billboard, Jan. 7) will enable P&S Enterprises, Lewis' parent company, to engage more aggressively in its combination of five retail stores, a one-stop distributorship and

### Harris AM Stereo Gets FCC Approval

WASHINGTON—The FCC formally approved the Harris Corporation's Model STX-1A AM stereo exciter on Tuesday (3), following a study in which the Commisssion found "no evidence" that the Harris system would cause co-channel or adjacent channel interference.

In late August, the Harris system was found to meet all requirements for type acceptance except the one measuring harmonic distortion.

The FCC says it received "no

complaints from the public" concerning problems with mono capability or stereo quality, and granted the stereo transmitting equipment the waiver in a 4-0 vote, with new FCC Commissioner Patrick not participating.

several record labels and a publishing company, Lewis told Billboard: P&S, which voluntarily petitioned for Chapter XI in September, has remained an active business since that filing.

Industry unsecured creditors over \$10,000 include such label entities as Beverly Glen, \$12,298; Capitol, \$30,100; CBS, \$252,243; Malaco, \$101,693; PolyGram, \$36,059; Prelude, \$17,616; Profile, \$10,045; RCA, \$128,937; Streetwise, \$49,071; Sunnyview, \$10,241; Tommy Boy, \$21,685; Word, \$12,082; Arista, \$382,909; CTI, \$12,291; Gold Coast Sound, \$11,381; High Rise Entertainment, \$17,728; Savoy, \$44,084; Fantasy/Galaxy/Prestige, \$76,725; and WEA, \$95,009.

Others are: Bennet's Dist., Jackson, Miss., \$26,817; Lexicon Music, Newbury Park, \$16,145; Nottingham Industries, Hollywood, \$57,207; One-Stop Record House, Atlanta, \$13,208; National Distribution Network, \$10,365, and Quality of Canada, \$21,780.

Among assets of \$3,411,695, P&S lists bank, credit union and savings and loan deposits totalling \$102,280. Inventory accounts for \$1,341,303, while machinery, fixtures, equipment and supplies are estimated at \$188,323. Among the assets are 254 album masters valued at \$150 each, or \$50,625.

A court-appointed creditors' committee includes representatives of WEA, CBS, Malaco, PolyGram, Motown and the Pioneer bank.

JOHN SIPPEL

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LJUBLJANA-To add to the overall economic depression ailing the Yugoslavian record industry, the music business generally has suffered this winter from the effects of the long, arid summer, which emptied the reservoir lakes of the hydro-electric power stations, resulting in a disastrous reduction in the nationwide electricity supply.

This in turn has meant a serious cutback in action in concert halls, dance venues and discos. Live music is, inevitably, in shorter supply than usual, and the situation won't get back to normal until the spring brings rainfall.

That natural solution is likely to come faster than any solution to this country's economic crisis. Wages here can't match the higher prices caused by an inflation rate of some 50% in the past year. The exchange rate against the U.S. dollar has reached 130 dinars. An average monthly wage in Yugoslavia is around 17,000 dinars.

Records have, in recent years, been relatively cheap in Yugoslavia. But in 1983 they rose in price by some 25%, with another 30%-40% increase anticipated early this year. That means a retail price rise so steep that record buyers will inevitably be very selective.

Currency problems are at the root of most Yugoslav music business Neskovic of Nikola PGP/RTB Belgrade says, "It hasn't been a bad year in terms of license production, but we've released only material for which foreign partners were prepared to take royalties in Yugoslav currency. That's in line with an industrywide record business agreement signed in early 1983, though some companies have not fulfilled the obligation.

Neskovic adds: "We're happy though, with our deals with A&M, Chess and Storyville, with their specialist catalogs. And while licensed album sales of 70,000 are rare in Yugoslavia, we've hit that mark with the Police, Elkie Brooks and Rita Coolidge. We've also done splendidly with classical material from East European territories."

Veljko Despot, license deal chief of Jugoton in Belgrade, says 1983 was a better sales year than 1982. "We exported large quantities of cassettes of Yugoslavian folk songs for partners in Western Europe and North America. With foreign currency earned in this way, we've at least part-paid royalties due for license productions of which we sold around a million units this past year," he says.

Despot says the biggest Jugoton licensed imports, topping the 100,000 mark, were "Let's Dance" by David Bowie, "20 Greatest Hits" by the Beatles, Pink Floyd's "The Final Cut," "Living My Life" by Grace Jones, Kajagoogoo's 'White Feathers" and "Sweet Dreams Are Made Of This" by Eurythmics.

Jugoton executives are concerned that most of its foreign affiliates don't want to be paid in local currency. To counter that problem, the company contacted some artists who toured Yugoslavia in 1983. The artists,

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STOCKPILE VALUED AT \$1 MIL

# Videocassette Raid In Belgium

BRUSSELS-After a meticulously planned campaign that started nearly a year ago, Belgian police from Liege and Brussels seized some 4,000 allegedly pirate videocassettes recorded on high-quality U-matic tape and set to serve as masters to produce thousands of copies for sale to the public.

Value of the stockpile, found Dec. 23, is put by the authorities here as "at least \$1 million" in terms of po-tential market sales. This makes it one of the biggest hauls of video masters ever unearthed in Europe.

The raid was the culmination of long-time "shadowing"by police and investigators employed by SIBESA (Syndicat Belge d'Industrie & de l'Edition Phonographiques & Audiovisuelle), the national IFPI group representing the official distribution trade.

The campaign started last January. with private investigators involved. Liege police then linked up on inquiries resulting in the arrest of an alleged pirate leader in August. But the stock of master tapes couldn't then be tracked down, reportedly because the arrested man owed a large sum of money to an accomplice who had spirited away the cassettes while he was in custody.

The haul was eventually found in a garage near the township of Enghien. And the raid has triggered industry confidence that other major pirate gangs will now be rounded up.

# EMI Electrola's Jung Speaks Out

### Blasts German Labels For Depending On U.S. Parents

By WOLFGANG SPAHR

HAMBURG-The major German record companies, virtually all offshoots of multinational media giants, should be taking a firm stand against their parent organizations in order to strengthen the profile of the German music industry, the second largest in the world, according to Wilfried Jung, EMI Electrola's head of European operations.

"In many cases, business and trading policies of the German subsidiaries are dictated by America," says the outspoken Jung. "So inaccurate planning or misjudgments perpetrated by the U.S. music business find their

Jung, who has received widespread publicity here in recent months, adds: "The West German record producers have put out around 25 records of late for charitable causes. Now we should start thinking about ourselves and launch some kind of charity or benefit campaign for the German music business as a whole.

The mass-circulation Der Spiegel here took up Jung's viewpoint in a major interview in which the EM1 chief deplored the failure of German a&r departments to come up with new talent and expressed again his doubts about the ability of the Compact Disc to "rescue" the industry from its problems.

Der Spiegel pointed out that the German record industry, accustomed to achieving new sales peaks year after year, was now severely plagued by the recession. "James Last here, Leonard Bernstein there, but behind the sales figure boasting of a few top names, the situation is dismal," the magazine said.

Jung urges the multinationals to adapt more rapidly to today's fastchanging and diverse music scene, adding: "They should see to it that virtually every subsidiary around the world is in a position to operate independently in a musical sense. We've got to learn that lesson."

He stresses that multinational "umbrella" organizations are, by their very nature, inflexible. "There are record companies in Germany that have paid out too much money for too little talent in the past. Production departments have gone down the drain of late and are now only on receiving end of talent exchanges."

In the Der Spiegel interview, Jung said he regretted that EMI Electrola had its own problems in discovering new talent and foreseeing new trends. "Quite simply," he said, "it was easier to buy what was on offer." The situation now, says Jung, is that, compared with the massive multinationals, small independent production groups have easier and faster access to young talent.

Jung is also outspoken about the classical market. "For every recording that doesn't fulfill optimal artistic standards, and so public acceptance the investment of 500,000 DM (around \$185,000) is that many Marks too much," he says.

"Faced with this dilemma, record companies reduced already drasticallimited recording activities. There's no consumer acceptance if just any classical artist is signed to record complete operatic works. Today, it's a fact that classical artists sell their services to the highest bidder. For many of them, travel plans and bank account statements have long been more important than the music itself. A few jet-set artists scrupulously take the cream."

Jung persists with his view that the Compact Disc is no real answer to

the industry's problems: "If the music business really needs a savior, then I don't believe CD is a longterm

"A problem is that the creators of the CD concept and the manufacturers of hardware aren't musicians and, to a large extent, haven't taken the importance of music into account. For them, it was vitally important to create a new sound carrier. Initially, music as such played no role at all.

"When I think that right now in Japan the second generation of CD players is being developed with builtin cassette recording equipment, then I really get scared. I feel at the mercy of the technical experts. I earnestly hope our international music chiefs talk and reach sensible agreements with the Japanese manufacturers; otherwise our future development is dismal."

Of EMI's corporate hesitancy about CD, Jung says: "Herbert von (Continued on page 55)

# **Athens Police Shut Down Free Private Radio Station**

ATHENS-The first open blow struck for free private radio in Greece came to an undignified halt here in mid-December, a mere halfhour after the first notes of a new unauthorized station went on the air.

The station, set up by the left-wing political magazine Anti, featured light music by local repertoire superstar Dionysis Savvyopoulos, who was arrested along with the magazine's publisher when police technicians traced the transmitter to the publisher's Athens apartment.

The broadcasting equipment, however, was not in the place when the police entered. And Savvopoulos, sitting at a piano, went quietly.

The Greek government invokes the constitution to keep all radio and broadcasting in state hands. A toplevel spokesman said after the Anti station bust that "no exceptions to the law can be tolerated.'

In rebuttal, the publisher of Anti claims a constitutional right to free speech. He alleges that the socialist government here has abused its state monopoly of the airwaves by allowing programming to deteriorate, thus giving others an implicit right to restore quality

"Other European governments, in-

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cluding socialist ones, have found a legal and technical way to allow the operation of short-range stations," he says. "I'm deeply sad that an attempt at free radio communication should be treated this way.

The government here has also renewed its warning to pirate radio opnewed its warning to pirate radio op-erators scattered around Athens that they face harsh penalties if they are caught in action.

Anti had advertised its radio effort a week before going on the air, saying it would simply be a free voice with no political motivation or message. But government officials from the start made it clear that they would send in the police if it got under way.

Publicly backing the independent radio move were Savvopoulos and noted Greek composer Manos Hadjidakis, as well as many newspapers. The programming was to have featured an entire spectrum of music, from heavy metal rock to Greek folk airs and jazz.

Said an editor of Anti a week before the station's brief operation: 'We have no standards. We want a new chance at a new contact between the public and radio." But in view of the government's prompt response. that contact seems unlikely to be made in Grecce.

# Gallup Bows U.K. Label Register

### Seeks To End Duplication Of Names, Catalog Numbers

By PETER JONES

company Gallup, which compiles the British national record charts, has launched an official register of record labels and data here, with the backing of the British Phonographic Industry (BPI) and the Independent Record Labels Assn. (1LA).

Main aim is to halt what Gallup calls "the ever-increasing confusion created through the duplication of label names and catalog numbers."
The register will check the use of label names, prefixes and numbers of all companies already trading, or planning to trade, in Britain.

"There are known to be at least

1,500 labels, using at least 10,000 variations of catalog numbers," the firm says. "But the real size of the problem is probably four times greater. It's estimated there are maybe 4,000 labels in the independent sector alone, ranging from established firms to one-man front-room operations." Gallup publicist Yvonne Thomp-

son says: "The rate at which these labels use up new catalog numbers creates serious problems. companies add to the chaos by the fashionable practice of using person-alized numbers, such as BOW 1 for David Bowie, for major artists.'

As of Jan. 1, Gallup is controlling registration for the approximately 100 members of BPI with the ILA, founded three years ago, acting as clearing house and information center for the independents. An annual registration fee, as yet unspecified, will be paid by BPI on behalf of its members. All independents will be charged a fee of roughly \$45 for each label enlisted, to include catalog number/prefix information.

Gallup adds: "Companies failing to clear label details through the register run a big risk of missing out on chart action. Our computer recognizes only one record for each catalog number, so if there are duplicates, sales points will automatically awarded to the first record listed. We'll inform all parties where duplicates are already known to exist."

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# Commentary

# **Gainsaying False Prophecies**

By JACK WAYMAN

Shortly after the 1981 decision in the "Betamax" case, the motion picture companies, followed closely by the recording industry, scurried to Capitol Hill. Arguing that consumers' use of video and audio recorders was hurting their sales, they asked

Congress to tax video and audio recorders and tape, and to eliminate-or at least restrict-rentals of prerecorded material

Now that these proposals have been around for a while, it's time to review the dire predictions. Have these industries ever really been injured by home taping? The answer is a firm, clear no. To the contrary, video and audio recorders are major reasons for one of the most successful and lucrative periods in movie and recording history. Sales are way up, profits are way up, and the future looks even brighter.

Why, then, should consumers, whose money is already pouring into movie and recording industry coffers, be taxed and face a cutoff of rentals?

The recording industry came to Congress with sad faces, claiming that business was bad and that home taping and record rentals were crippling sales. Two years later, business is much better. Indeed, far from being destroyed, the record business is flourishing. The Audio

Recording Rights Coalition had it right from the very beginning.

As I pointed out in a Billboard Commentary and in Congressional hearings in the summer of 1982, the primary reason for the recording industry malaise was the recession. As the economy rebounded, the recording industry prospered; it enjoyed record profits in 1983.



Wayman: "Requests for a legislative bailout are unjustified and unseemly."

promising breakthroughs in technology and marketing, the recording industry's requests for a legislative bailout are unjustified and unseemly

Like their recording industry colleagues, the movie moguls

have been arguing that videocassette rentals and home taping would drive them all to the poorhouse. They also claim that if there's not enough profit in the pipeline there will be less money available to stimulate creativity.

The fact is that money is pouring in and that VCRs are adding to Hollywood's wealth, not subtracting from it. For example, Paramount stated last November that sales of its "Flashdance" videocassette had helped generate additional boxoffice receipts.

Movie attendance is the best it has been in almost a quarter century. All boxoffice records were broken in 1982, and 1983 figures set an even hotter pace. And movie companies are enjoying record profits from other sources as well, such as pay television and the sales of foreign film rights. Sales to tv networks, stations and cable operators are strong, no doubt because time-shifting has helped increase the available audience.

As for VCRs, "part of Hollywood's euphoria over the future stem(s) from the boom in videocassette sales" (Associated Press, Dec. 15), and

they are growing at a tremendous pace. Paramount's initial shipment of "Raiders Of The Lost Ark," for instance, totaled 500,000 units, for a retail gross value of \$20 million.

With all this money flowing in to Hollywood, one has to speculate that the threadbare coat Hollywood wears when it beseech-

### 'Neither the recording industry nor Hollywood can show that home taping or rentals have caused any harm'

A second reason for lost sales was a series of blunders by the recording industry itself. The industry failed to respond to the consumer's preference for music portability. It raised its prices at the same time it put out music on inferior tape and warped disks. It cut back on concerts and other promotional vehicles.

What has happened since to account for the resurgence? The

industry has finally realized that consumers want portability, so sales of prerecorded tape are booming. Companies are starting to advertise prerecorded tapes with master quality sound, and we are seeing "significant breakthroughs...that have greatly enhanced the sound quality of prerecorded tapes" (Billboard, Dec.

Finally, the concert business is picking up again, and the recording industry is benefitting from a dynamic marriage of audio and video with the success of MTV.

A third reason why the recording industry was singing the blues was increased competition for the discretionary dollar. Pac-Man was gobbling up quarters that otherwise would have gone to buying prerecorded music. Well, the arcade business has tapered off, and sales of prerecorded music are up again.

Another problem to which I referred in 1982 was the dearth of new artists to capture the fancy of music buyers. This too has changed. Fourteen of 1983's top 100 singles were by artists who debuted that year, and half the top 100 pop hits, as well as half the top 10, came from acts that first appeared after 1980.

Nor need the industry fear the phantom of record rentals, a "problem" that never was and never will be.

At the risk of patting ourselves too hard on the back, it is clear that almost two years ago we precisely identified the problems afflicting the recording industry. As the industry came up with solutions, many of them long overdue, it has profited. And as the industry continues to exploit its new marketing opportunities, that success will continue.

Given the resurgence of music sales and profits, and a raft of

es Congress must have an ermine lining.

In the face of continued prosperity, the movie companies continue to argue that home taping and video rentals are depriving them of much-needed "creativity," i.e., production money. It is difficult to give this argument much credence when the Wall Street Journal (Sept. 1) reports "an unprecedented flood of outside production money," and quotes Columbia Pictures chairman Frank Price as saying that "there's more money out there now than can be properly handled."

Despite these facts, if there were to be a royalty tax and a modification of the rules allowing rental, consumers, retailers and manufacturers, as well as Hollywood, would lose out. Higher VCR prices and software rental fees would stifle the momentum of VCR sales. Reducing the number and importance of neighborhood video retailers would also adversely affect the desirability of owning a VCR.

A royalty tax, whether on video or audio, would not only be impossible to administer equitably, but would hit hardest at those who should not pay: the schools, libraries, businesses and consumers who use recorders to tape their own programming.

Neither the recording industry nor Hollywood can show that home taping or rentals have caused any harm. Given this utter failure to prove injury, there is certainly no need for Congress to force consumers to pay a tax for the privilege of making the movie/record complex richer still.

If Congress just keeps in mind the code of the basketball official-no harm, no foul-it will reach the right decisions on the home recording and rental issues.

Jack Wayman is senior vice president of the Consumer Electronics Group of the Electronic Industries Assn., as well as chairman of both the Audio Recording Rights Coalition and the Home Recording Rights Coalition.

# Letters To The Editor

### We Do Listen, Randy

I send along a reply to a letter from one Randy Starkey that appeared in Letters To The Editor (Dec.10) asking, "Why can't a serious but unknown songwriter get his song heard...

Excuse me. Randy, but we do listen-to everything that comes in. In fact, we are one of the few organizations of any size that to date has not closed its doors to the unsigned, independent songwriter. We take particular pride in this assumed duty, though our legal advisors have time

and again warned us of the possible consequences, especially since the Bee Gees case. Again, we stubbornly remain open to unsolicited material.

in the course of growing up and, like the rest of us, paying some dues, you somehow acquire the necessary patience and maturity, and common courtesy to "secretaries and rude and jaded middlemen," you might find yourself directed to the division (a&r/publishing) in our rather large and diverse company that can best serve you. According to our carefully kept log, you began to pout before you got this far.

Moreover, no amount of college, song-polishing or abstinence from chemicals will ever give you one iota more of a chance than anyone else. It simply takes talent (a commodity one can't buy in college), patience, perseverance, respect for the feelings of others, more patience, more talent, and a lotta luck.

Send us your songs, Randy. We'll listen. And welcome to the real world.

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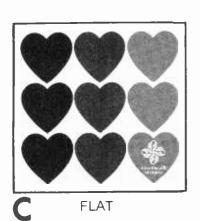
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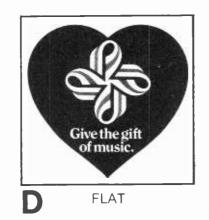
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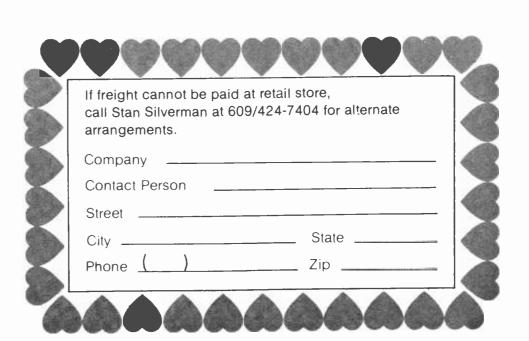








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# Radio

# Dave Martin Joins Doubleday As Chain's New VP Of Programming

By ROLLYE BORNSTEIN

NEW YORK—"Dave's coming with us is a clear statement of our intention of running this chain as a business, making format decisions on the individual marketplace as opposed to convenience," says Doubleday president Gary Stevens regarding Dave Martin's recent appointment as vice president of programming for the Doubleday chain.

While the move raised some questions among the industry regarding Doubleday's future format plans, as Martin is coming from a strong adult contemporary background, both executives see his arrival as a natural progression—and not necessarily a signal for new programming directions.

"If a programmer is a good programmer, he or she can program any format," says Martin, who most recently was VP/programming for Bonneville's WCLR in Chicago. "A PD's business is to deliver the share or segment of the marketplace desired by management. The format becomes the device to attract that audience. All the basics are the same.

### Sudbrink Sells 30% Interest In WLAC-AM-FM

NASHVILLE—Sudbrink Broadcasting has sold a 30% interest in WLAC-AM-FM here to Vic Rumore, vice president and general manager of Nashville stations WKDA and WKDF. No purchase price was disclosed.

Rumore says the sale demonstrates Sudbrink's concern that its stations operate under local control. A Ft. Lauderdale-based chain, Sudbrink bought WLAC and its FM affiliate from Billboard in 1980.

WLAC-AM is Nashville's only news/talk station. The FM side programs adult contemporary music.

Under the new setup, Rumore will function as executive vice president and chief operating officer, positions which will give him full control of the stations. He says he will remain at WKDA/WKDF until a replacement can be hired and trained. No decision has been made on the fate of Lee Dorman, currently general manager of WLAC-AM-FM.

"Doubleday as a group has and will continue to consider all of its options in every market. That doesn't suggest format changes, but it doesn't prevent evolution or perhaps making a change down the road.

"Let's face it, I don't think there's any group that can say with total confidence, 'We're going to be doing this in five years.' You just don't know. But," emphasizes Martin, "that's not to say that any imminent format changes will be made. I honestly don't see that happening at all."

Regarding Doubleday consultant Bobby Hattrik, who once held the position Martin is assuming, Stevens says he'll remain with the company, but will report to Martin. "I met with Bobby here during the week of Christmas," says Martin, "and I've got to say I find his insights very valuable, since he's been operating the Doubleday markets and is conversant with the dynamics of them.

"He'll continue to be involved where his talents can best be utilized and are most needed. I've also been impressed with the calibre of the local PDs. When you look at the various chains around the country and who is on line at their stations, you have to sit back and wonder what's going on. But Doubleday's got some good programming talent out there."

Martin—who, prior to joining WCLR, programmed Chicago's WCFL and WFYR as well as Boston's WBZ—is a second-generation broadcaster. His father, the late Johnny Martin, a well-known personality in the Southeast, was responsible for the huge shares KRMG Tulsa enjoyed during his 17 year-tenure there.

"I grew up in the business," he says. "Had a radio station in my bedroom, learned to read C.E. Hooper ratings at the dinner table." A piece of advice passed along at one of those sessions formed the cornerstone of Martin's radio philosophy. "My Dad said, 'Son, you might not always have numbers, but you'll always have spots to sell.' A program director has got to develop an empathy with sales without compromise in product. If he does, he'll be successful."

In his new position, which he assumes Jan. 30, Martin hopes "to bring Doubleday what I'm known for in terms of research, programming and especially sales. I view the PD as

# Chase, Third PD In Year, Joins Pittsburgh's WHTX

PITTSBURGH—Todd Chase has been appointed program director of contemporary hit station WHTX here, becoming the third person to hold that position in less than a year. Chase, program director of Kansas City's KBEQ, replaces Cary Pall, who leaves the Hearst-owned station after 11 months.

"Both of us thought things had worked out a little less than satisfactory," says VP/GM Ted Atkins, who adds that the program change was made without any advance knowledge of the forthcoming fall Arbitron results.

Atkins says no changes are anticipated in either staff or format under Chase. "Todd will be working with the jocks to improve our on-air sound and he'll be doing some things promotionally. We want to improve the station from top to bottom." Chase, a former KQV personality here in the late '60s, will not be on the air.

WHTX has been the scene of upheaval over the past year. The format was modified last January to better compete with WBZZ (B-94), which had overtaken WHTX. Elimination of the Top Tracks format that he designed led to the resignation of operations manager Bobby Christian in February. He was replaced by Pall, then production director and swing announcer at AM sister WTAE.

The call letters were also changed from WXKX, and the "96 KX" identity was dropped in favor of Hit Radio 96. In addition, the station has been through four different morning personalities in the past year.

The current morning team of Larry O'Brien and John Garry is under contract through 1985. Atkins says he's hoping for more stability with WHTX under Chase. "I've known Todd for 20 years, and I hope he'll be here a long time," he says.

the guy who works hand in hand with the sales manager. This is a forprofit business, not the Red Cross."

The structuring of the organization—which includes contemporary hit stations KPKE Denver, KDWB-AM-FM Minneapolis and WAVA Washington as well as AOR-formatted WLLZ Detroit, WMET Chicago and WAPP New York and is in the process of selling KWK-AM-FM St. Louis—will remain largely the same. "The PDs will continue to report to their GMs," says Martin, who will be located at the company's Manhattan headquarters. "I'll be a resource for the stations, spending time at all of them.

"Each market is an individual situation. Every PD has his different (Continued on page 66)



BUBBLING WITH ENTHUSIASM—ABC FM Network and Bristol Meyers executives get ready for the conclusion of their jointly sponsored "Soap Talk" contest, which will send five listeners to Hollywood for parties with various soap opera stars. Pictured from left are ABC station relations manager Julie Eisenberg; Network account executive Shirley Carter; the feature's host, Jacklyn Zeman; Bristol Meyers' manager of spot and cable syndication, Peter Fredas; and Corinne Baldassano, director of programming for the ABC FM and Contemporary networks.

# Vox Jox

### **Brink Back On The Air In Nashville**

By ROLLYE BORNSTEIN

Scotty Brink has resurfaced! The former heavyweight PD and air talent (KHJ Los Angeles, WRKO Boston, WLS Chicago—you name it) is alive and well in Nashville. He's working with South Central Communications, which owns WZEZ, Nashville's top-rated easy listening outlet, where Scotty's mellow tones can be heard amongst the mellow music in morning drive. He's also pursuing several independent projects, including a voice-over career, so if you're looking to use one of the best voices in the country on your next set of promos-or just want to say hello to one of our favorite people—you can reach him at (615) 356-2942.

Former WZEZ morning fixture Jack Gallo is also back on the air. He can be heard across town at WSIX-AM on the 7 to midnight shift, replacing Jack Stevens, who took off for Tucson with no forwarding call letters. Joining the Foster/Sky station as promotion director is former WDLW Boston PD Duncan Stewart, while former WJDQ Meridian, Miss. PD Chuck McCartney is now doing afternoons. Interim afternoon lady Fran Morley can now be heard on overnights.

Over at WSM-AM, they've made a few changes, which have Hairl Hensley turning up where he was exactly a decade ago. The longtime Grand Ole Opry announcer, who has held every position inside the station from PD to mornings, has vacated the latter slot to return to the night show that precedes Charlie Douglas' overnight show. Replacing Hairl in mornings is weekender Mark Mabry, while Hairl replaces Darrell Douglas, who joins Charlie Douglas late nights.

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Pittsburgh's "Music Of Your Life" outlet, B.E.N.I.'s WJAS, is looking for a new morning man, as former drive time personality Bill Brant with over 30 years on the air, vacates the studio for the GM position . . . Across town at KDKA, they've got the "K-Team" doing mornings; now at EZ's B-94, they've got the Team." Joining incumbent WBZZ morning personality Banana Don Jefferson is WTAE midday host Jim Quinn, a former KQV screamer and 13 O morning man, and joining him is tv sportscaster, Notre Dame football star, Pittsburgh Steeler and war hero Rocky Bleier. Using the old 'eye for an eye" legal code, it looks like B-94 will be dropping its lawsuit against WTAE/WNTX over the O'Brien & Garry contract dispute now that Jim Quinn's on staff... And over at Sheridan's WAMO, program director J.C. Floyd takes on national programming responsibilities for the chain.

Brian White has left his WDRQ Detroit PD post. Filling in during the interim is Mike Stratford ... Nationwide in Cleveland has two programming openings to fill. First it was John Lanigan leaving WGAR to do mornings on Tampa's WMGG. Now it's Mike Scott, who has resigned his PD post at country-formatted WKSW, with no interim replacement named.

Alan Goodman's come home. the former director of sales for Doubleday, who also served as GM for the chain's KRIZ Phoenix and KXKX Denver and GSM at KDWB Minneapolis, has just been named regional vice president and general manager of Washington's WAVA, replacing Dave Barrett. Goodman, who had been VP/GM at Entercom's WAYL-FM in Minneapolis, will also oversee The Apple (WAPP) in New York.

KCMO-AM-FM Kansas City VP/GM Steve Shannon will vacate that post to return to the Meredith Corp., which recently sold the properties to Fairbanks Broadcasting. No word yet on where he'll be located, but as for Kansas City, Fairbanks vice president of operations Dick Casper has permanently made the move to that city from Nashville (where he had been at WLAC before joining the Fairbanks organization last year) and will absorb the GM duties.

Thomas Fariey moves up from station manager of Duffv's KCNR-AM-FM Portland to VP/GM... Moving up in The Research Group are VP/GM Larry Campbell, who becomes senior vice president, and Dick Springfield, who gets the nod as VP...Recognizing Gerry De-Francesco's role in the continual rise of KIIS-FM Los Angeles, president/ GM Wally Clark has signed a new longterm agreement with the VP/ programming ... Across town at KFI, C.K. Cooper vacates the afternoon slot in hopes of leaving town, while former KFI PD Tom Bigby returns to the air doing mornings on Dallas' KLVU... If you're interested in hearing more about Fred Jacobs' "Good Time Rock 'n' Roll" format, you can reach him in Detroit at (313) 626-7158.

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Former Bonneville Broadcast Systems president John Patton is rumored to have severed his consulting agreement with that firm to take on new projects, the first of which is a marketing agreement with Hiber, Hart & Patrick, with an announcement of more clients expected shortly.

Five million bought KSON San Diego's GSM Dex Allen and his partners San Bernardino's KMEN/KGGI... Buying Wheeling's WOMP-AM-FM and Portsmouth, Ohio's WNXT-AM-FM are Drake Chenault vice president of sales Bob Ardrey and his wife Sherrie... Looking to hear Transtar's adult contemporary format? Check out Madison's WMAD. They've droppéd a decade of AOR in favor of the satellite-delivered fare.

Kathy Worthington and David

Kathy Worthington and David Stewart move up to news reporters at Chicago's WGN...Former WBZ Boston news director Dave Cokely becomes operations manager at Seattle's news/talk outlet KING...Taking on that post at similarly-formatted WSJS Winston-Salem is Robert Owen. The former director of operations for WCNN Atlanta replaces Kim Jones.

Dave Edmunds is upped to PD at Birmingham's WRKK (K-99 FM). He's been doing afternoons at the country station . . . Looking for a PD is Baltimore's WPOC, as Larry Clark has left the station . . . WTVN Columbus GSM Ed Sander stays with Taft, relocating to WDAE Tampa as station manager, a newly created post at the Primetime outlet.

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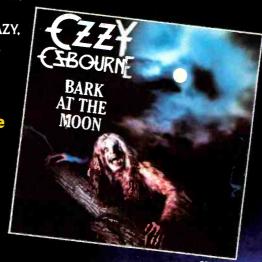
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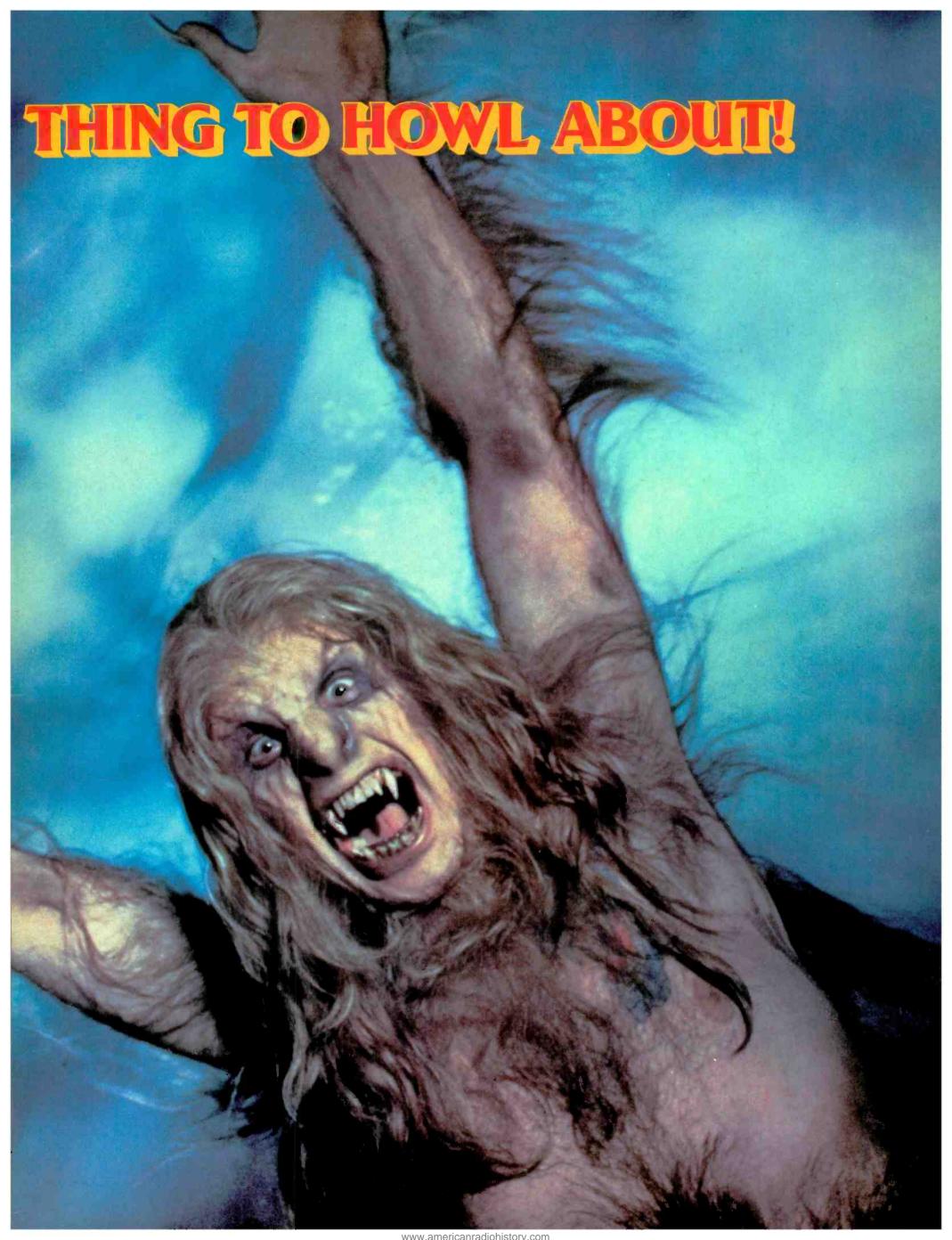




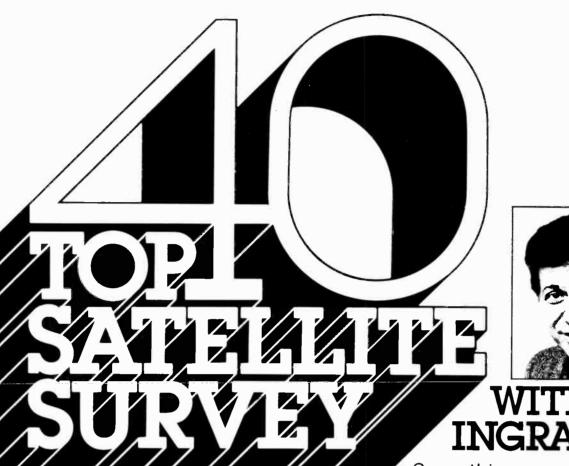




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				KOIT-FM	easy listening	2.2	2.4
New York		2.0	6.2	KABL-AM	easy listening AOR	2.0 2.2	2.3 2.2
WHTZ WOR	contemporary talk	4.9	5.1	KRQR KBAY	easy listening	2.5	2.1
WRKS	urban	5.3 4.9	4.8 4.6	KDIA	urban	1.8 2.5	2.1 2.1
WPAT-AM-FM WINS	easy listening news	4.4	4.5	KITS KFOG	contemporary AOR	1.6	1.9
WCBS-AM	news	4.5	3.8	KQAK	new music	2.0	1.9
WRFM	easy listening AC	3.8 3.9	3.7 3.6	KDFC KMEL	classical AOR	1.3 1.9	1.8 1.7
WYNY WKTU	urban	4.9	3.5	KOIT-AM	easy listening	_	1.6
WPLJ	contemporary	4.0 3.5	3.5 3.4	Dhiladalahia			
WPIX WBLS	AC urban	4.7	3.3	Philadelphia WEAZ	easy listening	5.5	7.7
WADO	Spanish	2.0 3.4	3.2 3.2	KYW	news	7.9	7.5
WAPP WNBC	AOR contemporary	3.6	3.0	WDAS-FM	urban	6.4 6.0	6.8 6.4
WNEW-AM	nostalgia	2.9	2.9 2.7	WMGK WUSL	AC urban	5.9	5.8
WCBS-FM WABC	oldies talk	3.2 3.0	2.7	WCAU-FM	contemporary	6.3	5.2
WNEW-FM	AOR	2.1	2.3	WMMR WIOQ	AOR AOR	4.8 3.8	5.2 4.9
WKHK	country	2.3 2.8	2.0 1.9	WWDB	talk	4.1	4.7
WHN WOXR-AM-FM	classical	1.8	1.7	WCAU-AM WPEN	talk nostalgia	6.4 6.0	4.5 4.5
WMCA	talk	1.5 1.7	1.6 1.3	WKSZ	AC	2.1	3.5
WJIT WNCN	Spanish classical	.9	1.3	WYSP	AOR	4.2	3.5 3.4
WWRL	black	1.2	1.0	WIP WSNI-FM	AC AC	3.8 3.9	3.4
				WFIL	oldies	1.8	2.5
Los Angeles				WWSH WDAS-AM	contemporary black	1.8 2.3	2.1 2.0
KIIS	contemporary	7.6 7.4	8.1 5.2	WFLN-FM	classical	1.7	1.7
KABC KBIG	talk easy listening	7.4 4.3	5.2 5.0	WHAT	black	1.7	1.5
KJOI	easy listening	4.7	4.4	WJBR	easy listening	1.1	1.1
KMET KNX	AOR news	3.3 2.7	3.8 3.7	Detroit			
KNX KLOS	AOR	4.3	3.6	WJR	MOR	14.6	9.6
KFWB	news	3.2 1.8	3.5 3.2	WJOI	easy listening	6.5	7.3
KPRZ KMPC	nostalgia nostalgia	3.3	2.8	WWJ WMJC	news AC	4.4 3.5	6.3 6.0
KOST	AC	2.3	2.7	WDRQ	urban	5.8	5.3
KIQQ KROQ	contemporary new music	2.7 3.5	2.6 2.6	WLLZ	AOR	5.7 5.2	5.3 5.3
KRTH	contemporary	3.3	2.6	WRIF WJLB	AOR black	6.2	5.0
KJLH KZLA AM EM	urban	1.7 2.6	2.4 2.4	WNIC-FM	AC	5.2	4.5
KZLA-AM-FM KMGG	country AC	1.5	2.3	WXYZ WHYT	talk hot hits	4.5 3.3	3.9 3.8
KTNQ	Spanish	1.9	2.1	www	country	2.8	3.5
KUTE KWKW	urban Spanish	2.1 1.3	2.1 2.1	WCZY WOMC	AC AC	3.2 3.6	3.1 2.9
KHTZ	contemporary	2.2	2.1	WJZZ	jazz	2.1	2.4
KFI	AC Spanish	1.7 2.0	1.9 1.8	WCXI-FM	country	1.9	2.3
KALI KNOB	MOR	1.7	1.8	WCXI CKJY	country nostalgia	1.9 1.4	2.2 2.2
KRLA	oldies	2.3	1.8	WABX	contemporary	2.4	1.9
KACE KKHR	urban contemporary	1.2 1.4	1.6 1.6	CKLW WLBS	contemporary urban	1.5 1.0	1.8 1.6
KLAC	country	1.8	1.6	WLBS	classical	1.6	1.5
KKGO KDAY	jazz urban	1.2 1.0	1.4 1.3				
KFAC-FM	classical	1.0	1.3	Boston			
KLVE	Spanish urban	1.3 1.2	1.2 1.0	WXKS-FM WBCN	contemporary AOR	7.8 7.2	7.9 7.8
KGFJ XTRA-AM	contemporary	1.2	1.0	WBZ	AC	7.0	7.6
				WHTT	contemporary AC	8.1 6.9	7.0 6.5
Chicago				WHDH WJIB	easy listening	4.1	5.5
WGN	MOR	8.3	9.6 5.5	WEEI	news	5.0	5.1
WBBM-AM WLOO	news easy listening	4.6 5.9	5.3	WRKO WMJX	talk AC	3.6 4.6	4.3 4.1
WBBM-FM	contemporary	5.0	5.1 4.9	WROR	contemporary	3.4	3.8
WBMX WGCI	urban urban	5.8 6.2	4.9 4.7	WSSH WHUE-FM	AC easy listening	4.0 3.7	3.6 3.5
WIND	news	3.4	4.2	WCOZ	AOR	3.4	3.3
WLS WCLR	contemporary AC	3.4 3.6	3.8 3.7	WVBF WXKS-AM	contemporary nostalgia	3.3 2.1	3.2 2.2
WLAK	AC	2.6	3.7	WMRE	nostalgia	1.6	1.9
WMAQ WLS-FM	country contemporary	4.3 3.1	3.6 3.2	WILD	black	1.8 1.2	1.6 1.1
WLS-FM WMET	AOR	3.6	3.2	WCRB WCGY	classical oldies	1.2	1.1
WFYR	AC	3.1	3.1 3.0	WBOS	country	.7	1.0
WKQX WJJD	AC nostalgia	4.1 3.1	3.0 2.9	WAAF	AOR	1.1	1.0
WXRT	AOR	3.5	2.7	San Diego			
WUSN WOJO	country Spanish	2.5 1.7	2.6 2.5	KJQY	easy listening	8.4	8.7
WLUP	AOR	2.3	2.3	KGB	AOR	6.6 5.7	7.2 5.1
WAIT	nostalgia	2.3 1.6	1.9 1.7	KFMB-FM XTRA-FM	AC new music	5.7 5.7	5.1
WJEZ WJPC	country urban	2.2	1.4	KFSD	classical	2.9	4.8
WCFL	AC	.7 1.2	1.3 1.3	KSDO-AM KBZT	news/talk AC	4.7 4.2	4.5 4.4
WFMT	classical	1.2	1.3	KFMB-AM	AC	8.0	4.3
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KSAN KABL-FM	country easy listening	2.9 3.3	3.6 3.3	KIFM	AC	2.8	2.7
KIOI	AC	2.9	3.2	XTRA-AM	contemporary	4.4 2.0	2.7 2.5
KFRC	contemporary AC	3.9 4.2	3.0 3.0	KSON-FM KCBQ-AM	country -	3.2	2.5
KSFO KNEW	country	3.1	2.9	KCBQ-FM	country	2.2	2,1
KYUU	contemporary	2.4	2.8	KOGO KEZL-FM	news nostalgia	2.5 2.2	2.0 1.8
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# **Karl Named** To WMZQ **News Post**

LOS ANGELES-Bob Cole, prodirector of Washington's gram WMZQ, is justifiably excited about the arrival of Evan Karl as the country station's news director and morning anchor.

The two worked together in Miami while Karl was doing evening news and Cole was a high school kid handling overnights on WWOK in the early '70s. It was Karl's style, reminiscent of CKLW Detroit's death, doom and destruction approach, combined with a touch of Paul Harvey irony and Walter Winchell delivery, that stood out most among the station's personalities. That style, often heard on top 40 stations of the early '60s, was almost nonexistent in the country arena, but the material was a natural.

"It all started up in Massachusetts while I was working at WSPR in Springfield," remembers Karl. "Back then I started to rewrite wire copy, and after a while I got tired of the same old writing, so I started to have fun with it, mostly to entertain myself.
"But what I found out was people

liked to be entertained as well as be informed. For the first time people started remembering news stories, talking about them, really taking an

"I put myself in their place when I wrote. I stayed away from addresses, to hear a police blotter. It's not reany all blood, guts and gore. I use that gruesome stuff for effect. What I revive to find is the more uptempo extemporaneous facts—nobody wants

Karl laughingly remembers one of his more colorful accounts, that of a fire at a furnace plant in his hometown of Milwaukee. "Actually, the Climatrol plant there made air conditioners, but it really didn't matter. I came on and said: 'Tis the goal of every American industry to build the biggest and the best. Milwaukee's Mueller Climatrol has just accomplished that. They have built their biggest ... furnace. They are not happy. It's their plant.' That got me a trip to the general manager's office. All through my career management has not been terribly thrilled with the approach, but the listeners loved it.

"I picked country because I liked the music. Even growing up as a kid, I'd hide under the covers at night with a radio and a flashlight tuning in WSM. Later I was the only guy with a car, and my buddies listened to Red Foley-or else."

ROLLYE BORNSTEIN

### Media Strategies Offers Rock **Programming**

DETROIT-Fred Jacobs' Media Strategies consultancy has implemented its first entry into the programming field: "Good Time Rock 'N' Roll.'

Developed in conjunction with Tom Bender, operations director of Dallas' KRQX, the concept is targeted to the 25-40 age group-"those that grew up with rock'n'roll in the '60s who aren't served by today's ra-dio," notes Jacobs, who like Bender a former program director of WRIF here.

A variation of the format is in place on KRQX, and while the Dal-(Continued on page 68) syndicated by FairWest, has been adopted by 14 stations nationwide.

"We looked at San Antonio as sort of

a trial, and now the trial is over and

it's clear the time to change here is

Johns, whose "Class" format was

first heard 10 years ago when he

oversaw the programming at Fair-

banks' KVIL Dallas, but was not so

named until the KLLS switch, stresses that KPRI's ratings were not the

prime motivating force behind the

change. Instead it was the higher bill-

ing possibilities and his own belief

that the AOR format itself may soon

we did in San Antonio and the other

markets," says Johns of the switch.

"We're going to shut the station

down and just roll the music along

with a lot of promos explaining what

we're doing and announcements that

the phone lines are open for people to

call in and tell us what they think.

what they want to hear. It will take

several months before you hear any-thing dramatic." Johns will personal-

ly take over as on-line program direc-

tor through the initial period-

something he hasn't done in years.

"We're going to do the same thing

become another radio dinosaur.

right now," says Shadek.

### **'CLASS' FORMAT, KLZZ CALLS IN**

# AOR Out At San Diego's KPRI acted at SBI's San Antonio outlet, KLLS, and now the "Class" format,

SAN DIEGO-KPRI one of the oldest remaining AOR stations in the country, is finally giving up rock 'n roll Monday (9) after a 15-year run and will adopt George Johns' 'Class' format, aimed at listeners 25

"I'm not saying there's not future in rock 'n' roll," says Johns. "There's just no money. There are a lot of AOR stations that are No. 1 in their markets, but you don't see any Mercedes in their parking lots. And with this format it's almost like programming Fort Knox—you don't even have to be No. 1."

The switch to the adult contemporary hits and personality-oriented format, according to station owner Tom Shadek, comes as a result of the station's continual failure to beat the market's other two rock stations, as well as the promise of higher revenues with the new approach.

"The books haven't been terrible,"

family-owned Southwestern Broadcasters Inc. "But when you look to the future, the potential is limited. There are a lot of advertisers who won't even touch you if you play album rock, even if you get good 25plus numbers. So what we're doing is taking a step backward to take a couple of steps forward."

Most recently, Shadek hired Ernesto Gladden, a former KPRI PD who had considerable success at KUPD Phoenix, but Gladden's mix of new music and hard rock didn't make it here. "It's hard to be both things," says Shadek.

In accordance with the new format, Shadek says his firm filed for the new call letters KLZZ and hopes to have a decision from the FCC by midmonth. He adds that such a change has been in the works since Johns first joined SBI as national program director in the fall of 1981.

Since then, a similar change was en-

# **Judge Rules Against United** In Bid For KLOS Renewal

By BILL HOLLAND

WASHINGTON-The new year didn't start off with much of a bang for United Broadcasting Co., which suffered yet another license renewal setback after FCC Administrative Law Judge Frederick J. Coufal denied the renewal of San Francisco's leading urban station Dec. 22 and awarded the license to a competing broadcaster.

United, according to corporate executive officer Jerry Hroback, will appeal the case to the Commission "and to the appeals court, if necessary."

KSOL, a class B FM at 107.7 licensed to San Mateo, is owned by Intercontinental Radio Inc., controlled by United. Judge Coufal, in his decision, noted that the company had made "substantial progress" in programming efforts from 1978-80, but that its earlier performance from 1969-77 had been "minimal."

Coufal is the same judge who denied the license of a former United Broadcasting station, WOOK-FM Washington in 1981, calling that station's programming performance minimal in the years 1966-77.

The competing broadcasting group awarded the license is Afro-Ameri-

WHEN SALE IS COMPLETED

can Communications, a black-owned group with no other broadcast interest. Similarly, the competing broadcast group in the WOOK-FM case, District Broadcasting Co., is also black-owned and had no interest in any other stations.

Judge Coufal is also to preside at three upcoming United license renewal hearing—for WYST Balti-more, KALI Los Angeles and WBNX New York.

Hroback says Coufal's decision "was not unexpected." He adds, "It wasn't surprising that Coufal would follow the guidelines of the WOOK

United feels that the FCC should give greater weight to the improved programming performance the company has pursued since management changes in the late '70s, and points to a pleading by the FCC's mass media bureau saying that in the upcoming WYST case, the company should expect renewal judged on its performance in the last five years.

United was also denied renewal of WOOK-AM and WFAB-AM Miami during the early '70s for violating

# Most Added Records

The week's five most added singles at Billboard's reporting stations in each of four formats

# of Billboard's # of Billboard's stations stations

Warner Bros.

A&M

Dolly Parton, RCA

"Save The Last Dance For Me,"

5 "Send In The Clowns," Lani Hall,

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, 15	_	Police, A&M	85	91
14	2	"Jump," Van Halen, Warner Bros.	76	76
IARY	3	"New Moon On Monday," Duran Duran, Capitol	49	49
Š	4	"This Woman," Kenny Rogers, RCA	33	33
ř	5	"So Bad," Paul McCartney, Columbia	26	120
		BLACK (94 Stution		
	1	"Hump To The Bump," Steve Arrington, Atlantic	7	7
	2	"You're The Best Thing Yet," Anita Baker, Beverly Glen	6	45
	3	"Plane Love," Jeffrey Osborne, A&M	5	7
	4	"Spend My Whole Life," Zapp, Warner Bros.	5	5
	5	"Running With The Night," Lionel Richie, Motown	4	83
		COUNTR (125 Statio		
	1	"Don't Make It Easy For Me," Earl Thomas Conley, RCA	59	. 61
	2	"Let's Stop Talkin' About It," Janie Fricke, Columbia	46	46
	3	"Buried Treasure," Kenny Rogers, RCA	43	44
	4	"Let Somebody Else Drive," John Anderson, Warner Bros.	42	42
	5	"You've Really Got A Hold On Me," Mickey Gilley, Epic	34	78
		ADULT CONTEM (84 Station		
	1	"An Innocent Man," Billy Joel, Columbia	19	36
	2	"So Bad," Paul McCartney, Columbia	10	29
	3	"Think of Laura," Christopher Cross,		

## Shaughnessy **Takes Control of** TM Productions

NEW YORK-TM Productions is now TM Communications, following the purchase of the company's assets last week from Shamrock Broadcasting by TM president Pat Shaughnessy and 15 TM executives. Terms of the sale were believed to be between \$5 million and \$9 million but were not announced.

"Pretty neat, huh?" says Shaughnessy, who assumes operating control of TM in Dallas with a 54 ½% interest. "I've always had an interest in acquiring the firm, with the under-standing that a company like ours can be more adept at serving the needs of its clients when its owner-ship is in the hands of its people."

He says that there will be no change in the services TM offers to its clients. Instead, Shaughnessy hopes to deliver "several new radio products" by June. "The new TM is capitalized to move aggressively into the future," he promises.

Shamrock, which acquired the syndicator in July, 1979, from the publicly-held Starr Broadcasting Co., is owned by Roy Disney and his immediate family, who moved Shaughnessy from his post as general manage er of KIQQ Los Angeles into the TM presidency.

Among the new TM stockholders are six members of the firm's executive management team: senior vice presidents Michael Scott and Neil Sargent; Tom Merriman, vice president and music director (and the original TM owner): Jim Kirk, vice president and creative director; corporate secretary Anne Bendalin; and chief financial officer and treasurer Joan King.

Other holders include TM format directors Cal Casey, Phil Barry, Ken Nelson and Steve Hibbard; regional managers Garrett Bergmark and Doyle Peterson; program consultant Lee Bayley; and TM attorneys Fred Kolodney and Tom Thomas

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# KJOI L.A. To Retain Format

### LOS ANGELES-Rumors that beautiful music station KJOI, in the

By THOMAS K. ARNOLD

final stages of a proposed sale to Noble Broadcasting of San Diego, would soon be switching formats to rock are "totally unfounded," ac-

cording to station management.
"We've been hearing it, too," says
station employee JoAnne Obermeyer. "In fact, Gordon Mason, our general manager, put out a memo last week stating it was a rumor, since everybody heard it and a lot of people were believing it." The rumors apparently started because Noble's two San Diego stations, XTRA-AM (Mighty 690) and XTRA-FM (91 X), are top 40 and new music respectively.

The Churchill easy listening outlet-which, in the past, frequently made it into the top five among Los Angeles radio stations—is being sold to Noble by Beatrice Foods, which acquired the station when it took over Coca-Cola of Los Angeles. Beatrice is reportedly divesting itself of all radio interests.

John T. Lynch, vice president of the San Diego firm, assures that even when his company takes over the station—for which the purchase price is between \$15 and \$20 million—the format will remain the same. "It's a top-rated station, and if we are fortunate enough to get it, we are paying the price for that and it would be insane to change the format," says Lynch, adding that he hopes a deal will be secured by mid-January.

## **WUWU** Buffalo Axes Zimmerman

BUFFALO-"I knew it wasn't going to make it to the first of the says an emotion-choked Lee Zimmerman, who until late last month was program director of WUWU here. "On Christmas Eve, I felt the format and everything I was trying to achieve was together. But I just knew its destruction was in the

(Continued on page 59)

## WUNI Becomes WMML; Tillis Buys Mobile Outlet

MOBILE—The new year brings a new set of call letters to Southern Alabama as WUNI becomes WMML in honor of the AM's new owner, "M-m-mel" Tillis. This marks the second acquisition for the country entertainer, who also owns Amarillo's KIXZ/KMML.

Last Tuesday (3), Tillis was in town, live on the air, inviting the city to listen to the 5,000-watt directional facility at 1410, which at one time was the dominant country outlet in the area. Since that time WKSJ-FM has assumed that position.

"My goal is to establish ourselves again in the community, becoming a part of Mobile," says program director Tom Dixon, who also handles morning drive. "We've completely revamped the music, bringing the station up to date as a 1984 contem-

porary country station. There's room for a good, solid AM country outlet, one with news, personalities and promotions, and we want to be that station."

Dixon has been programming Billings' KZLS. His appointment marks a return to Mobile, where, in addition to performing with the country band Canyon Wind, he did mornings on WUNI and afternoons on WKSJ.

Following Dixon's morning show is former WABB-FM news anchor Kathy Richardson in middays; Rick Allen, who comes from the chain's KMML, in afternoons; and former WUNI personalities Rick Barnes and Joe Davis doing nights and overnights respectively. Former WUNI program director Charlie Moss is still town-teaching elementary school

# Billboard Singles Radio Action Ploylist Top Add Ons.

••KEY ADD-ONS—the two key records added at the stations listed as determined by station personnel

ADD-ONS—All records added at the stations listed as determined by station

### Northeast Region

### TOP ADD ONS

THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

VAN HALEN-Jump (Warner Bros.)
DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday (Capitol)
QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health) (Pasha)

### WGUY-Bangor

- (Jim Randall-P.D.)

  B.E.TAYLOR-Vitamin L

  DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday
- NENA-99 Luftballons
   THE S.O.S. BAND-Tell Me If You Still Care
   DONNA SUMMER-Love Has A Mind Of Its Own
- WUNNA SUMMER-Love Has A Mind Of Its Own
   MUSICAL YOUTH-She's Trouble
   HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug
   JENNY BURTON-Remember What You like

### WIGY-Bath

- (Scott Robbins-P.D.)

  BILLY IDOL-Rebei Yell

  HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug
- NENA-99 Luftballons
   BRYAN ADAMS-Heaven

### WXKS-Roston

- WXKS—BOSTON
  (Sonny Joe White-P.D.)

   DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

   PRINCE-Let's Pretend We're Married/Irresistible Bitc

  EARTHA KITT-Where Is My Man?

   U2-1 Will Follow

  ▼AN MALEN-Jump

   THE POLICE—Wrapped Around Your Finger

   HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug

### WPHD\_Ruffalo

- (Marv Moore-P.D.)

   QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)

   THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

   YAN HALEN-Jump

  JACKSON BROWNE-For A Rocker

   DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

- WTSN-Dover
- (Jim Sebastian-P.D.)

  KENNY ROGERS-Thus Woman

  MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

### WERZ-Exeter

- WERL—LAGGG.

  (Jack O'Brien-P.D.)

  DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

  CHRISTOPHER GROSS—Think Of Laura

  HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS—I Want A New Drug

  JACKSDN BROWNE—For A Rocker

  QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)

  HOWARD JONES—New Song

- B.E.TAYLOR-Vitamin L
   THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger
   MINK DEVILLE-Each Word Is A Beat Of My Heart
- WTIC-FM\_Hartford

### (Mike West-P.D.) •• VAN HALEN-Jump

### KC101 (WKCI)-New Haven

- (Stef Rybak-P.D.)

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller

  VAN MALEN-Jump

  DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

### WJBQ-Portland

- (Brian Pheenix-P.D.)

  The POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  EURYTHMICS-Here Comes The Rain Again

  KENNY ROGERS-This Woman

  DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

  SHEENA EASTON-Almost Over You
- MENA-99 Luftballons
   HOWARD JONES-New Song
   JACKSON BROWNE-For A Rocker
   VAN HALEN-Jump

### WSPK-Poughkeepsie

- (Chris Leide-P.O.)

  My Whistle

  My Whistle

  Round Tyler-Take Me Back

  RICK JAMES AND SMOKEY ROBINSON-Ebony Eyes

- WPRO-FM-Providence

- [Tom Cuddy-P.D.]

  THE POLICE—Wrapped Around Your Finger

  VAN HALEN-Jump

  DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

  QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)

  PEABO BRYSOM / ROBERTA FLACK-You're Looking
  Like Love To Me

### 98PXY (WPXY)-Rochester

- (Tom Mitchell-P.D.)

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  PAUL McCARTNEY-So Bad

  JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD-Yah
- Mo B There
  QUIET RIOT-Bong Your Head
  IRENE CARA-The Dream
- VAN HALEN-Jump
   DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday
   KENNY ROGERS-This Woman

### WHFM-Rochester

- VTIF M—ROCHESTEF
  (Charley Lake-P.D.)

   U2-1 Will Follow

   VAN HALEM-Jump

  DURAN DURAN—New Moon On Monday

  CULTURE CLUB-Karma Chameleon

  QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)

  SHANNON-Let The Music Play

  THE POLICE—Wrapped Around Your Finger
- WGFM-Schenectady

- THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

- · RENE GARA-The Dream NENA-99 Luftballons ROBERT PLANT-In The Mood PRINCE-Let's Pretend We're Marned/Irresistible Bitc CYNDI LAUPER-Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
- VAN HALEN-Jump James Ingram with Michael McDonald-Yah
- DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

### WRCK-Utica Rome

- (Jim Rietz-P.D.)

  VAN HALEN-Jump

  DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

  JACKSON BROWNE-For A Rocker

  DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

### Mid-Atlantic Region

### TOP ADD ONS

THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

VAN HALFN-jump (Warner Bros.) QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)

(Pasha)
KENNY ROGERS-This Woman (RCA)

### WFBG-Altoona

- (Tony Booth-P.D.)

   KEMNY ROGER—This Woman

   THE POLICE—Wrapped Around Your Finger

   DONNA SUMMER-Love Has: A Mind Of Its Own

   RICK JAMES AND SMOKEY ROBINSON—Ebony Eyes

   DURAN DURAN—New Moon On Monday

- B-104 (WBSB)—Baltimore
  (Jan Jefferies-P.D.)

  --- JENNY BURTON—Remember What You Like
  --- MELBA MOORE-Living For Your Love
- WMAR-FM-Baltimore
- (Gary Franklin-P.D.)

  THE POLICE—Wapped Around Your Finger
  QUIET RIOT-Bong Your Head

  TWILIGHT 22-Electric Kingdom

  PEABO BRYSON/ROBERTA FLACK—You're Looking
  Like Love To Me
- Like Love To Me

   CON FUNK SHUN-Baby I'm Hooked

   JOHN TRAVOLTA AND OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN-Take

  A Chance

### WOMP-FM-Bellaire

- [Owayne Bonds-P.D.]

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug

  JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD-Yah

  MR R There.
- SHANNON-Let The Music Play

### Z104 (WZYQ-FM)-Frederick

- (Kemsabi Jac-P.O.)

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  VAN HALEN-Jump

  KEMNY ROGERS-This Woman

  DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

  BILLY JOEL-An innocent Man

  KOOL AND THE GANG-Joanna

### WKFF\_Huntington

- (Steve Hayes-P.D.)

  THE POLICE—Wrapped Around Your Finger

  QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)

  KENNY ROGERS-This Woman

- K.C.-Give It Up
   CYNDI LAUPER-Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
   HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug

- WBLI-Long Island

(Bill TETY-P.D.)

THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller

PAUL MCGARTHEY-So Bad

THE MOTELS-Remember The Night

### WBLS-FM-New York

# (Frankie Crocker-P.D.) RED ROCKER-There Goes My Heart ARNIE'S LOVE-I'm Out Of Your Life GEM-Sweet Temptation LIME-On The Grid

Z-100 (WHTZ)—New York {Scott Shannon-P.O.} • CYNDI LAUPER-Girls Just Wanna Have Fun

WKHI—Ocean City
(Jack Gillen-P.D.)

• THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

• DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

• BUB DYLAN-Sweetheart Like You

• VAN HALEN-Jump

• NEMA-99 LURballons

- WCAU-FM-Philadelphia
- (Scott Walker-P.D.)

   DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

   VAN HALEN-Jump

   HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug

   BOB DYLAN-Sweetheart Like You

  10-14 Will FOR
- U2-I Will Follow
   QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)
   THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

### B-94 (WBZZ)-Pittsburgh

- (Steve Kingston-P.D.)

   MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller

   VAN HALEN-Jump
- VAN HALEN-Jump HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug NENA-99 Luftballons
   PAUL McCARTNEY-So Bad
- WHTX-Pittsburgh

Based on station playlists through Tuesday (1/3/84)

### TOP ADD ONS -NATIONAL

VAN HALEN-Jump (Warner Bros.) THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger (A&M) KENNY ROGERS\_This Woman (RCA)

THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger
JOURNEY-Ask The Lonely
HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug
KENNY ROCERS-This Woman
DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday
VAN HALEN-Jump
B.E.TAYLOR-Vitamin L

PAUL MCCARTNEY-SO Bad

JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD-Yah

(Alan DuPriest-P.D.)
• CYNDI LAUPER-Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
• PEABO BRYSON/ROBERTA FLACK-You're Looking

■ Like Love To Me

THE POLICE—Wrapped Around Your Finger

JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD—Yah

MO B INERE

N.C.—Give It Up

DONNA SUMMER—Love Has A Mind Of Its Own

(Pam Conrad-P.D.)

THE S.O.S. BAND-Tell Me If You Still Care

PRINCE-Let's Pretend We're Married/Irresistible Bitc

VAN HALEN-Jump
 THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

(Keith Isley-P.D.)

• QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)

• RDDNEY DANGERFIELD-Rappin' Rodney

• GEORGE KRANZ-Trommetlanz (Din Daa Daa)

• FREESTYLE-Freestyle Express

(Robert W. Walker-P.D.)

• FREEZE-PoP Goes My Love

• DEELE-Body Talk

• WEST STREET MOB-Break Dancin'-Electric Boogle
• NENA-99 Lutibalions

NENA-99 Luftballons EVELYN "CHAMPAGNE" KING-Action MUSICAL YOUTH-She's Trouble ELTON JOHN-I Guess That's Why They Call It The

Blues

D TRAIN—Something's On Your Mind

D DNNA SUMMER—Love Has A Mind Of its Own

REAL LIFE—Send Me An Angel

THE POLICE—Wrapped Around Your Finger

1-95 (WINZ-FM)-Miami

Y-100 (WHYI)-Miami

WDCG-Durham

(Rick Freeman-P.D.)

DEBORAH ALLEN-Baby I Lied

KOOL AND THE GANG-Joanna

WFLB-Fayetteville

(Larry Canon-P.D.)
• EVELYN "CHAMPAGNE" KING-Action
• VAN HALEN-Jump

WFOX-FM-Gainesville

WRQK-Greensboro

- VAN HALEN-Jump
   MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller
   KENNY ROGERS-This Woman

WHYW-Pittsburgh (Jay Cresswell-P.D.)

BILLY JOEL—An Innocent Man

BILLY ARTON-Save The Last Dance For Me

SHEENA EASTON-Almost Over You

NEIL SEDAKA AND DARA SEDAKA-Your Precious

- WPST-Trenton
- (Tom Taylor-P.D.)

   MICHAEL JACKSON—Thriller

   THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

   KENNY ROGERS—This Woman

   VAN MALEN-Jump

- Q107 (WRQX)—Washington
  [Allen Burns-P.D.]
   PAUL McGARTMEY-So Bad
   NENA-99 Luftballons
- WILK-Wilkes Barre
- JOE Montione-P.D.)

   DOLLY PARTON-Save The Last Dance For Me

   BIG COUNTRY-In A Big Country

   THE S.O.S. BAND—Tell Me If You Still Care

  BARBRA STREISAND—The Way He Makes Me Feel

   ADAM ANT—Strip

### WKRZ-Wilkes-Barre

- (Jim Rising-P.D.)

   VAN HALEN-Jump

   QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)

   THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

### Q106 (WQXA)-York

- (Dan Steele-P.D.)

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  SHEENA EASTON-Almost Over You

  KENNY ROGERS-This Woman
- WYCR-York
- (J.J. Randolph-P.D.)

  JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD-Yah Mo B There
  • THE POLICE—Wrapped Around Your Finger
  • VAN HALEN—Jump
  • KENNY ROGERS—This Woman
  • PRINCE—Let's Pretend We're Married/Irresistible Bitc

### Southeast Region

TOP ADD ONS

THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger VAN HALEN-Jump (Warner Bros.) NENA-99 Luftballons (Epic)
KENNY ROGERS-This Woman (RCA)

- WANS-Anderson/Greenville
- (Bill McCown-P.D.)

  DOLLY PARTON-Save The Last Dance For Me

  HEADPINS-Just One More Time

  RICK JAMES AND SMOKEY ROBINSON-Ebony Eyes

  DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

### VAN HALEN-Jump THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

- WISE-Asheville
- WISE—ASNEVIIIE
  (John Stevens-P.D.)

  ◆ VAN HALEN-Jump

  ◆ THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

   DONNA SUMMAN-Love Has A Mind Of its Own

   DURAN DUMBAN-Low Moon On Monday

   KENNY ROGERS—This Woman

### 94-Q (WQXI-FM)-Atlanta

- (Jim Merrison-P.D.)

  NENA-99 Luftballons

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger
  VAN HALEN-Jump Z-93 (WZGC)-Atlanta

- (Chris Thomas—P.O.) .

   PATTI LABELLE—If Only You Knew

   THE POLICE—Wrapped Around Your Finger

  KENNY ROBERS—This Woman

   VAN HALEN—Jump WSSX-Charleston
- (Bill Martin-P.D.)

   VAN HALEN-Jump

   HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS—I Want A New Drug

   THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

   MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller

   HEADPINS-Just One More Time

### HEADPINS—Just One More JOURNEY—Ask The Lonely WBCY-Charlotte

- (Bob Kaghan-P.D.)

  STEVIE NICKS-Nightbird

  JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD-Yah
- JAMES THORAM WITH MIGHAEL MEDUNALUTIAN
  MO B There
  RAY PARKER, JR.-I Still Can't Get Over Loving You
  IRENE CARA—The Dream
  VAN HALEN—Jump
  MEN WITHOUT HATS—I Like
  THE POLICE—Wrapped Around Your Finger
  DURAN DURAN—New Moon On Monday

### (Jeff Clark-P.D.) VAN HALEN-Jump MIDNIGHT STAR-Wet My Whistle DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Mor WNFI-Daytona Beach

WNOK-FM-Columbia

(Brian Douglas-P.D.)

JUMP 'N THE SADDLE-The Curly Shuffle

BILLY JOEL-An Innocent Man

- WGCL-Cleveland
- (Bob Travis-P.D.)

   YAN HALEN-Jump

   THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

   DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

- WHYT-Detroit
- (Steve Goldstein-P.D.)

  •• MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller
- VAN HALEN-Jump
   THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger
   HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug

# RE-FLEX-The Politics OI Dancing SHANNON-Let The Music Play IRENE CARA-The Dream PAUL McCARTNEY-So Bad

- WZPL-Indianapolis
- (Gary Hoffman-P.D.)

  ◆ YAN HALEN-Jump

  ◆ THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

   DONNA SUMMER-Love Has A Mind Of Its Own

   DURAN DURAM-New Moon On Monday

   KENNY ROGERS-This Woman

WZEE-Madison

# VVLCE.—INV AUDIOSUII (Johnathan Little-M.D.) ● THE MOTELS-Remember The Night ● RE-FLEX-The Politics Of Dancing • VAN HALEN-Jump ■ THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger • QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head

### WKTI-Milwaukee (Dallas Cole-P.D.) •• VAN HALEN-Jump •• THE ROLLING STONES-She Was Hot

- KZ93 (WKZW)—Peoria
  [Mark Maloney-P.D.]

  BILLY JOEL-An Innocent Man
  STEVIE NICKS-Nightbird
  JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD-Yah
  Mo B There
- WZOK-Rockford

# VYZUN-ROCKTOTO (Jeff Davis-P.D.) THE PRETENDERS-Middle Of The Road BILLY JOEL-An innocent Man STEVIE NICKS-Nightbird

- WSPT-Stevens Point

Midwest Region

■● TOP ADD ONS ■

(A&M)
QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health) (Pasha)

(Steve Kelly—P.D.)

PATTI LABELLE—If Only You Knew

RE-FLEX—The Politics Of Dancing

THE PRETENDERS—Middle Of The Road

BILLY JOEL—An Innocent Man

REAL LIFE—Send Me An Angel

WSFL-New Bern

WNVZ-Norfolk

(Scott Kerr-P.D.)

K.C.—Give It Up

VAN MALEN-Jump

IRENE CARA-The Dream

KENNY ROGERS-This Woman

JIMMY BUFFET-Brown-Eyed Girl

Z-102 (WZAT)-Savannah (Ray Williams-P.O.)

MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller

NENA-99 Luftballons

VAN HALEN-Jump

KENNY ROGERS-This Woman

### K.C.-Give It up PATTI LABELLE-If Only You Knew

Q105 (WRBQ)—Tampa

# (Ms. Diana Thomas-P.D.) NENA-99 Luftballons OYNDI LAUPER-Girls Just Wanna Have Fun YAN HALEN-Jump THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

### North Central Region

DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday (Capitol)
PAUL McCARTNEY-So Bad (Columbia)

### TOP ADD ONS THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

WKDD-Akron

(A&M)
VAN HALEN-Jump (Warner Bros.)

WKDD—Akron
(Matt Pattrick-P.D.)

•• VAN HALEN-Jump

•• RICK JAMES AND SMOKEY ROBINSON-Ebony Eyes

•QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)

• CRRISTOPHER CROSS-Think Of Laura

• MICHAEL JACKSON-Tholler

• PAUL McCARTNEY-So Bad

### WLS-AM-FM-Chicago (Steve Casey-P.D.) CHRISTOPHER CROSS-Think Of Laura THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller

- Q102 (WKRQ)—Cincinnati (Tony Galluzzo-P.D.)

  ■ OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN-Twist Of Fate

  ■ YAN HALEN-Jump

  ■ MADONNA-Holiday

  ■ THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

# JAy Bouley-P.D. MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller PAUL MCGARTHEY-So Bad THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger VAN HALEN-Jump CYMDI LAUPER-Girls Just Wanna Have Fun IRENE CARA-The Dream SHANNON-Let The Music Play DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

# VAN HALEN-Jump (Warner Bros.) HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug (Chrysalis)

- KFYR\_Rismarck
- (Sid Hardt-P.D

  VAN HALEN-Jump KFMZ-Columbia

(Kevin Young-P.D.)

THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

ROBERT PLANT-In The Mood

UZ-I Will Follow

HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug KIIK-Davenport (Jim O'Hara-P.D.)

CRRISTOPHER CROSS—Think Of Laura

SHEENA EASTON-Almost Over You

JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD-Yah

Mo B There

JUMP 'IN THE SADDLE-The Curly Shuffle

BBB DYLAN-Sweetheart Like You

MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller

- WEBC-Duluth
- TY CISC.—LUIUTH

  (Dick Johnson-P.D.)

  PAUL McCARTNEY-So Bad

  JEFFREY OSBORNE-Stay with Me Tonight

  DOLLY PARTON-Save The Last Dance For Me

  JUMP'N THE SADDLE-The Curly Shuffle

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Inger

  THE MOTELS-Remember The Night

  SHEENA EASTON-Almost Over You

  JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD-Yah

  Mo B There

# KKXL-FM-Grand Forks (Don Nordine-P.D.) QUIET RIOT-Bong Your Head NEMA-99 Lithballons NIGHT RANGER-You Can Still) Rock In America PAUL MCCARTNEY-So Bad MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller

KRNA-lowa City (Bart Gynshor-P.D.)

• YAN HALEN-Jump

• DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

• CYNDI LAUPER-Girls Just Wanna Have Fun

• HUBY LEWIS AND THE NEWS—I Want A New Drug

### IENA-99 Luftballons RENE CARA-The Dream

- Q104 (KBEQ)—Kansas City

  (Pat McKay-P.D.)

   CHRISTOPHER CROSS—Think Of Laura

   QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)
   PRINCE—Let's Preten We're Married/Irresstible Bite
   DURAM DURAM-New Moon On Monday
- K.C.-Give It Up
   BILLY JOEL-An Innocent Man
   MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller
   THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

- KDVV-Topeka
  - KFMW-Waterloo
  - VAN HALEN-Jump
     QUIET RIOT-Metal Health
  - KEYN-FM-Wichita

(A&M)
VAN HALEN-Jump (Warner Bros.)

■● TOP ADD ONS ■ THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

- WOID-Biloxi

### VAN HALEN-Jump DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

- (Kevin McCarthy-P.D.)

   MtCHAEL JACKSON-Thriller

- (John Shomby-P.D.)

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger
  NENA-99 LithBallons
  DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

  YAN HALEN-Jump
- KAMZ-EI Paso
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- WLOL-Minneapolis
- (Tac Hammer−P.D.) •• JUMP 'N THE SADDLE−The Curly Shuffle

### KJ103 (KJYO)-Oklahoma City

- (Dan Wilson-P.D.)

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  QUIET RIOT-Bong Your Head

  HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug

- BOB DYLAN-Sweetheart Lik
   VAN HALEN-Jump
   TONI BASIL-Over My Head
- KQKQ-Omaha
- (Jerry Dean-P.D.)

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD-Yah
- Mo B There
  PAUL McCARTNEY-So Bad
  SHANNON-Let The Music Play SMANNOM-Let The Music Play
   K.C.-Give It Up
   HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug
   QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)
- KKLS-FM-Rapid City (Randy Sherwyn-P.D.)

  THE MOTELS-Remember The Night

  CHRISTOPHER CROSS-Think Of Laura
- SPANDAU BALLET-Gold
   NIGHT RANGER-(You Can Still) Rock in America
- KKRC-Sioux Falls (Dan Kiley-P.D.)

  MADDONNA-Holiday

  PAUL McCARTNEY-So Bad

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  VAN HALEN-Jump
- KHTR-St. Louis (Bob Tarrett-P.D.)

  MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller

  DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  IRENE CARA-The Dream

  QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)

  BILLY JOEL-An Innocent Man

  VAN HALEN-Jump

  CYNDI LAUPER-Girls Just Wanna Have Fun

  BILLY IDOL-Rebel Yell
- (Tony Stewart-P.D.)

   VAN HALEN-Jump

   JOURNEY-Ask The Lonely

   THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger
- (Kipper MaGee-P.O.)

  STEVIE NICKS-Nightbird

  BILLY JOEL-An Innocent Man

  MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller
- (Ron Eric Taylor-P.D.)

  •• THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

   YAN HALEN-Jump

   HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug
- Southwest Region
- KENNY ROGERS-This Woman (RCA)
  DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday (Capitol)
- (Kurt Cliatt-P.D.)

  The POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  He POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug

  SHEENA EASTON-Almost Over You

  VAN MAIR Ed. Inc.

### KXX106 (WKXX)-Birmingham

- VAN HALEN-Jump
   KENNY ROGERS-This Woman
   THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger
   PAUL McCARTNEY-So Bad KITE-Corpus Christi
- (Jim Zippo-P.D.)

   CHRISTOPHER GROSS—Think Of Laura

   DEBORAH ALLEN—Baby | Lied

   JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD—Yah Mo B There

  • IRENE CARA—The Dream

  • THE POLICE—Wrapped Around Your Finger

  • SHANNON—Let The Music Play

  • CYNDI LAUPER—Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
- KAFM\_Dallas
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- DONNA SUMMER-Love Has A Mind Of Its Own
   THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger
   KENNY ROGERS—This Woman

### KSET-El Paso

- Cas Simon-P.D.)

  BONNIE TYLER-Take Me Back

  Quiller NOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  NIGHT RANGER-(You Can Still) Rock in America

  VAN HALER-Jump

  DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

### KISR-Fort Smith

- (Rick Hayes-P.D.)

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger
  HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug
- VAN HALEN-Jump KENNY ROGERS-This Woman

- Q104 (WQEN)-Gadsden
- (Roger Gaither—P.D.)

  THE POLICE—Wrapped Around Your Finger
  VAN HALEN—Jump
- K.C.—Give It Up
   HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug
   QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)

### 93FM (KKBQ-FM)—Houston (John Lander-P.D.)

- (John Lander-P.

  •• VAN HALEN-Jump

  •• K.C.-Give It Up

### 94TYX (WTYX)-Jackson

- (Jim Chick-P.D.)

  VAN HALEN-Jump

  JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD-Yah
- QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)
   MELBA MOORE-Living For Your Love

### KKYK-Little Rock

- (Ron White-P.D.)

  MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller

  PAUL McCARTHEY-SO Bad

  CYNDI LAUPER-Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
  CULTURE CLUB-Arama Chameleon
  GENESIS-That's All
- GENESIS—That's All
   STEVIE NICKS—Nightbird
- WHHY-FM-Montgomery

(Mark St. John—P.D.)

O THE POLICE—Wrapped Around Your Finger

KENNY ROGERS—This Woman

### • JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD-Yah Mo B There

- VAN HALEN-Jump
- K.C.-Give It Up
   SHEENA EASTON-Almost Over You

### KX104 (WWKX)-Nashville

- (Michael St, John-P.D.)

   CHRISTOPHER GROSS-Think Of Laura

   THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

   VAN HALEN-Jump

   HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Orug

  QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Nead (Metal Health)

   KENNY ROGERS-This Woman

### B-97 (WEZB)-New Orleans

- (Nick Bazoo-P.D.)

  OURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger
  KENNY ROGERS—This Woman

### WTIX-New Orleans

- (Robert Mitchell—P.D.)

  The POLICE—Wrapped Around Your Finger

  KENRY ROGERS—This Woman

  MANHATTAN TRANSFER—American Pop

  OURAN DURAN—New Moon On Monday

  PEABD BRYSON/ROBERTA FLACK—You're Looking
  Like Love To Me

- KROK-Shreveport
- (Peter Stewart-P.D.)

   KENNY ROGERS—This Woman

   BOB DYLAN—Sweetheart Like You

   MUSICAL YOUTH—She's Trouble

### Pacific Southwest Region

### TOP ADD ONS

THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger (A&M) DURAM DURAM-New Moon On Monday (Capitol) VAN HALEN-Jump (Warner Bros.) KENNY ROGERS-This Woman (RCA)

- KIMN-Denver
- (Deug Ericksen-P.D.)

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

  VAN HALEN-Jump

# RYPRE—DETIVET (TIM FOX-P.D.) JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD-Yah MO B There MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller DON FELDER-Bad Girls BILLY JOEL-An Innocent Man BARRY MANILOW-Read Tem And Weep RAY PARKER, JR.—I Still Can't Get Over Loving You

**KPKE-Denver** 

- Q103FM (KOAQ)-Denver
- (Jack Regan—P.D.)

  The POLICE—Wrapped Around Your Finger

  KENNY ROGERS—This Woman

  DURAN DURAN—New Moon On Monday

  NENA—99 Luftballons

- KLUC-Las Vegas
- (Dave Anthony-P.D.)

   KENNY ROGERS—This Woman

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### KIIS-Los Angeles

- Gerry DeFrancesce-P.D.)

  MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller

  JUMP 'N THE SADDLE-The Curly Shuffle

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

- KIQQ—Los Angeles
  (Paula Matthews-P.D.)

   EURYTHMICS-Here Comes The Rain Again

   KENNY ROGENS-This Woman

   DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

   VAN HALEN-Jump

- VAN MALEN-Jump WAS (NOT WAS)-Knocked Down, Made Small IRENE CARA-The Dream

- KKHR-Los Angeles (Ed Scarbereugh-P.D.)

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  DURAM DURAM-New Moon On Monday

  VAN HALEN-Jump

  EVELYN "CHAMPAGNE" KING-Action

### KRTH-Los Angeles

- (Bob Hamilton-P.D.)

  •• KENNY ROGERS-This Woman

  •• JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD-Yah
  Mo B There
- K.C.-Give It Up
   DOLLY PARTON-Save The Last Dance For Me

### KOPA-Phoenix

- ROFA—FINOEIIX

  (Reggie Blackwell—P.D.)

   THE POLICE—Wrapped Around Your Finger

   JOHN COUGAR MELLENGAMP—Pink Hous

   BILLY JOEL—An Innocent Man

   MICHAEL JACKSOM—Thriller

   PAUL McCARTNEY—So Bad

### KGGI-Riverside

(John Volpe-P.D.)

•• KENNY ROGERS-This Woma

### KSLY-San Luis Obispo

(Joe Collins-P.D.)

BILLY JOEL-An Innocent Man

THE S.O.S. BAND-Tell Me If You Still Care

- KIST-Santa Barbara

- (Dick Williams-P.D.)

  DEBORAH ALLEN-Baby I Lied

  CHRISTOPHER CROSS-Think Of Laura

  YAM HALEN-Jump

  PRINCE-Let's Pretend We're Married/Irresistible Bitc

  PAUL McCARTNEY-So Bad

  HEADPINS-Just One More Time

  HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug

  SHEEMA EASTON-Almost Over You

### 13-KHYT-Tucson

- (Sherman Cohen-P.D.)

  ◆ THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  ◆ HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New Drug

  ◆ JACKSON BROWNE-For A Rocker

- VAN HALEN-Jump
   QUIET RIOT-Bong Your Head
   DONNA SUMMER-Love Has A Mind Of Its Own

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### Pacific Northwest Region

### TOP ADD ONS

THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger (A&M) Duram Duram-New Moon on Monday (Capitol) Van Halen-Jump (Warner Bros.) Paul McCartney-So Bad (Columbia)

### **KYYA-Billings**

- (Jack Bell-P.D.)

   YAN HALEN-Jump

   HENE CARA-The Dream

   THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

   DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

### KBBK-Boise

- RDDR—Boise
  (Tom Evans-P.D.)

  The POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger
  QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)

  VAN HALEN-Jump
  MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller
  NENA-95 Luftballons
  QUIBAN MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller

- NEWA-99 LUTDAIONS
   DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday
   RICK JAMES AND SMOKEY ROBINSON-Ebony Eyes

### KTRS-Casper

# (Bill Cody-P.D.) THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger THE MOTELS-Remember The Night MIGHAEL JACKSON-Thriler

- KWSS-Gilroy
- (Dave Van Stene-P.D.)

   YAM HALEM-Jump

   BILLY JDEL-An Innocent Man

   RE-FLEX-The Politics Of Dancing

   THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

   SHANNOM-Let The Music Play

- KGHO-Hoquaim

# (Steve Larson-P.D.) THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Five PAUL McGATTRET-So Bad STEVIE NIGKS-Hightbird QUIET RIOT-Bong Your Head VAN HALEM-Jump DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

- **KOZE-Lewiston** (Jay McCal-P.D.)

  JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD-Yah
  Mo B There
  QUIET RIOT-Bong Your Head

  VAN HALEN-Jump

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  K.C.—Cive II III

- KENNY ROGERS—This Woman

- KHOP-Modesto
- (David Altyn Kraham-P.D.)

  MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller

  CHRISTOPHER CROSS—Think Of Laura

  DURAN DURAN—New Moon On Monday

  THE POLICE—Wrapped Around Your Finger

KENNY ROGERS—This Woman
 SHEENA EASTON—Almost Over You

### KCNR-Portland

Playlist Top Add Ons

(Trevlyn Holdridge-P.D.)
•• CHRISTOPHER CROSS-Think Of Laura

### KMJK-Portland

- (Jon Barry-P.D.)

  MICHAEL JACKSON-Thriller

  PAUL McCARTMEY-So Bad

  IRENE CARA-The Dream

  DURAN DURAN-New Moon On Monday

  JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD-Yah

  M. P. There

### THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

### **KWOD-Sacramento**

- (Tom Chase—P.D.)

   PAUL McCARTNEY—So Bad

   MELBA MOORE—Living For Your Love

   JAMES INGRAM WITH MICHAEL McDONALD—Yah

- Mo B There
  THE PRETENDERS—Middle Of The Road
  NENA—99 Luftballons

### NENA-99 Luttballons KOOL AND THE GANG-Joanna

KSKD-Salem

- KFRC-San Francisco
- (Gerry Kagle—P.D.)

  •• MICHAEL JACKSON—Thriller

  •• ELTON JOHN—I Guess That's Why They Call It The
- THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

### KITS-San Francisco

- (Jeff Hunter-P.D.)

   JOHN COUGAR MELLENCAMP-Pink Houses

   GEORGE CLINTON-Nubian Nut

   THE MOTELS-Remember The Night

   NENA-99 Luftballons

- KUBE-Seattle (Bob Case—P.D.)
  •• KOOL AND THE GANG—Joanna
- KNBQ-Tacoma

- (Sean Lynch-P.D.)

  QUIET RIOT-Bang Your Head (Metal Health)

  VAN HALEN-Jump

  THE POLICE-Wrapped Around Your Finger

  CYNDI LAUPER-Girls Just Wanna Have Fun

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HITS FROM BILLBOARD 10 AND 20 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

### POP SINGLES-10 Years Ago

- The Joker, Steve Miller Band, Capitol
- Time In a Bottle, Jim Croce, ABC
- Show And Tell, Al Wilson, Rocky Road Smokin' In The Boys' Room, Brownsville
- Station, Big Tree I've Got To Use My Imagination, Gladys
- Knight & the Pips, Buddah You're Sixteen, Ringo, Apple
- Never, Never Gonna Give Ya Up, Barry
- White, 20th Century Living For The City, Stevie Wonder
- 9. Let Me Be There, Olivia Newton-John,
- MCA

  10. Helen Wheels, Paul McCartney & Wings,

### POP SINGLES-20 Years Ago

- 1. There! I've Said It Again, Bobby Vinton,
- Epic Louie Louie, Kingsmen, Wand Popsicles And Icicles, Mermaids,
- Chattaheechee Dominique, Singing Nun, Philips Forget Him, Bobby Rydell, Cameo
- Since I Fell For You, Lenny Welch
- Cadence Surfin' Bird, Trashmen, Garrett
- 8. The Nitty Gritty, Shirley Ellis, Congress
  9. Talk Back Trembling Lips, Johnny
  Tillotson, MGM
  10. Midnight Mary, Jerry Powers, Amy

### TOP LPs-10 Years Ago

- 1. You Don't Mess Around With Jim, Jim
- Croce, ABC
  The Singles, 1969-73, A&M
  Goodbye Yellow Brick Road, Elton John,

- I Got A Name, Jim Croce, ABC The Joker, Steve Miller Band, Capitol Jonathan Livingston Seaguil, Neil

- Diamond, Columbia
  Bette Midler, Atlantic
  Quadrophenia, The Who, MCA
  Ringo, Ringo Starr, Apple
  Muscle Of Love, Alice Cooper, Warner

### TOP LPs-20 Years Ago

- The Singing Nun, Philips In The Wind, Peter, Paul & Mary, Warner
- 3. The Second Barbra Streisand Album, Columbia
  4. Fun In Acapulco, Elvis Presley, RCA

- West Side Story, Soundtrack, Columbia Peter, Paul & Mary, Warner Bros. Maria Elena, Los Indios Tabajaras, RCA
- Joan Baez In Concert, part two
- Vanguard
- Little Deuce Coupe, Beach Boys, Capitol Moving, Peter, Paul & Mary, Warner Bros.

### COUNTRY SINGLES-10 Years Ago

- 1. If We Make It Through December,
- Merle Haggard, Capitol
  I Love, Tom T. Hall, Mercury
  Jolene, Dolly Parton, RCA

- 3. Jolene, Dolly Parton, RCA
  4. Hey Loretta, Loretta Lynn, MCA
  5. Somewhere Between Love & Tomorrow, Roy Clark, Dot
  6. Once You've Had The Best, George
- The Last Love Song, Hank Williams Jr.,
- 8. Song & Dance Man, Johnny Paycheck,
- 9. Big Game Hunter, Buck Owens, Capitol
- 10. Ain't Love A Good Thing, Connie Smith, Columbia

### SOUL SINGLES-10 Years Ago

- Until You Come Back to Me, Aretha Franklin, Atlantic
   I've Got To Use My Imagination, Gladys
- Knight & the Pips, Buddah Livin' For You, Al Green, Hi Stoned To The Bone, James Brown,
- 5. This Time I'm Gone For Good, Bobby
- Blue Bland, Dunhill

  6. Living For The City, Stevie

Wonder Tamla

- 7. Baby Come Close, Smokey Robinson.

- 8. Let Your Hair Down, Temptations, Gordy
  9. I Miss You, The Dells, Cadet
  10. What It Comes Down To, Isley Bros., T-Neck

# **Vox Jox**

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Satellite Music Network debuts its Rock America top 40 format Monday (9), with a lineup that includes Jim White of Dallas' KEGL and KNUS. Rock America operations manager Tim Spencer, Russ Gray of Birmingham's WKXX, Pat Clarke from KWSS San Jose, WRQC Cleveland's Buddy Baker, and Gary Shaw, who had been with Dallas AORs KZEW and KTXQ. Holding down the transponder on the weekends are KKDA Dallas' Lora Cain and Freddy Mertz from Ethel's home town, Albuquerque (at least that's what she told Lucy on one 1955 episode), where he worked at KNMQ.

Proving that timing is everything, KKDA's Bobby Ellerbee has just wrapped up a six-week stint on KFRC San Francisco. The Dallas jock had spoken with KFRC PD Gerry Cagle in the past, so while he was in town for Thanksgiving he stopped by for a chat. Turned out Cagle had three jocks on vacation, and two out sick. Just as he was working out the schedule, Ellerbee appeared in the lobby and was on the air that afternoon. Joining the station on a more permanent basis are all-nighter Chuck Geiger, who hails from Kansas City's KKCI, and KYA San Francisco's Rob Conrad, who'll handle weekends and vacations.

WRAL Raleigh overnighter Bill Campbell joins Dick Lamb's 2WD (WWDE) Norfolk, doing afternoons . Back in Raleigh at WKIX, Dale Van Horn moves up to assistant operations manager at the country outlet, where Traci Griggs comes on board as afternoon news anchor and Diane Silcox joins as promotion director. Meanwhile, Karen Bottomly moves up to a production assistant/ copywriter post, and Bobby Joe Austin returns to his former haunt, all-

St. Louis' KHTR moves a couple of jocks off the air and into titled positions as Casey Van Allen leaves the 7 to midnight shift to become production director at the CBS FM and Kevin McCarthy slips out of middays into the music director hot seat at Hit Radio.

Looking for work? If you've got a personality, Bill Martin has a prime opening at WSSX. Drop him a tape at P.O. Box 31089, Charleston, S.C. 29417. . . . Joining New WPLJ as midday host is Ms. J.J. Kennedy, who has held various onair posts around the city. Coming on board as special news reporter for the ABC FM is local newsman Bob

Harley Davidson leaves the heavy metal arena (and with a name like that, where else would he have come from?) of WSHE Ft. Lauderdale to join the staff of Y-100 (WHYI) there doing overnights. He replaces Willie

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Bob Reina, the play-by-play voice of the San Diego State Aztecs football and basketball teams for the past 14 years, is moving up in the world. He's now sports director for news/ talk KSDO San Diego. Joining the Gannett station as GFM is former XTRA local sales manager John Shean, while across town at Z-90 (XHZ-FM) and its AM, KIFM, Marshall Sylver signs up as promo-

Joining WXYZ, Detroit's news/ talk outlet, doing just that is afternoon news anchor Dick Haefner. He had been with CKLW and WWJ there. Relinquishing the afternoon slot is assistant news director Mike

The owners of Charlotte's all-oldies and beach music outlet, WGSP-AM, have bought a couple of stations in Augusta, Ga. American Republic Communications Corp., headed by Richard E. Tomlinson, hopes to take over WHGI, a daytimer at 1050, and 50 kw WYMX-FM by late February. Brokering the deal is Reggie Martin. whom true sports fans might remember from South Florida's WGBS.

Two years selling KOME Radio in San Jose will prepare you for most anything, and so it is GSM David Plowden returns to CBS, where he spent nine years in three cities. This time he'll be WBBM-FM Chicago's general sales manager... Unity Broadcasting (WDAS-AM-FM Phil-ly, KATZ/WZEN St. Louis, WWRL and the National Black Network in New York) has appointed a couple of vice presidents. Moving up to that post are Adriane T. Gaines and Joan Logue Henry.

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Cliff Hall Jr. called to say that his better half is now on the radio in Key West. Johanna Francis can be heard weekends on FM 107, WIIS. According to Cliff, who is also at the station. she's sitting on two phone books to reach the board. "If it were a bigger town, she'd get by with one," he

Now that Beau Reyes has vacated his 13K Bakersfield (KLYD) PD-ship to do mornings at KBOS Tulare (Fresno), music director Rick Simon takes over the programming reins and morning slot. Filling Simon's former afternoon shift is KLYD-FM

personality Don De La Cruz.

If you haven't heard SMN's adult contemporary format, "StarStation," and you happen to be cruising through San Clemente, here's your



SOUTHERN COOKIN'—Employees of WKLS Atlanta sort through over 600 tapes submitted for their "Homecookin' III" album project. Shown from left are intern John Brake, account executive Carol Schneider, PD Alan Sneed

big chance. It's now being carried by KWVE. It's located just to the left of your glove compartment at 108.

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WYNY New York has a new traffic manager, Alyssa A. Hochheiser ... Edie Argereow moves up to vice president/director of accounting services for the Knight Quality Group, headquartered in Boston . . . B-108 officially changes call letters. The Minneapolis outlet, which was KTWN, is now KGBB.

Don Shaw, longtime talk and sports host (WOAI San Antonio, KSDO San Diego, KELP El Paso, etc.) has decided he's sick of practicing law and wants back on the air. To find out why, you can call him at (619) 696-9261... It's hard for us to believe that Mel Tillis is in need of country product, but his newest station, WMML Mobile (separate story, page 16), is. Mail it along to PD Tom

Dixon . . . KUTE Los Angeles weekender Tom King has formed the Academy of Radio Arts in Huntington Beach. Joining him in his venture is former K-Hitter (KHTZ Los Angeles) Lindy Thurrell. Those aspiring to semi-greatness can reach him at (714) 842-0100.



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EURYTHMICS-Touch, RCA

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PRETENDERS-Middle Of The Road, Sire COUGAR MELLENCAMP—Crumblin' n, Riva/Mercury

NOVA-Monkey On Your Back, Portrait LEWIS AND THE NEWS-I Want A New

MONEY-Big Crash, Columbia RANGER-(You Can Still) Rock In rica, Capitol

LIFE-Send Me An Angel, MCA/Curb BOW-Street Of Dreams, Polydor LEWIS AND THE NEWS-Heart And

EY CRUE-If Looks Could Kill, Elektra McCARTNEY AND MICHAEL JACKSON-Say Say, Columbia

ENBERG-Friday Night, Atco . HALL AND JOHN OATES—Say It Isn't

OYSTER CULT-Shooting Shark,

EX-The Politics Of Dancing, Capitol RT PLANT-In The Mood, anza/Atlantic

ROLLING STONES-Too Tough, Rolling

The Flier, Portrait/Epic SIS-Illegal Alien, Atlantic

RIOT-Cum On Feel The Noize, Pasha even O'Clock Tick Tock, Island

ROLLING STONES—Too Much Blood,

US-Stayed Awake All Night, Arista DYLAN-Neighborhood Bully, Columbia COUNTRY-In A Big Country, Mercury F**ELDER**-Bad Girls, Elektra

RT PLANT-Big Log, EsPeranza/Atlantic URE CLUB-Church Of The Poison Mind,

BENATAR-Love Is A Battlefield, Chrysalis GENESIS-It's Gonna Get Better, Atlantic

THE MOTELS-Little Robbers, Capitol

THE DOORS-Gloria, Elektra CYNDI LAUPER-Time After Time, Portrait

THE POLICE-Synchronicity II, A&M Z.Z. TOP-T.V. Dinners, Warner Bros.

KISS-Lick It Up, Mercury ASIA-The Smile Has Left Your Eyes, Geffen THE MOTELS-Suddenly Last Summer, Capitol

THE POLICE-King Of Pain, A&M

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UPSTATE STRUT—Brian Setzer of the Stray Cats stops by for an interview with personnel at WGRQ Buffalo after a concert there. Shown from left are promotion director Larry Norton, Setzer, music director Bill Weston and Alex Maye of the Stray Cats' label, EMI America.

# Featured Programming

"There are 50 million Americans over 50 years of age," reports producer Norman Gladney of Gladney Communications, whose company recently taped the 600th performance of "The Best Years" for the Independent Radio Network of Greenwich, Conn. "And, despite the media's suggestion that they only buy headache remedies and laxatives, they're big spenders when it comes to luxury

Gladnev's point is that advertisers should consider supporting his daily three-minute series, whose host is ac tress Helen Hayes. The First Lady of the American Theatre, now 83, discusses ballroom dancing on the show's 600th script; she recommends it as a means of "getting out of the house" and "into someone's arms.

Funded by Mutual of Omaha, the series, which started in 1979 with the late Lowell Thomas as host, is currently heard on 175 stations across

NBC's The Source is assembling acts for its new series of 90-minute concerts for broadcast in 1984. The shows, which will alternate weekly, are designed with specific formats in mind. "For Rockers Only" will feature Nazareth, Black Sabbath and Saga, among others; "Top Of The Rock" has lined up Billy Idol, the Michael Stanley Band, U2, Heart, Quarterflash and the Fixx; "Catch A Star" will spotlight Al Jarreau, Air Supply, Donna Summer and Men Without Hats: and "Command Performance" will headline Culture Club, Hall & Oates and the Moody

KYW Philadelphia has picked up broadcast rights for the 1984 Olympic Games from the ABC Radio Information network ... KRBE Hous-ton has picked up Orange (Continued on opposite page)

# Stations Getting On **USFL Bandwagon**

By EARL PAIGE

LOS ANGELES-The United States Football League's growing status and addition of six teams is seen by some as a boon for radio, possibly involving 500 stations nationally. As one GM puts it, "A sports schedule can add a 100,000 adult cume. It goes far beyond just the revenue potential.

According to a national poll of USFL teams and originating stations, three-year contracts are being sought and signed. Although bidding in new markets has been furious, the real optimism comes from overall network expansion. WAPI Birmingham, for example, will be feeding 92 stations, up from 53 last season.

Originating stations are naturally the most enthusiastic. At KRBE Houston VP/GM John Dew remarks that the Astros baseball club "gave us a cume effect we couldn't possibly attain otherwise." KRBE landed the Gamblers for a three-year deal and re-signed the Astros. Dew says both schedules will be on FM, too, alluding to a new trend in the USFL

Among the most ebullient new market originators is Tom Chiusano, GM at WIVY Jacksonville, one of the first to originate on FM. "Good radio is good radio," he says of landing the new USFL Bulls. Also happy is Paul Manasseh of the "new" New Orleans Breakers, who moved from Boston. He says WNOE signed a three-year pact and may wind up feeding 135 stations.

Only four of the 18 USFL teams are still negotiating for flagships, though many are adding to networks. Another factor boosting radio interest, indicates Peter Ruocco of the USFL office, is the new schedule, which has several weekend night

Among the new markets are talkformatted WHBQ Memphis, with 50 stations lined up; country WNOE New Orleans, which is anticipating 135 stations; Pittsburgh's black-formatted WANO, and adult contemporary KRBE-AM-FM Houston and WIVY-FM Jacksonville.

Continuing to originate USFL teams are adult contemporary WAPI Birmingham, with 92 stations on line; KOY Phoenix, with eight affiliates, and KRMG Tulsa. MOR-formatted WOR New York originates the New Jersey Generals, and originating the Washington Federals with 11 stations on line is similarly formatted WMAL.

Also originating teams are country formatted KLZ Denver, with 33 stations on line, and news/talkers WXYZ Detroit, with 15 affiliates; KGO San Francisco, with four, and Tampa's WFLA, which boasts 45 stations. Currently looking for a home outlet are the Chicago Blitz, Los Angeles Express and Philadel-

# Featured Programming

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"Sound Of Sina-Productions' ... AP Network has added WBBG Cleveland, KMGC Dallas and KMBZ/KMBR Kansas City Masla Radio is now repping KADI St. Louis.

Dan Kristofferson has joined Kris Erik Stevens Enterprises in Los Angeles as vice president of marketing . Kathy Lavinder has been upped to general manager of news program-ming for ABC Radio in New York of the Texas AP Network, based in Dallas. He was operations manager of KOKE Austin. AP has also named three new broadcast editors to supervise coverage in their respective regions: Chris Dahl, Hartford, Conn.; Len Iwanski, Albany, N.Y.; and David Staats, Portland, Ore. . . . Don Goldberg has been named associate producer and writer for Drake-Chenault's daily strip, "History Of Rock LEO SACKS

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Below is a weekly calendar of upcoming network and syndicated music specials. Shows with multiple dates indicate local stations have option of broadcast time and dates.

Jan. 8-14, Mark Bedford of Madness, Rock Over London, London Wavelength, one hour. Jan. 9-15, **Bob Seger**, part two, Off The

Record Special, Westwood One, one hour.

Jan. 9-15, Pointer Sisters, Star Trak, Westwood One, one hour.

Jan. 9-15, Jerry Reed, Live From Gilley's, Westwood One, one hour.

Jan. 9-15, Teena Marie, Special Edition. Westwood One, one hour.

Jan. 9-15, Lee Greenwood, Country Close-up, Narwood Productions, one hour.

Jan. 9-15, Eddie Fisher, Music Makers, Narwood Productions, one hour,

Jan. 9-15, James Ingram, Hot Ones, RKO

Radioshows, one hour.

Jan. 13-15, Working For A Living, Rock

Chronicles, Westwood One, one hour.

Jan. 13-15, Interview with Rhino Brothers of Rhino Records, Dr. Demento, Westwood One, two hours.

Jan. 13-15, Yes, Genesis, Rock Album Countdown, Westwood One, two hours.

Jan. 13-15, Mel McDaniel, Weekly Country

Countdown, United Stations, three hours.

Jan. 13-15, Lacy J. Dalton, Solid Gold

Country, United Stations, three hours Jan. 13-15, Anita O'Day, Great Sounds,

United Stations, three hours. Jan. 14, Moe Bandy, Joe Stampley re-union, Silver Eagle, ABC Entertainment Net-

work, 90 minutes.

Jan. 14-15, Little Richard, Dick Clark's Rock Roll & Remember, United Stations, four

Jan. 15, Fixx, Live From The Record Plant,

RKO Radioshows, one hour.

Jan. 15, Michael Jackson, Spotlight Special, ABC Contemporary Network, 90 minutes

Jan. 15, John Cougar Mellencamp, Rolling Stone's Continuous History Of Rock And Roll, ABC Rock Radio Network, one hour. Jan. 15-21, Heaven, BBC Rock Hour, Lon-

don Wavelength, one hour. Jan. 15-21, Gang Of Four, Omni/Pent-

house College Rock Concert, London Wave-Jan. 15-21, Naked Eyes, Rock Over Lon-

don, London Wavelength, one hour. Jan. 16, 11th annual American Music

Awards, Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles. Jan. 16-22, Vandenberg, Motley Crue, In Concert, Westwood One, 90 minutes.

Jan. 16-22, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Pop Concert, Westwood One, one hour,

Jan. 16-22, Emmylou Harris, Live From Gilley's, Westwood One, one hour

Jan. 16-22, George Clinton part two, Budweiser Concert Hour, Westwood One, one

Jan. 16-22, Stephanie Mills, Special Edition. Westwood One, one hour,

Jan. 16-22, Billy May, Music Makers, Narwood Productions, one hour.

Jan. 20-22, Bellamy Brothers, Weekly

Country Countdown, United Stations, three

Jan. 20-22, John Anderson, Solid Gold Country, United Stations, three hours.

Jan. 20-22, Pete Fountain, Great Sounds, United Stations, three hours.

Jan. 20-22, More Songwriters, Rock

Chronicles, Westwood One, one hour. Jan. 20-22, Tribute To The Beatles, Dr.

Demento, Westwood One, two hours.

Jan. 21, Lee Greenwood, Silver Eagle, ABC Entertainment Network, 90 minutes

Jan. 21-22, Elton John, Dick Clark's Rock Roll & Remember, United Stations, four hours.

Jan. 22, Animals, Clarence Clemons, King Biscuit Flower Hour, ABC Rock Radio Network, one hour. Jan. 22, Heavy Metal Mania, Rolling

Stone's Continuous History of Rock & Roll, ABC Rock Radio Network, one hour.

Jan. 22, **Air Supply**, Live From The Record Plant, RKO Radioshows, one hour. Jan. 22-28, Peter Tosh, Omni/Penthouse College Rock Concert, London Wavelength,

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Jan. 22-28, Bryan Adams, BBC Rock Hour, London Wavelength, one hour.

Jan. 22-28, Thomas Dolby, Rock Over Lon-

Survey For Week Ending 1/14/84 These are best selling middle-of-the-road singles compiled from radio station air play listed in rank order. Week Weeks on TITLE, Artist, Label & Number (Dist, Label) (Publisher, Licensee) This READ 'EM AND WEEP Barry Manilow, Arista AS1-9101 (Edward B. Marks/Neverland/Peg, BMI) 1 GUESS THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT THE BLUES Liton John, Geffen 7-29460 (Warner Bros.) (Intersong, ASCAP) 2 3 THE WAY HE MAKES ME FEEL Barbra Streisand, Columbia 38-04177 (Ennes/Emanuel/Threesome, 3 2 13 ASCAP)
TAKE A CHANCE
Olivia Newton-John And John Travolta, MCA 52284 (Foster Frees/Rehtakul/Zargon,BMI/ASCAP)
BREAK MY STRIDE
Matthew Wilder, Private I (Epic) 4-04113 (Streetwise/Big Ears/No Ears, BMI) 4 8 8 5 4 15 SMY SAY SAY Paul McCartney And Michael Jackson, Columbia 38-04168 (MPL Communications/Mijac, ASCAP) 5 7 13 9 JOANNA And The Gang, De-Lite 829 (Delightful, BMI) Kool And The Gang, De-Cite 625 (1998)
WHAT'S NEW
Linda Ronstadt, Asylum 7-69780 (Elektra) (Marke/Warner
Brothers/Limerick/Reaganesque/Trim-Co, ASCAP)
RUNNING WITH THE RIGHT
Lionel Richie, Motown 1710 (Brockman, ASCAP/Dyad, BMI)
THE SOUND OF GOODBYE
Crystal Gayle, Warner Bros. 7-29452 (Parquet/Lawyers Daughter, BMI) 6 12 8 9 10 Crystal Gayle, Warner Bros. 7-29452 (Parquet/Lawyers Daughter, B KARMA CHAMELEON Culture Club, Virgin/Epic 34-04221 (Virgin/Pendulum, BMI) SAY IT ISN'T SO
Daryl Hall & John Oates, RCA 13564 (Hot-Cha/Unichappell, BMI) I STILL CAN'T GET OVER LOVING YOU Ray Parker, Jr., Arista 1-9116 (Raydiola, ASCAP) MAKE BELIEVE IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME Carpenters, A&M 2586 (Music City, ASCAP) ALMOST OVER YOU Sheena Easton, EMI-America 8186 (Michael H. Goldsen/Carload Of Us/Sweet Angel/Atlantic, ASCAP/BMI) THINK OF LAURA Christopher Cross, Warner Bros. 7-29658 (Another Page, ASCAP) (11) 15 6 12 9 11 13) 16 8 7 13 14 17 15 6 16 18 5 Christopher Cross, Warner Bros. 7-29658 (Another Page, ASCAP)
UPTOWN GIRL 16 17 14 UPTOWN GIRL
Billy Joel, Columbia 38-04149 (Joel Songs, BMI)
YOUR PRECIOUS LOVE
Neil Sedaka With Dara Sedaka, MCA/Curb 52307 (Jobete, ASCAP) 21 7 18 Neil Sedaka With Dara Sedaka, MCA/Curb 52307 (Jobete, ASCAP)
GOLD
Spandau Ballet, Chrysalis 42740 (Reformation, ASCAP)
AN INNOCENT MAN
Billy Joel, Columbia 38-04259 (Joel, BMI)
TIME WILL REVEAL
DeBarge, Gordy 1705 (Motown) (Jobete, ASCAP)
SHOW HER
Ronnie Milsap, RCA 13658 (Lodge Hall, ASCAP)
SAVE THE LAST DANCE FOR ME
Dolly Parton, RCA 13703 (Rightsong, BMI)
ONE PARTICULAR HARBOUR
Jimmy Buffett, MCA 52298 (Coral Reefer, BMI)
ALL NIGHT LONG (ALL NIGHT)
Lionel Richie, Motown 1698 (Brockman, ASCAP)
WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND
NICK Heyward, Arista 1-9072 (Bryan Morrison, ASCAP)
HERO
Gladys Knight & The Pips, Columbia 38-04219 (Warner House Of
Music, BMI/WB Gold, ASCAP)
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Jennifer Warnes/Chris Thompson Casablanca 814603 (Polygram) (Warner-Tamerlane/Sprockett/WB/Rewind, BMI, ASCAP) 28 19 9 SO BAD
Paul McCartney, Columbia 38-04296 (MPL Communications, ASCAP)
IN YOUR EYES
George Benson, Warner Bros. 7-29442 (Prince Street/Welbeck, ASCA 38 2 29 30 32 George Benson, Warner Bros. 7-29442 (Prince Street/Welbeck, ASCAP)
THE CURLY SHUFFLE
Jump 'N The Saddle, Atlantic 7-89718 (Wise Guy, BMI) 31 5 31 THAT'S ALL 32 33 5 , Atlantic 7-89724 (Pun/Warner Bros., ASCAP) Genesis, Atlantic 7-89/24 (run/wainer blos), Booking I NEED YOU

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Pointer Sisters, Planet 13639 (RCA) (Porchester/Dale Kawashima/Orca/Day To Day, ASCAP/Neches River, BMI)

WHEN YOU FALL IN LOVE

Bertie Higgins, Kat Family 4-04164 (Epic) (JENLEE/Chappell/Brother Bills/Rose Key, ASCAP/Lowery, BMI)

I JUST CAN'T WALK AWAY

FOUR TOPS, Motown 1706 (MCA) (Good Life/Beau Di-O-Do, ASCAP) 33 27 12 36 5 34 30 12 35 BABY I LIED Deborah Allen, RCA 13600 (Posey/Unichappell/Van Hoy, BMI) 36 35 16 STRANGER ELO, Jet 4-04208 (Epic) (April, ASCAP) 37 34 6 ELO, Jet 4-04208 (Epic) (April, ASCAP)
YAH MO B THERE
James Ingram With Michael McDonald, Qwest 7-29394 (Warner Bros.)
Elseman/Hen-Al/Kings Road, BMI/Genevieve/Rodsongs PRS/Yellow Brick
Road) 44 2 38 ACCAP)
OURE LOOKING LIKE LOVE TO ME
Peabo Bryson/Roberta Flack, Capitol 5307 (All Seasons/Corbett Music
Plus/Hearts Delight, ASCAP)
NOTHING LIKE FALLING IN LOVE
Eddie Rabbitt, Warner Bros. 7-29431 (DebDave/Briarpatch,
BMI/Mallven/Cottonpatch, ASCAP)
ISLANDS IN THE STREAM
Kenny Rogers Duet With Dolly Parton, RCA 13615 (Gibb
Brothers/Unichappell, BMI)
HOW MANY TIMES CAN WE SAY GOODBYE
Dionne Warwick And Luther Vandross, Arista 1-9073 (Goldrian, ASCAP)
ONLY YOU 39 46 2 40 41 37 42 40 15 Dionne Warwick And Luther Vandross, Arista 1-9073 (Goldi ONLY YOU Commodores, Motown 1694 (Old Fashion, ASCAP)
SEND HER MY LOVE
Journey, Columbia 38-04151 (Twist And Shout/Weed High Nightmare/Colgems-EMI, ASCAP)
ALLERGIES
Paul Simon, Warner Bros. 7-29452 (Paul School) 41 18 43 43 11 44 45 39 10 ALLERGIES
Paul Simon, Warner Bros. 7-29453 (Paul Simon, BMI)
TONIGHT I CELEBRATE MY LOVE
Peabo Bryson/Roberta Flack, Capitol 5242 (Almo/Prince Street/Screen
Gems EMI, ASCAP/BMI) 46 42 27 Gems EMI, ASCAP/BMI)
TENDER IS THE NIGHT
Jackson Browne, Asylum 7-69791 (Elektra) (Olas/Kortchmar/Night
Kitchen, ASCAP)
A LITTLE GOOD NEWS
Anne Murray, Capitol 5264 (Chappell/Bibo, ASCAP)
SUDDENLY LAST SUMMER
The Motels, Capitol 5271 (Clean Sheets, BMI)
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# Retailing

# Tower's Sales Jump 30% In '83

Chain's Goman Sees Ongoing Effort In Video, Catalogs

By EARL PAIGE

A Tower Records in Moscow, a warning to manufacturers about hiking prices, why 1984 will continue bullish, how Tower views computer software, the Tower Compact Disc mutiny, how the consumer magazine Pulse figures in Tower's plans—these and many other topics are covered in a wide-ranging interview with division manager Stan Goman, reflecting on the chain's banner 1983.

LOS ANGELES-Of all Tower

Records' diversification into nonmusic areas and its innovations in retail, prerecorded video seems the most dynamic. For one thing, video has been broken out as a separate division. And with video stores and departments under the Tower Video logo, the chain's image is changing, indicates division manager Stan Goman.

With overall 1983 and Christmas season sales figures not fully tallied, Goman says the chain as a whole is probably up 30%. "We had a terrific

Christmas last year (1982) in contrast to a lot of chains. That's because we're less dependent on new or hit product to make or break us," Goman says. This immunity from hit turns, he adds, is not because of diversification into non-music but "because we are deep in catalog. We are very much still a music chain.'

What makes more finite 1983 analysis difficult is the explosive growth of video. "We've opened eight stores since September," Goman says, noting that Tower now has 14 units into video and expects 11 more soon. "If you throw video in, that's where the 30% comes from."

Goman sees music up 15% over last Christmas. Comparing sales for this year to stores existing last Christmas, percentage increases are less.

"New York City was our No. 1 store instantly from the day it opened. It's beyond anything we envisioned," Goman states. He says the chain's three Japanese stores, in Yokohama, Supora and Tokyo, selling only U.S. product, are up 25% compared to a year ago. As for industry speculation on future foreign stores, he says, "I'm waiting for one in Mos-Reminded that Tower would have only one label (Melodyia) to deal with, Goman says, "We'd bring everything in anyway. That's what we do in Japan."

Looking to 1984, Goman says "There's a whole new crop of kids out there. The new music is here and dynamic. The labels, with a few exceptions, will have to realize that raising prices is only going to hurt us. But we are totally optimistic."

Of Tower's dramatic surge in video, Goman says many people fail to realize that the chain went into the product early, in 1978, and never backed out. Many connect Tower's video expansion with the growth and impact of Wherehouse and, more recently, Licorice Pizza. "We were in video rental and then backed out except for the one Watt Ave. store in Sacramento, where we continued all along to experiment," he says, alluding to the troubled 1978-81 phase of video rental plans.

Paradoxically, Tower has pushed so fast into video lately that it has outpaced promotion efforts. Goman says he is working now with Terri Ball in advertising on a big Los Angeles promotion. "We opened all these video stores with no advertising, and they're all doing fabulous business. So now we're going to come

in and make a splash," he says.

From its experience, Tower adapts video to various market and site considerations. Of the eight new stores, the ones in New York and the California cities of Concord, Mountain View, El Toro and West Covina have video sections. New free-standing units are in Tacoma and here on Sunset and Ventura Boulevards.

"We want to emphasize the Tower Video image. We feel video is a neighborhood business, that people only range about five miles. But there are exceptions," Goman says.

"For example, you can target people who work near stores. In our only mall store, a downtown Sacramento unit, we've adapted around state employees. We put in a scaled-down section, maybe 600-700 pieces. We offer them our standard \$2.50-a-day rental, but they have Saturday and Sunday, a whole weekend."

Referring to a number of areas of expansion, Goman begs off, reflecting the autonomy and synergism Tower president Russ Solomon has built into the company. Goman says (Continued on page 35)

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# **Video Club Reverses Ratio** Of Sales/Rental In Chicago

CHICAGO—An innovative video sales club has reversed the customary sales-to-rental ratio here at Down town Video and Downtown Records & Tapes, according to Fred Ginsler, video division manager. Sales outnumber rentals three to one instead of vice versa, he says

Downtown Records launched its first video outlet last January next to its flagship Rush St. store, then augmented the 66 W. Jackson location with video in October and opened a new phono/video outlet at 9 E. Jackson in November. The video sales club was conceived as the initial program to open Downtown Video on Rush, says Ginsler, and is operating successfully at all three locations.

Downtown's video sales club involves an annual introductory purchase of \$60, for which the member may select one film listing as high as \$79.95. Each subsequent purchase is at 10% off. As added incentive to continue club membership, says Ginsler, the \$60 annual fee/purchase is not assessed again until the third vear, after which it continues to be required per annum.

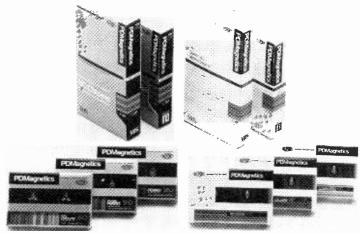
Downtown's rental club operates on a similar basis, says Ginsler. "For the same fee of \$60, the customer can get 12 films; above that, the charge is \$4.95 the first day and \$2.50 each additional day." Non-members may rent titles for a flat \$5 a day, he adds.

Ginsler credits Downtown's selective stocking, in-store VCR displays and hand-picked sales staff as further contributing to the chain's video for-tunes. The Rush St. location, he notes, carries several classic, obscure and art films to appease the browsing tastes of its upscale neighborhood clientele. The Loop outlets, situated in a heavily trafficked working district, do better with action pictures suited to "the fast-moving customer who knows what he/she wants."

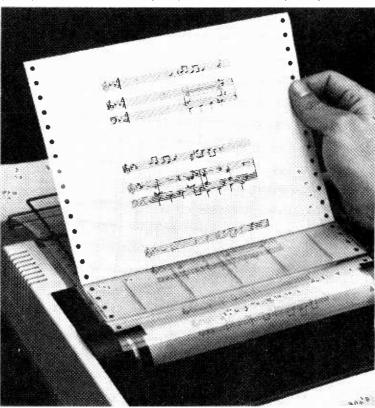
VCRs are "constantly in play" at each of the three Downtown locations, showing films, music video and promotional tapes, says Ginsler, "We were constantly playing 'Thriller' around Christmastime, which is a traffic stopper," he notes, "and it became our most requested Christmas title."

Store personnel in Downtown locations are selected for their "education" in the field. "They're all videophiles—they give critiques on movies, which the customers really appreciate," Ginsler says.





PDMagnetics has introduced a new line of video and audio cassettes. The Super HG StereoChrome video cassettes come in two lengths for both Beta and VHS, and the HG Chrome series is available in three lengths on each format. The company's audio cassette line features 500 Crolyn HG (IEC II), Tri-Oxide FERRO HG (IEC I) and 1100 Metal HG (IEC IV) cassettes.



System and publisher of Soundchaser Music Software, has expanded its software line with Polywriter, a music writing program for the Apple II, II+ and IIe and Apple compatible computers. The Polywriter allows users to get a printout of music played on the Soundchaser keyboard in any de-





# JANUARY 14, 1984, BILLBOARD

# New LP/Tape Releases

This listing of new LP/Tape releases is designed to enable retailers and radio programmers to be up-to-the minute on available new product. The following configuration abbreviations are used: LP—album; EP—extended play; CD—Compact Disc; CA—cassette; 8T—8-Track. Multiple records and/or tapes in a set appear within parentheses following the manufacturer number.

### POPULAR ARTISTS

ACCEPT Balls To The Wall LP Portrait BFR 39241 (CBS)no CA BRT 39241no	lis lis
AUSTIN, PATTI	

AUSTIN, PATTI	
Body Language	
LP CBS Associated Labels	
PZ 36503 (CBS)no	list
CA PZT 36053no	

BECK, JEFF Blow By Blow CD Epic EK 33409 (CBS)no list CA PET 35684no list
BLUE OYSTER CULT Mirrors LP Columbia PC 36009 (CBS)no list CA PCT 36009no list
BON JOVI Bon Jovi LP Mercury 814 982 1 (PolyGram) \$8.98 CA 814 982 4 \$8.98
BOSTON Don't Look Back CD Epic EK 35050 (CBS)no list
BREWER, TERESA Sophisticated Lady LP Columbia PC 37363 (CBS)no list CA PCT 37363no list
BROKEN E Time For A Change LP Polydor 817 280 1 (PolyGram)\$8.98

CA 817 280 4\$8.98	
CHEAP TRICK All Shook Up LP Epic PE 36498 (CBS)no list CA PET 36498no list	
CHRISTINA Sleep It Off LP Mercury 814 980 1 (PolyGram)\$8.98 CA 814 980-4\$8 98	
COSTELLO, ELVIS Armed Forces LP Columbia PC 35709 (CBS)no list CA PCT 35709no list	
Trust         LP Columbia PC 37501 (CBS)no list           CA PCT 37051no list	
DYLAN, BOB Greatest Hits CD Columbia CK 09463(CBS)no list	
DYLAN, BOB Slow Train Coming	

CA PCT 36120no list
EARTH, WIND & FIRE All In All
LP Columbia PC 34905 (CBS)no list CA PCT 34905no list
EARTH, WIND & FIRE Powerlight CD Columbia CK 38367 (CBS)no list
Raisel
CD Columbia CK 37548 (CBS)no list
EDMONDS, DAVE D.E. 7
LP Columbia PC 37930 (CBS)no list CA PCT 37930no list
ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA Discovery CD Jet ZK 35769 (CBS)no list
Secret Messages CD Jet ZK 38490 (CBS)no list
FOGELBERG, DAN Greatest Hits CD Epic EK 38308 (CBS)no list
GRANT, EDDY Walking On Sunshine LP Epic PE 36244 (CBS)
JACKSON, MICHAEL Off The Wall CD Epic EK 35745 (CBS)no list

Thriller CD Epic EK 38112 (CBS).

JOEL, BILLY
The Stranger
CD Columbia CK 34987 (CBS)....
52nd Street
CD Columbia CK 35609 (CBS)....

Glass Houses CD Columbia CK 36384 (CBS)...

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Innocent Man CD Columbia CK 38837 (CBS)no list
JOURNEY Escape CD Columbia CK 37408 (CBS)no list
Frontiers CD Columbia CK 38504 (CBS)no list
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LOVERBOY Keep It Up CD Columbia CK 38703 (CBS)...

MANHATTANS Black Tie

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6		8	11	RICK SPRINGFIELD 1982 Success Hasn't Spoiled Me Yet	_		31	35	11	BILLY JOEL 1976 Turnstiles Columbia PC-33848	CBS	
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# Video Music Programming

### MTV Adds & Rotation

This report does not include those videos in recurrent or oldie rotation. For further information, contact Buzz Brindle, director of music/programming, MTV (212) 944 -5399.

### NEW VIDEOS ADDED:

Lloyd Allen, "I Keep Looking At You," Epic Armband, "I Need," IRS Combo Audio, "Romanticide," EMI America
Honeys, "Running Away," Rhino
James Ingram/Michael McDonald, "Yah Mo B There," Qwest
Mink Deville, "Each Word Is A Beat," Atlantic Mink Deville, "Each Word is A Beat, At Motels, "Remember The Nights," Capitol Oda, "Power Of Love," No label.
Pretenders, "Middle Of The Road," Sire Van Halen, "Jump," Warner Bros.
Yello, "Lost Again," Elektra
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HEAVY ROTATION (maximum 4 plays a day):

Big Country, "In A Big Country," Mercury
Culture Club, "Karma Chameleon," Virgin/Epic
Rodney Dangerfield, "Rappin' Rodney," RCA Dors, "Gloria," Elektra
Duran Duran, "Union Of The Snake," Capitol
Don Felder, "Bad Girls," Asylum
Genesis, "That's All," Atlantic
Heaven, "Rock School," Columbia Heaven, "Rock School," Columbia
Journey, "Send Her My Love," Columbia
Daryl Hall & John Oates, "Say It Isn't So," RCA
Cyndi Lauper, "Girls Just Want to Have Fun," Portrait
Huey Lewis, "Heart And Soul," Chrysalis
Huey Lewis, "I Want A New Drug," Chrysalis
John Cougar Mellencamp, "Crumblin' Down," Riva/PolyGram
John Cougar Mellencamp, "Pink Houses," Riva/PolyGram
Night Ranger, "Rock In America," Camel/MCA
Aldo Nova, "Monkey On Your Back," Epic
Robert Plant "In the Mood" Atlantic

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Police, "Synchronicity II," A&M
Police, "Wrapped Around Your Finger," A&M
Rainbow, "Street Dreams," Polydor
Romantics, "Talking In Your Sleep," Nemperor/CBS

Lionel Richie, "All Night Long," Motown
Rolling Stones, "Under Cover Of The Night," Rolling Stones .38 Special, "If I'd Been The One," A&M

U2, "I Will Follow," Island
Yes, "Owner Of A Lonely Heart," Atlantic
ZZ Top, "TV Dinners," Warner Bros.

MEDIUM ROTATION (maximum 3 plays a day):

ABC, "That Was Then, This Is Now," Mercury Alcatrazz, 'Island In The Sun," Rocshire

Adam Ant, "Strip," Epic
Blue Oyster Cult, "Shooting Shark," Columbia
Irene Cara, "Why Me," Geffen
Dokken, "Breaking The Chains," Elektra

Bob Dylan, "Sweetheart Like You," Columbia Fixx, "Sign Of Fire," MCA Elton John, "That's Why They Call It," Geffen

Lords Of The New Church, "Dance With Me," IRS Eddie Money, "The Big Crash," Columbia Motley Crue, "Looks That Kill," Elektra Ozzy Osbourne, "Bark At The Moon," Associated

Real Life, "Send Me An Angel," MCA
Stan Ridgeway & Stewart Copeland, "Don't Box Me In," Universal
Paul Rodgers, "Cut Loose," Atlantic
Spandau Ballet, "Gold," Chrysalis
Talking Heads, "This Must Be The Place/Naive," Sire

The Alarm, "The Stand," IRS X, "True Love, Part Two," Elektra

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LIGHT ROTATION (maximum 2 plays a day):

AC/DC, "Flick Of The Switch," Atlantic
C.S. Angels, "Independence Day," Arista
Big Country, "Fields Of Fire," Mercury
Black Sabbath, "Trashed," Warner Bros.
Blue Peter, "Don't Walk Past," Ready
Bongos, "Numbers With Wings," RCA

John Cafferty & the Beaver Brown Band, "On The Dark Side," Scotti Bros./CBS

Irene Cara, "The Dream," Network

Kim Carnes, "Invisible Hands," EMI America Clarence Clemons, "Woman's Got The Power," Columbia

Jimmy Cliff, "Reggae Nights," Columbia Comateens, "Late Mistake," Virgin/Mercury Elvis Costello, "Let Them Talk," Columbia Crack The Sky, 'Mr. D.J.," Criminal

DeBarris/Knight, "Obsession," Gold Mountain

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Headpins, "Just One More Time," Solid Gold/MCA
Heart, "Allies," Epic
Hilary, "Kinetic," MCA
Hyts, "Backstabber," Gold Mountain/A&M

Howard Jones, "New Song," Elektra
Danny Johnson, "Love Thing," Lipstick
Joshua, "Broken Dreams," Enigma/Greenworld

Let's Active, "Every Word Means No," IRS
Machinations, "Pressure Sway," Oz/A&M
Manfred Mann, "Demolition Man," Arista
Naked Eyes, "When The Lights Go Out," EMI America

Nena, "99 Luftballons," Epic New Order, "Confusion," Streetwise

# Retailing

### SOFTWARE CHART ANALYSIS

# 'Miner' Mines Classic Qualities

"Miner 2049er," published by Big Five Software, has been a top selling item since it entered the marketplace a year ago. Its clean, fun humor and fast action make it destined to become a classic.
Author Bill Hogue, 22, notes the

company's general manager, Ted Wittberg, has long been fascinated with Walt Disney productions. "His game is clean, wholesome fun. The violence is tongue-in-cheek, and the game contains a lot of humor," he adds

The game, at number 20 this week, takes place in the year 2049. Bounty Bob is chasing Yukon Yohan through a labyrinth of mine shafts. During Bob's climbing, running and leaping through the mines, he encounters an array of mutants. Game action is similar to "Donkey Kong."

Unlike "Donkey Kong," "Miner 2049er" contains some 10 different screens of mine shafts, and Bob never catches up with Yukon Yohan. But in an upcoming sequel, Bob will meet his rival, it is anticipated.

Hogue spent more than six months working on this title. He had previously published nine software packages for the Radio Shack TRS 80. "Miner" was his first hit. It is estimated that the company has sold about 200,000 copies.

Micro Lab, based in Chicago, has been marketing the Apple version of this game. The company, headed by Stan Goldberg, is also enjoying healthy sales on it.

Many titles on the entertainment chart have maintained positions since the chart made its debut 13 weeks ago. Some of these titles such as

"Blue Max" by Synapse Software, available on only two systems, and Sir-Tech's "Wizardry" and "Legacy Of The Llylgamyn," available for Apple computers, show sales figures comparable to titles that can be found on an array of systems.

According to Tom Measday of Broderbund, certain titles become classics and are consistently recommended to customers. The company's "Choplifter" is said to be sold as a "must" piece of software during an initial hardware sale. The same is said of "Wizardry," one of the oldest adventure games.
Similarly, "Blue Max," a 3D

scrolling game that simulates a biplane, is receiving the same kind of sales attention given to "Wizardry" and "Choplifter

**FAYE ZUCKERMAN** 

# Now Playing

# 'Artdisc' Mixes Computer, Live Action

By FAYE ZUCKERMAN

A laser videodisk producer/experimenter in New York City has merged computer and videodisk technology to come up with an interactive package to be launched this year. In essence, the new package will combine live action with random selection possibilities provided by a computer. For example, say Peter Crown and

Jennifer Scanlin, who head up the project, a portion of the disk will fea-ture "personal humor" in which the user asks the computer/disk a question, and the answer emerges in the form of a live action psychologist played by soap opera satirist Mitchell Kriegman,

Kriegman, who is the project director, has chosen three other artists to assist in the making of this new form of software: filmmaker George Griffin, Laurie Anderson and choreographer Pooh Kaye.

Romulus Productions Inc. of New

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This column offers dealers a sam-

Carl Fischer Music Distributors,

with locations in New York, Chicago

and Los Angeles, has just completed

its first 1984 Buyer's Guide, which the company touts as "52 pages of ev-

1984 with a number of new folios, led by personality releases "Pipes Of

Peace" by Paul McCartney (\$8.95), "Memories" by Barbra Streisand (\$8.95) and "Rant N' Rave With The

Stray Cats" (\$7.95). In the "real"

oldies category, 'The Ultimate Series—Singalongs!" contains 100

chestnuts in spiral bound (\$16.95)

Columbia Pictures Publications has issued the soundtrack music of

Barbra Streisand's "Yentl" (\$9.95),

which is available to retailers in a

baker's-dozen browser box, offering

13 copies at a 50% discount plus one

free. That comes out to \$59.70. A

personality newcomer from Columbia is "The Fixx Songbook" (\$9.95).

Warner Bros. Publications has a

second volume of 1983 hit recaps at

\$6.95 and has issued Paul Simon's

"Hearts And Bones" (\$9.95). www americanradiohi

and perfect bound (\$12.95) editions.

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York City is calling this software package "Artdisc." It has been funded by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and by the New York State Council for the Arts. Scanlin and Crown both hope that this project will eventually be made available for the home market.

Currently, "Artdisc" is slated to be

featured in museums. But, Scanlin and Crown say, "Video games introduced people to interactivity; now videodisks will bring interactive video to the consumer."

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When E.F. Hutton speaks: In the '60s, "hotlines" emerged. In the '80s, the "Huttonline" burgeoned. At least that is what E.F. Hutton has said about its new electronic information service for the company's retail clientele.

The service, which recently went on line, provides retailers with investment information, account data, research and electronic mail-a new emerging communication network. And for those Hutton customers who don't own a microcomputer, the firm will offer IBM Personal Computers, which clients can order through their account executives.

The company also assures that it can deliver information through videotex terminals, word processors and data terminals. For example, Florida's Hutton customers can get information through Viewtron, a videotex service.

Initiating new communication technology is not new to Hutton. In 1904, the year the firm was founded, Edward F. Hutton financed the first private coast-to-coast wire. Today, E.F. Hutton holds a Western Union contract numbered "1." \* \* \*

Musical processing: A company based in Half Moon Bay, Calif. has launched a music writing processor package for Apple computers. Entitled the "Polywriter," it allows users to get a print out in musical note form of sounds made on the company's computer add-on keyboard.

The publisher of the music software, Passport Designs, reports that standard music notation can be printed off this program. It handles note division, seconds, accidentals, ties, flags and beams, split stemming, triplet brackets, rests and any time signature as well as providing editing

The "Polywriter" requires one disk drive, a monitor, a printer interface and a printer with graphics. It retails for about \$595.

### **PolyGram Joins** With Musician In New Contest

NEW YORK-PolyGram Records and Musician magazine are cosponsoring a first quarter "Music On The Move" contest with a strong retail pull.

Contestants are being asked to answer five categories of questions involving album product by John Cougar Mellencamp, Def Leppard, Big Country and Kiss. Since answers require an inspection of the album covers, the contest is viewed as a big retail draw.

Entry blanks for the contest, for which no purchase is required, appear in the February issue of Musician, which goes on sale Jan. 15. In case of a tie, winners will be chosen at random and notified within weeks after entries are due March 15.

The grand prize is the \$1,000 list top-of-the-line Bose 1401 Series II Direct/Reflecting Music System. There are 25 second prizes of a cassette of each of the contest albums and a one-year subscription to Musician and 50 third prizes of a Musician T-shirt.

For retailers, contest sponsors are providing four-color posters to Poly-Gram/Musician accounts.



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# Pro Equipment & Services

# Fairlight Develops Demo Studios Firm Battles Obstacles To Use Of Computer Instrument

By SAM SUTHERLAND

LOS ANGELES-How can you sell studio operators, producers, musicians and composers a leading-edge computer musical instrument when daunting price, challenging operational sophistication and the proliferation of lower cost synthesizers and outboard effects block the way?

In the case of Fairlight Instruments, the Australian firm behind the unique Fairlight Computer Musical Instrument (CMI), the answer has been to launch its own network of low-cost, high-tech demonstration studios. While the Fairlight CMI had already carved out an enviable niche among top-flight recording artists, producers and composers, with a fast rising star among film and tv effects and music mavens, Fairlight president Kim Ryrie was impatient

Ryrie believes that the system's full capabilities actually make it extremely cost-effective-if the operator understands the full capabilities of the device, a true computer capable of translating sophisticated composition and performance software into a dizzying array of uses.

"We're starting a network of these little studios, where you can go in and use the Fairlight and an eighttrack recorder, starting at \$25 an hour," explains Ryrie. "It enables people to get their hands on the system, and that's always the problem

Ryrie says he spent the past year screening available recording equip-

ment for the demo rooms, "trying to configure a system with low cost and high quality." Because the Fairlight's own scheme utilizes eight discrete outputs, allowing equalization and effects to be applied to up to eight different voicings during a single operation, the corresponding multi-track tape format was a natural choice. Mixing down to stereo pairs would allow users to assemble considerably more complex programs—typically 24 tracks of instrumental information with three additional tracks free for overdubs, and a last track reserved for the synch signal.

The first room, built in Fairlight's home base of Sydney, employed a Tascam 58 recorder, a 24-channel Soundcraft console, Quantec room simulation and various outboard signal processors. A 3½-hour training program, utilizing a videotaped presentation, provides first-time users with a rundown of the system prior to the session, and most clients will employ an assistant during the first session to help lead them over the hurdles. After that, however, Ryrie says most studio clients will book time alone.

If Ryrie's rooms are physically compact, owing to the nature of the CMI itself, Ryrie notes that the rooms already offer two-track digital recording, using Sony's F1 digital auprocessor and Beta format VCR's, supplied at optional cost.

Since opening the Sydney room, Fairlight has spread the training studio concept to the U.S. first, in line

rial scheme, which mirrors Ryrie's own itinerant movements as he shuttles between Sydney and the two American coasts. Two training and demonstration rooms have already been established in Manhattan's Soho district, while Fairlight's U.S. marketing base, in West Los Angeles, has recently relocated from its original site at the Village Recorder to its own separate location.

Relatively low investment per room suggests Fairlight can indeed follow its intended course of gradually extending its network of demo studios. For its most complete room setup-which incorporates synchronization for film and television scoring—Ryrie estimates the equipment cost at \$60,000 to \$70,000. A more compact configuration intended solely for conventional audio recording and demonstration of the CMI's various performance, composition, printing and other feacan be equipped for around \$40,000.

Ryrie envisions rooms at both ends of that spectrum, noting that the original Sydney room needed film and tv compatibility because of strong demand for the Fairlight's wide-ranging sonic abilities from the busy Australian film community. That same demand exists here, where the Farilight is already moving on a fast track with film and video clients, thanks to its versatility in effects generation as well as scoring and musical synthesis.

Dealers abroad are already marketing the product in Holland, France, West Germany, Italy and Japan. The latter two countries are each represented by two Fairlight

Given the CMI's stature as an actual computer, Ryrie indicates that the service-intensive nature of the device, as well as the need for constant upgrading of both hardware and software, make the network of demonstration studios a practical means of maintaining contact with users. Although Fairlight has researched the development of musical software programs for use on home computers, thus far Ryrie says the logical course is to concentrate on the CMI itself.

"We felt we didn't want to go down-market, because we believe other companies will emerge to serve that market," notes Ryrie, who does confirm three other projects under wraps, described only as compatible with the CMI itself.

Available refinements have included improved voice cards designed to answer the earliest criticism of the original Series 1 CMI, which Ryrie admits posed problems with the fidelity of the signals. The new generation cards have 10 times the transient response of the old, and now boast a much broader bandwidth, approaching 20 khz at the top end. The signalto-noise ratio has also been increased, now specified at 85 db.

Other new twists include the availability of a real-time composition language, Page R, unveiled at the Audio time code on a single card. Ryrie notes that the CMI is also being up-dated to "talk" with FM-based keyboard synthesizers and non-MIDI electronic instruments such as drum

These and various other modifica-

# **New Products**







Shure Brothers Inc. introduces the FP31, a compact, portable microphone mixer designed for electronic news gathering and field production use, including film, video and remote broadcast applications. The FP31 features three locking type input connectors located for easy access on the mixer's left side, corresponding to the input level control side of the mixer, and two three-pin output connectors on the unit's right side. The mixer, which comes with a carrying case and shoulder straps, has a price tag of \$830.

## **Dolby Cassette Duplicator**

LOS ANGELES—Cetec Gauss has started filling orders on updated versions of its Series 2400 high speed cassette duplicating systems incorporating Dolby HX Professional headroom extension circuitry.

### Yamaha Funding 'Wired' Series

ANGELES—Yamaha is bankrolling a major radio series exploring the evolution of electronic synthesizers and instruments. The firm is funding a 26-part program, "Totally Wired: Artists In Electronic Sound," now running over public radio stations across the U.S.

The series, which first began airing in October, employs interviews with 37 leading artists known for their roles in advancing the art of electronic music. Producers John Kiliberto and Kimberly Haas also received grants from Sequential Circuits Inc., producers of the Prophet electronic keyboard line; the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

Featured artists include Vangelis, Karlheinz Stockhausen, Robert Moog, Wendy Carlos, Philip Glass, Klaus Schulze, Chick Corea, Terry Riley, Kraftwerk, Otto Luening, Tangerine Dream, Lyle Mays, Thomas Dolby, Jon Appleton, Morton Subotnick, Malcolm Cecil, Ultravox, Jan Hammer, Charles Dodge, Laurie Spiegel, Bernard Krause, Donald Buchla, Richard Teitelbaum, Patrick Gleeson, Depeche Mode and Steven Halpern.

The Sun Valley, Calif. company is also offering a conversion kit enabling owners of existing Series 1200 speed duplicators to retrofit their systems with the Dolby HX biasing device.

Dolby HX Professional circuits, initially developed by Dolby Labs in conjunction with Bang & Olufsen for home cassette systems, are designed to allow an effective increase in usable recording headroom on cassette tapes. Highest frequency information is claimed to be recorded more accurately without added distortion or loss of effective signal-to-noise ratio.

Gauss systems outfitted with the optional HX Pro equipment afford six pre-settable bias settings and duplicating speeds of 64:1 and 32:1. The HX Pro device is supplied with two presets, one for ferric oxide tape formulations and a second for chromium dioxide tapes; a third position is provided for those users who wish to utilize more esoteric tape formulations, such as metal particle tape, employing their own adjustments.

HX Pro can be used on either duplicating speed, with each slave unit in a given duplication chain capable of adding the biasing technique as directed by the operator, using individual on/off switches for each slave.

License fees for use of the system are not demanded by either Cetec Gauss or Dolby, since Cetec will absorb the one-time royalty charge at the time of equipment purchase. According to a spokesman for Cetec Gauss, initial clients in the U.S., Europe and Asia include CBS Records subsidiaries in Canada, Holland and the U.K.



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# Studio Track

### **By ERIN MORRIS**

### LOS ANGELES

At Lion Share Recording Studios, Rod Stewart is cutting tracks for his upcoming al bum on Warner Bros. with producer Michael Omartian. John Guess is engineering, with assistance from Tom Fouce . . . Omartian is also producing cuts on Donna Summer, with

Guess behind the board and Larry Fergusson seconding . . . Producer Ramon Arcusa and engineer Humberto Gatica are mixing Julio Iglesias' latest project.

Cindy Nelson is laying tracks with producer Mark Hudson at the Village Recorder. Jeff Harris is at the controls, with Doug Williams

gles for Stevie Nicks, Teena Marie and Bette Midler at Precision Lacquer.

New MCA artist Steve Crane is cutting tracks for his debut LP at Sunset Sound, with Steve Lukather and Jai Winding producing. Shep Lonsdale is engineering . . . Japanese artist Iruka is finishing her upcoming release

with Mr. Kambe producing and Kent Nebergall engineering . . . Producer Vini Poncia is working on a remix of the Breaks' upcoming single for RCA, with Bobby Schaper engineering and Bill Jackson assisting.

At United Western Studios, Chuck Francour & the Hard Corps are finishing mixing their next album, with Francour producing

Mark Shiffman and Gary Wagner are engineering

At Media Sound, the Clips, who are former Beatlemania members, are cutting single tracks with co-producer and engineer Michael

George Flame and Michael Case Kissel are producing Robin Clark's newest LP at RPM Studios. The HME Records project is being engineered by Dom Maita.

At Secret Sound Studio, the Slickaphonics are mixing their next album, with John Potoker producing and engineering. Warren Bruleigh is assisting . . . Donald Dee is finishing overdubs for his new 12-inch single for Elektra. **Grand Master Flash** is producing, with Hugo Dwyer engineering and Jim Lyon

Talas is mixing its live album at the Record Plant, with Jay Krugman producing.

At Planet Sound Studios, Arif Mardin is producing Chaka Khan's next Warner Bros. album, with Lew Hahn behind the board.

At Skyline Studios, John Jansen is producing tracks on New Math, with Arthur Payson engineering . . . A.K.A. is finishing its third LP, with Jae Jarrett producing and Bruce Allen at the controls . . . Steve Scharf is producing a mini-LP for American Dog, with Payson engineering and Roger Moutento se-. David Young is producing an EP for the Cucumbers on Fake Doom Records David Lichtenstein is at the board, assisted by Scott Ansell.

### **ELSEWHERE**

At Victorian Recording Studio in Houston, J.C. & the Dirtts are cutting tracks for their upcoming single, with Roger Cummings producing and Steve Brudnisk behind the board

Roger Cummings producing debut album by Martha Byrant at Wooden Studios in Houston, with engineer Gus Buzbee at the

In Portland, Ore. at Rex Recording Studios, David O'Brian is recording his first release for Klickitat. The single is being produced by Rus Gorsline and Gary Perman,

with Gorsline behind the board.
In Philadelphia at Magnetic Recorder, Al Steiner is producing the Wanamaker Lewis Trio's upcoming album with engineers Scott Sinkler and Bob Wakely.

At Kajem Recording Studios in Gladwyne, Pa., Judy Mowatt is mixing her album with producer Skip Drinkwater with engineer Mitch Goldfarb.

Editor's note: All material for the Studio Track column should be directed to Erin Morris in Billboard's Nashville office.

### **Recording College Holding Open House**

SAN FRANCISCO—The College For Recording Arts will host an open house here Saturday (14) from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for prospective students. The gathering, led by the institution's founder and dean, Leo de Gar Kulka, will include a tour of the school's recording facilities, audio visual presentations of its services, and meetings with course instructors.

The school is affiliated with Sonic Arts Corp. and is located at 665 Harrison St. here. Opened in 1974, the college focuses on audio recording and the music industry.



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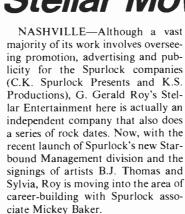
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### WORKING WITH SPURLOCK

# Stellar Moving Into Management



Roy's affiliation with Spurlockwhich began in late 1978—gives him 125-130 Kenny Rogers dates world-

wide to promote and advertise each year. In mid-February through March, Stellar will promote Rogers' **INTERNATIONAL** 

### **MUSIC INDUSTRY** CONFERENCE

May 13-17, 1984 Killarney, Ireland rock dates each year in Lexington and Louisville, including Journey, Rick Springfield and the Kinks.

Roy says he considers management a natural progression out of concert promotion. "Attorneys who move into management often understand the legal aspects but haven't dealt with the day-to-day decisionmaking, involved with touring, choosing the right dates for an act, promoting shows and knowing the right kind of marketing strategy," he says.

Despite Starbound's signing of Thomas and Sylvia, neither act is currently packaged through K.S. Productions (Spurlock's concert production division), nor are they merchandised by Dreamer Productions, which is the concessions arm operated by Spurlock's son, K.C. Spurlock. first tour of Australia and New

Roy promotes regional concerts for Spurlock with the Oak Ridge Boys, Larry Gatlin & the Gatlin Brothers Band, and Mickey Gilley, among others. And in conjunction with Chicago-based Jam Productions, Stellar also does about a dozen

Roy relies heavily on electronic media for concert promotion. Currently, he spends around half of his advertising budget on radio, with another 30% earmarked for tv and 20% going to print. However, he says that in the near future, he will probably reapportion his promotional budget toward a 40%/40% split between tv and radio. He usually allows between \$7,000-\$7,500 to promote and publicize one of his regional country concerts, and estimates that Stellar helped Kenny Rogers achieve gross boxoffice receipts in 1983 of between \$25 and \$30 million.

### For The Record

Due to a typesetting error, two titles were inadvertently switched on the Hot Country Singles chart in the Jan. 7 issue. The chart should have shown "Dancin' With The Devil" by Stephanie Winslow debuting at 76 with a bullet as a new entry. Atlanta's "Dixie Dreaming" should have appeared at number 75 with no

# Razzy Bailey Suit Seeks \$\$ From Cancelled Cruise

GATLIN GATHERING—Larry Gatlin & the Gatlin Brothers Band entertain

the "Nashville Now" studio audience and the Nashville Network's at-home

NASHVILLE-Former RCA recording artist Razzy Bailey has filed a \$620,000 lawsuit against an Alabama talent broker and two tour

# Gilley, Watson **Complete Roster Of New Agency**

NASHVILLE—With the additions of Mickey Gilley and Gene Watson, In Concert International has rounded out its roster, which now includes Ricky Skaggs, the Whites, Brenda McDowell, Charly Ronnie McClain, Exile, Carl Perkins and the

The new booking agency was formed in November, following the death of longtime Nashville booking giant Dick Blake. Four of In Concert's executives-president Scott Faragher, executive vice president Allen Whitcomb, vice president Dave Barton and secretary/treasurer Linda Edwards—formerly worked with Dick Blake International.

Whitcomb stresses that the new agency will maintain a small clientele and concentrate on developing each act individually. Packaging is a key element in ICI's plan. Current packages coordinated by the agency are Charly McClain/Mickey Gilley (who are also recording duets together) and Ricky Skaggs/the Whites

A number of Skaggs' dates are copromoted by Ben Farrell of Lon Var-nell Enterprises. Whitcomb says ICI will be working more closely with Farrell in coming months.

companies, alleging breach of contract and career damage. The defendants in the complaint filed in the Chancery Court of Davidson County here are Robert Smith, doing business as First Image, International Cruise Consultants and Paquet French Cruises.

Specifically, Bailey is asking for \$45,000 in compensatory damages, \$75,000 in punitive damages and \$500,000 for damages to his career.

Bailey alleges that he signed an agreement with the defendants on May 11, 1983, under which he would perform on a tourist cruise in return for the use of 10 cabins during the cruise. He further charges that the cruise and his employment on it were cancelled "without warning or justification" on Nov. 28. He also states that both paying and non-paying cabin holders who inquired about the cruise cancellation were told by the defendants that the cancellation was

According to the complaint, Bailey promoted the cruise through his fan club, radio and television appearances and "other written and oral communications with the public, and he invited nine "professional and personal acquaintances" to accompany him on the proposed week-long vovage

Smith and representatives of ICC and Paquet, the complaint says, promoted the cruise on country music stations throughout the U.S., offering as part of the promotion free cabins to a contest winner and to a number of the Federation of Country Air

### Music Network Still Seeks Stars has 92 affiliate stations in 47 states, the Music Country Radio Network is still hard-pressed to find enough name artists for its record-and-talk format. Emanating from the WSM studios here and carried live via Associated Press satellite, the Network broadcasts eight hours of program-

Bennie Ray, producer and talent coordinator for the Network (as well as one of its weekend hosts), says it was particularly difficult to secure guest artists during the recent holiday stretch. In the two-week period covering Christmas and New Year, the program featured appearances by Hugh X. Lewis, Mel McDaniel, Lee Greenwood, John Hartford, Bill Anderson, Chet Atkins, the Kendalls and Joe Stampley.

ming seven nights a week.

Noting that the talent search has

ord labels understand the operations of the Network, Ray says his hardest job is finding the right contact person. "Most artists will do the show," he adds, "if you can just get in touch with them." He says it took him "a few months" to schedule one entertainer—not because of conflicting dates or an unwillingness to appear, but because Ray was consistently unable to make the right contact.

In addition to performers, the Network occasionally books producers and songwriters. Recently, it instituted "trivia nights," during which industry figures attempt to answer country music questions phoned in by listeners on toll-free lines. Ray says this feature will be carried on the second Wednesday and fourth Friday of each month.

Artists who have been newly signed to major labels or who are having their initial chart success also are welcomed by the Network, according to Ray. Generally, though, they are scheduled for Saturday nights. The amount of time any guest may appear ranges from an hour to the duration of the show.

"We're flexible on the question of drop-in guests," Ray reports. "We was the guests because 4. prefer to schedule guests, because that gives us time to do promos and B get their records together. But naturally, if Waylon Jennings, Conway Twitty, Alabama or Dolly Parton dropped by, we'd put them on." Twitty, Alabama or Dolly Parton dropped by, we'd put them on."

Charlie Douglas, the major host of the show, says he thinks country artists are currently more enchanted by promoting themselves on television than on radio—regardless of the market size. "They're much more willing to appear on a tv show than visit a radio station," he observes.

**EDWARD MORRIS** 

### WITH BLENDINGWELL/LIFESONG

# Corbin, Hanner Seek To End Pact

NASHVILLE—Mel Tillis Productions, its allied publishing company Sabal Music, and songwriters/recording artists Robert Corbin and David Hanner have filed an action in the Chancery Court of Davidson County here asking that their contracts with Blendingwell Music and its subsidiary, Lifesong Records, be declared terminated.

The complaint further asks that the defendants be permanently en-

### Churchill Records Files For Stock Offering

TULSA—Churchill Records & Video Ltd. has filed a registration statement with the Securities & Exchange Commission to cover a proposed public offering of 625,000 shares of common stock at an anticipated price of \$4 per share. The proposed \$2.5 million offering is expected to occur this month.

The purpose of the public offering is to provide additional funds to Churchill for its recording operation and an anticipated expansion into diversified areas of the entertainment

joined from telling third parties that they have any contractual rights with the plaintiffs.

Corbin and Hanner, according to the complaint, were under contracts with Mel Tillis Productions and Sabal Music for recording and songwriting, respectively, when they all entered into further agreements with Lifesong Records on April 28, 1978. The purpose of the Lifesong agreement was the production of records on the Corbin/Hanner Band. As part of the arrangement, the complaint continues, Sabal Music signed a publisher participation agreement under which Blendingwell Music would receive 50% of the royalties from publishing songs written by Corbin and Hanner.

The complaint alleges that following a renewal of the original con-tracts between the Tillis factions and the Lifesong factions, Lifesong failed to perform its obligations, either by producing the required Corbin/Hanner recordings or by paying them commensurate recording fees. An attorney for Lifesong, the complaint maintains, wrote a letter to Tillis Productions saying that Lifesong recause the contract was "suspended, On Aug. 3, 1983, the complaint says, Lifesong issued a letter to exercise its option to renew the contract for a year, claiming the contract was with Cashwest Productions instead of Lifesong. The letter simultaneously called for a renewal of the publisher participation agreement. On Aug. 26, 1983, Mel Tillis Productions notified Lifesong Records that it was electing to consider these bids for renewal null and void.

In response to this declaration, the complaint says, Lifesong responded in a letter to Tillis that "should Corbin and Hanner try to enter into an agreement with another record company in violation of their valid and existing agreements with Cashwest Productions Inc., we will take action as we deem necessary in order to protect our rights."

The complaint also cites and exhibits a letter purportedly written to a third party by Tommy West, an officer of the defendants, asserting that existing contracts between Lifesong and Blendingwell and Corbin and Hanner could cause any third parties negotiating with them to become in-



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# Survey For Week Ending 1/14/84 Country Singles.

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# **How A Songwriting Star Was Born**

By KIP KIRBY

Even for Hollywood, the script would be considered farfetched: Unknown songwriter co-authors tune with friend, friend pursues rock superstar into men's room at major L.A. venue after concert and pitches song, song gets cut and becomes huge hit. Add to this unlikely scenario the fact that the superstar was Rick Springfield-who's not known for re-

cording outside material-and you've got the picture.

that's cisely how Danny and Blaise Tate managed to Tosti get "Affair Of The Heart" cut by



Springfield. The song was somewhat different as originally written by Tate and Tosti (for one thing, it was titled "Superman"), although it started off with the same long synthesizer introduction now used by Springfield to open his current stage tour. Tate had never had a song cut before; Tosti was signed to Dolly Parton's Velvet Apple Music and living in Los Angeles. And if Tosti hadn't held his breath and taken the risk of following the superstar alone into the Hollywood Palace men's room with a demo cassette, Tate might still be an unknown songwriter hopeful struggling for recognition.

Instead, Tate has just signed with the Welk Music Group (Springfield's publisher) in Nashville. He moved four years ago to break into performing. He plays keyboards and has logged considerable experience in clubs and entertaining high school students across the country

Tate met Springfield backstage at Nashville's Municipal Auditorium several weeks ago when the Australian rocker headlined a soldout concert here. Besides pitching more material to Rick, Tate is working on his own album at Cotton Row Studio in Memphis and hoping to land a recording contract on the strength of the finished product.

"Since I'm primarily a pop song writer," says Tate, "I knew it might be difficult finding a publishing situation in Nashville. But Welk came to me, and they seem as excited about my artist potential as my writing."



BACKSTAGE AFFAIR-Rick Springfield, left, greets songwriter Danny Tate, co-author of Springfield's hit song, "Affair Of The Heart," backstage at the Municipal Auditorium following the superstar's Nashville appearance in mid-December.

Danny adds that Springfield asked him for more songs when he was in town. For someone whose very first cut became a No. 1 pop smash, that's not a slow beginning!

Alabama is up for four possible American Music Awards during the live ABC telecast Jan. 16 from the Shrine Auditorium in L.A. The group has been nominated as "favorite duo or group—country," while its single "Dixieland Delight" and al-bum "The Closer You Get" are also contenders for top honors. And in the "favorite country video" category, Alabama's nominated for "Dixieland Delight" as well. The video category includes rock, pop, r&b and country. In 1983, Alabama was named "favorite group" at this annual awards presentation.

To celebrate the occasion, Alabama will unveil its new single, "Roll On (Eighteen Wheeler)," for the first time on national television. This marks the first time (for those of you who keep track of these things) that Alabama has recorded a trucking song.

Several years ago, producer Nelson Larkin formed a small independent label named Sunbird Records to launch the career of singer Earl Thomas Conley. Conley scored a

No. 1 single, "Fire and Smoke," on Sunbird, was picked up by RCA, and the label fizzled away. Now Larkin—who still produces Conley—has reentered the independent label sweep stakes with his Awesome Records, and is releasing "Got A Thing About You, Baby" by Gary Goodnight as its debut. Although Larkin isn't known for speaking Valley Girl lingo, he's hoping his label will soon become known as "Totally Awesome.

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William Lee Golden of the Oak Ridge Boys is set to marry Luetta Callaway. His Texas-born fiancee is a former model and lives in Las Vegas.

This will leave only Richard Sterban as a bachelor Oak . . . Playboy magazine reprinted a version of the poster Mel Tillis made with Playmate Kimberly MacArthur a few issues back,

and was deluged with fan requests. (We'd like to think it was because of Tillis, but we've seen this poster, and we suspect Miss MacArthur is the main motivation for Playboy's legion of readers.) Tillis' management said the posters aren't for sale, but readers can get one by sending in "a big envelope with about 30 cents postage.' Okav

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Meanwhile, M-M-Mel is finishing up his autobiography with novelist and former ASCAP executive Walter Wager; the book should be in stores around late spring. Tillis has also just third radio station: WUNI in Mobile. Ala. He's renaming the station WMML. (Get it?) He presently has two others in Amarillo: KYTX-FM and KMMI. And when the DJs do station IDs, do they say "This is radio station K-M-M-Mel?"

A total of 6,000 fans packed Billy Bob's in Fort Worth recently, with another 1,500 turned away, for an appearance by George Strait. The Dec. 10 show put Strait up in the top 10 of Billy Bob's top-grossing actsand remember, this club is billed as "the world's largest honkytonk.

Congratulations to singer/songwriter/humorist Dick Feller, who was married Christmas Day at Isle of Palms, S.C. to Gayle Gilford. Feller writes for Tree International in Nashville.

The MGM Grand in Las Vegas has added a new sandwich to menu in the "Reaching For The Stars" section. There are nine entries, with the first one called "The Eddie Rabbitt." It isn't a salad; it's a ham, turkey and cheese sandwich. We aren't sure why this combination is the one named for Eddie, but at least he's in fine company; others featured in the "celebrity deli" category of the menu are Donna Summer, Jimmy Durante, Clark Gable and Dean

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# **Tower Sales Jump 30%** With Emphasis On Video

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the excitement in video may cause people to overlook the real music bent of the company. "We are a music company. Our employees tend to be music freaks, real experts."

As an example, he cites the consumer magazine Pulse, in which many articles, including technical pieces on classical music, are written by staff people. He says Pulse now has a 75,000 print order and, though free in Tower stores, enjoys around 500 subscribers.

Goman says Tower has all but closed out video cartridge games. "We experimented in one store with computer software," he says. "The product is still in the original 48 cartons. We just find it's (computer software) too labor intensive for sales people. But this isn't to say other record/tape chains cannot do a job in the product. It's not for us at this

Often, individual stores and store managers pace the company. For example, 12-inch dance singles became a hotbed at West Covina and then spread chainwide to the point where Solomon pleaded with manufacturers to release more during a National Assn. of Recording Merchandisers (NARM) retail seminar (Billboard, Oct. 8).
"We were a little tentative with

Compact Disc," Goman says. "We put it in only 14 stores. Six other managers acted on their own and

could find it. Now we see CD as 1% of our total music business.

Fixturing hasn't particularly slowed Tower's push into CD, because the company has its own fix-ture factory. "We experimented until ve had what we want. We have four fixtures now in our all-classical Sunset store," Goman states.

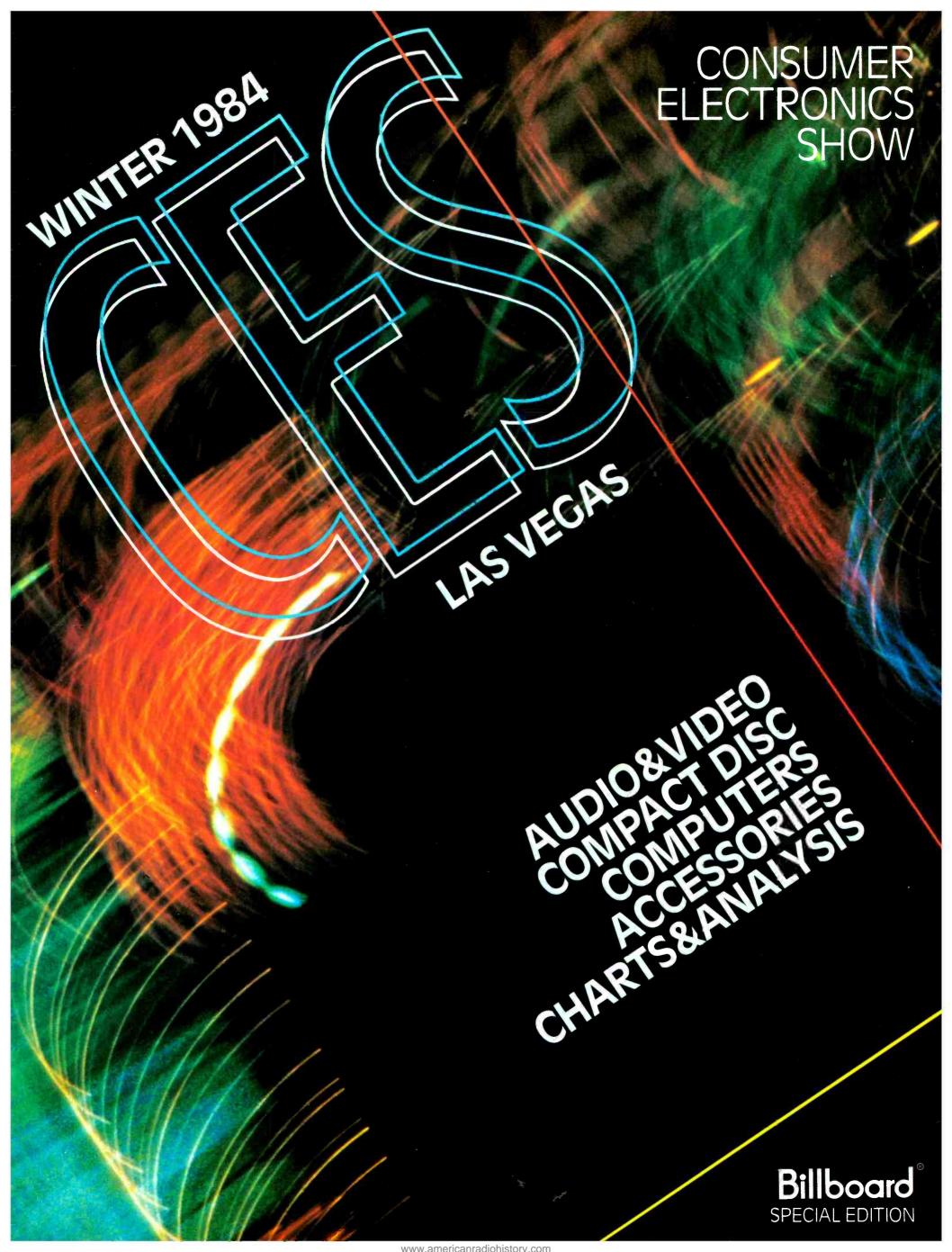
Sometimes Tower seems to be rushing in all directions but it pulls back strategically, Goman indicates. An example is posters. There was a trend toward individual poster stores (in fact, an experimental strip in Sacramento dating back several years has stores for books, posters, video and records/tapes). "We're slowly converting our poster units and departments into the main flow of the

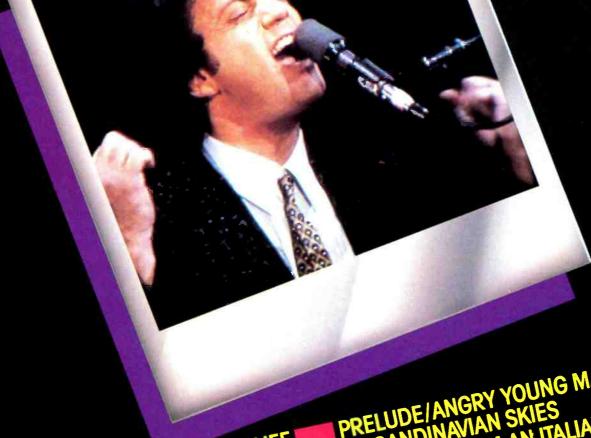
Video remains the non-music area in which Tower feels most comfortable. Much experimenting has led to a streamlined, simple approach. There is no rental club; a fee of \$2.50 per day is augmented by a special on Tuesdays and Wednesdays offering half-price. "We're still \$2.50 whether it's 'Gandhi' or 'Debbie Does Dallas,' but we have a series of promotions, like our grand opening one. Here we say, 'Rent one, watch two,' so we do half-price again," Goman explains.

As for the local splash being planned to herald the video stores in the area, Goman says he doesn't want to disclose everything Tower is coming with: "We want people to keep watching us."

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buy current hit motion pictures for \$19.95 on videodisk. And \$39.95 price points for movies on videocassette have given way to \$29.95 levels for such popular non-theatrical releases as "Making Michael Jackson's Thriller."

With the supply of movie titles slowing, original made-for-video programming is increasing in both quality and quantity, particularly from the independents. Music, how-to and children's titles have established themselves in this area—Karl Video is releasing a tape on child develop-ment, "How To Teach Your Baby To Read." Vestron Video plans new music titles and theatrical and non-theatrical additions to its Children's Video Library line.

MGM/UA will release its third "rockumentary": "Cool Cats: 25 Years Of Rock 'n' Roll Style." From Walt Disney Home Video come two full-length French animation features, part of the company's ongoing series of outside acquisitions. Billy Joel's Home Box Office concert is coming out on CBS/Fox Video.

coming out on CBS/Fox Video.

Pioneer Artists has signed an exclusive four-program deal with Barry Manilow, beginning with the release of a 1978 HBO special. And Embassy Home Entertainment has pacted with Irlene Mandrell for a new exercise program.

It is worth noting that the only ajor home video companies exhibiting at this week's Consumer Elecmajor home video companies exhibiting at this week's Consumer Electronics Show are independents: Family Home Entertainment, Karl Video, Media Home Entertainment, Thorn EMI Video, Vestron and Worldvision Home Video.

Suppliers are going all out for promotions in 1984. Here's a companyby-company look at first-quarter ti-tles and their planned marketing support:

CBS/Fox releases "Billy Joel: Live From Long Island" this month in all formats. The release launches the company's first national ad cam-paign, with 30-second spots planned for "Solid Gold" and MTV and print ads. In addition, Joel has taped "A Special Message" on video for dealers and distributors, where he discusses music, video and performing live. And an oversized front-row ticket and piano key matchbooks will be made available to video outlets. Price: \$29.98 for tape and laser disk, \$19.98 for CED.

Walt Disney Home Video will release two "Lucky Luke" titles, at \$49.95 each; as well as four all-new additions to its "Cartoon Classics" series, also \$49.95; two Hayley Mills features ("The Parent Trap" and "In Search Of The Castaways," \$69.95 each); and "Running Brave," a current theatrical release starring Robby Benson, \$69.95.

From Family Home Entertainment: "The Three Musketeers," "Catholics," "East Of Eden," "Gospel" and "Jessi's Girls."

At Karl Video the philosophy is that "hits" need not die out after a few months of brisk sales. "Strong titles are here to stay," says company president Stuart Karl, referring to the two Jane Fonda exercise tapes, Richard Simmons and several other. (Continued on page CES-31)

Laura Foti is Billboard's Video Edi-

#### **Blank Tape Giant Steps**

The product categories making the news at the Winter CES in 1984 are blank tape and floppy disks. Certainly, no other line can boast both Kodak and Polaroid jumping on its bandwagon at once. "It will be unbe-lievable what develops at this CES," says Mark Dellafera of BASF

Even without Polaroid and Kodak's entry firing weeks of pre-show speculation and rumors, blank tape might have garnered the most trade ink. After all, 3M is flying people anywhere Republic goes. Fuji's giving away Pontiac TransAms. Maxell is running a sweepstakes for \$25,000 in gold Olympic coins. What other product category does so much?

However, the invasion of the camera brand giants, with Polaroid's announcement just before Christmas (and Kodak's non-announcement), has people like Dellafera saying "blood bath."

But the brand war of Polaroid, Kodak, Canon, Minolta—along with camera companies already in blank tape, namely Fuji and Konicadoesn't destroy everybody on calmer reflection. Will these camera giants enter audio, too? What about floppy

To the doomsayers who predict blank tape will never be the same after this 1984 WCES, other confident voices are raised. Many marketers feel secure in various niches they have carved out. Take Denon. Here's a blank tape brand not even in video. Does Loranger have video? No, but it has computer cassettes for Adam. And besides, say even those more fearful or alert to Polaroid and Kodak's vast brand firepower, aren't they really and ultimately focusing on an 8mm video market not even

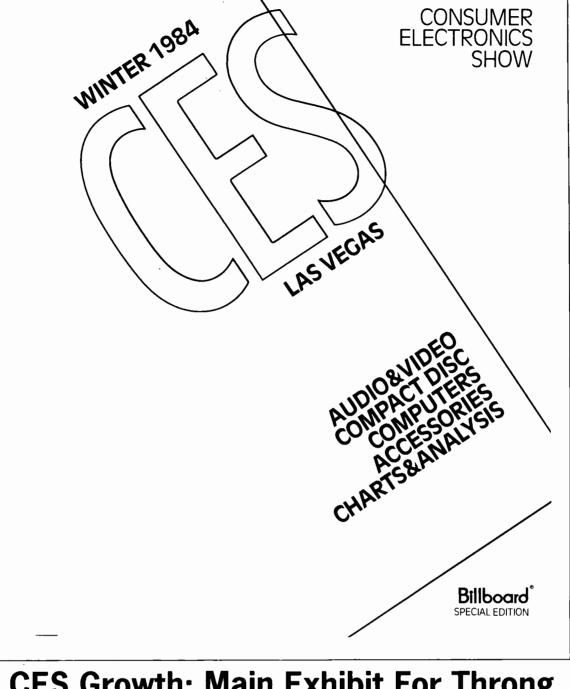
The doomsayer drumbeats do have a ring of prophecy. To those saying Polaroid and Kodak will ignore computer products, others reply that it is precisely a Kodak subsidiary, Spin Physics, rumored to be taking the WCES booth. That puts Kodak square in the computer arena. Others note giants like Kodak and Polaroid can manufacturer anything they want. "It'll be down to three or four brands by 1990, and possibly before, says George Sadler, veteran of the blank tape business

And yet, it's the George Sadlers who bespeak the very vigor of the blank tape business, now as global as any product group. Six months ago, Sadler's Sunkyong, and its obscure brand S.K.C., exhibited in the Korean booth at Summer CES. Now there's video, floppys and audio to come, all mass merchandiser packaged. Big brand firepower may not be everything after all.

matters in blank tape is price. Price comes from distribution channels, which Fuji's John Dale focuses on. If there's a dominant trend looming at the show, it's the near industry-wide effort to get retailers off the price hangup and into quality and consumer benefits. Thus the sensational sweepstakes replacing rebates, Maxell's seminars on how improved sound in video represents a whole untapped market, and the hammering away on ever improving blank tape performance from PD Magnetics' "Pure Chrome" to Memorex packaging in clear plastic.

And while it may look like video has taken over, many firms at WCES are re-emphasising audio. TDK and others are linking up to digital. Fuji's prize TransAm is aimed at pushing a type of car stereo blank tape. BASF's success with top recording acts is yet

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#### **CES Growth: Main Exhibit For Throng**

This week's Consumer Electronics Show, the 29th such event, will probably see attendance of 80,000 retailers, manufacturers and others in the field. Dates are Jan. 7 through Jan. 10, at the Las Vegas Convention Center, and the Hilton, Riviera and Sahara hotels.

Reflecting the \$20 billion industry's growth, exhibit space for every major product category has increased, to a total of 725,000 square

According to Jack Wayman, senior vice president of the Consumer Electronics Group of the Electronic Industries Assn., which produces CES, an estimated 500 manufacturer meetings and press events have been scheduled during and around the four-day event. A dozen other industry trade associations will also exhibit and hold meetings.

This year, video software suppliers are less in evidence, due in part to a strong hardware emphasis at CES, and in part to the growth in impor-tance of the annual Video Software Dealers Assn. event, held in August. The fall Comdex show for computer hardware and software companies has not affected CES attendance of those companies, however. A newly constructed 120,000-square-foot facility constructed jointly by the EIA and the Interface Group, which produces Comdex, will help house the 300 to computer/game

Special exhibits at this year's winter CES include an Advertising and Promotion Showcase, with samples of outstanding ads, commercials and merchandising aids; the Retail Resource Center, with 35 exhibits of retail services; the International Visitors Center; and others.

In addition, there are a number of conferences and workshops, on audio, video, computers and video games and telephone equipment. "Outlook '84" will review sales in 1983 and discuss the economic climate for 1984.

Other workshops include "Financ-Your Company's Growth," "How And To Whom Can Digital Audio Be Sold?," "Selecting The Right Mix Of Computer And Game Software," and workshops in highend audio, computers and games,

sales and merchandising techniques for educational computer software, retail sales training and more

CONSUMER ELECTRONICS

A main emphasis at this CES, as previously, will be discussion of pending legislation on the home taping front. Three U.S. Congressmen, all key players in the home taping controversy, will discuss the issues Jan. 9 at 11 a.m. in the Las Vegas Convention Center's Gold Room. They are Robert Kastenmeier (D-Wis.), Thomas Foley (D-Wash.) and Carlos Moorhead (R-Calif.). Kastenmeier will act as moderator, Foley will present the case for home taping. and Moorhead, one of the leading proponents of royalty taxes and firstsale doctrine repeal, will present the opposing viewpoint.

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## **Connecting Accessories**

Accessories are like icebergs. They look small and insignificant, but underneath all that plastic shrink wrap lies a powerful potential for making a profit.

This January at CES, accessory manufacturers will be paying more attention to point-of-purchase displays and packaging, in addition to developing new products that coat, clean and connect one piece of electronic hardware to another.

Monster Cable plans to introduce two new products in Las Vegas with audio applications. The first, for components, is Interlink 4, a less expensive version of the company's Reference connecting wire. Available in five, pre-cut lengths, Interlink 4 is expected to retail for \$20 per ½-meter pair; \$25 per one meter pair; \$30 for a ½ meter pair and \$66 for a 20-foot pair of cables. It will also be available in custom lengths for \$2.25 per foot.

The second introduction is the Powerline 2, designed to align high and low frequencies so they travel at the same speed through the cable to produce improvements in frequency response and imaging. Available in custom lengths, the suggested list price is \$2.25 per foot.

Discwasher plans to show upgraded replacement cables, to improve overall signal quality of both audio and video systems. The Discwasher Gold-Ens will be available in one-half meter and two meter lengths. The company also plans to debut an improved version of its original video head cleaner. A dry, non-abrasive system, it is designed to clean both video and audio heads as well as the entire VCR tape path as well. Available for both VHS and Beta machines, it has a suggested retail price of \$19.95.

BSR will be distributing the am line of 16 audio care products at the show. Highlights of the group include the Electronic Static Eliminator Gun, designed to erase static at the press of its trigger (suggested list: \$30) and an Anti-static Mat, available for \$14. Record maintenance equipment includes a 3-Pack Record Cleaner, which packages record cleaning fluid; a stylus cleaner and a plush, four-sided record brush at a \$15 suggested list price; and a 2-Pack Static Cleaner kit, containing 200 ml of static cleaner, a four-sided record brush, and a suggested retail price of \$22.

Adcom will be offering wooden side panels to dealers as an accessory for its line of audio components. The panels are made of solid oak with an oiled finish and sized to fit the company's GFP-1 silent partner pre-amp; GFT-1 tuner and the GFA-2 power amplifier. Suggested list price for GFP-1 and GFT-1 panels are \$18 per pair. GFA-2 panels are \$20 per pair.

Channel Master is introducing a dealer "starter-package" VCR accessory program, featuring 31 of the company's most asked for items in quantities to fit each product's particular rate of sale. The complete package retails for under \$1,000. In addition, the company is offering retailers a new point-of-purchase display for its model 0770 Video Control Center video switcher. Made of curved, smoked plexiglass, the display identifies the product, outlines its benefits and features a schematic of a typical VCR and game hookup. Price to dealers will be \$49.95.

As CD players begin to catch on,

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Top left: Discwasher introduces a new improved video head cleaner, a nonabrasive dry head cleaning system which cleans the entire VCR tape path. Available for both VHS and Beta machines, its suggested retail price is \$19.95; top right: Discwasher's Gold-Ens, replacement cables available in one-half and two meter lengths; bottom left: Sanyo debuts its CP200 digital Compact Disc player which carries a suggested retail price of \$549.95 and features a 16-selection programmable memory, horizontal loading design and a skip access mechanism; bottom right: Konica's CV-301 color video camera weighs 1.6 pounds with five feet of cable attached. It incorporates the new Cosvicon Pick-Up Tube, which virtually eliminates picture streaking. It is compatible with VHS and can be adapted to Beta.

#### **CD Player Prices Low, Lower, Lowest**

By MARCIA GOLDEN

And as the first CES-bound jets touch down on the tarmack, Bwana Dealers will be greeted by friendly manufacturers bearing gifts of low-priced Compact Disc players and stereo VCR.

We leave you now, as the sun sets in the West and peace reigns in the Las Vegas jungle. Happy sounds of classical demo disks and rocking music videos fill the desert air, reminding us all once more that audio once again is king of the land . . .

#### Price Wars

Rather than wait for retailers to begin low-balling prices, manufacturers will kick off the January Consumer Electronics Show with low, lower and lowest prices on CD players. Even as we go to press, suppliers continue to race neck and neck in an effort to keep retail prices at par with the competition.

Yamaha, for one, recently introduced a second generation player, the CD-X1, at a suggested list price of \$649, which the company touted as a demonstration of its commitment to make "better audio more affordable." The system features a number of Yamaha-developed LSIs to reduce both size and weight, as well as to control the unit's signal processing, servo control and digital filtering.

Shortly thereafter, Sanyo announced plans to display its low-cost, horizontal-loading digital audio player, the CP200, at CES and make it available for a suggested retail price of \$549.95. Yamaha, sensing the market's direction, responded quickly, lowering the price of its CD-X1 to meet the \$550 price point.

Elsewhere, CD suppliers are positioning their players to the middle of

the market. Sansui prefers to merchandise its CD player model PC-V500 as an integral part of its one-brand component systems. The player, which retails for \$700 when sold separately, features a motorized front-loading drawer, direct cueing, audible cue and review, and automatic programming for consecutive play.

At CES, the company will be

showing the system as a part of its top-of-the-line Intelligent Super Compo model IS-130, with a suggested list of \$2,150. In addition to the player, the compo includes an inte-grated amplifier with five-band grated graphic equalizer, model A-1110; a T-910 tuner, featuring digital PLL quartz-locked frequency-synthesis tuning, auto search and scan and Sansui's Compu-Selector System; a direct-drive, linear-tracking turntable with a plug-in P-mount cartridge, model P-L41: the model D-79R cassette deck, featuring auto-reverse in play and record modes; as well as a three-way, acoustic suspension speaker system, the S-917.

Sony, too, is moving from "highend" to a broader market with its CDP-200, \$700 suggested list player. The system, designed to "give more consumers an opportunity to join the digital audio revolution," says Sony Consumer Products vice president John Briesch, will offer some of the features of its predecessor, the CDP-101 player.

At the high-end of the market, Sony will market a deluxe player, the CDP-701ES (suggested list, \$1,500), as part of its ES Series of limited distribution audio components.

Pioneer, which is expected to add substantially to its audio products line, will be marketing its second generation P-D70 player, expected to retail for under \$800.

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Toshiba is introducing a new digital player, the XR-270, with a suggested list expected to be near \$750.

NEC. Mitubishi and Kenwood will

also be fielding CD players, as will

Onkyo. This company will be raising

the digital flag on its first player, the

DX-300, a full feature system, ex-

Elsewhere in audio, Koss will be

highlighting a high-end stereophone,

the Porta Pro. Weighing 2.5 ounces,

the stereophone is equipped with a

multi-pivoting earcup and a three-

position switch, located on the unit's

temporal pad, that adjusts the pres-

sure of the earcup to better fit the listener's head size and fit preference.

Infinity has introduced a three model loudspeaker line, the Efficien-

cy Standard series. The ES 82, ES 83

and ES 103 are designed to operate

efficiently when played with elec-

tronics rated as low as 10 to 15 watts

r.m.s. per channel. Retail prices on

the new speakers range from \$169 to

JBL will kick off CES with the

J220, two-way, eight-inch, high fidelity loudspeaker. The J220 is the com-

pany's latest addition to its J Series

and is expected to ship in February. Sugggested list: \$149.95.

Amber Audio, an audiophile man-

ufacturer moving squarely into the

mass market, has introduced a \$349

digital tuner. In the works are a 100

watts per channel power amp; a low-

power 25 watts per channel unit and

a low-cost integrated amp, expected

to retail for between \$280 and \$360.

ready for market at CES. The belt-

driven model 1254 is designed for

stacking or single play and will carry a suggested retail price of \$160.

A new Dual turntable will be

Suggested list: \$60.

pected to list for close to \$1,000.

## Cassette Quality

By SAM SUTHERLAND

While the Compact Disc may be the audio industry's glamor stock, the heartening turnaround for prerecorded album sales during 1983 carries a success story for an older configuration: the audio cassette. In a year that saw contemporary music again making commercial and cultural waves, a central trend saw the market share between the two major product configurations, LPs and cassettes, swing decisively toward the latter format.

Although total 1983 market tallies won't be available until early Spring, LP/cassette breakdowns for many of the year's best-selling recordings suggest that true parity has at last arrived—and that the once widely maligned tape cassette is still growing, auguring market dominance in the years ahead.

This prospect might have alarmed record companies only a few short years ago, for the consumer electronics industry enjoyed an upward curve in sophistication for home recording decks that often placed mass duplicated tape product at a decided disadvantage. Improved tape formulations, mated with recorders boasting sophisticated noise reduction circuitry, automatic azimuth adjustment, foolproof tape bias and equalization adjustment and seductive microprocessor functions had taken much of the fuss out of recording at home.

When coupled with the fallout in hardware prices, these breakthroughs for the cassette format only dramatized the obstacles confronting mass production of prerecorded tapes. High-speed duplication, using poorer grades of tape, suffered a serious image problem with consumers, a fact borne out by the sharp rise in home taping throughout the '70s.

Yet the past year has seen sales for prerecorded tape blossom. If major labels still fret over home taping, the degree of concern has clearly diminished. The overall economic revival of the trade has clearly helped, but there are other factors: massive sales for personal cassette players, modelled after Sony's ubiquitous Walkman, have created a whole new universe of cassette enthusiasts whose units have modest recording capabilities, if any; the successful introduction of prerecorded cassettes at budget prices, thus narrowing the cost gap between home-rolled copies and mass produced product; better retail merchandising, including expanded departments, high-profile exterior packaging and improved selection.

More basic to the format's success, however, are signs that the major record and tape firms intend to protect their tape products against future erosion. Chastened by their competitive position with home equipment prior to the Walkman Revolution, major labels are placing a fresh emphasis on improved prerecorded cassettes. Major duplicators, duplication equipment manufacturers and blank tape suppliers are likewise racing to upgrade quality.

Because this aggressive, competitive thrust hints at a new spotlight on duplication technology, most of the country's largest manufacturing firms are reluctant to spell out the refinements they've implemented on the duplicating floor. But reliable sources indicate that virtually all the majors—including WEA, CBS, Capitol/EMI and their competition—are

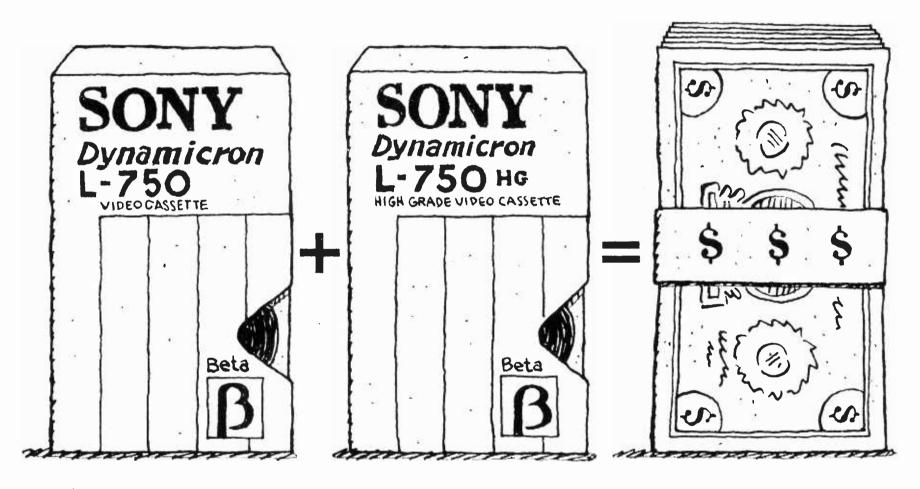
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## Racks Roll On Software

By JOHN SIPPEL

The three U.S. rackjobbing giants, Handleman, Lieberman and Pickwick, pace their peers in establishing home computer divisions.

Just a year ago, Handleman Co. tested the computer software waters in a pilot run that fruited in April 1983

In the ensuing eight months, the Clawson, Mich.-based wholesaler has nurtured 500 accounts in 16 retail chains. Stu Schaefer, vice president/treasurer, who spearheads the firm's software penetration along with Steve Strome, says four are new customers. "There's a bookstore, appliance, department store and record/tape chain." Though he would not identify the record stores, it's believed they are the Franklin Music group, headed by Scott Young of Atlanta. The remaining dozen are traditional mass merchandiser Handleman customers.

The computer software department is still adding personnel, Schaefer says. "We have a self-administered training program for all our people, using audio cassettes and workbooks," he explains. Handleman stocks its software titles, accessories and books in the Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles and Seattle warehouses.

Pickwick, based in Minneapolis, services approximately 350 locations, all longtime mass merchandiser customers previously served with records, tapes and accessories. Doug Harvey, a Pickwick veteran, heads the computer software sector. All computer inventory is currently stocked in Minneapolis, but soon that inventory will be quartered in other Pickwick warehouses. Harvey estimates he is stocking titles from 25 publishers, along with accessories and games. Kathy Wise, who helped initiate computerized perpetual inventory control for the record/tape/accessories inventories nationally, is buyer for his area.

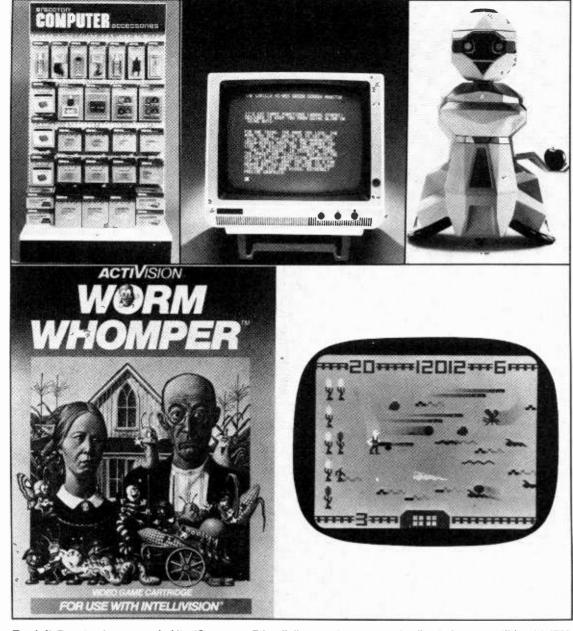
Lieberman Enterprises estimates its computer software customer universe at more than 300, president Harold Okinow reports. Okinow was a key figure in the adaptation of computerization to the record/tape industry through his work with the formative NARM committee. Tom Gross, a 10-year Lieberman employee, is coordinator and oversees buying of over 20 brands of software, books and accessories.

Lieberman has taken the lead in developing a computer software fixture, which is already in many of its locations. "We tried originally to adapt the 8-track monkey-hole concept. It didn't work because customers would stick their hands in, break the packaging and steal the program. We feel we have developed a flexible modular floor unit. With it, we conceived a shelving unit, which fits right into the fixture. It supports the boxes and holds them at a 30% angle, thus exposing front and spine of the package. It economizes floor space. Because of the difference in container size, sometimes you can only get six or seven titles across in the same size where our new shelving handles eight easily. That's impor-tant in making our planogram,"

Regional racker Bob Anderson of Major, Seattle, has been in home computers longer than the others. Anderson, who was in hardware and software marketing for years with the now defunct Seattle-based Fidelity

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Top left: Recoton has expanded its "Consumer Friendly" computer accessories line to be compatible with IBM, Apple, Compaq and Franklin Computer Products. The company's three foot display is packaged with maintenance products, cables, diskettes, data cassettes and other accessories; top center: the Gorilla in-res green screen; top right: Androbot's new Topo can be programmed to communicate utilizing on board text-to-speech synthesis and is priced at \$1,595; above: Activision's Worm Whomper.

#### Distributors Earn 'Edutainment' Degree

Computer software distributors tracking the "hot hits" of the industry predict 1984 will be the year that educational programs overtake pure game products at the check-out counter. Especially those products called "Edutainment," which mix gaming with educating.

Other key product sales and distribution trends evident at retail this year, they project, are the increased movement of home management and productivity software via the mass merchant, and the continuing evolution of sophisticated, in-store electronic ordering systems.

Notes Alan Gleischer, president of Softkat, a Southern California-based distributor specializing in education software, "Our research indicates that educational packages now account for roughly 20% to 25% of the home software market. Of that estimate, the edutainment segment is selling fastest. The state of the art is definitely in education/entertainment software."

Among Softkat's recent edutainment best sellers are "Word Attack" and "Word Blaster," from Davidson and Associates; "Media Multiplication" and "Alien Addition," from Developmental Learning Materials; "Rocky's Boots," from The Learning Company, and "Snooper Troops," from Spinnaker. 'Songwriter,' a new release from Scarborough Systems, is also getting very strong initial response at the stores, he reports.

Bob Leff, president of Softsel, In-

Bob Lett, president of Sottsel, Inglewood, Calif., the largest and one of the oldest software distributors, concurs. "We're seeing education products that are now making much

faster inroads at retail than recreation programs." Leff says that while recreation software will continue to draw strong unit volume in the next 12 months, "clearly, home education is growing at a far more rapid pace than games-only products, because there are now so many educational publishers." Leff expects most traditional recreation publishers to become involved with some form of educational software in the short term, be it learning games or more conventional drill and tutorial packages.

Ingram Books and Software, headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., reports sales in the edutainment genre are "significantly" on the rise, while at SKU, education software totals between 30% and 35% of the sellthrough, says Bob Brownell, president.

"If you're talking about mass merchandisers, the hottest category right now and for the foreseeable future is education," he reports. "According to our latest sell-through figures, it's real strong." In straight entertainment, he adds, the "hottest" game titles—arcade adaptations like Datasoft's "Zaxxon" and Atari's "Dig Dug"—are turning rapidly.

But while entertainment "tends to overshadow education software in terms of unit volume," Brownell says, "lately we're seeing most of the action in edutainment. And surprisingly, there's some very good movement of basic education packages, what I call the 'not-fun' stuff: drills and tutorials in fundamental subject

Gleischer remarks that one reason

for improved sales of basic drill/skill packages may be the increasing trend toward including an authoring system within a program, one that allows parents or teachers to tailor certain variables to the students' skill level.

"Built-in authoring systems let the parent or instructor go into the program and change the lesson plan," he explains. "For example, you can change the numbers in a math program or the words in a spelling drill."

On the home productivity front, Leff says, the segment is growing swiftly, but from a much smaller base than either education or recreation.

"Selling productivity comes somewhat naturally to mass merchants who are accustomed to carrying the education packages," he comments, "but while home management is less complex than explaining a comprehensive business product to a customer, it's not like selling an arcade game." Among Softsel's current productivity hits are "Home Accountant," by Continental; "Dollars & Sense," by Monogram/Tronix, and "Homeword," by Sierra On-Line.

Business and productivity programs account for 60% of sales at First Software, a regional distributor based in Andover, Mass., "and that's growing," says Kerry Brooks, vice president. Recent movers and shakers on the firm's "First 50" list include "Wordstar Professional Pack," by MicroPro; "Advanced VisiCalc," by VisiCorp., and "Multitool Word" by Microsoft. The distributor plans to implement an "express order system" in which customers can peruse

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#### Games Mull New Rules

By CHERYL PARKER

Retailers shopping the show for computer games will see fewer, but more elaborately constructed, arcade/action product releases this year. Expect enhanced, state-of-theart features such as multiple-screen playing levels, increased scrolling, and improved color and music, as well as more "realistic" background scenery and special effects graphics.

One reason for 1984's skimpy selection, compared with a plethora of fresh choices in previous years, is the industry's continuing attempt to avoid another glut as the market recovers from video game fallout.

The multiple systems debate rages

The multiple systems debate rages on, meanwhile, with most game producers betting heavily on the PCJr, and others sticking with the tried and true Commodore 64, Apple, and Atari units. No matter which systems are currently embraced, the question of which manufacturers will ultimately dominate the hardware scene in the next 12 months plagues software publishers like a curse.

"We're going into the 1984 multiple systems market kicking and screaming," says Jim Levy, Activision president. "A year ago we only had to go to two systems to get a 90% audience mass. This year, or until the market straightens itself out, we'll have to go to five or six machines just to get the same mass. On top of that, retailers can't possibly support more than three—maximum four—different systems."

Activision's newest releases, "Pitfall II: Lost Caverns," a David Crane sequel to the designer's original Pitfall, and "Heli" (working title), an action game by New Jersey-based designer John Van Reisen, will go immediately to Commodore 64 and Atari computers, Levy says. Additionally, he notes, if Commodore's latest home-oriented model shown in prototype at CES proves promising, Activision will add that format as well. The company says it is also considering designing for the MSX format developed by the Japanese.

Although assuring multiple system delivery "within 60 to 90 days" of a title's release, Levy says there won't be any PCjr-compatible Activision product at WCES.

"Pitfall II," at \$34.95 suggested retail, incorporates DPC, a proprietary chip newly developed by Activision to enhance the Atari VCS's graphic output. Calling the VCS the "Chevy of the business, likely to survive for another three to four years," Levy says, "DPC is a revolutionary piece of technology that will help blur the lines between game and computer systems' capabilities." He hints that two additional introductions will be unveiled at show time, one of them "a bit avant-garde," utilizing the new chip.

Besides converting several existing products to new formats, Activision has revamped "Space Shuttle," by Steve Kitchen, to make the VCS cartridge "a more realistic first-person space simulation."

Elliot Dahan, vice president of

Elliot Dahan, vice president of marketing for Creative Software, believes the trend to extensive simulation and plot development will play an important role in the current generation of computer games. "Since laser disk technology is a year away, the state-of-the-art games you will see at the show will feature better scrolling, three-dimensional graphics, and more involved story-telling,"

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## Mergers, Acquisitions Shuffle Software

By CHERYL PARKER

It isn't exactly acquisition fever, but the pace at which small software publishers are being snapped up by

giant corporations is quickening. The reasons are clear, industry analysts and participants contend: Small independents are finding themselves severely hampered by spiralling marketing and merchandising costs spurred by breakneck competition for retail shelf space.

According to one estimate, the initial cost of launching and promoting

a single new program is creeping past \$1 million. Says Brian Doyle, a software marketing analyst for Gnostic Concepts of Menlo Park, Calif., "Big promotional budgets are becoming more and more commonplace." Another source estimates that today's software company, in order to win and retain sufficient customer recognition and market share, needs to add \$100,000 to the promotional budget monthly.

Many independent producers, comfortably positioned only a year ago, have sought refuge behind the financial safety nets and marketing muscles of cash-rich, high-profile parent companies with strong, well established distribution channels.

On the other side of the coin, many large corporations have discovered acquisition as a relatively inexpensive, low-risk entry fee into a fasttrack field, points out Egil Juliussen, chairman of Future Computing Inc., the Dallas-based research firm. Future Computing predicts an \$11.7 billion microcomputer software market by 1988, up from \$2.2 billion in 1983.

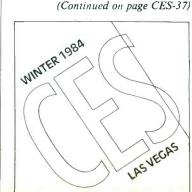
Look at the activity of the past 12 months: Eduware was purchased in June by Management Science America, Inc., a maker of business software for mainframes and minicomputers (MSA acquired Peachtree Software, a micro business software publisher, in June 1981); also in June, Creative Software bought Funware, a tiny, Texas-based games designer (in turn, Cox Enterprises, Inc., a Georgia newspaper group, recently acquired a minority interest in Creative.) Information Unlimited Software was picked up earlier this year by Computer Associates International, New York developer of large-scale specialized systems: Lightning Software joined Scarborough Systems in September so that the parent could launch its own software business. Finally, Microsoft has invested in HESware, a small home entertainment design group, to beef up its new consumer-oriented applications di-

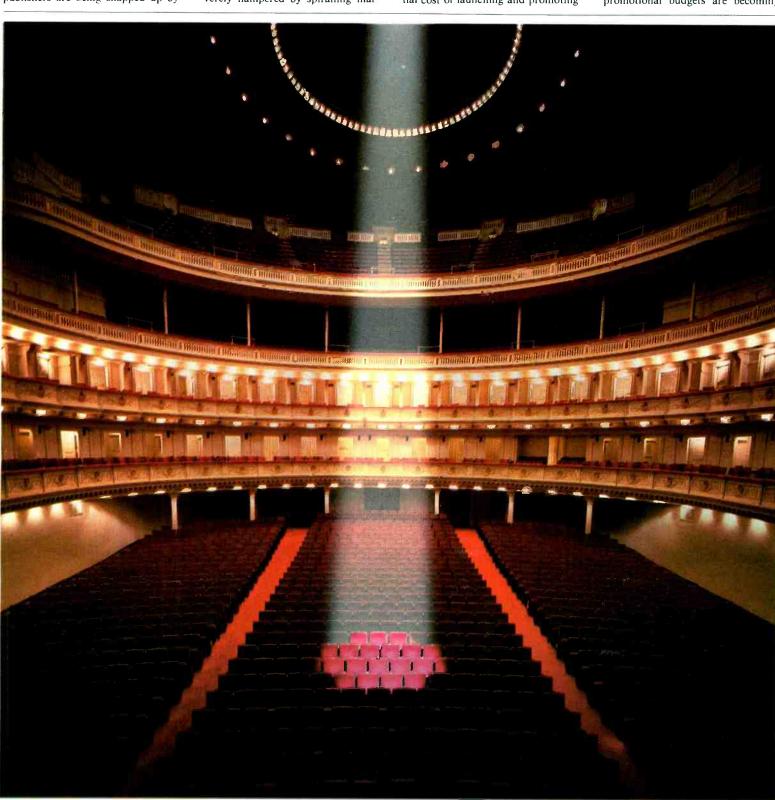
That acquisition movement is gathering steam comes as no surprise to industry mavens, who predict that the exodus of software marketers from the cottage to the corporate suite will accelerate in the next few years, evidence of a thorough and dramatic change in structure.

"Right now, there are some 6,000 organizations calling themselves soft-ware publishers," says Larry Stock-ett, chairman of PC Telemart, a publisher of software product directories, "and fewer than 100 of them have more than 25 employees." Stockett envisions the current mob shrinking via acquisition, merger, and shakeout until, instead of several thousand tiny companies, there are only a handful of large ones calling the shots, strongly paralleling today's record and book publishing giants. Similarly, The California Technology Stock Letter, which tracks trends and growth, projects that within a few years, about 60 percent of the software industry will be dominated by a dozen or so publishers, with the remainder taken up by small companies providing specialty programs to fill small niches.

In the happiest of company marriages, merchandising and marketing philosophies mesh blissfully, and the newly linked organizations reap the

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#### **Vid Music** Reviews

THE POLICE—"Police Around The World," I.R.S. Video 001. Produced and directed by Kate and Derek Burbidge. Stereo, 77 minutes.

With 15 weeks logged on Billboard's Videocassette Top 40, "Police Around The World" is proving the trio's attraction to home video buyers just as "Synchronicity" has captured the record-buying public (29 weeks on the album chart). And the program doesn't even include any numbers from the current hit album.

There are, however, 16 former Police hits, as well as captivating footage of Sting, Andy Summers and Stewart Copeland on the road-literally around the world. The program documents the group's 1980-81 tour through three continents, and it is the backstage footage and scenes of local culture that set it apart from all other concert tapes.

It's a challenge to translate a live performance to a successful video program, and few production teams have been able to rise to that challenge. Even scenes of the artists as real people don't necessarily change a drab concert program into a meaningful video experience.

But take three personable and/or intriguing young men, who also happen to be attractive and talented, show them in exotic locales and in strong performance onstage, and, voila! Video music magic.

Of course it makes a difference that it's the Police, but there are lessons to be learned from this tape regardless of the artists being presented. As with video clips, a sense of humor and good taste go a long way toward creating a repeatable, entertaining program. **LAURA FOTI** 

ADAM & THE ANTS-"The Prince Charming Revue," CBS/Fox Video 7144. Directed and produced by Mike Mansfield. Stereo, 76 minutes.

Adam & the Ants were the hottest pop act in Britain a few years ago, but it's hard to see why from this concert tape. The staging is elaborate, but the group conveys little sense of personality or humor. And in the end they demonstrate that spectacle without personality isn't much fun at all.

Like Culture Club, Adam & the Ants use extravagant costumes and outrageous posing as an integral part of their act. But while Culture Club backs that novelty appeal with a tremendous amount of personality and self-effacing charm, Adam & the Ants-at least as presented hereunveil their show with bloodless professionalism.

TITLE/ARTIST

4. Duran Duran

10. Girl Groups

1. Jane Fonda's Workout

2. Playboy Video, Vol. 1

3. The Compleat Beatles

6. Playboy Video, Vol. 2

9. Playboy Video, Vol. 3

12. A Walt Disney Christmas

15. The Who Rocks America

17. Eddie Murphy-Delirious

21. Thin Thighs In 30 Days

23. 3 Stooges-Vol. V

13. Disney's Storybook Classics

14. Jazzercise—Judy Sheppard Missett

16. Jackie Sorenson's Aerodic Dancing

19. Jane Fonda's Workout For P.B. & R.

7. Playboy's Playmate Review

8. The Police Around The World

5. Strawberry Shortcake in Big Apple City

11. Everyday With Richard Simmons/Family Fitness

18. Strawberry Shortcake's Housewarming Surprise

20. M\*A\*S\*H\*-Goodbye, Farewell, And Amen

22. Fleetwood Mac In Concert-Mirage Tour '82

Part of the problem is that there is so little audience interaction. The program could almost have been filmed on an empty soundstage, for what limited role the audience plays in the footage. The camera work is also rather static, though there are occasional touches of slow motion

But a bigger problem is with Adam Ant himself. Since Ant has been aligned with the grand theatrical tradition of pop entertainers from Jolson to Minnelli, it's disappointing that he gives and reveals so little of himself. He says perhaps 10 words in the entire program.

The music is intermittently interesting, especially on the Motown-esque rhythm pieces. All of the songs were composed by Ant and Marco. But the two won't win any awards for their lyrics, as this passage proves: "I'm a big tough man/With a big



Top left: Adam Ant's "The Prince Charming Revue"; top right: "The Police Around The World"; bottom left: "Jane Fonda's Workout"; bottom right: "The Compleat Beatles."

#### **Top Non-Theatrical Videos**

A total of 23 original programming videocassettes hit Billboard's Top 40 sales chart in the 12-month period ending Dec. 31, 1983. Here they are, ranked in terms of overall chart performance. This special survey was compiled by Billboard's Marc Zubatkin.

	I DAIL CHAIN
DISTRIBUTOR	POSITION
Karl Video Corp.	1
CBS-Fox Video	4
MGM/UA Home Video	3
Thorn/EMI	6
MGM/UA Home Video	10
CBS-Fox Video	3
CBS-Fox Video	10
I.R.S. Video	10
CBS-Fox Video	9
MGM/UA Home Video	13
Karl Video Corp.	15
Disney Home Video	6
Disney Home Video	17
MCA Dist. Corp.	14
CBS-Fox Video	18
MCA Dist. Corp.	20
Paramount Home Video	17
MGM/UA Home Video	27
Karl Video Corp.	23
CBS-Fox Video	25
USA Home Video	28
RCA/Columbia	23
CBS-Fox Video	34

**PEAK CHART** 

#### **Video Heats Chart Beat**

By PAUL GREIN

Feature films continue to dominate videocassette sales, though original programs are making inroads in the overall sales mix. The best-selling videocassette of 1983 was a non-theatrical release, "Jane Fonda's Workout." Also in Billboard's top 50 yearend sales recap were two original music programs, "The Compleat Beatles" and "Duran Duran," and two adult entertainment "Playboy"

Price continues to be a factor in videocassette sales. The top-charting "Jane Fonda's Workout" lists for \$59.98, but the next two titles have relatively low list prices. "Star Trek II: The Wrath Of Khan" lists for \$39.98; "An Officer And A Gentleman" for \$39.98.

The most popular price point on Billboard's videocassette chart in a recent issue was \$39.98, though there was a wide spread in pricing, from \$29.98 to \$79.98. As a general rule, non-theatrical tapes were given low or moderate price designations: All of the tapes listing for \$69.98 and \$79.98 were feature films.

Of current non-theatrical programs, I.R.S.' "Police Around The World" lists for \$33.95, Thorn/ EMI's "Duran Duran" lists for \$49.95, and MGM/UA's "Girl Groups" and Paramount's "Eddie Murphy-Delirious" both list for

A comparison of Billboard's yearend sales and rental charts reveals clear differences. Consumers are more apt to rent current hit (but nonclassic) movies, and are more apt to buy original programs.

'Night Shift" was the eighth most popular rental title of 1983, but failed to finish among the top 50 sales hits of the year. Similarly, "Best Little Whorehouse In Texas" was number 11 on the rental chart but ranked only 43rd in sales; "Fast Times At Ridgemont High" was number 20 in rentals but only 48th in sales and "Best Friends" was number 24 in rentals and only 41st in sales.

While customers may be reluctant to buy these everyday film hits, they are more likely to buy highly-repeatable original programs. To cite the most obvious example, "Jane Fonda's Workout" was the No. 1 sales title, but was only 23rd on the rental chart.

Likewise, "The Compleat Beatles" was number four on the sales chart and "Duran Duran" was number 31, though neither appeared in the rental top 50. The two "Playboy" tapes also performed much better in the sales column, as did the kiddie video "Strawberry Shortcake In Big Apple

The feature films that fared markedly better in terms of sales than as rentals are either classics-like "Alice In Wonderland"-or cult items like "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" and the two "Airplane" movies.

Warner Home Video had the most titles on both the year-end sales and rental charts. The company had 13 of the top 50 sales titles, followed by CBS Fox and Paramount with eight each, MCA Distributing with five and MGM/UA and RCA/Columbia Pictures with four each.

On the rental chart, Warner had 11 titles, followed by CBS Fox with 10, MCA Distributing with seven and MGM/UA and Paramount with six each.

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#### **CD Reviews Creative Growing Pangs**

By SAM SUTHERLAND

This year's Winter CES finds the fledgling Compact Disc trade already moving on an encouragingly fast track. The ranks of hardware manufacturers offering new CD players have swelled in terms of both individual companies and models offered, while the third and fourth quarters of 1983 have brought most major U.S. record companies into the Compact Disc fold.

Add the emergence of second generation players boasting new refinements in circuitry and operation, price points carrying the laser-reading units significantly below the original \$600 retail floor, and the indirect but substantial reinforcement of "digital ready" amplifiers, receivers and speakers that will appear on the CES exhibition floor, and it's clear the Compact Disc is gaining momentum.

With the new medium only recently passing the half-year mark for the American market, a critical look at the CD format does offer wrinkles. Those second generation machines are interpreted by some observers as tacit admissions that the earliest units suffered problems, most commonly reported in the filtering systems required. Critics have also noted phase problems posed by the use of a single digital/analog converter to decode both channels of the silvery Sony/Philips format discs, a prospect heightened by newer generation designs utilizing one converter for each channel.

A look at the recordings available in the Compact Disc configuration likewise yields evidence of the growing pains being experienced. With the total catalog of CD titles still small, and access to reviewer samples still restricted, a truly comprehensive overview of all the CDs manufactured thus far is problematic. But auditions of over 50 titles from different manufacturers, including both domestically released CDs and European and Japanese imports found on dealer shelves in the first months of the market here, attest to both dazzling sonic triumphs and some surprising pratfalls.

In general, the classical repertoire benefits from the foresight of labels here and abroad who made a commitment to digital recording during the late '70s. Having amassed a large collective vault of true digital recordings, the classical lines have come to market with Compact Disc catalogs that take fuller advantage of the technology's much touted advantages.

But in the realm of popular music—deemed the key priority for the American marketplace, and already accorded a larger share of total CD catalog than abroad—the dependence on analog master recordings has led to mixed results for their CD progeny.

Among commonly reported ills: pronounced changes in program ambience, with shifts in equalization and echo; flattening of the stereo image, losing its three-dimensional quality; and high frequency anomalies typified by a harsh, overly brilliant character to percussion, high strings and certain other solo instruments.

Engineers, producers and labels have pinpointed some of these problems as resulting from the inadvertent use of inferior, later generation master tape copies rather than the original. Others reflect some of the inherent problems in transferring from analog to digital systems, or even basic flaws in the master tape previously masked by tape hiss, or vinyl noise.

More difficult to assess is where hardware problems may affect play-

back performance, whether in the consumer's CD player or in the professional digital systems used for digital recording and mixing.

Programs now underway at such major U.S. labels as CBS, the Warner Communications Record Group and A&M, among others, indicate a major effort to bring CD quality control under tighter scrutiny. Because certain pop, rock and jazz CD releases overseas were apparently transferred to digital masters using licensees' existing vault tape copies, these American labels are now working to bring the necessary analog/digital transfers back home. Recent releases in that

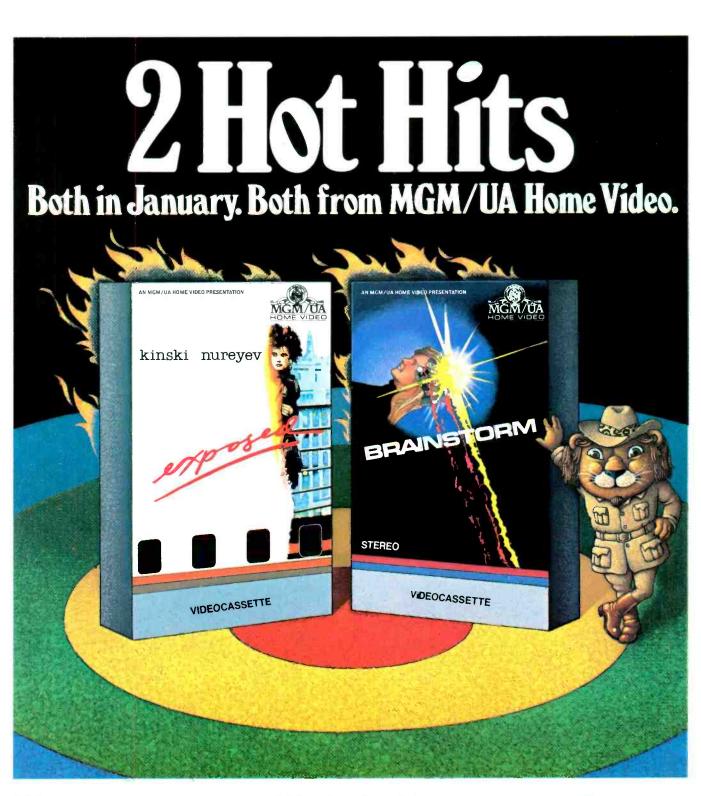
format from these firms reflect that care, with fewer instances of digital disappointment.

Reviewed here are representative pop, rock and jazz recordings released domestically in Compact Disc form since mid-Summer, when the product's distribution to major U.S. record/tape chains swelled most dramatically in terms of new label release activity and initial sales programs. In summary, their technical virtues—in convenience, durability and playback accuracy—remain impressive indeed, especially for an entirely new reproductive technology.

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## **Hollywood Software Reassessed**



Sony's SL 2700 Beta hi-fi.

Software has gone Hollywood. Major movie and television studios are licensing their creations to soft ware companies for use as both problem-solving adventures and fast-action computer games.

Lorimar's "Dallas," for example, will be available next month. Marketed by DataSoft, a local computer software publisher, "Dallas" allows users to fantasize themselves as private investigators trying to keep one step ahead of J.R. Ewing. According to DataSoft president Pat Ketchum, Lorimar, from whom they purchased the license, also wrote the script for

the new adventure-type software.
"'Dallas' is an excellent game," says Ketchum. "We think it is going to be very successful, but we have no other plans right now (to do something similar). In the past, movie licensing has not been too successful, so we are going to wait and see what happens.

Currently the market is weak, weighed down with an overabundance of properties. A number of companies came out very quickly with sub-standard programs that did not relate well to video game play. That hurt the market. The Holly-

wood tie-in for software wavered from an initial moderate interest to extraordinary high interest and back down to virtually no interest. Now the market is creeping back up again, says Danny Simon, director of licensing at 20th Century-Fox.

The whole market right now is in such confusion," agrees Bill Dennis, vice president of licensing and merchandising at MGM/UA in New York. "I'm not sure where it is going. I've detected more selectivity on the part of Parker Bros. and Atari as far as licensing is concerned. There is still interest, but not as keen as it was a year ago.'

Two years ago, MGM/UA licensed the character of James Bond to Parker Bros. Originally intended for the video market, the "James Bond" home computer game was slated for release soon after Christmas. The programming of the game includes not only the title character, but chosen elements from various Bond films.

Other MGM/UA properties licensed to software manufacturers are "Pink Panther," "Rocky," "The Wizard of Oz" and "WarGames"the last three to Coleco. While Dennis foresees success, production on these games has been delayed; "Rocky" is the only one of the five MGM/UA titles currently on the market. However, Thorn EMI already has marketed a program similar to WarGames.

"That is under license also, but it is not called 'WarGames,' but 'Computer War,' which is based on 'War-Games," says Dennis. "Both companies have a license, but only Coleco may use the title."

Disney licenses their cartoon characters rather than movies, and has done so for a number of years. Posters, T-shirts, glassware and other items bear this out. Currently, four Disney characters have been licensed for use by Atari for the video game market: Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Dumbo and Sport Goofy, a new character created to coincide with the Olympics.

Also on the market are educational computer games and learning adventures developed by Disney for five hardware manufacturers under contract to them. "We use all our characters in the educational computer game area," says Terry Bochanty, marketing manager for personal computer software at Disney. "We have a couple of learning adventures for Radio Shack called 'Space Probe Math' and 'Space Probe Reading,' based on 'The Black Hole.' We use the characters but not the story line."

Paramount entered the market by licensing "Star Trek" to Sega. The game has been selling for about two months and is doing quite well, according to Helene Johnson, the company's executive director for merchandising and licensing.

20th Century-Fox began licensing its shows and characters for computer use in 1980. "Towering Inferno," licensed to GCE (General Consumer Electronics), was one of Fox's first features translated into software, ac-

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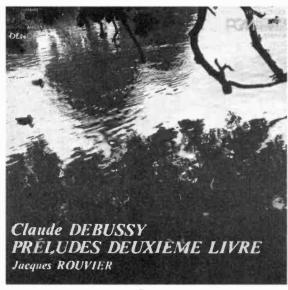


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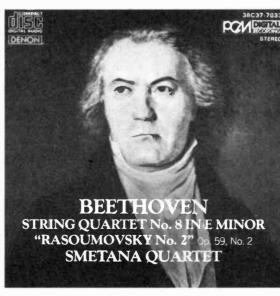


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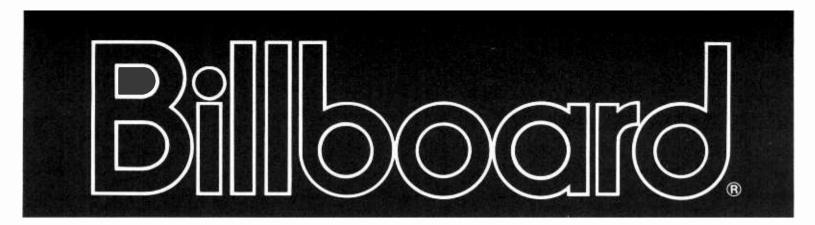
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#### Record Retailers Now Software Shy?

by ED MORRIS

Shoppers at the upcoming Consumer Electronics Show say they will be open—but cautious—in seeking out new product lines for their stores. Some burned fingers are still unhealed.

A survey of 10 retail record and video chains reveals that seven of them are sending delegations to this premier show-and-tell extravaganza. But several of the chain reps indicate that they are going to have to be shown now, rather than told, before they buy, especially when it comes to the once alluring field of personal computers and software.

"We got into computer software in June," reports Larry DeVuono, vice president of the Disk Jockey chain, "but we're getting out of it. It's too volatile." The focus for Disk Jockey's two shoppers, he says, will be video software and record and tape accessories.

Camelot's Joe Bressi sounds a similarly cautious note. "We may be looking at computer software. But it will be from an informational point-of-view only." Coleco made a major pitch on its Adam conputer to Camelot store managers at their July convention, but unavailability of product has apparently dampened the enthusiasm that existed then. Bressi says that Camelot has no orders pending on the Adam.

Bressi and four other buyers will be looking at movies, videogames and accessories particularly at this winter's CES.

"We're very, very cautious about (computer) software," admits Ed Berson of Record Bar. "We're not into software. We liken it to the videogame business." Record Bar is sending seven reps and will be concentrating on personal stereos and pre-recorded video, the latter of which, says Berson, his company is just getting into.

Lee Cohen, of Licorice Pizza, says his contingent of "four or five" buyers will meet with blank tape manufacturers and is especially interested in learning what it can about Compact Discs. "We're bringing Compact Discs into all our stores," he adds. The group will also be on the lookout for video products and such accessories as cleaners and tape cases.

As to computer software, Cohen says, "We want to get a sense of where the market is at. We're not carrying it, though, at this point."

To Lou Fogelman at Music Plus, software is not the most important thing to look for at the show—"but it's on the list." Also on the list are personal stereos and videodisks. The Music Plus delegation will be made up of store managers.

Record Factory reps want to talk to home movie suppliers, according to Bob Tolifson. "We're just embarking on movie rentals," he reports. "Two stores now out of 30 have rentals. There may be four to six more

Ed Morris is a Billboard editor in Nashville.

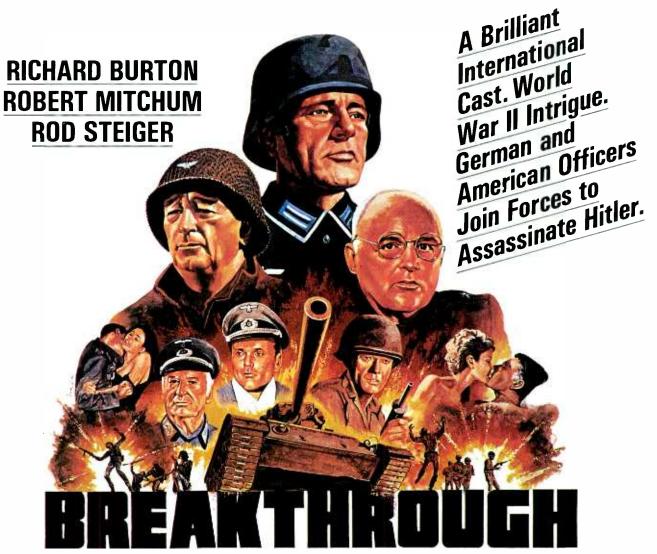


stores involved this year." Record Factory will be represented at CES by a vice president, marketing director, operations manager and two store managers.

Jerome Schulman of Listening Booth says his company's main interest will be in audio but that his five reps at the show will be considering "everything electronic," including

computer softwar

Spokespersons for Strawberry's, Video Place and Elroy Enterprises say their companies will not be sending anyone to the winter CES. All the companies polled, except those just cited, listed the two CES events and NARM as being the most useful trade shows on their calendars. Others mentioned as being educationally significant were VSDA, Independent Record Distributors and Billboard's Video Forum.



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Firms that churn out educational computer product to a drum beat of rapidly increasing demand are called microsoftware companies. Software touting learning is being made for preschoolers, teenagers, college students, parents, professionals, senior citizens and even avid arcade gamesters.

In 1982, educational firms numbered less than four. By 1983, nearly 100 firms advertised educational titles. Retailers allotted specially labeled shelf space to the genre, as market research companies projected educational software to be a \$1 billion industry by 1987.

Titles that range from Mattel's "Math Fun" and "Word Fun" to Edu-Ware's "Algebra I" to Krell's SAT preparation title to Spinnaker's aerobics program reveal how Amerilearn. State-of-the-art education today is computerated.

Sherwin A. Steffin, who heads up research and development for Edu-Ware, defines educational software as encompassing two genres, "Edutainment" and "instructional." Edutainment titles are primarily sophisticated arcade-style games that provide fun drill and practice.

Instructional software he subdivides into two categories: "tutorial," which teaches a new skill, and "simulation" which models some form of reality. Steffin cites a flight simulation program as an example of a program that models reality.

"All educational packages should clearly state the learning objectives of the program inside," he notes. "Users should know, before opening the package, what is expected of them.'

One of the first educational software vendors, Spinnaker Software of Cambridge, Mass., entered the educational scene with "Snooper Troops," a title that has consistently topped best-seller lists. When the company started up in April 1982, it made programs primarily for elementary school students. Now, it has plans to launch a line of adult educational packages.

Educational programs slated for the preschool-to-high school age range currently dominate the market. Gessler Publishing, New York City, is one of the few software firms to target adults. It offers a line of foreign language learning titles used by colleges as well as home computer owners.

FAYE ZUCKERMAN

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#### **Software Hit List**

Following is a list of the top-selling titles for the first three months the computer chart has been published. The chart will be 15 weeks old this

#### **GAMES**

- 1. Zork I, a text Adventure game by Infocom
- Choplifter, arcade-style game by Broderbund
- LodeRunner, Arcade-style game by Broderbund Zaxxon, 3D areade game by
- Datasoft. Blue Max, Diagonal scrolling
- game by Synapse
  6. Legacy Of The Llylgamyn, fantasy
- role-playing game by Sir-Tech 7. Fort Apocalypse, Scrolling arcade
- game, Synapse
  Exodus: Ultima III, fantasy role playing game by Sir Tech
- 9. Wizardry, role-paying game by Sir Tech
- 10. Frogger-arcade game by Sierra On-line

#### EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE

- 1. Master Type, touch typing tutor by Scarborough/Lightning
- Facemaker, teaching youngsters how to use the keyboard to draw funny faces by Spinnaker
- Kindercomp, counting, reading and spelling game for 3-8 year olds by Spinnaker
  HOME MANAGEMENT

- 1. The Home Accountant, financial package by Continental
- 2. Bank Street Writer, Word processing by Broderbund
- 3. PFS:File, information management by Software Publishing.



#### **Last Word In Home Office Management**

By FAYE ZUCKERMAN

With this spring's launch of low-cost, easy-to-use word processing packages, financial programs and filing functions, the home computer has taken on the critical role of home office. The ability to do word processing on a computer is what has catapulted many Americans into the world of computing, observe vendors of home management software.

Originally, the computer was slated mainly to be used as a telephone directory and to track one's checkbook, recalls Martin Dean, chairman of three-year-old Select, which makes a \$99 word processing program. "Instead, computers in the home have spawned a whole new way of relating to our language. Most people are reticent about writing letters because of fear of saying the wrong thing and having to cross it out."

Today's word processing programs provide editing functions and text manipulations that allow users to experiment with varying wordings. Select's "Write" program comes with a "teach" portion that demonstrates how the program works.

Dean, and other makers of home word processing, boast about how easy the programs are to use. Sierra On-Line's "Home Word" utilizes icons to guide users through word processing. "Bank Street Writer," from Broderbund, also is said to be simple to understand.

"Finally," says Dean, "the programs are easy enough to use, reasonably priced and contained in appropriate packaging. They can be sold through retail outlets like record stores and bookstores."

In addition to word processing

packages, programs for home finance, tax preparation and filing have gained recognition. Makers of these programs pride themselves on ease-of-use as well as integrating the programs so information stored on one floppy can be transferred to another.

An example of fully integrated software packages is Software Publishing's PFS series of products: "PFS:Write," "PFS:File" and "PFS:Graph." Owners of these programs can transfer word-processed reports into a file for safekeeping and/or pick information off of the report and turn it into a graph.

Hank Scheinberg, executive vice president of Continental Software, markets "Tax Advantage," which can integrate with the company's "Home Accountant" to transfer tax information. Broderbund's new adjunct to its "Bank Street Writer" is a speller that highlights misspelled words, suggests the correct spelling and adds new words.

Creative Software has introduced a series of integrated programs that can be used together or individually. Entitled "Joe's Writer," "Fred's Filer" and "Jack's Calc," each program will retail for \$49.95, and will be made available on diskette for the PCjr. It will come on cartridge for the Commodore 64 as well.

Chatsworth, Calif.-based Datasoft will roll out a word processing package, "Letter Wizard," and "Ultra Plan," spreadsheet/graph maker. These packages are among the first integrated word processing and spreadsheet programs for the Commodore 64. They are scheduled to ship in late January.

Batteries Included, a Canadianbased company, already markets similar products for the Commodore 64. Its products—"Paper Clip," a word processor, and "Delphi's Oracle," a database manager—allow stored files to be formatted into report/letter form. A spelling checker is about to be launched, a company spokesman

Finally, Data 20, a Laguna Hills, Calif., company has developed integrated home management programs for the new Commodore 128K computer, which will debut at CES. Data 20's programs are reportedly built into the computer.

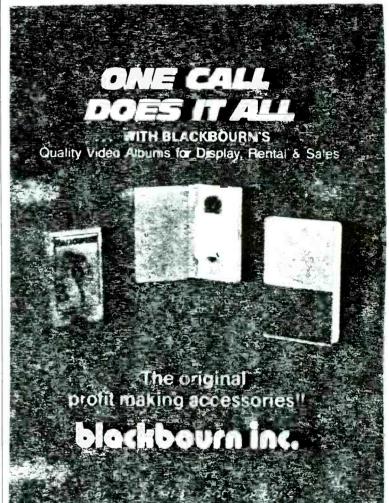


Koss's Porta Pro stereophones feature multi-pivoting earcups with the company's Comfort Zone, a three-position switch on the Porta Pro's temporal pad that adjusts pressure of the earcup for perfect fit. The collapsible headphones retail for \$59.95.





The Koss Corp. has expanded its Music Box personal portable stereo line with a combination Dolby cassette player/AM-FM tuner pack model featuring the exclusive Koss SafeLite which alerts listener to potentially dangerous volume levels. The new Music Box retails for \$129.95 and weighs 10.5



#### Relax Via Healthware

"Educational" and "productive" became fashionable expressions among home emputer software connoisseurs in 1983. In 1984, "healthful" might be the next buzz word attached to computer software. At CES, Synapse Software of Richmond, Calif., will launch "Relax," an interactive stress reduction computer software package sanctioned by psychologist Martha Davis.

The package is based on principles of biofeedback: the ability to receive instantaneous information on one's muscle activity. Essentially, Synapse has produced a head band which looks like a simple sweat band but contains a skin sensor device which, hooked to a computer, can show graphic representations of one's muscular activity.

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Explains Ihor Wolosenko, president of the firm, "While wearing the head gear, if you clench your teeth and tense up your forehead muscles, the graph will shoot up, signifying

tension. As you relax those muscles, the graph starts to straighten out."

The headgear can also be used like a joystick. Wolosenko has devised two games in which users control game action via muscle action in their forehead. One game involves controlling a hot air balloon as it flies across a landscape.

Synapse's "Relax" is the first in a series of health-related products to be launched by the company's newly formed personal healthware division. It will be sold through the company's dealer network for about \$100. The "Relax" package includes the headband, a bio controller to be used as a hook up to the computer, a book on stress reduction authored by psychologist Davis for the company, and a 30-minute cassette explaining the program and the ideas behind this form of stress reduction.

In 1984, Synapse plans to roll out a heart monitoring device for home computers. FAYE ZUCKERMAN

#### **Kicking Lowball Habit**

One way or another, blank videotape marketers are going to get dealers off the lowball price kick. This is a dominant trend at Winter CES with nearly every brand. Approaches vary from dramatic contests like Sony's "Visions Of The U.S." to Maxell's educational seminars on its HGY high-grade product.

Marketers have been hammering away at the quality videotape story for a long time. PD Magnetics, the Dupont affiliates, featured the "Pure Chrome" theme in media messages. BASF similarly has extended its lifetime guarantee to both regular and chrome video models.

One method JVC is using is packaging three grades together to stimulate brand trial, steadily upgrading

the consumer to a better quality picture (and hoping and trusting they notice the difference).

Certainly, the Beta move to better fidelity has been part of the videotape upgrading story. Beta as a format is growing again, believes Konica, pointing to one showcase Midwest store where blank videotape sales are 80% Beta.

Still another approach is selling the super length story, as Fuji is doing with a T-160 and L-830 super high grade. Keyed to slow mode, high grade offers "a bargain."

It's all there for the eye to see, points out Memorex, which is putting its new G Master series in a clear plastic case to make the point even more forcefully.



#### Blank Tape Marketers Flip For Floppys

If you visualize the computer floppy disk as a flattened out round piece of blank tape, it's easy to see why nearly every brand of blank tape is being offered at Winter CES in floppy form. At Memorex, where floppys go under the brand Memtek, Joseph Petite believes the traditional blank tape firms now ensconsed in record/ tape stores have a definite edge as retailers add blank computer software. Rob Loranger claims Musicland and Camelot are already marketing Loran floppy disks, and Loranger has gone on to pre-formatted computer cassettes for the Adam. From the prominent blank tape marketers to the more obscure, all are eyeing blank computer.

Obviously, there are blank computer brands (Verbatum, among others) who are unfamiliar to record/tape stores, having first developed in

computer retail outlets. An exception might be 3M. The Minneapolis-based giant straddles both the computer and record/tape retail marketplaces.

High profile shakers like TDK and Maxell are pushing vigorously in blank computer. In fact, Maxell has a separate agency handling its blank computer software. At other blank tape firms, marketing reps lament they can hardly keep up with blank tape and blank computer products.

Even smaller firms want a piece of the floppy disk market. Denon, which is not yet in blank video, may enter floppy disk first, acknowledges Stephen Lesser.

For many blank tape manufacturers, the addition of a computer product line extends brand recognition across the consumer spectrum, points out Fuji's John Dale. Fuji, with a complete line of floppy disks, has the added advantage of being a film company, too. Dale says, "It all adds to our [division's] advertising season. Everyone is ultimately a consumer. You see Fuji everywhere."

A predominant trend in blank computer software by blank tape marketers is to offer at least the 5¼-inch disk in single, double and quad density, in both single and double-sided configurations. BASF, among others, is going beyond this to both 8-inch and 3¼-inch, as floppys start to take on the complexities of blank tape in terms of size variation.

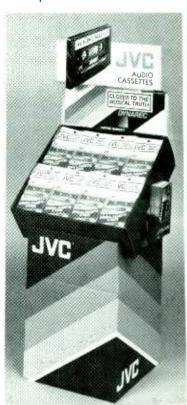
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Still another trend in floppy is packaging to conform to mass merchandiser fixtures. S.K.C., to name a still obscure brand, is packaging floppy 5½s 10 in a package, and offering ten such packs in a master carton as floppy disks start to move out in the quantities long seen in blank tape.

Still to develop is the computer 4.

Still to develop is the computer Acassette market, say many blank tape marketers. BASF has cassettes, but feels the market isn't there yet. Certron has both 10 and 20 minute cassettes.

One further trend, sure to be obvious at CES, is the blank computer accessory market. Memtek is launching a full range of accessories as a way to further benchmark a niche in the marketplace.



JVC has new audio and video cassette Pre-Pack display units. The videocassette package is a ready-to-use display piece shipped with 50 T-120 standard grade Dynarec tapes. The audio package, above, includes two-bags of either 100 F1-60 or F1-90 promotional cassettes, as well as promotional material.

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## **Price Reductions Clinch CD Retail Stability**

good," to retailers carrying Compact Disc players and software, but recent price cuts have been even better.

As retailers and consumers become more comfortable with CD technology and more assured of its stability as a viable product in the marketplace sales across the country have picked up.

Steady promotion, for the most part by manufacturers, and enthusiastic demonstration and consumer education on the part of retail salespeople are the major impetus behind the spurt of consumer interest and eventual purchase. But price reductions have been the real sales clincher

Rick Blair, merchandise manager for Appletree Stereo, DeKalb, Ill., says his company has worked steadily in conjunction with local radio sta-tions to promote CD hardware and software awareness and that the results are finally starting to pay off. "We'll work with a station by taking our Compact Disc player over to the studio and they'll use it for a music special on a particular group or to play an hour or two of CD software programming."

Blair reports that CD players (software is handled by another affiliate store) have become "a rather popular commodity this Christmas as a result, plus due to the fact we've invested a lot of time in demonstrating the product. We're selling to many of our previous audio customers

Appletree currently carries a Denon CD player, selling for \$800 and an NEC system, retailing for

players selling in nearby Chicago for \$500. So I imagine that we'll be looking at other lines and other price points."

At the Harvard Coop, CD software and hardware sales move handin-hand. Ed Piacenza, the Coop's electronics buyer, credits the store's extensive disc library with helping his department sell the hardware through.

"Disk players are selling well for us," he reports, adding, "but we're a little different than most stores in the area. We have one of the largest record departments in New England. That has been important to us, who sell the players.

"I think CD players are a viable product. If you've ever heard the sound, it's incredible—as long as there's software to support it. To give an example of how a strong record department can support the hardware sale, our record division flew in a lot of software from London, when it was impossible to obtain it in the U.S. I see that support as a major reason we can sell the players.'

Price of the players, according to Piacenza, is also important. \$999, we sold a few players. But as the prices dropped, sales started to pick up. Now we advertise it and we promote it with our software.

Lory Zimbalatti, assistant buyer for records and tapes at the Coop, agrees with Piacenza that stocking software is a plus to vendors selling Her department recently joined forces with the audio division in a joint "dollars-off" pre-Christmas

promotion that focused on software discounts.

According to Zimbalatti, the company advertised a 20% discount on its CD disk catalog, which in turn prompted an increase in the sale of the audio department's players. "We did a tremendous business," she recalls, "selling hundreds of disks. It was the first time we'd ever really done that. We've had one-day sales before on a label, but never something so extensive to put our entire CD disk library of 200 to 300 titles

Best moving category is classical, Zimbalatti notes. Polygram Classics do well, as does the CBS label, Michael Jackson, Men At Work, the Pretenders and the Doors.

Compact Disc is selling well for the Wall To Wall Sound outlet, located in Cinnaminson, N.J. "CD players are selling very well for us," reports a salesperson in the store. "It's a little surprising how well they move, but after you hear the sound quality, I suppose it's really no surprise.

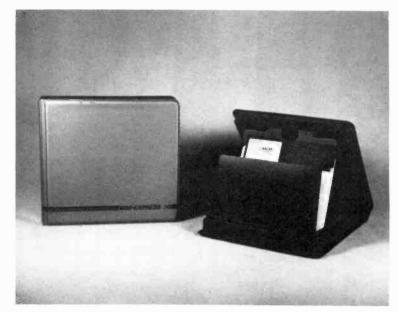
'Compact Disc is relatively new,' he continues, "but a lot of people have heard about it now. We've been carrying the systems for about three or four months and in the beginning they were ticketed at about \$950. As a result, they moved very slowly. About a month ago we lowered the price to be competitive. We carry the Akai player and now we're selling it for \$599. In my opinion, sales have picked up markedly—some possibly due to the holiday season; some due to the price.'

This Wall To Wall outlet also of-

library as support for hardware sales. "Software, for us," notes the sales clerk, "has become a very good business. We've sold five players in our store and each time we've sold two or three disks with them at the initial sale. And people keep coming back." Polk Brothers, the Chicago-based

department store, has been carrying CD players for about a month and a half, says sales manager George Crump. The store carries the Magnavox 1000, which it retails for \$499.95 to be competitive, but there is no software-yet. "As the category gains in popularity, we'll probably add two more hardware brands," he says. "And we're thinking about adding software, because we're pretty sure it will cause sales of the hardware to go up, as well as encourage customers to come back here when they want something new to play on their system.'

MARCIA GOLDEN



Blackbourn Inc. adds the Mini-Express to its line of diskette packaging products available for retail distribution. Available in carton quantities of 19 units, the Mini-Express offers dust-proof protection 10 5-1/4 inch diskettes. A built-in snap-up easel offers easy access to diskettes during use, and tucks them away in album for storage. Available in silver vinvl.



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## Winter CES

## **Photo Giants Excite Tape Brand War**

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another facet of regenerative excitement in blank audio tape

Nor, finally, is blank audio and video tape the whole WCES story. From minor brands to brand majors, everyone is into floppys. In fact, the new trend is not just adding a floppy disk to the line, but having a full line in the popular  $5^{1}/_{4}$  inch size and anticipating the  $3^{1}/_{2}$  and 3 inch micros. Memorex is adding a whole line of blank computer product accessories.

It's a pretty big story for Polaroid and Kodak to steal, come to think of

#### BRAND/FEATURED PRODUCT OR PROMOTIONS

Features a three part video promotion: two sections for consumer, and one for in-house sales force. Described as "highly leveraged value added," one consumer promotion ties individual or cumulative purchases to prizes or choice of rebates. Top incentive prize for purchases of 15 blank tapes is one free airline ticket, with purchase of another, anywhere Republic goes. For 10 purchases, upgraded Republic ticket, or dinner for two, or rebate.

Second consumer promotion targets future VCR owners with purchases of blank tape tied to extended warranty insurance. Ten tape purchase earns nine month VCR warranty above what recorder factory

In-house program rewards sales force for performance.

#### **CERTRON**

Extends its computer products line with 51/4 inch floppy disks in singlesided and double-sided double densities. Packages designed for sale as single, double, three or 10-pack. Also available are computer cassettes in 10 and 20 minute lengths.

Recently announced introduction of licensed video blanks in T120 and Beta L-500. Targeting the mass merchandiser, brand will offer video packaging in standard cello wrap or as sleeved and shrink wrapped for Jhook display

Emphasis on expansion of personal computer products, extending the brand's Qualimetric introduction of a year ago. Qualimetric is the guarantee of equilibrium between surface wear and output, and between modulation and resolution. Expect floppy disks in 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, 8 inch and 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch width offerings as well as single, double and quad density in single or double-sided configurations.

Brand will continue to emphasize its chrome promotions, such as the Police's "Synchronicity" and Super-tramp's "Famous Last Words" on A&M. "Synchronicity" was recorded for playback at 120 microsecond equalization, usual consumer playback built-in equalization setting.

#### MEMOREX/MEMTEK

Dramatic expansion of Memtek personal computer accessories line:



dry cassette cleaner, 51/4 disk drive cleaner, keyboard cleaner, data re-trieval cleaner kit, CRT screen cleaner and all purpose cleaning kit. Four different  $5^{1}/_{4}$  size floppy disks and a

10 and 15 minute computer cassette extends brand into what is called a 'one stop" complete personal computer line. Advertising in personal computer consumer magazines, targeting the personal computer user for Memtek (and Memorex's) traditional position in record/tape

Emphasis on video will find new

clear plastic package for G Master series in T120 format. Also bowing, a wet head cleaner at \$14.95 priced for 'above normal" profit.

#### LORAN

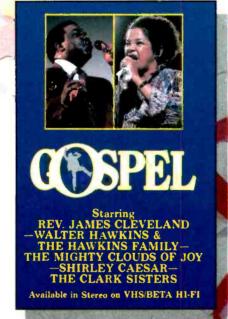
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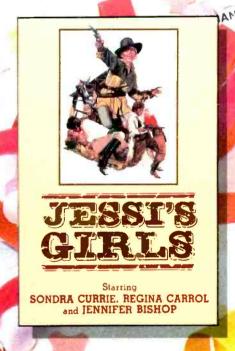
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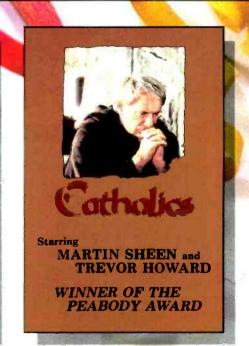






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#### **Games Mull Chances For Recovery**

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Sports realism is the name of the game at Electronic Arts, where Trip Hawkins, president, announces "Julius Erving and Larry Bird Go Oneon-One," a basketball simulation carrying a \$40 suggested list price. The disk-based game is available immediately for Apple computers, and later for Atari and Commodore 64 machines, says Hawkins.

Micro Lab has lately been beefing up its Micro Learn educational division, according to Stan Goldberg, president. The company will show six SAT tutorials for math and English, and a newly reformatted "U.S. Constitution Tutor.

In the home entertainment Micro Fun division, the company has a partially finished prototype of "Scraper Caper," a sequel adventure to "Miner 2049er" for Apple, IBM, and ColecoVision. For the Commodore 64,

as well as the other three machines, is "The Heist," a "modern spy arcade game" incorporating two levels and advanced graphics, Goldberg says "Star Federation of the Empires" will make its Apple debut, while a recently announced arcade release, "Dino Eggs," will also be shown at CES. The price for Apple and IBM disks is \$40; Commodore and Atari versions retail for \$35 suggested list, and ColecoVision cartridges are \$44.95

Both Sierra On-Line and Epyx have announced games boasting technical "breakthroughs," according to company officials. A Sierra "third-generation" adventure game, for example, features real-time animation, enhanced graphics and sound, and simulated 3D screens, says Ken Williams, chairman. The title will be held until show time, he says, "because the ink on the licensing contract isn't yet dry." Sierra commissioned an artist to draw the pictures for the new IBM PC-compatible game, which is designed by Roberta Williams and retails for \$59.95

Other new Sierra packages include "The Prisoner," based on the television show starring Patrick McGoohan, for Apple, and "Snokie," an arcade game involving a penguin for New Home education games include "Fuzzywomp," a four-in-one disk for Apple that teaches children to count; "Alf Arithmetic" and "Alf Alphabet," at \$34.95 each, and "Storymaker," a \$34.95 release for the Commodore 64 and Apple machines that enables children to create and save stories on disk. The company also has several conversions for the PCjr and Coleco's Adam.

Epyx, meanwhile, will demon-rate "Dragonriders of Pern," licensed from and based on the bestselling science fiction series by Anne McCaffrey. The game contains two segments, a text strategy sequence and a graphic action sequence.

"'Dragonriders' is our first game based on a top selling science fiction series," says Mike Katz, president. "We will, of course, have sequels to the first game." The disk is available for Atari and Commodore 64 in the first quarter. Epyx also adds "Fun with Words" to its home education line-up.

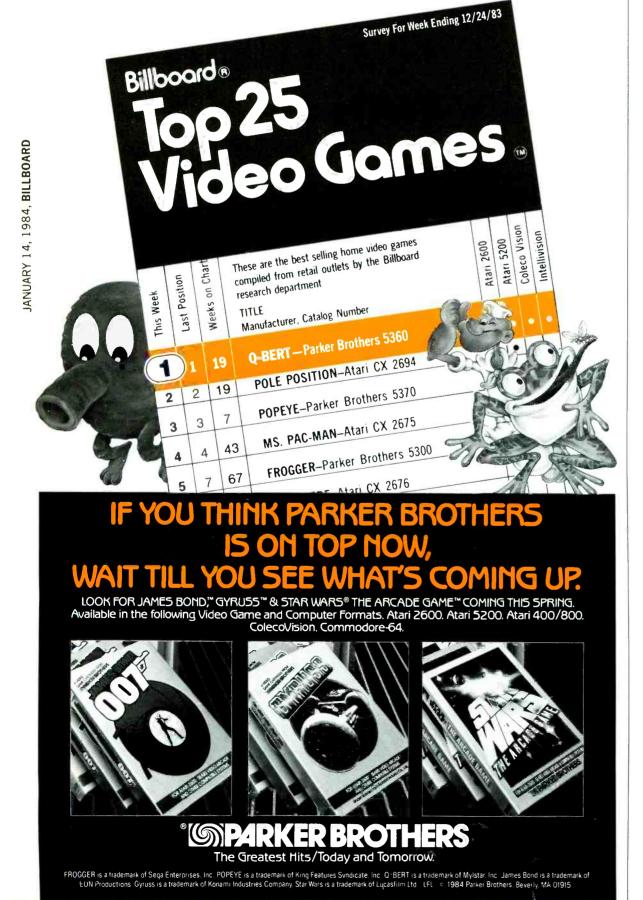
Jerry Jewell, president of Sirius, says his organization will attend the show (without a booth) to announce new releases in "state-of-the-art arcade as well as education" areas. Titles for multiple systems will be revealed at CES, he says.

Additionally, look for new entertainment titles from Broderbund, Datasoft, Datamost, Synapse, Atari and Imagic, which just launched "Nova Blast" for ColecoVision



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#### Video At Home On Range In '84

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programs. "Jane Fonda had its biggest month ever in December '83," Karl says, adding, "'Flashdance' and 'Raiders' may be opening people's minds that video is something they can buy."

The latest Karl release is a 110-minute version of a 40-hour course by Glenn Domon of the Institute of Human Development in Philadelphia. The \$49.95 "How To Teach Your Baby To Read" will be supported by a 35-city tour by the program's developer. Karl also is making available to retailers a booklet on "the art of selling home video" to teach their concept that "There's more to home video than movies."

MCA Home Video has several new titles and some pricing changes. "Smokey And The Bandit Part 3," "The Lonely Lady," "Nightmares" (all \$59.95) and "Going Berserk" (\$69.95) all bow this quarter, while seven titles will be reduced in price to \$39.95. These include "The Sting," "Missing," "1941" and "Nighthawks."

Media Home Entertainment's first-quarter releases include "Hells Angels Forever," "1990: The Bronx Warriors," "Virus," "The Alpha Incident," "Popeye And Friends In The Wild West," "Countryman," "Shattered," "Abduction," "The Dorm That Dripped Blood" and "Operation Orient." All except "Popeye" are \$59.95; that title is \$29.95.

MGM/UA's latest non-theatrical release is "Cool Cats," due in March and featuring performances by and interviews with 34 artists.

Pacific Arts Video Records plans new releases, a new push for older releases and a strong consumer ad campaign. "Edie in Ciao! Manhattan" is due in February at \$59.95, as is "The James Dean Story," which includes out-takes from "East Of Eden." The company is promoting 15 catalog titles with an ad campaign, including a "Michael Nesmith Film Festival" poster featuring four titles.

Pacific Arts will use Trouser Press for a promotion of "The Rutles," giving away copies of that title as Sony did with "Duran Duran." Two instore displays will feature six titles at Tower Records in New York and Los Angeles. Upcoming promotions: April is "Video Laughs" month, May

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MINNESOTA 129 West Lake Street Minneapolis, Minn, 55408 (612) 823-6291 "Video Music" month. Company president David Bean hints the company will have a major announcement tied in to VHS Hi-Fi at that

First-quarter releases from Paramount Home Video are led by "Staying Alive," which ships Feb. 1 at a \$39.95 price for videocassette, \$19.95 for CED disk. Also watch for "Beyond the Limit" (\$59.95), "Court Jester" with Danny Kaye and "We're No Angels" with Humphrey Bogart (\$49.95 each) and an animated version of "The Wizard Of Oz" at \$29.95.

Besides its upcoming Barry Manilow releases, Pioneer Artists has licensed a number of music programs for laser disk release. These include four Gilbert and Sullivan operettas: "Pirates Of Penzance" with Peter Allen, "The Mikado" with William Conrad, "H.M.S. Pinafore" with Peter Marshall and "Yeoman Of The Guard" with Joel Gray.

In addition, Pioneer will offer the "Picture Music Video" compilation of 14 video clips; "Live Wireless," a full-length program featuring Thomas Dolby; a musical version of "Treasure Island"; "Ernani" with Placido Domingo; and concerts by Diana Ross, Dolly Parton, Air Supply and others. Pioneer is getting more aggressive in its advertising, with an ongoing radio campaign and close contact with the hardware division, which controls software distribution as well.

Hottest title from RCA/Columbia this quarter is "Tootsie." The company also has inaugurated a dealer hotline, similar to those operated by other suppliers, for information on point-of-purchase materials available for its titles. The number is (800) 722-2748.

Changes at RCA VideoDiscs include a newly revamped music video production division under the umbrella of the record division. This quarter RCA releases "The Entertainment Game," an interactive program licensed from Paramount. There is also speculation that the company will announce a price promotion at CES based on the new \$19.95 price point for CED disks.

Sony's video software division has arranged a cross-promotion with "Rock Video" magazine, whose first issue is due next month. Sony is including a coupon for a subscription to the magazine in all of its software packages. In addition, a contest beginning this month in conjunction with "Rock" magazine will give away Beta Hi-Fi hardware and software. New titles include a recently licensed batch of promotional video clips from Capitol-EMI artists. "Video 45s" are due from David Bowie, the J. Geils Band, Kim Carnes, Ashford & Simpson and others

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Thorn EMI Home Video will be promoting five new releases at CES, led by "Cross Creek," \$79.95. Other titles are "The Evil Dead," "Jimmy The Kid," "Amin: The Rise And Fall" and "The Funny Farm." Also due: Volumes 7-13 of "The World At War," narrated by Laurence Olivier.

Vestron Video is actively promoting its Children's Video Library, with the addition of 12 titles in the first quarter and special giveaways: a set of Terrytoons stickers, for example. There are also trailers for retail use, tying into a merchandising message telling consumers to ask their retailers for a loan of the trailer.

New music titles in the Vestron line include a re-release of the Kinks' "One From The Road," Neil Diamond "Live At The Greek" and "Asia In Asia," all at \$29.95. "Picture Music Video" will be supported with a 12-x-12-inch poster designed

to help record stores.

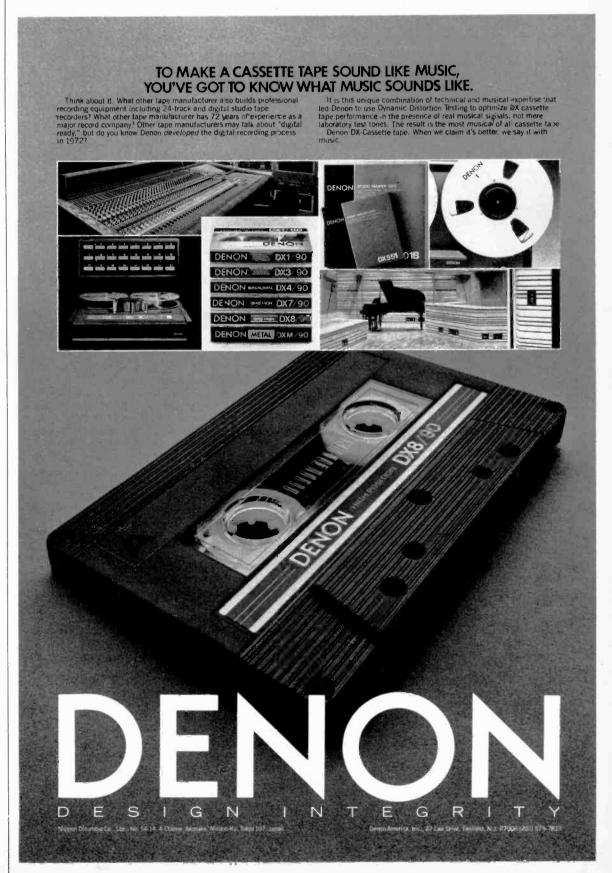
In February Vestron releases "Easy Money," supported with oversized dollar bills. Other new titles are "Blood-Sucking Freaks" and "Jack The Ripper," with Klaus Kinski.

The VidAmerica line, also distributed by Vestron, is led by "Beyond A Reasonable Doubt," currently in theatrical release and due on videocassette in March at \$59.95. The title is part of a recently licensed package from Satori Films. Other new titles include "Lady Takes A Chance," an exclusive release starring John Wayme at \$39.95. In the "Affordable Collectibles" line VidAmerica adds "James Dean: First American Teenager," "Hey Abbott," "Kitty Foyle" and "The Lincoln Conspiracy." Each is \$34.95.

With the current interest in Stephen King, Warner Home Video is emphasizing "Cujo." Other new titles are "Cracking Up," "Wild (Continued on page CES-37)



Ruby-Spears Enterprises' "Fangface."



#### **Quality Wins Cassette Bet On Parity**

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re-examining their entire manufacturing chain, from master tape source to the finished package.

Some of the inroads made have been tested on a limited basis, as with A&M Records' selective use of chromium dioxide tape formulations for major releases by Supertramp, The Police and Herb Alpert during the past 18 months. With a number of blank media firms now making more cost-effective breakthroughs in premium formulations, especially in the realm of new ferro-cobalt oxides, it's likely that at least one major label will convert its entire cassette line to a premium tape stock.

To the existing benefits of Dolby "B" noise reduction-now de rigeur for all cassette machines whether personal, automotive or componentmajor duplicators are now adding Dolby's HX Professional headroom extension process. That system, introduced last summer by Capitol and WEA Manufacturing and now being retrofitted to duplicating chains else-

where, provides critical gains in available headroom on prerecorded tapes, yielding a cleaner, distortionfree copy with higher output. Unlike its sister noise reduction systems, the "B" and newer "C" systems (or competing noise reduction circuitry like the increasingly common dbx system), the HX process requires no complimentary circuitry on playback machines. Its benefits are thus said to be useful regardless of the player used by the consumer.

These changes are only the most publicized, however. Duplicators note that duplication ratios, once assumed to be directly related to end product quality, are no longer a predictable benchmark, thanks to improved high-speed systems that can insure uniform playback characteristics even at the fastest 64:1 speed. Notes Jim Rowe, in charge of quality control for WEA Manufacturing's tape duplicating at its Olyphant, Penn., facility, "I don't think higher speed duplication necessarily dictates an inferior product anymore. The newest high-speed systems were engineered from the ground up to handle higher speeds, taking advantage of recent developments in high speed

At Capitol, Sandy Richman, concurs. Richman, recently named head of administration for the company's ambitious XDR cassette program, notes that Capitol's highly-rated prerecorded XDR tapes are duplicated on modified Cetec Gauss equipment at the higher 64:1 speed; to optimize performance, Capitol's own research

Richman is more forthright in detailing Capitol's efforts for its XDR line, since the various elements of the program have now been in place for more than a year and a half. Although Richman, like her peers at other manufacturers, says that the drive for improved cassette quality is ongoing, she notes that some of the key steps taken already place Capitol

For starters, Capitol has shelved of a given album's master tape, Capi-

As for the duplicating copies pulled, Capitol has also abandoned slower-speed conventional tape formats to use one-inch tapes. Digital tone bursts at the beginning of every tape sweep audible frequencies from 50 Hz to 16,000 Hz, with each program continuously monitored to insure that the recorded tape performs within a set tolerance of 2 db from the original tape.

Capitol using high-performance gamma-ferric formulations developed by the sister Capitol Magnetic Products

Richman believes the program has already paid off in higher consumer confidence, and she notes that demand from outside labels also attests to interest from producers and

Such artists as Talking Heads, Asia and Neil Young have specified XDR for their cassettes, and the selective ECM jazz label—long known for top quality LP pressings and cassette duplications-has switched to XDR cassettes for all its tape releases.

"We've even had established producers ask us if we were duplicating one-to-one," she boasts. If Richman is bullish, however, she's quick to note that a full-time engineering team has been created to work exclusively on upgrading the product. Capitol works closely with the Capitol Magnetic Products arm to stay on top of refinements in oxide formulations, binders and cassette shells and hubs.

# team "tweaked" the entire system. in the vanguard of cassette quality.

the conventional chain of duplicating master tapes to substantially improve its master sources. Where many duplicators typically extract duplicating or bin masters from production dubs tol now insists on either the original master tape or a digital copy before giving the green light for an XDR

Tape quality is also stressed, with

engineers.

Both CBS and WEA are likewise reported to be developing major cassette quality programs, although official sources at both companies are reluctant to discuss their plans in detail. But if past experience and the current trade profile offer any clues, it's useful to note that CBS has already devoted several years and a sizeable war chest to improving its LP product, while WEA Manufacturing has begun stressing cassette quality through institutional promotions inaugurated after its switch to the Dolby HX system.

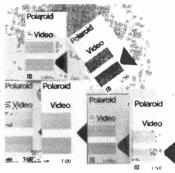
#### Racks Roll On Software

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Electronics before going on his own years ago, has been a Commodore distributor for several years. Earlier this year, he hired Jean Michell away from Commodore to head up his educational department. She works a territory that includes Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska with Major salespersons, training them and their accounts in selling more than 40 third-party publishers' software, along with books, accessories and peripherals. Anderson is the only rackjobber who deals in peripherals.

Major is responsible for stocking and servicing 55 Safeway super stores where the computer software/hardware is available. Major supplied the fixturing. Computerware is linked with the camera department.

Anderson hopes that sometime in 1984 his computer suppliers will standardize their sales policies the



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way record/tape vendors have done.

Arrow Distributing, Cleveland, should be fully into its first home computer racking sometime early in 1984, reports Don Weiss, the firm's president.

Joe Sasich of Alta Distributing, Salt Lake City, says his firm is in home computers in a very limited way. "We see good opportunities there, but our customers as yet haven't shown that much interest," Sasich states.

United Records & Tapes, Hialeah Gardens, Fla., is in the early stages of racking home computer software. Sid Silverman, chief of the rack division. could not be reached for comment.

Jerry Hopkins of Western Merchandisers' rack department says the Amarillo company is investigating computer software and will have representation at the CES show. Western's retail wing has already tested software and hardware in some of its more than 100 retail stores, he notes.

Gordon Dinerstein of Music Suppliers, Boston, is also interested in the possibility of adding home computer wares, but is holding off.



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#### CD Player Prices Lower The Boom On Competition

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Stereo VCR will be visible at CES from a variety of suppliers, both on the display counter and behind closed conference room doors. Plus, show attendees will view the first glimmerings of one-piece video camera/recorder combinations

Following the CES, Sony plans to ship its first Betamovie home video camera/recorder combinations. which are expected to retail for \$1,595. The entire package should include an AC adaptor, rechargeable battery pack and shoulder strap.

Sanyo will be stepping right into line when it introduces its VRC100 Betamovie combination color camera/recorder. Expected to list for \$1,599.95, it weighs 5.5 pounds with-

out battery and cassette.

In the VHS camp, JVC could be showing its all-in-one VCR at its hotel suite in Las Vegas. Dubbed the VHS Video Home Movie, JVC's system uses a downsized 20-minute VHS-C tape. Other VHS suppliers could have their own camera/VCR combinations in Las Vegas as well, but none are expected to have product ready to ship at least until next

Announcing its entry into the home video field, Aiwa unveiled a compact, portable VCR with built-in tuner; Beta Hi-Fi adaptor, with builtin amplifier; and a nine-function remote control. The V-5 hi-fi VCR is a three-piece system, incorporating a pound VCR; Aiwa's SV-50M Beta Hi-Fi adaptor and the RC-V10 remote controller. Suggested list for the combo is \$1,395. In addition, the company introduced a complementary color video camera. The CV-5M employs a 1/2-inch Saticon tube and weighs 3.5 pounds. Expected to retail for \$950, both it and the VCR will be available for delivery in March. Also optional are Aiwa's two-way, magnetically shielded speakers, model

Hitachi's VHS hi-fi VCR, the VT88A, features a pair of dedicated audio heads mounted on the rotary cylinder next to the video heads to record audio signals the same way video heads record video signals-only at a speed several hundred times faster than conventional linear audio recording VCR.

Elsewhere in its line, Sony is adding a third model to its stereo VCR lineup. The SL-2710 is price-positioned to fit between the company's high-end SL-2700 and the entry model, SL-5200. Suggested list price on this new unit is \$1,250.

A relative newcomer to home video, Konica's Audio-Video division will debut its first color video camera. Weighing in at 1.6 pounds, the model CV-301 is compatible with all VHS-format VCR and adapts to Beta-format recorders via a standard adaptor cable.

Mitsubishi plans to introduce a compact size, rear-projection tv. The depth of model VS-455RS has been



reduced by four-inches to 31-inches. This "slimmer-line" unit is cableready, offers 139 channels and includes a 20-function wireless remote. In addition, the system features a two-channel audio system, a built-in digital stereo FM tuner with six FM station presets, fourspeaker sound and inputs for connections to other video and stereo units. Suggested list price is \$3,000 and delivery is expected to be in February

JVC will debut its first color console tv under the Telstar label. Model C-2693US offers a 25-inch screen, a

134-channel tuner and terminals for video and audio inputs. Equipped with six speakers, power output is 10 watts per channel. Suggested list price is \$2,000.



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## Blank Sweepstakes Send Consumers Flying High

Among leading trends at this year's Winter CES is the effort by blank tape marketing giants to "out sweepstake" one another. It could all be very instructive for Polaroid and

ket with as much bombast as the current leaders and shakers. Among sweepstakes that add up to super efforts are those by Fuji, 3M and Max

ell-though doubtless there will be

The essential idea of the consumer sweepstakes, not new in blank tape but new in the sense of sensational prizes, is to get marketing off the rebate kick. In fact, 3M's approach is to offer a choice of cash rebate or prize. And it's problematical to call 3M's promotion a true sweepstakes.

For one thing, there are a series of prizes tied to product purchase. The purchase of 15 blank videocassettes entitles a consumer to a free Republic Airline ticket anywhere the carrier flies, with the usual one paid ticket.

Also novel is 3M's offer to purchase additional warranty time for new VCR owners, beyond what the VCR manufacturer offers. Purchase of 10 tapes earns a 9-month warranty extension. The 3M offer even goes as far as offering dinners out for two, among other prize incentives. Looking at the demographics, 3M has decided its blank tape customers are entertainment-oriented, travel a lot and are sophisticated.

Fuji is going all out for dramatics with the grand prize in its sweep-stakes free tickets and American Airlines transportation to the National Basketball Assn. playoffs (from Game No. 3 onward). In addition to the trip, hotels and meals, the grand prize winners get a Panasonic PV-6600 VCR and camera plus 10 tapes. Contest runs from WCES to April

Additionally, there are three 1st place prizes consisting of the camera and VCR package. After all, the promotion is entitled "Tape Your Best Shot." There are 25 2nd place prizes (an NBA jacket) and 100 3rd place prizes (an NBA sports bag). It's all tied into contestants' signing up in qualifying stores where p.o.p. pulls the promo together.

Fuji is similarly promoting its audio line of high performance "car stereo blank tape," GT-1. Here, 1st prize is a Pontiac TransAm plus Panasonic Supreme Elite car stereo for the automobile. Again, in a promotion called "We Take The Heat" (keying to the audio cassette's car environment-proof engineering) there are 25 2nd place prizes (a Fujica camera with film) and 50 3rd place prizes of (two 90-minute GT-1s).

Maxell's "Capture The Gold" zeroes on the Olympics with an "instant win" feature. Top prize is \$25,000 in gold coins. The March startup sweepstakes will use contest cards inside packages of blank audio and videotape. Lower prizes will come "instantly" from Maxell's fulfillment house, with consumers winning on every purchase. The graphics on all packaging will plug the sweepstakes, with a full complement of dealer p.o.p. and promotion aids.



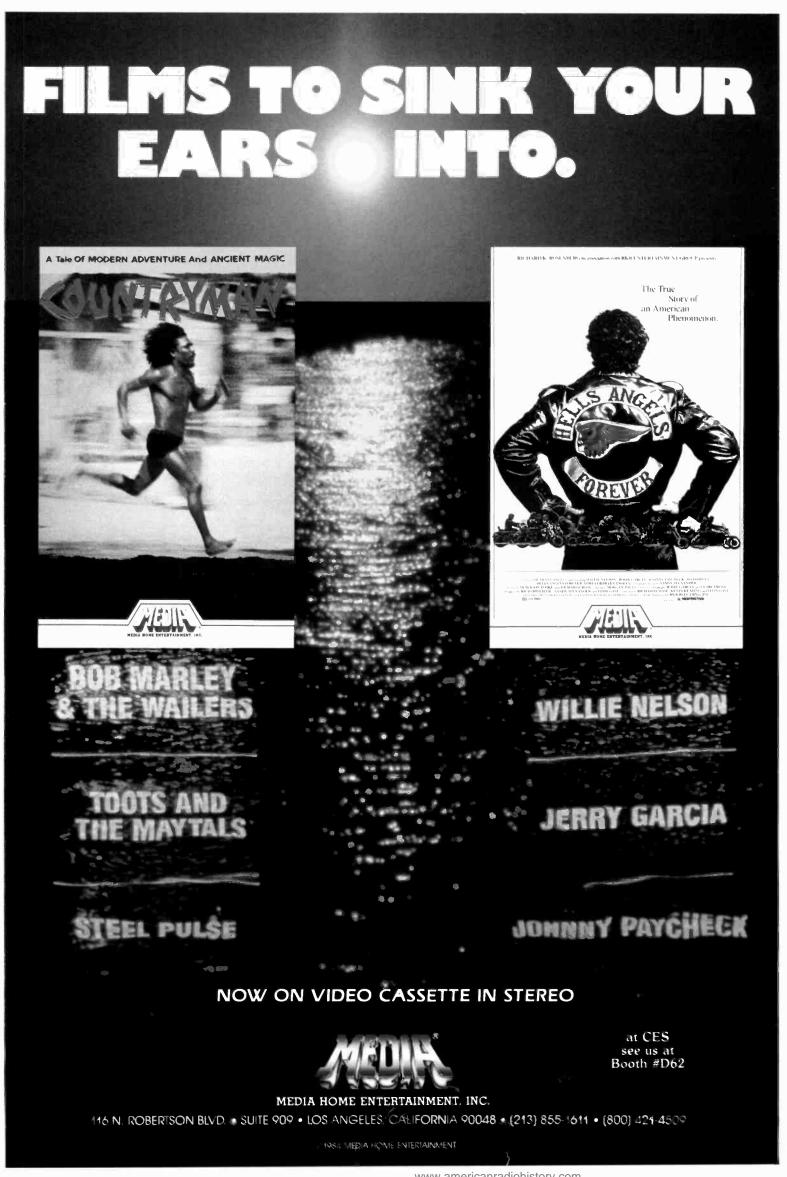
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behind with cleaners and attachments to care for the new equipment. Recoton will be marketing a CD cleaner for \$14.95 at Las Vegas and other accessory manufacturers, including Allsop, Discwasher and Nortronics are expected to follow in short order.

Allsop, which has been concentrating much of its audio/video efforts on promotion and display will introduce a \$19 (suggested list) throwaway headcleaner for inexpensive Beta and VHS VCR as well as a deluxe video cleaner for \$30.

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#### **CD Reviews Growing Pangs**

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But the first CDs aren't perfect, however close to that ideal their best-realized versions may sound.

Demonstrating the format's current sonic edge is "The Nightfly" (Warner Bros. 23696-2, Donald Fagen's post-Steely Dan solo debut. Produced by Gary Katz and digitally recorded and mixed, Fagen's sleekly arranged, immaculately recorded synthesis of pop, jazz and '50s rhythm & blues boasts most of the medium's claimed benefits and none of its drawbacks: a virtual banishment of background noise; palpably deeper bass; improved stereo separation, and reduced distortion.

The advantages of a true digital-to-digital conversion also pay off, fittingly, for the CD version of Ry Cooder's "Bop Till You Drop" (Warner Bros. 03358-2), reportedly the first digital pop project from a major label. Cooder's LP version betrayed some of the steely edge to percussion and other high frequency information deemed a digital minus. But here, the presence and warmth are ear-filling, and a typically crack studio band is captured in full cry, every nuance revealed.

If true digital recording offers the CD its most flattering showcase, there are still analog masters that have been transformed into equally exciting CD releases. The CD version of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" (Epic CDEPC 85930) would likely have sold briskly had its analog/digital transfer been faulty. As it is, how-ever, the digital "Thriller" is, well, thrilling. Quincy Jones' widescreen production gains fresh dazzle in its digital form, especially in terms of deep bass, with the ubiquitous "Billie Jean" and the thundering "Beat It" both profiting dramatically. The former's sinister synthesized bass line now stalks listeners even more viscerally, while the latter's crack-of-doom rhythm section likewise gains physical punch.

For sheer sonic naturalism, however, several all-digital jazz CDs achieve arguably the most lifelike presence of all. The small RealTime label, a Culver City, Calif. spinoff of the Miller & Kreisel audio manufacturing and retailing combine, began building its own selective catalog of digital masters during the late '70s, using its own customized Sony two-channel gear. All its releases are thus

digital "documentaries," avoiding any multi-channel assembly and post-production repairs, and sidestepping the often ticklish problems of digital editing.

Among recent releases, standouts include Freddie Hubbard's "Back To Birdland" (RealTime RT-3005), an ebullient bop exercise teaming the trumpeter with a top-notch band including trombonist Ashley Alexander, alto saxophonist Richie Cole and pianist George Cables, among others. Ken Kreisel's production mikes the players so closely that listeners may pin themselves to the wall at high volumes, but the illusion is still stunning.

Less overwhelming but equally realistic is the small, fluid jazz group offered by the late Art Pepper, Joe Farrell and George Cables on "Darn That Dream" (RealTime RT-3009). Melding alto sax, tenor sax and piano, respectively, with drummer John Dentz and bassist Tony Dumas, it's a lush, beautifully recorded CD.

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The quantity of and standard for black pop and funk on CD is also improving, with silkier, orchestrated styles often the most dazzling. Witness the sizzle of Quincy Jones' "The Dude" (A&M CD-3721), or the even more significant presence gained for Jones' production of Patti Austin on

her "Every Home Should Have One" (Qwest 3591-2 album. Jones' intricate tapestries of keyboards, horns and swirling rhythm arrangements yield fresh detail in these digital renderings. George Duke's own well-crafted approach to more lyrical, orchestrated pop likewise benefits in the CD version of "Dream On" (Epic EK 37532).

As for modern pop, the CD enthusiast can find triumphs, modest successes and a few clinkers. Men At Work's "Cargo" (Columbia CK 38660) suffers stereo imaging problems that leave unsettling gaps in the mix, resulting in an oddly disembodied feel to several tracks. But Talking Heads' "Speaking In Tongues" (Sire 23883-2) proves even more kinetic a brew of rock, funk and tribal rhythm as sharpened in its CD garb. And Joe Jackson's "Night And Day" (A&M CD-4906), while recorded on analog equipment like most of these pop CDs, is a stunner on the new format, starting in the opening seconds of "Another World," which boasts a booming tympani pulse and shimmering mallet instruments that bloom on CD.

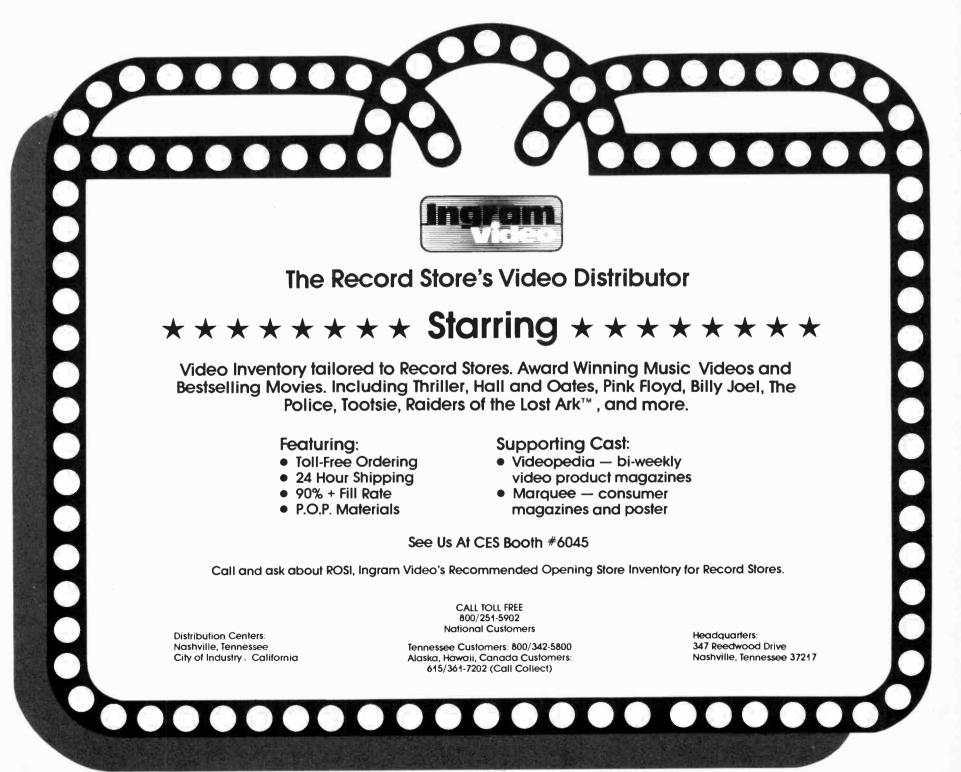
Digitally mixed albums logically offer a more foolproof CD master, and such is the evidence offered by Paul Simon's beautifully recorded

"Hearts And Bones" (Warner Bros. 23942-2). A subtle, richly atmospheric album studded with sound effects, eclectic instrumentation and sweeping production effects, the work gains drama while losing none of its

nuance.

Even relatively small labels appear to have a niche in Compact Disc. In the case of Windham Hill, an existing emphasis on high quality pressings and audiophile recording techniques gives the line a catalog ripe for CD issue, and the label indeed was among the first to line up manufacturing contracts for its titles. Label founder William Ackerman benefits from an all-digital master for his "Passage" (Windham Hill WD-10), which pairs his chiming acoustic guitar work with violin, viola, English horn and piano in varying combinations. Other standouts in the line's initial release include Liz Story's "Solid Colors" (WD-1023); "Shadowdance" by the eclectic Shadowfax ensemble (WD-1029); and George Winston's "December" (WD-1025), as appropriate a seasonal CD as any.

Impressive Compact Discs are also available from several performers whose conventional album projects already stress audiophile sonics. The Police are represented by their last two albums, both produced by the trio and Hugh Padgham.



#### **Photo Giants Excite Tape Brand War**

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merchandiser packaging for the floppy disk line and a new entry in computer cassettes. The computer entry is a high speed digital data cassette for the Adam system that is pre-formatted with a clock track. Loran also markets computer cassettes in 10, 20 and 30 minute lengths.

Floppy disk packaging consists of twin-packs and 10-packs for the 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch configuration single and double densities, which Loranger Entertainment claims are being successfully test marketed via Musicland and Camelot stores.

#### SONY

A multi-promotion for high grade blank video, tied to Sony's "Visions Of The U.S." promotion. Sticker on two-pack invites participation in a videotaping contest. Consumers offered twin-pack comprised of regular Beta and premium high grade Beta for the price of two regular tapes in L500, 750 and 830 lengths.

Two other Sony promotions consist of marketing both audio and video tape via Northwest U.S. 7-Eleven outlets—possibly as many as 440 units—and a radio advertising campaign for VHS ultra high grade blank videotape. Four 60-second spots with dealer trailers in 25 markets are planned for the initial six months.

#### KONICA

Three promotions are planned, the first of which is geared to promote a video camera along with blank tape. Camera is packaged with two blank VHS cassettes. An "Audio To Go" promotion centers on the GM 2 high bias cassette, with a free tape to dealers for every 10 purchased along with a free silver carrying case. Minimum orders are 200 pieces, which gives stores 20 free cassettes and 20 carry-

ing cases

The third promotion is a "Six Pack," to promote high performance videotape. A 220 piece minimum program is built around every 12th tape free to the dealer. Also tied in is a plastic shopping bag to be loaded with six blanks, with bags designed as self-merchandiser displays.

#### S.K.C.

The Korean Sunkyong brand will feature two videocassette models and three models in floppy disk. The floppys will be  $5^1/_4$  in single and double density, single and double-sided, and also double-sided double density in 10-packs with a master carton comprised of 10 such 10 packs.

The T-120 and L-500 blank videotapes also come in 10 sleeve packaging in master cartons of 42 pieces. Sunkyong will introduce audio in March. Denon audio tape will introduce its first hybrid formulation, Model DX8, a blend of metal alloy and CR02. Aimed like Denon's prior tape releases at the audiophile, the 60 and 90-minute formats will list for \$6 and \$8, respectively, according to Stephen Lesser, marketing director.

Denon is also making two-packs of DX-1-3-7, all three of which will list for double the cost of a single package with discounts to dealers.

Two standing floor displays are expected shortly. Equipped on wooden casters for easy floor movement, each holds 360 blank cassettes. Storage space with mounted doors is furnished on the lower part of each display.

Denon is centering its marketing thrust on Boston, Atlanta and Chicago in the first half on 1984, Lesser says

#### TDE

Introduction of a new HX series metal pattern tape suitable for interface with digital recording in 60 and

#### Hollywood

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cording to Simon. "It was picked because it fit the mode of a game they were developing, and it had a very recognizable title. They were looking for older properties which already had established name relationships with the audience."

The future of the computer software Hollywood connection seems optimistic, according to those involved in the licensing departments of the major studios. Most of the studios continue to lease their properties, either characters or titles, for software use. Presently, MGM/UA is talking to computer companies about "2010," the sequel to "2001: A Space Odyssey" due in late 1984.

20th Century-Fox is engaged in active pursuit of several computer game concepts for such properties as "Automan," "Buckaroo Banzai," "Give My Regards to Broad Street," "Johnny Dangerously" and "Rhinestone."

90-minute lengths puts TDK in the forefront of upgrading audio tape to the digital era. This is a tape set in the high bias position at 70 microvolts.

Also bowing at CES are two models of videotape, T-120 and L-500 in extra high grade "hi fi" blank video tape. The formulation provides for dramatically fewer dropouts and more chroma as TDK, among other leading brands, continues to stress high performance in both audio and video blank tape.

#### FUJI

A flamboyant blank videotape sweepstakes, another on high performance audio blank tape and a full line of computer software characterize Fuji's CES showcase. The "Tape Your Best Self" video sweepstakes ties Fuji to the National Basketball Assn., as parent Fuji Photo is linked to the Olympics. Top prize is a trip for two to NBA playoff games. The audio sweepstakes pushes the GT-1 tape that has been dramatically baked in ovens at trade shows to demonstrate its car environment adaptability. The promotion is called "We Take The Heat."

Fuji is now boasting a full line of floppys, including the 8-inch standard, both  $3^{1}/_{2}$  and 3-inch micro and compact sizes and the popular  $5^{1}/_{4}$  diameter floppy in the various density configurations.

#### MAXELL

Coming off its recently concluded rebate program, Maxell is bowing at WCES a \$25,000 "Capture The Gold" sweepstakes keyed to the Olympics, a direct approach to the college market and an upgrading of dealer level sales personnel to stress the benefits of Maxell and push sales off the price hangup.

In line with its HGX high grade video product, Maxell has prepared flip charts in essentially a sales training seminar approach. Also key is Maxell's recognition of the sound in television. At WCES, reps will walk delegates through a visual on how sound is laid down in preparing video programs.

#### **Blank Tape Snapshots Add New Focus**

The dramatic, much-rumored and endlessly discussed entry into blank tape by Polaroid, Kodak and other camera brands at this year's Winter CES finds two marketers closely associated with the photography field unsurprised. Fuji and Konica are already in blank tape.

At Konica, Paul Miller says, "Film is virtually passé. This is why Kodak and Polaroid are entering the video field, to protect their consumer franchise as consumers swing from film to video in the rest of this decade."

Konica, in fact, is pulling somewhat of twist itself by bowing at WCES what Miller calls the "world's smallest video camera": 1.6 pounds big and \$700 expensive. It will allow Konica to tie in its new super high grade videotape.

At Fuji, John Dale also shares the longer perspective with Miller, and hints that Polaroid and Kodak had

better be prepared to play the highstakes blank tape game. "The dealer and the consumer have yet to determine where quality fits in. A manufacturer today has to have the financial resources to advertise heavily and create exciting and appealing value-added promotions, and to be able to exist on low margin and in some cases no margin."

Among the relentless conjecture immediately prior to the WCES was the conventional wisdom that initially Polaroid and Kodak would target the distribution channels where they presently market film, i.e., mass merchandisers. This, to some extent, relieves those blank tape marketers in other channels: audio stores, record/tape stores, video stores and so on.

Dale places extreme importance on distribution channels. He cites the electronics store and television specialty outlet as the first channel where price cutting exists. By contrast, the major department stores and mass merchandisers will actually target a profit from blank tape, Dale believes. Dale recognizes the record/tape chains as a subcategory of the mass merchandiser channel.

"Record/tape chains have overhead to the extent that they have to make some profit on blank tape." Dale sees still another critical channel as the "transshipper distributor," who he says "makes nickels and dimes over cost and ships anyone anywhere."

Both Dale and Miller look beyond the initial phase of the Polaroid and Kodak rollout, where the firms are purchasing base film, to the day they make their own. As for marketing impact, Miller sees Polaroid and Kodak affecting mass merchandiser entrenched brands like TDK, Maxell, Sony and 3M. "They'll [Kodak and Polaroid] have to go where their strength is, the mass merchandiser."

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#### **Mergers Shuffle Software Deck**

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mutual benefits of acquisition.

'We couldn't be more pleased with our arrangement," gushes Steve Pederson, president of Eduware. "MSA has given us the freedom to pursue our target markets much more aggressively. For example, our post-acquisition advertising budget has quadrupled." Like its acquired sister Software, Peachtree company, Eduware says it looks forward to experimenting with spot television and expanding efforts in in-store merchandising aids.

More merchandising dollars also allow Eduware to conceive the previously unaffordable: an elaborate interactive demonstration disk for retail display on a computer. "It will take several months to develop properly, but we now have the resources and manpower to devote to it," Pederson says, adding that the disk will portray a "slice of the productmaybe half of a subtraction or an algebra module that will more fully convey the program's meaning to the customer.

The educational publisher is also considering widening its exposure on in-store electronic shopping and ordering services offered by such suppliers as PC Telemart and CompuVision. Eduware currently runs five spots on the latter's network. "Video is a key medium in helping the buyer clarify his need and we want to learn to use it more effectively," Pederson explains.

Like Eduware, Creative Software's recent involvement with Cox Enterprises was initiated largely to increase customer and retailer awareness in a crowded arena. Comments Eliot Dahan, Creative's vice president of marketing, "You've got to promote to survive. Before Cox, we talked to a lot of parties. We needed backers who understood the business and the necessity of visibility at

To improve its r&d prowess, Creative purchased two-year-old Funware, of Richardson, Texas, for cash June. Explains Michael Funware Brouthers, president, "Growth made us sell out. Success in game design had begun to stand in the way of our ability to fulfill our obligations as a supplier. It got to the point where, if K-Mart had ordered 100,000 game cartridges, we couldn't have afforded to supply them." Now, he adds, "This agreement allows us to get back to the business of creating

at the latest Sharp's investment in new production facilities totals roughly \$4.25 million. The company is the fifth Japanese VCR production company to increase its monthly total to 200,000 units, following Matsushita Electric, Victor Co. of Japan (JVC), Sony Corp. and Hitachi.

At the start of fiscal 1983, last April, Toshiba drafted a comparatively cautious year-end production projection of 850,000 units. But domestic and export business has been so brisk that final figures should be at least 40% up on the previous year. New additions to its hardware range, the four-head high-quality image V-D4 model and the low-priced V-M7, have helped boost sales.

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Some firms prefer to speed entry into the field by riding piggyback on a single, established hit produced by a small independent. Such was the strategy behind Scarborough Systems' buyout of Lightning Software for cash and ongoing royalties in September, which was used to announce its own software startup. Lightning's "Mastertype" has adorned best-seller charts since its debut over a year ago, points out Francis Pandolfi, Scarborough president.

'The acquisition of Lightning gives us a running head start in the industry. It will propel us from the realm of the relatively unknown to a prominent position in the home and educational software segment." In turn, Pandolfi says, Lightning will receive a broader marketing campaign for its winning program; Scarbor-ough is financing a cartridge format and other licensing and distribution agreements to "bring the product to the attention of a much wider audihe notes, adding that "Mastertype" has already generated more than \$2 million in retail sales.

Distributors are also getting annointed by the acquisition angel. SKU reached a tentative agreement in October with McKesson Corp., a mammoth distributor of liquor, pharmaceuticals and industrial chemicals. If, as anticipated this month, the arrangement comes to fruition, SKU will announce a number of new distribution policies to be backed by the parent company, including an aggressive move toward electronic or-

der and delivery.
"We understand software sales and marketing and the importance of product review," explains Bob Brownell, SKU president and co-owner. "We also have good industry contacts. What we lack, however, is a strong retail distribution network and a comprehensive computerized distribution system." McKesson, he notes, "pioneered electronic order entry, so the match is very complementary."

Brownell likens SKU's timing of the agreement to the events following IBM's entry into personal computers in 1981. "If a giant organization can step into and take over an industry originally made up of garage operations, then we thought it would be good to go with that kind of company now rather than have to go up against them later."

Companies shying away from matchmaking cite the problems that begin as soon as the honeymoon

ends. CBS Software, for example, first considered entering the business via acquisition, but quickly backed If we purchase anybody, it would be only for partial equity," maintains Ed Auer, division president. "Once you ask a free-wheeling group to start filling out time sheets, all of a sudden there's an attitude change.

Some companies just haven't yet discovered the right soul mate. Micro D, for example, recently ended negotiations to acquire High Technology Distribution, Inc., a privately held microcomputer distributor. But other major players, such as McGraw-Hill, which bought Aardvark Software, a small business software publisher last June, and Warner Communications, Inc., which is scouting out possible acquisitions for its Warner Software division, say they will continue to fuel their software marketplace fires with small

As John Imlay, Jr., chairman of MSA, said in a recent interview, he had a particular reason for visiting the November Comdex show: "I'm going with a bag of money looking for products."

#### **Home Video**

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Rides" and the recently re-released version of "A Star Is Born" with Judy Garland, including new footage

and special packaging.

To tie in with "Yentl," Warner is repricing three Barbra Streisand titles and releasing a fourth. "What's Up Doc," "A Star Is Born" and "The Main Event" are now \$39.98 list, as is the new release "Up The Sandbox.

For the spring, Warner will offer a price promotion similar to last year's "Spring Fever" program. Special dealer incentive promotions will support titles not yet announced.

Worldvision, known for its children's titles, this quarter releases several new additions to its line of cartoons: the Ruby-Spears cartoons Plastic Man, Thundarr The Barbarian, Fangface and Heathcliff and Marmaduke. Other new titles are "Breakthrough," "Hustling," and "Are You In The House Alone?"



#### **Chart Beat**

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While Warner had the most titles on the two charts, Paramount did somewhat better in the upper end. The company had the top two rental titles and two of the top three sales hits with "An Officer And A Gentleman" and "Star Trek II: The Wrath Of Khan.

Paramount was also the leader in low-end pricing. The company fixed \$39.98 price points on such smash hits as "Raiders Of The Lost Ark,"
"Flashdance," "48 HRS." and "Star Trek II," and set a \$29.98 list on the blockbuster "An Officer And A Gentleman."



Aiwa enters the home video field with its V-5 Beta Hi-Fi system, a threepiece system which features a 13.7 pound VCR, SV-50M Beta Hi-Fi adaptor and the RC-V10 remote controller.



#### Japan Video On Rise

As the Japanese video hardware production boom continues, Sharp here is expanding its monthly output of VHS VCRs from its present 170,000 units to 200,000 by spring, while Toshiba Corp. is upping its Beta production schedule by 40% to a monthly 100,000 units as from this

Sharp produces VCRs at its Yaita plant in Tochigi Prefecture. Its production was running on a monthly 100,000 units through fiscal 1982, which ended March, 1983.

Production has been steadily stepped up, mainly because of a big hike in the total of exports, notably to the U.S. Now it appears that Sharp VCR production for the year ending March, 1984, will total 1.8 million units, up 37% on the previous year. The company anticipates continued increase in demand for video hard-ware, particularly through the popuof its thin-type model and the hi fi VCR first marketed here in early December. The company plans to add three more production lines at

Yaita, making a total of 12, by March

Toshiba, seeking to boost its Beta share of the market, is working at full capacity at its Komuki and Fuji plants and is now also making VCRs at its Fukuya color television plant.

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#### **NBD Purchases Video**

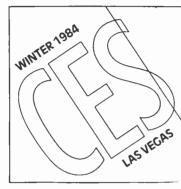
rights to more than 20 titles from the Picture Music International catalog have been acquired by new distribution company NBD Pictures in London.

Among the 22 hour-long music videos included in the agreement are Queen's "Greatest Flix," the Tubes' 'Completion Backward Principle" and Soft Cell's "Non-Stop Exotic Videoshow." Other featured artists include Cliff Richard, Tina Turner, the Little River Band and Maze. However, some major releases from the PMI (formerly EMI Music Video) catalog are excluded, most notably Olivia "Duran Duran." "Physical"

Commenting on the deal, PMI director Geoff Kempin says: "We have a commitment to exploit our productions on all media, whether it's video software, broadcast tv or cable. NBD is ideally placed to handle our product for overseas tv sales, and may also lead us to new programming opportunities."

NBD Pictures was launched at

Vidcom last fall by Nicky Davies, former head of Island Films. She is already involved in overseas marketing of programs from several leading U.K. music video operations, including Island, Virgin, Palace and Chrysalis, and is also handling a series of 50 three-minute video shorts from broadcast station Channel Four. Her deal with PMI covers Europe and other territories worldwide, but excludes America and Japan.



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detailed product catalogs, then complete a special store order form which is processed overnight by First Software.

Major technology trends in the "serious" software segment center almost exclusively around multitasking, or program integration, maintains Lorraine Mecca, president of Micro D, Fountain Valley, Calif.

"Until recently, a user put in his word processing program, put in his spreadsheet program to do financial applications, and put in his database manager to organize files," she says. 'Now, all of these applications can work together—the way people doin a single, integrated package." At Winter CES, Mecca adds, retailers can expect to see integration and "windowing," or the simultaneous, onscreen presentation of several task choices "in nearly every new business package."

Micro D's four national sales locations are uncovering an interesting demographic trend, Mecca notes. "It seems that Texas is our most business-oriented sales state, California accounts for the majority of our entertainment sales, and New England leans heavily toward educational purchases.'

Such applications as accounting, database management, and word processing currently account for 70% of Micro D's software sales. "That's dollar volume, of course. In terms of units, recreation is still way out in front." Among recent best-sellers on the company's "Dealer's Choice" list are "1-2-3," by Lotus Development Corp.; "PFS:graph," by Software Publishing Corp., and "Multitool Word," by Microsoft.

Further, distributors say they are witnessing a major effort on the part of both productivity and education software publishers to supply retailers with more comprehensive demonstration tutorials, frequently on disk, as well as display materials that may ease the retailer's customer education burden.

"I still think the major issue at retail continues to be the need for proper store display and product compartmentalizing, preferably by machine and subject category," SKU's Brownell contends. He says that, in spot store checks conducted by SKU, "Far too many merchants had product stashed in the back of the store and out of the customer's sight."

Both First Software and SKU look toward in-store electronic shopping and ordering, known as teledistribution, as the long-term panacea for relieving salespeople of the need to fa miliarize themselves with the hundreds of new software packages that reach store shelves monthly. Both firms are gearing up to offer retailers computerized shopping and order entry systems stems sometime in CHERYL PARKER 1984



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Sanyo introduces two cube-shaped AM/FM stereo cassette recorders, each featuring a 6-way speaker system and the automatic music select system. The M7735, top, can be operated horizontally and retails for \$149.95. The M7755 has detachable speaker enclosures and soft touch tape transport controls with a \$179.95 retail price.

#### Vid Music Reviews

• Continued from page CES-10 tough plan/I want to spend my life/ With a big tough wife."

The presentation is subdued, even tedious. Now a Culture Club video would be something to see **PAUL GREIN** 

THE MEN IN THE BLUE SUITS-Video Magazine Vol. 1, No. 1 (2980 McFarlane Rd., Coconut Grove, Fla. 33133). Produced and directed by John Robson & Cory James for Instant Replay. 60 minutes. \$29.95.

Rolling Stone, eat your heart out This videocassette provides visual stories along the lines of stories Rolling Stone used to print: a large dose of music, some politics, new electronics products, and so on. It's all presented in a professional style, with articulate narration and strong footage. Yet there's a raw edge to things that is appropriate for the rock and roll

The Men in the Blue Suits are a team of five reporters from the Miami area who prepare news items for MTV, among other outlets. Wisely, they retain the rights to the segments they shoot, and obtain clearances from all artists shown in perform-

Included in this cassette, which Sony's video software division has just signed on to distribute, is coverage of rock events in Trinidad. Jamaica, and, of course, Miami. There is also amusing commentary to a segment on drummers and their styles, a funny but too-long bit on Chicago deejay Jon Brandmeier (WLUP), coverage of new products at the Consumer Electronics Show, several rock profiles and two video clips

A few suggestions to the Men: A better table of contents than the one on the back of the box, and some mention of the dates of the events covered. Obviously they don't want the material to seem outdated, but a magazine, by its very definition, must become so.

There is also some corny footage accompanying music by A Flock Of Seagulls (seagulls, what else?). But overall this "Video Magazine" is a well-taken step beyond the print me-LAURA FOTI

OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN, "Twist Of Fate," MCA Home Video VHS 80066. Directed by Brian Grant, David Mallet. 25 minutes.

Newton-John's third commercial video release is an excellent value, featuring six clips for \$19.95. Four of the songs are featured in Newton-John's movie with John Travolta, "Two Of A Kind"; the other two were cut for her last album, "Greatest Hits Vol. 2." All but one of the clips were directed by Brian Grant, who previously directed Newton-John's videos "Physical" and "Olivia In Concert."

The most striking clip is the smash title song, which intercuts between original footage and scenes from the movie. The original footage has a very sleek, sophisticated feel, with Newton-John looking like a stylish Vogue model.

Nearly as good is the clip to "Shaking You," which unfolds like a mini-movie. The song tells the story of Newton-John's love for a man who's unattainable, and the video is appropriately torchy, with a distinctly European look and style. (It was shot on location in Venice.)

"Livin' In Desperate Times," Newton-John's forthcoming single, and "Heart Attack," her 1982 smash, are both manic, broadly-played clips which mirror the frantic pace of the records. But "Tied Up," a modest hit a year ago, is staged with limited imagination. It simply features Newton-John singing and dancing a bit in front of her band.

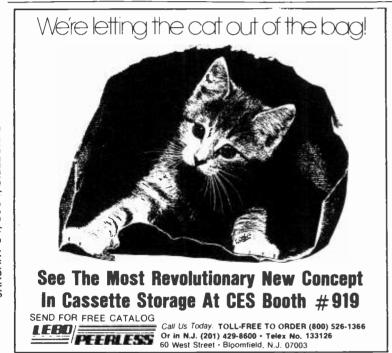
The only clip not directed by Brian Grant is "Take A Chance," which was directed by Grant's partner, David Mallet. The video is a soft-focus valentine, which suits the wispy nature of the song, but also serves to make the overall package excessively slushy and syrupy. The one grace note is that the clip features inventive choreography by John Travolta, who also appears in the clip singing with Newton-John. PAUL GREIN

VARIOUS ARTISTS—"Let's Have An Irish Party," Rego Video, RV831, (64 New Hyde Park Rd., Garden City, N.Y. 11503). Directed by Marty Abrahams for Franklin Communications Productions. 60 minutes. \$39.95.

About 15 minutes into this hourlong program singer Carmel Quinn remarks, "There's no party like an Irish party," and she's proved right as a number of Irish singers, dancers and storytellers keep things lively.

Admittedly, the market is limited for a title featuring only Irish songs and performers. Still, "Let's Have An Irish Party" has surprisingly broad appeal. From the lovely "Inwhich is intercut with nisfree.' scenes from Irish paintings, to the rousing "Streets Of New York" by Richie O'Shea, with scenes of a policeman coming into Kennedy's, the New York club where it all takes place.

Throughout, there is excellent sound and visual quality, and the packaging also is attractive. Performers include Paddy Noonan on accordion, Anna McGoldrick, the Reagan Family Dancers and Barley Bree. a group that plays traditional folk songs, as well as what must be a new one: "Hand Me Down My Jogging LAURA FOTI



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# Fair Showcases Chicago Scene

#### Spotlight To Shine On Local Acts At Sixth Annual Event

By MOIRA McCORMICK

CHICAGO—More than 1,000 attendees are expected at the sixth annual Jazz Fair, to be held here Jan. 30 at the Blackstone Hotel from 6 p.m. until midnight. Sponsored by the Jazz Institute of Chicago, the event features live performances, vintage jazz films, slides and videotapes as well as a "Jazz Midway" retail and public service market.

"At this annual midwinter gathering of the jazz community here, our goal is to make the public aware that great things are happening in Chicago music on an international level," says Kaye Britt, a spokesperson for the Jazz Institute of Chicago.

According to Bob Koester, president of local jazz/blues label Delmark Records and owner of the Jazz Record Mart retail outlets, the fair was originally conceived as a fundraiser for the Jazz Institute. Koester

says the fair has now become a showcase for deserving local talent as well, in addition to "a good way to get rid of the after-Christmas blahs. Plus," adds Koester, "the fair supplies employment for about 40 musicians on a traditionally slow night of the week (Monday)."

Entertainment is to take place on four floors of the Blackstone, with live music in three rooms and films on the fourth level. Local jazz artists performing include Bebop Sam, Bill Porter's 17-piece big band, Marty Grosz, Frank Chace, the Dan Shapera Trio, the Fred Anderson quartet with Lester Lashley, the Laurel Masse Band and pianist Art Hodes in a blues workshop.

Videotapes featuring the Art Ensemble of Chicago, Eddie Jefferson and Johnny Griffin are scheduled for viewing, as is Koester's collection of jazz-related films. One presentation

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entitled "Jazz Can Be Fun," he says, features cartoons from 1929 to the '50s with incidental music provided by the likes of Cab Calloway, Louis Armstrong, Jack Teagarden and Duke Ellington. Of special interest, says Koester, is a Betty Boop series featuring musical backing by Calloway, Armstrong and Don Redman. Big band "jukebox movies" from 1941-47 by Fats Waller, Meade Lux Lewis, Jimmy Dorsey and others also are on tap.

The aforementioned "Jazz Midway" is to include some 25 exhibitors and vendors, including local jazz labels, retailers and magazines, plus representatives from FM stations WBEZ, WXFM, WNUR and WXRT, according to the Jazz Institute's Britt.



BERKLEE BLOWOUT—Howard Johnson demonstrates some advanced tuba techniques as part of the Visiting Artist Series at Boston's Berklee College of Music. Johnson has led two bands, Substructure and Gravity, and has performed with such artists as Charles Mingus, Gil Evans and Oliver Nelson.

#### BY PROMOTER WIM WIGT

# '84 Amsterdam Fest Planned

AMSTERDAM—Dutch concert promoter and record producer Wim Wigt, who specializes in jazz talent, will continue with his plans to establish an annual Amsterdam Jazz Festival to compete with Paul Acket's North Sea Jazz Festival in The Hague, now into its ninth year.

With sponsorship from the Camel tobacco company, Wigt inaugurated his Amsterdam Festival last July,

making a personal investment of \$28,000. The five-night event featured Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers (who record for Wigt's Timeless label), Machito, Larry Coryell/Chet Baker, Jan Garbarek and Ronnie Scott. But attendance was clearly below the break-even point.

"I started too late, the weather was too hot and promotion inadequate," says Wigt, acknowledging that the

# New Studies Shed Light On Armstrong, Bob Crosby

Illuminating books on Louis Armstrong and the memorable Bob Crosby orchestra provide enjoyable reading for the wintry nights of the new year.

James Lincoln Collier is the author of "Louis Armstrong: An American Genius" published

nius," published at \$19.95 (hard-back) by the Oxford Univ. Press, New York. In 383 pages, Collier covers the ever-fascinating story of the New Orleans singer/trumpeter in more detail than has ever been pub-

lished previously.

He also offers evidence that Armstrong was born several years before his long-accepted natal date of July 4, 1900. Louis' childhood, and particularly his years in Chicago when Windy City gangsters' threats affected his career, is carefully documented, as are his innumerable recording sessions and his slow, hard-earned, step-by-step climb to national and global triumphs.

Armstrong lived only for his music. He craved the approbation of audiences and frequently worked in defiance of his doctor's urging him to stay in bed. His death in 1971 terminated a colorful career which Collier covers well. Much of the Satchmo story has been recited in other books, but Collier's insights add to the Louis learned.

England's John Chilton titles his latest work "Stomp Off, Let's Go." It's the remarkably researched story behind the Bob Crosby band and is available in paperback for \$16 from Oak Lawn Books, Box 2663, Providence, R.I. 02907.

Chilton has authored six previous books on jazz, including a gem on Armstrong. His Crasby tome comprises 284 pages and an excellent collection of photos pedged around the www american radiohistory com-

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Originally, in the dreadful days of the Great Depression, the band was a co-op unit headed by saxophonist/manager Gil Rodin. Most of the men had played in the Ben Pollack orchestra. They selected Crosby to front the new group, and although Crosby for a time battled an inferiority complex—he was aware that he lacked the vocal talents of his older brother Bing—he developed into one of the most skilled front men in the big band arena.

The Crosby crew boasted many superb musicians, among them Eddie Miller, Bob Haggart, Matty Matlock, Yank Lawson, Nappy Lamare and Ray Bauduc. Yet they scrambled and scuffled for several years before the brass ring was theirs. A distinguished series of records for Decca solidified the band's success.

Chilton contacted more than 100 persons who were affiliated, one way or another, with the band in assembling a mountain of valuable infor-mation. Much of it has never before been published. He does not overlook the contributions of Irving "Fazola" Prestopnik, Joe Sullivan, Bob Zurke, Jess Stacy, Charlie Spivak Muggsy Spanier to the band's high standards. But one wonders why Chilton ignored the 1953-54 attempted comeback of the Crosbyites on Capitol Records-an expensive, valiant effort which failed. Chilton had the information in his files but, mystifyingly to this reviewer, failed to use

Still, it's an excellent contribution to jazz literature—despite far too many typographical errors. Chilton obviously adored the Crosby band, and his enthusiasm is evident. He includes a biographical listing of all the musicians employed by Crosby and Gil Rodin in the organization's seven-vear life. DAVE DEXTER JR.

festival was a flop. But he's resolved that the 1984 Amsterdam Jazz Festival will be bigger and make more international impact. He's seeking out additional sponsors and is checking the possibility of presenting the festival in other Dutch cities.

Meanwhile, Wigt is keeping up his primary activity of organizing European tours of jazz soloists and groups, including the Timeless All Stars, with Bobby Hutcherson, Harold Land, Curtis Fuller, Cedar Walton, Buster Williams and Billy Higgins.

The "Timeless" tag comes from

Wigt's record label, which was founded eight years ago and has a catalog of nearly 70 albums. Most of the albums have been produced by Wigt, predominantly in U.S. recording studios. The catalog includes five albums by the Lionel Hampton Big Band, five by the Catalan pianist Tete Montoliu and six by Blakey's Jazz Messengers. Last year, one of Wigt's productions, "Machito And His Salsa Big Band," recorded in the small town of Loen aan de Vecht, Hilland, received a Grammy Award.

Timeless is also putting out a number of albums from the Japanese Baystate catalog, a subsidiary of RCA Victor with which Wigt made a license deal early last year. The albums include two with Benny Golson and Curtis Fuller and one by the Timeless All Stars, recorded in Rudy van Gelder's New Jersey studio as a co-production with Baystate.

Wigt currently has export deals for his label with most of the major record markets, going through Rick Ballard in Berkeley for the U.S. West Coast and Rounder in Cambridge, Mass. for the rest of the U.S.



Photo by Ellen Findlay

BACKYARD BUDDIES—Concord Jazz chief Carl Jefferson, left, huddles with Rosemary Clooney and Woody Herman near the label's Concord, Calif. base. Jefferson recently produced the first pairing of the singer and the bandleader/ clarinetist, "My Buddy."

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# Jackson Leads Music Awards

#### Cops 10 Nominations; To Receive 'Award Of Merit'

By PAUL GREIN

LOS ANGELES—The 11th annual American Music Awards could just as well be renamed the Michael Jackson Awards. Jackson is nominated for 10 prizes, and is also slated to receive the annual "Award Of Merit." The awards will be presented next Monday (16) on a two-hour ABC telecast hosted by Lionel

Jackson is nominated for favorite male vocalist in both the pop/rock and soul categories. He's also entered in both fields with "Thriller" as favorite album, "Billie Jean" as favorite single and both "Billie Jean" and "Beat It" as favorite video.

The video category is new in this year's balloting, which is based on a national sample of 20,000 record buyers. In the pop/rock field, Jackson's two clips square off against Billy Joel's "Tell Her About It." In soul, they face Donna Summer's "She Works Hard For The Money."

Runners-up to Jackson in the nominations are Alabama and Lionel Richie with four each and Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, the Police, Kenny Rogers and Donna Summer with three each.

At 25, Jackson is the youngest recipient to date of the "Award Of Merit," which is presented for "outstanding contributions over a long period of time to the musical entertainment of the American public." Previous winners of the award have been Bing Crosby, Berry Gordy Jr., Irving Berlin, Johnny Cash, Ella Fitzgerald, Perry Como, Benny Goodman, Chuck Berry, Wonder and Kenny Rogers.

Thus, while in earlier years the award recognized important pioneers in various fields of American music, in the past three years it has simply saluted the leading creative and/or commerical figure of the day.

Diana Ross will present the award to Jackson. Also participating in the salute will be Paul McCartney, Quincy Jones, Jane Fonda, Kenny Rogers, Barry Manilow, Liza Minnelli and Yul Brynner.

Set to perform on the telecast are Alabama, Irene Cara, Janie Fricke. Barry Manilow and Lionel Richie. In addition, Culture Club will be seen live via satellite from London. The show will also feature a salute, hosted by Barbara Mandrell, to three key musical figures who died in the past year: Karen Carpenter in pop, Mud-dy Waters in soul and Marty Robbins in country.

Here's the complete list of nominees:

Favorite Album: Def Leppard's "Pyromania," Michael Jackson's "Thriller," the Police's "Synchronicity" "The Police's "Synchronicity" "The Police of the Police's "Synchronicity" "The Police of the Polic city," "Flashdance" soundtrack.

Favorite Single: Irene Cara's "Flashdance . . . What A Feeling," Jackson's "Billie Jean," the Police's "Every Breath You Take," Bonnie Tyler's "Total Eclipse Of The

Favorite Video: Jackson's "Beat It," Jackson's "Billie Jean," Billy Joel's "Tell Her About It.

Favorite Male Vocalist: David Bowie, Jackson, Billy Joel, Lionel

Favorite Female Vocalist: Pat Benatar, Stevie Nicks, Donna Summer. Bonnie Tyler.

Favorite Group: Def Leppard, Daryl Hall & John Oates, Men At Work, the Police.

#### SOUL

Favorite Album: Jackson's "Thriller," Gladys Knight & the Pips' "Visions," Prince's "1999," "Lionel Richie."

Favorite Single: Jackson's "Billie Jean," Rick James' "Cold Blooded," Mtume's "Juicy Fruit," Lionel Richie's "All Night Long."

Favorite Video: Jackson's "Beat lt," Jackson's "Billie Jean," Donna Summer's "She Works Hard For The

Favorite Male Vocalist: Jackson, Rick James, Prince, Lionel Richie.

Favorite Female Vocalist: Angela Bofill, Irene Cara, Aretha Franklin, Donna Summer.

Favorite Group: DeBarge, Gap Band, Isley Brothers, Gladys Knight & the Pips.

#### COUNTRY

Favorite Album: Alabama's "The Closer You Get," Lee Greenwood's (Continued on page 43)

## **Clinton Spreads** His Funk Over Several Labels

NEW YORK-There's a gang of what George Clinton calls "fresh funk" on the horizon.

The dance music maestro, rejuvenated by the success of the hit single "Atomic Dog," initiates yet another label association in March when he bows Tres Lewd, featuring his sons Tracy and Darryl, on the MCA-affiliated Hump Records label.

Clinton, who has made a career out of multiple aliases, has also readied a new Funkadelic album for MCA. Then there's a new Parliament record in the offing; it will see daylight on the Uncle Jam wing of CBS.

'Obviously, we're not dead yet." cracks the P-Funk maestro, who was here to promote his own "You Shouldn't-Nuf Bit Fish" on Capitol and "Urban Dancefloor Guerillas" by the P-Funk All-Stars on Uncle Jam. The latter album includes "Hydraulic Pump," which was released independently in 1982 as a single on the Hump label.

At 43, Clinton, who lives on a farm outside of Detroit ("There's no phone, we have chickens and about 2,000 stuffed animals"), expects to mount a major tour this spring with the P-Funk core in support of the LEO SACKS various projects. www.americanradiohistory.c

Survey For Week Ending 1/14/84 Boxscore

The following are among the top concert grosses nationwide reported through the survey week. Included are act(s), gross, attendance, capacity of facility, ticket prices, promoter, facility, city, number of shows, number of sellouts and dates(s).

Among the top concert grosses reported through Jan.3\_

- ERIC CLAPTON, JIMMY PAGE, JEFF BECK, BILL WYMAN, CHARLIE WATTS, KENNY JONES, JOE COCKER, ANDY FAIRWEATHER LOW, RONNIE LANE, RAY COOPER, SIMON PHILLIPS, FERNANDO SAUNDERS, JAN HAMMER, CHRIS STANTON, PAUL ROGERS—\$830,000, 41,500, \$20, Bill Graham Presents, Cow Palace, San Francisco, three sellouts, Dec. 1-3.

  ERIC CLAPTON, JIMMY PAGE, JEFF BECK, BILL WYMAN, CHARLIE WATTS, KENNY JONES, JOE COCKER, ANDY FAIRWEATHER LOW, RONNIE LANE, RAY COOPER, SIMON PHILLIPS, FERNANDO SAUNDERS, JAN HAMMER, CHRIS STANTON, PAUL ROGERS—\$784,000, 39,200, \$20, Bill Graham Presents, Madison Square Garden, New York, two sellouts, Dec. 8-9

  MANHATTAN TRANSFER—\$244,075, 9,430 (11,748 capacity), \$30, \$25 & \$20, in-house, Radio City Music Hall, New York, two shows, Dec.
- \$25 & \$20, in-house, Radio City Music Hall, New York, two shows, Dec
- LOVERBOY, JOAN JETT & THE BLACKHEARTS-\$175,782, 15,055, \$12.50, Avalon Attractions, Forum, Inglewood, Calif., sellout, Dec. 14. TALKING HEADS—\$144,000, 9,600, \$15, Nederlander Organization,
- Pantages Theater, Los Angeles, four sellouts, Dec. 13-16.
  GENESIS—\$140,000, 10,000, \$14, Silver Star Productions, Lakeland

- (Fla.) Civic Center, sellout, Dec. 16.

  TALKING HEADS—\$132,581, 12,441, \$12.50, Avalon Attractions, Long Beach (Calif.) Arena, sellout, Dec. 8.

  QUIET RIOT, NIGHT RANGER, GIRLS SCHOOL—\$88,958, 8,000, \$11.50 & \$10.50, Sunshine Promotions, Hara Arena, Dayton, Ohio, sell-
- -\$74,858, 5,666, (10,276), \$13.50 & \$12.50, Silver Star
- Prod./Albert Promotions, Jacksonville (Fla.) Coliseum, Dec. 15.
  QUIET RIOT, NIGHT RANGER, GIRLS SCHOOL—\$74,149, 7,714 (10,106), \$10.50 & \$9.50, Sound Seventy Presents, Von Braun Civic Center, Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 27.
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- QUIET RIOT, NIGHT RANGER, GIRLS SCHOOL—\$73,517, 6,850, (10,000), \$11.50 & \$10.50, Sunshine Promotions, Freedom Hall, Louisville, Ky., Dec. 29.
  KISS—\$69,609, \$6,256 (10,000), \$11.50, Beach Club Concerts/Cellar Door Presents, Lakeland (Fla.) Civic Center, Dec. 29.
  CHARLIE DANIELS BAND—\$37,045, 3,142, (4,000), \$14 & \$12.50, Fantasma Prods., W. Palm Beach (Fla.) Auditorium, Dec. 31.
  JOAN JETT & THE BLACKHEARTS, STREETS—\$31,521, 2,384

- (3,985), \$13.25 & \$12.25, SRO Prods./Brass Ring Prods., Fox Theater, Atlanta, Dec. 31

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  KISS, AXE—\$21,480, 2,148 (4,000), \$10, Fantasma Prods., Tallahassee (Fla.) Civic Center, Jan. 1.

  TODD RUNDGREN—\$16,884, 1,437, (1,700), \$11.75, Brass Ring Prods., Royal Oak (Mich.) Music Theater, Dec. 30,

  BIG COUNTRY, ELVIS BROTHERS—\$7,746, 957 (1,500), \$9, \$8.50

  & \$7.50, Festival East Concerts, Clark Gym, Univ. of Buffalo, (N.Y.), Dec. 17

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# **Dennis Wilson's Death: End Of A Surfing Era**

played a pivotal role in directing the most popular and influential Ameri-

can vocal group of the rock era.

Wilson, who drowned Dec. 28 in the ocean at Marina del Rey, Calif., was the only surfer in the Beach The group's drummer, he prodded brother Brian Wilson to write a song on the subject. The re-sult, "Surfin'," entered the Hot 100 in February, 1962, becoming the first of the Beach Boys' 49 chart hits.
"Surfin'" was released on the tiny

Candix label, though the group's next hit, "Surfin' Safari," was issued on Capitol. The group bowed on Warner Bros.' Brother subsidiary in 1970 and moved to CBS' Caribou label in 1979.

The group's golden period began with "Surfin' USA" in early 1963 and ended with "Good Vibrations" in late 1966. It was in this brief span that the group scored all but one of its 14 top 10 hits. The lone exception was a remake of Chuck Berry's "Rock'n'Roll Music," which capped the group's mid-'70s revival.

That comeback started in 1974, when the greatest hits collection "Endless Summer" climbed to No. 1, a reissue of the single "Surfin' USA' cracked the top 40, the Beach Boys sound-alike hit "Beach Baby" dented the top five and the Beach Boys joined forces with Chicago on the smash "Wishin' You Were Here.

The group has been in decline in recent years, though it reached the top 20 two years ago with "The Beach Boys Medley" on Capitol, followed by a remake of the Del-Vi-kings' "Come Go With Me" on

Wilson was buried at sea last week by special dispensation of President Reagan. He is survived by his wife Shawn and five children

PAUL GREIN

## **New Las Vegas Facility** Actively Booking Rock

LAS VEGAS-Rock music may make a strong comeback here following the initial concert Dec. 18, featuring Loverboy and Joan Jett, at the new \$30 million Thomas & Mack Center on the Univ. of Nevada at Las

Vegas campus.

The new facility, originally designed to host the basketball games of UNLV's Runnin' Rebels, is now being aggressively promoted as a venue rock groups. With seating for 19,000 at games and 13,000 at concerts, the center is planning to book the Police in February as well as dates for Genesis and the Jacksons.

Pat Christenson, the center's events manager, is counting on booking two or three concerts a month, which would be enough to meet the center's annual minimum budget of \$1.5 million. Christenson contends the facility can be competitive with the Aladdin Theatre for the Performing Arts, which seats 7,500 and books 15 to 18 rock concerts per year, and is the only other major venue here to solicit rock acts.

The city of Las Vegas and the county of Clark have opposed booking rock acts into other facilities in this area because of a 1972 rock concert that ended in a riot when the lead singer was unable to perform. Authorities also point to a free park

concert sponsored last year by radio station KOMP that generated complaints of property damage.

As a result, the new Cashman Field complex is, for now, off-limits to rock promoters, as is the Convention Center. Additional restrictions include a requirement that rock promoters post a bond equivalent to the show's potential gross. Promoters must also obtain a license that, according to one promoter, is as hard to

get as a gaming license.

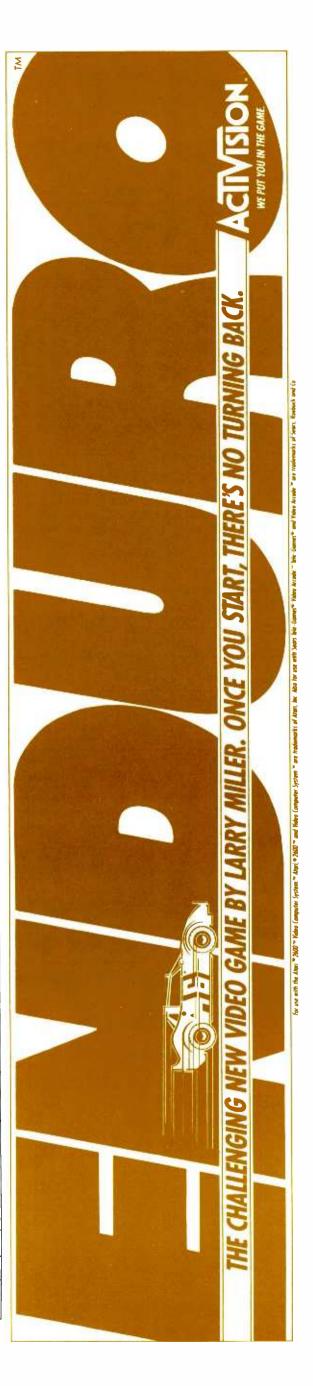
According to Christenson, the Thomas & Mack Center can help rock make a strong comeback here by allowing promoters to work under the promotion license of the center. He also claims security problems, evident in other venues, have been eliminated by strict controls. For rock acts, the center doubles its security staff. IRA DAVID STERNBERG

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# **Vegas Record Pools** End Feud, Team Up

LAS VEGAS-The two major record pools here, involved in a feud for several years, have now combined operations under one banner, according to directors Frank Anobile, Joel Cammeron and Gary Cosio.

The feud, which began when Anobile and Cammeron both tried to promote the same kind of music, has been resolved with Las Vegas Record Service and Record Systems Inc. joining forces to represent a total of 40 disk jockeys. According to a letter sent by the three directors to the record industry, each of the three men will have his own duties within the umbrella organization, Record Systems Inc., a Nevada corporation incorporated earlier this year

"Instead of having two pools in Vegas, we will be taking care of two sides of musical interest under one organization," says Anobile. "Frankie and I worked out all our grievances. Frankie basically handles the black disk jockeys and the disk jockeys that play soul music and the real funk stuff, and I'm more into the new music and the new wave," adds

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Cammeron will handle feedback to the record companies and the two "pop-rock" stations, KOMP and KLUC, while Anobile will handle the urban contemporary stations, KCEP and (partially) KUNV. Cosio will handle dance music, dance-oriented rock and new music in the

Anobile's business has been moving mostly to "the street type music, which is black hardcore funk, black music...and even if a lot of my jocks aren't black, they play black music, they cater to the black crowd."

Anobile objects to the record service from New York, claiming the record companies there don't care about the Las Vegas market: "I'm almost prejudiced against the white labels because they've never really done much for me as far as sending me the stuff that I needed when I needed it. And the black labels have just been more than great to us. They sent us as many copies as we needed, sent acts to Las Vegas on several occasions.

Plans for the combined pools include a distribution network for independent labels that want to get records in stores, the setting up of disco areas in hotels on the strip, and a major musical convention for the Las Vegas area. While the pools are combining forces, they are maintaining addresses and phone numbers

# Talent In Action

#### JOHN SEBASTIAN

Folk City, New York Admission: \$10

Half a block and 20 years down the road from the Nite Owl Cafe, where he started out with the Lovin' Spoonful, John Sebastian still radiated warmth and charm with his "goodtime music." Gone are the flower-power trappings of his Woodstock/tie-dye era, but intact was his perma-fix smile and positive outlook.

The mature, clean-cut John Sebastian of the '80s was a far cry from the glassy-eyed hippie of the post-Spoonful days; he was even able to admit while introducing his hit theme song from the tv show "Welcome Back Kotter" that the song "made me a rich man.

Sebastian didn't allow that success to go to his head, though. At Folk City on Dec. 17, he performed a save-the-whales song called Link In The Chain" which displayed his environmental consciousness, and another new song told the sensitive tale of being caught in the middle of recently divorced friends with whom he was equally close.

But mostly, Sebastian was here to have fun. Playing solo, he was unable to perform some of the Spoonful's electric music (which he did masterfully with NRBQ backing him several months ago), but he managed to get around to such crowd-pleasers as "Nashville Cats, 'Daydream,'' and "Rain On The Roof," as well as such solo hits as "She's A Lady" and 'Rainbows All Over Your Blues.'' He even took requests for such Spoonful obscurities as 'Bald Headed Lena' and "Four Eyes," rendering them without a hitch.

Although no one could complain that he didn't play enough of his early material (the line 'A quarter of my life is almost past' in 'Darling Be Home Soon" drew some chuckles), it was

to be alive and well. "No More Music At The Nite Owl Cafe" was an ironic tribute to the demise of the Spoonful's spawning ground (the Nite Owl itself is now a record store; a poster shop next door to Folk City is now called the Nite Owl) and the changing Greenwich Village scene. "Tar Beach" was a hilarious ditty about sunbathing on a New York rooftop during the winter months. And "Smokey Don't Go" paid homage to Smokey Robinson with a soft, soulful melody that could have been penned by the Motown singer himself. If the three encores he received were any indication, John Sebastian is far from being just another relic of the IFFF TAMARKIN

#### **DEZ DICKERSON**

Peppermint Lounge, New York Admission: \$10

The branches on the musical tree planted by Prince continue to grow. The first to defect from the ranks of the Minneapolis Mafia was Andre Cymone, whose production on the new Evelyn King album is certainly more interesting than his work thus far on two solo albums for Columbia. Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis were eclipsed by the Time, although they have their own group on the horizon and show amazing promise as writers and producers (S.O.S. Band, Real To Reel). Now comes Dez Dicker son, the former Prince guitarist whose declaration of musical independence was hardly convincing at his New York debut Dec. 30.

Dickerson, whose teased hair, high cheek bones, light brown skin and muscular physique give him the look of a fashion model, is extremely attractive to watch. And his musical vision embodies many of the qualities AOR programmers will probably embrace in the coming vear-heavily-synthesized rock-oriented tunes that stand to make a splash on contemporary hit radio stations and with less-than-discrimi

nating concert audiences.

From a critical standpoint, however, Dickerson's concepts aren't very challenging and his voice isn't very interesting. The same is true of his band, whose Midwestern good looks and stage presence are as anonymous as the music. Ironically, the best songs in the 45-minute set were covers of the Prince tune "When You Were Mine," and "After Hi School," which was written by the Time, although the group showed invention with a four-keyboard lineup on the ballad "I Never Wanted To Be The

Dickerson, who is managed by Prince's Cavallo, Buffalo & Fargnoli and booked by FBI, is obviously lost in this configuration. He proved himself to be a sturdy second man during his tenure with Prince; one hopes that he has more to offer the record company he ultimately LEO SACKS

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#### Michael Jackson Dominates American Music Awards

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"Somebody's Gonna Love You," Merle Haggard & Willie Nelson's 'Pancho And Lefty," Ricky Skaggs "Highways And Heartaches

Favorite Single: Alabama's "Dix-eland Delight," John Anderson's ieland Delight,' "Swingin"," Oak Ridge Boys' "Love

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Kranz-Personal (12 Inch) P 49804

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Sylvester-Megatone (12 Inch)
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Sugarscoop (LP Cuts) SS 425
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BEAT BOX-Art Of Noise-Island (12 Inch)

STAY WITH ME TONIGHT-Jeffrey Osborne-

CRAZY CUTS-Grandmixer D. St.-Island (12 Inch) DMD 695

PLEASURE OF LOVE-Tom Tom Club-Sire (12

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ACTION—Evelyn "Champagne" King—RCA (12 Inch) PD-13683

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Song," Kenny Rogers & Dolly Parton's "Islands In The Stream."

Favorite Video: Alabama's "Dixie land Delight." Merle Haggard & Willie Nelson's "Pancho And Lefty," Merle Haggard & Dolly Parton's "Potential New Boyfriend.

Favorite Male Vocalist: Willie

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Nelson, Charley Pride, Kenny Rogers, Conway Twitty

Favorite Female Vocalist: Janie Fricke, Crystal Gayle, Barbara Man-

Favorite Group: Alabama, Oak Ridge Boys, Kenny Rogers & Dolly Parton, Statler Brothers

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WE ALL NEED LOVE-Ebony-Quality (12 Inch)

LIAR ON THE WIRE-Sharon Redd-Prelude (7

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AFTER THE FALL-Kathy Wilson And Kwils-BMO/Columbia (12 Inch) 4W9-04195
RUSH-Debbie Harry-Chrysalis (12

RITESPOT-Blue Print-Fantasy (7 Inch) 941

ELECTRIC KINGDOM-Twilight 22-Vanguard

NEW SONG-Howard Jones-Elektra (12 Inch)

SHOO-SHOO-WAH-The World-Elektra (12

LUCKY TONIGHT-Sarah Dash-Megatone (12

HAPPINESS IS JUST AROUND THE BEND-

Cuba Gooding-Streetwise (12 Inch)

LOVE CATS-The Cure-Sire (12 Inch)

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Holloway-Salsoul (12 Inch) SG 415

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TOUR DE FRANCE-Kraftwerk-Warner Bros.

I'VE BEEN ROBBED-Three Million-Cotillion

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PREPARE TO ENERGIZE—Torch Song—I.R.S. (12 Inch) SP 70412

SKIPS A BEAT-Mayana-Atlantic (12 Inch)

BLUE EYED TECHNOLOGY (REMIX)-France

LIFE IS THE REASON/MAYBE THIS TIME-

SHARE THE NIGHT-World Premiere-Easy

NUMBER ONE-Aida-Vanguard (12 Inch)

20 OUESTIONS-Tick Tock-RCA (12 Inch)

AIN'T NO BIG DEAL-Barracuda-Epic (12

RAPPIN' RODNEY-Rodney Dangerfield-RCA

(12 Inch) PD 13657
GOT TO GET TO YOU-Charade-Profile (12

ALL NIGHT LONG (ALL NIGHT)-Lionel

Richie-Motown (12 Inch) 4514 MG

KEEPIN' MY LOVER SATISFIED-Melba Moore-Capitol (12 Inch) 8569

I AM WHAT I AM-Gloria Gaynor-Silver Blue

WET MY WHISTLE-Midnight Star-Solar (7

Inch) 69790 (12 Inch\*)
I WANNA BE WITH YOU-Armenta-Savior
Faire (12 Inch) SF 201 PP
BABY'S IN THE MOUNTAIN-Peter Godwin-

PRESSURE SWAY—Machinations—A&M (12 Inch) SP-12077

RISE UP-Parachute Club-RCA (12 Inch)

ALITOMATIC MAN-Michael Sembello-Warner

Inch) PRO 7032

Polydor (12 Inch)

Bros. (12 Inch) 0-20153

Norma Lewis-E.R.C. (EP Cuts) MHLP 1001

TRI-TRA-TRULLALA-Joachim Witt-WEA

ENCORE-Cheryl Lynn-Columbia (12 Inch)

LET ME WAIT/SHINE THE LIGHT/SWEET DELIGHT-Jennifer Holliday-Geffen (LP

LOVE IS A BATTLEFIELD—Pat Benatar-Chrysalis (12 Inch) 4V9-42734

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REGGAE DATE—The Itals headline the Bottom Line in New York.

# Dance Trax

Even at the height of the disco deluge of winter 1978, there was something of a lull in new releases synched to the year-end hiatus of the record industry at large. Not so this year; new records piled up on an unusually large fall backlog generated by surprisingly prolific indies as well as majors packaging disco as rock" or "new music.

New albums: Miquel Brown is unquestionably the best singer Ian Levine has ever worked with (her concluding "Ohhhh!" in "So Many Men" was one of the great moments in 1983 disco). Her "Manpower" album (TSR) is a very highstandard collection of hard, frantic Eurodisco sung with great skill and verve. Best: "He's A Saint, He's A Sinner," which combines what used to be called "pots-and-pans" disco breaks with a definite electric boogie feel. Also "Manpower" and "Beeline," very clean and clear, and "Sunny Day," an attractive, loping radio cut.

Musical Youth's "Different Style" (MCA) presents just that, in a general pop context. "Sixteen" guests Jody Watley on lead vocals; "Incommunicaco is good pop-r&b with backups by Donna Summer, and an incredibly catchy "What You Talking Bout" has support from Stevie Wonder. Our club choice, though, would be "Mash It The Youth Man, Mash It," which calls for a deep-

Singles and notes: While on the subject, we should note that Yellowman's "Zungguzunguzeng" is in fact already released domestically, on Shanachie

Tina Turner's fine (and very faithful) revival of Al Green's "Let's Stay Together," produced by the Heaven 17/B.E.F. collective, has been in power rotation on import here in New York, but was at presstime only tentatively sched-

uled for release by U.S. Capitol—sometime in April. We'd direct your attention also to other illuminating covers by Turner on "The Edge," a 1980 Ike Turner album on Fantasy, and to "Ball Of Confusion," viewable on MTV and on a Virgin/U.K. album, "Music Of Quality And Distinction."

New on the chart: World Premiere's "Share The Night" (Easy Street 12-inch) combines the bass riff of "Weekend" with some really good r&b vocalizing; Jonathan Fearing mixed and has co-production credit ... Barracuda's "Ain't No Big Deal" (Epic/Automatic 12-inch) has much of the pop radio appeal of the Madonna hits, having been an early demo cut by her; this version is by writer/drumer/producer Steve Bright . . . Tictoc's "Twenty Questions," recently a Canadian import, has been remixed for U.S. RCA by Chris Barbosa and Nelson Cruz; they give the Duran-ish original a much more immediate, punchy treatment, similar to their Shannon and Xena work.

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Among other breaking winners over the year-end period: Steve Harvey's "Tonight" (London 12-inch), cool, melodic funk available in several mixes (one by Francois Kevorkian) ... Laid Back's very unusual and compelling "White Horse" (Sire 12-inch), which was re-edited by Bob Shaw and Butch Jones for U.S. release ... Inner Life's snappy street-pop "No Way" on Personal, mixed by John Morales and Sergio Munzibai ... Frankie Goes To Hollywood's "Relax" (Island 12-inch), strangely suggestive heavy-duty break material that crosses disco and producer Trevor Horn's beat-box experimentalism.

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# Video

# And Now, The Award Explosion

#### Clip Boom Leads To Proliferation Of Prize Programs

NEW YORK—The growing recognition of music video is reflected in the increasing number of awards in that field. Besides Billboard's recently announced awards, a number of trade organizations and an independent production company have inaugurated such awards.

The National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, U.S. Industrial Film Festival, Videotape Production Assn., International Film & Television Festival and American Film Institute all sponsor awards. In addition, the producers of "America's Top 10" will hold an awards ceremony in April, to be taped for airing on syndicated television.

This year, for the first time, the Grammys will include a category for best short-form video (or promotional video clip). The long-form video category (for home video product) will be included in the ceremony for the third time this year.

Last year's 26th annual International Film & Television Festival marked the first time that event included a music video category. The same is true of the upcoming 17th annual U.S. Industrial Film Festival and the VPA 1984 Monitor Awards.

The American Video Awards, hosted by Casey Kasem, are planned for April. Video clips produced and distributed to broadcast or cable television between Dec. 1, 1982 and Dec. 1, 1983 are eligible and will be chosen by a group called the American Video Assn.

That organization is open to all industry professionals, for a \$10 membership fee. Three ballots will be involved in the voting process: a preliminary ballot on which record companies are asked to nominate videos in five categories; a list of all videos with five or more nominations, from which five final nominees in each category are chosen; and the final voting, for one winner in each category.

Videos produced by acts not signed to major record labels may still be eligible for consideration, if the producers contact "America's Top 10" to request inclusion in the preliminary ballot.

A two-hour television show will be taped at KTLA's Golden West Studios in April, for syndication later in the month. A spokesman for "America's Top 10" says that the fact that the winners of the awards will be

known, before the show is aired should not affect interest in it.

The U.S. Industrial Film Festival, located in Elmhurst, Ill., has a deadline of March 1 for entries from producers or sponsors of music videos. Judges will be music video producers and others.

Entries for the VPA "Monitor" Awards must be received at the organization's New York offices by Jan.

# New Campaign For Thorn's 'Duran Duran'

NEW YORK—Thorn EMI plans a new marketing campaign to promote the full-length music video-cassette "Duran Duran." A new price, \$29.95, goes into effect this month.

Also planned for the campaign are tie-in programs with video wholesalers and video/record dealers, Duran Duran posters and T-shirts, postcards, co-op advertising and a February ad schedule on MTV.

The company is testing lowerpriced CED disks with a \$19.98 retail price for the February release "Bad Boys"



NAUTICAL NONSENSE—Atlanta's Video Music Channel has finalized an agreement with United Satellite Communications Inc. to become the nation's first video music channel on Direct Broadcast Satellite. Jimmy Buffet, left, asks VJ Dave Holmes if he can receive the station from his sailboat moored at that particular harbor in the Caribbean.

# Dealers Have High Hopes For Newton-John's 'EP'

By FAYE ZUCKERMAN

LOS ANGELES—Retailer response to the announcement of MCA Home Video's first "EP" home video release, Olivia Newton-John's "Twist Of Fate," has been favorable. Some, however, are concerned about how MCA plans to promote the production.

The 25-minute, \$19.95 videocassette, to be released at the end of January, will be accompanied by a counter card and a full-size poster featuring Newton-John in a stage appearance. The CED version of the program is \$16.98.

Kim Workman, manager of Videospace, a retail store in Bellevue, Wash., emphasizes the critical need for promotional material. Originally produced product needs more promotional aids than the movies, which gain attention through theatrical release, he observes.

Tom Veader, assistant store manager of the Menlo Park Record Factory, believes that 25 minutes of music is an appropriate length for the \$20 price point. In fact, he says customers have been requesting product

"Twist Of Fate" is the first of many extended play titles MCA Home Video will release in 1984, according to company president Gene Giaquinto. He adds that the video's tie-ins with current Newton-John reccords and movie releases will serve to enhance the sale of the new video—and catalog items as well.

John Marmaduke, president of the 105 Hastings Books, Records & Video stores, observes, "As more rock'n-'roll listeners become VCR owners, sales on such products will increase."

"Twist Of Fate" features four clips shown on Cinemax's "Album Flash" and two music videos currently seen on local and national television.

The title clip includes footage from the new film "Two Of A Kind," starring Newton-John and John Travolta.

Travolta sings a duet with Newton-John on "Take A Chance," which he also choreographed. Another song featured on the video is "Shaking You," which was shot in Venice. "Livin' In Desperate Times," "Heart Attack" and "Tied Up" are also featured.

#### '84 SALES DIP PREDICTED

# VCRs Continue Slide In U.K.

LONDON—An analysis of various industry forecasts here suggests that VCR sales in Britain are set for a further fall in 1984.

Though final 1983 figures are still being compiled, they're expected to show a 4% drop from 1982. The first 10 months of 1983 showed sales of 1.6 million units, some 8% down on the same period of the previous year, but Christmas buying was expected to push the final figure up to the two million mark.

Price rises averaging \$150, plus the persistent build-up of U.K. sales in the home computer field, combined to create the sales dip. The price rise resulted from the European Economic Community agreement to raise the cost of Japanese-made VCRs as a "protection" for product from Philips, the Dutch electronics giant.

Peter Hamblyn, marketing manager of National Panasonic, which

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March 7-9, 1984 Westin St. Francis San Francisco, California claims a 10% share of the British video hardware market, says: "There's a clear flattening-out in demand for VCRs."

Even so, with a VCR in one in four homes here, and the percentage steadily growing, the U.K. remains on top of the world ownership table. Hamblyn sees sales falling to roughly 1.8 million units this year, with a switch in emphasis to the more sophisticated models, notably the newly introduced hif VCRs, set to retail in Britain at around \$1,000.



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# Video

# Show On Clip Boom Scores Chicago Nielsen Triumph

By MOIRA McCORMICK

CHICAGO—An hour-long locally-produced television special focusing on the rock video boom led the Chicagoland Nielsen ratings during its Dec. 16 airing. "Look What They've Done To My Song," seen on CBS' WBBM-TV at 10:30 p.m., captured a 26 share for that time period, ahead of NBC's "Tonight Show" and professional football on ABC.

The program, which preceded two other Friday night rock video network shows (NBC's "Friday Night Videos" and ABC's local "Rock On Chicago!"), was part of WBBM's regular lineup of monthly news specials, produced and written by Bob Sirott, Carrie Cochran and John Roach. Sirott, formerly a prominent Chicago radio personality, now heads the entertainment and lifestyle division of the news department; Cochran is Sirott's partner for news specials; and Roach produces the Sirott/Cochran collaborations.

"Look What They've Done To My Song" covered rock video's development from '60s teen shows to MTV, touching on such highly-publicized controversies as accusations of racism and sexism as well as current and upcoming trends in the genre.

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Citing MTV as the "real reason for the video explosion," Sirott and Cochran examined its modus operandi through interviews with artists, directors and MTV staff, video clips, and man-in-the-street segments. Pointing up the important fact that the city of Chicago does not receive cable, a suburban family and neighbors were frequently referred to for comments.

MTV's ability to break new bands was detailed, utilizing comments from bands such as Men Without Hats as well as MTV vice president Les Garland. Sirott and Cochran then offered a segment on the making of a rock video, utilizing on-location footage from Weehawken, N.J. as Kool & the Gang filmed their current hit, "Joanna."

The issues of racism and sexism were discussed by Garland and MTV video jock J.J. Jackson who denounced the charges on the basis of format. Herbie Hancock commented that "Rockit" was deliberately shot without black faces to insure its airing on MTV. Director Bob Giraldi had the last word, deeming MTV "rockist not racist."

The program concluded with discussions of artist vs. director control in putting together a video, highlights from Billboard's Video Music Awards, and questions about MTV's financial future.

"Because of the time period, we knew we couldn't do a straight documentary on the subject," says producer/writer Sirott. "We decided to make it entertaining, but with a little guts in it. Because rock video is so new, we did not want to assume that viewers were as hip as we are. Chicago isn't cabled, so for many people this was the first time they were hearing about rock video and MTV. Plus, coming right off the 10 o'clock news, we didn't want to alienate the sizeable older audience that was watching."

Judging by the Nielsen numbers, Sirott, Cochran and Roach succeed-

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March 7-9, 1984 Westin St. Francis San Francisco, California ed in hooking that audience. "We're thrilled that it did that well," says Sirott. "We'd have been happy just to have placed first among younger viewers." Sirott says "Look What They've Done To My Song" was approximately three months in the making, and cost around \$20,000 to produce. Radio spots promoting the show had run for two days prior to airing, on Chicago rock FM's WXRT, WLUP, WBBM, and WLS-AM-FM, as well as urban WGCI. In addition, Sirott and Cochran appeared on AM talk shows with WGN's Roy Leonard and WLS' Steve King. Voice-over announcements were also made over prime-time programs' closing credits in order to promote the show.

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# Music Monitor

• Carry That Weight: Bette Midler's video for "Beast Of Burden" features a guest appearance by a member of another group that recorded the tune: Mick Jagger. The two clown around on the New York set, with Jagger mouthing the words. Robert Abel Enterprises produced

for Atlantic Records.

• Sweet Idea: To raise money for their first video, Brat Records act Suzy Saxon & the Anglos is doing what many a high school band has done: selling chocolate bars with their name imprinted on them. Once the goal is met, John Parks of PS&G in Richmond, Va. will produce, and Barry Gottlieb, head of the label, will direct "Boys In Dresses."

• New Home: MTV will be using Unitel Video's new 5,500 square foot program studio beginning in April. The production schedule will run five days a week for 15 months, with an

option for a 15-month renewal. Previously, MTV production was handled at Teletronics in New York.

• From Small Screen To Large:
"The Compleat Beatles," which has been available for more than a year on videocassette from MGM/UA Home Video, will air in March on

pay-tv services around the country from Universal Pay Television.

• MTV Notes: In a special playoff on MTV's "Friday Night Video Fights," Def Leppard's "Rock Of Ages" defeated Quiet Riot's "Cum On Feel The Noize" by a whopping 75% margin. Each video had won nine editions, leading to the championship.

In another MTV series, "The Basement Tapes," the Nelsons, a four-piece band from Lubbock, Tex., won the third round of the second edition last month. Their video "I Don't Mind" received 48% of the votes cast for the five competing bands. The group is at work on a new video, "Girls In Sweatsuits."

• Younger Sibling: Warner-Amex sister service Nickelodeon plans musical guests for its teen talk show "Livewire." Last week it was Frank Zappa and daughter Moon Unit, Midnight Star and Graham Nash; this week it's Marshall Crenshaw, Lords Of The New Church, Bobby Bare and Little Steven & the Disciples of Soul. Upcoming are appearances by Manowar, the Breaks, Phoebe Snow, Haircut 100, Laurie Anderson, Rupert Holmes, Al Green, the Bongos, the Payolas, REM and Twisted Sister. And that's just in January.

just in January.

• Dreamy: Irene Cara has completed two videos for the soundtrack from "D.C. Cab," in which she also appears. "Why Me?" and "The Dream" are both included on her Network/Geffen debut album "What A Feeling." Both were directed and edited by Doug Dowdle and produced by Jeffrey Abelson for Parallax Productions.

# Video Reviews

MICHAEL JACKSON—"Making Michael Jackson's Thriller," Vestron Video 1000. Produced by Michael Jackson, John Landis & George Folsey. Directed by Jerry Kramer. Stereo, 60 minutes, \$29.95.

There are definitely some negative aspects to "Making Michael Jackson's Thriller": unnecessary fan interviews; no shots of Michael alone talking about the project; and too much of director John Landis' hyperactive commentary on the film's production. Landis is a gifted filmmaker, but he often comes off as self-important as the Dan Aykroyd character he poked fun at in "Trading Places."

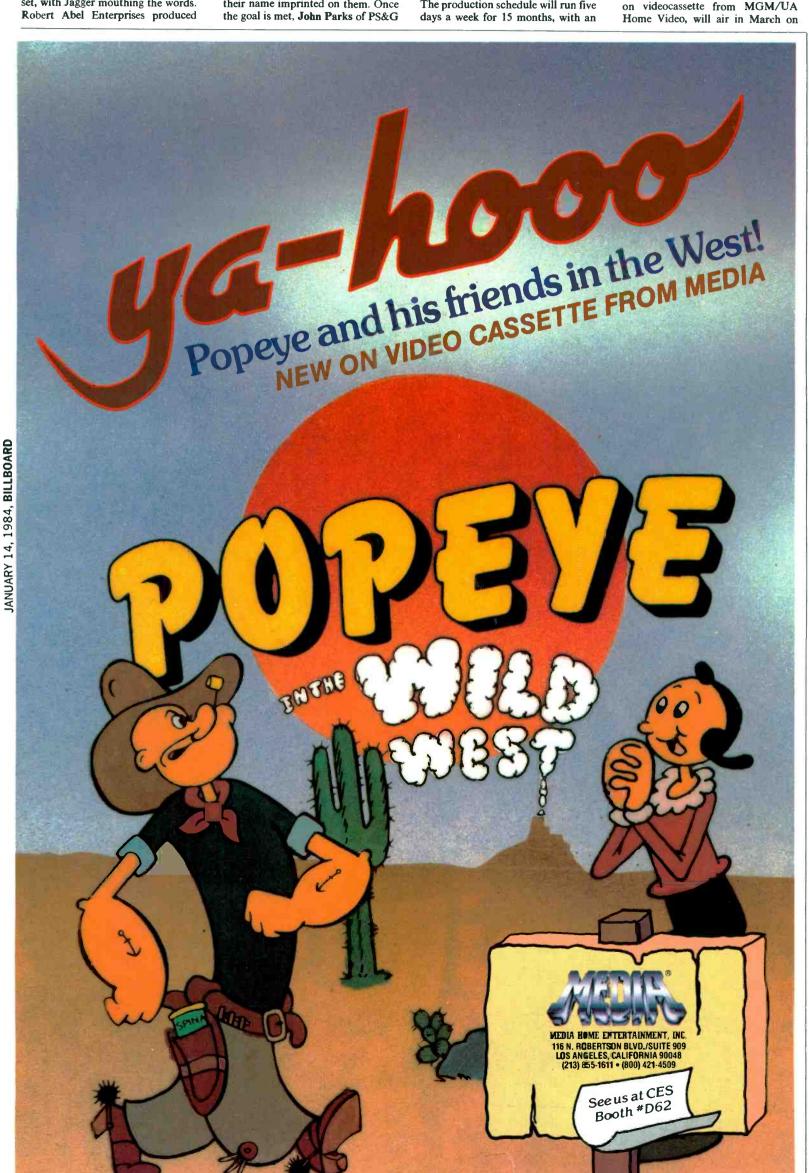
Putting aside those complaints, there are many pleasures to be found in this 60-minute documentary. Clips of the Jackson Five on the Ed Sullivan show, bits of Jackson family home movies, the dynamic ending of the "Beat It" video, the Jacksons' mystical and rarely seen "Can You Feel It" video (it depicts the Jackson boys as God-like beings at the dawn of creation), and Michael's famous "Billie Jean" performance from the Motown tv special are interspersed throughout the program, giving it the flavor of a Michael Jackson scrapbook.

The transformation of Michael from a mildmannered rock star into a ravenous werewolf by makeup maven Rick Baker is fascinating. So is watching Landis direct the scenes of "Thriller" 's ghouls destroying a house in search of Michael's frightened leading lady, Ola Ray.

However, the documentary's best footage focuses on Michael rehearsing dance steps with choreographer Michael Peters and the other dancers. The innate dance skill and personal flair of Michael as a dancer is well captured as he outperforms his well-trained comrades. Also, watching Peters and Jackson run through their steps, you realize just how different "Thriller" 's choreography is compared to "Beat It." Some critics have claimed they are virtually the same steps. A move here or there is repeated (e.g. some trademark Jackson pelvic gyrations), but overall they differ greatly.

NELSON GEORGE

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# Video

# Atlanta Clip Service Aims To Enhance Club Amenities

By RUSSELL SHAW

ATLANTA-Music Video Services (MVS), which distributes video clips to venues, has in its first five months of operation signed up more than 30 video clubs in seven states. The company maintains a tracking service and consults with clubs on hardware needs.

MVS president John Persico is a veteran video producer and personal manager. Vice president of programming and research Mike Cooper is a former AOR radio programmer who was most recently music director at Atlanta's Video Music Channel. Vice president of promotion and sales Brad Moss is an Atlanta concert pro-

ducer. Howard Becker is an attorney.
"Essentially, the idea for MVS came out of a realization that some of the video compilations going out to clubs were of poor technical quality, while others might not have been exactly what the club owner wanted," says Cooper.

MVS offers an inventory of four hour-long tapes per month (urban pop, dance-rock, album rock and adult contemporary) in four tape for-mats. "It's not uncommon for a certain video to be on one compilation one month and then move to another, because it's so hard to pigeonhole much of today's music," Cooper.

The MVS staff is finding fertile ground for both installation and programming in live music clubs. "In many rock clubs," notes Moss, "video is proving to be an adjunct to live music. We're not really seeing too many cases of a club dropping its bands for video clips, but what you have is a good-time marriage between

the two.
"All clubowners worry about losing customers during set changes or set breaks, but with a video system, people are more likely to stay and drink. This of course helps bar sales and enables video to pay for itself many times over."

Moss doesn't see any competition between "piped-in" music cable network broadcasts and the MVS tapes. "There are commercial breaks and

#### **Heron Readies** Playback-Only **VHS Machine**

here is to market what it claims is the world's first playback-only VHS video machine. Manufactured by an asyet-unspecified Japanese company, the unit will be available under the Ingersoll brand name in February, retailing at around \$425.

Ronald Sulkin, Heron managing director, says: "The choice of software on offer has expanded to the point where there are over 6,000 feature films and 1,000 music and other titles on U.K. release. Research shows that, after the initial novelty of time-shift has worn off, many consumers use their machines almost exclusively to play back rented material. So there is now a definite need for this type of inexpensive player-only machine."

Light, compact and easily portable, the Ingersoll is designed both as low-cost hardware for those uninterested in video recording and as a second machine for households that already boast a full-price VCR, says Sulkin. He also notes the potential for commercial applications, particu-larly in view of the increasing use of video point-of-sale at retail level and of video information films in instituproblems of sound quality when you try to broadcast television through a PA," he says

Persico and Moss spend much of their time on the road, making sales

calls, conferring with owners of existing venues as well as owners, architects and technical support staff involved with new facilities. MVS' largest client is the 22,000 square foot

Shenanigan's, a rock video club on the site of the former Mama's Country Showcase in suburban Decatur.

The MVS tracking operation surveys the popularity of video clips at

clubs and on various television outlets. Charts are printed in MVS' monthly newsletter, which also includes product reviews, video reviews, and miscellaneous news items.





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Pia Zadora
Beta & VHS MCA Home Video ...... \$59.95

THE MAGIC PONY
Beta & VHS Children's Video Library
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Glynnis O'Connor, Paul Sorvino, Burton Cummings
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Beta & VHS VIP Video (Jef Films). \$59.95

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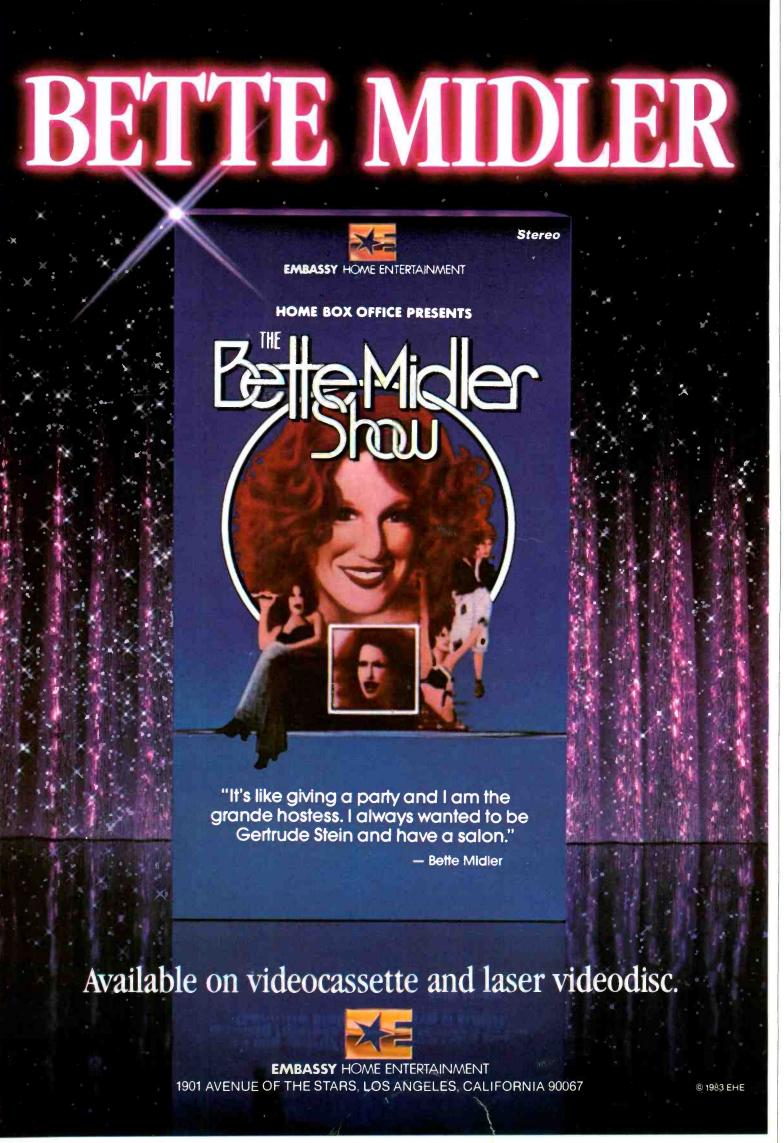
## **RIAA Divisions Brought Together** In New Structure

NEW YORK-With the growing importance of music video programming to the audio membership of the Recording Industry Assn. of America (RIAA), the trade organization plans to create stronger ties between its audio and video divisions.

Beginning in April, all current and prospective members of the RIAA video division will become associate members of the RIAA under a new structure approved by the RIAA board of directors.

Those RIAA committee and program activities designed for current video division members will continue. These include freight rate and postal rate programs, the data processing committee, the engineering committee, video program development workshops and market research activity. The current RIAA video council will continue as a policy committee to periodically discuss priority projects and programs and review dues schedules.

Membership in the RIAA video division is open to manufacturers and/or licensed marketers of prere-



# Video

# New On The Charts



DAWN OF THE DEAD

Thorn EMI Home Video-# 20

This horror film by George Romero, the sequel to his "Night Of The Living Dead," traces the attempts of four Philadelphians to escape the city when corpses of the recently dead arise to attack the living. The four take flight in a helicopter which runs out of fuel, landing them on top of a mall filled with flesheating corpses.

The videocassette retails for \$69.95

This column is designed to spotlight titles making their debut on Billboard's

## Music, Shakespeare On **Century Release Schedule**

By FAYE ZUCKERMAN

LOS ANGELES-Century Video Corp. will introduce 22 originally produced long-form music videocassettes this year, as well as 38 Shakespearean plays and how-to productions.

The Beverly Hills-based independent, a new name in video marketing, has actually been around since 1977 Lawrence M. Scheer, chairman, started Century Video with the vision of a home video market where VCR owners preferred to purchase "col-lectible" productions on videocassette. He then initiated-production of original long-form programs.

Seven years later, after raising

more than \$20 million from about 1,000 investors, Scheer has amassed more than 450 videocassette productions. About 350 are geared for children. "In 1977," he explains, "the major issue was what children were



May 13-17, 1984 Killarney, Ireland watching on television."

In May, 1983, after years of stockpiling programs, Scheer and colleagues started to roll them out. Many will appear on television or pay-tv.

Says Scheer, "Identification and recognition is especially critical for children's programs. The Shakespeare productions are educational and are being marketed, for now, through public libraries and educa-tional outlets."

Long-form music productions include performances by Patti Page, Jerry Lee Lewis, Billy Preston, Scatman Crothers, Brook Benton, B.B. King and Linda Hopkins. In all, 11 genres of music are represented by two shows each. For example, blues shows are hosted by Brock Peters, country by Gene Weed, soul by Leon Isaac Kennedy. Each show features music as well as documentary footage on the development of the music

According to Scheer the May, 1983 rollout date was not arbitrarily picked. "I wanted to wait until VCR penetration was bordering on 10 million. I knew rental would be video's first primary market. But then I believed people would want to purchase collectible programming."

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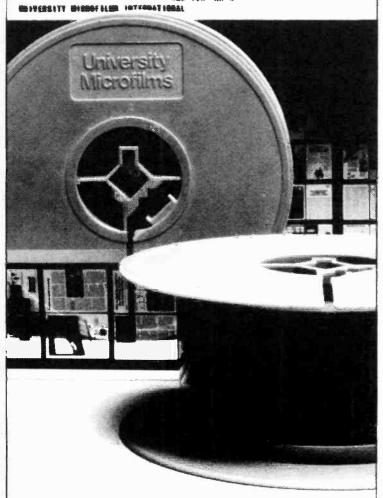
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1	)1	5	RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 1376	Harrison Ford Karen Allen	1981	PG	VHS Beta
2	4	4	RISKY BUSINESS	The Geffen Company Warner Home Video 11323	Tcm Cruise Rebecca de Mornay	1983	R	VHS Beta
3	2	10	BLUE THUNDER	RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video 10026	Roy Scheider Malcolm McDowell	1983	R	VHS Beta
4	9	4	SUPERMAN III	Warner Brothers Pictures Warner Home Video 11320	Christopher Reeve Richard Pryor	1983	PG	VHS Beta
5	5	7	NATIONAL LAMPOON'S VACATION	Warner Brothers Pictures Warner Home Video 11315	Chevy Chase Christie Brinkley	1983	R	VHS Beta
6	3	16	FLASHDANCE	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 1454	Jennifer Beals	1983	R	VHS Beta
7	8	4	TWILIGHT ZONE—THE MOVIE	Warner Brothers Pictures Warner Home Video 11314	John Lithgow Kevin McCarthy	1983	PG	VHS Beta
8	7	13	GANDHI	RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video 10237	Ben Kingsley	1982	PG	VHS Beta
9	34	3	MAKING OF MICHAEL JACKSON'S THRILLER	Vestron 1000	M chael Jackson	1983	NR	VHS Beta
10	10	8	THE DARK CRYSTAL	Thorn/EMI 1966	Jen, Kira	1982	PG	VHS Beta
11	11	29	48 HOURS	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 1139	Nick Nolte Eddie Murphy	1983	R	VHS Beta
12	6	6	BREATHLESS	Vestron V5017	Richard Gere	1983	R	VHS Beta
13	21	3	JAWS 3	Universal City Studios MCA Distributing Corp. 80044	Dennis Quaid Bess Armstrong	1983	PG	VHS Beta
14	12	6	THE SURVIVORS	RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video 10521	Walter Matthau Robin Williams	1983	R	VHS Beta
15	17	6	PINK FLOYD THE WALL	MGM/UA Home Video MV-400268		1979	R	VHS Beta
16	13	6	THE HUNGER	MGM/UA Home Video MV-800281	David Bowie Catherine Deneuve	1983	R	VHS Beta
17	15	5	10 TO MIDNIGHT	MGM/UA Home Video MV-800282	Charles Bronson Lisa Eilbacher	1983	R	VHS Beta
18	32	23	PORKY'S ▲	CBS-Fox Video 1149	Dan Monahan Wyatt Knight	1982	R	VHS Beta
19	14	9	MAX DUGAN RETURNS	CBS-Fox Video 1236	Jason Robards Marsha Mason	1983	PG	VHS Beta
20	NEW ENT	RY	DAWN OF THE DEAD	Dawn Associates Thorn/EMI Video 1977	David Emge Gaylen Ross	1978	R	VHS Beta
21	19	7	EDDIE MURPHY—DELIRIOUS	Paramount Home Video 2323	Eddie Murphy	1983	R	VHS Beta
22	20	11	PSYCHO II •	Universal City Studios MCA Distributing Corp. 80008	Anthony Perkins Vera Miles	1983	R	VHS Beta
23	18	17	THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER	CBS-Fox Video 1233	Kirk Douglas Tom Burlington	1982	PG	VHS Beta
24	24	19	THE OUTSIDERS •	Warner Brothers Pictures Warner Home Video 11309	Matt Dillon	1983	PG	VHS Beta
25	39	18	BAD BOYS	Thorn/EMI 1633	Sean Penn Feni Santoni	1983	R	VHS Beta
26	26	14	TENDER MERCIES •	Thorn/EMI 1640	Fobert Duvall Eetty Buckley	1983	PG	VHS Beta
27	23	11	STROKER ACE	Warner Bros. Pictures Warner Home Video 11322	Eurt Reynolds Jim Nabors	1983	PG	VHS Beta
28	27	14	THE YEAR OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY	MGM/UA Home Video 800243	Mel Gibson Sigourney Weaver	1983	PG	VHS Beta
29	31	13	EATING RAOUL	CBS-Fox Video 1291	Paul Bartel Mary Woronov	1982	NR	VHS Beta
30	16	11	THE MAN WITH TWO BRAINS	Warner Bros. Pictures Warner Home Video 11319	Steve Martin	1983	R	VHS Beta
3 1	30	16	DR. DETROIT • (ITA)	Universal City Studios MCA Distributing Corp. 80001	Dan Aykroyd Donna Dixon	1983	R	VHS Beta
32	22	37	JANE FONDA'S WORKOUT	KVC-RCA Karl Video Corporation 042	Jane Fonda	1982	NR	VHS Beta
33	29	10	LONE WOLF McQUADE	Vestron V-6008	Chuck Norris David Carradine	1983	PG	VHS Beta
34	33	47	AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN (ITA)	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 1467	Richard Gere Debra Winger	1982	R	VHS Beta
35	35	29	HIGH ROAD TO CHINA ▲	Warner Bros. Pictures Warner Home Video 11309	Tom Selleck Bess Armstrong	1983	PG	VHS Beta
36	36	14	SPRING BREAK	RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video 10513	Perry Lang David Knell	1983	R	VHS Beta
37	40	27	THE VERDICT	CBS-Fox Video 1188	Paul Newman James Mason	1982	R	VHS Beta
38	25	9	SPACEHUNTER: ADVENTURES IN THE FORBIDDEN ZONE	RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video 10512	Peter Strauss Molly Ringwald	1983	PG	VHS Beta
39	28	3	CHAINED HEAT	Vestron V-4071	Linda Blair Sybil Danning	1983	R	VHS Beta
40	37	12	SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES	Walt Disney Home Video 166	Jason Robards	1983	PG	VHS

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This Week	Last Position	Weeks		opyright Owner, istributor, Catalog Number Princ	ipal Performers	Year of Release	Rating	Format	Price
1	)	mi	RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 1376	Harrison Ford Karen Allen	Light	Ri	, e <u>1</u>	III 66
2	3	87	JANE FONDA'S WORKOUT ▲(ITA)	KVC-RCA Karl Video Corporation 042	Jane Fonda	1982	NR	VHS Beta	59.95
3	2	16	FLASHDANCE	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 1454	Jennifer Beals	1983	R	VHS Beta	\$39.95
4	4	3	RISKY BUSINESS	The Geffen Company Warner Home Video 11323	Tom Cruise Rebecca de Mornay	1983	R	VHS Beta	39.98
5	7	2	MAKING OF MICHAEL JACKSON'S THRILLER	Vestron 1000	Michael Jackson	1983	NR	VHS Beta	29.95
6	5	3	SUPERMAN III	Warner Brothers Pictures Warner Home Video 11320	Christopher Reeve Richard Pryor	1983	PG	VHS Beta	69.95
7	8	9	BLUE THUNDER	RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video 10026	Roy Scheider Malcolm McDowell	1983	R	VHS Beta	79.95
8	6	6	PINK FLOYD THE WALL	MGM/UA Home Video MV-400268	Pink Floyd	1979	R	VHS Beta	39.95
9	10	3	TWILIGHT ZONE—THE MOVIE	Warner Brothers Pictures Warner Home Video 11314	John Lithgow Kevin McCarthy	1983	PG	VHS Beta	69.95
10	12	6	NATIONAL LAMPOON'S VACATION	Warner Brothers Pictures Warner Home Video 11315	Chevy Chase Christie Brinkley	1983	R	VHS Beta	69.95
11	9	9	DUMBO	Walt Disney Home Video 24	Animated	1947	G	VHS Beta	39.95
12	15	29	48 HOURS	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 1139	Nick Nolte Eddie Murphy	1983	R	VHS Beta	39.95
13	17	25	DURAN DURAN	Thorn/EMI TVD 1646	Duran Duran	1983	NR	VHS Beta	29.95
14	18	47	AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN A (ITA)	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 1467	Richard Gere Debra Winger	1982	R	VHS Beta	39.95 29.95
15	24	14	POLICE AROUND THE WORLD	I. R. S. Video 001	The Police	1982	NR	VHS Beta	33.95
16	20	3	JAWS 3	Universal City Studios MCA Distributing Corp. 80044	Dennis Quaid Bess Armstrong	1983	PG	VHS Beta	39.95
17	27	2	PLAYBOY VIDEO, Volume 4	CBS-Fox Video 6204	Various Artists	1983	NR	VHS Beta	59.98
18	29	6	THE HUNGER	MGM/UA Home Video MV-800281	David Bowie Catherine Deneuve	1983	R	VHS Beta	79.95
19	22	2	DAWN OF THE DEAD	Dawn Associates Thorn/EMI Video 1977	David Emge Gaylen Ross	1978	R	VHS Beta	69.95
20	13	12	GANDHI	RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video 10237	Ben Kingsley	1982	PG	VHS Beta	79.95
21	26	6	10 TO MIDNIGHT	MGM/UA Home Video MV 800282	Charles Bronson Lisa Eilbacher	1983	R	VHS Beta	79.95
22	14	2	A HARD DAYS NIGHT	Walter Shenson, Maljack Productions, Inc. 1064	The Beatles	1964	G	VHS Beta	69.95
23	16	7	THE DARK CRYSTAL	Thorn/EMI 1966	Jen, Kira	1982	PG	VHS Beta	79.95
24	11	4	A WALT DISNEY CHRISTMAS '83	Walt Disney Home Video 92	Animated	1983	G	VHS Beta	39.95
25	21	9	TRON	Walt Disney Home Video 122	Jeff Bridges	1982	PG	VHS Beta	39.95
26	36	60	STAR TREK II—THE WRATH OF KHAN (ITA)	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 1180	William Shatner Leonard Nimoy	1982	PG	VHS Beta	39.95
27	23	2	THE GREY FOX	Media Home Entertainment M258	Richard Farnsworth Jackie Burroughs	1983	PG	VHS Beta	69.95
28	19	6	BREATHLESS	Vestron V5017	Richard Gere	1983	R	VHS Beta	No listing
29	35	6	EDDIE MURPHY—DELIRIOUS	Paramount Home Video 2323	Eddie Murphy	1983	R	VHS Beta	59.95
30	28	8	STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE'S HOUSEWARMING SURPRISE	Family Home Entertainment MGM-UA Home Video F348	Animated	1983	NR	VHS Beta	29.95
31	34	13	GIRL GROUPS	MGM/UA Home Video 600194	Various	1983	NR	VHS Beta	59.95
32	39	8	LIVE AND LET DIE	CBS-Fox Video 4633	Roger Moore Jane Seymour	1975	PG	VHS Beta	69.98
33	25	2	AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS	The Michael Todd Co. Warner Home Video 11321	David Niven Shirley MacLaine	1956	G	VHS Beta	79.95
34	33	11	PSYCHO II •	Universal City Studios MCA Distributing Corp. 80008	Anthony Perkins Vera Miles	1983	R	VHS Beta	79.95
35	32	6	THE SURVIVORS	RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video 10521	Walter Matthau Robin Williams	1983	R	VHS Beta	79.95
36	38	10	JANE FONDA'S WORKOUT FOR P. B. & R.	KVC-RCA, Karl Video Corporation 046	Jane Fonda	1983	NR	VHS Beta	59.95
37	37	15	DR. DETROIT • (ITA)	Universal City Studios MCA Distributing Corp. 80001	Dan Aykroyd Donna Dixon	1983	R	VHS Beta	69.95
38	30	14	THE MAN FROM SNOWY	CBS-Fox Video 1233	Kirk Douglas Tom Burlington	1982	PG	VHS Beta	59.98
39	31	11	THE MAN WITH TWO BRAINS	Warner Brothers Pictures Warner Home Video 11319	Steve Martin Kathleen Turner	1983	R	VHS Beta	69.95
40	40	14	THE YEAR OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY	MGM/UA Home Video 800243	Mel Gibson Sigourney Weaver	1983	PG	VHS Beta	79.95

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# Video



PRIVATE POLICE—Pictured at a private screening of the "Police Around The World" long-form video at Hollywood's Palace are, from left, Gary Eller of Metro Video West; IRS Video's national director of sales and marketing Randy Freeman; IRS Video president Derek Power; and Miles Copeland, chairman of IRS Video.

#### RCA/COLUMBIA CHIEF'S VIEW

# U.K. Piracy Seen On The Decline

By PETER JONES
LONDON—New laws providing for increased penalties for convicted copyright thieves are clearly working well in the British video industry's battle against piracy, claims Steve Bernard, managing director of RCA /Columbia Pictures Video U.K.

"More than six months have gone by since any major film was bootlegged prior to its official video release," Bernard says. "Dealers crosscountry now recognize that the penalties of being involved in illegal whether it's bootlegged, back-to-back copy or counterfeit, include hefty fines and imprisonment."

Bernard acknowledges that video piracy, "or video theft as we prefer to call it," has been the biggest single problem facing the industry in Britain. "My view is that the longterm effects of the removal of revenue from major new cinema releases in illegal video format is bound to have profound effects on the video retail rental business," he says.

theatrical chains that their cinema reare substantially up. And that's directly attributable to the fact that people in Britain can no longer immediately go out and rent bootleg

copies of these movies.

"A lot of video retailers made a lot of money from renting out bootleg movies, often at the equivalent of \$5 a night. With this illicit revenue to fund their businesses, they didn't need to charge a viable or economic rental for legitimately acquired

product.
"That, with widespread back-toback copying, led to a downward spiral in pricing from about \$4.50 when trade initially started some two or three years ago, to as little as 75 cents or \$1.50 per rental."

Bernard claims the next few months will see "the final emer-gence" of professional and well-run dealerships recognizing the need to show a profit to stay in business and therefore accepting the need to return to overnight rentals in the \$3-\$4 range. "If that doesn't happen within three months, then a very large number of video retailers will have to close down," he predicts.

## German IFPI Official Blasts **Proposed Law**

HAMBURG-West Germany's video piracy problem, already far more severe than record and audio tape piracy, could be considerably aggravated if a government measure prohibiting the rental and advertising of videocassettes depicting violence is enacted. This is the view of Gerhard Weber, head of Warner Home Video in Germany and chairman of the video division of the German IFPI

The idea behind the new proposal is to impose a "censorship by price tag" system on the theory that only adults are likely to have the purchase price of a feature film depicting violence, which can be anything up to

Says Weber: "Video producers and distributors agree that something has to be done to protect minors from the explicit violence in some of today's films, but this proposal could have an extremely damaging effect on the whole market."

Weber points out that astute dealers will evade the law by selling violent product to purchasers under 18 with a guarantee to buy back after viewing. He adds, "Once restrictions like those suggested are imposed, it will be an invitation to the pirates to fill the gap with cheap copies of the banned films."

Weber is urging the government to reconsider the proposal and to substitute for it a measure which would penalize dealers who offer violent films, either for sale or rental, to underage persons. "I see no reason why adults should be deprived of the opportunity to rent excellent feature films simply because they contain scenes unsuitable for under-18s," he says.

Reviewing the other segment of the X-rated market, Weber says that the market share for pornographic videocassettes is now down to 10% and declining. The market is over-whelmingly dominated by feature films, with rental accounting for up to 98% of all counter transactions.

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# News/International\_ **New German Distributor** In CBS Masterworks Deal

MUNICH-A new pact with CBS gives Ricophon, a recently formed record distributor near Frankfurt, rights to 16 selected CBS Masterworks classical albums, including product never before available in Germany.

This is the first time CBS has allowed a non-affiliated company to

#### **EMI Electrola's** Wilfried Jung

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Karajan was one of the key promoters of the format, maintaining it was the sound carrier of the future. Other performers were more hesitant, less farsighted maybe, but more marketoriented.

"But in the end, we would have been discriminating against our own performers if we'd boycotted CD and so denied them access to this most modern sound carrier.'

Jung concludes: "The lion's share of our problems stems from within our own ranks. I particularly cite creativity standards of artists and producers in the pop and classical sectors. We failed to do so many things. But in this area lies our biggest chance of future recovery.'

handle initial distribution of new releases here, although some repermostly pop, through PolyGram's IMS import service. CBS special marketing director Uwe S. Fendt says he was looking for a classical specialist to market repertoire considered not attractive enough for the company's normal distribution operation.

The LPs, all manufactured in Holland by CBS and distributed with original CBS packaging, include catalog cutouts (Maazel, Te Kanawa, Andrew Davis), historical recordings (Melchior, Beecham) and new re-leases by Murray Perahia and Pierre Boulez. All will be sold at full price.

Ricophon chief Eylert Koch says further titles, including CBS Masterworks Compact Discs, will follow in the spring. His new firm concentrates on classical "fringe" repertoire from such small labels as Wergo, plus children's records. Ricophon's distribution is handled by Bertelsmann in Guetersloh.

Most of his releases come from the international CBS Masterworks offering, complemented by local classical product with baroque specialist Helmuth Rilling and tenor Peter

# **Robin Gibb Wins Publishing Suit**

LONDON-Bee Gee Robin Gibb has won full control of his music publishing company following a High Court hearing here in which the judge said the business had been run in a manner "unfairly prejudicial" to

Gibb's lawyer, Michael Burton, had alleged that Bryan Morrison, chairman of Robin Gibb Publishing Ltd., had "milked" the company of some \$100,000 since 1977, while over the same period the Bee Gee himself had received only around \$15,000 in director's fees.

In court, the judge ordered a valuation of the shares of the company with a direction that Morrison should sell his half interest to Gibb at a fair price. He also made an order that Morrison should be removed as chairman of the company.

The judge said that Morrison had appointed his own companies, for a 15% commission, to take over the collection of fees and royalties, which was the main purpose for which Robin Gibb Publishing had been set up.

Gibb was granted orders under a section of the Companies Act of 1980

#### **Economic Woes** In Yugoslavia

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among them Alvin Lee, Saga, Nightwing and Peter Green, were not necessarily top names, but their records sold well and they were treated on tour as local acts. They all benefited, says Jugoton, from promo-tional action and simultaneous simultaneous cassette/album releases.

"For us, it's meant a license program cut by 30% in 1983. However, we still sold 500,000 license-deal albums. But there are certainly some foreign companies who just won't take payment in dinars.'

Late last year, Jugoton released the first Yugoslavian rock videocassette, by Bijelo Dugme (White Button). The company says it has sold "reasonably well," though costing the dinar equivalent of \$40.

Despite the power and currency problems, the two main Yugoslav companies appear optimistic about future prospects.

which enables shareholders to petition the High Court if they feel their company is being conducted in a manner "unfairly prejudicial" to

However, after the court decision, Morrison claimed that his lawyers were not in court "due to a mistake" when the case was outlined and so was unable to submit a defense. He may now seek a fresh hearing at which Gibb's allegations will be con-

## **Swiss Firms Join** In Campaign For **Recorded Music**

By PIERRE HAESLER

ZURICH—Companies affiliated with VSSL, the Swiss national association of record distributors, have linked in a \$250,000 nationwide campaign to promote the image and sales appeal of recorded music

A full-color 32-page brochure, focal point of the campaign, is being distributed to all households in the German-language sectors of this country, listing gift ideas involving recorded music culled from such entertainment and sporting celebrities as ice skating champion Denis

The brochure, based on an initiative by Ossi Drechsler, managing director of PolyGram Switzerland, is split into five sections: classical, rock-/pop, country, folk and schlager. The campaign also takes in various competitions, with trips to New York or the festivals of Salzburg and Montreux among the prizes.

"We're not promising immediate sales increases," says Drechsler. "But the coordinated marketing effort, with smaller companies like Bellaphon and Gold involved alongside the majors, represents an interesting experiment in such a small marketplace. We're looking to improve our industry marketing impact as a whole by joining forces to help counter what is a very difficult business climate."

# Canada

#### THROUGH RECORD, STEREO RETAILERS

# WEA Enters Video Music Market

By KIRK LaPOINTE

TORONTO-WEA Music of Canada will enter the music video business this summer by selling compilation and other tapes to consumers through record and stereo dealers.

Vice president of sales and marketing Garry Newman says the aim will be to keep the retail price of the video at less than \$30. Currently, only Ktel International is directly involved in video sales in Canada, although several firms have their own video divisions which market licensed product. Those firms sell only concert-

## 30 CDs Issued By Capitol-EMI

TORONTO - Capitol Records-EMI of Canada, one of the few majors to refrain from an initial Compact Disc push, has just entered the business with the release of 18 titles carrying \$29.98 suggested list prices.

The 10 classical and eight pop releases were being shipped to accounts late in December, with another dozen or so scheduled for release early this month. Among the classical artists featured are violinists Itzhak Perlman and Anne-Sophie Mutter, while pop artists issued include Duran Duran and David Bowie. About 350 titles now are available on the laserread disks in Canada.

"We're happy to be in the game," comments Capitol president David Evans. "We took more time, but we wanted everything set.'

The company has set no specific limit on the number of accounts it will service. Most other firms were setting about 150 accounts in business with them for CDs. MCA and Quality are the only major labels that have not yet released Compact Discs

type product by acts from their

WEA will be the first Canadian firm to assemble samples of its roster's video music and sell them. To date, companies have only assembled product for promotional purposes and for loan to clubs and television.

Details of the campaign are still being worked out, but the enormous repertoire available to the company should mean few problems of supply.

K-tel's product, a Canadian-only effort called "Electric North" (after its best-selling record compilation), is retailing for \$79.95 and is meeting

corded to performers on the tape are believed to be less than 10 cents, not entirely out of line with royalties the firm pays for music product.

We think the time has come that there are enough VCRs out there to sustain a Canadian market, and the demand certainly isn't being met,' Newman says. He adds that he doesn't think the impending development of a Canadian music video channel will seriously affect the foray by the company into direct sales of its videos, particularly if the retail price can be kept to the anticipated \$30

## **CRTC Seeks More Detail On Specialty Channel Bids**

HULL, Quebec-The federal broadcast regulator is asking the 18 applicants for specialty programming services—among them the five vying for a music video channel—to spell out their marketing details before hearings into their proposals begin Jan.

The Canadian Radio-Television & Telecommunications Commission, in a public notice Dec. 29, said the anplicants must outline results of any market research, how their wholesale and retail prices are being determined, their projected subscribership and how much they will spend on Canadian content, among other things.

The move is clearly aimed at eliminating some of the ambiguity in the proposals, but it is also giving competing applicants an opportunity to better prepare themselves should others reveal some of their cards. The series of questions proposed by the commission must be answered by Saturday (14).

The commission also wants to know what the impact will be upon projected advertising revenues if subscriber levels predicted by applicants cannot be reached, and how competing services affect the marketing plans of the applicants.

The CRTC wants to know, for instance, if there are foreign satellite services that would jeopardize the viability of the specialty services from Canada. The commission has already said that some foreign services will be allowed on cable once it decides which Canadian ones to license.

Specifically, however, the commission is looking at how to tier cable services and wants input from applicants on the potential effects of, nadian services on one tier and sancamong other things, grouping the Cationing foreign services on another.

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# **CBS Upgrades Cassette Quality**

TORONTO-CBS Records Canada, having experienced substantial cassette sales increases in 1983, its largest year to date, says it's instituting several improvements in the manufacturing of its tapes early this year.

Don Oates, vice president of marketing and sales, says CBS is moving

to full-scale production of chromium dioxide tapes with cassette head cleaner as part of the leader tape. Complete conversion should take place by April 1, he says.

"We've recognized for some time the importance of the cassette line, but now we're putting everything into place," Oates says. The upgrading will not trigger an increase in tape prices for at least the first half of 1984, he adds.

With the physical improvements, which include a color scheme of gold printing on black cartridges, CBS will also include much more album information on the cassette liners for consumers.

Although exact figures for 1983 are not yet available, the company believes it moved roughly 45% of its volume in cassettes, Oates estimates. WEA Music of Canada claims roughly 55% of its sales are in tape,

while Capitol claims a 50-50 split.

Last year, WEA, PolyGram,
A&M and MCA joined Capitol's 1982 project to upgrade cassette quality. The CBS campaign will receive considerable company support at the retail and rack level, but details

were not in place at presstime.

Even though the chromium dioxide tape is not a radical improvement on the ferris-type tape formerly used by CBS, Oates says consumer perception was the decisive factor in moving to the new cassette. The new CBS tapes will be stickered to indicate they are chromium dioxide and otherwise improved.

A&M achieved considerable success in chromium dioxide tape campaigns for the Police's "Synchronicity" and the Payola\$' "Hammer On A Drum" last year.

# Campaign Mounted Against Rock Ban

OTTAWA-Local have somewhat softened their stand against rock concerts at the new Capital Congress Centre. But their concession to allow a dinner-style soft rock cabaret Jan. 21 isn't putting a smile back on the face of promoter Dennis Ruffo.

The politicians who comprise the center's board will allow the Nylons, a Toronto a capella group, to play a fundraiser Jan. 21 but say they still oppose opening the facility to harder rock shows. Their intransigence on the matter has resulted in a letter campaign to local AOR station CHEZ-FM and a series of disparaging newspaper articles.

A meeting has been arranged for later this month between the board and former city alderman Rick Wallace, who is heading a campaign to bring rock back to the center. A Dec. 15 show featuring Big Country went without incident, but the politicians americantadioh

say they fear potential damage and worry the center may lose its liquor license because minors can easily obtain drinks at shows.

Ruffo hasn't been invited to the meeting between Wallace and the nor has he initiated talks to help his own cause. That has privately puzzled some local industryites, who see the hall, which seats between 3,000 and 4,000, as the solution to the city's longterm lack of a mediumsized venue.

A Jan. 13 date featuring Billy Idol

was scrubbed, as were potential tentative dates for the Motels, the Payola\$ and Rough Trade.

Ruffo says he finds it difficult to present his case to the politicians because they "are in the dark" about how shows are presented. "They think I'm a fly-by-night business," he says, noting he has been involved in the local business as a promoter for more than a decade.

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Week	Week	
1	1	ONLY YOU, Flying Pickets, 10 Records
2	2	MY OH MY, Slade, RCA
3	4	LOVE OF THE COMMON
-	·	PEOPLE, Paul Young, CBS
4	3	VICTIMS, Culture Club, Virgin
5	5	MARGUERITA TIME, Status Quo, Vertigo
6	7	TELL HER ABOUT IT, Billy Joel, CBS
7	8	ISLANDS IN THE STREAM,
		Kenny Rogers & Dolly Parton, RCA
8	6	HOLD ME NOW, Thompson
		Twins, Arista
9	22	PIPES OF PEACE, Paul
		McCartney, Pariophone
10	11	WHAT IS LOVE, Howard Jones,
		WEA
11	13	THRILLER, Michael Jackson,
		Epic
12	9	LET'S STAY TOGETHER, Tina
		Turner, Capitol
13	10	PLEASE DON'T FALL IN LOVE,
		Cliff Richard, EMI
14	14	UPTOWN GIRL, Billy Joel, CBS
15	12	MOVE OVER DARLING, Tracey
		Uliman, Stiff
16	15	2000 MILES, Pretenders, Real
17	16	MANY RIVERS TO CROSS,
		UB40, DEP International
18	27	RAT RAPPING, Roland Rat, Magnet
19	19	STRAIGHT AHEAD, Kool &
		Gang, De-Lite
20	20	MERRY X'MAS EVERYBODY.
		Slade, Polydor
21	26	WHAT ARE WE GONNA GET
		'ER INDOORS, Dennis
		Waterman/George Cole, EMI
22	24	CRY JUST A LITTLE BIT,
		Shakin' Stevens, Epic
23	17	READ 'EM AND WEEP, Barry
		Manilow, Arista
24	23	CALLING YOUR NAME, Marilyn,
		Mercury

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Motown NEW BIRD OF PARADISE, Snowy

#### ALBUMS

1	1	NOW, THAT'S WHAT I CALL
		MUSIC, Various, EMI
2	2	NO PARLEZ], Paul Young, CBS
3	4	THRILLER, Michael Jackson,
		Epic
Į.	3	COLOUR BY NUMBERS, Culture
		Club, Virgin
5	5	STAGES, Elaine Paige, K-tel
5	18	GREEN VELVET, Various, Ronco
7	13	AN INNOCENT MAN, Billy Joel,
		CBS
3	15	PIPES OF PEACE, Paul
		McCartney, Parlophone
•	9	CAN'T SLOW DOWN, Lionel
		Richie, Motown
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		Rockney
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BACK TO BACK, Status wave, Vertigo
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		PEOPLE, Paul Young, CBS
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		Motown
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		Public Image, Virgin
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12	10	SHADOW ON THE WALL, Mike
		Oldfield, Virgin
13	19	PULSTAR, Hypnosis,
		ZYX/Mikulski
14	23	HIGH SOCIETY GIRL, Laid Back
		Metronome
15	15	SAY SAY SAY, Paul McCartney
		& Michael Jackson,
		Parlophone/EMI
16	13	I LIKE CHOPIN, Gazebo,
		Baby/EMI-Electrola
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		Casablanca/Phonogram
8	6	WEIHNACHTEN MIT ROGER
		WHITTAKER, Aves/Intercord
9	9	BERUEHRUNGEN, Gitte
		Haenning, Global/Ariola
10	8	AUS BOEHMEN KOMMT DIE
		MUSIK, Peter Alexander, Ariola
11	10	EIN TRAUM VON LIEBE, Richard
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#### **ITALY**

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#### **NETHERLANDS**

(Courtesy Stichting Nederlandse Top 40) As of 1/7/84

SINGLES

This Last 1 YOU ARE, Dolly Parton, RCA

LOVE ME JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE, Dolly Dots, WEA REGGAE NIGHT, Jimmy Cliff,

CBS
PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME CRY,
UB 40, Virgin
THRILLER, Michael Jackson,
Epic
LET'S STAY TOGETHER, Tina
Turner, Capitol

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RUNNING WITH THE NIGHT,
Lionel Richie, Motown
OWNER OF A LONELY HEART,
Yes, Atco
HEY YOU, Rock Steady Crew,
Virgin

NEW MY OH MY, Slade, RCA

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90125, Yes, Atlantic
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Turning Point
CAN'T SLOW DOWN, Lionel Richie, Motown NO PARLEZ, Paul Young, CBS UNDERCOVER, Rolling Stones, Rolling Stones
COLOUR BY NUMBERS, Culture

Club, Virgin
DISPLAY, Dolly Dots, WEA
THE LOVE ALBUM, Dolly

Parton, RCA NEW HEADING FOR A STORM,

#### **FINLAND**

#### (Courtesy SEURA) As of 12/12/83

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Duran, EMI
5 SAY SAY SAY, Paul McCartney
& Michael Jackson, EMI
1 MUUTTOHAUKKA, Riki Sorsa,

CBS MOONLIGHT SHADOW, Mike

Oldfield, Virgin

7 BABY JANE, Rod Stewart, WEA
NEW LOVE BLONDE, Kim Wilde, Rak
NEW SARKYNYT ENKELI, Yo, Poko

I LIKE CHOPIN, Gazebo, Baby

NEW WHY ME, Irene Cara, Warner NEW MAMA, Genesis, Charisma

ALBUMS NEW CATCH AS CATCH CAN, Kim Wilde, Rak
NEW UNDERCOVER, Rolling Stones,

EMI
NEW VARIETEE, Yo, Poko
1 MIDNIGHT, Various, K-tel
NEW ALMA-TADIN, Sleepy Sleepers,

Johanna NEW GENESIS, Charlsma NEW INFIDELS, Bob Dylan, CBS NEW PIPES OF PEACE, Paul

McCartney, EMI
NEW LICK IT UP, Kiss, PolyGram
NEW FINNHITS, Various, Finnlevy

## **Trade Group For U.K.** Computer **Software Firms**

LONDON-Eight of Britain's leading computer software companies have set up their own trade organization, the Guild Of Software Houses. Chairman is Nick Alexander of Virgin Games, who says the group looks to earn "more muscle power" than the existing Computer Trades

He adds: "We're starting with a small number of companies, but as we shape up I see an eventual membership of around 30." Founding members are Virgin, Buig Byte, Quicksilver, Salamander, Softec, Silversoft, Melbourne House and New Generation.

An early aim of the new group is to establish an accurate computer games chart. Says Alexander: "We're looking into ways of compiling and funding such a chart. But our activities will also take in legal action on behalf of members, protection of computer software copyrights, and also lobbying parliament for changes in the laws relating to softwae copyright. In short, we're trying to act rather as British Phonographic Industry does for the record business.

#### Game Twofers On U.K. Mart

LONDON-The established marketing strategy of offering two LPs for the price of one in television marketing campaigns is now being used here by K-tel to push sales of its new Doublesiders range of computer

The package features two games on a double-A-side cassette for a retail price of roughly \$10.50. Linked titles include "It's Only Rock & Roll"/
"Tomb Of Dracula" and "Battle Of
The Toothpaste Tubes"/"Castle Colditz. Mike Dixon, software sales/marketing manager, describes the campaign as "a major K-tel commitment to the computer software business."

Dixon says K-tel departed from the policy of most companies of signing small groups of in-house programmers to provide new computer game ideas.

# Minos, CBS Hopeful As **Greek Market Picks Up**

ATHENS-The Greek record market is picking up in the early days of the holiday-buying season, with the Minos and CBS labels claiming good fall sales performances. Minos, a domestic repertoire giant,

is aggressively marketing its its international product (mainly RCA. CBS, until now mainly a distributor of international repertoire, is claiming success in signing big names.

Minos hopes to keep its total market share inching upwards. For fiscal 1982, it was 19.2%, up more than a point over fiscal 1981. Its international department, headed since this summer by Vasos Tsismidopoulos, aims to correct the relative imbalance in favor of local product on its Minos

CBS expects to achieve up to a three-point gain in fiscal 1983 over last year's market share of 7.9%. That was a drop of almost two points

Claims CBS marketing director Miltos Karadsas: "It's been our best year ever." Over the past few months, the label has signed new local names to the roster, the biggest being composer Stavros Xarhakos, who returns to the studios after a voluntary nine-year absence.
Says Karadsas: "If someone like

Xarhakos is re-entering our business, then it's really picking up." CBS has also amicably papered over its con-tractual dispute with vocalist Anna Vishy, which for a while threatened to hold up new label signings.

Both Minos and CBS have resumed television advertising of pop compilations, which have proved themselves to be big holiday sellers.

The overall year-end view here is that if the record companies push hard on carefully selected material, then the frightening marketplace recession of the last couple of years can be tackled successfully.

# Italy, San Marino Reach Agreement On Tape Piracy

By VITTORIO CASTELLI

MILAN—One of the biggest problems in Italy's battle against unauthorized audio cassette duplication has been resolved as a result of a joint action by AFI, the country's IFPI group, and copyright society SIAE.

The problem, a quirk in copyright law application rather than direct piracy, arose in the tiny republic of San Marino, just 24 square miles in area but in recent years a busy production center for prerecorded cassettes. San Marino, in Northeast Italy, is completely surrounded by Italian territory yet remains a separate entity.

In the absence of customs duties, and with no copyright law enacted in the little republic, it became an easy and highly profitable matter for companies there to produce an unusual line of legally acceptable yet unauthorized software which flooded through untouched into the Italian national marketplace.

San Marino production capacity was estimated at roughly 10,000 pre-recorded casssettes daily. Virtually all of them filtered into Italy, where this abnormal situation enabled retail prices to be cut dramatically to around \$1.90 for a pop release and \$2.50 for a classical title.

The problem originally emerged from the fact that Italian copyright laws, called for by the 1939 pact between the two separate states of San Marino and Italy, were never formally put into effect. However, the situation changed dramatically in early November, when Giulio Andreotti, Italian minister of foreign affairs, paid an official trip to San Marino.

With supportive cables arriving from IFPI headquarters in London, both Italian and San Marino political leaders were told of the problem and its effects on the Italian music business by AFI and SIAE.

In the end, talks involving the politicians led to an agreement that San Marino would put Italian copyright law, with its royalties, payments and restrictions, into action immediately. As a result, the San Marino cassette duplicating plants are virtually all being closed down.

# Billboard Album Reviews

Billboard's Recommended LPs

THIN LIZZY-Life, Warner Bros. 23986. Producers: Various. The Anglo-Irish hard rock band delivers a no-nonsense double live album that reprises its hits while dipping more satisfactorily into lesser known material. A special \$11.98 list could kindle solid sales.

STEVE GOODMAN—Affordable Art, Red Pajamas Records RPJ 002. Producers: Steve Goodman, Dan Einstein. A satisfying mixed bag of gourmet folk, country, pop and a little rock, with Goodman's alternately funny and poignant stance prominent whether from studio or stage. Contact: P.O. Box 233, Seal Beach, Calif. 90470.

THE KIND—Pain And Pleasure, Three-Sixty Records.

TLP 334. Producers: Craig Leon, Phil Bonanno. Crisp pop/rock from a Chicago quartet closer to earlier Leon charges like Tom Petty and Moon Martin than the synth brigade. Contact: 7901 N. Caldwell, Morton Grove, III.

DANCING MADLY BACKWARDS, Freeze Records Dandi-Too. Producers: Dancing Madly Backwards, Gregg Winter. Vocalist Andriette Redmann recalls Eurythmics' Annie Lennox on "Oh My Brothers," featured on gorup's earlier EP under the name Glory. Contact: (212)254-6167.

INVISIBLE ZOO, Vanity Records VAN 3033p. Producer: Jeffrey Lesser (EP). Top notch production and flashes off with (as on "Synthesizer Man") elevate this technopop trio above occasional moments crossing the Cars and R2-D2. Contact: 9093 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 404, Beverly Hills, Calif. 90211.

MR. INDIAN—Eagle Chanter, Eagle Chanter Music.
Producers: Philip Ashley, Dean Bailin. Here's a worthy
candidate for old-fashioned artist development at radio, in the person of one Eugene Beyale, who straddles AOR and country. Contact: (212)989-9617.

RON THOMPSON & THE RESISTORS—Treat Her Like Gold, Takoma TAK-7111 (Allegiance). Producer: Norman

Dayron. Unvarnished rock and blues from a gifted young Californian guitarist who mixes sharp originals with potent covers in a stripped-down trio format. Nifty roots

THE DICKIES—Stukas Over Disneyland, PVC PVC-6903 (Jem). Producers: Various (EP). Unrepentant punk energy in league with affectionate pop accents in this latest from the L.A. quintet, who cram eight tracks onto this mini-album. SPOTLIGHT—Predicted to hit top 10 on Billboard's Top LPs & Tape chart or to earn platinum certification. POP/BLACK/COUNTRY/JAZZ-FUSION/GOSPEL/JAZZ CLASSICAL—Picks in these respective categories predicted to hit the top half of the chart in the format listed. RECOMMENDED—Other releases predicted to chart in the respective format; also, other albums of superior quality. All albums commercially available in the U.S. are eligible for review. Reviews are coordinated by Sam Sutherland at Billboard, 9107 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90210 (telephone: 213-273-7040). Country albums should be sent to: Kip Kirby, Billboard, 14 Music Circle East, Nashville, Tenn. 37203 (telephone: 615-748-8100).

AMERICAN PATROL-Back Seat Boogie, Vanity Records VAN 3032. Producers: Richard Kaplan, Tom Ga-mache, American Patrol. Mix of rockabilly and jump blues from this L.A. quartet, led by former Ray Campi cohort Jerry Sikorski, works better on paper than on vinyl, marred by weak vocals.

THE SLICKEE BOYS—Cybernetic Dreams of pi, Twin Tone Records TTR 8337. Producers: John Chumbris, Slickee Boys. "When I Go To The Beach," the Virginia quintet's novelty near-hit, mixed with less distringuished neo-psychedelia and hard rock. Contact: 445 Oliver Ave. S., Minneapolis 55405. GENTLEMEN AFTERDARK, Gentlemen Afterdark Mu-

sic GA 111. Producers: Alice Cooper, Dick Wagner. (EP). Razor-sharp production, solid playing and flashes of strong writing largely scuttled by feeble lead vocals. Contact: 8033 Sunset Blvd., Suite 745, Los Angeles 90046.

#### black

MARY WELLS—The Old, The New & The Best Of Mary Wells, Allegiance AV-44. Producer: Wayne Henderson Former Motown star re-records her hits to occasion-

#### jazz/fusion

DAVE VALENTIN-Flute Juice, GRP A-1004. Producers: Dave Grusin, Larry Rosen. Intense New York street energy and plenty of percussion fuel Valentin's playing; the groove alternates between Latin and funk.

AL JAZZBEAUX COLLINS & SLIM GAILLARD—Steve Allen's Hip Fables, Doctor Jazz FW 38729 (CBS). Producer: Bob Thiele. Fairy tales translated into hip lingo, with Allen's piano accompaniment, aren't as funny as they

might have been, wasting Gaillard's considerable talents.
HANK CRAWFORD—Indigo Blue, Milestone M-9119
(Fantasy). Producer: Bob Porter. Crawford's bluesy alto shines in this nonet setting boasting David "Fathead" Newman, Howard Johnson, Dr. John and Bernard Purdie among the players. Midtempo blues, ballads and a gritty

DINAH WASHINGTON- A Slick Chick, EmArcy 8141841. Reissue Producer: Jim Fishel. Dubbed from old Mercury masters of the 1940s and '50s, 28 titles are offered by the late Queen of the Blues in a handsome two-disk set. Most are vocal gems.

BARNES-KRESS-FREEMAN-Two Guitars And A Horn, Stash ST228, Producer: Bernard Brightman, Bud Freeman's honky, unconventional tenor blends well with the two guitars on five tracks, while Barnes and Kress cavort congenially on seven others. Distinctive, pleasing old-fashioned jazz that swings.

AL GREY—Struttin' And Swingin', Columbia VC38505.

Producer: John Hammond. Seven forceful, entertaining tunes by the one-time Base trombonist recorded in 1976 and unavailable until now. A first rate band accompanies Grey's slides and growls. "All Of Me" is the standout.

#### movies/theater

VARIOUS ARTISTS-A Stephen Sondheim Evening, RCA CBL2-745. Producer: Thomas Z. Shepard. Label continues its documentation of the composer's career with this double "live" reprise of material dating back to 1954's "Saturday Night," featuring Angela Lansbury and George Hearn among the interpreters. ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK—The Wicked Lady, Atlantic

80073. Producer: Not listed. Genesis' Tony Banks provides a lush if anachronistic electronic pop score to the period adventure yarn starring Faye Dunaway. Digitally

ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK—Young Warriors, Varese Sarabande STV81186. Producers: Tom Null, Chris Kuchler. Exploitation melodrama boasts well-conceived synthesizer score composed and performed by

Rob Walsh; crisp digital sound, excellent pressing.
VARIOUS ARTISTS—Opera Stars In Hollywood, Ariel
OSH 14; Opera Meets Bkroadway, Ariel OMB 15. Various Producers: Complimenting collections feature opera legends (Ezio Pinza, Helen Traubel, Grace Moore et al) amount to a cavalcade of pop/operetta material recorded from the '30s through the '50s.

ORIGINAL CAST RECORDING—Sugar Babies, Bway Entertainment BE 8302-R. Producer: Robert Sher. Four

years after its Broadway opening, "Babies," now on tour, finally gets its cast album. Even without Mickey Roo-ney's mugging or Ann Miller's legs, a charmer.

SCHUBERT: STRING QUARTET NO. 14: QUARTET-SATZ—Vermeer Quartet, Teldec 6.42868. It all comes together here, an involving performance of high accomplishment superbly recorded and processed, and due to whet collector appetites for more from the Chicago-

#### classical

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BEETHOVEN/LISZT: SYMPHONY NO. 9—Cyprien Katearis, Telde 6.42956. A novelty for the keyboard buff who has everything, the transcription by Liszt (with a few alterations by pianist Katsaris) amazes by how much of the content of the complex work can be encompassed by 10 fingers.

RIMBLY-KORSAKOV: SCHEHERAZADE—Houston Symphony, Comissions, Vanguard VA 25021. The old chestnut never sounded better, spinning its musical yarns in beguiling tonal splendor. Sound aficianados will relish the wide dynamic range.

MUSIC OF CELEDONIA ROMERO-Angel Romero, An-MUSIC OF CELEDONIA RUMERO—Angel Romero, Angel DS-37311. Angel, probably the most talented performer of the guitar clan, pays homage to his father, whose compositions combine an expected knowledge of the guitar with a genuine melodic gift. Main works are "Suite Andalusa" and "La Catedral de Colonis."

MICHAEL HAYIN: SYMPHONIES, VOL. 2—Bourne-mouth Sinfonietta, Farberman, Turngbout D-TV 34903. The Second, in the new series continues a useful com-mitment to present these neglected works in able performances. Heard here are the Symphonies Nos. 21, 37 & 41, offering more invention and variety than most collectors would expect.

#### gospel

THE DANIEL BAND—Straight Ahead, Refuge R03865, Producer: The Daniel Band. A demonstration that heavy metal rock has a place in gospel music.

THE HOPPERS-Come To The Wedding, Life Line LBC-2002. Producer: Vic Clay. The marriage supper of Jesus and his bride, the church, is the theme of this southern gospel standout.

# **Heartland Beat**

## **Local Acts Shine On Chicago Tube**

By MOIRA McCORMICK

Last column, the topic of discussion was local Chicago bands aired by local radio (and a heartening trend it is, in any market). Local tele vision has been getting into the act as well, we find, with half a dozen or so Chicago-based bands having recently had their indie videos shown on ABC-owned WLS-TV's weekly muvideo program "Rock On, Chicago!'

The program airs each Friday opposite NBC-TV's "Friday Night Videos," simulcast by WLS-FM. WLS jock Brant Miller hosts the hour-long show, interspersing rock videos with interviews, music news and related material. "This type of show is being prized at ABC control of the prized at the prized shows a prized at the prized shows a prized at the prized shows a prize aired at ABC owned and operated stations in L.A., New York and Detroit as well," notes producer Yaa Venson.

Venson says "Rock On, Chicago!" 's programming is restricted to an extent by WLS-FM's "mass-appeal" format, but that lesser-known video clips are included with the hits on a regular basis. She says she programs more black videos than appear on most programs of this nature as well, including Earth, Wind & Fire, the Mary Jane Girls and the Whispers.

The show debuted Aug. 5, but it wasn't until Sept. 30, the day that

program length increased to 60 minutes, that a local video was aired. Chicago artist Bill O'Neill's "Takin' A Chance" was the first Windy City indie to be shown on "Rock On, Chicago!"; since then, videos by George Faber & Stronghold, Phil 'n' the Blanks, Heavy Manners and Big Twist & the Mellow Fellows have been shown along with the likes of Michael Jackson and Duran Duran, accompanying band interviews.

Venson says transplanted Chicagoans Bohemia and doo-woppers Stormy Weather of White Sox fight song fame are scheduled for upcoming shows. (Stormy Weather's Christmas video has also been picked up by Cable Network News and WFLD-TV Chicago.)

Venson says local videos aren't shown on "Rock On, Chicago!" simply out of loyalty to the old home town. "Local videos have to be good; we can't air just anything," she stresses. "But we do have a special affinity for them. They don't have to have big budgets or be by label artists. We also don't stick them in a 'local' segment of the show."

The "Rock On, Chicago!" format itself promotes the city, says Venson. As on-camera host, Brant Miller introduces videos, does interviews, and covers special events in different parts and venues of Chicago. Everything from rock clubs to health clubs to sports stadia have served as backdrop and part of the action for segments of the program. "As we've been growing and getting our sea we've realized we want to be more visible in Chicago's neighbor-hoods," says Venson. "This is the only video show produced out of Chicago, and it really looks Chicago."
The filmed portions of "Rock On,

Chicago!," directed by Frank Bianco, are generally shot a week in advance of airing, says Venson, with the exception of the upcoming two-part "best of '83" New Year's special.

Venson says she plans to continue airing local videos as long as quality product keeps coming in. "As more people become aware of what we're doing, more local videos will come our way," she predicts, adding, "Unfortunately, we can't make videos for local artists ourselves. But now, local artists know they have an outlet for their videos."

 $\star$ \* \* A recent benefit held in honor of 72-year-old Chicago blues club proprietress Theresa Needham (Billboard, Dec. 10) has been captured on videotape by the city's Eye & Ear Teleproductions.

The benefit for ter 40 years of blues history at blues haven T

recently lost her lease, took place Dec. 4 at North Side venue Dec. 4 at North Side venue B.L.U.E.S. At The Earl. Paying tribute to the first lady of the blues included many artists who'd gotten their starts at Theresa's, including Junior Wells, Lefty Dizz, Sunnyland Slim and Carey & Lurie Bell.

Eye & Ear's Tom Hilbe and Don Johnson produced and directed the 60-minute program of highlights from the benefit, called "Blues For Theresa." Eye & Ear oversaw the production from start to finish, utilizing its 22-foot mobile truck, two cameramen and visual consultant Ted Bokof. Editing was done inhouse at the firm's Michigan Ave. headquarters.

'The benefit was a one-of-a-kind

occurrence," says Johnson. Theresa's has been on that spot since 1943; it gave musicians that she'd nurtured the chance to show what they thought of her, and they did.

"We were able to capture some of the most dramatic performances in memory; for example, when Junior Wells and Lefty Dizz shared a stage for the first time since 1970," adds Johnson.

'Blues For Theresa" is currently offered for both domestic and over seas broadcast.

Heartland Beat welcomes news releases, announcements and suggestions. Send details to this column c/o Billboard, 150 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill. 60606.

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## Murdoch Eyes 49.9% Of WCI

WASHINGTON-Australian publisher Rupert Murdoch may soon purchase as much as 49.9% of the multi-billion-dollar Warner Communications Inc. (WCI), according to Warner sources. That purchase would cost Murdoch and possible partners \$900 million.

The publisher's company, Murdoch News Corp., now owns 7% of WCI common stock, worth \$103 million, and sources say that the company has a "good faith" effort to acquire up to 49.9% if market conditions are right.

Murdoch, among his other holdings, owns the London Times, the Boston Herald, the New York Post, New York magazine and the Village Voice, and recently agreed to buy the Chicago Sun-Times. He is now branching out into ownership of satellite home entertainment and broad-casting, although there are FCC rules barring publishers from buying adcast properties in cities in which they own newspapers, and foreign-'personally" owning more than 20% of a radio or tv station.

# Photo News



INAUGURATION CEREMONY—Chrysalis executives and artists break in the label's new offices in Los Angeles. Shown from left are Chrysalis president Jack Craigo; Toni Basil; a&r vice president Jeff Aldrich; Richie Zito, producer of Basil's "Word Of Mouth" album, and Terry Ellis, co-chairman, Chrysalis Group of Companies.



SABBATH SIGNING—Black Sabbath tour drummer Bev Bevan, left, talks to an atypical heavy metal fan, Clara Stock, during an in-store at Chicago's Flipside Records. The group is currently on tour in support of their Warner Bros. album "Born Again."



COOING FOR GOLD—Marilyn McCoo enjoys a listening party for her new RCA album "Sold Gold" at the label's Los Angeles office. Sharing the pleasure, from left, are RCA's West Coast a&r division vice president, contemporary music, Paul Atkinson; the singer's manager, Sarah Boyers; McCoo; and Don Wardell, RCA's West Coast merchandising director.



BLUES BROTHERS—John Lee Hooker, right, and Bo Diddley, left, relax after their appearance with George Thorogood, center, and the Destroyers for a Christmas show at the Spectrum in Philadelphia. Hooker was recently caught masquerading as Santa Claus in the Destroyer's "Rock And Roll Christmas" video.



HIGH GRADES FOR GRADY—Shown from left at the Nashville Music Assn.'s Master Award ceremony in Nashville are BMI vice president Frances Preston, award recipient Grady Martin, Combine Music's Bob Beckham and Dale Franklin Cornelius of NMA.



ROSEY GESTURE—Country Music Assn. executive director Jo Walker-Meador, right, is congratulated by BMI vice president Frances Preston, left, and CMA president Richard McCullough during the CMA's recent 25th anniversary celebration in Nashville.



FROZEN MOONSHINE—The Oak Ridge Boys deliver a special shipment of Ozark Mountain Jubilee ice cream and T-shirts to the MCA offices in Los Angeles. Pictured from left are label president Irv Azoff; group members Joe Bonsall, Duane Allen, Richard Sterban and William Lee Golden; Jim Halsey Co. executive vice president Dick Howard; and Bob Schnieders, MCA Nashville's West Coast promotion and marketing manager.

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# Industry Events\_

Jan. 7-10, 12th Winter Consumer Electronics Show, Las Vegas Convention Center, Hilton Hotel Pavilion and Grand Ballroom, Hotel Riviera, Sahara Hotel.

Jan. 8-10, California Broadcasters Assn. midwinter conference, Sheraton Plaza, Palm Springs, Calif.

Jan. 16. 11th annual American Music Awards, Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles

Jan. 18-20, Texas Cable Show, San Antonio Convention Center, San Antonio.

Jan. 20-22, National Assn. of Music Merchandisers (NAMM) winter market show, Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, Calif.

Jan. 23-27, Midem '84, Palais Des Festivals, Cannes

Jan. 24-27, Box Office Management International fifth anniversary conference, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles

Jan 30-Feb. 1. National Religious Broadcasters Media Expo '84, Sheraton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Feb. 4-8, Music Fair, Frankfurt, Germany

Feb. 7-8, Arizona Cable Television Assn. annual meeting, Phoenix Hilton, Phoenix.

Feb. 8-10, Institute for Graphic Communication Optical & Videodisc Systems conference, Pier 66, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Feb. 10-14, NATPE International annual conference, Moscone Center, San Francisco.

Feb. 21-23. Softcon, Northeast Expositions international conference/trade fair, Superdome. New Orleans

Feb. 21-24, Information Technology & Office Automation exhibition and conference, Barbican Centre, London.

Feb. 25-29, NACA National Convention and National Arts & Lectures Conference, Opryland Hotel, Nashville.

Feb. 27-March 2, International Electrical Exhibition, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, England.

Feb. 28, National Academy Of Recording Arts & Sciences 26th annual Grammy Awards show, Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles.

Feb. 28-Mar. 2, Trades Exhibition International, Grand Hall Olympia, London.

March 1-3, Organization of Country Radio Broadcasters 15th annual country radio seminar, Opryland Hotel, Nashville.

March 4-7, National Gospel Radio

Seminar, Radisson Plaza Hotel, Nashville.

March 4-7, Gospel Music Week, Radisson Plaza Hotel, Nashville.

March 7, Gospel Music Assn.

Dove Awards, Tennessee Performing Arts Center, Nashville.

March 7-9, Billboard's Computer Software/Video Games Conference, Westin St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco.

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March 14-21, third Caribbean Music Festival, Cartagena, Colombia, S.A

March 20, 24th annual International Broadcasting Awards, Century Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles. March 23-27, National Assn. of

Recording Merchandisers (NARM) convention, Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood, Fla.

March 26-30, second international trade fair for Consumer Electronics, Exhibition Grounds, Abu Dhabi.

April 14-19, Computer Graphics '85, Dallas Convention Center.



GOLDEN AGE—Myrrh recording artist Amy Grant accepts a gold award for her "Age To Age" album, one of the few gospel recordings to reach that status. Making the presentation is Word Records' executive vice president Stan Moser.

# Zimmerman Out At WUWU

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broadcaster, brought his unique brand of radio to WBLK last year. The station, which for years was the home of black music supporter George "Hound Dog" Lorenz, said Zimmerman's blending of new music and non-black elements was counter to the community image the black outlet wished to foster. The format, praised by a loyal but small band of dance-oriented listeners, was replaced with a more traditional black/ urban approach.

It was then that Zimmerman turned his attention to WUWU. Owned by a dentist, the station had a history of problems. "There was always a strange undercurrent," says Zimmerman. In fact, former PD Bob Allen twice hijacked the station at the transmitter, returning to his ultra-hard-rock format until forcibly removed.

"The time it would have taken to build this format is time Doc Chmiel

(the owner) didn't have. He'd been through so much he needed quick results. But it is interesting he didn't wait for the return of the fall book," says Zimmerman, who describes his programming mix as a fusion of many elements. "We'd play every-thing from new music, to polkas. It's not the kind of thing you can really describe. It's the kind of thing you have to experience." Zimmerman says he feels strongly about the success potential of his avant-garde format, and is looking for another facility.

Meanwhile, WUWU is now taking a modified rock approach. Acting as program director is veteran jazz personality Joe Rico. Rico, in addition to his years in Buffalo, made a name for himself as Miami's premier jazz announcer. But jazz is not a big part of the new WUWU music mix. Handling music is Gary Storm, who was doing that during Bob Allen's hard rock days.

# Video Music Programming

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Olivia Newton-John, "Twist Of Fate," MCA Norm Norman, "You're A Zombie," Rocshire Will Powers, "Kissing With Confidence," Island Saga, "Catwalk," Portrait Carly Simon, "Hello Big Man," Warner Bros. Sons Of Heros, "Living Ouside Your Love," MCA Sound Barrier, "It's A Rock 'N Roll World," MCA Sound Barrier, "It's A Rock 'N Roll World," MCA
John Kay & Steppenwolf, "Hot Night In A Cold Town," Allegiance
Suburbs, "Love Is The Law," Mercury
Taxxi, "Maybe Someday," Fantasy
Tom Tom Club, "Pleasure Of Love," Sire
Simon Townshend, "I'm The Answer," 21/PolyGram
Trio, "Boom Boom," Mercury
Tommy Tutone, "Get Around Girl," Columbia
Monte Video, "Shoop Shoop," Geffen
Tom Waits, "In The Neighborhood," Island
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# Lifelines

#### Births

Boy, James Parke, to Anne and Jimmy Ibbotson, Dec. 30 in Aspen, Colo. He is a member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.

\* \* Boy, Marlow Vincent, to Toni and Wayne Famous, Dec. 15 in Atlanta. He is a member of Portrait Records act the Producers.

Girl, Jodi Rachael, to Sandy and Steve Hanover-Ebner, Dec. 7 in Los Angeles. She is national advertising coordinator for A&M.

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Girl, Megan Elizabeth, to Becky and Kerry Woo, Jan. 4 in Nashville. She is a sales representative for Central South Christian Music Distributors there. He is national accounts executive for the Comdata Network there.

## <u>Marriages</u>

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Geoff Torrens to Arlene Sorensen. Dec. 22 in New York. He is Eddie Money's tour manager, She is a New York-based songwriter.

#### **Deaths**

Dennis Wilson, 39, Dec. 28 in the Pacific Ocean at Marina Del Ray, Calif. He was the Beach Boys' drummer (separate story, page 40.)

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Alexis Korner, 55, Jan. 1 of lung cancer in London. The singer, guitarist and broadcaster ran Blues Incorporated, which, with an associated blues club in London, became a breeding ground for several top artists including Mick Jagger, Eric Clapton and Charlie Watts. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Harry Chipetz, 62, Dec. 22 in Philadelphia. He began his career in the '40s as a record distributor, manufacturer and studio operator. He established his own firm, Chips Record Distributors and, at the time of his death, was general manager of the Sigma Sound Studios in Philadelphia and New York. He is survived by his wife Elsie, two children, four grandchildren and three sisters.

\* \* \* Abe Olman, 95, Jan. 4 at Eisenhower Memorial Hospital in Rancho Mirage, Calif. A composer, pianist and music publisher, Olman co-wrote such evergreens as "Oh Johnny Oh," "Down Among The Sheltering Palms" and "Down By The O-hi-o." An ASCAP member since 1920, he also served on the society's board of directors from 1946-56. His music publishing career began in 1914, later leading to a long association with Robbins, Feist & Miller.

# New Companies

Denny Music Group, a publishing and production firm, formed by John Denny. 39 Music Square East, Nashville, Tenn. 37203; (615) 256-3558.

\* \* \* Sanaty Music Productions, a group management, concert promotion and distributing company, formed by Tim Davies. P.O Box 204, Souderton, Pa. 18964; (215) 721-1212.

The Sugar Promotions, a management, production and consultancy firm, formed by Sugar Ray Richard-

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son. 20 12th St., San Francisco, Calif. 94103; (415) 861-2373. \* \* \*

TNT Records Inc., formed by Gary Turnier and Max Cawal. First release is "Jump Time" by Nirvana. 1800 Northern Blvd., Suite 308, Roslyn, N.Y. 11576; (212) 352-2772.

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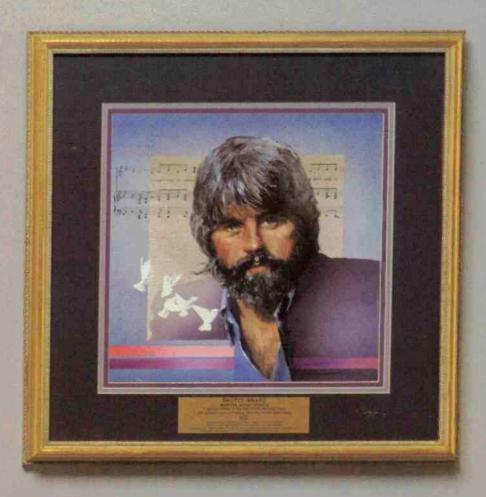
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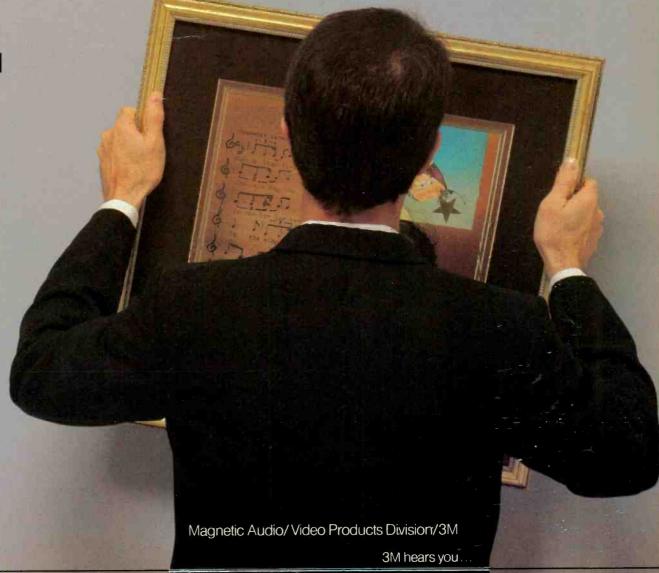
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# News

# Gold, Platinum Totals Down For Third Straight Year

Linda Ronstadt). The exercise field had one: Jane Fonda.

The picture was much the same in terms of gold albums. Country led the non-rock fields with 19 gold LPs, followed by black music with 17, adult contemporary with six, kiddie albums with three and gospel/inspirational with one.

MCA notched nine gold albums last year, placing just behind Epic, Columbia, RCA and Warner Bros. in this category. But it was shut out in terms of platinum albums-the only major to experience that fate in '83. Following MCA among combined labels for gold albums were Atlantic, Capitol and PolyGram with eight; A&M, EMI America/Liberty and

Motown with five: Elektra/Asylum with four; Arista, Chrysalis and Disneyland with three, and Word with

Trailing Columbia and Epic in the combined label count for platinum albums were PolyGram and RCA with five, A&M and Atlantic with four, Arista and Warner Bros. with three, and Capitol, Chrysalis, EMI

America/Liberty and Elektra/Asylum with two. Motown followed with

Here's the complete list of December certifications

#### PLATINUM ALBUMS

Kenny Rogers' "20 Greatest Hits," Liberty. His ninth.

Linda Ronstadt's "What's New," Asylum. Her sixth

Pat Benatar's "Live From Earth," Chrysalis. Her fifth.

Daryl Hall & John Oates' "Rock'n'Soul, Part 1," RCA. Their fourth.

Culture Club's "Colour By Numbers," Virgin/Epic. Their second.
"Genesis," Atlantic. Their second.

John Cougar Mellencamp's "Uh-Huh," Riva/PolyGram. His second. Lionel Richie's "Can't Slow

Down," Motown. His second.

George Jones' "I Am What I Am," Epic. His first. Midnight Star's "No Parking On The Dance Floor," Solar. Their first.

#### PLATINUM SINGLES

Kenny Rogers & Dolly Parton's "Islands In The Stream," RCA. Their first.

#### GOLD ALBUMS

Kenny Rogers' "20 Greatest Hits," Liberty. His 16th.

John Denver's "Seasons Of The

Heart," RCA. His 15th.

Kiss' "Lick It Up," Mercury.

Their 12th.

Daryl Hall & John Oates'
"Rock'n'Soul, Part 1," RCA. Their

"Genesis," Atlantic. Their fifth. Conway Twitty's "The Very Best Of Conway Twitty," MCA. His fifth.

"Gap Band IV—Jammin," Total

Experience. Their fourth.

Rick James' "Cold Blooded," Gordy. His fourth.

Hank Williams Jr.'s "Family Tra-dition," Warner Bros. His third. Culture Club's "Colour By Num-

bers," Virgin/Epic. Their second.

John Cougar Mellencamp's "Uh-Huh," Riva/PolyGram. His second.

Motels' "Little Robbers," Capitol. Their second.

Lionel Richie's "Can't Slow Down," Motown. His second.

Jeffrey Osborne's "Stay With Me Tonight," A&M. His first. "The Big Chill" soundtrack,

Motown.

#### **GOLD SINGLES**

Paul McCartney & Michael Jackson's "Say Say Say," Epic. McCartney's 12th post-Beatles; Jackson's sixth.

Air Supply's "Making Love Out Of Nothing At All," Arista. Their

Lionel Richie's "All Night Long (All Night)," Motown. His third.

Quiet Riot's "Cum On Feel The Noize," Pasha/Epic. Their first.

#### **Action Expected** To Help Push Computer R&D

WASHINGTON—Count some action in Congress this winter toward antitrust law reforms to promote joint research and development projects for the microelectronics and computer industry. That's the word from insiders here.

The mood of the Congress, according to sources is to try to help American business in its attempt to stay even or move ahead of Japan and other nations not as vulnerable to antitrust damage suits brought about by multi-corporation cooperative research discouraged by present law.

There have been hearings on R&D reform both in the Senate Judiciary Committee, and, in the House, in the commercial law subcommittee and the science and technology commit-



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# Chains Are Cheered As Holiday Sales Boom Continues

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Music Plus, the comparative increase was 7.5%, and chainwide, including new stores added in 1983, it was 10.5%. Music Plus had strong sales in video cartridge games, too, Fogelman adds. Goman, by contrast, says Tower is basically phasing out of this product line.

The variation between comparable and chainwide increases range widely across the county. At Elroy Enterprises in Port Washington, N.Y., Roy Imber puts it at 7% comparative but 22%-23% chainwide for the 50 Record World stores, indicating new, strong stores. "But what if a chain was down 10% in 1982 from 1981?" asks Imber. "We were up 3% in 1982 from 1981. This year, we had some stores up tremendously and others that were only slightly up." Strong music sales are credited by Imber.

Turtles in Atlanta found it hard to overcome the sharp dropoff in video cartridge game sales from a year ago, indicates the chain's Joe Martin. Turtles also found, as did many chains, that bad weather cut into sales.

Martin says that Turtles was up 20% store against store but flat across the 31-unit chain. "Thanks to LPs and tapes, we made up for video cartridges and stayed even." He says the chain stocks Atari and Coleco games and software by those and several other manufacturers. Five stores are being racked with computer software, and 15 stores are in video, although they are not renting.

The last two days before Christmas cut into Camelot Enterprises' units throughout Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, says the chain's Jim Bonk, who puts comparative location increase at 15%, overall chain up 24%. Bonk credits some of the Christmas increase to better inventory management.

"We learned a lot from the new rules on returns," Bonk says. "We played it a lot closer to the vest this season. We didn't lay anything in unless it was a bona fide hit. We learned to make more frequent shipments. We got caught short on Linda Ronstadt and then adjusted. On the Rolling Stones, we went out stronger initially and found it wasn't there, but there were few of those kinds of mistakes." Camelot has 150 stores and 82 leased departments.

Another chain similar to Camelot in terms of its national spread, 105-unit Western Merchandisers, also suffered somewhat from weather, says John Marmaduke. He puts increases at 18% for comparative locations and chainwide at 20%.

"It was very much a music Christ-

# **Kapri Adds To Software Line**

NEW YORK—Kapri International Distributors, formerly an exclusive Commodore 64 and VIC-20 software distributor, is previewing its expanded line of software at the Winter Consumer Electronics Show. The new line includes software for the IBM PC and the IBM PCjr. It is the first time in three years that the Sun Valley, Calif.-based firm has added another computer's software to its line.

Also at CES, Kapri is holding its official 1983 Commodore Software Awards. Ballots were distributed to over 30,000 dealers and end-users to elect five winners in the entertainment category, three in business and three in utility for both Commodore 64 and VIC-20 software.

mas. Heavy metal was unbelievable. The kids are back in the stores," enthuses Marmaduke. "Video games—zippo." He continues, "What we saw was the 'Seagull Effect.' You'll recall

when 'Jonathan Livingston Seagull' turned the book business upside down. It brought people into our book stores that never bought books normally. The new Seagull is Mi-

chael Jackson.'

A number of chains mentioned strong prerecorded music cassette sales, among them 18-unit Rainbow Records in San Francisco. Rainbow uses Sensormatic anti-theft bugging and displays cassettes openly along walls. The chain's Rolf Filosa puts Rainbow sales at up 24% on comparative locations and 28% chainwide.

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# News

# AOR Programmers Look To More Variety In 1984

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dio will be closer than ever in the music and artists they program. The differences, increasingly, will be in attitude and positioning.

AOR's current situation is summarized by John Gorman, operations manager of WMMS Cleveland. "AOR is going to have to get back to the original reason it happened in the first place. AOR used to be a broadbased, no-holds-barred format where you could play a wide variety of music and make it all work. But AOR got a little too structured and researched in the '70s, and top 40 took the ball and started playing the wide variety of music AOR once did.

"Last year was very healthy," Gorman adds. "There was activity in a lot of different forms of music. Unfortunately, in most markets it took a top 40 station to show that all of those different forms were compatible. AOR should have been there first with Culture Club, but the format had become too complacent. It had boxed itself into a corner."

Mike Harrison, PD at Los Angeles' KMET, sees an opportunity for AOR in '84. "The incredible rush to top 40 that's happening now is opening the door for really good AORs to take all the marbles. There's not enough room in the average market for five or six top 40s, but the one or two AORs that don't lock themselves into an old-line notion of what AOR is all about are going to become the big 'middle of the road' stations of the mid-'80s.

"I see a coming together in '84 and '85 of those tracks that went off in

different directions in the late '70s," Harrison continues. "You'll see on one station the cream of the new wave, such as the Police and the Motels; a return to progressive black sounds, with acts like Michael Jackson and Prince; and some of the finer heavy metal acts, like Def Leppard."

Al Peterson, executive vice president of Pollack Communications in Pacific Palisades, Calif., says it's important for AOR stations to strike a balance between traditional AOR material and pop hits.

"Successful AORs will continue to be an intelligent blend of solid albumoriented rock along with the best crossover hit material," he says. "Stations that understand how to do that without blowing off their core audience are the ones that are going to be the most successful in the '80s. Not every top 40 artist belongs on an album rock station, but then not every traditional AOR artist belongs on an album rock station today either. We'll probably be hearing less of traditional standby artists like Led Zeppelin and the Beatles and the Stones. There just isn't room anymore."

Peterson is enthusiastic about Duran Duran, U2 and the Fixx, but also notes: "Some of the modern bands that got a lot of exposure last year will probably drift by the wayside. There was a rush to change the base for AOR, and consequently a lot of new bands got extra exposure. It's much like the period in the mid-to-late '60s where you saw a lot of one-hit bands."

Charlie Kendall, PD at New York's WNEW-FM, believes it's essential for AORs to play the hits. "There's been a snobbery on the part of a lot of AOR programmers toward pop material," he says, "and I think it's put a lot of them in the position they're in today. The call letters with longevity, like 'MMS, WMMR and WBCN, have always played a lot of hits and as a result haven't suffered greatly in the ratings.

"I think you're going to see a lot more across-the-board hits this year," Kendall notes. "There's going to be less delineation between what's top 40 and what's album rock. There's going to be more simultaneous play on the two formats, which I think will be better for the industry."

Tom Hadges, PD at Los Angeles' KLOS, sees the rise of tv shows playing video clips as potentially critical for AOR. "The past few months have seen a tremendous rise in the number of broadcast stations getting involved in music videos," he says. "It's definitely going to have an impact on radio: I hope it's a plus. It may make people more aware of music in general and thus help radio. At the same time, it could be a detriment in that it may burn songs out faster than we would ever have believed possible."

Michele Robinson Sayre, PD at Houston's KLOL, seconds Hadges' point about the hits. "It's foolish to not play pop hits just because they're pop hits, when that's what our audience wants to hear. Why should we drive our audience to a top 40 station when we can have them just by being a little more open-minded?"

Denton Marr, PD at Cincinnati's

WEBN, says that it's important for AOR to update its approach. "A lot of us in AOR have to remember that we're no longer programming to our contemporaries. We're programming to a group of people younger than ourselves, our friends and those we customarily hang out with.

"Some AOR stations' longtime constituencies have melted away," Marr adds, "and the stations have failed to replace them with new listeners. I think the answer is playing more current music. It used to be that we played current music and occasionally dipped back into the oldies, but then we went through a long stretch of four or five years where we reversed that; where we relied on catalog interrupted occasionally by a piece of current music."

Alan Sneed, PD at Atlanta's WKLS, is one of several programmers polled who believes that modern music may have peaked in terms of AOR play. "I think the techno stuff had its day this past year," he says. "It got a tremendous amount of exposure in '83 without a tremendous amount of success in terms of listener response on a mass appeal level."

Andy Lockridge, PD at KZEW Dallas/Ft. Worth, agrees. "Modern music is very limited. It's very easy to put that in the same category as disco: something that got a lot of industry hype but very little audience acceptance on a mass level."

Gordon Atkins, music director and research director at St. Louis' KSHE, is enthusiastic about such modern music acts as Duran Duran, the Motels and U2. But he's concerned about these acts formularizing their sound. "They may just do the same thing the corporate rockers are doing and turn it into corporate modern music. That's the reason so many people went away from AOR: They were tired of hearing the same song with different lyrics."

Mark Pasman, PD at Detroit's WRIF, gives modern music qualified praise. "I think it accounts for a bigger share of trendy rock magazines than it does in reality," he says. "Bands that have a unique sound and a good song will do all right, but if you get Sons of the Eurythmics or Modern English, Part II, it could backfire. I think that's what killed that little boom we had in '78-'79."

## **Doubleday Names Martin**

**ABC BIG COUNTRY** 

• Continued from page 10 strengths and weaknesses. I'll try to

strengths and weaknesses. I'll try to help in their areas of need. I'll really be working for them."

Says Chet Redpath, president and general manager of WCLR, "Dave is one of the best. He paid his dues at stations like WCFL—that's a real character builder. What we did was to give him the forum to perform,

and in return he took us to greater heights.

"I look at a PD the same way I look at my wife," Redpath continues. "Either can make or break you. A GM can't be a PD. Whoever gets this job will have autonomy, but I wonder who'll have the courage to come in knowing how everybody feels about Dave. It's a tough act to follow."

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10	10	9	DARYL HALL & JOHN OATES Rock 'N' Soul, Part 1	<b>A</b>	9.98		45	47	14	KISS Lick It Up Mercury 814297-1 (Polygram) POL	•	8.98		80	84	19	STRAY CATS Rant 'N' Rave With The Stray Cats EMI-America SO-17102 CAP	•	8.98	
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24	23	9	BOB DYLAN Infidels Columbia QC-38819 CBS				59	48	30	THE TALKING HEADS Speaking In Tongues Sire 1-23883 (Warner Bros.) WEA	•	8.98		94	95	21	THE S.O.S. BAND On The Rise Tabu FZ 38697 (Epic) CBS			BLP 21
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#### **\$8 MILLION TAKEOVER**

# Musicland To Buy Harmony Hut

Some industry observers believe that Musicland, whose parent is the American Can Co., paid an extremely low price for the chain, but Schwartz disagrees. "The price is adequate," he says. "It is not a steal." However, a source close to the company argues that "it's as close to a forced sale as possible, without having to go through litigation."

Musicland, whose second-half earnings this year were the best since the company's split from Pickwick International in 1980, will convert some of the Harmony Hut sites to the Sam Goody name. Many of the 37 Goody stores owned by Musicland are also based in Northern New Jersey and Philadelphia.

"We don't want them to overlap," explains Musicland Group president Jack Eugster, whose company also oversees 363 Musicland accounts and 20 Discount Records stores. But he notes that "Harmony Hut is a good name" in the Baltimore, Washington and Northern Virginia regions, and that a decision will soon be made whether to keep the name there.

The Musicland Group's distribution center in Edison, N.J., will serve the Harmony Hut stores, whose buying will be controlled from Minneapolis, according to Eugster. Sam Goody's purchasing will also be coordinated there. The chain had been buying direct.

The change will result in the consolidation of the Goody purchasing and advertising departments in Edison and the layoff of as many as 15 employees, according to Ken Koprowski, American Can's manager of corporate communications. functions will be handled at the Mu-

neapolis, where Glen Hemmerle, vice president and general manager of Sam Goody, is expected to relocate. Koprowski says that Hemmerle will join Musicland as a senior vice president.

Addressing the fate of the Harmony Hut employees, the American Can spokesman notes that one of the terms of the proposed acquisition is the retention of that workforce. "We expect them to run the stores," he says. "Ultimately, there will be an evaluation, I'm sure, but that's well down the road."

Eugster plans to strengthen Harmony Hut's portable electronics and video software interests and scrutinize the chain's instrument and telephone business while maintaining its identity as a hardware dealer. Compact Discs will also be introduced. 'They're a positive, longterm force, but if you think that they're big business now, you're kidding yourself," he says.

The Harmony Hut acquisition is the latest step in what Eugster calls "a turnaround plan" for the Musicland Group. When the division broke from Pickwick International, he says, "it was on its tail." Since 1980, though, he continues, the Group has de-emphasized high-end products, stepped up its commitment to portable electronics, mounted "aggressive" newspaper advertising campaigns and centralized its computer inventory management to reflect topselling records at each location. Approximately 120 stores and 15 depots were closed during this period, while 100 units were opened, reflecting "a more cluttered strategy" in major metropolitan centers, according to

# Schwartz Still 'Committed' To Record Distribution

NEW YORK-Schwartz Bros. president Jim Schwartz says that the independent distributor is still "firmly committed" to supplying accounts with recorded music product. But he acknowledges that the principal thrust of the operation in 1984 will be geared to serving the home video and computer software markets.

Approximately 80% of his volume is now based on non-recorded merchandise, although the percentage could drop if an indie hit "catches on," he says. "People who don't know me might be second-guessing our interest in records, but we're still firmly committed to that end," Schwartz maintains.

The company, formed in 1947, was buoyed by sales of the "Making Mi-chael Jackson's Thriller" video, and Schwartz predicts that his video business will have doubled from 1982 when his 1983 revenues are tallied. "It always takes a big name to get things started," he says. "Music videos and the record retail business are going to go hand-in-hand.

Schwartz lost the bulk of his distribution business in the mid-Atlantic states last year when the company lost the Arista, Chrysalis and Motown labels to major branch networks. Motown's move to MCA, for example, cost Schwartz half its distribution volume, according to documents filed by the firm in support of a \$5 million breach of contract suit that was later settled out of court.

Nevertheless, Schwartz is confident that independent distributors will still have a niche in the record business. "The majors feel there's no room for product that doesn't sell at 100,000 units," he states. "That's where we come in."

Schwartz says that he was approached several months ago by Musicland Group officials regarding the sale of the Harmony Hut stores, and that the negotiations were handled by Musicland Group president Jack and Harmony Hut president Stuart Schwartz until the latter's car accident in December. The deal was finalized by Jim Schwartz and his brother Bertram, a Harmony officer now in retirement.'

"I've wanted the Harmony Hut stores for a long time," says Eugster, who expects that the Musicland Group will continue to purchase video software from Schwartz Bros. un-"open market" conditions.

The sale. Schwartz notes, would permit the company to "retire some bank debts and pay off some current obligations." But it won't erase the memories and work that went into building the chain, which opened its first mall and freestanding stores in

"It's been very satisfying, but whenever a family is involved in building something, there are always emotions tied up," he concludes. Giving up our rack business in the '70s was emotional, too. But we've always moved in different directions, and at least we're still around.

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20% over the same period in 1982, he says, signaling the group's best quarter and six months ever. "All along there's been a steady progression, says Alfred Goldstein, executive vice president of American Can's specialty retailing sector.

Musicland's annual sales exceeded \$250 million in 1982, and Goldstein says that its 1983 performance will be "a bit more than that." He adds that negotiations with Jim Moran, president of the Pickwick rack division, to acquire that segment are still continuing. American Can, he says, would have "an important equity interest" should the buyout occur.

## WCI/PolyGram **Gets Canada OK**

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acquire control of the businesses carried on by WEA Music of Canada and PolyGram of Montreal.

Canada is the second territory to approve the plans of the two companies to merge their recording interests. The British government earlier declared it would not stand in the way of the merger in the U.K. (Billboard, November 26).

The Canadian review agency, which since 1971 has been the federal watchdog of corporate takeovers and mergers by foreign-owned firms, was considered to have given swift approval to the proposal when it acted late last month

The agency would not outline how the merger will be carried out in Canada, but said it would result in "increased resource processing or use of Canadian parts and services, Canadian participation as shareholders, directors or managers and be compatible with industrial and economic policies.

Top executives at the two companies say only that nothing will change in the short term.

States WEA president Stan Kulin, 'We're obviously delighted with the approval. There won't be changes in the immediate future."

Peter Erdmann, PolyGram's president in Canada, says it was "business as usual" at the company last week despite the approval. Erdmann adds that WEA and PolyGram right now "are not looking at each other as sister companies."

PolyGram and WEA were neck and neck behind CBS last year in sales in Canada. PolyGram experienced its second consecutive record vear, while WEA rebounded from a slow start in 1983 to be the strongest company in the market during the fourth quarter.

#### Competition In Videotape Mart

• Continued from page 3 primary suppliers, and we'll see some maturation

"It's inevitable that some of the weaker manufacturers will fall by the wayside this year," Chatburn contin-'We'll see more of what happened in audio tape, which is that, after years of no margins, it is now a stable business with good merchandising practices. It's just that the size of the market is growing so fast."

Jim Smales, manager of the accessories departments for the 76 National Record Mart stores based in Pittsburgh, notes that his chain re-entered the blank videotape fray three months ago. "Just recently, wholesale prices have come down," he says. "Tape is doing well for us."

## Software/Game Confab To Key On Sales Trends

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ment, educational and home management software packages.

Software designers or design teams will demonstrate and discuss their latest software creations on a panel, "The Roots Of All Software," slated for the second day of the conference. "Making The Connection: Retailing And Distribution," also on the second day, will feature representatives from the retailing and distributing communities discussing software merchandising.

"Staying Alive," also scheduled for the second day, will include ven-ture capitalists and software companies discussing strategies to secure venture capital. International marketers of computer products, represented on the panel "Getting Overseas," will focus on software sales trends in an array of foreign markets.

On the third day of the conference, Wall Street analysts and market researchers will discuss their perspective of the computer hardware and software area. Advertising executives represented on a panel called "Madi-

son Avenue" will focus on advertising scnemes and strategies for buying advertising space. Teledelivery will also be the focus of a panel.

Finally "Sight And Sound" will bring together designers who use computers to make films, music and art creations. They will have the opportunity to show their work as well as discuss cost considerations when using computers in the entertainment

The three-day event will culminate in an award banquet to honor 1983's outstanding software titles. The winners will be chosen by a panel of computer software retailers, who will also decide on the nominees.

Additionally, a "one-on-one" lun-cheon will provide an informal setting for the conference attendees to meet with several of the experts who will be participating in panel discussions.

For information regarding the conference, contact Kris Sofley, Billboard's conference coordinator, at (213) 273-7040. Faye Zuckerman is the conference director.

#### **Ross Flap Clouds Future** Of Central Park Concerts

NEW YORK-A dispute over the accounting of revenues generated by Diana Ross' "free" concert in Central Park will have longterm implications for the use of Manhattan's largest public recreational facility.

The city of New York was to have received a 7 1/2% royalty fee on net profits from cable broadcast of the July concert performance. But according to Ross' Anaid Film Productions and Paramount Pictures Corp., production cost of the concertmarred on July 21 by a rain shower and on July 22 by looting that spilled outside the park-consumed budget and the anticipated profits.

The original budget was \$1,188,000, but the final cost ballooned to over \$1.7 million. Estimated revenues are just over \$1.5 million. Ross claims she put \$286,000 of her own money into the project.

Proceeds were earmarked to build a new children's playground in the park. Ross has said that playground will be built. "I don't care if it takes a

#### Media Strategies Offers Rock **Programming**

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las Arbitrons were not released at the time of Jacobs' announcement, he cites good Birches as well as positive listener and client reaction as impetus to make the concept available nationally on a market exclusive basis.

'Today's AOR is too hard, and AC asks the listener to sit through mellow acts like Barry Manilow. There is no solid format offering a good dose of rock'n'roll which appeals to older demographics," says Jacobs, who describes the format as 'more of a rock'n'roll approach than all-oldies stations.

"The music will be credible," he continues, "with a limited infusion of currents. There will be a little early rock like Chuck Berry and Elvis, but the core will be that mid-'60s prepsychedelic **'British** material."

In addition to the mechanical aspects of the format, such as liners and rotation, Jacobs provides research, positioning and marketing.

lifetime," she says.

This situation came to public attention when the city complained about what it considered an incomplete accounting from Paramount. The concerts cost the city close to \$1 million in sanitation and police costs.

As a result, Parks Commissioner Henry Stern has drafted guidelines for future use of Central Park that "at a minimum" would require some performers to pay for security and cleaning fees. City officials would apply this measure to performers who receive proceeds from television rights, recordings, etc.

In recent years, both Elton John and Simon & Garfunkel performed concerts in Central Park that both acts later turned into video specials broadcast on pay television outlets. The Simon & Garfunkel concert was also issued as a Warner Bros. album.

In the light of the muggings that followed Ross' July 22 appearance, public sentiment has turned against live pop concerts at Central Park. The new guidelines may put a further chill on the internationally known park's use as a concert facility.

NELSON GEORGE

#### Nashville Office For Rise Again Music Co.

NEW YORK-Rise Again Music Co., the publishing subsidiary of Revelation Entertainment Co., has opened a new office in Nashville to operate in conjunction with its New York office.

Tommy Valentino, a former employee of TK Records and Sherlyn Publishing, will direct the new operation. His aim is to combine contemporary pop with traditional country for crossover packages. Already signed to the company are composer/producer/arranger John Poss and writers Candy Samples and T.R.

The new office is located at 3520 West End Ave., Suite 9, Nashville, Tenn. 37205. Phone: (615) 297-2976.

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106	107	97	DEF LEPPARD High & Dry Mercury SRM-1-4021 (Polygram) POL		8.98		138	149	4	Mercury SRM-13828 (Polygram) POL  EVELYN "CHAMPAGNE" KING Face To Face				170	190	2	GEORGE CLINTON You Shouldn't Of Bit Fish Capitol ST-12308 (CAP)		8.98	
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	113		Memories Columbia TC 37678 CBS				140	142	18	Epic FE 37958 CBS HEART			CLP 12	172	174	7	STREETS 1st Atlantic 80117 WEA		8.98	
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114	104	21	ASIA Alpha Geffen GHS 4008 (Warner Bros.) WEA	<b>A</b>	8.98		146	135	7	Warner/Curb 1-23924 WEA MELISSA MANCHESTER	-	8.98		178	NEW	ENTRY	BILLY JOEL Cold Spring Harbor Columbia PC 38964 CBS			
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116	117	9	EMMYLOU HARRIS		8.98		147	146	8	STANLEY CLARKE/GEORGE DUKE The Clarke/Duke Project II Epic FE 38934 CBS				180	188	2	Capitol ST-12110 CAP  Z.Z. HILL I'm A Blues Man		8.98	
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			Pictures At Eleven Esparanza 8512 (Atlantic) WEA		8.98		153	156	40	Columbia FC 37638 CBS  NAKED EYES				<b>18</b> 6	154	8	Polydor 817238-1Y1 (Polygram) POL UB 40		8.98	
122	85	15	JIMMY BUFFETT One Particular Harbour MCA 5447 MCA		8.98	CLP 65	154	150	136	Naked Eyes EMI-America ST 17089 CAP THE POLICE	<b>A</b>	8.98		187	196	64	Labor Of Love A&M SP6-4980 RCA  DARYL HALL & JOHN OATES	•	6.98	
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128	130	10	EMI-America DLP-19006 CAP  RICHARD PRYOR Here & Now		5.98 8.98	B1 D 29	160	166		More Fun In The New World Elektra 60283 WEA MELBA MOORE		8.98		193	151	23	Starfleet Project Capitol ST-15014 - CAP  ELVIS COSTELLO Punch The Clock		5.98	
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# 5% Session Wage Hike **Tops Musician Pact Gains**

By IS HOROWITZ

NEW YORK-Session wages for union musicians will rise by 5%, to \$178.15 for a basic three-hour period and to \$188.82 for symphonic sessions, under terms of the new recording agreement with the American Federation of Musicians awaiting official implementation at week's end.

Ratification of the new three-year pact, which almost foundered in a controversy over fund contributions by record companies (Billboard, Dec. 10), was considered a certainty as votes from union members were flooding into AFM headquarters here last week to meet a Friday (6) deadline

Result of the balloting was due to be made public at the weekend, at which time details of the agreement were also to be released. Some 7,000 AFM musicians whose earnings from recording sessions totaled at least

\$1,000 last year were entitled to vote.

Despite an official silence that cloaked terms of the pact pending ratification, the following conditions have nevertheless been learned: Session wages rise another 5% on Dec. 1, 1984, and by a similar percentage on Dec. 1, 1985. The new pact is retroactive to Dec. 1, 1983.

Label contributions to the Music Performance Trust Fund are sharply reduced under the new deal, although the fund itself was saved. Payments will now be computed at 0.35% of suggested list price rather than the former 0.5%, and the length of time a new title is covered has been cut from 10 to five years. In addition, the plateau for singles contribution obligations has been raised to 150,000 units.

Record company negotiators had initially demanded that both the Music Performance Trust Fund, used to sponsor free live concerts, and the Special Payments Fund, designed to furnish sidemen a royalty based on sales, be junked. An early deadlock over the issue almost led to an industrywide strike. The Special Payments Fund is untouched under the new

Among the other terms in the agreement are increases in health and welfare payments to \$4.50 per service, or arrangement, jumping to \$4.75 and \$5, respectively, in the final two years of the pact. There are also some increases for doubling at sessions and for out-of-town sessions

In the symphonic area, the session clock will now not start to run until after musicians are tuned, and technical problems encountered that are beyond the producer's control may now permit additional time of up to 15 minutes paid for at regular rather than overtime rates. A more liberal policy with respect to balancing of microphones during rehearsal is also

#### **DEBUTS WITH 'SUGAR BABIES'**

# **New Label Offers Cast LPs**

NEW YORK-A new label here will fill original cast bins with a number of projects, including the just-marketed cast album of "Sugar Bathe long-running Mickey Rooney/Ann Miller starrer now on national tour. The label, Broadway Entertainment Records, has made a deal for national distribution through the Alpha Distribution network.

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One of the label's principals, Robert Sher, was formerly associated with Bruce Yeko in running a similarly conceived label, Original Cast Records. Other label participants are Milton Rosenstock, the veteran musical theatre conductor, and Stuart Triff, who is also a buyer at King Karol's, the New York retailer, and

associate producer of the "Sugar Babies" album.

According to Sher, funding for the label is basically provided through a group of private investors corporately known as Entertainment Ventures Group Ltd.

The "Sugar Babies" album continues a concept started with the Co-lumbia cast album of "Nine"—the availability of more material from a show in the cassette version. The cas sette runs 78 minutes, while the LP contains 66 minutes of music.

While "Sugar Babies" carries a \$10.98 list, Sher says all future projects will be released at \$9.98. RCA is providing both pressing and duplication services.

IRV LICHTMAN

# **InsideTrack**

Happy Days Are Here Again: CBS Records, a titan in the past 18 months, provides documentation for its success with a March 1-8 convention of its employees at the Sheraton Waikiki. This marks the first time in several years that such a large force will attend a prestigious company-sponsored gathering... Calvin Simpson, the Detroit nabob, has resigned as first vice president of NARM due to personal and business pressures.

MCA Distributing handed down a revised wholesale pricing scheme for all seven of its account categories last Tuesday (2), shifting to a new base/net price formula, as employed by RCA and others, to factor in its free goods allowances. Actual increases vary by price point and account type, but the branch titan's executive heir apparent, John Burns, confirms an average hike of about 1%. Burns notes that MCA didn't pass on increases at mid-year, when most competitors adjusted their tallies upward. Accounts may have noticed that the three letters sent-dated Dec. 21 and, for the actual price list, Dec. 22—show Burns as senior vice president, an appointment MCA is expected to make public this week. Authorized returns for product will be made at the prior price levels through March 31.

Sick Call: Stu Schwartz, major domo of the Schwartz retail wing, wasn't in on the wrapup of the sale to Musicland. He is convalescing in the hospital from serious injuries incurred Dec. 21 when he was involved in an auto

The American Jewish Committee presents its annual Human Relations Award to the founder of America's oldest large record/tape/accessories chain, Sam Shapiro of the National Record Mart/Oasis stores, Pittsburgh, at a dinner-dance at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York, Sat-urday, Feb. 4. PolyGram's Shelly Rudin and Video Shack's Arthur Morowitz co-chair the event . . . Track Record: Les Schneer, CBS Records' Dallas regional credit chief, is celebrating his 20th year, having started in the old Bridgeport, Conn. plant as a credit assistant. He went to Dallas soon after... Tioch Productions, the Scott Mampe/Jim Frey firm, has recapitalized and will come out soon with digital albums by the Hazel Scott Trio, Bert Lucarelli, flutist Paige Brook and 60/30, a new rock

A national video rental club card, similar in its thrust to a Hertz or Avis card, is being launched by American Video Assn., a 735-store buying group based in Mesa, Ariz. AVA's John Power claims that 70,000 of the \$29-priced plastics have already been shipped. Card entitles the consumer to buy through club programs at any participating store or chain. Power was to elaborate on the concept to 300 AVA members at their annual confab Sunday (8) at the Tropicana . . . VSDA director Weston Nishimura of Bellevue, Wash. is testing an innovative concept wherein videocassettes would be rented to dealers for their subsequent rental to consumers. Track hears the pilot testing is through his Independent Video Sources offices, opened recently in Los Angeles and Houston.

Vestron Video's Austin Furst is the first major supplier of home video titles to come out against First Sale Doctrine repeal, charging a legislative solution would be better, since repeal would be hard to administer and would foster cheating and abuse... VSDA members persist with their First Sale repeal lobbying hustings. Some members even collared Congressional reps during their home stays despite their own frantic holiday business. VSDA's board meets at Innesbrook, near St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 14-15 instead of the usual VSDA huddle at Winter CES

CD On The Go: At that show, Fujitsu Ten demonstrates an in-dash CD player developed with Toyota... response to fear that its Adam computers may have serviceing problems, Coleco has set up a national network of 35 service centers through Honeywell Information Systems, Newton, Mass., using existing Honeywell centers.

PolyGram Canada has sold its interest in 26 Sound 21 stores to ARS, Toronto. Details were not available at presstime ... Barry Manilow will warble the National Anthem at the Super Bowl XVIII, Jan. 22 in Tampa First addition to the cast of the Grand Ole Opry since Gaylord Broadcasting acquired the Opryland Entertainment Complex is the Whites . . . Watch Musicland to lead U.S. industry retailers in mini-tabloid full-color advertising. Their print order is up to 18 million ... MCA Inc. has filed a registered statement with the SEC for 235,000 shares of common . . . Two of the three Record Bar store managers who were experimental exchange managers with Licorice Pizza last summer have been elevated to dis-trict supervisors. Knoxville store chief Mary Hasenstab is now working out of Virginia, and Mobile manager Dave Baker is working out of Albuquerque.

A decision by PolyGram on a buyer for Chappell Music

is viewed as only weeks away. It's no big secret that current management folks at a giant publisher may be involved in the buy-out . . . Track tips the topper to Nate Duroff, who retired from his post as West Coast president for Viewlex as the year turned. Duroff, who founded Los Angeles' Monarch Record Pressing in 1945, will be remembered for his long association with industry charities, especially the City of Hope projects. He sold out to Viewlex approximately 15 years ago. Duroff can be reached through Monarch.

Warner Bros. Music's Don Biederman, CBS Records' Robert Einias, Milt Olin of Mitchell, Silberberg & Knupp and Gerry Rosenblatt project "Contracts of the '80s" for the dinner meeting of the California Copyright Conference Tuesday (10) at Sportsmen's Lodge, North Hollywood. Call (213) 980-3357 for reservations... Gotham-based dance music promoters Brad LeBeau and Joe Giaco of PRO Motion sent out a very well-received holiday gift, a T-shirt reading "I Don't Take Requests" on one side with a backing of "Sorry, I Already Played It." . . . Zenith has jumped the Beta ship, arranging with JVC to market a new VHS line later in 1984. VHS sales are further spurred with Sony's lowering of its VHS Video 45s to \$17, equal to its Beta tag. Jazz Video titles on VHS have dropped from \$24.95 to \$19.95.

In its latest move against parallel imports, CBS Records has won a consent judgment prohibiting Canadian distributor Bennett/Zgarka Music Ltd., doing business as Rhythms, from bringing any CBS Compact Discs into the U.S. The proceedings in the New York Federal Court also enjoined the customs broker which handled the transaction, C.J. Tower & Sons of Buffalo.

Tower is hoping to have its second New York super-store open in June. The location under consideration is a 19,000 square foot facility, on two levels, on 66th St. and Broadway, opposite the Lincoln Center cultural complex.

BMI's licensing agreements with radio stations expired Dec. 31, but the rights organization has extended them until March 31, 1984, while it continues talks with the All-Industry Radio Music License Committee. ASCAP's deal with radio stations expired a year ago and is also under extension as negotiation proceeds. In the latter case, new terms will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 1983.

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# Christmas Business Offers Hope For European Recovery

By NICK ROBERTSHAW

LONDON—There are stirrings of economic recovery for the music business in several key European markets, most notably Britain. This is apparent from comments made by retailers and manufacturers about Christmas business, which was generally stronger than it had been in some years. Hopes now center on sustaining the upturn through 1984.

"If we do maintain our Christmas performance for the rest of the year, I shall be able to retire to Barbados," jokes Mike Isaacs, director of the fast-growing independent British chain Our Price, which has 76 outlets. "We had a very successful season and met all our targets. There's no doubt we are in a growth business again; I said last spring that sales would be better than 1982, and that's the way it proved."

Both Isaacs and Ian Gray, managing director of the rival HMV chain, whose flagship Oxford Street store

accounts alone for 2% of all U.K sales, concede the impact on turnover of Christmas 1983's extra trading day. But Gray also cites record company holdbacks of top product as a major factor in boosting trade.

'We thought 1982 was pretty good and 1983 was better, about 5%-10% up," Gray says. "The reason was simply that there was product around people wanted to buy. There's a vicious circle, in fact, because the more business is concentrated over the Christmas period, the more the labels want to hold their best releases back."

Gray says he believes the British record industry has overstated the extent of its own decline. Sales turnover is 10% up on last year, he notes, and while some companies have suffered, others with hotter product prospered. "You won't hear Virgin talk about the market collapsing," he

What underlies current statistics, both in the U.K. and internationally,

is a profound shift in the popularity of different forms of sound carrier. Conventional singles sales are declining, but maxi-singles have boomed; black vinyl LP volume is suffering as the result of a quickening shift to

W.H. Smith, one of Britain's biggest multiples with 262 record departments, reports that tape sales have now outstripped disks for the first time. "The cassette/LP shift is really becoming more marked, because it is spreading from MOR into mainstream pop," says Gray, "And the main reason has to be the Walk-man phenomenon, just as in the '60s the great music boom followed the advent of mass market hi fi."
In the U.K., LP volume has actu-

ally levelled off. Third-quarter sales in 1983 were marginally above the 1982 total, but cassettes are forging ahead, 19.4% up over the equivalent period. Elsewhere, though, albums are still in a downward spiral.

Opinion among industry leaders in americanta

West Germany, where Christmas turnover broke new records but summer trading was painfully slow, tends to cautious optimism. CBS, Phonogram and Intercord all report excellent results for the last two months of 1983 with pre-Christmas sales up to 20% above 1982 levels. But Metronome's Heino Wirth expects the market to decline further, and RCA's Michael Anders predicts stagnation.

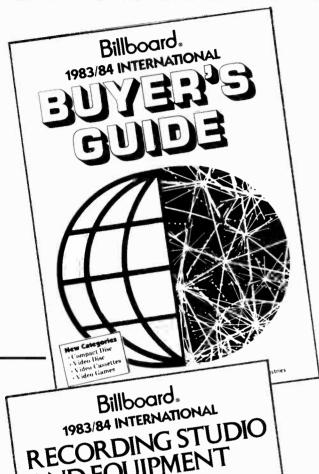
Sharply increased competition at the dealer level is likely to result, with one-shop specialists suffering at the hands of chains and department stores, while record companies concentrate more heavily on intensively promoting a handful of key releases with high sales potential. West German industryites expect cassette's sales growth to continue, perhaps most notably in the budget areas, with a corresponding drop in catalog album volume.

Compact Disc now accounts for 5% of the German market, and some company heads, like EMI Electrola's sales director Dr. Bernhard Krajewski, are worried that the growing impact of the new medium will cause further falls in full-price album sales without generating sufficient turn-

over to compensate. In France, CD volume is estimated at between 3%-5% of the overall market by the company's leading retail chain, FNAC. But in general, alburn and tape sales were 12% down last year, and Christmas trading did little to dispel the gloom.

Italy presents a similar picture: CD sales are strong, and PolyGram reports the software is selling for its own sake almost regardless of titles and artists, but as far as Italian retailers are concerned, Christmas was a little late last year. Some of the large Milanese record stores hired extra help, only to have them standing idle till the final shopping days, when a belated rush started. When the public finally arrived it was the top chart titles that were in demand, while catalog titles gathered dust.

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# New Acts, Soundtracks, Established Hitmakers

tion with an advance 12-inch promo for AOR. leons will receive initial promo-Most Promising Bands, Chame-Rolling Stone as one of the Ten U.K. will have its "Script Of The Bridge" LP released. Picked by Shortly thereafter, Chameleons captured with the video of the 12-YTM no "sares" on MTV.

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duced by Jimmy Iovine. Upcoming soundtracks will include "The Right Stuff" and "The Lonely Guy, with the title track written by Glenn Frey, and, in June, "Streets Of Fire," produced by limpy loving

duced by siminy towine.

The list of new acts set for the first quarter starts with Scotland's Endgames, "Building Beauty," scheduled for a January release. Early attention has already been

from the movies. Two Of A Kind" (already platinum and featuring

tured in 1984 soundtracks. More big names will also be fea-Headpins

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# MCA Revives Aggressive Approach

(Continued on Page 25) Degan in April, when Irving Azoff was lured from his highly success-Diamond and Lynyrd Skynyrd-Bing Crosby, Duke Ellington, Bill Haley and the Comets, Buddy Holly, The Who, Elton John, Neil America's) turnaround—whose recorded music tradition was forged by such acts as Al Jolson.

important, a renewed sense of aggressiveness—both musically ber One records and perhaps most infusion of exciting acts, several startling distribution deals, Num-MCA ended the year with a quick tion for adventurous projects, Regarded in recent years as a sleeping giant with little inclina-

> Ridge Boys, Lee Greenwood, George Strait, Real Life, and Night Ranger, Jimmy Buffett, Oak and "Scarface" and current releases from Musical Youth, Olivia Newton-John)," D.C. Cab'

By SAM NORTHERLAND

in the music industry during the second half of 1983. Spurred by a new vitality, the label emerged as one of the brightest success stories looking even better -- MCA Records returned to prominence vember-and December's figures a successful October and No-LOS ANGELES—With

> LOS ANGELES — An exciting BY RICHARD IMAMURA

promises to continue the momentum from MCA's best quarter in stance, the 1984 release schedule the company's new aggressive Records. In many ways reflecting newly formed San Andreas Records—highlights the opening ADM 101 1861 to shroom new acts, and the unveiling of Crusaders' 47th to soundtracks, array of releases—ranging from Barry Gibbs solo debut lp to The

new releases from Onivia rewicht-John, Tom Petty, Joan Jett and The Blackhearts, The Fixx, Men With-out Hats, Spyro Gyra, Klique, Don Williams, Jettry Lee Lewis, Thelma Houston, Reba McIntire, Mel Tillis, and Joe Ely, among others, will follow, making 1984 a star-studded affair. Furthermore, much-anticipated new releases from Olivia Newtonrecent years.

with such on-going projects from the previous year as soundtracks All of this, of course, is coupled

star-studded affair.

# Enough is "Ygnizi119vbA si sidT s'aW"

BY PAUL GRIND

most imaginative in recent years. Vogue cover in August of 1983, has been recognized as one of the push, beginning with the Prince/ covers promoting its acts. Dubbed enizagam əlimizəsi gnirutaət gni Bros. Records is due a tip of the hat for its current trade advertis-LOS ANGELES — Warner

respected industry pundit put it, "Enough is enough!" spoken on the subject. As one years. However, with the publication of Meaboard, it appears as though the final word has been back cover of Billboard for several This campaign has been possible since WEA has controlled the

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RECORD, an idea whose time has come. eatures, hot gossip, this semi-periodical will have it all. UNIVERSAL CITY the news that MCA Records sees fit to print in early 1984. Interviews, UNIVERSAL CITY RECORD will be bringing to your household, at no cost, all

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Olivis Mewton-John in late-January. The new package—following up Mewton-John's Gerlier, award-winning "Physical" compilation—is entitled "Twist Of Fate" and will feature the title video as well as "Take A Chance" (with John Travolta), "(Living In) Desperate Times" and "Shaking You" from the "Two Of A Kind" soundtrack and "Heart Attack" and "Shaking You" from the "Greatest Hits. Volume soundtrack and "Heart Attack" and "Tied Up" from the "Greatest Hits. Volume 11 P Page 14 MCA HOME ENTERTAINMENT will release a six-song video package by

MCA'S MIDLINE CATALOG will be dramatically enhanced with new additions to its \$5.98 Platinum Plus series in January. A number of hits of the past—including Joan Jett and the Blackhearts' first two albums and product by Tom Petty. Steely Dan, Oak Ridge Boys, Jimmy Buffert, Conway Twitty and Loretta Lynn—will be added to the already-ample mid-priced series. Page 18.

Home Entertainment. According to a company spokesman, "We have a big commitment to music video at a price point that people will want to buy." Page 14. • AN UNDER-\$20 LIST for music videos may be in the offing from MCA

• MCA INTERNATIONAL will have its hands full during the first quarter of 1984. In addition to making sure that the transition to distribution by WEA international, effective lan. I, continues smoothly, a heightened presence in Cannaternational, effective lan. I, continues and will be aggressively pursued. Page 8.

• BARBARA MANDRELL and CMA'S "Male Vocalist of the Year" Lee Greenwood will record a duet when both have a break in their busy tour schedules

titles, tentatively Steely Dan's" Aja". Olivia Newton-John's" Greatest Hits, Vol. 2". Tom Petty's "Damn The Torpedoes" Soundittack from "E.T." and Elton John's "Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy" Page 6. MCA will be entering the CD field in spring 1984 with an initial release of five

SAN ANDREAS RECORDS (SAR), whose motto is "It it's a hit, it's our fault" and whose goal is to "harbor and develop new talent," makes its debut on

Still" mini LP, produced by Stephen Sinclair. Rock group What Is This?, with Dave Jurden producing, will follow in the Spring. SAR will Shatter All January 18th with Los Angeles-based rocker Dean Ray's "The Earth Stood

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